

Electromagnetic

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Lecture 4

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GAUSS'S LAW

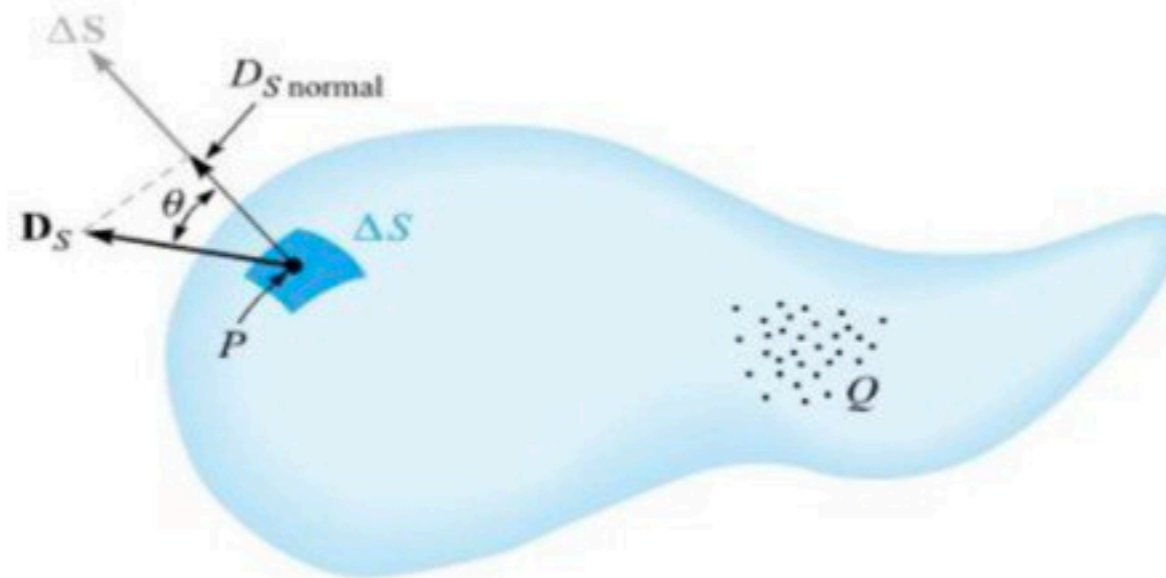


Figure 3.2 The electric flux density D_S at P arising from charge Q . The total flux passing through ΔS is $D_S \cdot \Delta S$.

where we are able to apply the definition
The *total* flux passing through the closed surface is the sum of the differential contributions crossing each surface element.

$$\Psi = \int d\Psi =$$

$$\Psi = \oint_S \mathbf{D}_S \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \text{charge enclosed} = Q$$

(5)

or a volume charge distribution,

$$Q = \int_{\text{vol}} \rho_v dv$$

The last form is usually used, and we should agree now that it represents any or all of the other forms. With this understanding, Gauss's law may be written in terms of the charge distribution as

$$\oint_S \mathbf{D}_S \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_{\text{vol}} \rho_v dv$$

(6)

EXAMPLE 3.1

To illustrate the application of Gauss's law, let us check the results of Faraday's experiment by placing a point charge Q at the origin of a spherical coordinate system (Figure 3.3) and by choosing our closed surface as a sphere of radius a .

Solution. We have, as before,

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{Q}{4\pi r^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$

At the surface of the sphere,

$$\mathbf{D}_S = \frac{Q}{4\pi a^2} \mathbf{a}_r$$

The differential element of area on a spherical surface is, in spherical coordinates from Chapter 1,

$$dS = r^2 \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi = a^2 \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi$$

or

$$d\mathbf{S} = a^2 \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \, \mathbf{a}_r$$

The integrand is

$$\mathbf{D}_S \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{Q}{4\pi a^2} a^2 \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \, \mathbf{a}_r \cdot \mathbf{a}_r = \frac{Q}{4\pi} \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi$$

leading to the closed surface integral

$$\int_{\phi=0}^{\phi=2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi} \frac{Q}{4\pi} \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{Q}{4\pi} (-\cos \theta)_0^\pi \, d\phi = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{Q}{2\pi} \, d\phi = Q$$

The Steady Magnetic Field

The relation of the steady magnetic field to its source is more complicated than is the relation of the electrostatic field to its source. We will find it necessary to accept several laws temporarily on faith alone. The proof of the laws does exist and is available on the Web site for the disbelievers or the more advanced student. ■

BIOT-SAVART LAW

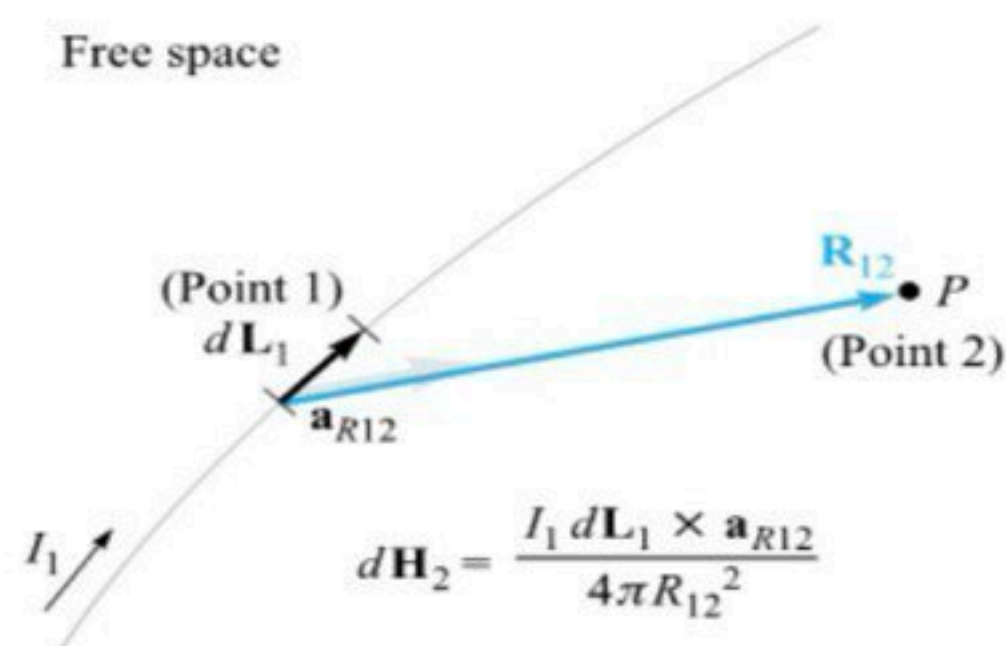


Figure 7.1 The law of Biot-Savart expresses the magnetic field intensity $d\mathbf{H}_2$ produced by a differential current element $I_1 d\mathbf{L}_1$. The direction of $d\mathbf{H}_2$ is into the page.

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The units of the *magnetic field intensity* \mathbf{H} are evidently amperes per meter (A/m). The geometry is illustrated in Figure 7.1. Subscripts may be used to indicate the point to which each of the quantities in (1) refers. If we locate the current element at point 1 and describe the point P at which the field is to be determined as point 2, then

$$d\mathbf{H}_2 = \frac{I_1 d\mathbf{L}_1 \times \mathbf{a}_{R12}}{4\pi R_{12}^2} \quad (2)$$

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The Biot-Savart law may also be expressed in terms of distributed sources, such as current density \mathbf{J} and *surface current density* \mathbf{K} . Surface current flows in a sheet of vanishingly small thickness, and the current density \mathbf{J} , measured in amperes per square

meter, is therefore infinite. Surface current density, however, is measured in amperes per meter width and designated by \mathbf{K} . If the surface current density is uniform, the total current I in any width b is

$$I = Kb$$

where we assume that the width b is measured perpendicularly to the direction in which the current is flowing. The geometry is illustrated by Figure 7.2. For a nonuniform surface current density, integration is necessary:

$$I = \int K dN \quad (4)$$

where dN is a differential element of the path *across* which the current is flowing. Thus the differential current element $I dL$, where dL is in the direction of the current, may be expressed in terms of surface current density \mathbf{K} or current density \mathbf{J} ,

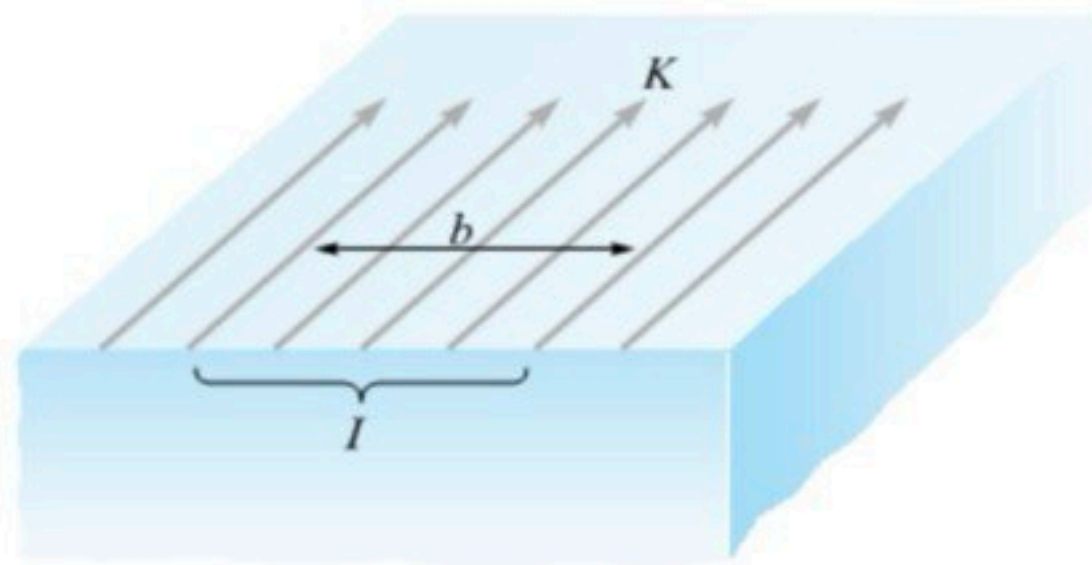


Figure 7.2 The total current I within a transverse width b , in which there is a *uniform* surface current density K , is Kb .

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where dN is a differential element of the path *across* which the current is flowing. Thus the differential current element $I d\mathbf{L}$, where $d\mathbf{L}$ is in the direction of the current, may be expressed in terms of surface current density \mathbf{K} or current density \mathbf{J} ,

$$I d\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{K} dS = \mathbf{J} dv \quad (5)$$

and alternate forms of the Biot-Savart law obtained,

$$\mathbf{H} = \int_s \frac{\mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{a}_R dS}{4\pi R^2} \quad (6)$$

and

$$\mathbf{H} = \int_{\text{vol}} \frac{\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{a}_R dv}{4\pi R^2} \quad (7)$$

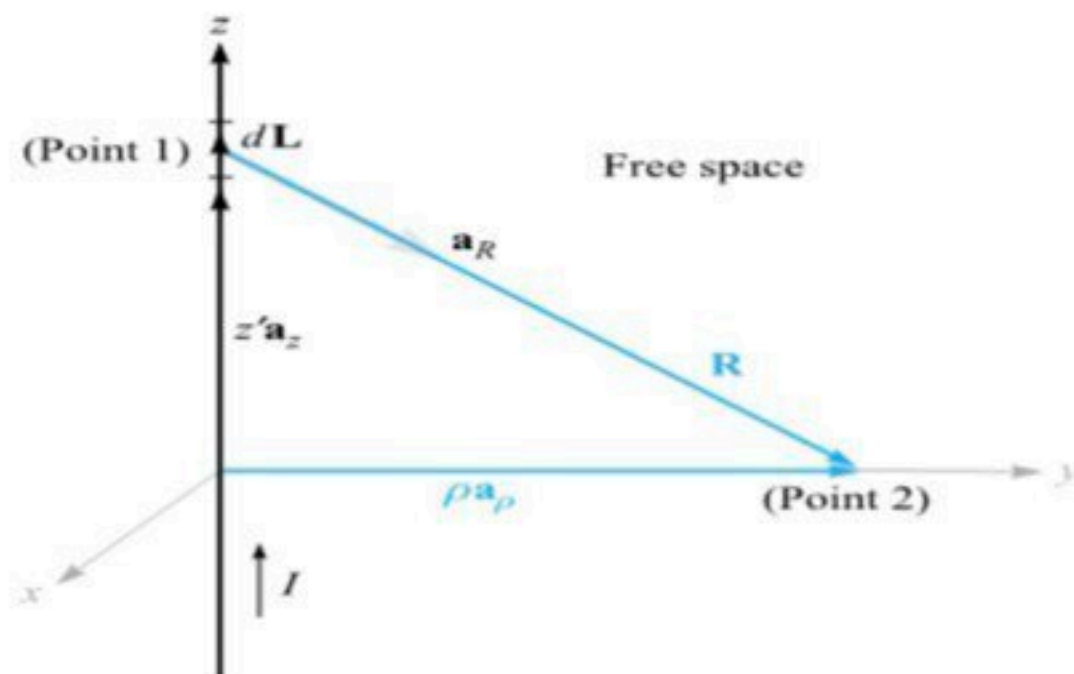


Figure 7.3 An infinitely long straight filament carrying a direct current I . The field at point 2 is $\mathbf{H} = (I/2\pi\rho)\mathbf{a}_\phi$.

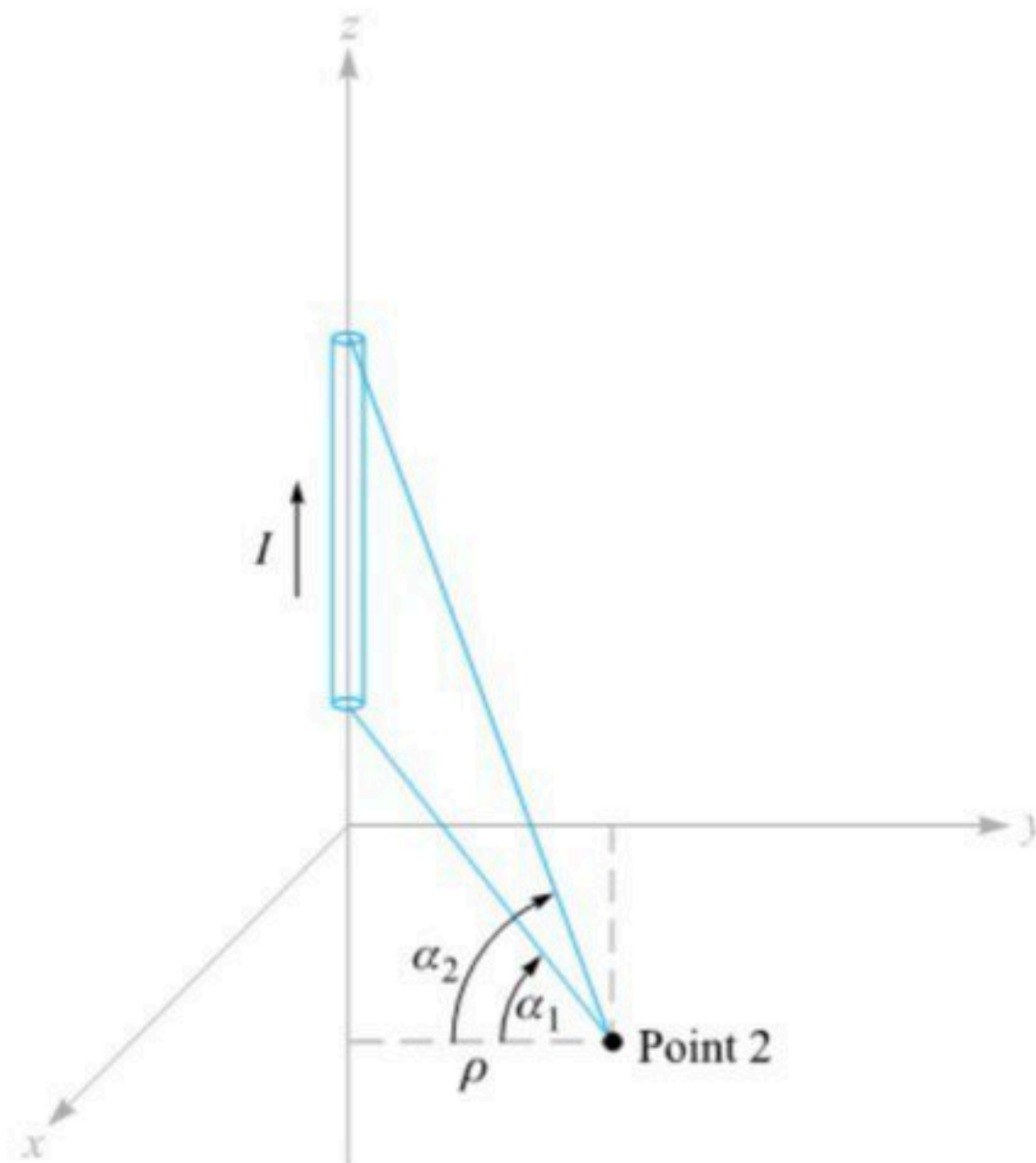
$$\mathbf{H}_2 = \frac{I}{2\pi\rho} \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (8)$$

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\mathbf{H} is most easily expressed in terms of the angles α_1 and α_2 , as identified in the figure. The result is

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi\rho}(\sin\alpha_2 - \sin\alpha_1)\mathbf{a}_\phi \quad (9)$$

If one or both ends are below point 2, then α_1 is or both α_1 and α_2 are negative.



As a numerical example illustrating the use of (9), we determine \mathbf{H} at $P_2(0.4, 0.3, 0)$ in the field of an 8. A filamentary current is directed inward from infinity to the origin on the positive x axis, and then outward to infinity along the y axis. This arrangement is shown in Figure 7.6.

Solution. We first consider the semi-infinite current on the x axis, identifying the two angles, $\alpha_{1x} = -90^\circ$ and $\alpha_{2x} = \tan^{-1}(0.4/0.3) = 53.1^\circ$. The radial distance ρ is measured from the x axis, and we have $\rho_x = 0.3$. Thus, this contribution to \mathbf{H}_2 is

$$\mathbf{H}_{2(x)} = \frac{8}{4\pi(0.3)}(\sin 53.1^\circ + 1)\mathbf{a}_\phi = \frac{2}{0.3\pi}(1.8)\mathbf{a}_\phi = \frac{12}{\pi}\mathbf{a}_\phi$$

The unit vector \mathbf{a}_ϕ must also be referred to the x axis. We see that it becomes $-\mathbf{a}_z$. Therefore,

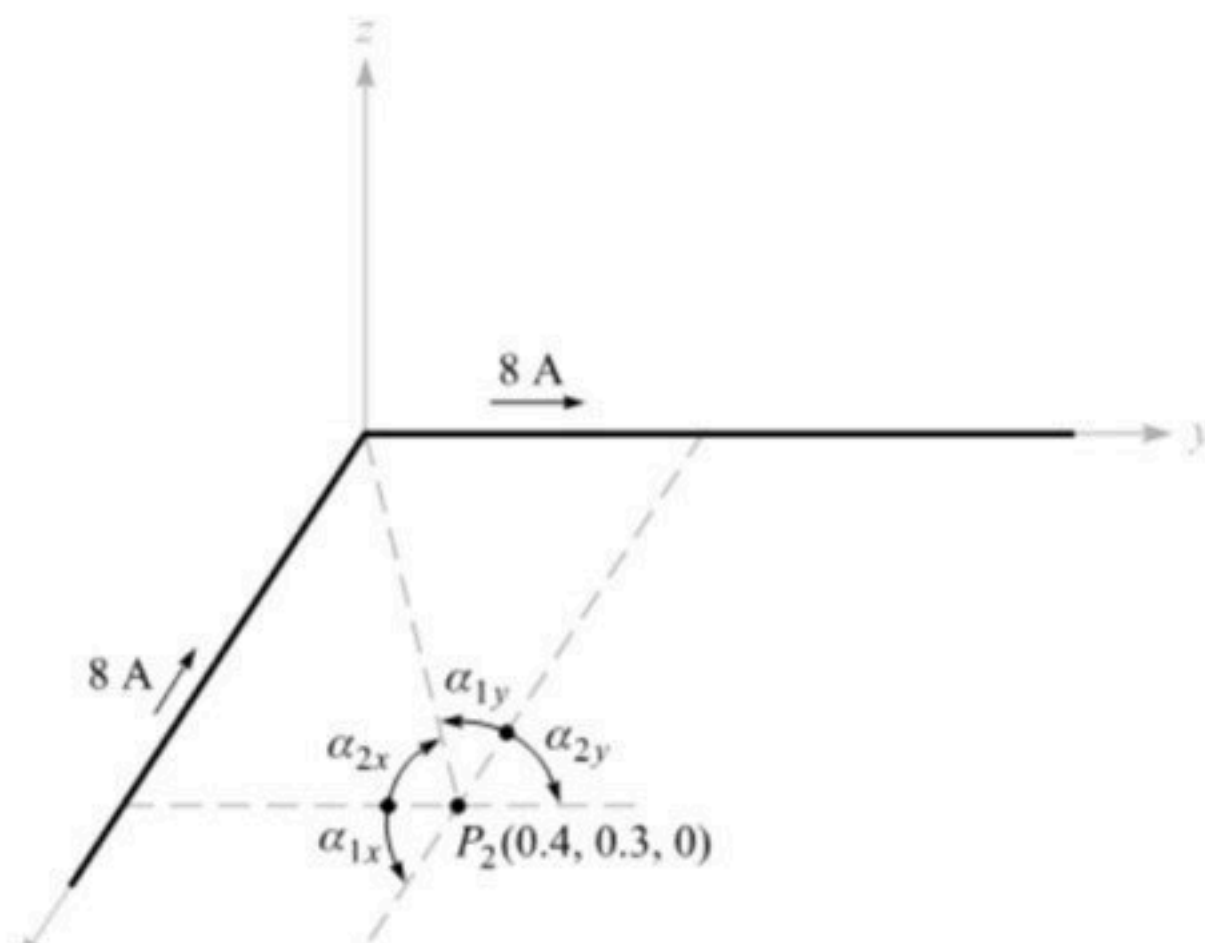
$$\mathbf{H}_{2(x)} = -\frac{12}{\pi}\mathbf{a}_z \text{ A/m}$$

For the current on the y axis, we have $\alpha_{1y} = -\tan^{-1}(0.3/0.4) = -36.9^\circ$, $\alpha_{2y} = 90^\circ$, and $\rho_y = 0.4$. It follows that

$$\mathbf{H}_{2(y)} = \frac{8}{4\pi(0.4)}(1 + \sin 36.9^\circ)(-\mathbf{a}_z) = -\frac{8}{\pi}\mathbf{a}_z \text{ A/m}$$

Adding these results, we have

$$\mathbf{H}_2 = \mathbf{H}_{2(x)} + \mathbf{H}_{2(y)} = -\frac{20}{\pi}\mathbf{a}_z = -6.37\mathbf{a}_z \text{ A/m}$$



AMPÈRE'S CIRCUITAL LAW

Ampère's circuital law states that the line integral of \mathbf{H} about any *closed* path is exactly equal to the direct current enclosed by that path,

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{L} = I \quad (10)$$

We define positive current as flowing in the direction of advance of a right-handed screw turned in the direction in which the closed path is traversed.

In our example, the path must be a circle of radius ρ , and Ampère's circuital law becomes

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{L} = \int_0^{2\pi} H_\phi \rho d\phi = H_\phi \rho \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = H_\phi 2\pi \rho = I$$

or

$$H_\phi = \frac{I}{2\pi\rho}$$

CURL

We completed our study of Gauss's law by applying it to a differential volume element and were led to the concept of divergence. We now apply Ampère's circuital law to the perimeter of a differential surface element and discuss the third and last of the special derivatives of vector analysis, the curl. Our objective is to obtain the point form of Ampère's circuital law.

$$(\text{curl } \mathbf{H})_N = \lim_{\Delta S_N \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{L}}{\Delta S_N} \quad (21)$$

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In rectangular coordinates, the definition

This result may be written in the form of a determinant,

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{H} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ H_x & H_y & H_z \end{vmatrix}$$

and may also be written in terms of the vector operator,

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{H} = \nabla \times \mathbf{H}$$

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{H} = \left(\frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{a}_x + \left(\frac{\partial H_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} \right) \mathbf{a}_y + \left(\frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{a}_z$$

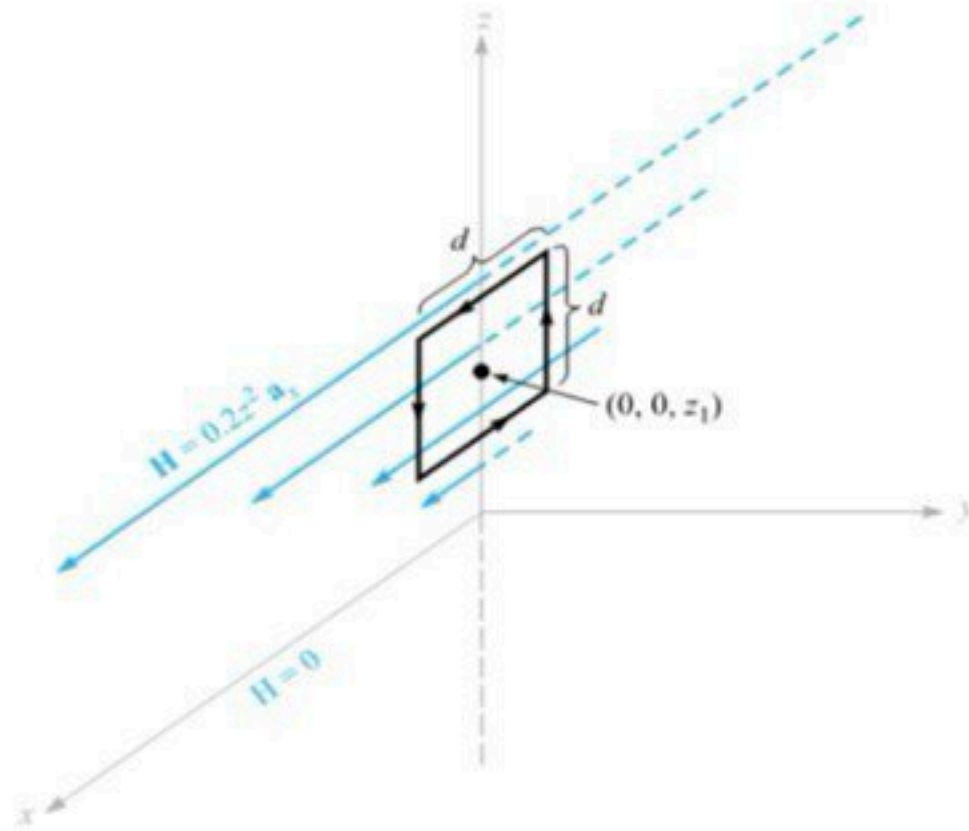
$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = & \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial H_\phi}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{a}_\rho + \left(\frac{\partial H_\rho}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \rho} \right) \mathbf{a}_\phi \\ & + \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial(\rho H_\phi)}{\partial \rho} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial H_\rho}{\partial \phi} \right) \mathbf{a}_z \quad (\text{cylindrical}) \end{aligned}$$

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EXAMPLE 7.2

As an example of the evaluation of curl \mathbf{H} from the definition and of the evaluation of another line integral, suppose that $\mathbf{H} = 0.2z^2\mathbf{a}_x$ for $z > 0$, and $\mathbf{H} = 0$ elsewhere, as shown in Figure 7.15. Calculate $\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{L}$ about a square path with side d , centered at $(0, 0, z_1)$ in the $y = 0$ plane where $z_1 > d/2$.



Solution. We evaluate the line integral of \mathbf{H} along the four segments, beginning at the top:

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{L} &= 0.2(z_1 + \frac{1}{2}d)^2 d + 0 - 0.2(z_1 - \frac{1}{2}d)^2 d + 0 \\ &= 0.4z_1 d^2 \end{aligned}$$

In the limit as the area approaches zero, we find

$$(\nabla \times \mathbf{H})_y = \lim_{d \rightarrow 0} \frac{\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{L}}{d^2} = \lim_{d \rightarrow 0} \frac{0.4z_1 d^2}{d^2} = 0.4z_1$$

The other components are zero, so $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = 0.4z_1\mathbf{a}_y$.

To evaluate the curl without trying to illustrate the definition or the evaluation of a line integral, we simply take the partial derivative indicated by (23):

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 0.2z^2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(0.2z^2)\mathbf{a}_y = 0.4z\mathbf{a}_y$$

which checks with the preceding result when $z = z_1$.