

# Forces between magnets and multipole arrays of magnets

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## **magnetforces**

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**1.** About this file. This is a ‘literate programming’ approach to writing Matlab code using MATLABWEB<sup>1</sup>. To be honest I don’t know if it’s any better than simply using the Matlab programming language directly. The big advantage for me is that you have access to the entire L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X document environment, which gives you access to vastly better tools for cross-referencing, maths typesetting, structured formatting, bibliography generation, and so on.

The downside is obviously that you miss out on Matlab’s IDE with its integrated M-Lint program, debugger, profiler, and so on. Depending on ones work habits, this may be more or less of limiting factor to using ‘literate programming’ in this way.

**2. Calculating forces between magnets.** This is the source of some code to calculate the forces and/or stiffnesses and/or torques between two cuboid-shaped magnets with arbitrary displacements and magnetisation direction. (A cuboid is like a three dimensional rectangle; its faces are all orthogonal but may have different side lengths.)

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<sup>1</sup><http://tug.ctan.org/pkg/matlabweb>

**3.** The main function is *magnetforces*, which takes three mandatory arguments: *magnet\_fixed*, *magnet\_float*, and *displ*. These will be described in more detail below.

Optional string arguments may be any combination of 'force', 'stiffness', 'torque', or 'angular-stiffness' to indicate which calculations should be output. If no calculation is specified, 'force' is the default.

```

⟨magnetforces.m 3⟩ ≡
    function [varargout] = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ, varargin)
        ⟨ Matlab help text 31 ⟩
        ⟨ Parse calculation args 8 ⟩
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        ⟨ Calculate everything 11 ⟩
        ⟨ Combine results and exit 9 ⟩
        ⟨ Functions for calculating forces and stiffnesses 17 ⟩
    end

```

#### 4. Variables and data structures.

5. First of all, address the data structures required for the input and output. Because displacement of a single magnet has three components, plus sizes of the faces another three, plus magnetisation strength and direction (two) makes nine in total, we use one of Matlab's structures to pass the information into the function. Otherwise we'd have an overwhelming number of input arguments.

We use spherical coordinates to represent magnetisation angle, where *phi* is the angle from the horizontal plane ( $-\pi/2 \leq \phi \leq \pi/2$ ) and  $\theta$  is the angle around the horizontal plane ( $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ ). This follows Matlab's definition; other conventions are commonly used as well. Remember:

$$\begin{aligned}(1, 0, 0)_{\text{cartesian}} &\equiv (0, 0, 1)_{\text{spherical}} \\ (0, 1, 0)_{\text{cartesian}} &\equiv (\pi/2, 0, 1)_{\text{spherical}} \\ (0, 0, 1)_{\text{cartesian}} &\equiv (0, \pi/2, 1)_{\text{spherical}}\end{aligned}$$

⟨ Initialise main variables 5 ⟩ ≡

```
a1 = 0.5*magnet_fixed.dim(1);
b1 = 0.5*magnet_fixed.dim(2);
c1 = 0.5*magnet_fixed.dim(3);
size1 = [a1; b1; c1];
a2 = 0.5*magnet_float.dim(1);
b2 = 0.5*magnet_float.dim(2);
c2 = 0.5*magnet_float.dim(3);
size2 = [a2; b2; c2];

J1r = magnet_fixed.magn;
J2r = magnet_float.magn;
J1t = magnet_fixed.magdir(1);
J2t = magnet_float.magdir(1);
J1p = magnet_fixed.magdir(2);
J2p = magnet_float.magdir(2);
```

See also section 16.

This code is used in section 3.

**6.** Superposition is used to turn an arbitrary magnetisation angle into a set of orthogonal magnetisations.

Each magnet can potentially have three components, which can result in up to nine force calculations for a single magnet.

We don't use Matlab's `sph2cart` here, because it doesn't calculate zero accurately (because it uses radians and  $\cos(\pi/2)$  can only be evaluated to machine precision rather than symbolically).

```

⟨Decompose orthogonal superpositions 6⟩ ≡
    displ = reshape(displ, [3 1]);      % column vector
    J1 = [J1r*cosd(J1p)*cosd(J1t); ...
          J1r*cosd(J1p)*sind(J1t); ...
          J1r*sind(J1p)];
    J2 = [J2r*cosd(J2p)*cosd(J2t); ...
          J2r*cosd(J2p)*sind(J2t); ...
          J2r*sind(J2p)];

```

This code is used in section 3.

## 7. Wrangling user input and output.

8. We now have a choice of calculations to take based on the user input. Take the opportunity to bail out in case the user has requested more calculations than provided as outputs to the function.

```
< Parse calculation args 8 >  $\equiv$   
    Nvarargin = length(varargin);  
    if ( Nvarargin  $\neq$  0  $\wedge$   $\wedge$  Nvarargin  $\neq$  nargout )  
        error('Must have as many outputs as calculations requested.')    end  
    calc_force_bool = false;  
    calc_stiffness_bool = false;  
    calc_torque_bool = false;  
    calc_angular_stiffness_bool = false;  
    if Nvarargin  $\equiv$  0  
        calc_force_bool = true;  
    else  
        for ii = varargin  
            switch ii  
                case 'force'  
                    calc_force_bool = true;  
                case 'stiffness'  
                    calc_stiffness_bool = true;  
                case 'torque'  
                    calc_torque_bool = true;  
                case 'angular-stiffness'  
                    calc_angular_stiffness_bool = true;  
                otherwise  
                    error(['Unknown calculation option'', num2str(ii), '''])  
                end  
            end  
        end  
    end
```

This code is used in section 3.

9. After all of the calculations have occurred, they're placed back into `varargout`.

⟨ Combine results and exit 9 ⟩  $\equiv$

```
if Nvarargin  $\equiv$  0
    varargout{1} = forces_out;
else
    for ii = length(varargin)
        switch varargin{ii}
            case 'force'
                varargout{ii} = forces_out;
            case 'stiffness'
                varargout{ii} = stiffnesses_out;
            case 'torque'
                varargout{ii} = torques_out;
            case 'angular-stiffness'
                varargout{ii} = angular_stiffnesses_out;
        end
    end
end
```

This code is used in section 3.

## 10. The actual mechanics.

11. The expressions we have to calculate the forces assume a fixed magnet with positive  $z$  magnetisation only. Secondly, magnetisation direction of the floating magnet may only be in the positive  $z$ - or  $y$ -directions.

The parallel forces are more easily visualised; if  $J1z$  is negative, then transform the coordinate system so that up is down and down is up. Then proceed as usual and reverse the vertical forces in the last step.

The orthogonal forces require reflection and/or rotation to get the displacements in a form suitable for calculation.

Initialise a  $9 \times 3$  array to store each force component in each direction, and then fill 'er up.

```
< Calculate everything 11 > ≡  
  < Print diagnostics 12 >  
  < Calculate  $x$  14 >  
  < Calculate  $y$  15 >  
  < Calculate  $z$  13 >  
  forces_out = sum(force_components);
```

This code is used in section 3.

12. Let's print information to the terminal to aid debugging. This is especially important (for me) when looking at the rotated coordinate systems.

```
< Print diagnostics 12 > ≡  
  debug_disp('␣␣')  
  debug_disp('CALCULATING␣THINGS')  
  debug_disp('=====')  
  debug_disp('Displacement:')  
  debug_disp(displ')  
  debug_disp('Magnetisations:')  
  debug_disp(J1')  
  debug_disp(J2')
```

This code is used in section 11.

**13.** The easy one first, where our magnetisation components align with the direction expected by the force functions.

```

⟨ Calculate  $z$  13 ⟩ ≡
    debug_disp('z-z:')
    forces_z_z = forces_calc_z_z(size1, size2, displ, J1, J2);
    force_components(7, :) = forces_z_z;
    debug_disp('z-y:')
    forces_z_y = forces_calc_z_y(size1, size2, displ, J1, J2);
    force_components(8, :) = forces_z_y;
    debug_disp('z-x:')
    forces_z_x = forces_calc_z_x(size1, size2, displ, J1, J2);
    force_components(9, :) = forces_z_x;

```

This code is used in section 11.

**14.** The other forces (i.e.,  $x$  and  $y$  components) require a rotation to get the magnetisations correctly aligned. In the case of the magnet sizes, the lengths are just flipped rather than rotated (in rotation, sign is important). After the forces are calculated, rotate them back to the original coordinate system.

```

⟨ Calculate  $x$  14 ⟩ ≡
    size1_rot = swap_x_z(size1);
    size2_rot = swap_x_z(size2);
    d_rot = rotate_x_to_z(displ);
    J1_rot = rotate_x_to_z(J1);
    J2_rot = rotate_x_to_z(J2);
    debug_disp('Forces_x-x:')
    forces_x_x = forces_calc_z_z(size1_rot, size2_rot, d_rot, J1_rot, J2_rot);
    force_components(1, :) = rotate_z_to_x(forces_x_x);
    debug_disp('Forces_x-y:')
    forces_x_y = forces_calc_z_y(size1_rot, size2_rot, d_rot, J1_rot, J2_rot);
    force_components(2, :) = rotate_z_to_x(forces_x_y);
    debug_disp('Forces_x-z:')
    forces_x_z = forces_calc_z_y(size1_rot, size2_rot, d_rot, J1_rot, J2_rot);
    force_components(3, :) = rotate_z_to_x(forces_x_z);

```

This code is used in section 11.



15. Same again, this time making  $y$  the ‘up’ direction.

⟨ Calculate  $y$  15 ⟩  $\equiv$

```

size1_rot = swap_y_z(size1);
size2_rot = swap_y_z(size2);
d_rot = rotate_y_to_z(displ);
J1_rot = rotate_y_to_z(J1);
J2_rot = rotate_y_to_z(J2);
debug_disp('Forces_y-x: ')
forces_y_x = forces_calc_z_x(size1_rot, size2_rot, d_rot, J1_rot, J2_rot);
force_components(4, :) = rotate_z_to_y(forces_y_x);
debug_disp('Forces_y-y: ')
forces_y_y = forces_calc_z_y(size1_rot, size2_rot, d_rot, J1_rot, J2_rot);
force_components(5, :) = rotate_z_to_y(forces_y_y);
debug_disp('Forces_y-z: ')
forces_y_z = forces_calc_z_z(size1_rot, size2_rot, d_rot, J1_rot, J2_rot);
force_components(6, :) = rotate_z_to_y(forces_y_z);

```

This code is used in section 11.

16. You might have noticed that the initialisation of the *force\_components* (and other) variables has not yet been listed. That’s because the code is boring.

⟨ Initialise main variables 5 ⟩  $\equiv$

```

if calc_force_bool
    force_components = repmat(NaN, [9 3]);
end
if calc_stiffness_bool
    stiffness_components = repmat(NaN, [9 3]);
end
if calc_torque_bool
    torque_components = repmat(NaN, [9 3]);
end
if calc_angular_stiffness_bool
    angular_stiffness_components = repmat(NaN, [9 3]);
end

```

**17. Functions for calculating forces and stiffnesses.** The calculations for forces between differently-oriented cuboid magnets are all directly from the literature. The stiffnesses have been derived by differentiating the force expressions, but that's the easy part.

```

⟨ Functions for calculating forces and stiffnesses 17 ⟩ ≡
  ⟨ Parallel magnets force calculation 18 ⟩
  ⟨ Orthogonal magnets force calculation 19 ⟩
  ⟨ Helper functions 28 ⟩

```

This code is used in section 3.

**18.** The expressions here follow directly from Akoun and Yonnet [1].

Inputs:	<b>size1</b> =( <i>a, b, c</i> )	the half dimensions of the fixed magnet
	<b>size2</b> =( <i>A, B, C</i> )	the half dimensions of the floating magnet
	<b>displ</b> =( <i>dx, dy, dz</i> )	distance between magnet centres
	<b>(J, J2)</b>	magnetisations of the magnet in the z-direction
Outputs:	<b>forces_xyz</b> =( <i>Fx, Fy, Fz</i> )	Forces of the second magnet

```

⟨ Parallel magnets force calculation 18 ⟩ ≡
  function calc_out = forces_calc_z_z(size1, size2, offset, J1, J2)
    J1 = J1(3);
    J2 = J2(3);
    ⟨ Initialise subfunction variables 24 ⟩
    component_x = ...
    +0.5*(v.^2 - w.^2).*log(r - u)...
    +u.*v.*log(r - v)...
    +v.*w.*atan2(u.*v, r.*w)...
    +0.5*r.*u;
    component_y = ...
    +0.5*(u.^2 - w.^2).*log(r - v)...
    +u.*v.*log(r - u)...
    +u.*w.*atan2(u.*v, r.*w)...
    +0.5*r.*v;
    component_z = ...
    -u.*w.*log(r - u)...
    -v.*w.*log(r - v)...
    +u.*v.*atan2(u.*v, r.*w)...
    -r.*w;
    ⟨ Finish up 25 ⟩

```

This code is used in section 17.

19. Orthogonal magnets forces given by Yonnet and Allag [2].

⟨ Orthogonal magnets force calculation 19 ⟩ ≡

```
function calc_out = forces_calc_z_y(size1, size2, offset, J1, J2)
    J1 = J1(3);
    J2 = J2(2);
    ⟨ Initialise subfunction variables 24 ⟩
    component_x = ...
    -multiply_x_log_y(v.*w, r-u)...
    +multiply_x_log_y(v.*u, r+w)...
    +multiply_x_log_y(u.*w, r+v)...
    -0.5*u.^2.*atan1(v.*w, u.*r)...
    -0.5*v.^2.*atan1(u.*w, v.*r)...
    -0.5*w.^2.*atan1(u.*v, w.*r);
    component_y = ...
    0.5*multiply_x_log_y(u.^2-v.^2, r+w)...
    -multiply_x_log_y(u.*w, r-u)...
    -u.*v.*atan1(u.*w, v.*r)...
    -0.5*w.*r;
    component_z = ...
    0.5*multiply_x_log_y(u.^2-w.^2, r+v)...
    -multiply_x_log_y(u.*v, r-u)...
    -u.*w.*atan1(u.*v, w.*r)...
    -0.5*v.*r;
    ⟨ Finish up 25 ⟩
```

See also section 20.

This code is used in section 17.

20. Don't bother with rotation matrices for the  $z$ - $x$  case; just reflect the coordinate system by swapping the components. Don't need to swap  $J1$  because it should only contain  $z$  components anyway. (This is assumption isn't tested because it's wrong we're in more trouble anyway; this should all be taken care of earlier when the magnetisation components were separated out.)

⟨ Orthogonal magnets force calculation 19 ⟩ +≡

```
function calc_out = forces_calc_z_x(size1, size2, offset, J1, J2)
    forces_xyz = forces_calc_z_y(...
        swap_x_y(size1), swap_x_y(size2), swap_x_y(offset), ...
        J1, swap_x_y(J2));
    calc_out = swap_x_y(forces_xyz);
end
```

21. Stiffness calculations are derived<sup>2</sup> from the forces.

⟨ Parallel magnets stiffness calculation 21 ⟩ ≡

```
function calc_out = stiffnesses_calc_z_z(size1, size2, offset, J1, J2)
    J1 = J1(3);
    J2 = J2(3);
    ⟨ Initialise subfunction variables 24 ⟩
    component_x = ...
    -r ...
    -(u.^2.*v)./(u.^2 + w.^2) ...
    -v.*log(r-v);
    component_y = ...
    -r ...
    -(v.^2.*u)./(v.^2 + w.^2) ...
    -u.*log(r-u);
    component_z = -component_x - component_y;
    ⟨ Finish up 25 ⟩
```

22. Orthogonal magnets stiffnesses derived from Yonnet and Allag [2]. First the  $z$ - $y$  magnetisation.

⟨ Orthogonal magnets stiffness calculation 22 ⟩ ≡

```
function calc_out = stiffnesses_calc_z_y(size1, size2, offset, J1, J2)
    J1 = J1(3);
    J2 = J2(2);
    ⟨ Initialise subfunction variables 24 ⟩
    component_x = -((u.^2.*v)/(u.^2+v.^2))-(u.^2.*w)/(u.^2+w.^2)+...
    -u.*atan((v.*w)/(r.*u))-w.*log(r+v)-v.*log(r+w);
    component_y = v/2.-(u.^2.*v)/(u.^2+v.^2)+(u.*v.*w)/(v.^2+
    w.^2)+...
    -u.*atan((u.*w)/(r.*v))+v.*log(r+w);
    component_z = -component_x - component_y;
    ⟨ Finish up 25 ⟩
```

See also section 23.

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<sup>2</sup>Literally.

**23.** Now the  $z$ - $x$  magnetisation, which is just  $z$ - $y$  reflected. (See discussion for the equivalent force calculation.)

⟨ Orthogonal magnets stiffness calculation 22 ⟩ +≡

```
function calc_out = stiffnesses_calc_z_x(size1, size2, offset, J1, J2)
    stiffnesses_xyz = stiffnesses_calc_z_y(...
        swap_x_y(size1), swap_x_y(size2), swap_x_y(offset), ...
        J1, swap_x_y(J2));
    calc_out = swap_x_y(stiffnesses_xyz);
end
```

**24.** Some shared setup code. First **return** early if either of the magnetisations are zero — that’s the trivial solution. Assume that the magnetisation has already been rounded down to zero if necessary; i.e., that we don’t need to check for  $J1$  or  $J2$  are less than  $1 \cdot 10^{-12}$  or whatever.

⟨ Initialise subfunction variables 24 ⟩ ≡

```
if ( J1 == 0 OR J2 == 0 )
    debug_disp('Zero magnetisation.')
    calc_out = [0; 0; 0];
    return;
end

dx = offset(1);
dy = offset(2);
dz = offset(3);
a = size1(1);
b = size1(2);
c = size1(3);
A = size2(1);
B = size2(2);
C = size2(3);

[index_h, index_j, index_k, index_l, index_p, index_q] = ndgrid([0 1]);
index_sum = (-1) .^ (index_h + index_j + index_k + index_l + index_p +
    index_q);

% (Using this vectorised method is less efficient than using six for
% loops over [0, 1]! To be addressed, it really makes much difference.)
u = dx + A*(-1) .^ index_j - a*(-1) .^ index_h;
v = dy + B*(-1) .^ index_l - b*(-1) .^ index_k;
w = dz + C*(-1) .^ index_q - c*(-1) .^ index_p;
r = sqrt(u .^ 2 + v .^ 2 + w .^ 2);
```

This code is used in sections 18, 19, 21, and 22.

**25.** And some shared finishing code.

⟨ Finish up **25** ⟩  $\equiv$

```
component_x = index_sum .* component_x;
component_y = index_sum .* component_y;
component_z = index_sum .* component_z;
calc_out = J1 * J2 / (4 *  $\pi$  * (4 *  $\pi$  * 1 · 10-7)) .* ...
[sum(component_x(:));
 sum(component_y(:));
 sum(component_z(:))];
debug_disp(calc_out')
end
```

This code is used in sections **18**, **19**, **21**, and **22**.

## 26. Setup code.

27. When the forces are rotated we use these rotation matrices to avoid having to think too hard. Use degrees in order to compute  $\sin(\pi/2)$  exactly!

```

⟨Precompute rotation matrices 27⟩ ≡
    swap_x_y = @(vec) vec([2 1 3]);
    swap_x_z = @(vec) vec([3 2 1]);
    swap_y_z = @(vec) vec([1 3 2]);

    Rx = @(theta) [1 0 0; 0 cosd(theta) - sind(theta); 0 sind(theta) cosd(theta)];
    Ry = @(theta) [cosd(theta) 0 sind(theta); 0 1 0; -sind(theta) 0 cosd(theta)];
    Rz = @(theta) [cosd(theta) - sind(theta) 0; sind(theta) cosd(theta) 0; 0 0 1];

    Rx_180 = Rx(180);
    Rx_090 = Rx(90);
    Rx_270 = Rx(-90);
    Ry_180 = Ry(180);
    Ry_090 = Ry(90);
    Ry_270 = Ry(-90);
    Rz_180 = Rz(180);

    identity_function = @(inp) inp;
    rotate_round_x = @(vec) Rx_180*vec;
    rotate_round_y = @(vec) Ry_180*vec;
    rotate_round_z = @(vec) Rz_180*vec;
    rotate_none = identity_function;

    rotate_z_to_x = @(vec) Ry_090*vec;
    rotate_x_to_z = @(vec) Ry_270*vec;

    rotate_z_to_y = @(vec) Rx_090*vec;
    rotate_y_to_z = @(vec) Rx_270*vec;

```

This code is used in section 3.

28. The equations contain some odd singularities. Specifically, the equations contain terms of the form  $x \log(y)$ , which becomes NaN when both  $x$  and  $y$  are zero since  $\log(0)$  is negative infinity.

This function computes  $x \log(y)$ , special-casing the singularity to output zero, instead.

```

⟨Helper functions 28⟩ ≡
    function out = multiply_x_log_y(x, y)
        out = x .* log(y);
        out(isnan(out)) = 0;
    end

```

See also sections 29 and 30.

This code is used in section 17.

**29.** Also, we're using `atan` instead of `atan2` (otherwise the wrong results are calculated. I guess I don't totally understand that), which becomes a problem when trying to compute `atan(0/0)` since `0/0` is `NaN`.

This function computes `atan` but takes two arguments.

⟨Helper functions 28⟩ +≡

```
function out = atan1(x, y)
    out = zeros(size(x));
    ind = x ≠ 0 ∧ y ≠ 0;
    out(ind) = atan(x(ind) ./ y(ind));
end
```

**30.** This function is for easy debugging; in normal use it gobbles its argument but will print diagnostics when required.

⟨Helper functions 28⟩ +≡

```
function debug_disp(str)
    %disp(str)
end
```

**31.** When users type `help magnetforces` this is what they see.

⟨Matlab help text 31⟩ ≡

```
%% MAGNETFORCES Calculate forces between two cuboid magnets
%
% Finish this off later.
%
```

This code is used in section 3.



**32. Test files.** The chunks that follow are designed to be saved into individual files and executed automatically to check for (a) correctness and (b) regression problems as the code evolves.

How do I know if the code produces the correct forces? Well, for many cases I can compare with published values in the literature. Beyond that, I'll be setting up some tests that I can logically infer should produce the same results (such as mirror-image displacements) and test that.

There are many Matlab unit test frameworks but I'll be using a fairly low-tech method. In time this test suite should be (somehow) useable for all implementations of `magnetocode`, not just Matlab. But I haven't thought about doing anything like that, yet.

**33.** Because I'm lazy, just run the tests manually for now. This script must be run twice if it updates itself.

```
<testall.m 33> ≡
    clc;
    unix('~/bin/mtangle_magnetforces');
    magforce.test001a
    magforce.test001b
    magforce.test001c
    magforce.test001d
```

**34.** This test checks that square magnets produce the same forces in the each direction when displaced in positive and negative  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  directions, respectively. In other words, this tests the function `forces_calc_z_y` directly. Both positive and negative magnetisations are used.

```
<magforce_test001a.m 34> ≡
    disp('=====')
    fprintf('TEST_001a:␣')
    magnet.fixed.dim = [0.04 0.04 0.04];
    magnet.float.dim = magnet.fixed.dim;
    magnet.fixed.magn = 1.3;
    magnet.float.magn = 1.3;
    offset = 0.1;

    <Test z-z magnetisations 35>
    <Assert magnetisations tests 43>

    <Test x-x magnetisations 36>
    <Assert magnetisations tests 43>

    <Test y-y magnetisations 37>
    <Assert magnetisations tests 43>

    fprintf('passed\n')
    disp('=====')
```

**35.** Testing vertical forces.

$\langle \text{Test } z\text{-}z \text{ magnetisations } 35 \rangle \equiv$

```
f = [];  
for ii = [1, -1]  
    magnet_fixed.magdir = [0 ii*90];           %  $\pm z$   
    for jj = [1, -1]  
        magnet_float.magdir = [0 jj*90];  
        for kk = [1, -1]  
            displ = kk*[0 0 offset];  
            f(:, end + 1) = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);  
        end  
    end  
end  
dirforces = chop(f(3, :), 8);  
otherforces = f([1 2], :);
```

This code is used in section 34.

**36.** Testing horizontal  $x$  forces.

$\langle \text{Test } x\text{-}x \text{ magnetisations } 36 \rangle \equiv$

```
f = [];  
for ii = [1, -1]  
    magnet_fixed.magdir = [90 + ii*90 0];       %  $\pm x$   
    for jj = [1, -1]  
        magnet_float.magdir = [90 + jj*90 0];  
        for kk = [1, -1]  
            displ = kk*[offset 0 0];  
            f(:, end + 1) = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);  
        end  
    end  
end  
dirforces = chop(f(1, :), 8);  
otherforces = f([2 3], :);
```

This code is used in section 34.

**37.** Testing horizontal  $y$  forces.

```

< Test  $y$ - $y$  magnetisations 37 > ≡
f = [];
for ii = [1, -1]
    magnet_fixed.magdir = [ii*90 0];           % ±y
    for jj = [1, -1]
        magnet_float.magdir = [jj*90 0];
        for kk = [1, -1]
            displ = kk*[0 offset 0];
            f(:, end + 1) = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);
        end
    end
end
dirforces = chop(f(2, :), 8);
otherforces = f([1 3], :);

```

This code is used in section 34.

**38.** This test does the same thing but for orthogonally magnetised magnets.

```

< magforce_test001b.m 38 > ≡
disp('=====')
fprintf('TEST_001b:␣')
magnet_fixed.dim = [0.04 0.04 0.04];
magnet_float.dim = magnet_fixed.dim;
magnet_fixed.magn = 1.3;
magnet_float.magn = 1.3;
< Test ZYZ 39 >
< Assert magnetisations tests 43 >
< Test ZXZ 40 >
< Assert magnetisations tests 43 >
< Test ZXX 42 >
< Assert magnetisations tests 43 >
< Test ZYY 41 >
< Assert magnetisations tests 43 >
fprintf('passed\n')
disp('=====')

```

**39.**  $z$ - $y$  magnetisations,  $z$  displacement.

⟨ Test ZYZ **39** ⟩  $\equiv$

```
fzyz = [];
for ii = [1, -1]
    for jj = [1, -1]
        for kk = [1, -1]
            magnet_fixed.magdir = ii*[0 90];           %  $\pm z$ 
            magnet_float.magdir = jj*[90 0];           %  $\pm y$ 
            displ = kk*[0 0 0.1];                       %  $\pm z$ 
            fzyz(:, end+1) = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);
        end
    end
end
dirforces = chop(fzyz(2, :), 8);
otherforces = fzyz([1 3], :);
```

This code is used in section **38**.

**40.**  $z$ - $x$  magnetisations,  $z$  displacement.

⟨ Test ZXZ **40** ⟩  $\equiv$

```
fzxx = [];
for ii = [1, -1]
    for jj = [1, -1]
        for kk = [1, -1]
            magnet_fixed.magdir = ii*[0 90];           %  $\pm z$ 
            magnet_float.magdir = [90 + jj*90 0];       %  $\pm x$ 
            displ = kk*[0.1 0 0];                       %  $\pm x$ 
            fzxx(:, end+1) = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);
        end
    end
end
dirforces = chop(fzxx(3, :), 8);
otherforces = fzxx([1 2], :);
```

This code is used in section **38**.

41.  $z$ - $y$  magnetisations,  $y$  displacement.

⟨ Test ZYY 41 ⟩  $\equiv$

```
fzyy = [];
for ii = [1, -1]
    for jj = [1, -1]
        for kk = [1, -1]
            magnet_fixed.magdir = ii*[0 90];           %  $\pm z$ 
            magnet_float.magdir = jj*[90 0];           %  $\pm y$ 
            displ = kk*[0 0.1 0];                       %  $\pm y$ 
            fzyy(:, end + 1) = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float,
                displ);
        end
    end
end

dirforces = chop(fzyy(3, :), 8);
otherforces = fzyy([1 2], :);
```

This code is used in section 38.

42.  $z$ - $x$  magnetisations,  $x$  displacement.

⟨ Test ZXX 42 ⟩  $\equiv$

```
fzxx = [];
for ii = [1, -1]
    for jj = [1, -1]
        for kk = [1, -1]
            magnet_fixed.magdir = ii*[0 90];           %  $\pm z$ 
            magnet_float.magdir = [90 + jj*90 0];       %  $\pm x$ 
            displ = kk*[0 0 0.1];                       %  $\pm z$ 
            fzxx(:, end + 1) = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);
        end
    end
end

dirforces = chop(fzxx(1, :), 8);
otherforces = fzxx([2 3], :);
```

This code is used in section 38.

43. The assertions, common between directions.

```

⟨ Assert magnetisations tests 43 ⟩ ≡
    assert(...
        all(abs(otherforces(:)) < 1 · 10-11), ...
        'Orthogonal_forces_should_be_zero' ...
    )
    assert(...
        all(abs(dirforces) ≡ abs(dirforces(1))), ...
        'Force_magnitudes_should_be_equal' ...
    )
    assert(...
        all(dirforces(1:4) ≡ -dirforces(5:8)), ...
        'Forces_should_be_opposite_with_reversed_fixed_magnet_magnetisation' ...
    )
    assert(...
        all(dirforces([1 3 5 7]) ≡ -dirforces([2 4 6 8])), ...
        'Forces_should_be_opposite_with_reversed_float_magnet_magnetisation' ...
    )

```

This code is used in sections 34 and 38.

44. Now try combinations of displacements.

```

⟨ magforce_test001c.m 44 ⟩ ≡
    disp('=====')
    fprintf('TEST_001c: ')
    magnet_fixed.dim = [0.04 0.04 0.04];
    magnet_float.dim = magnet_fixed.dim;
    magnet_fixed.magn = 1.3;
    magnet_float.magn = 1.3;
    ⟨ Test combinations ZZ 45 ⟩
    ⟨ Assert combinations tests 47 ⟩
    ⟨ Test combinations ZY 46 ⟩
    ⟨ Assert combinations tests 47 ⟩
    fprintf('passed\n')
    disp('=====')

```

45. Tests.

$\langle \text{Test combinations ZZ } 45 \rangle \equiv$

```
f = [];  
for ii = [-1 1]  
    for jj = [-1 1]  
        for xx = 0.12*[-1, 1]  
            for yy = 0.12*[-1, 1]  
                for zz = 0.12*[-1, 1]  
                    magnet_fixed.magdir = [0 ii*90];           % z  
                    magnet_float.magdir = [0 jj*90];           % z  
                    displ = [xx yy zz];  
                    f(:, end + 1) = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float,  
                                                  displ);  
                end  
            end  
        end  
    end  
end  
f = chop(f, 8);  
uniquedir = f(3, :);  
otherdir = f([1 2], :);
```

This code is used in section 44.

#### 46. Tests.

⟨ Test combinations ZY 46 ⟩ ≡

```
f = [];
for ii = [-1 1]
    for jj = [-1 1]
        for xx = 0.12*[-1, 1]
            for yy = 0.12*[-1, 1]
                for zz = 0.12*[-1, 1]
                    magnet_fixed.magdir = [0 ii*90];           % ±z
                    magnet_float.magdir = [jj*90 0];           % ±y
                    displ = [xx yy zz];
                    f(:, end + 1) = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float,
                                                    displ);
                end
            end
        end
    end
end
f = chop(f, 8);
uniquedir = f(1, :);
otherdir = f([2 3], :);
```

This code is used in section 44.

#### 47. Shared tests, again.

⟨ Assert combinations tests 47 ⟩ ≡

```
test1 = abs(diff(abs(f(1, :)))) < 1 · 10-10;
test2 = abs(diff(abs(f(2, :)))) < 1 · 10-10;
test3 = abs(diff(abs(f(3, :)))) < 1 · 10-10;
assert( all(test1) ∧ ∧ all(test2) ∧ ∧ all(test3), ...
        'All forces in a single direction should be equal' )
test = abs(diff(abs(otherdir))) < 1 · 10-11;
assert(all(test), 'Orthogonal forces should be equal')
test1 = f(:, 1:8) ≡ f(:, 25:32);
test2 = f(:, 9:16) ≡ f(:, 17:24);
assert( all(test1(:)) ∧ ∧ all(test2(:)), ...
        'Reverse magnetisation shouldn't make a difference' )
```

This code is used in section 44.



48. Now we want to try non-orthogonal magnetisation.

```

<magforce_test001d.m 48> ≡
disp('=====')
fprintf('TEST_001d: ')
magnet_fixed.dim = [0.04 0.04 0.04];
magnet_float.dim = magnet_fixed.dim;

% Fixed parameters:
magnet_fixed.magn = 1.3;
magnet_float.magn = 1.3;
magnet_fixed.magdir = [0 90]; % z
displ = 0.12*[1 1 1];
<Test XY superposition 49>
<Assert superposition 52>
<Test XZ superposition 50>
<Assert superposition 52>
<Test planar superposition 51>
<Assert superposition 52>
fprintf('passed\n')
disp('=====')

```

49. Test with a magnetisation unit vector of  $(1, 1, 0)$ .

```

<Test XY superposition 49> ≡
magnet_float.magdir = [45 0]; %  $\vec{e}_x + \vec{e}_y$ 
f1 = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);

% Components:
magnet_float.magdir = [0 0]; %  $\vec{e}_x$ 
fc1 = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);
magnet_float.magdir = [90 0]; %  $\vec{e}_y$ 
fc2 = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);
f2 = (fc1 + fc2)/sqrt(2);

```

This code is used in section 48.

50. Test with a magnetisation unit vector of  $(1, 0, 1)$ .

```

⟨ Test XZ superposition 50 ⟩ ≡
    magnet_float.magdir = [0 45];           %  $\vec{e}_y + \vec{e}_z$ 
    f1 = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);

    % Components:
    magnet_float.magdir = [0 0];           %  $\vec{e}_x$ 
    fc1 = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);
    magnet_float.magdir = [0 90];         %  $\vec{e}_z$ 
    fc2 = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);
    f2 = (fc1 + fc2)/sqrt(2);

```

This code is used in section 48.

51. Test with a magnetisation unit vector of  $(1, 1, 1)$ . This is about as much as I can be bothered testing for now. Things seem to be working.

```

⟨ Test planar superposition 51 ⟩ ≡
    [t p r] = cart2sph(1/sqrt(3), 1/sqrt(3), 1/sqrt(3));
    magnet_float.magdir = [t p]*180/π;     %  $\vec{e}_y + \vec{e}_z + \vec{e}_z$ 
    f1 = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);

    % Components:
    magnet_float.magdir = [0 0];           %  $\vec{e}_x$ 
    fc1 = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);
    magnet_float.magdir = [90 0];         %  $\vec{e}_y$ 
    fc2 = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);
    magnet_float.magdir = [0 90];         %  $\vec{e}_z$ 
    fc3 = magnetforces(magnet_fixed, magnet_float, displ);
    f2 = (fc1 + fc2 + fc3)/sqrt(3);

```

This code is used in section 48.

52. The assertion is the same each time.

```

⟨ Assert superposition 52 ⟩ ≡
    assert(...
        isequal(chop(f1, 6), chop(f2, 6)), ...
        'Components should sum due to superposition' ...
    )

```

This code is used in section 48.

53. These are MATLABWEB declarations to improve the formatting of this document. Ignore unless you're editing `magnetforces.web`.

```

define end ≡ end
format END TeX

```

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