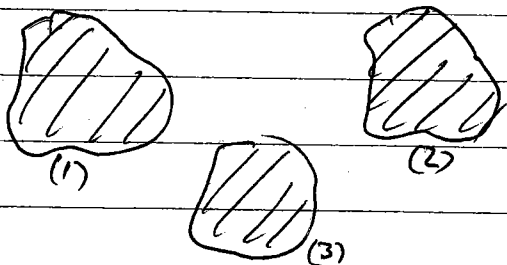


Capacitance

Consider a set of conductors with potential $\phi(\vec{r}) = V_i$ fixed on conductor i



(also need condition on $V(\vec{r}) \rightarrow \infty$ if system is not enclosed)

From uniqueness theorem we know that specifying the V_i on each conductor is enough to determine the potential $\phi(\vec{r})$ everywhere. We can write this potential in the following form -

Let $\phi^{(i)}(\vec{r})$ be the solution to the boundary value problem $\nabla^2 \phi^{(i)}(\vec{r}) = 0$ and $\phi^{(i)}(\vec{r}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \vec{r} \text{ on surface of conductor } (i); \\ 0 & \text{if } \vec{r} \text{ on surface of any other conductor } (j), j \neq i \end{cases}$

Then by superposition

$$\phi(\vec{r}) = \sum_i V_i \phi^{(i)}(\vec{r})$$

is solution to the problem $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$ and $\phi(\vec{r}) = V_i$ for \vec{r} on surface of conductor (i)

The surface charge density at \vec{r} on surface of conductor (i) is

$$\sigma^{(i)}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\partial \phi(\vec{r})}{\partial m} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_j V_j \frac{\partial \phi^{(j)}(\vec{r})}{\partial m}$$

Where $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial m} = (\vec{\nabla} \phi) \cdot \hat{m}$ is the derivative normal to the surface at point \vec{r} .

The total charge on conductor (i) is

$$Q_i = \int_{S_i} da \sigma^{(i)}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_j V_j \int_{S_i} da \frac{\partial \phi^{(j)}}{\partial n}$$

↑
surface of conductor (i)

Define $C_{ij} \equiv -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{S_i} da \frac{\partial \phi^{(j)}}{\partial n}$

the C_{ij} depend only on the geometry of the conductors

Then we have

$$Q_i = \sum_j C_{ij} V_j$$

↑

C_{ij} is the capacitance matrix

The charge on conductor (i) is a linear function of the potentials V_j on the conductors (j)

Since we know that specifying the Q_i that is on each conductor will uniquely determine $\phi(\vec{r})$ and hence the potential V_i on each conductor, the capacitance matrix is invertible

$$V_i = \sum_j [C^{-1}]_{ij} Q_j$$

The electrostatic energy of the conductors is then

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r \rho \phi = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i Q_i V_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} V_i V_j$$

Common to define Capacitance of two conductors
by

$$C = \frac{Q}{V_1 - V_2}$$

when conductor (1) has charge Q
conductor (2) has charge $-Q$
 $V_1 - V_2$ is potential difference
between the two conductors.

all other conductors fixed at $V_i = 0$

We can determine C in terms of the elements of the
matrix C_{ij}

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Q &= C_{11}V_1 + C_{12}V_2 \\ -Q &= C_{21}V_1 + C_{22}V_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow V_2 = -\left(\frac{C_{11} + C_{21}}{C_{12} + C_{22}}\right)V_1$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \left[C_{11} - C_{12} \left(\frac{C_{11} + C_{21}}{C_{12} + C_{22}} \right) \right] V_1$$

$$V_1 - V_2 = \left[1 + \left(\frac{C_{11} + C_{21}}{C_{12} + C_{22}} \right) \right] V_1$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V_1 - V_2} = \frac{C_{11} - C_{12} \left(\frac{C_{11} + C_{21}}{C_{12} + C_{22}} \right)}{1 + \left(\frac{C_{11} + C_{21}}{C_{12} + C_{22}} \right)}$$

$$C = \frac{C_{11}C_{22} - C_{12}C_{21}}{C_{11} + C_{12} + C_{21} + C_{22}}$$

Capacitance can also be defined when the space
between the conductors is filled with a dielectric ϵ
In this case, if Q_i is the free charge, then Q_i/ϵ is
the effective total charge to use in computing ϕ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Q_i}{\epsilon} = \sum_j C_{ij}^{(0)} V_j$$

where $C_{ij}^{(0)}$ are capacitances appropriate to a vacuum between the conductors

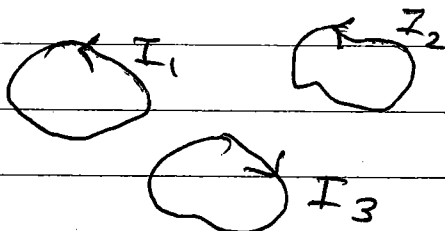
$$\Rightarrow Q_i = \sum_j \epsilon C_{ij}^{(0)} V_j$$

$$= \sum_j C_{ij} V_j \quad \text{where } C_{ij} = \epsilon C_{ij}^{(0)}$$

the capacitance is increased by a factor the dielectric constant ϵ .

Inductance

Consider a set of current carrying loops C_i with currents I_i



In Coulomb gauge, we can write the magnetic vector potential \vec{A} from these current loops as

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|} = \sum_i \frac{I_i}{c} \oint_{C_i} \frac{d\vec{l}'}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}$$

↑ integrate over loop C_i
integration variable is \vec{r}'

The magnetic flux through loop i is

$$\Phi_i = \int_{S_i} da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{B} = \int_{S_i} da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \oint_{C_i} d\vec{l} \cdot \vec{A}$$

↑ surface bounded
by loop C_i

$$\Phi_i = \sum_j \frac{I_j}{c} \oint_{C_i} \oint_{C_j} \frac{d\vec{l} \cdot d\vec{l}'}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|}$$

pure geometrical
quantity

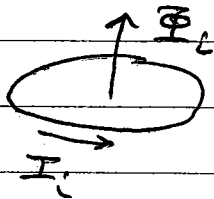
$$\Phi_i = c \sum_j M_{ij} I_j$$

$$\text{where } M_{ij} = \oint_{C_i} \oint_{C_j} \frac{d\vec{l}_i \cdot d\vec{l}_j}{c^2 |\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|}$$

is the mutual inductance of
loops (i) and (j) . $M_{ij} = M_{ji}$

$L_i \equiv M_{ii}$ is self-inductance of loop (i)

The sign convention in the above is that Φ_i is computed in direction given by right hand rule, according to the direction taken for current in loop (i)



Magnetostatic energy

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{1}{2c} \sum_i \oint_{C_i} d\vec{l} \cdot \vec{A} I_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2c} \sum_i \Phi_i I_i$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} M_{ij} I_i I_j$$

Force and torque on electric dipoles

total charge distribution $\rho(\vec{r})$ with net charge $\int d^3r \rho = 0$

force on ρ in slowly varying electric field \vec{E} is

$$\vec{F} = \int d^3r \rho(\vec{r}) \vec{E}(\vec{r})$$

define $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0 + \vec{r}'$ where \vec{r}_0 is some fixed reference point in center of charge dist ρ , and \vec{r}' is distance relative to \vec{r}_0

$$\vec{F} = \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}') \vec{E}(\vec{r}_0 + \vec{r}')$$

since \vec{E} is slowly varying on length scale where $\rho \neq 0$, we expand

$$\vec{F} \approx \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}') \left[\vec{E}(\vec{r}_0) + (\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}(\vec{r}_0) \right] + \dots$$

$$= \vec{E}(\vec{r}_0) \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}') + \left(\int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}') \vec{r}' \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) \vec{E}(\vec{r}_0)$$

$$= 0 + (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E}(\vec{r}_0)$$

$$\vec{F} = (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{E} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 p_{\alpha} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial r_{\alpha}}$$

For $\vec{E} = \text{constant}$, $\vec{F} = 0$

Torque on p is ~~integrated over all space~~

$$\vec{N} = \int d^3r \rho(\vec{r}) \vec{r} \times \vec{E}(\vec{r}) \cong \int d^3r \rho(\vec{r}) \vec{r} \times [\vec{E}(\vec{r}_0) + \dots]$$

to lowest order

$$\boxed{\vec{N} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}}$$

Force and torque on magnetic dipoles

localized magnetostatic current distribution $\vec{j}(\vec{r})$

$$\vec{F} = \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r \vec{j} \times \vec{B}$$

expand about center of current \vec{r}_0

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) \cong \vec{B}(\vec{r}_0) + (\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B}(\vec{r}_0) + \dots$$

$$\vec{F} = \frac{1}{c} \left[\int d^3r' \vec{j}(\vec{r}') \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}_0) + \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r' \vec{j}(\vec{r}') \times (\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B}(\vec{r}_0) \right]$$

from discussion of magnetic dipole approx we had $\int d^3r \vec{j} = 0$
for magnetostatics where $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0$, so 1st term vanishes.
The 2nd term can be written as

$$\vec{F}_d = \frac{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}{c} \int d^3r' \vec{j}_\beta r'_s \partial_s B_\gamma$$

for magnetostatics
see magnetic dipole
derivation

$$\text{we need the tensor } \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r' j_\beta r'_s = -\frac{1}{c} \int d^3r' r'_\beta j_s$$

$$= \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r' [j_\beta r'_s - r'_\beta j_s]$$

$$= -m_\alpha \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$$

↑ magnetic dipole $\vec{m} = \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r \vec{r} \times \vec{j}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_\alpha &= \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \epsilon_{\sigma\beta\delta} (-m_\sigma) \partial_\delta B_\gamma \\
 &= -(\delta_{\alpha\sigma} \delta_{\gamma\delta} - \delta_{\alpha\delta} \delta_{\sigma\gamma}) m_\sigma \partial_\delta B_\gamma \\
 &= \text{div. } \vec{\nabla}_\alpha (\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{m}_\alpha \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} (\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B})} \quad \text{as } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

torque on \vec{j} is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{N} &= \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r \vec{r} \times (\vec{j} \times \vec{B}) \quad \text{to lowest order, } \vec{B} = \vec{B}(\vec{r}_0) \\
 &\quad \text{is const over region where } \vec{j} \neq 0 \\
 &= \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r [\vec{j} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{B} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{j})]
 \end{aligned}$$

2nd term = 0 as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int d^3r \vec{r} \cdot \vec{j} &= \int d^3r \vec{j} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{r^2}{2} \right) \quad \text{as } \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{r^2}{2} \right) = \vec{r} \\
 &= - \int d^3r (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}) \left(\frac{r^2}{2} \right) \quad \text{integrate by parts.} \\
 &\quad \text{Surface term } \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \vec{j} \text{ is localized} \\
 &= 0 \quad \text{as } \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0 \text{ in magnetostatics}
 \end{aligned}$$

1st term involves

see derivation of magnetic dipole approx

$$\int d^3r \vec{j} \vec{r} = - \int d^3r \vec{r} \vec{j} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r [\vec{j} \vec{r} - \vec{r} \vec{j}]$$

So

$$\vec{N} = \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r [\vec{j} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{r} (\vec{j} \cdot \vec{B})]$$

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$$\approx \vec{m} \times \vec{B}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r (\vec{r} \times \vec{j}) \times \vec{B}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{N} = \vec{m} \times \vec{B}}$$

Electrostatic energy of interaction

$$E = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r E^2$$

Suppose the charge density ρ that produces \vec{E}

can be broken into two pieces, $\rho = \rho_1 + \rho_2$

with $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2$ where $\nabla \cdot \vec{E}_1 = 4\pi\rho_1$, and $\nabla \cdot \vec{E}_2 = 4\pi\rho_2$

Then

$$E = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r [E_1^2 + E_2^2 + 2\vec{E}_1 \cdot \vec{E}_2]$$

"self-energy" of ρ_1 "self-energy" of ρ_2 "interaction" energy of ρ_1 with ρ_2

$$E_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3r \vec{E}_1 \cdot \vec{E}_2$$

$$= \int d^3r \rho_1 \phi_2 = \int d^3r \rho_2 \phi_1$$

where $\vec{E}_1 = -\nabla\phi_1$, $\vec{E}_2 = -\nabla\phi_2$, by similar manipulations as earlier

integrals are over all space

Apply to the interaction energy of a dipole in an external \vec{E} field

$$E_{\text{int}} = \int d^3r \rho_1 \phi_2$$

↑ potential of external \vec{E} field
↑ charge distribution of dipole

Assuming ϕ_2 varies ^{slowly} on length scale of f_1 , then we can expand $\phi_2(\vec{r}) = \phi_2(\vec{r}_0) + (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi_2(\vec{r}_0)$ where \vec{r}_0 is the center of mass or any other convenient reference position within f_1 .

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{\text{int}} &= \int d^3r f_1(\vec{r}) \left[\phi_2(\vec{r}_0) + (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi_2(\vec{r}_0) \right] \\ &= q \phi_2(\vec{r}_0) + \left[\int d^3r f_1(\vec{r}) (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \right] \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi_2(\vec{r}_0) \\ &= q \phi_2(\vec{r}_0) - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{E} \end{aligned}$$

Where q is total charge in f_1 , and \vec{p} is dipole moment with respect to \vec{r}_0 . $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi_2$ is external \vec{E} -field

For a neutral charge distribution $q=0$, and \vec{p} is independent of the origin about which it is computed, so

$$\Sigma_{\text{int}} = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}$$

← does not include the energy needed to make the dipole or to make \vec{E} .

Σ_{int} is lowest when $\vec{p} \parallel \vec{E}$

⇒ in thermal ensemble, dipoles tend to align parallel to an applied \vec{E} .

Energy of magnetic dipole in external field

We had that the force on the dipole was

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

If we regard the force as coming from the gradient of a potential energy U then $\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla}U \Rightarrow$

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

or equivalently, energy = work done to move dipole into position from ∞

$$W = -\int_{\infty}^{\vec{r}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\int_{\infty}^{\vec{r}} \vec{\nabla}(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{l} = -\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}(\vec{r})$$

This is the correct energy to use in cases where \vec{m} is due to intrinsic magnetic moments of atom or molecule - say from electron or nuclear spin. For a thermal ensemble magnetic moments tend to align \parallel to \vec{B} .

The answer comes out quite differently if we are talking about a magnetic moment produced by a classical current loop. To see this, consider what we would get if we tried to do the calculation in a similar way to how we did it for the energy of an electric dipole in an electric field....

Magnetostatic energy of interaction

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r B^2$$

Suppose current \vec{j} that produces \vec{B} can be divided

$$\vec{j} = \vec{j}_1 + \vec{j}_2 \quad \text{with} \quad \vec{B} = \vec{B}_1 + \vec{B}_2 \quad \text{where} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}_1 = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j}_1$$

$$\text{and} \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}_2 = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j}_2 \quad \text{then}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r [B_1^2 + B_2^2 + 2\vec{B}_1 \cdot \vec{B}_2]$$

$\uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow$
self energy self energy interaction energy
of \vec{j}_1 of \vec{j}_2 of \vec{j}_1 with \vec{j}_2

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3r \vec{B}_1 \cdot \vec{B}_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r \vec{j}_1 \cdot \vec{A}_2 = \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r \vec{j}_2 \cdot \vec{A}_1$$

where $\vec{B}_1 = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_1$, $\vec{B}_2 = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_2$, by similar manipulations
as earlier

integrals are over all space

Apply to the interaction energy of a magnetic
dipole in an external \vec{B} field.

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r \vec{j}_1 \cdot \vec{A}_2$$

$\uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow$
current distribution of dipole vector potential of external \vec{B} field

Assuming \vec{A} varies slowly on length scale of \vec{j} , then expand $A_i(\vec{r}) = A_i(\vec{r}_0) + (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \cdot \vec{\nabla} A_i(\vec{r}_0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{int} &= \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r \vec{j}_1 \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{r}_0) \\ &+ \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r \sum_i j_{1i} (r - r_0)_j \partial_j A_i(\vec{r}_0) \end{aligned}$$

Shift origin so origin at \vec{r}_0 \vec{r} now measures distance

From magnetostatic computation of magnetic dipole moment we had $\int d^3r \vec{j} = 0$ for magnetostatics

\Rightarrow 1st term above vanishes. So does the piece of 2nd term $(\int d^3r j_{1i}) r_{0j} \partial_j A_i(\vec{r}_0)$

We are left with

$$\mathcal{E}_{int} = \left[\frac{1}{c} \int d^3r j_{1ic} r_j \right] \partial_j A_c(\vec{r}_0) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{summation over} \\ \text{repeated indices} \\ \text{is implied} \end{array}$$

From computation of magnetic dipole approx we had

$$\int d^3r j_{1ic} r_j = - \int d^3r j_{1ij} r_i$$

Recall:

$$\vec{m} = \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r \vec{r} \times \vec{j}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r [j_{1ic} r_j - j_{1ij} r_i]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{kij} \int d^3r (\vec{j} \times \vec{r})_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r j_{1ij} r_i = - \epsilon_{kij} m_k \leftarrow \text{mag dipole moment}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{int} &= -m_k \epsilon_{kij} \partial_j A_i = m_k \epsilon_{kji} \partial_j A_i \\
 &= \vec{m} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{m} \cdot \vec{B} = E_{int}
 \end{aligned}$$

This is opposite in sign to what we found earlier!

Why the difference?

- ① When we integrate the work done against the magnetostatic force to move \vec{m} into position from infinity we found the energy
- $$U = -\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}$$

- ② When we compute the interaction energy from

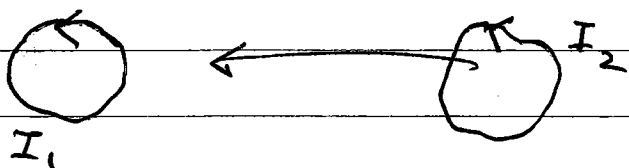
$$E_{int} = \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r \vec{j}_1 \cdot \vec{A}_2 = \frac{1}{c^2} \int d^3r \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}_1(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{j}_2(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

we found the energy $E_{int} = +\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}$

To see which is correct, let us consider computing the interaction energy ② directly via method ①.

Consider two loops with currents I_1 and I_2

What is the work done to move loop 2 in from infinity to its final position with respect to loop 1?



Magnetostatic force on loop 2 due to loop 1 is

$$\vec{F} = \frac{I_2}{c} \oint_2 d\vec{l}_2 \times \vec{B}_1 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Lorentz force} \\ \vec{B}_1 \text{ is magnetic field from loop 1} \end{array}$$

$$\vec{B}_1(\vec{r}) = \frac{I_1}{c} \oint_1 d\vec{l}_1 \times \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|^3} \quad \text{Biot-Savart law}$$

$$F = \frac{I_1 I_2}{c^2} \oint_2 \oint_1 d\vec{l}_2 \times \frac{(d\vec{l}_1 \times (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1))}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3}$$

Use triple product rule

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{l}_2 \times [d\vec{l}_1 \times (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)] \\ = d\vec{l}_1 [d\vec{l}_2 \cdot (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)] - (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) (d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2) \end{aligned}$$

from the 1st term

$$\oint_2 d\vec{l}_2 \cdot \frac{(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3} = - \oint_2 d\vec{l}_2 \cdot \vec{\nabla}_2 \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|} \right) = 0$$

as integral of gradient around closed loop always vanishes!

So

$$\vec{F} = -\frac{I_1 I_2}{c^2} \oint_1 \oint_2 d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2 \frac{(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3}$$

write $\vec{r}_2 = \vec{R} + \delta\vec{r}_2$ where \vec{R} is center of loop 2

$$\text{use } \frac{\vec{R} + \delta\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1}{|\vec{R} + \delta\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3} = -\vec{\nabla}_R \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{R} + \delta\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3} \right)$$

$$\vec{F} = \frac{I_1 I_2}{c^2} \oint_1 \oint_2 d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2 \vec{\nabla}_R \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{R} + \delta\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3} \right)$$

to move loop 2 we need to apply a ^{mechanical} force equal and opposite to the above magnetostatic force.

Therefore the work we do in moving loop 2 from infinity to its final position at \vec{R}_0 is

$$W_{\text{mech}} = - \int_{\infty}^{\vec{R}_0} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{R} = - \frac{I_1 I_2}{c^2} \oint_1 \oint_2 d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2 \int_{\infty}^{\vec{R}_0} d\vec{R} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_R \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{R} + \delta\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|} \right)$$

$$= - \frac{I_1 I_2}{c^2} \oint_1 \oint_2 \frac{d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|} \quad \text{where } \vec{r}_2 = \vec{R}_0 + \delta\vec{r}_2$$

$$= - \frac{1}{c^2} \int d^3r_1 \int d^3r_2 \frac{\vec{j}_1(\vec{r}_1) \cdot \vec{j}_2(\vec{r}_2)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|}$$

Note the minus sign!

$$= -M_{12} I_1 I_2$$

↑ mutual inductance

why the minus sign!

← This is just the negative of the interaction energy!!

The minus sign we have here is the same minus sign we got when we found $U = -\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}$ by integrating the force on the magnetic dipoles.

Why don't we get $+\frac{1}{c^2} \int d^3r_1 d^3r_2 \frac{\vec{f}_1(r_1) \cdot \vec{f}_2(r_2)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|}$

with the plus sign we expect from $E = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r B^2$?

Answer: we have left something out!

Faraday's Law - when we move loop 2, the magnetic flux through loop 2 changes. This $\frac{d\Phi}{dt}$ creates an emf $= \oint d\vec{l} \cdot \vec{E}$ around the loop that would tend to change the current in the loop. If we are to keep the current fixed at constant I_2 then there must be a battery in the loop that does work to counter this induced emf ("electromotive force"). Similarly, the flux through loop 1 is changing and a battery does work to keep I_1 constant. We need to add this work done by the batteries to the mechanical work computed above.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{emf induced in loop 1} \\ \text{emf induced in loop 2} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \vec{E}_1 = \oint d\vec{l}_1 \cdot \vec{E}_2 \\ \vec{E}_2 = \oint_2 d\vec{l}_2 \cdot \vec{E}_1 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{integrations} \\ \text{in direction} \\ \text{of current} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{Faraday} \quad \vec{E}_1 = -\frac{d\Phi_1}{c dt} \quad \Phi_1 = \text{flux through loop 1}$$

$$\vec{E}_2 = -\frac{d\Phi_2}{c dt} \quad \Phi_2 = \text{flux through loop 2}$$

To keep the current constant, the batteries need to provide an emf that counters these Faraday induced emf's. The work done by the batteries per unit time is therefore

$$\frac{dW_{\text{battery}}}{dt} = -\mathcal{E}_1 I_1 - \mathcal{E}_2 I_2$$

(check units: $\mathcal{E}I$ is $[\text{length}] \cdot [E] \cdot [I/s]$
 $= [\text{length}] \cdot [\text{force}/s]$
 $= \text{energy}/s$)

$$\frac{dW_{\text{battery}}}{dt} = \frac{d\Phi_1}{cdt} I_1 + \frac{d\Phi_2}{cdt} I_2$$

$$W_{\text{battery}} = \int_0^T dt \left(\frac{d\Phi_1}{cdt} I_1 + \frac{d\Phi_2}{cdt} I_2 \right)$$

where $t=0$ loop 2 is at infinity
 $t=T$ loop 2 is at final position
 I_1, I_2 kept constant as loop moves

$$W_{\text{battery}} = \frac{1}{c} \Phi_1 I_1 + \frac{1}{c} \Phi_2 I_2 \quad \text{where } \Phi_1 \text{ and } \Phi_2$$

are fluxes in final position, and we assumed that fluxes = 0 at infinity

$$\Phi_1 = c M_{12} I_2$$

$$\Phi_2 = c M_{21} I_1 = c M_{12} I_1 \quad \text{as } M_{12} = M_{21}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_{\text{battery}} = 2 M_{12} I_1 I_2$$

add this to the mechanical work

$$W_{\text{total}} = W_{\text{mech}} + W_{\text{battery}} = -M_{12} I_1 I_2 + 2 M_{12} I_1 I_2 \\ = M_{12} I_1 I_2 = + \frac{1}{c^2} \int d^3 r_1 d^3 r_2 \frac{\vec{j}_1(\vec{r}_1) \cdot \vec{j}_2(\vec{r}_2)}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|}$$

we get back the correct interaction energy!

Conclusion : The magnetostatic interaction energy $\frac{1}{c^2} \int d^3 r_1 d^3 r_2 \frac{\vec{j}_1(\vec{r}_1) \cdot \vec{j}_2(\vec{r}_2)}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|}$

includes the work done to maintain the currents stationary as the current distributions move.

When we computed the interaction energy of a current loop dipole \vec{m} and find

$$E_{\text{int}} = +\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}$$

this includes the energy needed to maintain the constant current producing the constant \vec{m} .

When we integrated the force on the dipole to find the potential energy

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

this did not include the energy needed to maintain the constant current that creates \vec{m} .

This is the correct energy expression to use when \vec{m} comes from intrinsic magnetic moments due to particles intrinsic spin, which cannot be viewed as arising from a current loop!