

# Chapter 6, magnetic fields in matter

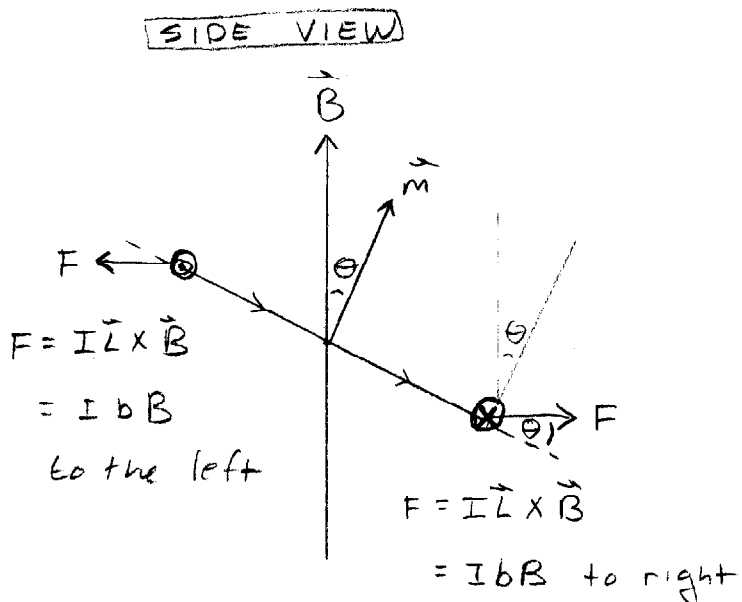
## 3 classifications of magnetic materials

Paramagnetic  
Diamagnetic  
Ferromagnetic

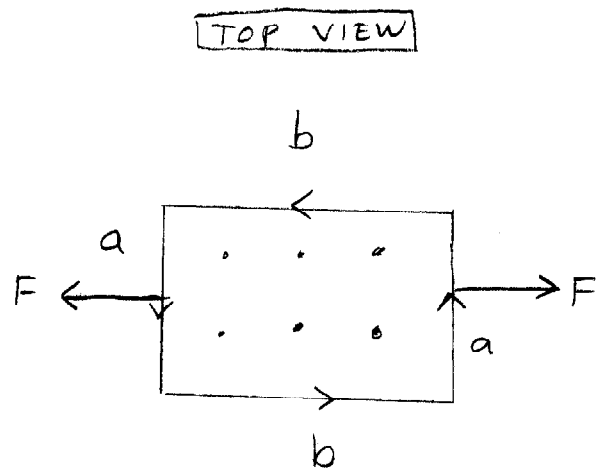
You figure it out  
(lots of info in Feynman)

Griffiths begins by considering single dipoles, forces and torques acting on them. Then, goes on to consider materials in bulk:

## Square current loop in a uniform field:



The force on sides of length  $b$  is not completely parallel to moment arm. There is a torque.



Force on sides of length  $a$  is parallel to moment arm ( $F \parallel \vec{r}$ ). So, no torque,  $\tau = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$

The net torque is twice the torque from one side (the direction of both torques is out of the paper in the 'side view' diagram).

$$\tau = 2\tau_{\text{side}} = 2(\vec{r} \times F) = 2(a/2 \sin\theta I b B)$$

$$\tau = (Iab) \sin\theta B = \vec{m} \times \vec{B}$$

This has the same form as the torque on an electric dipole from an  $\vec{E}$  field (as it must).

The potential also has the same form:

$$U = -\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}$$

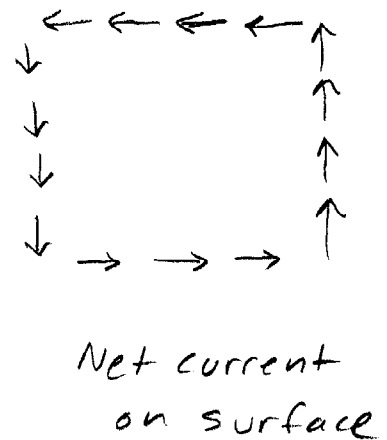
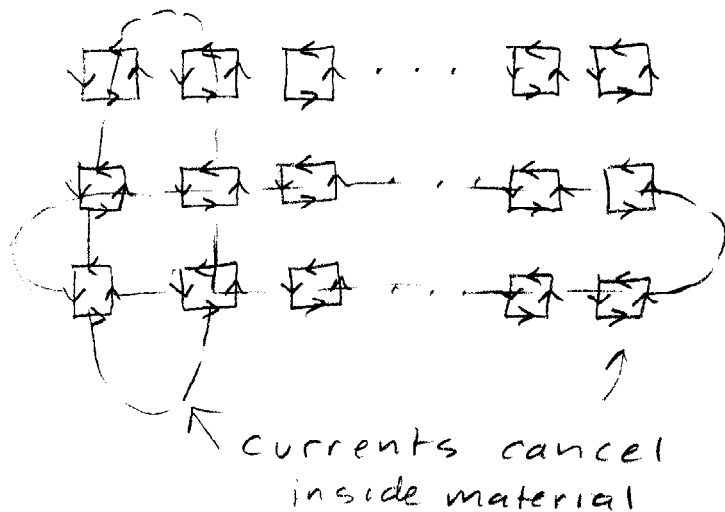
$$\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla} U = \vec{\nabla} (\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B})$$

Note that this shows that a dipole with dipole moment  $\vec{m}$  must be immersed in a magnetic field with a non-zero gradient to experience a net force.

A uniform field can torque a dipole around, but cannot translate it, as there is no net force.

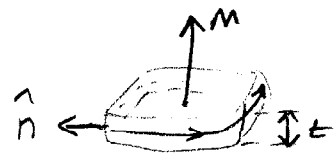
What if there are lots of magnetic dipoles together in a material? The magnetized material can be described as having a bound surface current, and perhaps a bound volume current. The Griffiths cartoons crudely re-visited;

Consider the case with no volume bound current, surface current only:



Let's find  $k_b$  in terms of  $M$ :

$$k_b = \frac{I_b}{t}$$

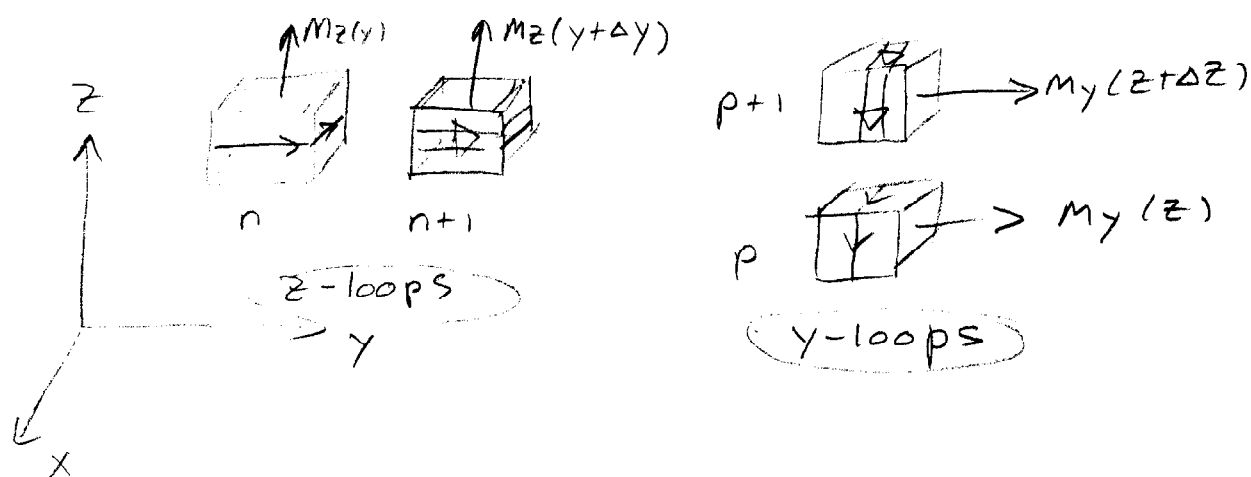


$$M = \frac{\text{dipole moment}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{I(\text{area})}{(\text{area})t} = \frac{I_b}{t}$$

It is only the component of current parallel to the surface (corresponding to an  $\vec{m}$  perpendicular to the surface) which adds to the surface current. Or, in math talk,

$$\vec{K}_b = \vec{M} \times \hat{n}$$

Now consider the case when there is volume bound current.



Net current in  $\hat{x}$  direction will occur if

$\vec{M}_z$  changes with  $y$ , or  $\vec{M}_y$  changes with  $z$ .

For the pictures above:

$$z\text{-loops: } I_{\text{tot}} = I_{\text{loop } n+1} \hat{x} - I_{\text{loop } n} \hat{x} = I_{\text{bigger}} \hat{x} - I_{\text{smaller}} \hat{x}$$

$$y\text{-loops: } I_{\text{tot}} = -I_{\text{loop } p+1} \hat{x} + I_{\text{loop } p} \hat{x} = -I_{\text{bigger}} \hat{x} + I_{\text{smaller}} \hat{x}$$

z-loops:  $\frac{I_{loop}}{\Delta z} = M_z$ , or  $I_{loop} = M_z \Delta z$

$\nwarrow$  thickness in  
direction  $\perp$   
to loop area

y-loops:  $\frac{I_{loop}}{\Delta y} = M_y$ , or  $I_{loop} = M_y \Delta y$

$$I_x (z\text{-loops}) = (I_{n+1} - I_n) \hat{x} = [M_z(y + \Delta y) - M_z(y)] \Delta z$$

$$I_x (y\text{-loops}) = (I_{p+1} - I_p) \hat{x} = [-M_y(z + \Delta z) + M_y(z)] \Delta y$$

$$I_x (z\text{-loop}) + I_x (y\text{-loop}) = [M_z(y + \Delta y) - M_z(y)] \Delta z + [-M_y(z + \Delta z) + M_y(z)] \Delta y$$

$$I_{x\text{total}} = \frac{\partial M_z}{\partial y} \Delta y \Delta z - \frac{\partial M_y}{\partial z} \Delta z \Delta y$$

$$I_x = \left( \frac{\partial M_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial M_y}{\partial z} \right) \Delta y \Delta z$$

We have  $I$  in terms of  $M$ . If we write  $I$  in terms of  $J_b$ , then finally we can get  $J_b$  in terms of  $M$ .

$$I_x = J_{bx} \Delta y \Delta z$$

$$\Rightarrow J_{bx} = \frac{\partial M_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial M_y}{\partial z} \Rightarrow \vec{J} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M}$$

Now, to beat a dead horse, let's get those results by finding the vector potential due to a bulk of dipoles.

$$\vec{A}_{\text{dipole}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r^2} \vec{m} \times \hat{r}$$

For lots of dipoles, let  $m \rightarrow M d\tau$  and integrate over space.

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{M} \times \hat{r}}{r^2} d\tau$$

$$\frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = \nabla' \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \quad \text{see chapter 1}$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \vec{M} \times \nabla' \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) d\tau$$

Use product rule (7):  $\vec{\nabla} \times (f\vec{A}) = f(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) - \vec{A} \times (\vec{\nabla} f)$

$$\vec{M} \times \vec{\nabla}' \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) = -\vec{\nabla}' \times \left( \frac{\vec{M}}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} (\vec{\nabla}' \times \vec{M})$$

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{(\vec{\nabla}' \times \vec{M})}{r} d\tau' - \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \vec{\nabla}' \times \left( \frac{\vec{M}}{r} \right) d\tau'$$

For the second integral, use

$$-\int (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v}) d\tau = \int \vec{v} \times d\vec{a} \quad (\text{more on this later})$$

$$\int \vec{\nabla}' \times (\vec{m}/r) d\tau' \rightarrow -\int \frac{\vec{m}}{r} \times d\vec{a}' = -\int \frac{\vec{m} \times \hat{n} da'}{r}$$

Then:

$$A = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{(\vec{\nabla}' \times \vec{m})}{r} d\tau' + \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{m} \times \hat{n} da'}{r}$$

$\vec{\nabla}' \times \vec{m}$  plays the role of  $J_b$

$\vec{m} \times \hat{n}$  plays the role of  $K_b$

$$A = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{J_b d\tau'}{r} + \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{K_b da'}{r}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} J_b &= \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{m} \\ K_b &= \vec{m} \times \hat{n} \end{aligned}}$$

More on  $\int \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} d\tau = -\int \vec{v} \times d\vec{a}$

i.e. proof:

To prove this, begin with the divergence theorem:

$$\int \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} \, d\tau = \oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{a}, \quad v \text{ any vector}$$

let  $\vec{v} \rightarrow \vec{v} \times \vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  a constant vector

$$\int \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{c}) \, d\tau = \oint (\vec{v} \times \vec{c}) \cdot d\vec{a}$$

use product rule (6)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v}) - \vec{v} \cdot \cancel{(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{c})}^{\nearrow 0}$$

By equivalence of certain triple products:

$$(\vec{v} \times \vec{c}) \cdot d\vec{a} = \vec{c} \cdot (d\vec{a} \times \vec{v}) = -\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{v} \times d\vec{a})$$

Then

$$\vec{c} \cdot \int \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} \, d\tau = -\vec{c} \int \vec{v} \times d\vec{a}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \int \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} \, d\tau = - \int \vec{v} \times d\vec{a}$$



In finding  $\vec{J}_b$ ,  $\vec{K}_b$  we enabled ourselves to calculate the field due to a magnetized object. Now we can go on to consider situations in which magnetized objects as well as external fields from some other source are both present.

Maxwell's equations as we first wrote them are still true:

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

$\uparrow$   
complete  
field

$\uparrow$   
all  
current sources

For convenience,  $\vec{J}$  can be separated into free currents and bound currents.

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{J}_f + \vec{J}_b)$$

$$\vec{J}_b = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} = \vec{J}_f + (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \left( \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} - \vec{M} \right) = \vec{J}_f$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f$$

where  $\vec{H} = \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} - \vec{M}$

Or, think of it this way:

$$\vec{B} = \underbrace{\mu_0 \vec{H}}_{\substack{\text{field} \\ \text{due to} \\ \text{free current} \\ \text{and } -\nabla \cdot \vec{M}}} + \underbrace{\mu_0 \vec{M}}_{\text{field due to bound current}}$$

↑  
total field

Similarly,

$$\vec{E} = \underbrace{\frac{\vec{D}}{\epsilon_0}}_{\substack{\text{field} \\ \text{due to} \\ \text{free charge} \\ \text{and } \nabla \times \vec{P}}} - \underbrace{\frac{\vec{P}}{\epsilon_0}}_{\text{field due to bound charge}}$$

↑  
total field

Notice - If  $\vec{P}$  lines up with  $\vec{D}$ ,  $\vec{E}$  is reduced.  
This is the usual case.

Whereas, if  $\vec{M}$  lines up with  $\vec{H}$ ,  $\vec{B}$  increases.  
Sometimes this happens, sometimes not.

To examine this further, let's consider materials with a linear response to an applied field.

$$\text{In this case, } \vec{M} \equiv \chi_m \vec{H}$$

↑ magnetic susceptibility

Then,  $\vec{M}$  will line up with  $\vec{H}$  if  $\chi_m$  is positive, and against  $\vec{H}$  when  $\chi_m$  is negative. Paramagnetic materials normally have positive  $\chi_m$ , whereas diamagnetic materials have negative  $\chi_m$ .

To finish off with definitions pertaining to linear material,

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{H} + \vec{M}) = \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m) \vec{H}$$

$$\mu \equiv \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m)$$

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

Remember in the electrostatic case we had

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$

Highly annoying that in one equation the total field is on the LHS, while in the other on the RHS.

Paramagnetism and diamagnetism are magnetizations that disappear when the applied field is removed. The common, permanent magnets we are more used to are ferromagnets. Their dipoles tend to line up with each other, even in the absence of an external field. An applied field will magnetize a ferromagnetic material further by lining up dipoles that were initially unaligned (due to competition from other neighboring dipoles).

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

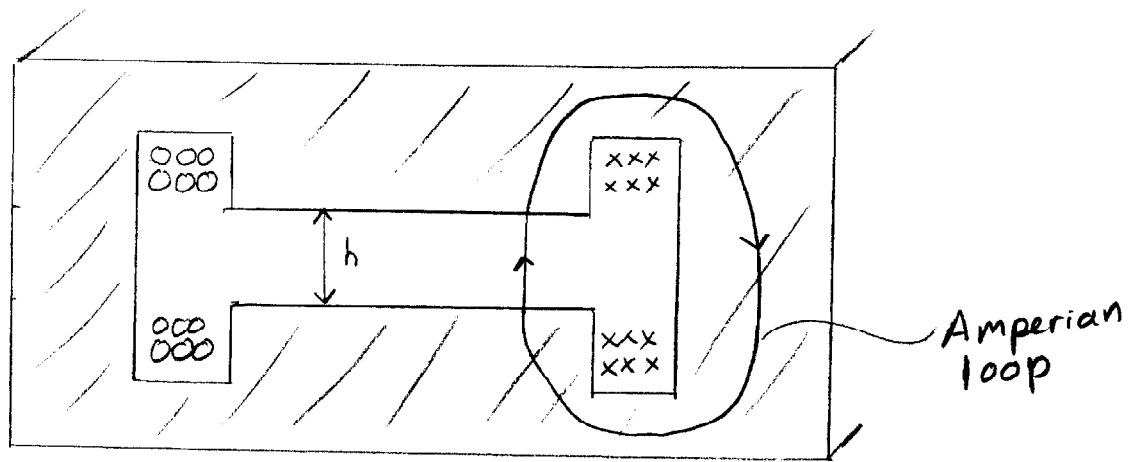
↑ very large in ferromagnets

For example, in Griffith's hysteresis curve (p. 281),

$$\mu/\mu_0 \approx 10^4$$

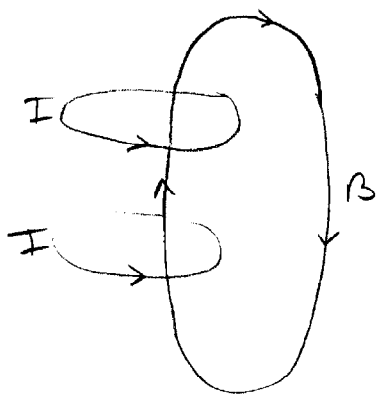
It is for this reason that coils in electromagnets are wrapped around ferromagnetic pole tips.

Let's check it out for a dipole magnet.



Dipole Cross-section

We know from the right-hand-rule that the magnetic field from the coils is upward and uniform across the gap.



Since we don't know  $J_b$ , we must use the form of Ampere's law with  $\vec{H}$ .

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f$$

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I_f$$

We have two coils passing through our Amperian loop normal to the loop.

$$I_f = 2NI$$

↑      ↑      ↑  
 2 coils    N turns per coil    applied current

We have:

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \underbrace{\int \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{\ell}}_{\text{across gap}} + \underbrace{\int \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{\ell}}_{\text{through iron}} = 2NI$$

In the gap,  $\mu = \mu_0$

$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \int_0^h \frac{B}{\mu_0} dy + \underbrace{\int \frac{B}{\mu} d\ell}_{\text{through iron}}$$

$B/\mu \ll \frac{B}{\mu_0}$ , so the contribution from the portion of the pathlength through the iron is negligible. Then:

$$\frac{Bh}{\mu_0} = 2NI \quad \rightarrow \quad B = \frac{2\mu_0 NI}{h}$$

Notice that  $B$  increases with  $NI$ , and also increases as the gap height,  $h$ , decreases. This drives magnet apertures to be closer to the beam. Otherwise, accelerators would be larger than they already are.

Back in Chapter 3, we solved the magnetostatic scalar potential for a quadrupole magnet using the method of separation of variables. We found:

$$V_B = 2A_2 xy$$

with  $A_2$  still undetermined, as we didn't actually say what the potential was (numerically) at the boundaries (pole surface). We let  $2A_2 = B'$  since

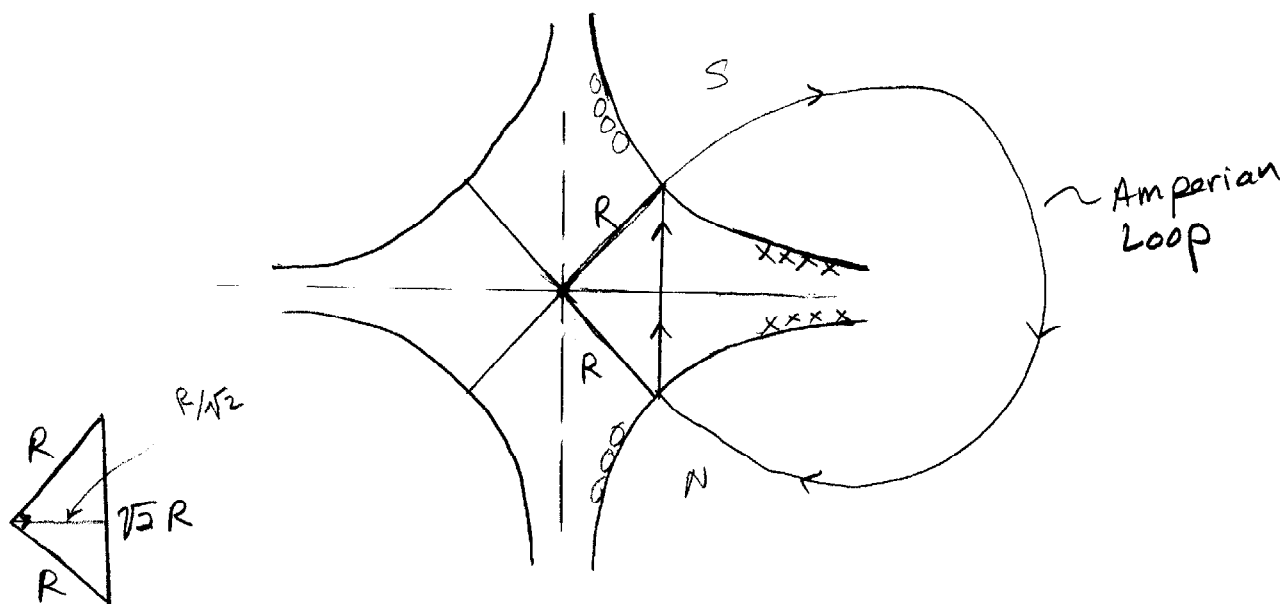
$$\vec{B} = -\vec{\nabla} V_B$$

$$\hat{B}_x = 2A_2 y$$

$$\hat{B}_y = 2A_2 x$$

}  $2A_2$  'must be'  $B'$

Now, let's find out what that  $B'$  really is:



$$\int_{\text{gap}} \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} \cdot d\vec{\ell} + \int_{\text{Steel}} \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = 2NI$$

$\nearrow$  neg  
 $\nearrow$  current  
 $\nearrow$  N turns  
 $\nearrow$  2 coils

$$\int_0^{\sqrt{2}R} (B'y \hat{x} + B'x \hat{y}) \cdot \hat{y} dy = B'x \int_0^{\sqrt{2}R} dy$$

$$= B' (R/\sqrt{2}) (\sqrt{2}R) = B'R^2 = 2\mu_0 NI$$

$$\Rightarrow B' = \frac{2\mu_0 NI}{R^2} \quad T/m \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{2\mu_0 NI}{R^2}} \right\} \text{field gradient}$$



Boundary conditions at the surface of magnetic materials:

$$B_a^\perp - B_b^\perp = 0$$

$$B_a^\parallel - B_b^\parallel = \mu_0 (\vec{K} \times \hat{n})$$

These are the same as before, but beware  $\vec{K}$  now may have a contribution from  $\vec{K}_b$ .

$$H_a^\perp - H_b^\perp = - (M_a^\perp - M_b^\perp)$$

Since  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{H} = - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{M}$

$$H_a^\parallel - H_b^\parallel = \vec{K}_f \times \hat{n}$$

The discontinuity in the tangential component of  $\vec{H}$  is due only to free surface current.