Module 20: Sources of Magnetic Fields: Ampere's Law

Module 20: Outline

Ampere's Law

Concept Question: Question

The integral expression
$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}}$$

- 1. is equal to the magnetic work done around a closed path
- 2. is equal to the current through an open surface bounded by the closed path.
- 3. is always zero.
- 4. is equal to the magnetic potential energy between two points.
- 5. None of the above.

Last Time: Creating Magnetic Fields: Biot-Savart

The Biot-Savart Law

Current element of length *ds* carrying current *l* produces a magnetic field:



Today: 3rd Maxwell Equation: Ampere's Law

Analog (in use) to Gauss's Law

Gauss's Law – The Idea



The total "flux" of field lines penetrating any of these surfaces is the same and depends only on the amount of charge inside

Ampere's Law: The Idea



In order to have a B field around a loop, there must be current punching through the loop

Ampere's Law: The Equation

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = \mu_0 I_{enc}$$



The line integral is around any closed contour bounding an open surface *S*.

 I_{enc} is current through S: $I_{enc} = \iint_{S} \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A}$

Concept Question Questions: Ampere's Law

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Integrating B around the loop shown gives us:

- 1. a positive number
- 2. a negative number
- 3. zero

Biot-Savart vs. Ampere

Biot- Savart Law	$\vec{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int \frac{d \vec{\mathbf{s}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$	general current source ex: finite wire wire loop
Ampere's law	$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = \mu_0 I_{enc}$	symmetric current source ex: infinite wire infinite current sheet

Applying Ampere's Law

- 1. Identify regions in which to calculate B field. Get B direction by right hand rule
- 2. Choose Amperian Loops S: Symmetry B is 0 or constant on the loop!
- 3. Calculate $\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}}$
- 4. Calculate current enclosed by loop S
- 5. Apply Ampere's Law to solve for B

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = \mu_0 I_{enc}$$

Qualifications

- Ampere's Law is only useful for calculation in certain specific situations, involving highly symmetric currents.
- Only holds for constant fields. We will need to introduce another term when the electric field is changing in time. Here are the basic examples...

Problem: Infinite Wire



A cylindrical conductor has radius R and a uniform current density with total current I. For the two regions: (1) outside wire ($r \ge R$) (2) inside wire (r < R)draw diagrams showing your choice of Amperian Loop and any parameters that you may need for that loop.

Solution: Ampere's Law Infinite Wire





Example: Infinite Wire



Region 1: Outside wire $(r \ge R)$ Cylindrical symmetry \rightarrow **Amperian Circle B-field counterclockwise** $\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = B \oint ds = B (2\pi r)$ $=\mu_0 I_{enc} = \mu_0 I$ $\vec{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \hat{\mathbf{\theta}}$

Problem: Inside



We just found B(r>R)

Now you find B(r<R)

Solution: Infinite Wire

Region 2: Inside wire (r < R)

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = B \oint ds = B \left(2\pi r \right)$$
$$-\mu_0 I_{enc} - \mu_0 I \left(\frac{\pi r^2}{\pi R^2} \right)$$
$$\vec{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{\mu_0 I r}{2\pi R^2} \hat{\mathbf{\theta}}$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{J}}$$

Co

uld also say:
$$J = \frac{I}{A} = \frac{I}{\pi R^2}; I_{enc} = JA_{enc} = \frac{I}{\pi R^2}(\pi r^2)$$

Example: Infinite Wire



$$B_{in} - \frac{\mu_0 Ir}{2\pi R^2} \qquad B_{out} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

Problem: Non-Uniform Cylindrical Wire



A cylindrical conductor has radius R and a nonuniform current density with total current:

$$\vec{\mathbf{J}} = J_0 \frac{R}{r} \hat{\mathbf{n}}$$

Find B everywhere

Applying Ampere's Law

In Choosing Amperian Loop:

- Study & Follow Symmetry
- Determine Field Directions First
- Think About Where Field is Zero
- Loop Must
 - Be Parallel to (Constant) Desired Field
 - Be Perpendicular to Unknown Fields
 - Or Be Located in Zero Field

Other Geometries

Two Loops



Two Loops Moved Closer Together



Multiple Wire Loops



Multiple Wire Loops – Solenoid



Demonstration: Long Solenoid

Magnetic Field of Solenoid





loosely wound

tightly wound

For ideal solenoid, B is uniform inside & zero outside

Magnetic Field of Ideal Solenoid



n = N / L: # turns/unit length

Problem: Current Sheet



A sheet of current (infinite in the y & z directions, of thickness 2d in the x direction) carries a uniform current density:

$$\vec{\mathbf{J}}_{s} = J\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Find B for x > 0

Ampere's Law: Infinite Current Sheet



Solenoid is Two Current Sheets



Field outside current sheet should be half of solenoid, with the substitution:

nI = 2dJ

This is current per unit length (equivalent of λ , but we don't have a symbol for it)

Ampere's Law: $\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = \mu_0 I_{enc}$

Long Circular Symmetry





(Infinite) Current Sheet

Solenoid = 2 Current Sheets







Brief Review Thus Far...

Electric charges make diverging Electric Fields

Magnetic Gauss's Law:
$$\oint_{S} \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = 0$$

No Magnetic Monopoles! (No diverging B Fields)

Ampere's Law:

$$\oint_C \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d \vec{\mathbf{s}} = \mu_0 I_{enc}$$

Currents make curling Magnetic Fields

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