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in above, $\hat{n}$ is outward pointing normal to surface S

$d\vec{r}$ is differential tangent to curve C bounding surface S

Proof that (1) and (2) follow from (*)

First Note that
$$\frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} = -\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right)$$

to see this, let $\vec{r} \equiv \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$, and do the calculation in spherical coords centered at $\vec{r} = 0$.

$$\frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} = \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$-\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right) = -\vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r}$$

since $\vec{r} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$, we have $\vec{\nabla}$ (which differentiates with respect to $\vec{r}$) is the same as $\vec{\nabla}_r$ (which differentiates with respect to r)

$$\text{so } -\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = -\hat{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \quad \text{using } \vec{\nabla} \text{ in spherical coords}$$

$$= \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2}$$

So from Coulomb we have

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = k_1 \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}') \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$$

$$= -\vec{\nabla} \left(k_1 \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right) \quad \vec{E} \text{ is gradient of scalar function}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0}$$

since the curl of a gradient always vanishes
 $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \phi = 0$ for any scalar function ϕ

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$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = -\nabla^2 \left(k_1 \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(r')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right) \quad \text{where } \nabla^2 = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla}$$

Consider

$$\nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right)$$

as before, define $\vec{r} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$, so $\vec{\nabla}_r = \vec{\nabla}_r$, and go to spherical coords centered at $\vec{r} = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right) &= \nabla_r^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) && \text{use expression for } \nabla^2 \\ &&& \text{in spherical coords} \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} r \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } r \neq 0 \\ \text{singular} & \text{at } r = 0 \end{cases}$$

So

$\nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \right)$ vanishes everywhere except at $r = 0$

to see what happens at $r = 0$, consider integrating over a sphere V of radius R centered at the origin

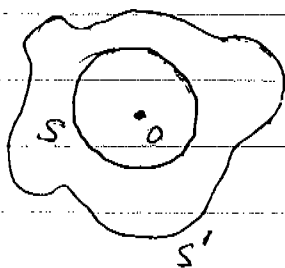
$$\int_V d^3r \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \int_V d^3r \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{using} \\ \text{Gauss'} \\ \text{Theorem} \end{array}$$

integrate $\hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = -\frac{1}{r^2}$ is constant on surface S so

$$\oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = 4\pi R^2 \left(\frac{-1}{R^2} \right) = -4\pi$$

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Above was integrating over a sphere, but we would get same result if integrated over any volume containing $\vec{r}=0$.



S is sphere of radius R

S' is any surface

let V' be volume between S and S'

Then by Gauss theorem

$$\int_{V'} d^3r \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \oint_{S'} da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) - \oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right)$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{since } \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = 0 \quad \text{everywhere in } V'$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint_{S'} da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{V'} d^3r \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \int_V d^3r \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \right)$$

V' bounded by S' V bounded by S

So we conclude: for any volume V

$$\int_V d^3r \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \begin{cases} -4\pi & \text{if } \vec{r}=0 \text{ in } V \\ 0 & \text{if } \vec{r}=0 \text{ not in } V \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = -4\pi \delta(\vec{r}) \quad \text{Dirac delta function}$$

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right) = -4\pi \delta(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|)}$$

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So now

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = -k_1 \int d^3r' \rho(r') \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right)$$

acts only on $\vec{r}$

$$= -k_1 \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}') (-4\pi) \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

$$= 4\pi k_1 \rho(\vec{r}) \quad \text{by property of } \delta\text{-function}$$

proof is done!

we have shown that

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = k_1 \int d^3r' \rho(\vec{r}') \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi k_1 \rho \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = 0 \end{cases}$$

is the reverse true? is the formulation in terms of partial differential equations completely equivalent to Coulomb's law? yes! because of Helmholtz's Theorem

Helmholtz Theorem of vector calculus — if one specifies the divergence and curl of a vector function, and boundary conditions (here $E \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$ and one is away from all charges), then vector function is uniquely determined

Magnetostatics

Lorentz Force

a charge q , in motion with velocity $\vec{v}$, feels the force

$$\vec{F} = q (\vec{E} + k_4 \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \quad \leftarrow \text{Lorentz force}$$

$\vec{B}$ is the magnetic field at the position of the charge.
 k_4 is a universal constant.

Just as the constant k_1 fixed the units of charge q , the constant k_4 can be viewed as fixing the units of B magnetic field. By choosing the units of q and B appropriately, we are free to choose any values for k_1 and k_4 .

Magnetic field $\vec{B}$ is generated by moving charge.
 A charge q' with velocity $\vec{v}'$ ($v' \ll c$) located at the origin $\vec{r}' = 0$ produces a magnetic field at position $\vec{r}$,

holds only nonrelativistically $\rightarrow \vec{B}(\vec{r}) = k_5 q' \frac{\vec{v}' \times \vec{r}}{r^3} = \frac{k_5}{k_1} \vec{v}' \times \vec{E}(\vec{r})$

k_5 is a universal constant. we will see that it cannot be chosen independently of k_1 and k_4 .
 (since k_1 fixed units of q , and k_4 fixed units of $\vec{B}$, there are no further new quantities whose units could be adjoined to allow us to fix k_5 arbitrarily)

The force on a charge q at position $\vec{r}$, moving with velocity $\vec{v}$, due to a charge q' at the origin moving with velocity $\vec{v}'$ is, in non-relativistic limit ($v, v' \ll c$) is,

$$\vec{F} = k_1 q q' \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} + k_4 k_5 q q' \vec{v} \times \frac{(\vec{v}' \times \vec{r})}{r^3}$$

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Coulomb force

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magnetic analog of Coulomb force

The magnetic part is just the point charge equivalent of the Biot-Savart law for the force between current carrying wires. If we regard $q\vec{v} = \vec{I}$ as the current of charge q , and $q'\vec{v}' = \vec{I}'$ as the current of charge q' , then the magnetic force is $k_4 k_5 \frac{\vec{I} \times (\vec{I}' \times \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3})}{r^3}$ which is the Biot-Savart Law.

Rewrite above force as

$$\vec{F} = k_1 \left(1 + \frac{k_4 k_5}{k_1} \vec{v} \times \vec{v}' \times \right) \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} q q'$$

we see that $\left(\frac{k_4 k_5}{k_1} \right)$ has units of $(\text{velocity})^{-2}$

it must be independent of whatever convention one used to choose the units of q or B (ie independent of choices for k_1 and k_4). Experimentally it is found that

$$\left(\frac{k_4 k_5}{k_1} \right) = \frac{1}{c^2}$$

c = speed of light in vacuum

Continuum current density

For charges q_i at positions $\vec{r}_i(t)$ with $\vec{v}_i = \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt}$
 we define the current density

$$\vec{j}(\vec{r}, t) = \sum_i q_i \vec{v}_i(t) \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i(t))$$

units of $\vec{j}$ are $(\text{charge}) \left(\frac{\text{length}}{\text{time}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\text{length}^3} \right) = \left(\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}} \right)$

charge per unit area per unit time

For a surface S

$$\oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{j} = I \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{current (charge per unit time)} \\ \text{passing through surface } S \end{array}$$

Charge Conservation

vol V bounded by surface S'

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_V d^3r \rho(\vec{r}, t) = - \oint_{S'} da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{j}$$

rate of change of total charge in V = $(-)$ charge flowing out of V through S' per unit time

$$\text{use } \oint_{S'} da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{j} = \int_V d^3r \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = - \int_V d^3r \frac{\partial \rho(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t}$$

$\Rightarrow$ local charge conservation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0$$

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A static situation has $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial t} = 0$

$\Rightarrow$ magnetostatics is defined by the condition $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0$

Differential formulation of Biot-Savart

For a set of charges q_i at $\vec{r}_i$ we have

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \sum_i k_5 q_i \vec{v}_i \times \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i|^3}$$

$$= k_5 \int d^3r' \vec{j}(\vec{r}') \times \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$$

$$= k_5 \int d^3r' \vec{j}(\vec{r}') \times \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{-1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right)$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = k_5 \vec{\nabla} \times \left[\int d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right]$$

where we used $\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{A} \phi) = -\vec{A} \times \vec{\nabla} \phi$ when $\vec{A}$ is indep of $\vec{r}$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0}$ since $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = 0$ for any vector function $\vec{A}$
 integral form $\oint d\vec{a} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = k_5 \vec{\nabla} \times \left[\vec{\nabla} \times \left(\int d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right) \right]$$

$$\text{use } \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = k_s \vec{\nabla} \left[\int d^3r' \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right) \right]$$

$$= k_s \int d^3r' \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right)$$

in the 2nd term, $\nabla^2 \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right) = -4\pi \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$

in the 1st term, $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} = \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right)$

$$= -\vec{J}(\vec{r}') \cdot \vec{\nabla}' \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right)$$

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

So $\int d^3r' \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right) = - \int d^3r' \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \cdot \vec{\nabla}' \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right)$

integrate by parts

$$= \int d^3r' \left(\vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{J}(\vec{r}') \right) \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right)$$

surface term $\rightarrow 0$ as

we take surface $\rightarrow \infty$

since $\vec{J} \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$

But for magnetostatics $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0 \Rightarrow$ only 2nd term remains

Then, for magnetostatics

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = 4\pi k_s \vec{J} \quad \text{Ampere's law}$$

integral form $\oint_C d\vec{l} \cdot \vec{B} = 4\pi k_s \int_S da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{J}$

$\uparrow$ curve bounding surface $\uparrow$

Although above diff eqs were derived starting from a "non-relativistic"