

(Chapter 6) **Magnetic Fields in Matter**

6.1 Magnetization

6.1.1. Diamagnets, Paramagnets, Ferromagnets

Just as charges can become "polarized", currents on the microscopic scale can be aligned to cause a "magnetic polarization" or "magnetization".

There are different types of magnetization:

- (a) Acquired by external magnetic field
 - For magnetization parallel to magnetic field
 - (1) "**paramagnets**"
 - For magnetization opposite to magnetic field
 - (2) "**diamagnets**"
- (b) Retained in absence of an external magnetic field
 - (3) "**ferromagnets**"

6.1.2 Torques and Forces on Magnetic Dipoles

Just like electric dipoles in an electric field, a magnetic dipole \vec{m} in a magnetic field will experience a torque

$$(\vec{N} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}) \quad \vec{N} = \vec{m} \times \vec{B}$$

If magnetic field is uniform: $\vec{F} = 0$

For non-uniform magnetic field $\vec{F} = \nabla(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B})$

6.1.4 Magnetization

Just as we defined a net polarization (dipole moment per unit volume) we can define magnetization:

$$M = \frac{\text{magnetic dipole moment}}{\text{unit volume}}$$

6.2 The Field of Magnetized Object

Given a material with some fixed magnetization \vec{M} , if we defined

a bound volume current $\vec{J}_b = \nabla \times \vec{M}$

and

a bound surface current $\vec{K}_b = \vec{M} \times \hat{n}$

we could rewrite the total vector potential:

$$d\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{(\vec{M} d\tau) \times \hat{R}}{R^2} \Rightarrow \vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{M}(\vec{r}') \times \hat{R}}{R^2} d\tau'$$

(after several steps of calculus – see p. 264) as

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{J}_b(\vec{r}')}{R} d\tau' + \int \frac{\vec{K}_b(r)}{R} da'$$

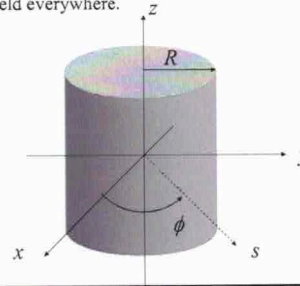
\vec{J}_b and \vec{K}_b are the bound currents.

PROBLEM 6.8

A long circular cylinder of radius R carries a magnetization

$$\vec{M} = ks^2 \hat{\phi} \quad (k = \text{const.})$$

Where s is the distance from the axis and $\hat{\phi}$ is the azimuthal unit vector. Find magnetic field everywhere.



PROBLEM 6.8

Bound volume current $\vec{J}_b = \nabla \times \vec{M}$

IDENTIFY
relevant concepts

Bound surface current $\vec{K}_b = \vec{M} \times \hat{n}$

Ampere's law $\int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I_{encl}$

SET UP

Cylindrical coordinates

$$\vec{M} = M(s) \hat{\phi} \quad M_z = M_s = 0$$

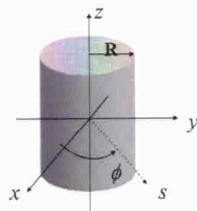
$$\frac{\partial M_s}{\partial z} = 0$$

EXECUTE

$(\nabla \times \vec{M})$ - express in cylindrical coordinates

$$\nabla \times \vec{M} = \left(\frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial M_s}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial M_\phi}{\partial z} \right) \hat{s} + \left(\frac{\partial M_\phi}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial M_z}{\partial s} \right) \hat{\phi} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} (sM_s) - \frac{\partial M_\phi}{\partial \phi} \right) \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{J}_b = \nabla \times \vec{M} = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (sks^2) \hat{z} = 3ks \hat{z}$$



PROBLEM 6.8 (cont.)

Unit vectors in cylindrical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{s} \times \hat{\phi} &= \hat{z} \\ \hat{\phi} \times \hat{z} &= \hat{s} \\ \hat{z} \times \hat{s} &= \hat{\phi} \\ \hat{\phi} \times \hat{s} &= -\hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

EXECUTE (cont.)

$$\vec{K}_b = \vec{M} \times \hat{n} = ks^2 \hat{\phi} \times \hat{s} \Big|_{s=R} = -kR^2 \hat{z}$$

$r < R$:

$$B(2\pi s) = \mu_0 \int \vec{J}_b \cdot d\vec{a} = \mu_0 \int (3ks) s ds \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = \mu_0 k 2\pi s^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B} = \mu_0 ks^2 \hat{\phi} = \mu_0 \vec{M}$$

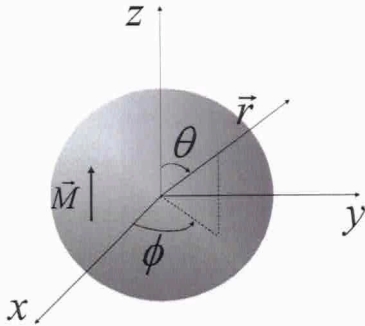
$r > R$:

$$I_{encl} = \int_0^R \vec{J}_b \cdot d\vec{a} + \int_0^{2\pi R} \vec{K}_b \cdot d\vec{l} = 2\pi kR^3 - kR^2 2\pi R$$

$$I_{encl} = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

EXAMPLE 6.1

Find the magnetic field of a uniformly magnetized sphere.



EXAMPLE 6.1

Bound currents: $\vec{J}_b = \nabla \times \vec{M}$

IDENTIFY

Relevant concepts

$$\vec{K}_b = \vec{M} \times \hat{n}$$

Analogy with rotating spherical shell (Example 5.11)

SET UP & EXECUTE

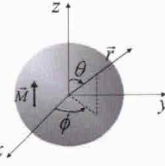
$$M = \text{const} \Rightarrow \vec{J}_b = \nabla \times \vec{M} = 0$$

(Unit vectors in spherical coordinates $\hat{r}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{\phi}$)
 $\Rightarrow \vec{M} = M\hat{z}, \hat{n} = \hat{r}, \hat{z} \times \hat{r} = \sin\theta\hat{\phi}$

$$\vec{K}_b = \vec{M} \times \hat{n} = M \sin\theta\hat{\phi}$$

$$(|K| = \sigma\omega R \sin\theta \Rightarrow |\vec{B}| = \frac{2}{3}\mu_0\sigma R\omega) \quad (5.68)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B} = \frac{2}{3}\mu_0\vec{M}$$



6.3 The Auxiliary Field \vec{H}

6.3.1 Ampere's law in Magnetized Materials

If we have both "free current" and "bound current", then the total current is

$$\vec{J} = \vec{J}_f + \vec{J}_b$$

Starting from Ampère's law in differential form $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0\vec{J}$ (5.44)

$$\frac{1}{\mu_0}(\nabla \times \vec{B}) = \vec{J} = \vec{J}_f + \vec{J}_b = \vec{J}_f + (\nabla \times \vec{M})$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \times \left(\frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{B} - \vec{M} \right) = \vec{J}_f$$

If we define a quantity \vec{H} so that

$$\vec{H} \equiv \frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{B} - \vec{M}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f$$

Differential form of Ampère's law.

$$\int \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I_f(\text{encl})$$

Integral form of Ampère's law.

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If $\vec{J}_f = 0$ everywhere, the curl of \vec{H} vanishes (Eq. 6.19), and we can express \vec{H} as:

the gradient of a scalar magnetic potential, W

$$\nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_f = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{H} = -\nabla W.$$

According to Eq. 6.18 ($\hat{n} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{B} - \vec{M}$)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{H} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{B} - \vec{M} \right) = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{M} \quad (6.23)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{H} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (-\nabla W) = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{M} \Rightarrow -\nabla^2 W = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{M} \Rightarrow \nabla^2 W = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{M}$$

So, W obeys Poisson's Equation ($\nabla^2 V = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$) with $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{M}$ as the "source".

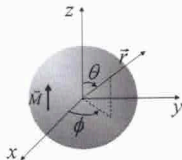
This opens up all the machinery of Chapter 3.

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PROBLEM 6.15

Find the magnetic field inside a uniformly magnetized sphere (Example 6.1) by separation of variables.

Hint: $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{M} = 0$ everywhere except at the surface ($r = R$), so W satisfies Laplace's equation ($\nabla^2 V = 0$) in the regions $r < R$ and $r > R$.



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PROBLEM 6.15

IDENTIFY relevant concepts

Solutions of Laplace's equation can be expressed in the terms of Legendre's polynomials (Eqs. 3.78,79)

$$\begin{cases} W_{in}(r, \theta) = \sum A_l r^l P_l(\cos\theta), & (r < R) \\ W_{out}(r, \theta) = \sum \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\cos\theta), & (r > R) \end{cases}$$

The gradient theorem (Paragraph 2.3.1, page 78)

$$W(\vec{b}) - W(\vec{a}) = \int_a^b \vec{\nabla} W \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Relations listed on the page 10 – scalar magnetic potential.

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PROBLEM 6.15

Boundary conditions:

SET UP

$$(i) \quad W(\vec{b}) - W(\vec{a}) = \int_{\vec{a}}^{\vec{b}} \vec{\nabla} W \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_{\vec{a}}^{\vec{b}} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{\Delta R \rightarrow 0} [W_{out}(R + \Delta R, \theta) - W_{in}(R - \Delta R, \theta)] =$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta R \rightarrow 0} \left[- \int_{R - \Delta R}^{R + \Delta R} \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} \right] = 0 \Rightarrow W_{in}(R, \theta) = W_{out}(R, \theta)$$

Applying this to Eqs. 3.78,79:

$$b.c.(i) \quad A_l R^l = \frac{B_l}{R^{l+1}} \Rightarrow B_l = R^{2l+1} A_l$$

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$$(ii) \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{H} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{M} \Rightarrow H_{above}^\perp - H_{below}^\perp = -(M_{above}^\perp - M_{below}^\perp)$$

$$\vec{H} = -\vec{\nabla} W, \quad H_{above}^\perp = -\frac{\partial W_{out}}{\partial r}, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\partial W_{out}}{\partial r} \Big|_r + \frac{\partial W_{in}}{\partial r} \Big|_r = -(0 - M^\perp) = M^\perp = M \hat{z} \cdot \hat{r} = M \cos \theta$$

NO magnetization outside of the sphere.

$$\frac{\partial W_{in}}{\partial r} = \sum_l A_l r^{l-1} P_l(\cos \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial W_{out}}{\partial r} = -\sum_l (l+1) \frac{B_l}{r^{l+2}} P_l(\cos \theta)$$

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PROBLEM 6.15 EXECUTE

$$b.c.(ii) \Rightarrow -\left[-\sum (l+1) \frac{B_l}{R^{l+2}} P_l(\cos \theta) \right] + \sum A_l R^{l-1} P_l(\cos \theta) = M \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum [(l+1)R^{l-1} A_l + lR^{l-1} A_l] P_l(\cos \theta) = M \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum (2l+1)R^{l-1} A_l P_l(\cos \theta) = M \cos \theta$$

Comparing left and right sides: $3A_1 = M, \quad A_l = 0 \quad (l \neq 1)$

$$\Rightarrow W_{in}(r, \theta) = \frac{M}{3} r \cos \theta = \frac{M}{3} z$$

$$\vec{H}_{in} = -\vec{\nabla} W_{in} = -\frac{M}{3} \hat{z} = -\frac{1}{3} \vec{M}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{H} + \vec{M}) = \mu_0 \left(-\frac{1}{3} \vec{M} + \vec{M} \right) = \frac{2}{3} \mu_0 \vec{M}$$

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6.4. Linear and Nonlinear Media

For many materials $\vec{M} \propto \vec{B}$

We define a magnetic **susceptibility** χ_m so that $\vec{M} = \chi_m \vec{H}$

Which holds for "linear media" since

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{H} + \vec{M})$$

$$= \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m) \vec{H}$$

We can define **permeability**

$$\mu \equiv \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m)$$

Then

$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$$

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PROBLEM 6.18

A sphere of **linear magnetic material** is placed in an otherwise uniform magnetic field. Find the new magnetic field inside the sphere.

This problem can be solved by at least two different methods:

(a) by method of **scalar magnetic potential** (See Problem 6.15)

or

(b) by method of **successive approximations** (See Problem 4.23)

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PROBLEM 6.18 (a) By method of scalar magnetic potential

(See Problem 6.15 and also Example 4.7)

IDENTIFY relevant concepts

$$J_f = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{H} = -\vec{\nabla} W \Rightarrow \nabla^2 W = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{M}$$

W - scalar magnetic potential (expressed in spherical polar coordinates)

SET UP & EXECUTE

$$\text{For large } r, \quad \vec{B}(r, \theta) \rightarrow \vec{B}_0 = B_0 \hat{z} \Rightarrow \vec{H} = \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} = \frac{B_0}{\mu_0} \hat{z} = -\frac{\partial W}{\partial z} \hat{z}$$

$$\Rightarrow W = \frac{-1}{\mu_0} B_0 z = -\frac{B_0}{\mu_0} r \cos \theta$$

Scalar magnetic potential of the outside magnetic field

Using methods of Chapter 3.3 (Eqs. 3.78,79):

$$W_{inside}(r, \theta) = \sum A_l r^l P_l(\cos \theta) \quad r < R$$

$$W_{outside}(r, \theta) = -\frac{B_0}{\mu_0} r \cos \theta + \sum \frac{B_l}{r^{l+1}} P_l(\cos \theta) \quad r > R$$

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PROBLEM 6.18 (a) SET UP & EXECUTE (cont.)

Boundary Conditions:

(i) $W_{in}(R, \theta) = W_{out}(R, \theta)$ at the surface of the sphere.

(ii) $-\mu_0 \left. \frac{\partial W_{out}}{\partial r} \right|_R + \mu \left. \frac{\partial W_{in}}{\partial r} \right|_R = 0$ ($B_{above}^z - B_{below}^z = 0$ Eq. 6.26)

$$\Rightarrow \mu_0 \left[\frac{1}{\mu_0} B_0 \cos\theta + \sum (l+1) \frac{B_l}{R^{l+2}} P_l(\cos\theta) \right] + \mu \sum l A_l r^{l-1} P_l(\cos\theta) = 0$$

For $l \neq 1$

$r^{l(\cos\theta) = \cos\theta, l=1}$ } Do not consider $\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \cos\theta = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} P_1(\cos\theta)$ this term if $l \neq 1$

(i) $B_l = R^{2l+1} A_l$

(ii) $[\mu_0(l+1) + \mu l] A_l R^{l-1} = 0 \Rightarrow A_l = 0$

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PROBLEM 6.18 (a) SET UP & EXECUTE (cont.)

For $l=1$

(i) $A_1 R = -\frac{B_0 R}{\mu_0} + \frac{B_1}{R^2}$

(ii) $B_0 + \frac{2\mu_0 B_1}{R^3} + \mu A_1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 = \frac{-3B_0}{(2\mu_0 + \mu)}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_{in}(r, \theta) = \frac{-3B_0}{(2\mu_0 + \mu)} r \cos\theta$$

$$\vec{H}_{in} = -\nabla W_{in} = -\frac{\partial W_{in}}{\partial z} \hat{z} = \frac{3B_0}{(2\mu_0 + \mu)} \hat{z} = \frac{3\vec{B}_0}{(2\mu_0 + \mu)}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H} = \frac{3\mu B_0}{(2\mu_0 + \mu)} = \left(\frac{1 + \chi_m}{1 + \chi_m / 3} \right) \vec{B}_0$$

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PROBLEM 6.18 (b) By method of successive approximations (See Problem 4.23)

Step 1: B_0 magnetizes the sphere

$$\vec{M}_0 = \chi_m \vec{H}_0 = \chi_m \frac{\vec{B}_0}{\mu_0 (1 + \chi_m)}$$

This magnetization sets up a field inside the sphere

$$\vec{B}_1 = \frac{2}{3} \mu_0 \vec{M}_0 \quad (\text{Equation 6.16, Example 6.1})$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \mu_0 \frac{\chi_m}{\mu_0 (1 + \chi_m)} B_0 = \frac{2}{3} k B_0$$

where $k = \frac{\chi_m}{(1 + \chi_m)}$

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PROBLEM 6.18 (b)

Step 2: B_1 magnetizes the sphere an additional amount \vec{M}_1

$$\vec{M}_1 = \frac{k}{\mu_0} \vec{B}_1$$

but this sets up an additional field in the sphere:

$$\vec{B}_2 = \frac{2}{3} \mu_0 \vec{M}_1 = \frac{2}{3} k \vec{B}_1 = \left(\frac{2}{3} k \right)^2 \vec{B}_0$$

Step 3: B_2 magnetizes the sphere an additional amount \vec{M}_2, \dots

So, the total field is:

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 + \vec{B}_1 + \vec{B}_2 + \dots$$

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PROBLEM 6.18 (b)

$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 + \frac{2k}{3} \vec{B}_0 + \left(\frac{2k}{3} \right)^2 \vec{B}_0 + \dots$$

$$= \left[1 + \left(\frac{2k}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{2k}{3} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \vec{B}_0 = \frac{\vec{B}_0}{1 - \frac{2k}{3}}$$

Recall: $k = \frac{\chi_m}{(1 + \chi_m)}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B} = \frac{1 + \chi_m}{1 + \chi_m / 3} \vec{B}_0$$

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