

Integrating the differential magnetic induction

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} d\mathbf{l}' \times \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3} \quad (1)$$

around the loops gives the field at point \mathbf{x}

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \oint_C d\mathbf{l}' \times \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3} \quad (2)$$

By the sign convention of the solid angle Ω as stated in the problem,

$$\Omega = \int_S \frac{-\mathbf{n}' \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3} da' \quad (3)$$

The desired field form is thus

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \nabla \Omega = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \nabla \int_S \frac{\mathbf{n}' \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3} da' \quad (4)$$

Comparing (4) with (2), we see that it remains to prove

$$\oint_C d\mathbf{l}' \times \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3} = -\nabla \int_S \frac{\mathbf{n}' \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3} da' \quad (5)$$

Define

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \equiv \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3} \quad (6)$$

We readily recognize

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = -\nabla \left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \right) = \nabla' \left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \right) \quad (7)$$

which turns the LHS of (5) into

$$\text{LHS}_{(5)} = \oint_C d\mathbf{l}' \times \mathbf{v} \quad (8)$$

whose k -th component is just

$$\text{LHS}_{(5)} \Big|_k = \epsilon_{ijk} \oint_C dl'_i \cdot v_j \quad (9)$$

where here, as well as in the following, we use the Einstein's summation convention.

Application of the vector identity (see front cover of Jackson)

$$\oint_C \psi d\mathbf{l} = \int_S \mathbf{n} \times \nabla \psi da \quad (10)$$

to (9) gives (remember the gradient must be taken with respect to \mathbf{x}')

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS}_{(5)} \Big|_k &= \epsilon_{ijk} \left(\int_S \mathbf{n}' \times \nabla' v_j da' \right)_i \\ &= \int_S \epsilon_{ijk} (\mathbf{n}' \times \nabla' v_j)_i da' \\ &= \int_S \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmi} \left(n'_l \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x'_m} \right) da' \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

On the other hand, the k -th component of the RHS of (5) is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS}_{(5)} \Big|_k &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \int_S \mathbf{n}' \cdot \mathbf{v} da' = -\int_S n'_i \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_k} da' && \left(\text{use } \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_k} = -\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x'_k} \right) \\ &= \int_S n'_i \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x'_k} da' \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Then comparing (11) and (12), we see it's sufficient to prove

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmi} \left(n'_l \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x'_m} \right) = n'_i \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x'_k} \quad (13)$$

With the identity

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmi} = \delta_{jl} \delta_{km} - \delta_{jm} \delta_{kl} \quad (14)$$

the LHS of (13) becomes

$$\text{LHS}_{(13)} = (\delta_{jl} \delta_{km} - \delta_{jm} \delta_{kl}) \left(n'_l \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x'_m} \right) = n'_j \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x'_k} - n'_k \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x'_j} \quad (15)$$

whose first term (after Einstein summation) is equal to the RHS of (13), and whose second term vanishes since

$$n'_k \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x'_j} = n'_k \nabla'^2 \left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \right) = 0 \quad (16)$$

when $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}'$.