

**PHY 712 Electrodynamics**  
**11-11:50 AM MWF Olin 107**

**Plan for Lecture 11:**

**Start reading Chapter 5**


**A. Magnetostatics**

**B. Vector potential**

**C. Example: current loop**

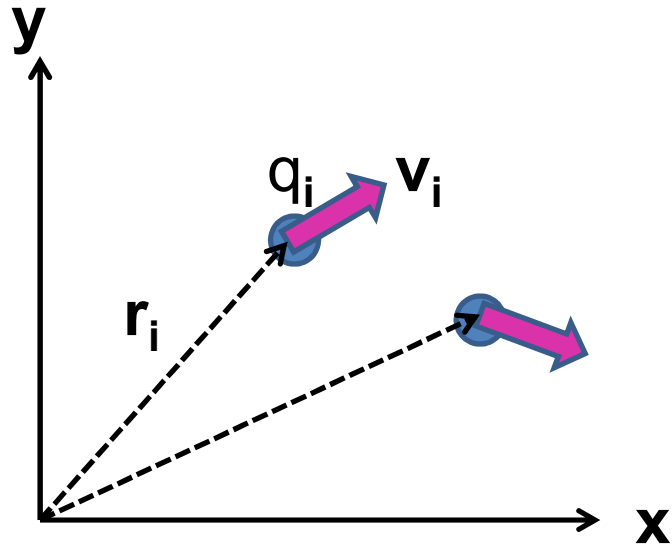
## Course schedule for 2013

(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

	Date	JDJ Reading	Topic	Assign.	
1	01-16(Wed)	Chap. 1	Introduction, units and Poisson equation.	<a href="#">#1</a>	
2	01-18(Fri)	Chap. 1	Electrostatic energy calculations	<a href="#">#2</a>	
	01-21(Mon)	<i>No class</i>	<i>MKL Holiday</i>		
3	01-23(Wed)	Chap. 1	Poisson Equation and Green's Functions	<a href="#">#3</a>	
4	01-25(Fri)	Chap. 1 & 2	Green's Theorem and Functions	<a href="#">#4</a>	
5	01-28(Mon)	Chap. 1 & 2	Brief introduction to numerical methods	<a href="#">#5</a>	
6	01-30(Wed)	Chap. 2	Method of images	<a href="#">#6</a>	
7	02-01(Fri)	Chap. 3	Cylindrical and spherical geometries	<a href="#">#7</a>	
8	02-04(Mon)	Chap. 4	Multipole moments	<a href="#">#8</a>	
9	02-06(Wed)	Chap. 4	Dipoles and dielectrics	<a href="#">#9</a>	
10	02-08(Fri)	Chap. 4	Microscopic and macroscopic polarizability		
	11	02-11(Mon)	Chap. 4	Magnetostatics	<a href="#">#10</a>

# Magnetostatics

Magnetic flux density or magnetic induction field  $\mathbf{B}$   
Steady state (time constant) current density  $\mathbf{J}$



$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i q_i \mathbf{v}_i \delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i)$$

Note that "statics" implies that  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$ .

This follows from the continuity equation :

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$$

## Comparison of electrostatics and magnetostatics

Electrostatic field due to charge density  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ :

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^3r' \rho(\mathbf{r}') \frac{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3}$$

Magnetostatic field due to current density  $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r})$ :

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') \times \frac{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3}$$

## Alternative forms magnetostatic equations

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$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') \times \frac{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3}$$

Note that :  $\nabla \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = -\frac{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3}$

Also note that :  $\nabla \times (s(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r})) = \nabla s(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r}) + s(\mathbf{r})\nabla \times \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r})$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \nabla \times \int d^3 r' \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

Alternative forms magnetostatic equations -- continued

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \nabla \times \int d^3 r' \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad \text{No magnetic monopoles}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}) \quad \text{Ampere's law}$$

"Proof" of Ampere's law for magnetostatic system :

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \nabla \times \nabla \times \int d^3 r' \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$\text{Note that : } \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{V} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{V}$$

$$\text{Recall that : } \nabla^2 \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} = -4\pi \delta^3(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

Differential forms of magnetostatic equations:

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad \text{No magnetic monopoles}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}) \quad \text{Ampere's law}$$

Magnetostatic vector potential

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \nabla \times \int d^3 r' \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \nabla s(\mathbf{r})$$

## Non uniqueness of the magnetostatic vector potential

Note that :  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}'(\mathbf{r})$   
if  $\mathbf{A}'(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) + \nabla s(\mathbf{r})$

Example : for  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = B_0 \hat{\mathbf{z}}$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2} B_0 (x \hat{\mathbf{y}} - y \hat{\mathbf{x}})$$

or  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = B_0 x \hat{\mathbf{y}}$

or  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = -B_0 y \hat{\mathbf{x}}$



Differential form of Ampere's law in terms of vector potential:

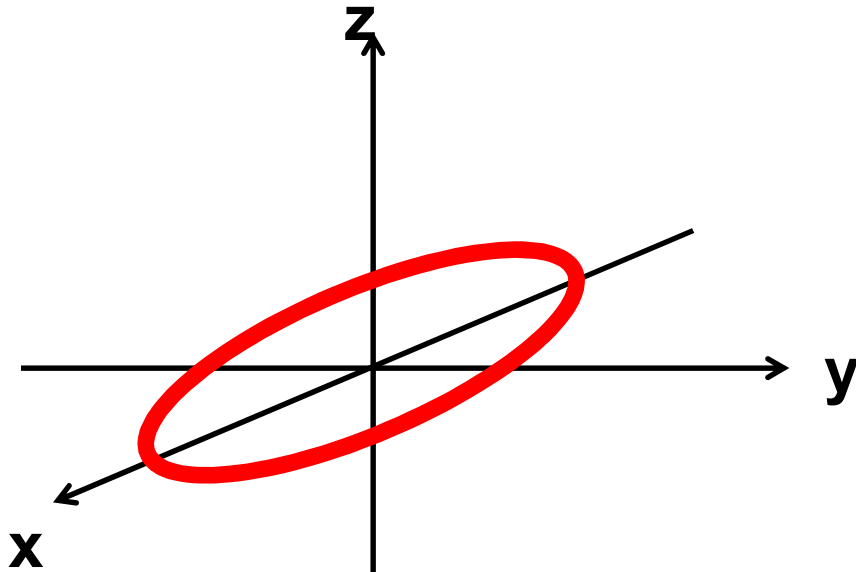
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\text{If } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \text{ (Coulomb gauge)} \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = -\mu_0 \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

Magnetostatics example: current loop



$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}') = \frac{I}{a} \sin \theta' \delta(\cos \theta') \delta(r' - a) (-\sin \phi' \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos \phi' \hat{\mathbf{y}})$$

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## Magnetostatics example: current loop -- continued

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$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi a} \int r'^2 dr' d\cos \theta' d\phi' \frac{\sin \theta' \delta(\cos \theta') \delta(r' - a) (-\sin \phi' \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos \phi' \hat{\mathbf{y}})}{(r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr'(\cos \theta \cos \theta' + \sin \theta \sin \theta' \cos(\phi - \phi')))^{1/2}}$$

Completing integration over  $r'$  and  $\theta'$ :

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0 I a^2}{4\pi a} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \frac{(-\sin \phi' \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos \phi' \hat{\mathbf{y}})}{(r^2 + a^2 - 2ra(\sin \theta \cos(\phi - \phi')))^{1/2}}$$

Let  $\phi - \phi' \equiv \varphi$

$$\sin \phi' = \sin(\phi - \varphi) = \sin \phi \cos \varphi - \cos \phi \sin \varphi$$

$$\cos \phi' = \cos(\phi - \varphi) = \cos \phi \cos \varphi + \sin \phi \sin \varphi$$

Remaining non-trivial terms

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{4\pi} (\sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \frac{\cos \varphi}{(r^2 + a^2 - 2ra(\sin \theta \cos \varphi))^{1/2}}$$

## Magnetostatics example: current loop -- continued

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{4\pi} (\sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \frac{\cos \varphi}{(r^2 + a^2 - 2ra(\sin \theta \cos \varphi))^{1/2}}$$

Elliptic integrals :

$$K(m) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{du}{(1 - m \sin^2 u)^{1/2}}$$

$$E(m) = \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - m \sin^2 u)^{1/2} du$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} 4Ia \frac{(\sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{y}})}{(r^2 + a^2 + 2ra \sin \theta)^{1/2}} \left[ \frac{(2 - k^2)K(k) - 2E(k)}{k^2} \right]$$

where:  $k \equiv \frac{4ar \sin \theta}{r^2 + a^2 + 2ra \sin \theta}$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})$$

## Magnetostatics example: current loop -- continued

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$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})$$

Note that for spherical polar coordinates:  $\hat{\phi} = \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{y}}$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = A_\phi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\phi}$$

where  $A_\phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{4Ia}{(r^2 + a^2 + 2ra \sin \theta)^{1/2}} \left[ \frac{(2 - k^2)K(k) - 2E(k)}{k^2} \right]$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial(\sin \theta A_\phi(\mathbf{r}))}{\partial \theta} \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(r A_\phi(\mathbf{r}))}{\partial r} \hat{\theta}$$

For  $r \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) \approx \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I\pi a^2}{r^3} (2 \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \sin \theta \hat{\theta})$$

## Other examples of current density sources:

Quantum mechanical expression for current density

for a particle of mass  $M$  and charge  $e$  and of probability amplitude  $\Psi(\mathbf{r})$ :

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{e\hbar}{2Mi} \left( \Psi^*(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \Psi(\mathbf{r}) - \Psi(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \Psi^*(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

For an electron in a spherical potential (such as in an atom):

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \Psi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r}) = R_{nl}(r) Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}) &= \frac{e\hbar}{2Mi} |R_{nl}(r)|^2 \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left( Y_{lm}^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \frac{\partial Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})}{\partial \phi} - Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \frac{\partial Y_{lm}^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}})}{\partial \phi} \right) \hat{\phi} \\ &= \frac{e\hbar}{M} \frac{m}{r \sin \theta} |\Psi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r})|^2 \hat{\phi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Note that: } \hat{\phi} = -\sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \mathbf{r}}{r \sin \theta}$$

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{e\hbar}{M} \frac{m}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} |\Psi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r})|^2 (\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \mathbf{r})$$