

Maxwell's Equations inside Matter

(Griffiths p309 - better argument?)

$J_p :=$ current due to motion of bound charges (\equiv polarization current)

$J_p \hat{n} =$ rate of change of bound surface charge density on small slab with normal \hat{n} .

$$= (P \cdot \hat{n})_t$$

Can also get this by time-stepping, alternately letting each molecule move and deform.

$$\text{So } \boxed{J_p = \partial_t P}$$

Recall vacuum equations:

$$\nabla \times E = -B_t \quad \nabla \cdot B = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \left(\frac{H}{\mu_0} \right) = J + (\epsilon_0 E)_t \quad \nabla \cdot (\epsilon_0 E) = \rho$$

$$c^2 \mu_0 \epsilon_0 = 1$$

Recall:

$$\rho = \rho_f + \rho_b$$

$$= \rho_f - \nabla \cdot P$$

$$\text{So } \nabla \cdot (\underbrace{\epsilon_0 E + P}_D) = \rho_f$$

Recall:

$$J = J_f + J_b + J_p$$

$$= J_f + \nabla \times M + \partial_t P$$

$$\text{So } \nabla \times \left(\underbrace{\frac{B}{\mu_0} - M}_H \right) = J_f + \underbrace{(\epsilon_0 E + P)}_D$$

So:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \nabla \times E &= -B_t & \nabla \cdot B &= 0 \\ \nabla \times H &= J_f + D_t & \nabla \cdot D &= \rho_f \\ H &:= \frac{B}{\mu_0} - M \\ D &:= \epsilon_0 E + P \end{aligned}}$$

(Linear medium)

$$D = \epsilon E \quad | \quad P = \chi_e (\epsilon_0 E) \quad | \quad \epsilon = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e)$$

$$H = \mu^{-1} B \quad | \quad M = \chi_m H \quad | \quad \mu = \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m)$$

Putting everything in terms of primary rather than auxiliary fields:

$$\nabla \times \left(\frac{B}{\mu_0} - \left(\frac{\mu-1}{\mu_0} \right) \mu^{-1} B \right) = J_f + (\epsilon E)_t$$

$$\nabla \times \left[\left(\frac{1}{\mu_0} - \left(\frac{\mu-1}{\mu_0} \right) \mu^{-1} \right) B \right] = J_f + (\epsilon E)_t$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\epsilon E) = \rho_f$$

nondimensional units

$$\nabla \times E = -(cB)_{ct} \quad \nabla \cdot (cB) = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \left(\frac{H}{c\epsilon_0} \right) = \left(\frac{J_f}{c\epsilon_0} \right) + \left(\frac{D}{\epsilon_0} \right)_{ct} \quad \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{D}{\epsilon_0} \right) = \left(\frac{\rho_f}{\epsilon_0} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{H}{c\epsilon_0} \right) := (cB) - \left(\frac{M}{c\epsilon_0} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{D}{\epsilon_0} \right) := E + \left(\frac{P}{\epsilon_0} \right)$$

Linear medium

$$\left(\frac{D}{\epsilon_0} \right) = \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \right) E \quad \left(\frac{H}{c\epsilon_0} \right) = \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu_0} \right)^{-1} (cB)$$

$$\left(\frac{P}{\epsilon_0} \right) = \chi_e E \quad \left(\frac{M}{c\epsilon_0} \right) = \chi_m \left(\frac{H}{c\epsilon_0} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{E}{\epsilon_0} \right) = 1 + \chi_e \quad \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu_0} \right) = 1 + \chi_m$$

Heaviside-Lorentz

$$c \nabla \times E = -(cB)_+ \quad \nabla \cdot (cB) = 0$$

$$c \nabla \times \left(\frac{H}{c\epsilon_0} \right) = \left(\frac{J_f}{c\epsilon_0} \right) + \left(\frac{D}{\epsilon_0} \right)_t \quad \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{D}{\epsilon_0} \right) = \left(\frac{\rho_f}{\epsilon_0} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{H}{c\epsilon_0} \right) := (cB) + \frac{1}{c} \left(\frac{M}{\epsilon_0} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{D}{\epsilon_0} \right) := E + \left(\frac{P}{\epsilon_0} \right)$$

Linear Medium (same except:)

$$\left(\frac{1}{c} \right) \left(\frac{M}{\epsilon_0} \right) = \chi_m \left(\frac{H}{c\epsilon_0} \right)$$

Electric dipole moment

Assume electrostatics:

$$\nabla \cdot E = \rho$$

$$\nabla \times E = 0$$

Invoke a scalar potential:

$$E = -\nabla \phi$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\rho$$

Solve for ϕ :

$\phi = G(\rho)$, the Newtonian potential of ρ , i.e.

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{x'} \frac{\rho(x')}{|x-x'|} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\rho}{r}$$

Taylor expand the Green's function kernel:

$$\frac{1}{|x-x'|} = \frac{1}{|x|} + \frac{x \cdot x'}{|x|^3} + \dots$$

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\frac{1}{|x|} \int \rho + \frac{1}{|x|^3} x \cdot \int x' \rho + \dots \right]$$

Assume overall charge neutrality: $\int \rho = 0$

Define the electric dipole moment by
 $p := \int x' \rho(x') dx'$. p produced by stuff near r

Then the dipole potential is:
 $\phi_{\text{dip}}(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{x \cdot p}{|x|^2}$ potential for a dipole located at x' is $\frac{\hat{r} \cdot p}{r^2}$

The dipole field is then

$$E_{\text{dip}} = -\nabla \phi_{\text{dip}}$$

$$\nabla \left(\frac{x \cdot p}{|x|^3} \right) = p \wedge \nabla \left(\frac{x}{|x|^3} \right) + p \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{x}{|x|^3} \right)$$

Claim 0

Indeed, for any scalar function $f(|x|)$,

$$\nabla \wedge (f x) = (\nabla f) \wedge x + f \nabla \wedge x$$

$$= f'(|x|) \underbrace{\hat{x} \wedge x}_0 + f \varepsilon_{ijk} \underbrace{\partial_j x_k}_{\delta_{ik}}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\nabla \left(\frac{x}{|x|^3} \right) = \frac{\hat{x}}{|x|^3} - 3 \hat{x} \hat{x}$$

as computed on the magnetostatic page.

another way:

$$\nabla[(x \cdot p)/|x|^3]$$

$$= |x|^{-3} \nabla(x \cdot p) + (x \cdot p) \nabla(|x|^{-3})$$

$$= |x|^{-3} p + p \cdot x (-3|x|^{-4} \hat{x})$$

$$= \frac{p - 3 p \cdot \hat{r} \hat{r}}{|x|^3}$$

So

$$E_{\text{dip}}(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{3 p \cdot \hat{x} \hat{x} - p}{|x|^3}$$

Field of a polarized object

Let $P =$ dipole moment per unit volume.

$$\Phi_{\text{dip}}(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{(x-r') \cdot P(r')}{|x-r'|^3} d^3 r' \quad \begin{matrix} \text{dp located at } r' \\ = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\hat{r} \cdot P(x')}{r'^2} \end{matrix}$$

$\hat{r} := x - x'$ points from the integration
(source) variable to the free variable

$$\text{Let } r' := x \quad | \quad dp$$

$$\text{Let } r' := x' \quad |$$

$$\text{Let } \nabla' := \frac{\partial}{\partial r'} \quad |$$

$$\nabla' \left(\frac{1}{r'} \right) = \frac{\hat{r}}{|r'|^2} \quad |$$

$$\Phi_{\text{dip}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int p \cdot \nabla' \left(\frac{1}{r'} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \left(\nabla' \left(\frac{p}{r'} \right) - \frac{\nabla' p}{r'} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\oint \hat{r} \cdot \frac{p}{r'} - \oint \frac{\nabla' p}{r'} \right]$$

surface charge density
 $\text{Claim: } \oint_b = \hat{n} \cdot p, \quad p_b = -\nabla \cdot p$

For p_b , break the polarized material into small pieces and use an integration region that fully contains all charges.

The contribution of this piece to Φ_{dip} is:

$$\oint_b p_b = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{dp_b}{r} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int -\nabla' p$$

So $\langle dp_b \rangle = \langle -\nabla' p \rangle$, where $\langle \cdot \rangle$ denotes average over this small region.

$$\text{So } p_b = -\nabla' p$$

For p_b , choose a vanishingly small integration region so that the volume integral will vanish since it is of a higher order of smallness. (Not needed).

Partition the bound charge into a portion that resides in an interior where there is cancellation and a surface with uncancelled charge.

$$\Phi_{\text{dip}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\oint \frac{\sigma_b}{r} + \oint \frac{p_b}{r} \right]$$

$$\text{So } \oint \frac{\sigma_b}{r} = \oint \frac{\hat{n} \cdot p}{r}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{\sigma_b = \hat{n} \cdot p}$$

Boundary charges of a polarized medium

Imagine a collection of molecules $(M_i)_{i=1}^n$ each located at a point r_i and having a charge distribution which we write $p_i(r)$, which is zero except near $r \approx r_i$. We determine the long-distance potential ϕ_i produced by p_i .

$$\phi(r) = \sum_i \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\tilde{r}} \frac{p_i(\tilde{r}')}{|r - \tilde{r}'|}$$

We can assume that $\tilde{r}_i := \tilde{r} - r_i$ is small. Let $\tilde{r}_i := r - r_i$

$$\frac{1}{|r - \tilde{r}|} = \frac{1}{|\tilde{r}_i - \tilde{r}|}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|\tilde{r}_i|} + \frac{\tilde{r}_i \cdot \tilde{r}_i}{|\tilde{r}_i|^2} + \dots$$

so

$$\phi(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_i \left(\frac{1}{|\tilde{r}_i|} \int p_i + \frac{\tilde{r}_i \cdot \tilde{r}_i}{|\tilde{r}_i|^2} \int \tilde{r}_i p_i + \dots \right)$$

where $\int p_i = i^{\text{th}}$ monopole moment, and

$$p_i := \int \tilde{r}_i p_i := \int (\tilde{r} - r_i) p_i(\tilde{r})$$

is the i^{th} dipole moment.

$$\text{Let } \Phi_{\text{dip}}(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_i \frac{\tilde{r}_i}{|\tilde{r}_i|^2} p_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_i \int_{r'} \frac{\tilde{r}_i}{|\tilde{r}_i|^2} p_i \delta(r' - r_i)$$

[where $\tilde{r} := r - r'$]

So for an approximation to the identity $f(r) \approx \delta(r)$,

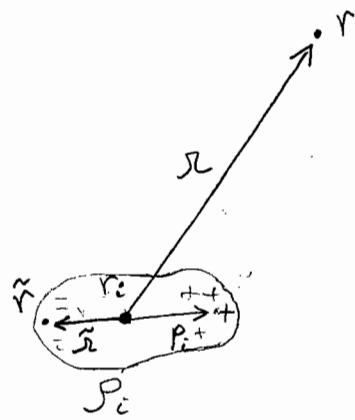
$$(\Phi * f)(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_i \int_{r'} \frac{\tilde{r}_i}{|\tilde{r}_i|^2} p_i f(r' - r_i)$$

$$\text{Let } P(r) = \sum_i p_i f(r - r_i)$$

$$\text{So } \int_{r \in V} P(r) d^3r = \sum_i \int_{r \in V} p_i f(r - r_i)$$

$$\approx \sum_{r_i \in V} p_i$$

$P(r)$ is the dipole moment per unit volume, also called the polarization



$$\Phi_{\text{dip}}(r) \approx (\Phi * f)(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\hat{r} P(r') d^3r'}{|r - r'|^2}$$

where $\tilde{r} := r - r'$

Just as we used an approximation to the identity to smear out the discrete dipoles into a smooth dipole moment per unit volume, so we can use an approximation to the identity to smear out a possibly discontinuous dipole moment per unit volume.

This will allow us to give a clear definition of the surface charge of a polarized continuum with discontinuity at its boundary.

Imagine a polarized medium with polarization P that has support properly within a region W with smooth boundary.

Let $\tilde{P} = P * f_\epsilon$, where f_ϵ is an approximation to the identity whose support is contained in an ϵ -ball about 0.

[Let $\Delta W = "supp X_{\Delta W} * B_\epsilon"$ be the region of width ϵ around ∂W .

The dipole potential due to P is:

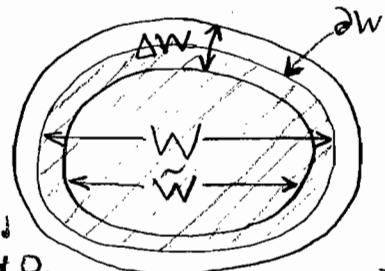
$$\Phi_{\text{dip}}(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\tilde{W}} \frac{\hat{r}}{|\tilde{r}|^2} P(r') d^3r'$$

$\tilde{W} = P \cdot \nabla' \left(\frac{1}{|\tilde{r}|} \right)$ where $\nabla' := \frac{\partial}{\partial r'}$

$$\approx \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\tilde{W} + \Delta W} \tilde{P} \cdot \nabla' \left(\frac{1}{|\tilde{r}|} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\tilde{W} + \Delta W} \left[\nabla' \left(\frac{P}{|\tilde{r}|} \right) - \frac{\nabla' \cdot P}{|\tilde{r}|} \right] d^3r'$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\oint_{\tilde{W} + \Delta W} \hat{n} \cdot \left(\frac{P}{|\tilde{r}|} \right) - \int_{\tilde{W} + \Delta W} \frac{\nabla' \cdot P}{|\tilde{r}|} \right]$$



(Surface charge of polarized medium)

Again,

$$\Phi_{dip}(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\oint \hat{n} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}}{r} \right) d^3 r' - \int \frac{\nabla' \cdot \mathbf{P}}{r} d^3 r' \right]$$

$r \in \tilde{W} + \Delta W$

We should get approximately the same result for Φ_{dip} whether we take

- (1) ΔW = the region of width 2ϵ around \tilde{W} as in the picture, or
 (2) $\Delta W = \emptyset$.

Case (2)

$$\text{Says } \Phi_{dip}(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\oint \hat{n} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{P}}{r} d^3 r' - \int \frac{\nabla' \cdot \mathbf{P}}{r} d^3 r' \right]$$

\tilde{W}

[where $\partial \tilde{W}$ is just inside \tilde{W}]

Case (1) $\mathbf{P} = 0$ on $\partial(\tilde{W} + \Delta W)$, says

$$\Phi_{dip}(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[- \int_{\Delta W} \frac{\nabla' \cdot \mathbf{P}}{r} d^3 r' - \int_{\tilde{W}} \frac{\nabla' \cdot \mathbf{P}}{r} d^3 r' \right]$$

So we may infer that

$$(*) \quad \oint_{r \in \Delta W} \hat{n} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{P}}{r} d^3 r' \approx \int_{r \in \Delta W} -\nabla' \cdot \frac{\mathbf{P}}{|r-r'|} d^3 r'$$

see argument on next page.

- $-\nabla' \cdot \mathbf{P}$ is the bound charge density (in ΔW) due to polarization.

I claim that $\hat{n} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{P}}{r}$ is the surface charge density, which is the density of bound charge near ΔW .

To see this, use a partition of unity to write \mathbf{P} as a sum of polarizations \mathbf{P}_i with small supports.

In this case $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{|r-r'|}$ in

the integrand is roughly constant for a given \mathbf{P}_i , so get

$$\sum_i \left(\hat{n} \cdot \mathbf{P}_i \cdot \underbrace{(\text{area})}_{\substack{\text{area of} \\ \text{surface} \\ \text{where } \mathbf{P}_i \\ \text{is nonzero}}} = -\nabla' \cdot \underbrace{(\text{volume})}_{\substack{\text{charge in belt} \\ \Delta W \text{ of } \mathbf{P}_i}} \right)$$

So $\hat{n} \cdot \mathbf{P} = \text{charge per surface area}$

Electric Displacement

Assume that the net charge ρ is composed of some free charge ρ_f plus some overall-neutral bound charge ρ_b :

$$\rho = \rho_b + \rho_f$$

The potential caused by the net and free charges is:

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\rho}{r}, \quad \rho_f = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\rho_f}{r}$$

The potential caused by the bound charge is approximately the potential caused by its dipole moment per unit volume, since we assume that the bound charges come in localized units with net neutral charge:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_b &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\rho_b}{r} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \rho \cdot \nabla' \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\nabla' \cdot \rho}{r} \end{aligned}$$

So the net potential is:

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int (\rho_f - \nabla' \cdot \rho) \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\text{But } \varphi = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\rho}{r}.$$

Since φ is uniquely determined from ρ , we have that

$$\rho = \rho_f - \nabla' \cdot \rho$$

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{\rho_b = -\nabla' \cdot \rho}$$

$$\text{So: } \nabla' \cdot E = \rho,$$

$$\nabla' \cdot E_f = \rho_f$$

$$\nabla' \cdot E_b = \rho_b = -\nabla' \cdot \rho$$

$$\text{Define } \boxed{D := E + P} \quad \text{electric displacement}$$

$$\text{Then } \nabla' \cdot D = \nabla' \cdot E + \nabla' \cdot P$$

$$= \rho - \rho_b$$

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{\nabla' \cdot D = \rho_f}$$

Can we say that $D = E_f$?

No. See Griffiths page 175.

$\nabla' \cdot D = \nabla' \cdot P \neq 0$ in general.

So $D \neq \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\rho_f \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2}$ in general.

Linear medium

$$\text{Assume } \boxed{P = \chi_e E}.$$

$$\text{Then } D = (1 + \chi_e) E$$

$$\text{Define } \boxed{\epsilon := 1 + \chi_e} \quad \text{permittivity or dielectric constant}$$

$$\text{Then } \boxed{D = \epsilon E}$$

$$\text{Note } \rho_b = -\nabla' \cdot \rho = -\nabla' \cdot (\chi_e E)$$

$$= -\nabla' \cdot \left(\frac{\chi_e}{1 + \chi_e} D \right)$$

$$= -\left(\frac{\chi_e}{1 + \chi_e} \right) \rho_f + D \underbrace{\nabla' \cdot \left(\frac{\chi_e}{1 + \chi_e} \right)}_{0 \text{ if homogeneous}}$$

\circlearrowleft except at boundary for a conductor.

So it is important to understand boundary charges.

Magnetic dipole moment

Assume magnetostatics:

$$\nabla \cdot B = 0$$

$$\nabla \wedge B = J$$

Invoke the Coulomb potential:

$$\nabla \wedge A = B$$

$$\nabla \cdot A = 0$$

Solve for A

$$\nabla \wedge \nabla \wedge A = J$$

$$-\nabla^2 A = J$$

$A = G(J)$, the Newtonian potential of J .

$$A(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{x'} \frac{J(x')}{|x-x'|}$$

Taylor expand the Green's function kernel:

$$\frac{1}{|x-x'|} = \frac{1}{|x|} + \frac{x \cdot x'}{|x|^3} + \dots$$

$$A(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\frac{1}{|x|} \int J + \frac{1}{|x|^3} x \cdot \int_{x'} x' J + \dots \right]$$

Recall $\oint_t + \nabla \cdot J = 0$, $\nabla \cdot E = \rho$

magnetostatics $\Rightarrow E, J$ are constant

$\Rightarrow \rho$ is constant

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla \cdot J = 0}$$

Claim $\oint J = 0$

Can write J as the divergence of a decaying 2nd order tensor:

$$\nabla \cdot (Jx) = \underbrace{(\nabla \cdot J)x}_{0} + \underbrace{J \cdot \nabla x}_{J, \text{ since } \nabla x = I}$$

$$\text{So } \oint J = \oint \nabla \cdot (Jx) = 0$$

if J decays rapidly.

Claim $\oint x \cdot J = - \oint Jx$

i.e. $\oint (x \cdot J + Jx) = 0$. Well,

$$\oint (\nabla \cdot (Jx)) = \underbrace{(\nabla \cdot J)x}_{0} + \underbrace{(J \cdot \nabla x)x}_{J} + x \underbrace{\cdot (J \cdot \nabla x)}_{J}$$

$$\text{i.e. } 0 = \oint (Jx + x \cdot J)$$

$$\text{So } x \cdot \oint x' J = \frac{1}{2} x \cdot \oint (x' J + x' \cdot J)$$

$$= x \cdot \oint (x' J - Jx') \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= -x \wedge \oint (x' \wedge J) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Call $\oint M(x') = \text{magnetic moment density}$

So we define the magnetic moment density M by

$$M(x') := \frac{1}{2} [x' \wedge J(x')]$$

and we define the magnetic moment m by

$$m := \oint_x M(x')$$

This gives:

$$A(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{m \wedge x}{|x|^3}$$

magnetic dipole vector potential

$$\text{So } B = \nabla \wedge A$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \nabla \wedge \left(m \wedge \frac{x}{|x|^3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[m \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{x}{|x|^3} \right) - m \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{x}{|x|^3} \right) \right]$$

$$\nabla \left(\frac{x}{|x|^3} \right) = \frac{(\nabla x)|x|^3 - (3|x|^2 \hat{x})x}{|x|^6}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{x} - 3\hat{x}\hat{x}}{|x|^3}$$

So far from the current source,

$$B = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{3\hat{x}\hat{x} \cdot m - m}{|x|^3}$$

Field of a magnetized object

Recall the definition of magnetic moment:

$$m := \int_{r'} \frac{1}{2} r' \wedge J(r') \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} m(r) = \int_{r'}^{\perp} r \wedge J(r') \\ \uparrow \qquad \downarrow \\ \text{location of source} \qquad \text{location of source} \end{array} \right.$$

This gives the potential

$$A(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{m \times \hat{r}}{|r|^3} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} A(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{m(r) \times \hat{r}}{|r|^2} \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right.$$

Now suppose there is a bound current

source dJ .

located at each infinitesimal region $d^3 r'$ of space.

This current produces a piece of magnetic moment:

$$dM(r') = M(r') d^3 r' \quad \uparrow \text{location of source.}$$

$$A(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{r'} \frac{M(r') \wedge \hat{r}}{|r'|^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{r'} M \wedge \nabla \left(\frac{1}{|r|} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{r'} -\nabla \wedge \left(\frac{M}{|r|} \right) + \frac{1}{|r|} (\nabla \wedge M)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\int \frac{M \wedge \hat{n}}{|r|} + \int \frac{\nabla \wedge M}{|r|} \right]$$

Want to argue that the net bound current is concentrated on the boundary (when the magnetic moment is presumed to drop discontinuously there).

Magnetic auxiliary field H

Assume magnetostatics.

Assume the net current \mathbf{J} is composed of some free current \mathbf{J}_f plus some bound current \mathbf{J}_b that is divergenceless.

The potential caused by the net and free currents is:

$$A = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\mathbf{J}}{r}, \quad A_f = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\mathbf{J}_f}{r}$$

The potential caused by the bound charge is approximately the potential caused by its dipole moment per unit volume, since we assume that the bound currents come in localized units with net neutral charge:

$$\begin{aligned} A_b &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\mathbf{J}_b}{r} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{4\pi} \int M \wedge \nabla \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\nabla \wedge M}{r} \end{aligned}$$

So the net potential is:

$$A = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\mathbf{J}_f}{r} + \frac{\nabla \wedge M}{r}$$

But $A = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\mathbf{J}}{r}$.

Since A is uniquely determined by \mathbf{J} ,

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_f + \nabla \wedge M.$$

i.e. $\boxed{\mathbf{J}_b = \nabla \wedge M}$

Recall Ampere's law:

$$\nabla \wedge \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_f + \nabla \wedge M$$

$$\text{So } \underbrace{\nabla \wedge (\mathbf{B} - M)}_{\text{Call } H} = \mathbf{J}_f$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{H := \mathbf{B} - M}$$

Can we say that $H = B_f$?

No: $\nabla \cdot H = -\nabla \cdot M \neq 0$ in general.

[See Griffiths p 261]

Linear Medium

$$\text{Assume } M = \chi B$$

$$H = B - M$$

$$= B - \chi B$$

$$= (1 - \chi) B$$

$$\text{So } B = (1 - \chi)^{-1} H$$

$$\text{So } M = \chi (1 - \chi)^{-1} B$$

$$\text{Define } \chi_m := \chi (1 - \chi)^{-1} \Rightarrow \chi_m - \chi_m \chi = \chi$$

$$(\text{So } \chi = (\chi_m + 1)^{-1} \chi_m)$$

$$\boxed{M = \chi_m H}$$

$$B = H + M$$

$$= (1 + \chi_m) H$$

$$\text{Define } \boxed{\mu := 1 + \chi_m}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{B = \mu H}$$