



Electromagnetics:
Electromagnetic Field Theory

Current Distributions



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“Point” Current

Magnetic Field

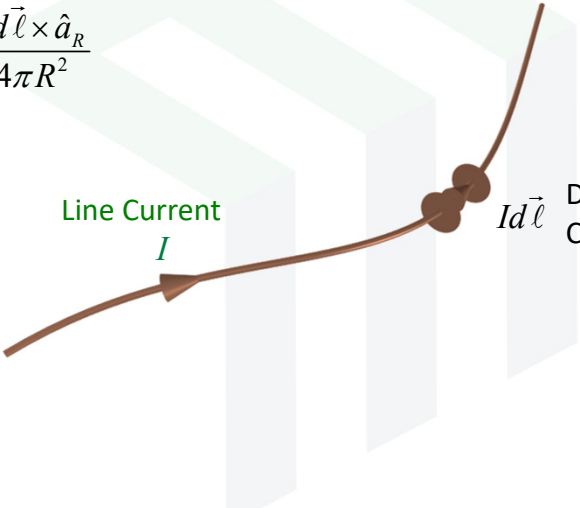
$$d\vec{H} = \frac{I d\vec{\ell} \times \hat{a}_R}{4\pi R^2}$$

$I d\vec{\ell}$ Differential
Current (A·m)

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Line Current

Magnetic Field

$$\vec{H} = \int_L \frac{Id\vec{\ell} \times \hat{a}_R}{4\pi R^2}$$


Line Current
 I

Differential Current (A·m)
 $Id\vec{\ell}$

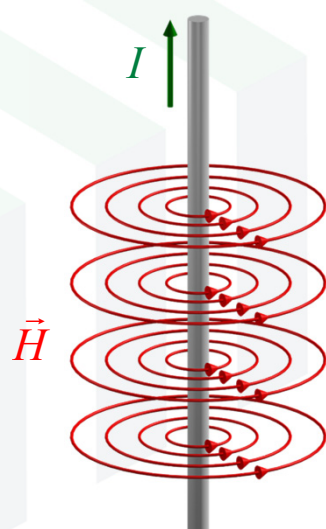
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Magnetic Field Around an Infinite Line Current

Magnetic Field

$$\vec{H} = \int_L \frac{Id\vec{\ell} \times \hat{a}_R}{4\pi R^2}$$

$$= \frac{I}{2\pi\rho} \hat{a}_\phi$$


I

\vec{H}

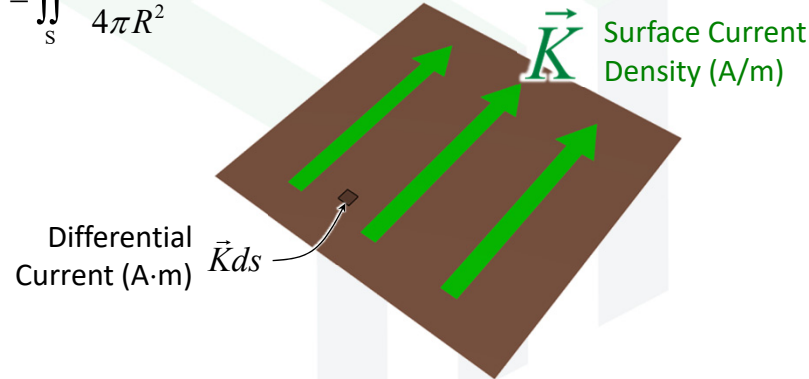
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Surface Current

Magnetic Field

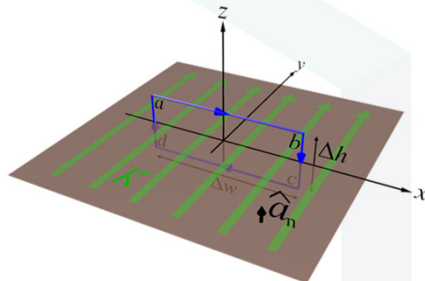
$$\vec{H} = \iint_S \frac{\vec{K} ds \times \hat{a}_R}{4\pi R^2}$$



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Magnetic Field Due to Surface Current

The magnetic field \vec{H} can be determined by applying Ampere's circuit law and integrating around a closed-line that encompasses some surface current.



$$I = \oint_L \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

This separates into six integrals.

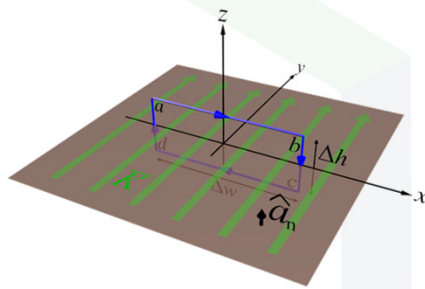
$$I = \int_a^b \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{\ell} + \int_b^0 \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{\ell} + \int_0^c \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{\ell} + \int_c^d \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{\ell} + \int_d^0 \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{\ell} + \int_0^a \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

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Magnetic Field Due to Surface Current

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$$I = H_{x,\text{top}} \Delta w - \cancel{H_{x,\text{top}} \frac{\Delta h}{2}} - \cancel{H_{x,\text{bot}} \frac{\Delta h}{2}} - H_{x,\text{bot}} \Delta w + \cancel{H_{x,\text{bot}} \frac{\Delta h}{2}} + \cancel{H_{x,\text{top}} \frac{\Delta h}{2}}$$



In the limit as $\Delta h \rightarrow 0$,

$$I = H_{x,\text{top}} \Delta w - H_{x,\text{bot}} \Delta w$$

Due to symmetry $|H_{x,\text{top}}| = |H_{x,\text{bot}}|$

If $H_{x,\text{top}} = H_{x,\text{bot}}$, then $I = 0$. \rightarrow ???

It is concluded that

$$H_x = H_{x,\text{top}} = -H_{x,\text{bot}}$$

The equation becomes

$$I = H_x \Delta w + H_x \Delta w \\ = 2H_x \Delta w$$

Magnetic Field Due to Surface Current

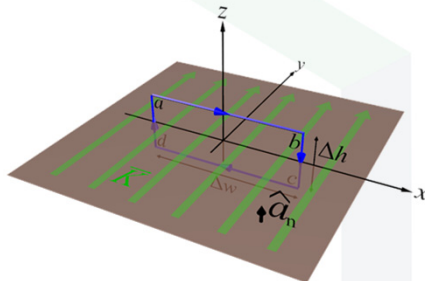
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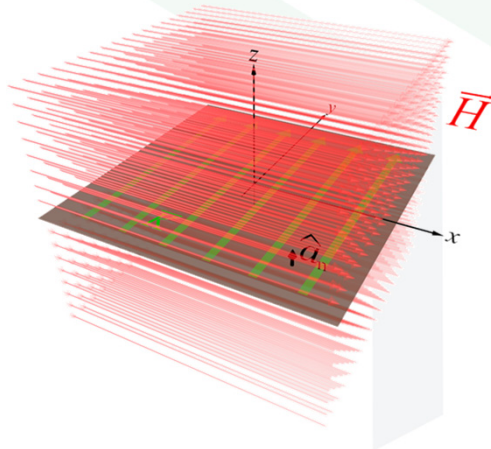
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In vector form, this is

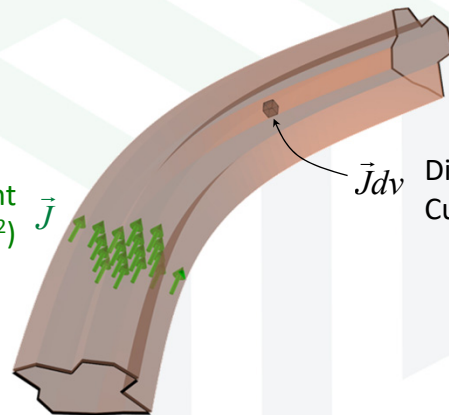
$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{K} \times \hat{a}_n$$

Volume Current

Magnetic Field

$$\vec{H} = \iiint_V \frac{\vec{J} dv \times \hat{a}_R}{4\pi R^2}$$

Volume Current Density (A/m²) \vec{J}



$\vec{J} dv$ Differential Current (A·m)

Recipe to Calculate Field Around Current Distributions

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Recipe for Solving Problems

1. Draw the problem and label with all dimensions and parameters.
2. Choose a coordinate system that makes the math easiest.
3. Write the general equation.

	Point	Line	Surface	Volume
\vec{H}_{total}	$d\vec{H} = \frac{I d\vec{\ell} \times \hat{a}_R}{4\pi R^2}$	$\vec{H} = \int_L \frac{I d\vec{\ell} \times \hat{a}_R}{4\pi R^2}$	$\vec{H} = \iint_S \frac{\vec{K} ds \times \hat{a}_R}{4\pi R^2}$	$\vec{H} = \iiint_V \frac{\vec{j} dv \times \hat{a}_R}{4\pi R^2}$

4. Write expressions for each term in the integral.
5. Choose limits of integration.
6. Solve the integral.
7. Interpret the result.

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