

## 3 Magnetization

### 3.1 Current Loop

From the handout, we have the following vector identity:

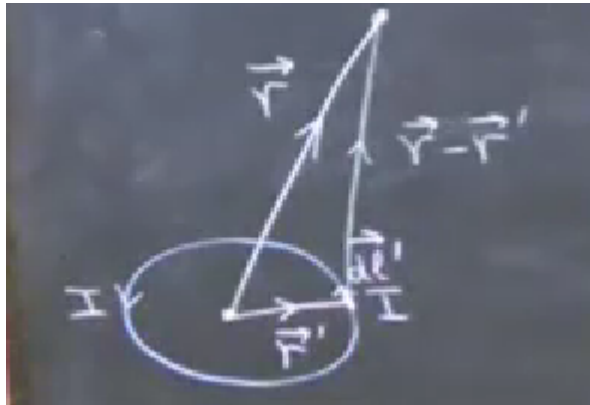
$$\oint \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{l}' = \left( \int d\mathbf{S}' \right) \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

Start from Poisson's equation:

$$\nabla^2 A = \frac{-\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \left( \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} \right) d\tau'$$

Current loop:

$$A(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \oint \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{l}'$$



recall the expansion

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{r'}{r} \right)^l P_l(\cos \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow A(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi r} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{r'}{r} \right)^l \oint P_l(\cos \theta) d\mathbf{l}'$$

$l = 0$  term is zero

$$A_0(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi r} \oint d\mathbf{l}' = 0$$

$n = 1$  term is the next most important term

$$A_1(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) \oint r' \cos \theta d\mathbf{l}'$$

and  $r' \cos \theta = \mathbf{r}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}$

hence

$$A_1(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi r^2} \oint \mathbf{r}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{l}' = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi r^2} \mathbf{m} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m} &= I \int_s d\mathbf{S}' \\ &= I \mathbf{S}' \end{aligned}$$

Is the magnetic dipole moment of the current loop.

Lets stop the expansion before we get too complex stuff.

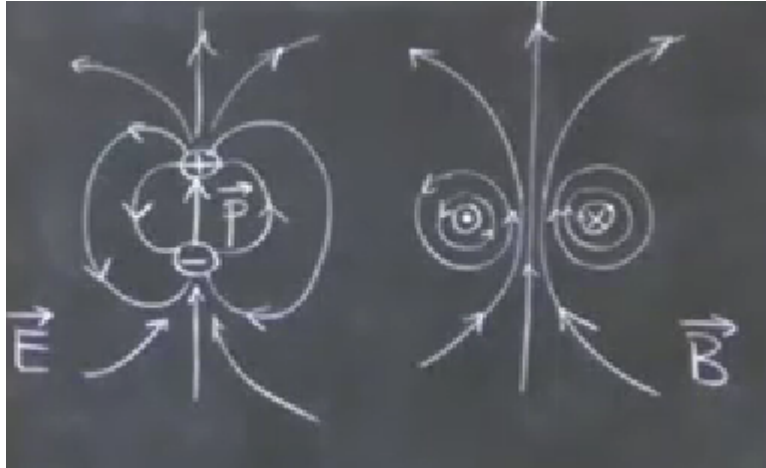
And that looks like a dipole right?

Put  $\mathbf{m} \parallel z$  in spherical coordinates:

$$\mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r^2} m \sin(\theta) \hat{\phi}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r^3} m \sin(\theta) \hat{r} - \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi r^2} m \cos(\theta) \hat{\theta}$$

which is same as electric dipole with  $\frac{P}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \rightarrow \frac{\mu_0 m}{4\pi}$



Field patterns look the same at large  $r$ , but at small  $r$ , the magnetic field is not singular.

## 3.2 Magnetic Properties

In a field  $\mathbf{B}$ , a magnetic material will acquire a magnetization  $\mathbf{M} = n\mathbf{m}$  where  $n$  is the number of magnetic dipole and  $\mathbf{m}$  is the magnetic moment of one atom

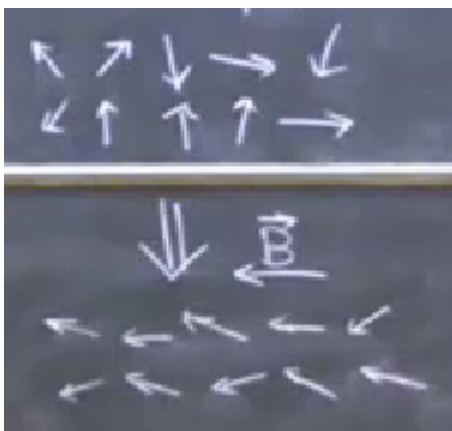
There are three main effects:

1. diamagnetism  $\rightarrow \mathbf{M} \propto -\mathbf{B}$  and that effect is very weak

All materials exhibit it!

2. Paramagnetism  $\rightarrow \mathbf{M} \propto +\mathbf{B}$  and it's stronger

That is often shown in materials with unpaired "spins"



( $\mathbf{M} \propto \mathbf{B}$  but only at small  $B$ )

Example:  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

3. Ferromagnetism



Where  $\mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{M}$  is the bulk bound current density and  $\mathbf{K}_b = \mathbf{M} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}$  is the surface bound current density.

Remember to drop the prime!

Having done this, we can fix up Amperes law:

$$\text{Amperes law: } \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0(\mathbf{J}_f + \mathbf{J}_b)$$

Where  $\mathbf{J}_f$  is the free current density where you can connect or do sth like that; and  $\mathbf{J}_b$  is the bound current density, it can be written as the curl of  $\mathbf{M}$

Hence the expression for free current would be

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

Stuff in the bracket is defined as the magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$  and hence the free current density has a simpler form

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

Its integral form is

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

However,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$  becomes

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}$$

The equations to remember would be

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0(\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M})$$

### Linear materials

$\mathbf{M}$  is proportional to  $\mathbf{B}$

$$\mathbf{M} = \chi_m \mathbf{H}$$

where  $\chi_m$  is the magnetic susceptibility

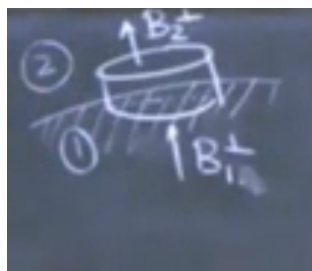
$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0(\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}) = \underbrace{\mu_0(1 + \chi_m)}_{\mu_r} \mathbf{H} = \mu_0 \mu_r \mathbf{H}$$

where  $\mu_r = 1 + \chi_m$  is the relative permeability

If willing to be strict,  $\mathbf{H}$  would be called magnetic field strength and  $\mathbf{B}$  would be called magnetic flux density

## 3.4 Boundary conditions

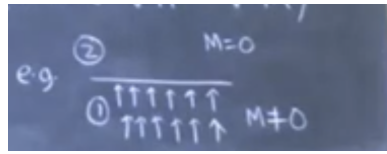
one is not changed:



$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \Rightarrow B_1^\perp = B_2^\perp$$

Making this cylinder flatter and flatter, we can see that the B field is continuous

However,  $H_1^\perp = H_2^\perp$  is not true because the  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}$



$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_f \Rightarrow H_1^\parallel = H_2^\parallel$  (Assuming there is no surface free currents)

But  $B^\parallel$  is not continuous because you can have bound surface currents at interface and  $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0(\mathbf{J}_f + \mathbf{J}_b)$

$\Rightarrow E^\parallel, D^\perp, H^\parallel, B^\perp$  are continuous

Assuming there is no surface free charges/currents

### 3.5 Magnetic scalar potential

If  $\mathbf{J}_f = 0$  everywhere, then

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{H} = -\nabla \phi_m$$

where  $\phi_m$  is the magnetic scalar potential

If, we are dealing with linear material,

$$\mathbf{B} = -\mu_0 \mu_r \nabla \phi_m$$

If, in addition,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0$

Then we can use the Laplace equation to solve for  $\phi_m$

### 3.6 Ferromagnetism

One way to define magnetization is  $= \lim_{\delta v \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sum_{i \in \delta v} m_i}{\delta v}$

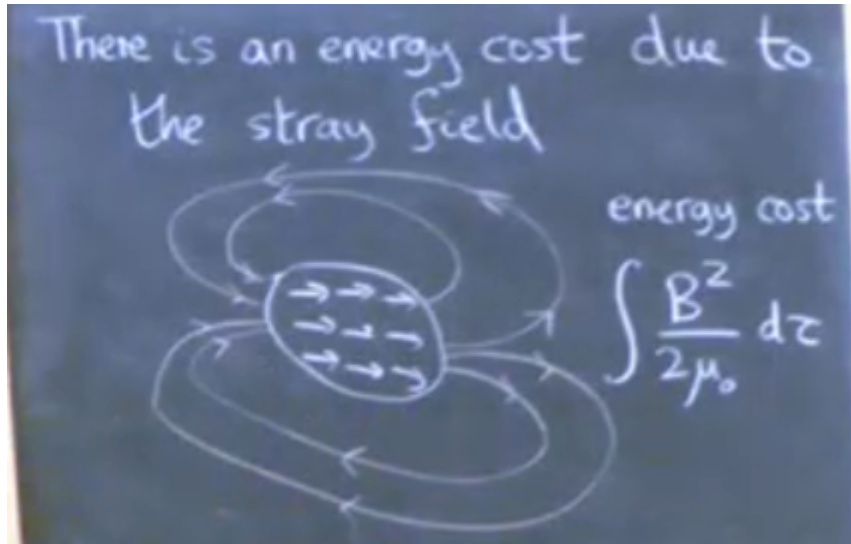
Microscopically, ferromagnet has  $M \neq 0$ , even in  $B = 0$

The reason for ferromagnetism is the (what will be learnt next term), the *exchange interaction*

Only in certain materials:

Fe, Co, Ni, Gd

There is an energy cost due to the stray field of the magnetic dipoles.

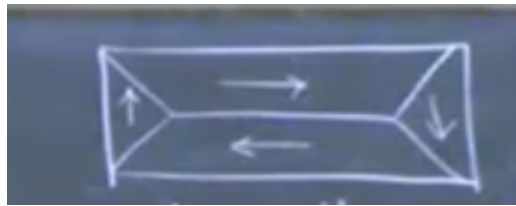


From the picture having stray field, it can be seen that on the tip and bottom of the field, there is a divergence of magnetization, leading to divergence in  $H$ . Meaning that field spreads out whenever you have magnetic moment going into the surface and not flowing out.

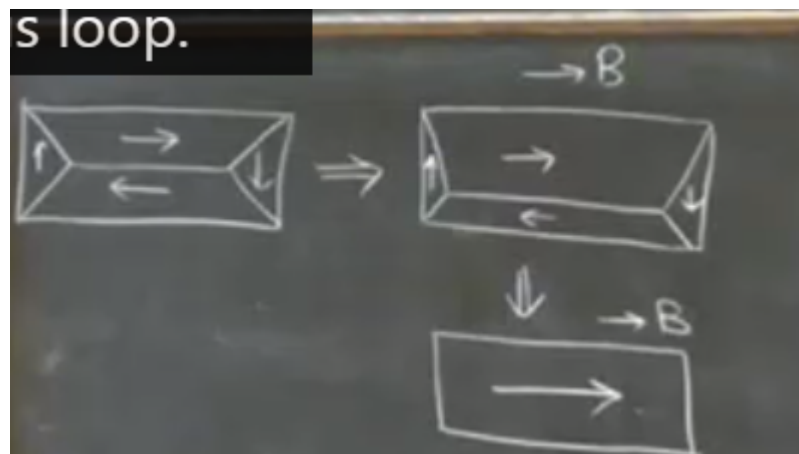
The energy cost would be

$$\int \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} d\tau$$

$\Rightarrow$  It is energetic favorable to form domains



This will cost low energy since there is no stray field and hence no divergence in  $H$ .  
(Average over the surface,  $M$  is zero)

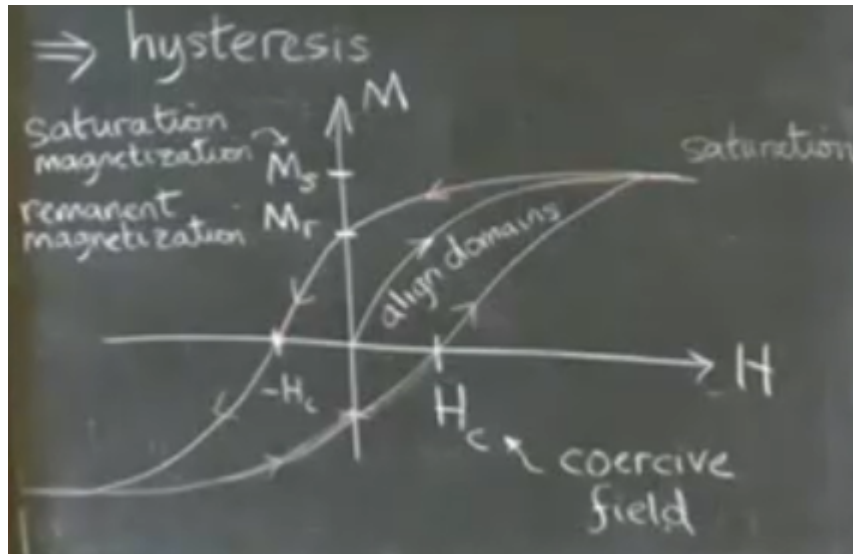


When applying a  $B$  field, the correlated domain is expanded and finally they are all aligned.

So, the magnetization process involves moving domain walls.

⇒ The process is highly non-linear

⇒ hysteresis loop



States that is interesting

1. Saturation (right up)
2. Remanence (middle up)
3. Coercivity (left middle)

Better picture is in handout

The field which is positive but M is zero is called coersive field.

We can modle this as

$$M = (\mu_r - 1)H \text{ only if } \mu_r = \mu_r(H)$$

and  $\mu_r(H)$  is a multivalued function (because it depends on histroy)

## Hard materials

$H_c, M_r$  are large

- difficult to move domain walls
- So it is hard to magnitize and demagnitize
- so it is used for permanent magnets

## Soft materials

$H_c, M_r$  are small

- easy to move domain walls
- so it is used for transformers, motors, etc.

Example: Magnetization of a ring

Iron ring, radius  $r$ , and current  $I$  with  $N$  turns used to magnetize the ring



Have a Amperian loop around the ring, then use

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = NI$$

Since  $H$  only depends on the free current, it is favorable for us to use it.

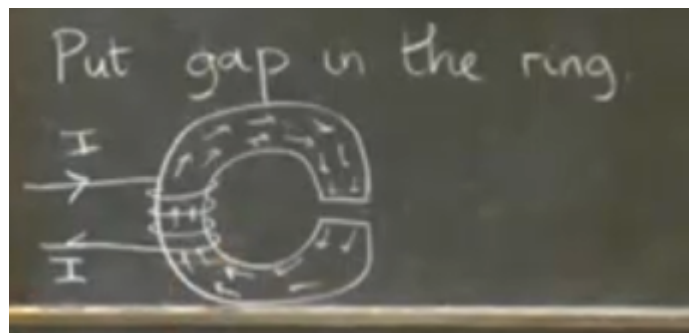
Continue the calculation

$$H \cdot 2\pi r = NI$$

$$H = \frac{NI}{2\pi r}$$

$$\text{Hence } B = \mu_0 \mu_r H = \mu_0 \mu_r \frac{NI}{2\pi r}$$

Now let's put a gap in the ring



The cutout,  $x$ , would much less than  $r$

Let's use the same trick, ampere's law

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = NI$$

$$H_{\text{core}}(2\pi r - x) + H_{\text{gap}}x = NI$$

$$B_{\perp} \text{ is continuous, } \Rightarrow B_{\text{core}} = B_{\text{gap}}$$

Substitute in the function

$$\frac{B_{\text{core}}}{\mu_0 \mu_r} (2\pi r - x) + \frac{B_{\text{gap}}}{\mu_0} (x) = NI$$

Rearrange that

$$B_{\text{gap}} = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_r NI}{(2\pi r - x) + \mu_r x}$$

If  $\mu_r \gg \frac{2\pi r}{x}$ , then  $B_{\text{gap}}$  becomes about  $\frac{\mu_0 NI}{x}$

It could be very large if  $x$  is small. But for that condition to work, you need  $\mu_r NI$  to be very large.