

$$\vec{F}_2 = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r_2 \int d^3r_1 \vec{f}_1(\vec{r}_1) \left[\vec{f}_2(\vec{r}_2) \cdot \frac{(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3} \right]$$

$$- \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r_2 \int d^3r_1 \frac{(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3} \vec{f}_2(\vec{r}_2) \cdot \vec{f}_1(\vec{r}_1)$$

Consider the first term acts on $\vec{r}_2$

$$\int d^3r_2 \vec{f}_2(\vec{r}_2) \cdot \frac{(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3} = - \int d^3r_2 \vec{f}_2(\vec{r}_2) \cdot \vec{\nabla}_2 \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|} \right)$$

integrate by parts $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (f \vec{g}) = f \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{g} + \vec{g} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f$
 $\Rightarrow \vec{g} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (f \vec{g}) - f \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{g}$

$$= - \int d^3r_2 \left[\underbrace{\vec{\nabla}_2 \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{f}_2(\vec{r}_2)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3} \right)}_{\text{acts on } \vec{r}_2} - \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|} \left(\underbrace{\vec{\nabla}_2 \cdot \vec{f}_2(\vec{r}_2)}_{=} \right) \right]$$

0 since we are in magnetostatic situation

$$= - \oint_S d\vec{a} \cdot \frac{\vec{f}_2(\vec{r}_2)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3} \quad \leftarrow \text{use Gauss' theorem to convert to surface integral}$$

$\uparrow$ boundary of system $\rightarrow \infty$

surface integral $\rightarrow 0$ as $S \rightarrow \infty$ since

$\vec{f}_2$ is localized

So 1st term vanishes and

$$\vec{F}_2 = - \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r_2 \int d^3r_1 \vec{f}_2(\vec{r}_2) \cdot \vec{f}_1(\vec{r}_1) \frac{(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3}$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r_1 \int d^3r_2 \vec{j}_2(\vec{r}_2) \cdot \vec{j}_1(\vec{r}_1) \frac{(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3}$$

for current loops this becomes

$$\vec{F}_2 = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I_1 I_2 \oint_{C_1} \oint_{C_2} d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2 \frac{(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3}$$

Note, we can get the force on loop 1 due to the current in loop 2 just by interchanging $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ in above formula. As expected, we then get $\vec{F}_1 = -\vec{F}_2$

Now let $\vec{R}$ be center of mass of loop 2 and $\vec{r}_2'$ the relative coordinate. So $\vec{r}_2 = \vec{R} + \vec{r}_2'$ for points on loop 2. We can then write

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_2 &= -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I_1 I_2 \oint_1 \oint_2 d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2 \frac{(\vec{R} + \vec{r}_2' - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{R} + \vec{r}_2' - \vec{r}_1|^3} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I_1 I_2 \oint_1 \oint_2 d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2 \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{acts on } \vec{R}}}{\vec{\nabla}_R} \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{R} + \vec{r}_2' - \vec{r}_1|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The work we have to do to move loop 2 in from $\vec{R} = \infty$ to $\vec{R} = \vec{R}_0$ is

$$\tilde{W} = - \int_{\infty}^{\vec{R}_0} d\vec{R} \cdot \vec{F}_2 = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I_1 I_2 \oint_1 \oint_2 d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2 \int_{\infty}^{\vec{R}_0} d\vec{R} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_R \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{R} + \vec{r}_2' - \vec{r}_1|} \right)$$

(-) sign as this is the work we must do against the electromagnetic force between the two loops

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{W} &= -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I_1 I_2 \oint_1 \oint_2 d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2 \frac{1}{|\vec{R}_0 + \vec{r}_2' - \vec{r}_1|} \\ &= -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I_1 I_2 \oint_1 \oint_2 \frac{d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|}\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{W} = -M I_1 I_2$$

add on the work to turn loop currents up to I_1 and I_2 when separated infinitely apart and we get

$$\frac{1}{2} L_1 I_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} L_2 I_2^2 - M I_1 I_2$$

BUT in previous way of computing energy
(move loops into position, THEN turn up currents)
we found the work to be

$$\frac{1}{2} L_1 I_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} L_2 I_2^2 + M I_1 I_2$$

In method ① the interaction energy of the loops is
 $+M I_1 I_2$

In method ② it seems that the interaction energy of the loops is $-M I_1 I_2$

How do we reconcile these two answers?

The energy stored in the configuration should not depend on the process used to construct the configuration if energy is conserved!

Solution : When we constructed the configuration according to method ② we assumed the currents I_1 and I_2 in the two loops stayed constant as the loop 2 was moved into position with respect to loop 1. But as loop 2 moves, the flux through loop 2 due to current in loop 1 changes $\Rightarrow$ emf induced in loop 2. Similarly, flux through loop 1 changes $\Rightarrow$ emf induced in loop 1.

If we want to keep I_1 and I_2 constant there must be some battery in each loop doing work to counter these induced emfs. The work done by these batteries is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_{\text{battery}}}{dt} &= -\mathcal{E}_1 I_1 - \mathcal{E}_2 I_2 & \mathcal{E}_1 &= -\frac{d\Phi_1}{dt} \\ &= I_1 \frac{d\Phi_1}{dt} + I_2 \frac{d\Phi_2}{dt} & \mathcal{E}_2 &= -\frac{d\Phi_2}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

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

integrate from $t=0$ when loops infinitely separated to $t=T$ when loops in final position,
As loop moves, I_1 and I_2 stay constant but Φ_1 and Φ_2 change

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\text{battery}} &= I_1 \Phi_1 + I_2 \Phi_2 \\ &= I_1 (M I_2) + I_2 (M I_1) \\ &= 2 M I_1 I_2 \end{aligned}$$

Φ_1 is flux through loop 1 due to field from loop 2.

$$\text{Total work is } \tilde{W} + W_{\text{battery}} = -M I_1 I_2 + 2 M I_1 I_2 = M I_1 I_2$$

moral: Even in a magnetostatic configuration such as two loops with steady currents, we need to know about dynamics, i.e. Faraday's law, in order to compute the magnetostatic energy stored in the configuration.

Levi-Civita tensor

$$\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{when } ijk \text{ is an even permutation of } 123 \\ -1 & \text{when } ijk \text{ is an odd permutation of } 123 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise, in particular if any of the} \\ & \text{two } ijk \text{ are equal} \end{cases}$$

ijk is an even permutation of 123 if you can get to it by making an even number of pairwise interchanges.
An odd permutation requires an odd number of pairwise interchanges.

213 is an odd permutation $123 \rightarrow 213$
one switch $\equiv 1$ interchange

231 is an even permutation $123 \rightarrow 213 \rightarrow 231$
switch switch $\equiv 2$ interchanges

~~Assignment~~

If $\vec{A} = \vec{B} \times \vec{C}$ then

$$i\text{th component of } A \text{ is } A_i = \sum_{j,k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} B_j C_k$$

For example ($1=x, 2=y, 3=z$)

$$A_1 = \sum_{j,k} \epsilon_{1jk} B_j C_k$$

By properties of ϵ_{ijk} , the only terms in above sum that are not zero are $(j,k) = (2,3)$ and $(3,2)$
 $\epsilon_{123} = +1, \epsilon_{132} = -1$

So

$$A_1 = B_2 C_3 - B_3 C_2 \quad \text{this is just the } x\text{-component of } \vec{B} \times \vec{C}$$

you can check that the other components also come out correct

$$A_2 = B_3 C_1 - B_1 C_3, \quad A_3 = B_1 C_2 - B_2 C_1$$

Useful relation is

$$\sum_{l=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lkm} = \delta_{jl} \delta_{km} - \delta_{jm} \delta_{kl}$$

Since $\epsilon_{ijk} = 0$ unless i, j, k are all different the above will be non zero only if the pair (j, k) has the same numbers as the pair (l, m) .

and $j \neq k$
and $l \neq m$

When $j=l$ and $k=m$, then the above is $(\epsilon_{ijk})^2 = +1$. When $j=m$ and $k=l$, then the above is $\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ikj} = -1$.

You can check that the right hand side obeys all these properties

Example: $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$

i th component of the above is

$$\sum_{j,k,l,m=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} A_j \underbrace{\epsilon_{klm} B_l C_m}_{k\text{th component of } \vec{B} \times \vec{C}}$$

$$= \sum_{j,k,l,m} \epsilon_{kij} \epsilon_{klm} A_j B_l C_m = \sum_{j,k,l,m} [\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}] A_j B_l C_m$$

$\epsilon_{ijk} = \epsilon_{kij}$ since 2 pair
interchanges take from ijk to kij

$$\sum_{jklm} [\delta_{il} \delta_{jm} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jl}] A_j B_l C_m$$

$$= \sum_j A_j B_l C_j - \sum_j A_j B_j C_l$$

$$= B_l (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - C_l (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \quad \text{as } \vec{A} \cdot \vec{C} = \sum_j A_j C_j$$

So

$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$$

BAC - CAB rule!