

$$\phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{r} + \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2} + \frac{\hat{r} \cdot \vec{Q} \cdot \hat{r}}{2r^3} + \dots$$

Note, in each term the dependence on $r = |\vec{r}|$ is only in the denominator. The numerators depend on the orientation of \vec{r} via $\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|}$. So we can write

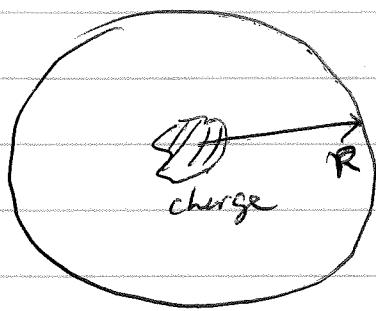
$$\phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{q}{r} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{f_n(\theta, \varphi)}{r^n}$$

where $f_n(\theta, \varphi)$ gives the dependence on the orientation of \vec{r}

Now we show that the angular average of $f_n(\theta, \varphi)$ must vanish, i.e. $\int_0^\pi d\theta \sin\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi f_n(\theta, \varphi) = 0$

Consider the corresponding electric field $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\phi$

$$\vec{E} = q \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{f_n(\theta, \varphi)}{r^n} \right)$$



consider a sphere of radius R centered on the charge distribution. Let S be the surface of this sphere. We know that

$$\oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi Q_{\text{enclosed}} = 4\pi q \quad \text{monopole moment}$$

Since $\oint_S da \hat{n} \cdot q \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} = \oint_S da \frac{q}{r^2}$ since $\hat{n} = \hat{r}$

$$= 4\pi R^2 \frac{q}{R^2} = 4\pi q$$

So monopole term gives all the flux of \vec{E} through the surface, and the flux of the higher terms must give zero. Since this ~~must~~ must be true for any radius R , it can only be true if each term individually gives zero flux, i.e.

$$-\oint_S da \hat{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{f_n(\theta, \varphi)}{r^n} \right) = 0$$

but $\hat{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r}$ radial directional derivative

so above is

$$-\oint_S da \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{f_n(\theta, \varphi)}{r^n} \right) = n \oint_S da \frac{f_n(\theta, \varphi)}{r^{n+1}}$$

$$= \frac{n}{R^{n+1}} \oint_S da f_n(\theta, \varphi) \quad \text{since } r=R \text{ on } S$$

$$= \frac{n}{R^{n+1}} R^2 \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi f_n(\theta, \varphi) = 0$$

$$\text{so } \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi f_n(\theta, \varphi) = 0$$

So the n -th moment contribution to ϕ

$$\phi^{(n)} = \frac{f_n(\theta, \varphi)}{r^n} \quad \text{vanishes if we take an angular average.}$$

Example

single charge configs

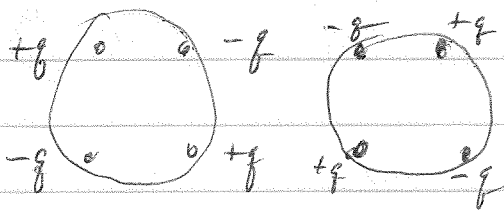
$q \Rightarrow$ monopole is leading term

$+q \quad -q \Rightarrow$ monopole $= 0 \Rightarrow$ dipole is leading term
 \vec{p} is indep of origin

$+q \quad -q$ (circled) \Rightarrow monopole $= 0 \Rightarrow$ total dipole is
sum of dipoles of individual neutral pairs

$\leftarrow + = 0$
 \rightarrow

leading term is quadrupole



when monopole $= 0$ and dipole $= 0$,
quadrupole is indep of origin.
 \rightarrow total quadrupole is sum of
quadrupoles of individual
clusters with $q = 0$ and $\vec{p} = 0$

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

$$\text{with } Q_2 = -Q_1$$

$\Rightarrow Q = 0$ leading term is octopole

Magnetostatics

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}, \quad \begin{cases} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \\ \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi \vec{j}}{c} \end{cases} \quad \text{Ampere's law (statics only!)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \frac{4\pi \vec{j}}{c}$$

can write $\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}$

where by $\nabla^2 \vec{A}$ we mean $(\nabla^2 A_x) \hat{x} + (\nabla^2 A_y) \hat{y} + (\nabla^2 A_z) \hat{z}$

$\nabla^2 \vec{A}$ only has a simple expression in Cartesian coords

If tried to write it in spherical coords, for example, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \vec{A} &= \nabla^2 (A_r \hat{r} + A_\theta \hat{\theta} + A_\phi \hat{\phi}) \\ &= (\nabla^2 A_r) \hat{r} + A_r (\nabla^2 \hat{r}) + (\nabla^2 A_\theta) \hat{\theta} + A_\theta (\nabla^2 \hat{\theta}) \\ &\quad + (\nabla^2 A_\phi) \hat{\phi} + A_\phi (\nabla^2 \hat{\phi}) \end{aligned}$$

one must not forget to take the derivatives of $\hat{r}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{\phi}$ since they vary with position!

for example, $\hat{r} = \sin\theta \cos\phi \hat{x} + \sin\theta \sin\phi \hat{y} + \cos\theta \hat{z}$

one could compute $\nabla^2 \hat{r}$ by applying ∇^2 in spherical coords to each piece and summing up. Get a mess!

If work in Coulomb gauge, with $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$, then

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = \boxed{-\nabla^2 \vec{A} = \frac{4\pi \vec{j}}{c}} \quad \text{Poisson's equation!}$$

Many of the same methods used to solve for electrostatic ϕ can therefore be applied to solve for magnetostatic \vec{A} .
But vector nature of eqn makes for complications!

For simple geometries, one can do the Coulomb-like integral

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \quad \text{three equations for } A_x, A_y, A_z!$$

for localized current sources $\vec{j}(r) \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$

Multipole expansion - magnetic dipole moment

For a general treatment, analogous to how we did multipole expansion for electrostatics, one can use vector spherical harmonics - see Jackson Chpt 9.

Here we do a more straight forward approach, but only up to magnetic dipole term.

For $r \gg r'$ approx

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} = \frac{1}{(r^2 - 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}' + r'^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{r} \left[1 - \frac{2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{r^2} + \left(\frac{r'}{r}\right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

do Taylor series to 1st order in $(\frac{r'}{r})$ to get

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \approx \frac{1}{r} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{r^2} + \dots \right\} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}'}{r^3} + \dots$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{c} \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{r} + \frac{2}{c} \int d^3r' \vec{j}(\vec{r}') \frac{(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}')}{r^3} + \dots$$

Consider term ①

$$\int d^3r \vec{j}(\vec{r}) \quad \int d^3r (\vec{j} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{r} \quad \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial r_j} = \delta_{ij}$$

write $\int d^3r j_i(r)$ for i th component $= \sum_{j=1}^3 \int d^3r j_j \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial r_j}$ integrate by parts

$$= \sum_j \left\{ \oint_S da j_j r_i - \int d^3r \frac{\partial j_j}{\partial r_j} r_i \right\}$$

↑
vanishes as $S \rightarrow \infty$ if \vec{j} sufficiently localized
ie $\vec{j}(\vec{r}) \rightarrow 0$ sufficiently fast as $r \rightarrow \infty$

↑
vanishes in magnetostatics where $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0$

So $\int d^3r \vec{j}(\vec{r}) = 0$ in magnetostatics
monopole term vanishes

term ②

$$\int d^3r \vec{f}(\vec{r}) \vec{r} \quad \text{tensor}$$

Consider i th element of tensor

$$\int d^3r j_i r_j = \sum_k \int d^3r j_k r_j \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial r_k} \quad \text{integrate by parts}$$

$$\frac{\partial r_i}{\partial r_k} = \delta_{ik}$$

$$= \sum_k \left\{ \oint_S da j_k r_j r_i - \int d^3r \frac{\partial}{\partial r_k} (j_k r_j) r_i \right\}$$

↑
vanishes as $S \rightarrow \infty$ if \vec{j} sufficiently localized

$$= - \sum_k \int d^3r \left(\frac{\partial j_k}{\partial r_k} r_j r_i + j_k \frac{\partial r_j}{\partial r_k} r_i \right)$$

↑ vanishes as $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0$ in magnetostatics
↑ = δ_{jk}

$$= - \int d^3r j_j r_i$$

$$\text{So } \int d^3r j_i r_j = - \int d^3r j_j r_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r (j_i r_j - j_j r_i)$$

Going back to term ② in expansion for \vec{A}

So

$$\int d^3r' j_i(\vec{r}') (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}') = \sum_{j=1}^3 r_j \int d^3r' j_i(\vec{r}') r_j'$$

$$= \sum_j \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r' (j_i r_j r_j' - r_j j_j r_i')$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r' (j_i(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}') - r_i'(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{j}'))$$

use triple product rule

$$\vec{r} \times (\vec{r}' \times \vec{j}) = \vec{r}' (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{j}) - \vec{j} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}')$$

to rewrite as

$$\int d^3r' \vec{j} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}') = -\frac{1}{2} \vec{r} \times \left[\int d^3r' \vec{r}' \times \vec{j} (\vec{r}') \right]$$

define the magnetic dipole moment as

$$\vec{m} \equiv \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r' \vec{r}' \times \vec{j} (\vec{r}')$$

then in the magnetic dipole approx (this is the lowest non-vanishing term)

$$\vec{A}_{\text{dip}}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\vec{r} \times \vec{m}}{r^3} = \frac{\vec{m} \times \vec{r}}{r^3} = \frac{\vec{m} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

What is the magnetic field in this approx?

$$\vec{B}_{\text{dip}} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_{\text{dip}} = \vec{\nabla} \times \left(\vec{m} \times \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \right)$$

to do the double cross product, it is convenient to use the Levi-Civita symbol ϵ_{ijk} defined as

$$\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{any two of the indices are equal} \\ +1 & \text{ijk are an even permutation of 123} \\ -1 & \text{ijk are an odd permutation of 123} \end{cases}$$

In terms of Levi-Civita symbol $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})_i = \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$
check by writing out $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ in terms of components

Summation convention: when ever we have a pair of indices repeated, we sum over them, so

$$\epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k = \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} A_j B_k$$

index j appears twice

index k appears twice

A very useful identity:

Kronecker deltas

$$\epsilon_{kij} \epsilon_{klem} = \delta_{ie} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{je}$$

so we now put this to use!

$$\vec{B}_{\text{dip}} = \vec{\nabla} \times \left(\vec{m} \times \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \right)$$

component

$$(B_{\text{dip}})_i = \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j \epsilon_{klem} m_l \frac{r_m}{r^3}$$

$$\text{where } \partial_j \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial r_j}$$

$$= \epsilon_{kij} \epsilon_{klem} \partial_j \left(m_l \frac{r_m}{r^3} \right)$$

$\epsilon_{ijk} = \epsilon_{kij}$ as an even permutation takes one to the other

$$= (\delta_{ie} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{je}) \partial_j \left(m_l \frac{r_m}{r^3} \right)$$

$$= m_i \partial_j \left(\frac{r_j}{r^3} \right) - m_j \partial_j \left(\frac{r_i}{r^3} \right)$$

$$\text{Now } \partial_j \left(\frac{r_j}{r^3} \right) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \right) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{r}}{r^2} \right) = 4\pi \delta(\vec{r})$$

$$\partial_j \left(\frac{r_i}{r^3} \right) = \frac{1}{r^3} \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial r_j} - \frac{3r_i}{r^4} \frac{\partial r}{\partial r_j}$$

by product rule
and $\frac{\partial r}{\partial r_j} = \delta_{ij}$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r} \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial r_j} = \frac{r_j}{r}$$

don't care about this term since we only want \vec{B} far away from current where $S(\vec{r}) = 0$.

so

$$(\vec{B}_{\text{dip}})_i = m_j 4\pi S(\vec{r}) - m_j \left[\frac{\delta_{ij}}{r^3} - \frac{3r_i r_j}{r^5} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{m_i}{r^3} + \frac{3(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{r}) r_i}{r^5}$$

$$= -\frac{m_i}{r^3} + \frac{3(\vec{m} \cdot \hat{r}) \hat{r}_i}{r^3}$$

so

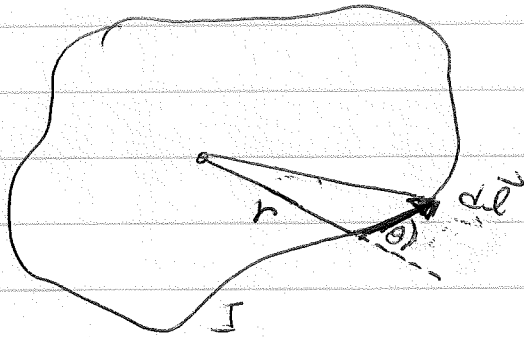
$$\vec{B}_{\text{dip}} = \frac{3(\vec{m} \cdot \hat{r}) \hat{r} - \vec{m}}{r^3}$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{3(\vec{m} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{m}}{r^3}$$

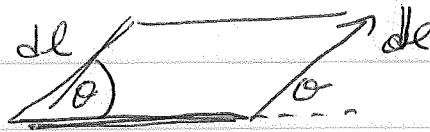
same form as \vec{E} from electric dipole \vec{p}

For a current loop in a plane (any shape loop provided it is flat)

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



area of triangle is $\frac{1}{2} r dl \sin \theta$
 $= \frac{1}{2} |\vec{r} \times d\vec{l}|$



area of ~~rectangle~~ ^{parallelogram} is $r dl \sin \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{m} = \frac{1}{2c} I (\text{area}) \hat{n}$$

\uparrow
area of loop

\nwarrow outward normal

(direction given by right hand rule with respect to direction of current)

magnetic dipole moment \vec{m} is independent of location of origin.

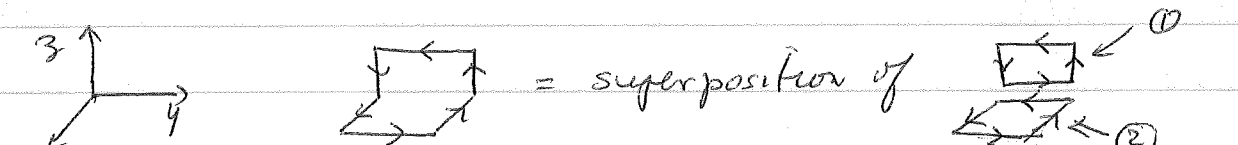
$$\vec{r}' = \vec{r} + \vec{d} \quad \text{new coord}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{m}' &= \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r' (\vec{r}' \times \vec{j}) = \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r (\vec{r} + \vec{d}) \times \vec{j} \\ &= \frac{1}{2c} \int d^3r \vec{r} \times \vec{j} + \frac{1}{2c} \vec{d} \times \left[\int d^3r \vec{j} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{m}' = \vec{m} + 0 \quad \text{as } \int d^3r \vec{j} = 0$$

for planar loop $\vec{m} = \frac{Ia}{c} \hat{m}$ where $a = \text{area}$
 $\hat{m} = \text{outward normal}$

can also apply to get \vec{m} for piecewise planar loops



= superposition of

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{m} &= \vec{m}_1 + \vec{m}_2 & \vec{m}_1 &= \frac{Ia_1}{c} \hat{x} \\ & & \vec{m}_2 &= \frac{Ia_2}{c} \hat{y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{m} = \frac{I}{c} (a_1 \hat{x} + a_2 \hat{y})$$