

Electromagnetic Theory I

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Chapter 5: Magnetostatics

- * The Lorentz Force Law
- * The Biot-Savart Law
- * The Divergence and Curl of \vec{B}
- * Magnetic Vector Potential (\vec{A})

5.4 The Magnetic Vector Potential

Example: A spherical shell, of radius R , carrying a uniform surface charge σ , is set spinning at angular velocity ω . Find the vector potential it produces at point r

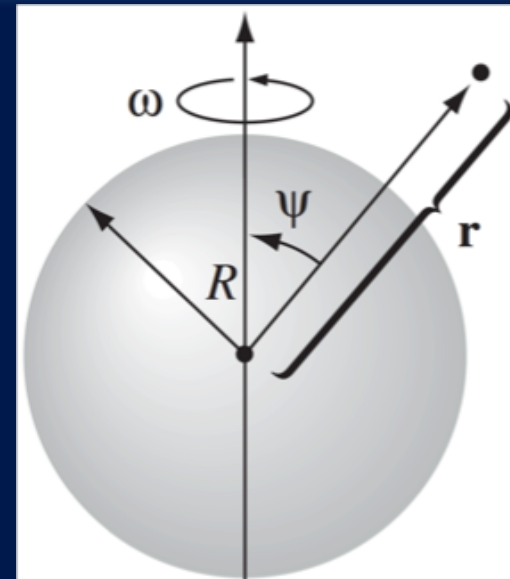
$$\vec{k}(\vec{r}') = \sigma \vec{v} = \sigma \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}' = \sigma \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ 0 & 0 & \omega \\ x' & y' & z' \end{vmatrix} = -y' \omega \sigma \hat{x} + x' \omega \sigma \hat{y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}' &= R \hat{r}' \\ &= R \sin \theta' \cos \phi' \hat{x} + R \sin \theta' \sin \phi' \hat{y} + R \cos \theta' \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

$$r = \sqrt{r^2 + R^2 - 2rR \cos \gamma}$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{k}(\vec{r}')}{r} da' = \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega R^3}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{[-\sin \theta' \sin \phi' \hat{x} + \sin \theta' \cos \phi' \hat{y}]}{\sqrt{r^2 + R^2 - 2rR \cos \gamma}} \sin \theta' d\theta' d\phi'$$

$$\cos \gamma = \cos \theta \cos \theta' + \sin \theta \sin \theta' \cos(\phi - \phi')$$

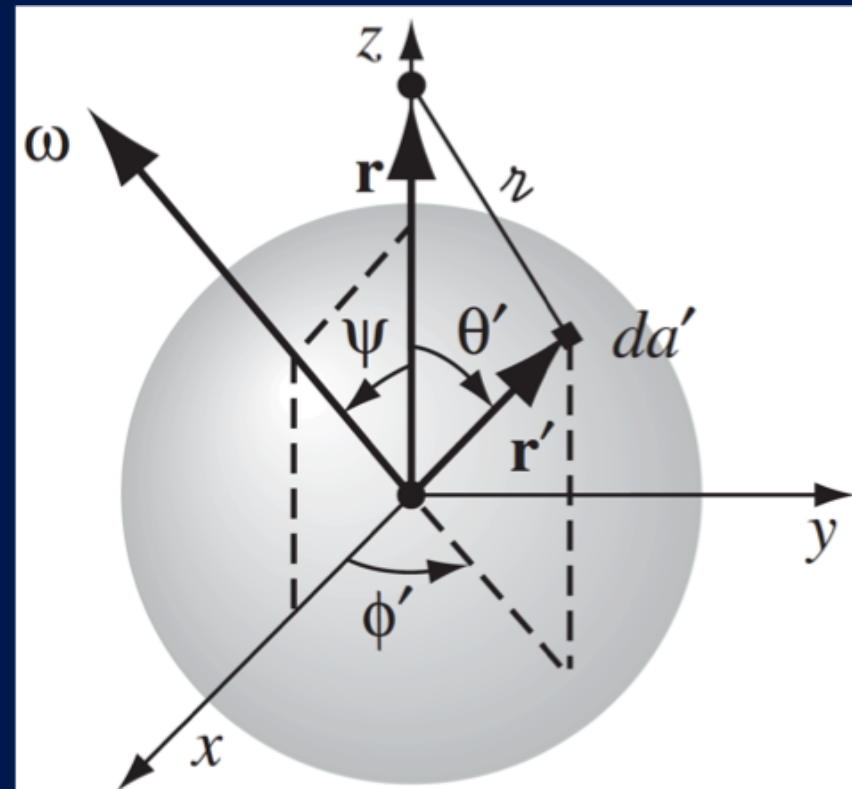


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$$\vec{k}(\vec{r}') = \sigma \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}' = \sigma R \omega \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \sin \psi & 0 & \cos \psi \\ \sin \theta' \cos \phi' & \sin \theta' \sin \phi' & \cos \theta' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \sigma R \omega [-\cos \psi \sin \theta' \sin \phi' \hat{x} + (\sin \theta' \cos \phi' \cos \psi - \cos \theta' \sin \psi) \hat{y} + \sin \theta' \sin \phi' \sin \psi \hat{z}]$$

$$r = \sqrt{r^2 + R^2 - 2rR \cos \theta'}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{A}(\vec{r}) &= \frac{\mu_0 \sigma}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{k}(\vec{r}')}{r} da' \\
 &= \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega R^3}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{[-\cos \psi \sin \theta' \sin \phi' \hat{x} + (\sin \theta' \cos \phi' \cos \psi - \cos \theta' \sin \psi) \hat{y} + \sin \theta' \sin \phi' \sin \psi \hat{z}]}{\sqrt{r^2 + R^2 - 2rR \cos \theta'}} \sin \theta' d\theta' d\phi' \\
 &= \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega R^3}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{[(-\cos \theta' \sin \psi) \hat{y}]}{\sqrt{r^2 + R^2 - 2rR \cos \theta'}} \sin \theta' d\theta' d\phi' = -\frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega R^3 \sin \psi}{2} \hat{y} \int_0^\pi \frac{\cos \theta' \sin \theta' d\theta'}{\sqrt{r^2 + R^2 - 2rR \cos \theta'}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{A}(\vec{r}) &= \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega R^3 \sin \psi}{2} \hat{y} \int_1^{-1} \frac{udu}{\sqrt{r^2 + R^2 - 2rRu}} = \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega R^3 \sin \psi}{2} \hat{y} \left(\frac{(\sqrt{r^2 + R^2 + 2rR})\sqrt{r^2 + R^2 - 2rRu}}{3R^2 r^2} \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 \\
 &= -\frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega R^3 \sin \psi}{2} \hat{y} \begin{cases} \frac{2R}{3r^2} & r > R \\ \frac{2r}{3R^2} & r < R \end{cases} = -\hat{y} \begin{cases} \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega \sin \psi R^4}{3r^2} & r > R \\ \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega R \sin \psi r}{3} & r < R \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu_0 \sigma R^4}{3r^3} \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} & r > R \\ \frac{\mu_0 \sigma R}{3} \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} & r < R \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} = -r\omega \sin \psi \hat{y}$$

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$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu_0 \sigma R^4}{3r^3} \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} & r > R \\ \frac{\mu_0 \sigma R}{3} \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} & r < R \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu_0 \sigma R^4 \omega}{3r^2} \sin \theta \hat{\phi} & r > R \\ \frac{\mu_0 \sigma R \omega}{3} r \sin \theta \hat{\phi} & r < R \end{cases}$$

You can now calculate the magnetic field, we will just do it inside (Uniform!!)

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B} &= \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \frac{2}{3} \mu_0 R \omega \sigma (\cos \theta \hat{r} - \sin \theta \hat{\theta}) \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \mu_0 R \omega \sigma \hat{z} = \frac{2}{3} \mu_0 R \sigma \vec{\omega} \end{aligned}$$

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Example: Find the vector potential of an infinite solenoid with n turns per unit length, radius R , and current I

Since the current is not localized and extends to infinity, we cannot use

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{I}}{r} dl'$$

$$\oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l} = 2\pi s A = \int \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{a}$$

$$= \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = \text{flux through loop} = \begin{cases} \pi s^2 \mu_0 n I & \text{inside} \\ \pi R^2 \mu_0 n I & \text{outside} \end{cases}$$

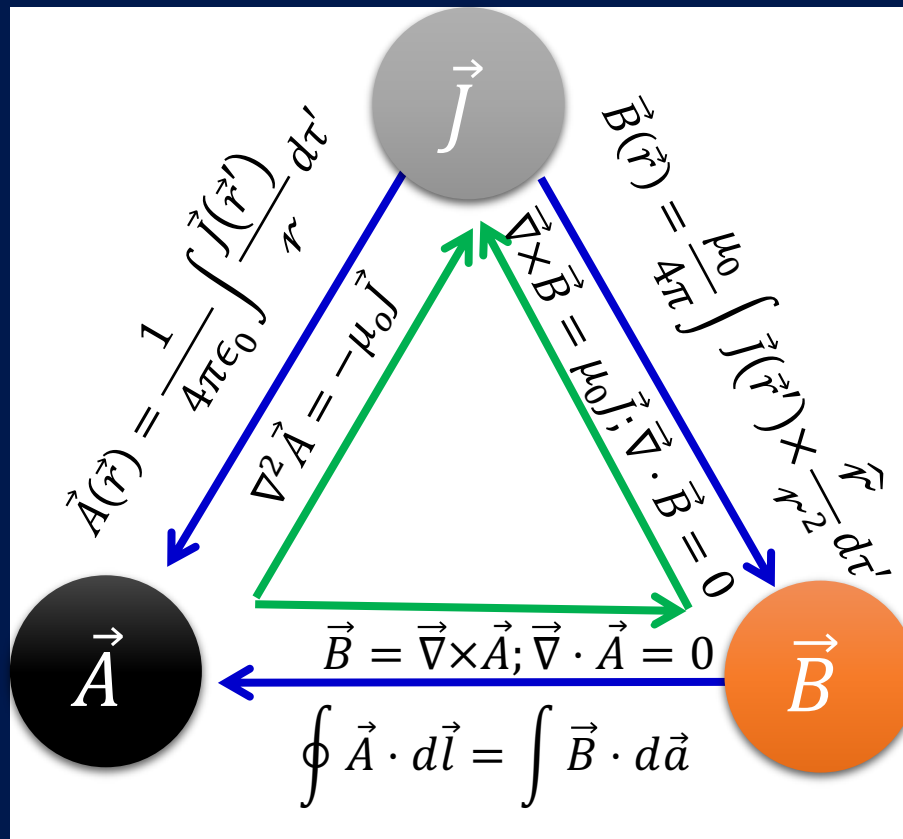
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$$\vec{A} = \begin{cases} \frac{s\mu_0 nI}{2} \hat{\phi} & \text{inside} \\ \frac{R^2 \mu_0 nI}{2s} \hat{\phi} & \text{outside} \end{cases}$$

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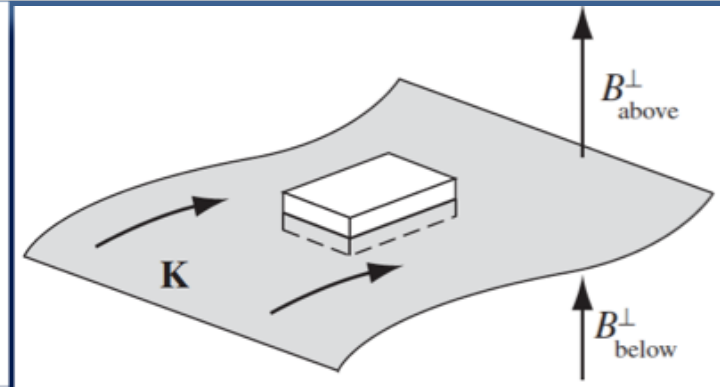
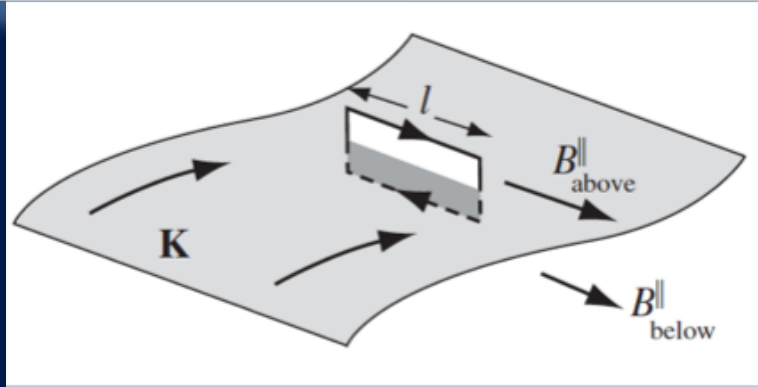
Summary of Magnetostatics

Just from two experimental observations: Biot-Savart Law and Superposition



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Magnetostatics Boundary Conditions



$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I = \mu_0 \kappa l$$

$$B_{above}^{\parallel} - B_{below}^{\parallel} = \mu_0 \kappa$$

The *tangential* component of \vec{B} is discontinuous

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

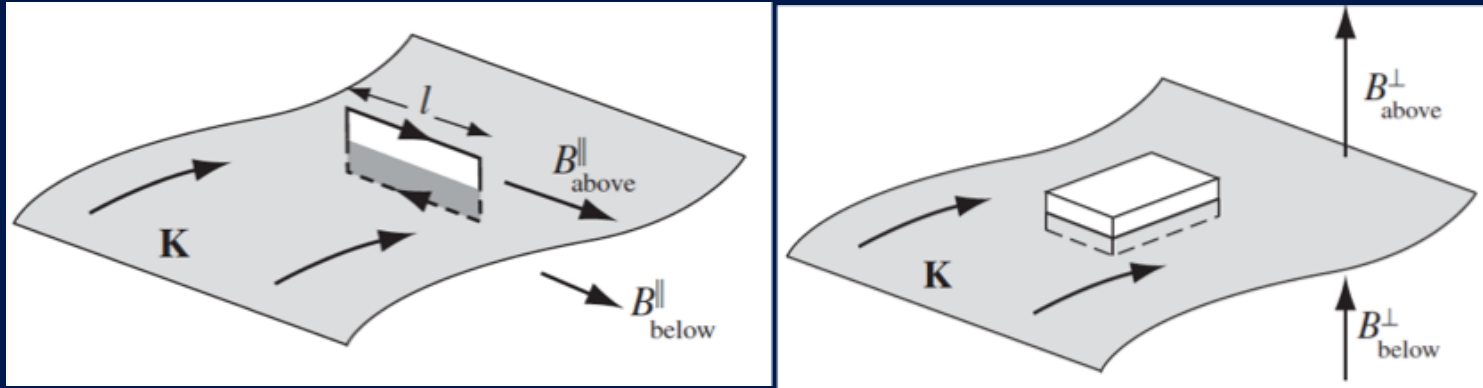
$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$$

$$B_{above}^{\perp} - B_{below}^{\perp} = 0$$

The *normal* component of \vec{B} is continuous

$$\vec{B}_{above} - \vec{B}_{below} = \mu_0 \vec{K} \times \hat{n}$$

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$$\oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \cdot d\vec{a} = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$$

$$A_{above}^{\parallel} - A_{below}^{\parallel} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{a} = 0$$

$$A_{above}^{\perp} - A_{below}^{\perp} = 0$$

$$\vec{A}_{above} = \vec{A}_{below}$$

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$$\vec{B}_{above} - \vec{B}_{below} = \mu_0 \vec{k} \times \hat{n} \quad \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$



$$\frac{\partial \vec{A}_{above}}{\partial n} - \frac{\partial \vec{A}_{below}}{\partial n} = -\mu_0 \vec{k}$$