



Consider a neodymium permanent magnet, each unpaired electron has $|\vec{m}| \approx \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} \approx 10^{-23} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{T}}$

How do I calculate \vec{B} at the surface?

First thought:

Superimpose the \vec{B} -fields of each dipole

One dipole
at origin
pointing \hat{z}

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{m}{r^3} (2 \cos\theta \hat{r} + \sin\theta \hat{\theta}) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Pointing in
arbitrary
direction

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^3} (3(\vec{m} \cdot \hat{r}) \hat{r} - \vec{m}) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

at point \vec{r}'

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} \left(\frac{3 \vec{m} \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}') (\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2} - \vec{m} \right)$$

Exercise: Show that ② reduces to ① when $\vec{m} = m \hat{z}$

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The superposition of many dipole fields is given by

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{r}'_i} \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'_i|^3} \left(\dots \right)$$

location
of i th
dipole

We turn the sum into an integral by grouping dipoles together into small pixels of space, $d^3\vec{r}'$.

Within one pixel there are $n(\vec{r}')d^3\vec{r}'$ dipoles.

The concentration
of dipoles.

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \int_{\text{all space}} \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} \left[\frac{3 n(\vec{r}') \vec{m} \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}') (\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2} - n(\vec{r}') \vec{m} \right] d^3\vec{r}'$$

The quantity $n(\vec{r}') \vec{m} = \vec{M}$ is called the magnetization of the material.

Analogous to electric polarization of a material.

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Pop Quiz - Day 7

Estimate **M** inside a neodymium magnet. (The interatomic spacing is about 0.3 nm).

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The integral describing the superposition of magnetic dipole \vec{B} -fields is a bear. We don't have analytic techniques to move forward. What to do?

Last quarter we learned how to deal with superposition of electric dipole fields

Step 1 Potential generated by 1 electric dipole

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$$

Step 2 Superposition of millions of dipole field potentials

$$\Phi(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\vec{P}(\vec{r}') \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} d^3\vec{r}'$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \vec{P}(\vec{r}') \cdot \nabla' \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right) d^3\vec{r}'$$

Step 3 Use integration by parts to solve the integral.

We will try this approach with magnetic dipoles.