

Reese Ch. 20

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- Gauss's Law for Magnetic Fields
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- Ampere's Law
- Displacement Current
and the Ampere-Maxwell Law

Gauss's Law for Magnetic Fields

- Electric field lines emanate from positive charges and terminate on negative charges. Gauss's law for electric field describes this in a precise way:

$$\int_{\text{closed surface}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S} = \frac{Q_{\text{net enclosed}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

- No confirmed observation has ever shown magnetic field lines to emanate or terminate:

$$\int_{\text{closed surface}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$

Magnetic Poles and Current Loops

- The basic magnetic field structure is evidently dipolar (NOT "monopolar").
- Unlike the electric dipole field (which is created by equal and opposite electric charges), the **magnetic dipole field is produced by a loop of electric current.**
- The current loop can be microscopic and permanent (the unpaired electron spins in magnetic materials) or macroscopic and driven (the current driven through the coils of an air-core electromagnet).

Ampere's Law

- The Biot-Savart Law (Reese Section 20.6) gives a basic rule for calculating the "static" magnetic field due to any configuration of steady electric currents.
- Ampere's Law, which can be derived from the Biot-Savart Law, relates the line-integral of a static magnetic field $\vec{B}$ around any closed path to the net electric current flowing through the (open) surface spanned by the path:

$$\oint_{\text{closed path}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{r} = \mu_0 I_{\text{net}}$$

- If the currents are not steady, then Ampere's Law must be replaced by a more general law . . .

The Ampere-Maxwell Law

$$\oint_{\text{closed path}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{r} = \mu_o (I_{\text{total}}) = \mu_o (I_{\text{conduction}} + I_{\text{displacement}})$$

- Here the displacement current is ϵ_o times the rate of change of electric-field flux through the open surface spanning the closed path:

$$I_{\text{displacement}} = \epsilon_o \frac{d\Phi_{\text{electric}}}{dt}$$

- The electric-field flux is defined by $\Phi_{\text{electric}} \equiv \int_{\text{open surface}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{S}$