

Week 12 Worksheet

Magnets!

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Exercise 1. Suppose a magnetized object has a *uniform* magnetization \mathbf{M} .

- What does $\int \mathbf{M} dV$ calculate, where the integral is taken over the volume of the object?
- Suppose a little current loop creates one of the infinitesimal dipole moments. Let it have area a and thickness t . What is m for this loop?
- Since $m = Ia$, find an equation for the current I , and hence for the bound surface current K_b .
Hint: You can write K_b in terms of I and the dimension(s) of the loop; then, you can eliminate the dimensions using the previous results.
- Deduce that

$$\mathbf{K}_b = \mathbf{M} \times \hat{n}.$$

Exercise 2. Suppose a magnetized object has a *non-uniform* magnetization \mathbf{M} . We already know how to calculate the surface current density, so we would now like to calculate the volume current density.

- Consider two adjacent infinitesimal chunks of magnetized material, one at (x, y, z) and the other at $(x, y + dy, z)$. On the surface where the chunks touch, which way does the net current point? Show that its magnitude is

$$\frac{\partial M_z}{\partial y} dy dz.$$

- What is the net bound current density due the touching surface for the chunks considered in (b)?
- Now, consider two chunks situated at (x, y, z) and $(x, y, z + dz)$, and consider M_y . Obtain that the net bound current density due to the chunks in (c) and the new chunks is

$$(J_b)_x = (\nabla \times \mathbf{M})_x.$$

Exercise 3. We can write $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_b + \mathbf{J}_f$. Since $\frac{1}{\mu_0} \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{J}$, write $\mathbf{J}_b = \nabla \times \mathbf{M}$ to obtain a definition for \mathbf{H} , where

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_f.$$

Exercise 3. Griffiths 6.13. Suppose the field inside a large piece of magnetic material is \mathbf{B}_0 , so that $\mathbf{H}_0 = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\mathbf{B}_0 - \mathbf{M}$, where \mathbf{M} is a “frozen-in” magnetization. Assume the cavities are small enough so that \mathbf{M} , \mathbf{B}_0 , and \mathbf{H} are essentially constant inside them.

Hint: What is the magnetization inside the cavity? Is there a way you could induce that magnetization by using a different configuration and the property of superposition?

- a) Now, a small spherical cavity is hollowed out of the material. Find the field at the center of the cavity in terms of \mathbf{B}_0 and \mathbf{M} . Also find \mathbf{H} at the center of the cavity in terms of \mathbf{H}_0 and \mathbf{M} .
- b) Do the same for a long needle-shaped cavity running parallel to \mathbf{M} .
- c) Do the same for a thin wafer-shaped cavity perpendicular to \mathbf{M} . (A wafer is a disk with a small thickness relative to its radius).