

Q1

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} = -\mu_0 \vec{J}$$

We know that,  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$  [Ampere Circuital Law]

also,  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  ( $\vec{B} \equiv$  solenoidal field)

Hence,  $\vec{B}$  can be written as curl of any vector field

Since divergence of curl of a vector field is zero.

$$\therefore \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \quad (\vec{A} \equiv \text{magnetic vector potential})$$

Now,  $\vec{A}$  can be written as  $\vec{A}_0 + \vec{\nabla} \lambda$  [Gauge Freedom]

Since,  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$

$$= \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{A}_0 + \vec{\nabla} \lambda)$$

$$= \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_0 + \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \lambda)$$

$$= \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_0 + 0$$

$$= \vec{B}$$

$$\therefore \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_0$$

Here,  $\vec{A}_0$  be our original vector potential where  $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_0$

$$\text{For } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}_0 + \nabla^2 \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}_0 = -\nabla^2 \lambda$$

Find  $\lambda$  by this, and hence we have  $\vec{A}$

Now, we have the liberty to define divergence of  $\vec{A}$  as per our convenience. This is known as **coulomb gauge**.

Let,  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$  (For simplicity in calculation)

$$\therefore \text{using } \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} (0) - \nabla^2 \vec{A} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \vec{A} = -\mu_0 \vec{J}$$

Hence Proved

Note: For this Ampere Circuital Law to be defined, our magnetic field should be constant / not time varying.

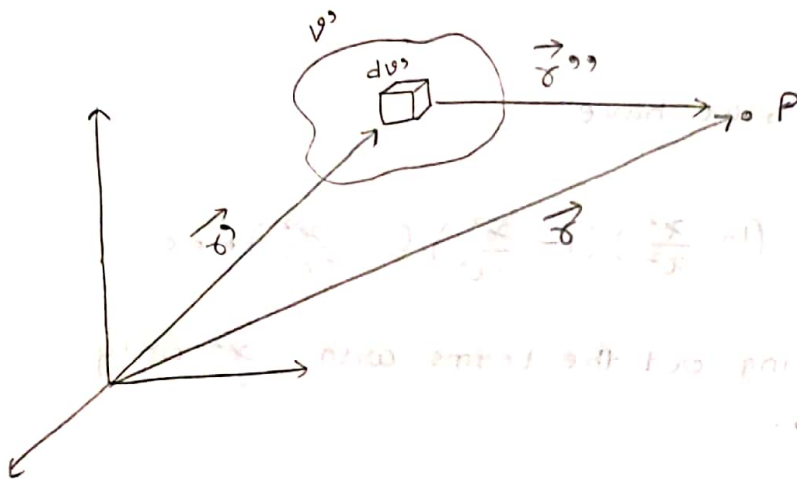
Q2

Vector Potential for a single magnetic dipole  $\vec{m}$ :

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\vec{m} \times \hat{r}}{r^2} \quad \left[ \vec{r}' = \vec{r} - \vec{r}' \right]$$

For a distribution of magnetic dipoles

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[ \int_V \frac{\vec{J}_b(\vec{r}')}{r'^2} dV' + \oint_S \frac{\vec{K}_b(\vec{r}')}{r'} ds' \right]$$



To find the vector potential  $\vec{A}(\vec{r})$  due to an accumulation of dipoles, we simply take a volume integral of a small element from a material which contains many many numbers of dipoles as shown in the above figure.

Let the Magnetic dipole per unit volume be  $\vec{M}(\vec{r}')$

$\therefore$  For small  $dV'$ ,  $d\vec{m} = \vec{M} dV'$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_V \frac{d\vec{m} \times \hat{r}''}{(r'')^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_V \frac{\vec{M}(\vec{r}') \times \hat{r}''}{(r'')^2} dV'$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_V \vec{M}(\vec{r}') \times \left( \frac{\hat{r}''}{r''^2} \right) dV' = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_V \vec{M}(\vec{r}') \times \left( \vec{\nabla}' \frac{1}{r''} \right) dV'$$

Note:  $\vec{\nabla} \equiv -\vec{\nabla}'$

(Shifting the origin to  $\vec{r}'$ )

(Refer to class notes)

Using Product Rule  $\nabla \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{M}) = \vec{v} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{M}) - (\nabla \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{M}$ , we get (explained below)  $\textcircled{\#}$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{V'} \left\{ \frac{1}{r''} (\nabla' \times \vec{M}(\vec{r}')) - \left( \nabla' \times \left( \frac{\vec{M}(\vec{r}')}{r''} \right) \right) \right\} dv'$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{V'} \frac{1}{r''} (\nabla' \times \vec{M}(\vec{r}')) dv' + \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint_{S'} \frac{1}{r''} [\vec{M}(\vec{r}') \times d\vec{S}']$$

$$\left[ \because \int_V (\nabla \times \vec{A}) dv = - \oint_S \vec{A} \times d\vec{S} \right]$$

Comparing with our question

$$\vec{J}_b(\vec{r}') = \nabla' \times \vec{M}(\vec{r}')$$

$$\vec{K}_b(\vec{r}') = \vec{M}(\vec{r}') \times \hat{n} \quad \left\{ \hat{n} \text{ is unit normal vector} \right\}$$

$\vec{J}_b(\vec{r}')$  is the potential of volume current.

$\vec{K}_b(\vec{r}')$  is the potential of surface current.

$$\textcircled{\#} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times (f \vec{A}) = f (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) - \vec{A} \times (\vec{\nabla} f)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{A} \times (\vec{\nabla} f) = f (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) - \vec{\nabla} \times (f \vec{A})$$

Comparing with our equation,

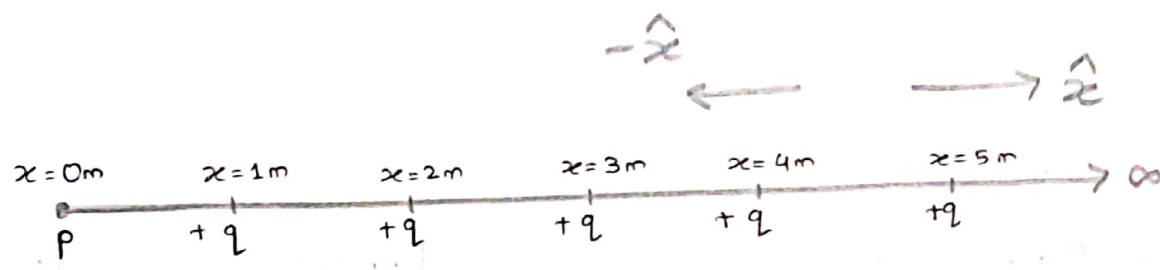
$$\vec{A} = \vec{M}(x')$$

$$\vec{\nabla} = \vec{\nabla}'$$

$$f = \frac{1}{x''}$$

$$\therefore \vec{M}(x') \times \left( \vec{\nabla}' \frac{1}{x''} \right) = \frac{1}{x''} \left[ \vec{\nabla}' \times \vec{M}(x') \right] - \vec{\nabla}' \times \left[ \frac{\vec{M}(x')}{x''} \right]$$

Q3



We know, Electric field due to a point charge  $q$ .

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} \hat{r}$$



$\vec{E}$  due to  $q$  at  $x=1m$

$$\vec{E}_1 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{1^2} (-\hat{x})$$

Similarly,  $\vec{E}_2 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{2^2} (-\hat{x})$

$$\vec{E}_3 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{3^2} (-\hat{x})$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vec{E}_n = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{n^2} (-\hat{x})$$

We have,

$$\vec{E}_P = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2 + \vec{E}_3 + \dots + \vec{E}_n, \text{ where } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_P = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} q \left( \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) (-\hat{x})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E}_P = \frac{-q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \right\} \hat{x} \rightarrow (*)$$

Let us calculate  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$

$$\text{We have, } \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{7!} + \dots \rightarrow (I)$$

Now, we have,

Factors of  $\sin x$  are  $x = 0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \pm 3\pi, \dots$

$$\therefore \sin x = (x-0)(x-\pi)(x+\pi)(x-2\pi)(x+2\pi)\dots$$

or

$$\sin x = x \left(1 - \frac{x}{\pi}\right) \left(1 + \frac{x}{\pi}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{2\pi}\right) \left(1 + \frac{x}{2\pi}\right) \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x = x \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{9\pi^2}\right) \dots \rightarrow (2)$$

Using (1) and (2), we have

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \dots = \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{9\pi^2}\right) \dots$$

Solving RHS and taking out the terms with  $x^2$  only.  
Same for LHS.

$$-\frac{x^2}{3!} = -\frac{x^2}{\pi^2} - \frac{x^2}{4\pi^2} - \frac{x^2}{9\pi^2} - \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{3!} = \frac{x^2}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{3!} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \rightarrow (*) (*)$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow \vec{E}_p = \frac{-q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\pi^2}{6} \hat{x} \text{ (using } (*) (*) \text{)}$$

$$\therefore \vec{E}_p \Big|_{q=1} = \frac{-\pi \hat{x}}{24\epsilon_0} \text{ Nm/C}$$