

Chapter 5 Magnetostatics

We learned that stationary charges produce static electric field: $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0$, $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$, $\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$

Steady current produces magnetic field. when $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0$ we have:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} &= \vec{J} \end{aligned}}$$

\vec{J} : current density

\vec{B} : magnetic flux density

\vec{H} : magnetic field intensity

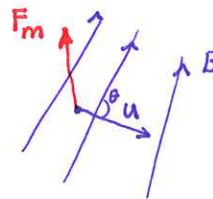
$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$$

For most dielectrics and metals: $\mu = \mu_0$ excluding ferromagnetic materials.

Magnetic Forces and Torques

A moving charge in a magnetic field experiences a force F_m :

$$\boxed{\vec{F}_m = q \vec{u} \times \vec{B}} \quad (N)$$



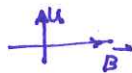
$$F_m = q u B \sin \theta$$

The unit for B is Tesla (T) $(= \frac{N}{C \frac{m}{s}})$

If $\theta = 0 \rightarrow F_m = q u B \sin(0) = 0$



If $\theta = 90 \rightarrow F_m = q u B$



If the charge particle is in the presence of both electric and magnetic field, the total electromagnetic force on the charge is:

$$\boxed{\vec{F} = \vec{F}_e + \vec{F}_m = q \vec{E} + q \vec{u} \times \vec{B} = q (\vec{E} + \vec{u} \times \vec{B})} \quad \text{Lorentz Force}$$

Note that:

- 1) \vec{F}_e is always in the direction of \vec{E} . But \vec{F}_m is always perpendicular to \vec{B} .
- 2) \vec{F}_e acts on a charge particle whether or not it is moving. But \vec{F}_m acts only on moving charge.
- 3) \vec{F}_e expends energy in moving a charge, but \vec{F}_m does not work when a particle is moved.

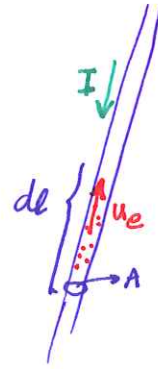
This is because F_m and u are normal: $\vec{F}_m \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \rightarrow$

$$dW = \vec{F}_m \cdot d\vec{l} = \vec{F}_m \cdot \vec{u} dt = 0$$

Magnetic Force on a Current-Carrying Conductor

A current in a conductor consists of drifting charge particles. So a wire carrying a current in a magnetic field experiences a force, F_m . To find F_m , consider a segment of the wire.

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{F}_m &= dq \vec{u}_e \times \vec{B} \\ &= -Ne A dl \vec{u}_e \times \vec{B} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} dq &= \rho_{ve} dV = \rho_{ve} A dl \\ &= -Ne A dl \end{aligned}$$

N : # of electrons per unit volume

\vec{u}_e is parallel to \vec{I} but in opposite direction. so

we may write: $dl \vec{u}_e = -dl \vec{u}_e \Rightarrow$

$$d\vec{F}_m = \underbrace{Ne A u_e}_{=I} dl \times \vec{B} = I d\vec{l} \times \vec{B} \quad (N)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{recall } \vec{J} &= \rho \vec{u} = Ne \vec{u}_e \\ \vec{I} &= \vec{J} A = Ne \vec{u}_e A \end{aligned}$$

For a closed circuit of current I , we have:

$$\vec{F}_m = I \oint_C d\vec{l} \times \vec{B}$$

Closed Circuit in a Uniform \vec{B} field

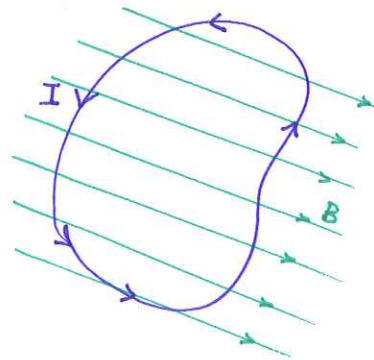
We want to calculate the total force on a closed wire carrying a current I in a uniform magnetic field B .

$$\vec{F}_m = I \oint_C d\vec{l} \times \vec{B}$$

Since \vec{B} is constant (uniform), it can be taken out from the integral.

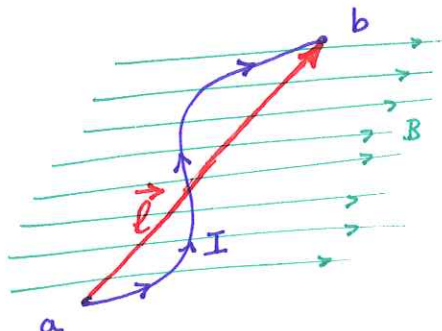
$$\vec{F}_m = I \left(\underbrace{\oint_C d\vec{l}}_{=0} \right) \times \vec{B} = 0$$

So F_m on any closed circuit loop is zero in a uniform B .



Curved Wire in a Uniform B Field

We want to find the force on a wire segment in magnetic field as shown in the picture:



$$\vec{F}_m = I \int_a^b \vec{dl} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{F}_m = I \left(\int_a^b \vec{dl} \right) \times \vec{B} = I \vec{l} \times \vec{B} \quad \text{where } \vec{l} \text{ is a vector from } a \text{ to } b.$$

So F_m depends on the shortest distance between the points.

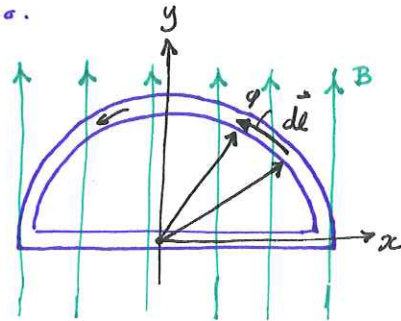
Example

A semicircular closed circuit wire is in a uniform magnetic field \vec{B} . It carries a current I . Calculate the force on the straight section of the wire and the force on the curved section. The circuit is in $x-y$ plane and $\vec{B} = \hat{y} B_0$.

- F_m on the straight section:

$$\vec{l} = \hat{x} 2r$$

$$\vec{F}_{m1} = I \vec{l} \times \vec{B} = I 2r \hat{x} \times \hat{y} B_0 = \hat{z} 2Ir B_0 \quad (N)$$



- F_m on the circular section:

$$\vec{F}_{m2} = I \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi} \vec{dl} \times \vec{B} = I \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi} r d\phi \hat{\phi} \times \hat{y} B_0 = Ir B_0 \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi} -\hat{z} \sin\phi d\phi = -\hat{z} 2Ir B_0 \quad (N)$$

The magnitude is same as the force on the straight section as expected.

$$\vec{F}_{m1} + \vec{F}_{m2} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Magnetic Torque on a Current-Carrying Loop

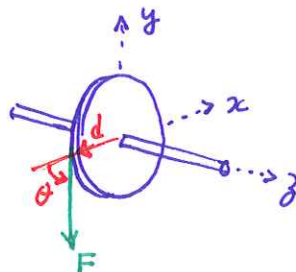
When a force is applied on a pivoted body, it rotates about the fixed axis.

The torque for this rotation is given by:

$$\vec{T} = \vec{d} \times \vec{F} \quad (\text{Nm})$$

For the disk in the picture:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{T} &= d (-\hat{x}) \times (-\hat{y}) F \\ &= \hat{z} r F \end{aligned}$$



We may use the right-hand rule:
 { thumb points the direction of \vec{T}
 { four fingers show the direction of the rotation.

Magnetic Field in the Plane of the Loop

Let's calculate the torque on a rectangular conducting loop as shown in the picture.

$$\vec{B} = \hat{x} B_0$$

$$\vec{F}_1 = I \vec{d} \times \vec{B} = I (-b\hat{y}) \times (\hat{x} B_0) = \hat{z} I b B_0$$

$$\vec{F}_3 = I \vec{d} \times \vec{B} = I (b\hat{y}) \times (\hat{x} B_0) = -\hat{z} I b B_0$$

on arms ② and ④ no force is applied because

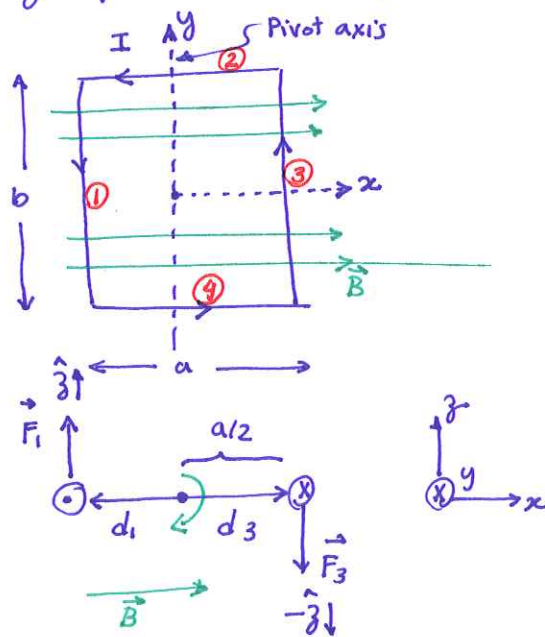
\vec{d} and \vec{B} are in parallel:

$$\vec{F}_2 = \vec{F}_4 = I \vec{d} \times \vec{B} = I d B \sin(0) = 0$$

$$\vec{T} = \vec{T}_1 + \vec{T}_2 = \vec{d}_1 \times \vec{F}_1 + \vec{d}_2 \times \vec{F}_2$$

$$= \left(-\frac{a}{2} \hat{x}\right) \times (\hat{z} I b B_0) + \left(\frac{a}{2} \hat{x}\right) \times (-\hat{z} I b B_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} a I b B_0 \hat{y} + \frac{1}{2} a I b B_0 \hat{y} = \hat{y} I \overbrace{ab}^{A(\text{area})} B_0 = \hat{y} I A B_0$$



Magnetic Field Perpendicular to the Axis of a Rectangular Loop:

Now consider that the plane of the rectangular loop is rotated so that its surface crosses the magnetic field lines \vec{B} . In this case there is an angle θ between the vector \hat{n} (normal to the surface) and \vec{B} :

$$\vec{T} = d\vec{l} \times \vec{F}$$

$$|\vec{T}| = \frac{a}{2} \sin\theta F$$

Compared with the previous case we have an extra term of $\sin\theta$ that is associated with the rotation of the plane.

We can hence write:

$$T = I A B_0 \sin\theta$$

If the loop consists of N turns, the total torque is:

$$T = \underbrace{N I A B_0}_{\equiv \text{magnetic moment, } \vec{m}} \sin\theta$$

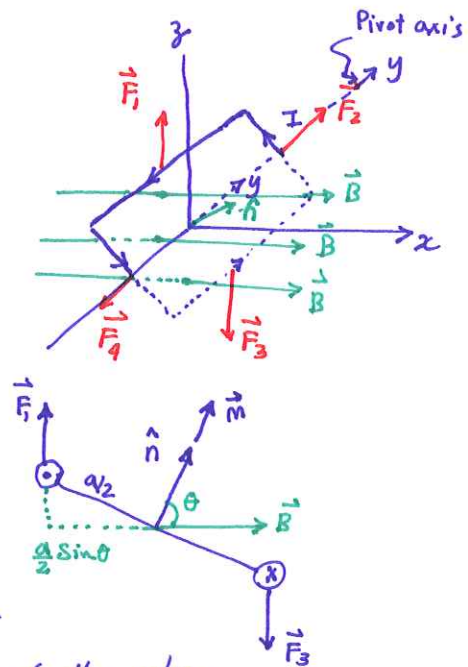
\vec{m} is a vector in the direction of \hat{n} . obeys the right-hand rule:

} four fingers in the direction of current
thumb specifies the direction of \hat{n} and \vec{m}

$$\vec{m} \triangleq \hat{n} N I A \quad (\text{A}\cdot\text{m}^2)$$

$$\vec{T} = \vec{m} \times \vec{B} \quad (\text{N}\cdot\text{m})$$

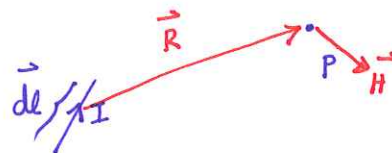
This expression is valid for any orientation of \vec{B} and for a loop of any shape.



The Biot-Savart Law

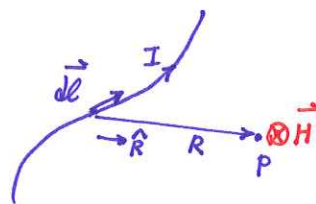
Jean Biot and Felix Savart derived an expression that relates the magnetic field intensity \vec{H} to the current I that generates it:

$$d\vec{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{l} \times \hat{R}}{R^2} \quad (\text{A/m})$$



So for a conductor of a finite size we need to sum all the contributions:

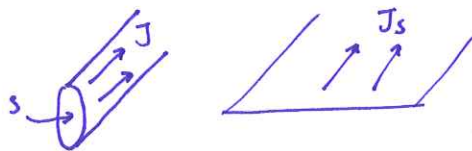
$$\vec{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\vec{l} \times \hat{R}}{R^2} \quad (\text{A/m})$$



Magnetic Field due to Surface and Volume Current Distribution

If the current is in on a surface or in a volume, we may extend the above relation as:

$$I d\vec{l} = \vec{J}_s ds = \vec{J} dV$$



So we can write:

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_s \frac{\vec{J}_s \times \hat{R}}{R^2} ds \quad \text{for a surface current}$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_V \frac{\vec{J} \times \hat{R}}{R^2} dV \quad \text{for a volume current}$$

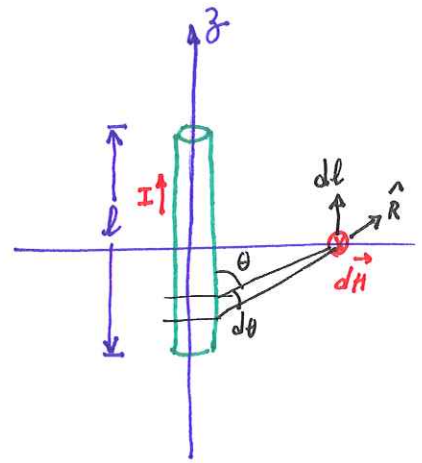
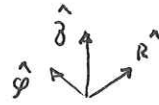
Example Magnetic Field of a Linear Conductor.

A linear conductor of length l and carrying current I is placed along z -axis.

Determine the magnetic flux \vec{B} at point P at a distance r in the xy plane in free space.

$$\vec{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\vec{l} \times \hat{R}}{R^2}$$

$$d\vec{l} \times \hat{R} = (dz \hat{z}) \times \hat{R} = \hat{\phi} \sin\theta dz$$

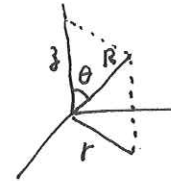


$$\vec{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \int_{z=-l/2}^{l/2} \hat{\phi} \frac{\sin\theta}{R^2} dz$$

Replace: $R = r \csc\theta$ ($r = R \cos\theta$)

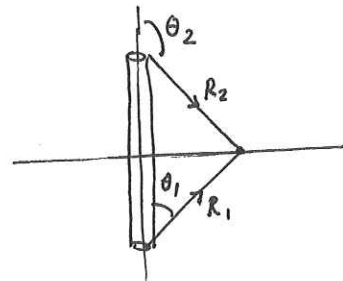
$$z = -r \cot\theta$$

$$dz = r \csc^2\theta d\theta$$



$$\vec{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{r \csc^2\theta d\theta}{r^2 \csc^2\theta} d\theta \hat{\phi}$$

$$= \hat{\phi} \frac{I}{4\pi r} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \sin\theta d\theta = \hat{\phi} \frac{I}{4\pi r} (\cos\theta_2 - \cos\theta_1)$$



$$\cos\theta_1 = \frac{l/2}{\sqrt{r^2 + (l/2)^2}} \quad \cos\theta_2 = -\cos\theta_1 = \frac{-l/2}{\sqrt{r^2 + (l/2)^2}}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{H} = \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I l}{4\pi r \sqrt{r^2 + (l/2)^2}} = \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I l}{2\pi r \sqrt{4r^2 + l^2}}$$

if $l \gg r \rightarrow \boxed{\vec{B} = \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}}$ infinitely long wire

Example Find the magnetic field at the apex O of a pie-shaped loop as show below.

Segments OA and CA make a zero B at O ~~due to symmetry~~

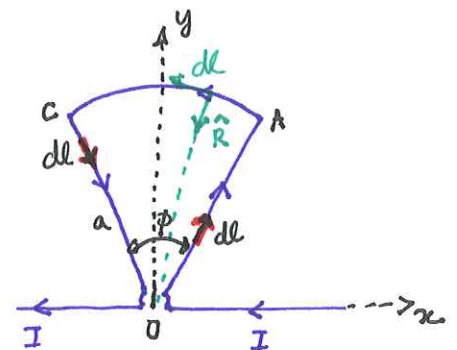
because $d\vec{l}$ and \vec{R} are parallel or anti-parallel:

$$d\vec{l} \times \hat{R} = 0$$

for segment AC, $d\vec{l}$ is perpendicular to \hat{R} so:

$$d\vec{l} \times \hat{R} = \hat{z} dl = \hat{z} a d\phi \Rightarrow$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\vec{l} \times \hat{R}}{R^2} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \int \frac{\hat{z} a d\phi}{a^2} = \hat{z} \frac{I}{4\pi a} \phi$$



Example Magnetic Field of a circular loop

A circular loop of radius r carries a steady current I . Determine \vec{H} at a point on the axis of the loop.

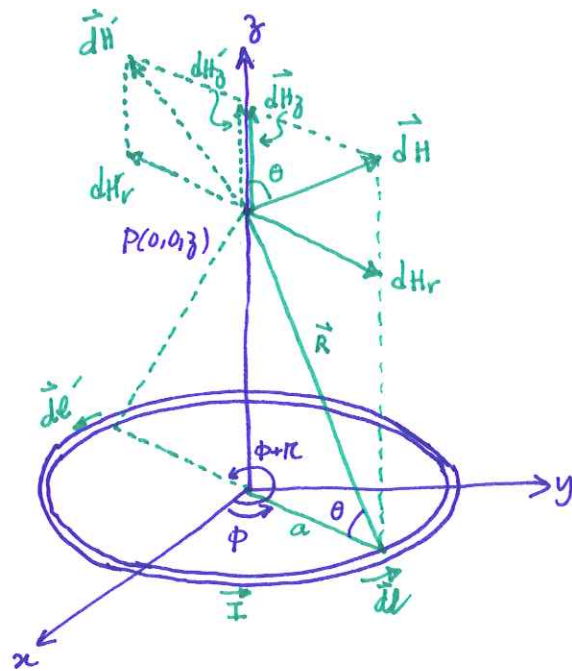
$$dH = \frac{I}{4\pi R^2} |\vec{dl} \times \hat{R}| = \frac{I dl}{4\pi (a^2 + z^2)}$$

\vec{dH} has components of dHr and dH_z . Components of dHr cancel each other. So:

$$dH = \hat{z} dH_z = \hat{z} dH \cos \theta = \hat{z} \frac{I \cos \theta}{4\pi (a^2 + z^2)} dl$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{H} = \hat{z} \frac{I \cos \theta}{4\pi (a^2 + z^2)} \oint dl = \hat{z} \frac{I \cos \theta}{4\pi (a^2 + z^2)} (2\pi a)$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a}{R} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}} \rightarrow \boxed{\vec{H} = \hat{z} \frac{I a^2}{2(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}} \quad \frac{A}{m}$$



At the center of the loop ($z=0$): $\vec{H} = \hat{z} \frac{I}{2a}$

At points very far from the loop $z \gg a^2$: $\vec{H} = \hat{z} \frac{I a^2}{2|z|^3}$

Magnetic Field of a Magnetic Dipole

A loop of current has a magnetic moment $\vec{m} = \hat{z} m$ when the loop is in the x - y plane.

For this we have $m = IA = I\pi a^2 \Rightarrow \vec{H} = \hat{z} \frac{I a^2}{2|z|^3} = \hat{z} \frac{m}{2\pi |z|^3}$ at $|z| \gg a$.

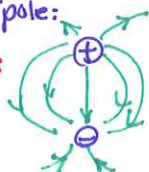
This is \vec{H} at a point on z axis. If the point is an arbitrary point $P(R, \theta', \phi')$:

$$\boxed{\vec{H} = \frac{m}{4\pi R^3} (\hat{R} 2 \cos \theta' + \hat{\theta}' \sin \theta')}$$
 when $R \gg a$

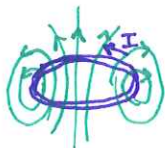
This field is called magnetic dipole.

Compare with Electric dipole:

Electric dipole:



Magnetic dipole:



Bar magnet

