

1. MAGNETOSTATICS

The magnetomotive force (mmf) along a curve is defined as the path integral of the projection of the magnetic induction B along the curve,

$$\int_{\text{curve}} \vec{B} d\vec{l}.$$

Ampere's Circuital Law states that the magnetomotive force along a closed curve (loop) is proportional to the electric current crossing **ANY** surface whose frontier is this loop. The proportionality constant is called *magnetic permeability of the vacuum* (μ_0).

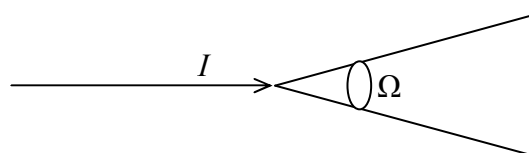
$$\oint_{\text{loop}} \vec{B} d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I_{\text{across}}$$

The positive direction of the current is associated to the path followed on the loop through *the right-handed corkscrew rule*.

a. An infinitely long straight conductor carries a steady current I . Find the magnitude and the orientation of the magnetic induction B generated by this current at a distance r from the wire. Express the result in terms of I , r , and μ_0 .

b. A thin uniform rod of mass m and length L is placed parallel to the wire, at a distance d . The rod can only rotate on an axis perpendicular to the plane determined by the wire and the rod, passing through the middle of the rod. The rod carries a steady current I' in the opposite direction of I . The rod is slanted with a small angle from its equilibrium position and let to oscillate freely. Find the period of the small oscillations of the rod in terms of I , I' , m , L , d , and μ_0 .

c. A semi-infinite straight conductor is continued with an infinite conical conductor surface, whose axis coincides with the wire, as in the diagram alongside. The system carries a steady current I . Find the magnitude and the orientation of the magnetic induction B at a distance r from the axis, both inside and outside the conical conductor. Express the result in terms of I , r , and μ_0 .



d. A semi-infinite straight conductor is connected at its end with an infinite conductor plane, placed perpendicular to the wire. The system carries a steady current I . Find the magnitude and the orientation of the magnetic induction B at a distance r from the axis of the wire, on both sides of the plane. Express the result in terms of I , r , and μ_0 .

e. Define the linear current density \vec{J} flowing on the plane from the previous point as:

$$\vec{J} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{dI}{dl},$$

where dl is an elementary length perpendicular to the line carrying an elementary current dI .

Introduce a unit vector \vec{n} perpendicular to the plane, in order to indicate the positive direction of the crossing from one side of the plane to the other. The vectorial product $\vec{J} \times \vec{n}$ determines the positive direction for the component of B parallel to the plane.

Show that when crossing the plane, the difference in magnitude of the component of B parallel to the plane is proportional to the magnitude of J in the crossing point, and find the proportionality constant.

f. An infinite conductor plane is parallel to a uniform magnetic field. The magnetic induction B has the same direction on both sides of the plane, but different values B_1 and B_2 . Find the pressure exerted upon the plane. Express the result in terms of B_1 , B_2 , and μ_0 .

g. A conductor hollow sphere is connected at its poles with two semi-infinite straight conductors, oriented on the poles axis. The system carries a steady current I . Find the magnitude and the orientation of the magnetic induction B at a distance r from the axis of the poles, both inside and outside the sphere. Express the result in terms of I , r , and μ_0 .

h. A conductor hollow sphere has its poles connected by an interior straight wire. A steady current I flows on the surface of the sphere from one pole to the other, and then back through the wire. Find the magnitude and the orientation of the magnetic induction B at a distance r from the axis of the poles, both inside and outside the sphere. Express the result in terms of I , r , and μ_0 .

The Biot-Savart Law gives the expression of the magnetic induction generated in a point in space by an electric current flowing along an elementary path $d\vec{l}$:

$$\overrightarrow{dB} = \frac{\mu_0 I (\overrightarrow{dl} \times \overrightarrow{r})}{4\pi r^3},$$

where r is the position of the point relative to the elementary current.

i. A straight conductor of length L carries a steady current I . The wire is seen from a point in its mediator plane under the angle 2α . Express the magnitude of the magnetic induction in this point in terms of L , I , α , and μ_0 .

j. A steady current I flows uniformly on the surface of a conductor sphere of radius R , from one pole to the other. Find the magnitude of the magnetic induction in the equatorial plane of the sphere, in a point at distance r from the axis of the poles, both inside and outside the sphere. Express the result in terms of I , R , r , and μ_0 .