

Coordinate-free Form:

$$\vec{A}_{\text{dip}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\vec{m} \times \vec{r}}{r^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{B}_{\text{dip}}(\vec{r}) &= \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_{\text{dip}}(\vec{r}) \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \vec{\nabla} \times \left(\frac{\vec{m} \times \vec{r}}{r^3} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Using the vector identity,

$$\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{A} - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B} + \vec{A} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{B} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A})$$

where, \vec{A} and \vec{B} are any two vector functions.

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \left(\frac{\vec{m} \times \vec{r}}{r^3} \right) = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right)}_{=0} \vec{m} - \underbrace{\left(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right)}_{=0} \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} + \vec{m} \underbrace{\left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \right)}_{=0} - \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \underbrace{\left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{m} \right)}_{=0}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} = \left(\frac{\partial \hat{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \hat{z}}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \frac{x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

OR $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} = \frac{1}{r^3} \underbrace{(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{r})}_{=3} + \vec{r} \cdot \underbrace{\left(\vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r^3} \right)}_{\rightarrow \text{vector identity}}$

Now, $\left(\vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r^3} \right) = \left(\frac{\partial \hat{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \hat{z}}{\partial z} \right) (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-3/2}$

As, $\frac{\partial (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-3/2}}{\partial x} = -\frac{3}{2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-5/2} (2x) = -\frac{3x}{r^5}$

$\therefore \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{r^3} = -\frac{3}{r^5} (x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}) = -\frac{3}{r^5} \vec{r}$

$\therefore \vec{\nabla} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} = \frac{3}{r^3} - \frac{3(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r})}{r^5} = \frac{3}{r^3} - \frac{3}{r^3} = 0$

$\therefore \vec{B}_{\text{dip}}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{r}}{r^3}$

Take in general, $\vec{m} = m_x \hat{x} + m_y \hat{y} + m_z \hat{z}$. (Although here, $\vec{m} = m_z \hat{z}$)

$\vec{B}_{\text{dip}}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left(m_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + m_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + m_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}$

Consider, $m_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \right) = m_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \right]$
 $= m_x \left[(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-3/2} \hat{x} - \frac{3}{2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-5/2} (2x) (x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}) \right]$
 $= m_x \left[\frac{1}{r^3} \hat{x} - \frac{3x}{r^5} \vec{r} \right]$

Similarly,

$m_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \right) = m_y \left[\frac{1}{r^3} \hat{y} - \frac{3y}{r^5} \vec{r} \right]$

and $m_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \right) = m_z \left[\frac{1}{r^3} \hat{z} - \frac{3z}{r^5} \vec{r} \right]$

$\therefore \vec{B}_{\text{dip}}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[\frac{1}{r^3} \underbrace{(m_x \hat{x} + m_y \hat{y} + m_z \hat{z})}_{\equiv \vec{m}} - \frac{3}{r^5} \underbrace{(m_x x + m_y y + m_z z)}_{\equiv \vec{m} \cdot \vec{r}} \vec{r} \right]$

$$\vec{B}_{\text{dip}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[\frac{3(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{r})\vec{r}}{r^5} - \frac{\vec{m}}{r^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[\frac{3(\vec{m} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r}}{r^3} - \frac{\vec{m}}{r^3} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{B}_{\text{dip}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^3} \left[3(\vec{m} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{m} \right]}$$

coordinate free form.

compare with the electric field of an electric dipole.

$$\vec{E}_{\text{dip}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r^3} \left[3(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{p} \right]$$

$$\text{As, } \vec{m} = m\hat{z} = m(\cos\theta\hat{r} - \sin\theta\hat{\theta})$$

$$\vec{r} = r\hat{r}$$

$$\vec{m} \cdot \vec{r} = m r \cos\theta \underbrace{\hat{r} \cdot \hat{r}}_{=1} - m r \sin\theta \underbrace{\hat{\theta} \cdot \hat{r}}_{=0} = m r \cos\theta$$

$$\text{or } \vec{m} \cdot \hat{r} = m \cos\theta \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} - m \sin\theta \hat{\theta} \cdot \hat{r} = m \cos\theta$$

\therefore

$$\vec{B}_{\text{dip}}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r^3} \left[3m \cos\theta \hat{r} - (m \cos\theta \hat{r} - m \sin\theta \hat{\theta}) \right]$$

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

in spherical coordinates.