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Lorentz Force Law

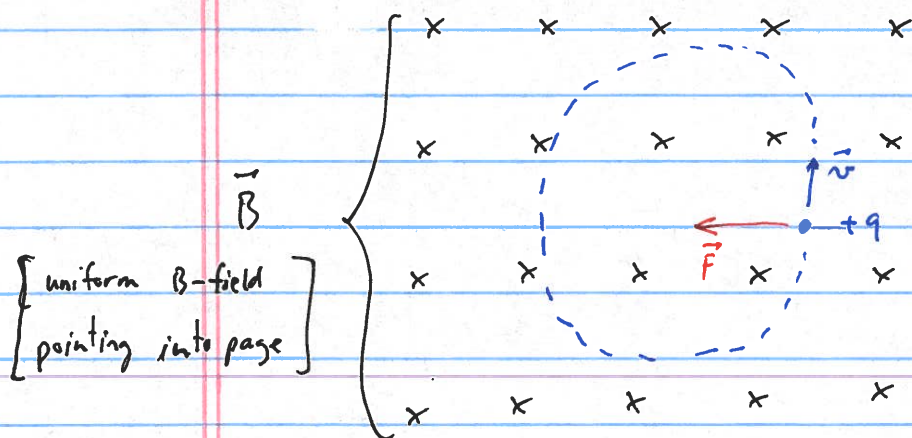
Force on a point charge q , in an electric field \vec{E} and a magnetic field \vec{B} :
with velocity \vec{v}

$$\vec{F}_{EM} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

(also works for time-dependent EM fields.)

Cyclotron Motion

(no E-field) $\vec{v} \perp \vec{B}$



\Rightarrow moving charges tend to travel in circular orbits in a magnetic field

$$F = qvB \Rightarrow a = \frac{qvB}{m}$$

For circular motion: $a_c = \frac{v^2}{R}$
 $R \leftarrow$ radius of motion

$$\Rightarrow \frac{qvB}{m} = \frac{v^2}{R} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{R = \frac{mv}{qB}}$$

time to complete 1 orbit: $T = \frac{2\pi R}{v} = \frac{2\pi}{v} \frac{mv}{qB} = \frac{2\pi m}{qB}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{frequency} = f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{qB}{2\pi m} \quad (\text{Hz})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{cyclotron frequency} = \omega_c = \frac{qB}{m}} \quad (\text{rads/s})$$

Magnetic Work: Magnetic forces do NO work

(quantum exceptions)

proof: Work = $W = \vec{F} \cdot \Delta \vec{x} = \int_{\text{path of travel}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{x}$

$$= \int \vec{F}_{\text{mag}} \cdot d\vec{x}$$

$$= \int q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \frac{d\vec{x}}{\vec{v} dt}$$

$$= q \int \underbrace{(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{v}}_{\substack{\perp \text{ to } \vec{v} \neq \vec{B} \\ = 0}} dt = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{W_{\text{mag}} = 0}$$

Note: Charge q is independent of reference frame.

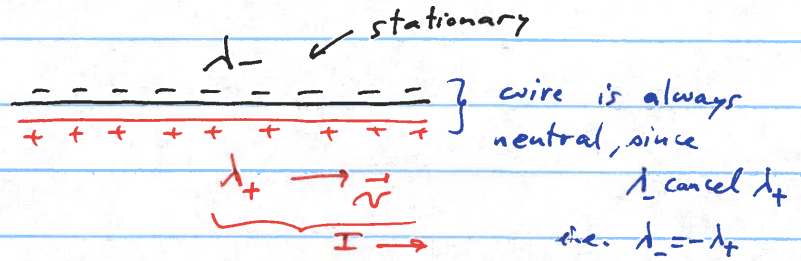
[different from mass]

[see Griffiths, example 5.3 for a good discussion]

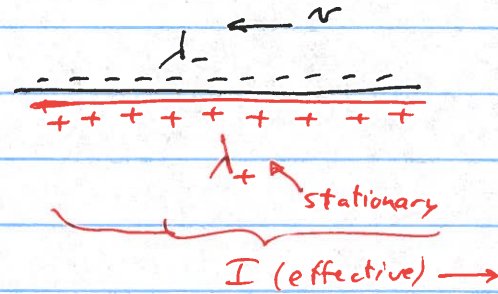
Current & Current Density

Current in a wire

model of a wire:
(conventional current)



real current (e^-) :



↳ Current $I = \lambda v$

$$\left[\frac{C}{m} \times \frac{m}{s} \right] = \left[\frac{C}{s} \right]$$

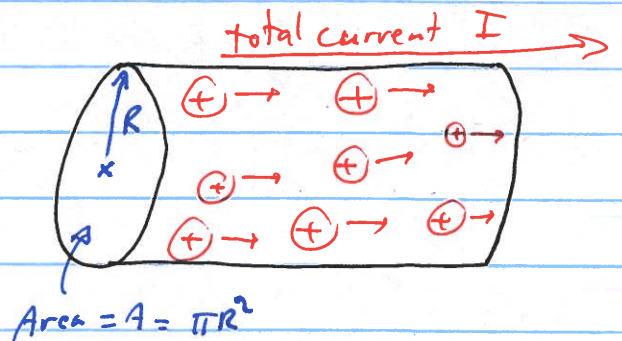
note: 1 Ampère = 1 A = 1 C/s = $6.24 \times 10^{18} e^-/s$

Current Density \vec{J}

Consider a current of charges flowing uniformly through a wire (or charged particles in particle beam at an accelerator).

\vec{J} = Current density = current per unit Area

$$\Rightarrow \vec{J} = \frac{I}{\text{wire cross-section Area}} = \frac{I}{\pi R^2}$$



Formal vector definition:

$$\vec{J} = \rho \vec{v}$$

$\frac{C}{m^2 \cdot s}$ $\frac{C}{m^3}$ m/s

Surface Current Density \vec{K}

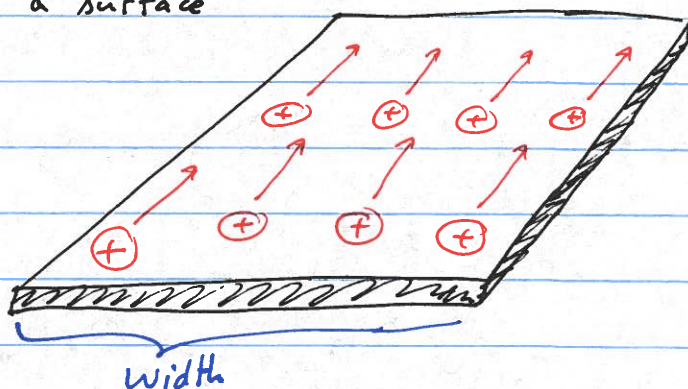
Current confined to a surface

$$\vec{K} = \sigma \vec{v}$$

$$|\vec{K}| = \frac{I}{\text{width}}$$

$$= [A/m]$$

$$= \left[\frac{C}{m \cdot s} \right]$$



Continuity Equation (conservation of charge)

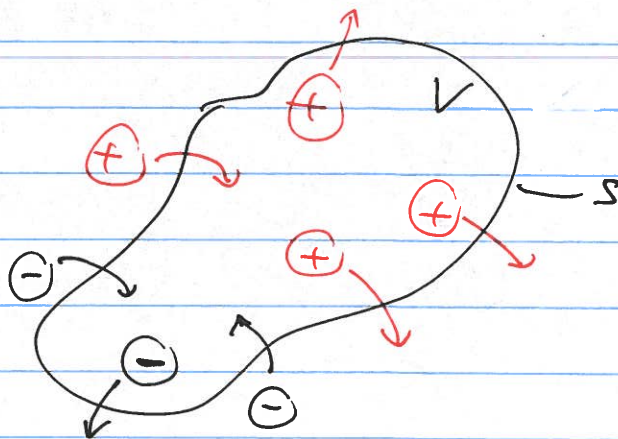
Consider a volume V with surface S with charges flowing out (in) of it.

total current flowing out

$$= I_{\text{out}} = \int_S \rho \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$= \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

= current flowing
across surface



I_{out} is also the total change in charge inside V per unit time.

$$I_{out} = - \frac{d}{dt} \int_V \rho d^3r$$

↳ negative for charge flowing out

Thus,

$$- \frac{d}{dt} \int_V \rho d^3r = \int_V \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

↳ apply divergence theorem

$$\int_V \left(- \frac{d}{dt} \rho \right) d^3r = \int_V (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}) d^3r$$

Since this expression/equality is valid for any volume V , including an infinitesimal one, then the integrands must be equal:

$$\boxed{- \frac{d\rho}{dt} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} \Leftrightarrow \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0}$$

Continuity equation for local conservation of charge

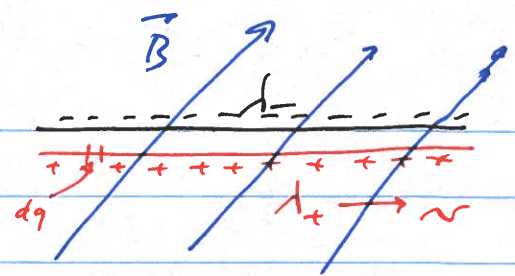
Note 1: if $\frac{d\rho}{dt} = 0$, then $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$ ← magnetostatics

Note 2: local conservation of energy: $-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \text{Energy density} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \text{Power density}$

local conservation of momentum: $-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{p} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \text{Stress tensor}$
momentum density external forces

[see chpt 8]

Force on a current



$$\vec{F}_{\text{magnetic}} = \int_{\text{wire length}} (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) dq = \int_{\text{wire length}} (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \lambda dl$$

$$= \int (\lambda \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) dl = \int I d\vec{l} \times \vec{B} = I \int d\vec{l} \times \vec{B}$$

Current I is constant along wire

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F}_{\text{magnetic}} = I \int_{\text{wire length}} d\vec{l} \times \vec{B}$$

Biot-Savart Law

Magnetic field due to an infinitesimal current segment $I d\vec{l}$:

$$d\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I d\vec{l} \times \hat{r}}{r^2} \quad \text{with } \mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ N/A}^2 = \text{permeability of free space}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{I \times (\hat{r} - \hat{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2} dl'$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_{\text{current or wire length}} \frac{d\vec{l}' \times (\hat{r} - \hat{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2}$$

