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## Magnetostatics

### 5.1 Magnetic Forces and Torques

- We defined electric field  $\vec{E}$  at point in space as an electric force per unit charge acting on a test charge
- Now, we define the magnetic flux density  $\vec{B}$  at a point in space in terms of magnetic force that acts on a moving test charge

$$\vec{F}_m = q\vec{u} \times \vec{B}$$

- The strength of  $\vec{B}$  is measured in teslas. For a positively charged test particle, the direction of  $\vec{F}$  is that of the cross product containing  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{B}$  governed by the right hand rule.
- The strength of  $\vec{F}_m$  is given by

$$F_m = quB \sin \theta$$

#### 5.1.1 Magnetic Force on a Current-Carrying Conductor

- For a closed circuit of contour  $C$  carrying a current  $I$ , the magnetic force is

$$\vec{F}_m = I \oint_C d\vec{l} \times \vec{B}$$

### 5.2 The Biot-Savart Law

- Magnetic flux and magnetic field are related by:

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

- The Biot-Savart law states that the differential magnetic field  $d\vec{H}$  generated by a steady current  $I$  flowing through a differential length  $d\vec{l}$  is:

$$d\vec{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{l} \times \hat{R}}{R^2}$$

- The magnetic field is orthogonal to the plane containing the direction of the current element and the distance vector

## 5.2. Magnetic Field Due to Surface and Volume Current Distributions

$$I d\vec{l} = \vec{J}_S ds = \vec{J} dV$$

- For an infinitely long wire:

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \hat{\phi}$$

## 5.3 Maxwell's Magnetostatic Equations

### 5.3.1 Gauss' Law for Magnetism

- Just as we had Gauss' Law for Electricity, we can find a magnetic counterpart, the Gauss' Law for Magnetism

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \iff \oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

- Magnetic field lines, in contrast to electric field lines, always form continuous closed loops from North to South
- Gauss' Law is constrained to a choice of a Gaussian surface enclosing the charges, similarly, Ampere's Law is constrained to a choice of an Amperian loop encircling the current

## 5.4 Vector Magnetic Potential

- We introduce a quantity called the vector magnetic potential  $A$ :

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

### 5.4.1 Vector Poisson's Equation

Given the equations:

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot A) - \nabla^2 A = \mu J$$

and

$$\nabla \cdot A = 0$$

gives us the vector Poisson's equation:

$$\nabla^2 A = -\mu J$$

Since we can express this equation for each of the coordinate components of  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{J}$ , we can write the vector equation:

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_V \frac{\vec{J}}{R} dV$$

### 5.4.2 Magnetic Flux

- The magnetic flux  $\Phi$  linking a surface  $S$  is defined as the total magnetic flux density passing through it:

$$\Phi = \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

- In free space, we modify  $\vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{H}$  to:

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

## 5.5 Magnetic Properties of Materials

- we can classify materials as diamagnetic, paramagnetic, or ferromagnetic

### 5.5.2 Magnetic Permeability

- In free space,  $\vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{H}$  is modified to:

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{H} + \mu_0 \vec{M}$$

where the magnetization vector  $\vec{M}$  is defined as the vector sum of the magnetic dipole moments of atoms contained in a unit volume of the material

- In most magnetic materials, we have  $\vec{M} = \chi_m \vec{H}$  where  $\chi$  is the magnetic susceptibility of the material

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

### 5.5.3 Magnetic Hysteresis of Ferromagnetic Materials

- Discusses magnetic domain theory
- Hysteresis means to “lag behind”
  - the existence of a hysteresis loop implies that the magnetization process depends not only on the magnetic field  $\vec{H}$  but also on the magnetic history of the material

## 5.6 Magnetic Boundary Conditions

- By analogy of Gauss' Law, we find that

$$\oint_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} \implies B_{1n} = B_{2n}$$

- we can further represent that as

$$\mu_1 H_{1n} = \mu_2 H_{1n}$$

$$\hat{n} \times (\vec{H}_1 - \vec{H}_2) = \vec{J}_s$$

- surface currents can exist only on the surfaces of perfect conductors and superconductors. hence, at the interface between media with finite conductivities, we have  $\vec{J}_s = 0$  and

$$H_{1t} = H_{2t}$$

- To summarize, we may say that boundary conditions require:
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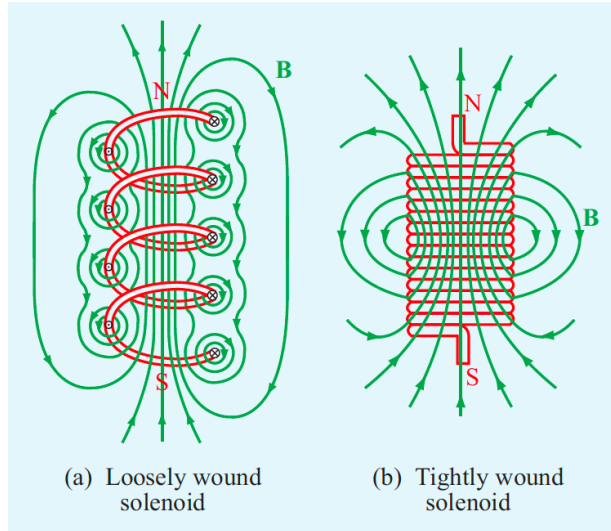
$$\vec{B}_{1n} = \vec{B}_{2n} \text{ and } \frac{\vec{B}_{1t}}{\mu_1} = \frac{\vec{B}_{2t}}{\mu_2}$$

## 5.7 Inductance

- a typical inductor consists of multiple turns of wire helically coiled around a cylindrical core, such a structure is called a solenoid

### 5.7.1 Magnetic Field in a Solenoid

$$\vec{H} = \hat{z} \frac{Ia^2}{2(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$



$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu N I}{l} \hat{z}$$

- self-inductance is the magnetic flux linkage of a coil or circuit with itself
- mutual inductance involves the magnetic flux linkage in a circuit due to the magnetic field generated by a current in another one

### 5.7.2 Self-Inductance of a Solenoid

$$\Phi = \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

- Magnetic flux linkage  $\Lambda$  is defined as the total magnetic flux linking a given circuit or conducting structure

$$\Lambda = N\Phi = \mu \frac{N^2}{l} I S$$

- The self-inductance of any conducting structure is defined as the ratio of the magnetic flux linkage  $\Lambda$  to the current  $I$  flowing through the structure

$$L = \frac{\Lambda}{I}$$

### 5.7.3 Self-Inductance of Other Conductors

- for a two-conductor configuration for either two parallel wires or a coaxial wire, the inductance is given by:

$$L = \frac{\Lambda}{I} = \frac{\Phi}{I} = \frac{1}{I} \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

### 5.7.4 Mutual Inductance

$$L_{12} = \frac{\Lambda_{12}}{I_1} = \frac{N_{12}}{I_1} \int_{S_2} \vec{B}_1 \cdot d\vec{s}$$

## 5.8 Magnetic Energy

$$W_m = \frac{1}{2} Li^2$$

- this is the magnetic energy stored in the inductor
- we can also define the magnetic energy density

$$w_m = \frac{W_m}{V} = \frac{1}{2} \mu H^2$$

- for any volume  $V$  containing a material with permeability  $\mu$  the total magnetic energy stored in a magnetic field is

$$W_m = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \mu H^2 dV$$