

Unit 3

Multipolar expansion of magnetic field

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All the units will use International System (meter, kilo, second, ampere) unless specified

- Definition of field harmonics
- Field harmonics of a current line
- Validity limits of field harmonics
- Some applications of tough mathematics to magnetic field measurements
- Hints on beam dynamics requirements on field harmonics

- **Maxwell equations** for magnetic field

$$\nabla \cdot B = \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \nabla \times B = \mu_0 J + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

- In absence of charge and magnetized material
(inside a magnet)

$$\nabla \times B = \left(\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} \right) = 0$$



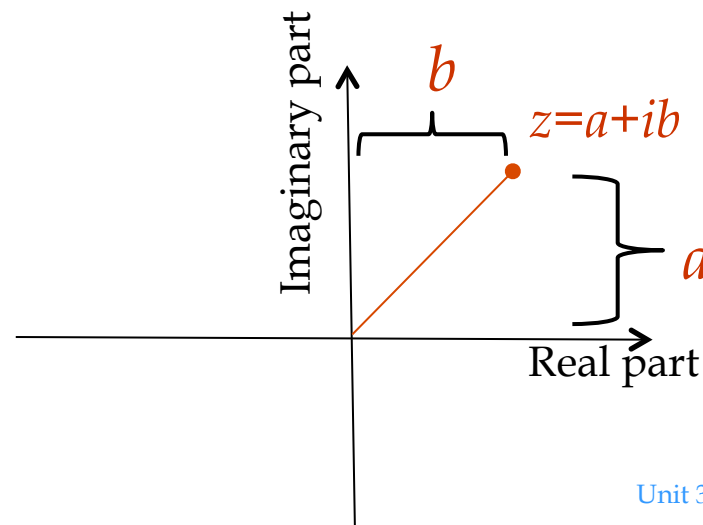
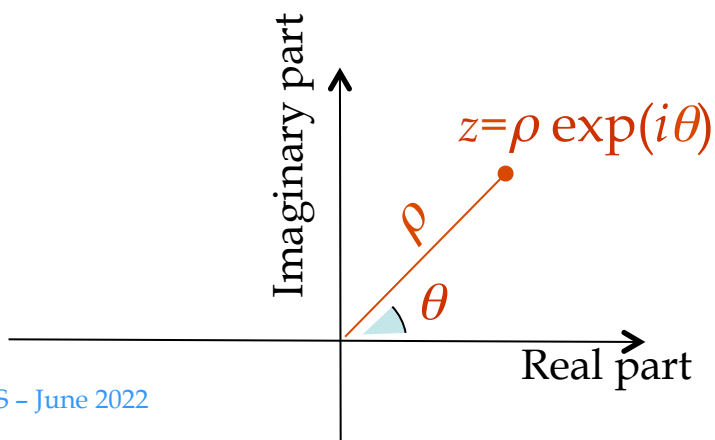
James Clerk Maxwell,
Scottish
(13 June 1831 – 5 November 1879)

- If $\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = 0$ (constant longitudinal field), then

$$\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} = 0$$

- Remember: x and y perpendicular to the beam (transverse coordinates), z along the beam (s in previous unit)

- Complex numbers are defined to be able to find a solution to the square root of negative numbers
 - This is an extension of real numbers
 - The advantage is that every equation of n^{th} degree has n solutions in the complex domain
- The trick is to define $i = \sqrt{-1}$
- A complex number has two components $z = a + ib$
 - Can be written also in the exponential form $z = \rho \exp(i\theta)$
 - $\rho = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$



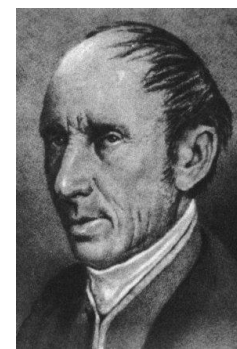
- A complex function of complex variables is **analytic** if it coincides with its power series

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n z^{n-1} \quad f_x(x, y) + if_y(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n (x + iy)^{n-1} \quad (x, y) \in D$$

on a domain **D** !

- Note: not every combination of $f_x + if_y$ is analytic !
- Note: domains are usually a painful part, we talk about it later
- A necessary and sufficient condition for (f_x, f_y) to have $f_x + if_y$ analytic is that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial y} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial x} = 0 \end{cases}$$



Augustin Louis Cauchy
French

(August 21, 1789 – May 23, 1857)

called the Cauchy-Riemann conditions

- If $\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = 0$

Maxwell gives

$$\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial y} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial f_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_y}{\partial x} = 0 \end{cases}$$

and therefore the function $B_y + iB_x$ is analytic

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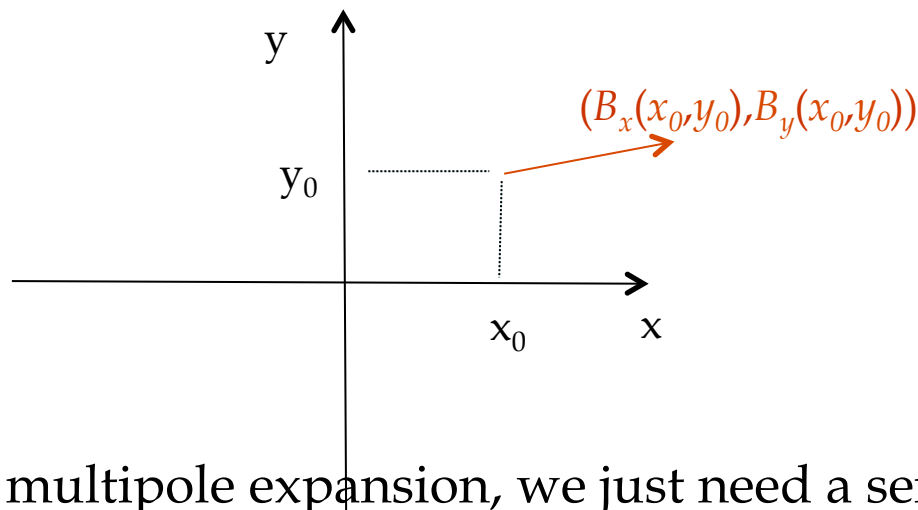
where C_n are **complex coefficients**



Georg Friedrich Bernhard Riemann,
German
(November 17, 1826 - July 20, 1866)

Please note the analytic function is not $B_x + iB_y$ but $B_y + iB_x$... in other books you can find $B_x - iB_y$, it is the same

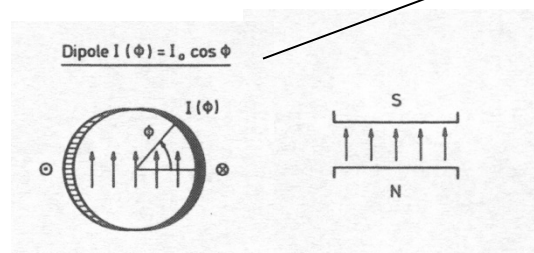
- To describe the magnetic field we associate to each point of the space a vector
 - For instance to store in a computer we need to create a matrix (grid in the space) and for every point of the grid we store two numbers



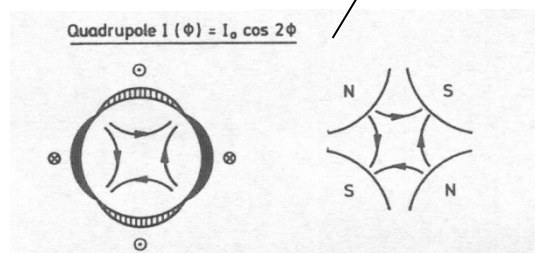
- Thanks to the multipole expansion, we just need a series of complex coefficient
 - A mathematician would say “we reduce the description of a function from R^2 to R^2 to a (simple) series of complex coefficients”
- Attention !! **We lose something** (the function outside D) (we will come back to this)

$$B_y(x, y) + iB_x(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n (x + iy)^{n-1} = C_1 + C_2(x + iy) + \dots \quad (x, y) \in D$$

- Each coefficient corresponds to a “pure” multipolar field

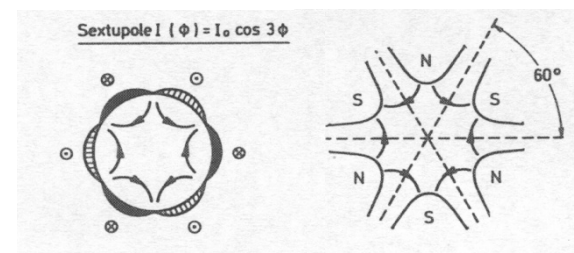


A dipole



A quadrupole

[from P. Schmuser et al, pg. 50]



A sextupole

- Magnets usually aim at **generating a single multipole**
 - Dipole, quadrupole, sextupole, octupole, decapole, dodecapole ...
 - Combined magnets: provide more components at the same time (for instance dipole and quadrupole) – more common in low energy rings, resistive magnets – one superconducting example: JPARC (KEK, Japan)

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- The field can be described by an infinite number of complex coefficients
 - This means a double infinite number of real numbers
- We made a huge simplification in the description of the magnetic field
- But the story is not ended ...
 - The series is converging quite rapidly so if you stop at order ten the precision is good enough – only 20 numbers – we will see this in this unit
- For the optimization of the layout of a magnet, there are symmetries that set to zero many of these multipoles
 - An optimization problem (coil layout in blocks) involves only about 5 numbers !

$$B_y(x, y) + iB_x(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n (x + iy)^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n + iA_n) (x + iy)^{n-1}$$

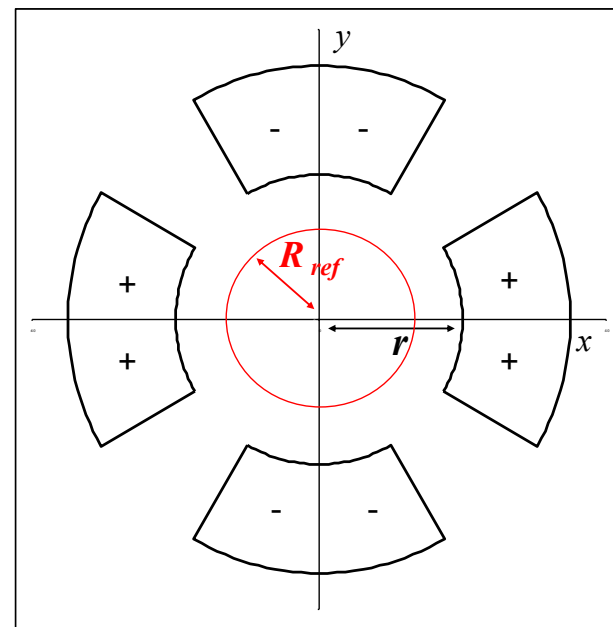
- The field harmonics are rewritten as

$$B_y + iB_x = 10^{-4} B_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_n + ia_n) \left(\frac{x + iy}{R_{ref}} \right)^{n-1}$$

- We factorize **the main component** (B_1 for dipoles, B_2 for quadrupoles)
- We introduce a **reference radius** R_{ref} to have dimensionless coefficients
- We **factorize** 10^{-4} since the deviations from ideal field in superconducting magnets for particle accelerators have to be $\sim 0.01\%$
- The coefficients b_n, a_n are called **normalized multipoles**
 - b_n are the **normal**, a_n are the **skew** (adimensional)

$$B_y + iB_x = 10^{-4} B_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_n + ia_n) \left(\frac{x + iy}{R_{ref}} \right)^{n-1}$$

- Reference radius is usually chosen as 2/3 of the aperture radius
 - This is done to have numbers for the multipoles that are **not too far from 1**
- Some wrong ideas about reference radius
 - Wrong statement 1: “the expansion is valid up to the reference radius”
 - The **reference radius has no physical meaning**, it is as choosing meters of mm
 - We will come back on the validity limit
 - Wrong statement 2: “the expansion is done around the reference radius”
 - A **power series is around a point**, not around a circle. The expansion is around the origin

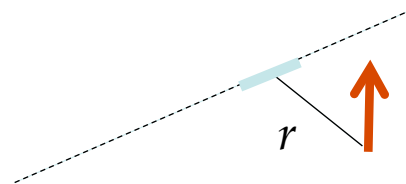


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- Field given by a current line (**Biot-Savart law**)

- Differential form (international system)

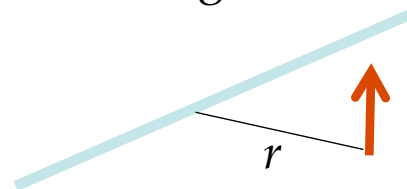
$$d\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\vec{I} \times d\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^3}$$



- Infinite current line**

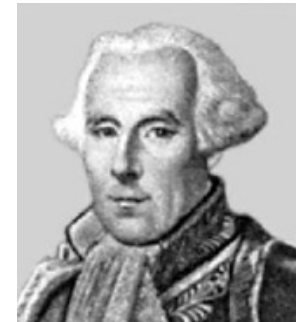
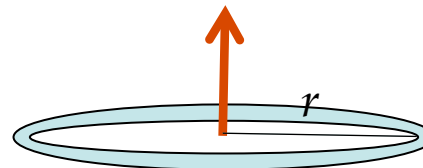
- A factor two is given by the atan integration

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\vec{I} \times \vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^2}$$



- Field in a **centre of a circular loop**, radius r

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2r}$$



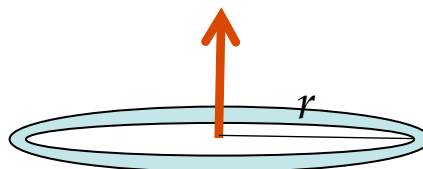
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French
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- Field given by a loop – prototype of a solenoid

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2r}$$



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- About the constant μ_0
- It is terribly small ... $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Tm/A}$
- This means that with 1 A at 1 m you get less than 1 μT
- This is why to make few T you need MA turns



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- Field given by a current line (**Biot-Savart law**)

- Infinite current line

$$B_x(x, y) = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \frac{y - y_0}{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2},$$

$$B_y(x, y) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \frac{x - x_0}{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2},$$

- Complex notation

$$B_y(x, y) + iB_x(x, y) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \frac{(x - x_0) - i(y - y_0)}{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2}$$

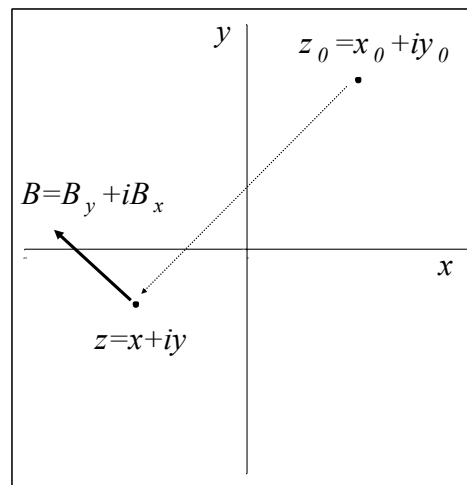
- Using the relation

$$\frac{a - ib}{a^2 + b^2} = \frac{a - ib}{(a + ib)(a - ib)} = \frac{1}{a + ib}$$

- We obtain the compact very useful notation

$$B(z) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi(z - z_0)}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\vec{I} \times \vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^2}$$



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- In Unit 1 we saw that, for $\varepsilon < 1$ one can write

$$(1 + \varepsilon)^\alpha = 1 + \alpha\varepsilon + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

- This is an extremely useful equation

- Example: $1/(1+0.1) = 1/1.1 = 0.90909$ but using the approximation $(1+0.1)^{-1} = 1 - 0.1 + O(0.01) = 0.9$ and I neglect something that is order of 0.01

- Now for $a = -1$ the whole series can be written

- Example
$$\frac{1}{1-t} = 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-1/2} = \frac{1}{1/2} = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{1-1/2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots = 1 + 0.5 + 0.25 + 0.125 + \dots = 1.875 + O(0.06)$$

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$$B(z) = B_y(z) + iB_x(z)$$

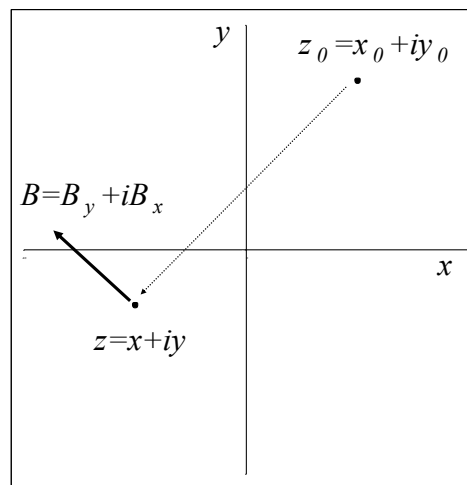
$$B(z) = \frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi(z - z_0)} = -\frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi z_0} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z}{z_0}}$$

using

$$\frac{1}{1-t} = 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t^{n-1} \quad |t| < 1 !!!$$

we get

$$B(z) = -\frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi z_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{z_0} \right)^{n-1} = -\frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi z_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{R_{ref}}{z_0} \right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{x + iy}{R_{ref}} \right)^{n-1}$$



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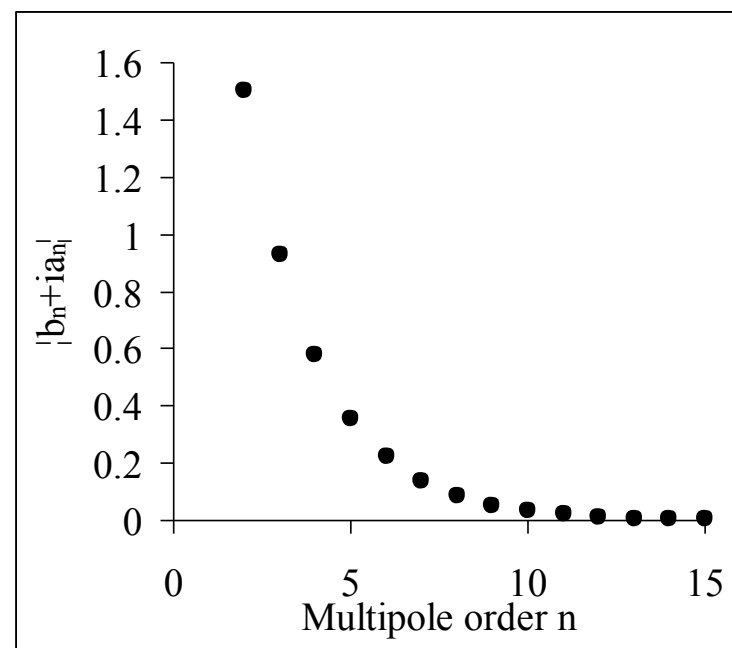
- Now we can compute the **multipoles of a current line at z_0**

$$B(z) = -\frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi z_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{z_0} \right)^{n-1} = -\frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi z_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{R_{ref}}{z_0} \right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{x+iy}{R_{ref}} \right)^{n-1} \quad |x+iy| < |z_0|$$

$$B_y + iB_x = 10^{-4} B_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_n + ia_n) \left(\frac{x+iy}{R_{ref}} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$B_1 = -\frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1}{z_0} \right)$$

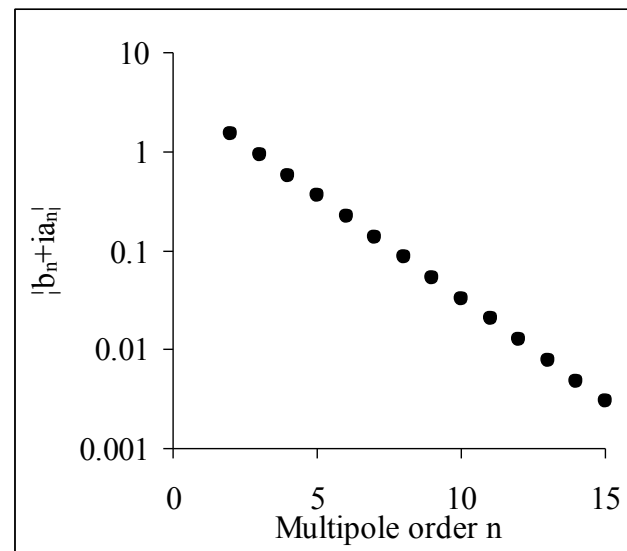
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- Multipoles given by a current line **decay with the order**

$$b_n + ia_n = -\frac{I\mu_0 10^4}{2\pi z_0 B_1} \left(\frac{R_{ref}}{z_0} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$\ln(|b_n + ia_n|) = \ln\left(\frac{|I|\mu_0 10^4}{2\pi R_{ref} B_1}\right) + n \ln\left(\frac{R_{ref}}{|z_0|}\right)$$

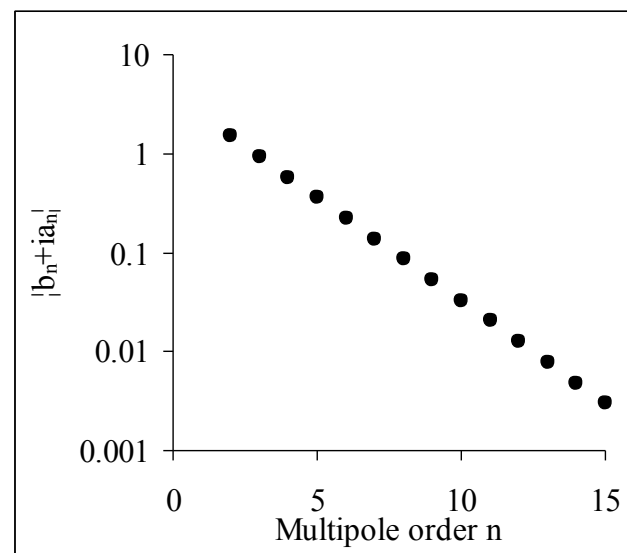


- The slope of the **decay is the logarithm of $(R_{ref}/|z_0|)$**
 - At each order, the multipole decreases by a factor $R_{ref}/|z_0|$
 - The decay of the multipoles tells you the ratio $R_{ref}/|z_0|$, i.e. where is the coil w.r.t. the reference radius –
 - like a radar** ... one can detect assembly errors in the magnet through slope of the decay of the anomalies of the magnetic field shape **(we will come back to this)**

- Multipoles given by a current line **decay with the order**

$$b_n + ia_n = -\frac{I\mu_0 10^4}{2\pi z_0 B_1} \left(\frac{R_{ref}}{z_0} \right)^{n-1}$$

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- The **semilog scale** is the natural way to plot multipoles
 - This is the point of view of Biot-Savart
- But usually **specifications are on a linear scale**
 - In general, multipoles must stay below one or a fraction of units – see later
 - This explains why **only low order multipoles**, in general, are relevant

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- When we expand a function in a **power series we lose something**

$$\frac{1}{1-t} = 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t^{n-1} \quad |t| < 1$$

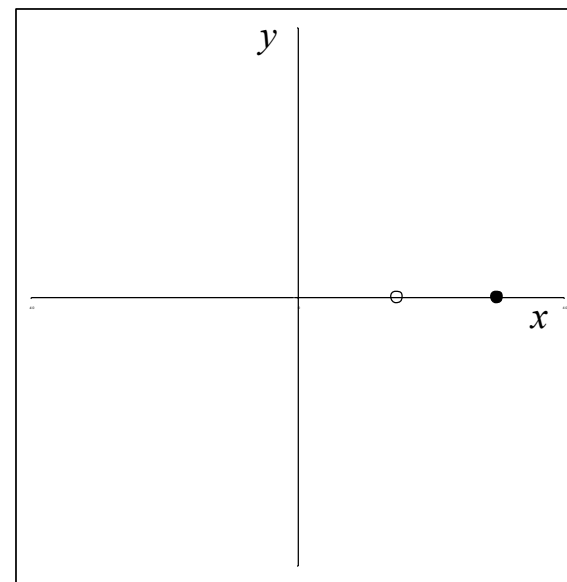
- Example 1. In $t=1/2$, the function is

$$\frac{1}{1-1/2} = \frac{1}{1/2} = 2$$

and using the series one has

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not bad ... with 4 terms we compute the function within 7%



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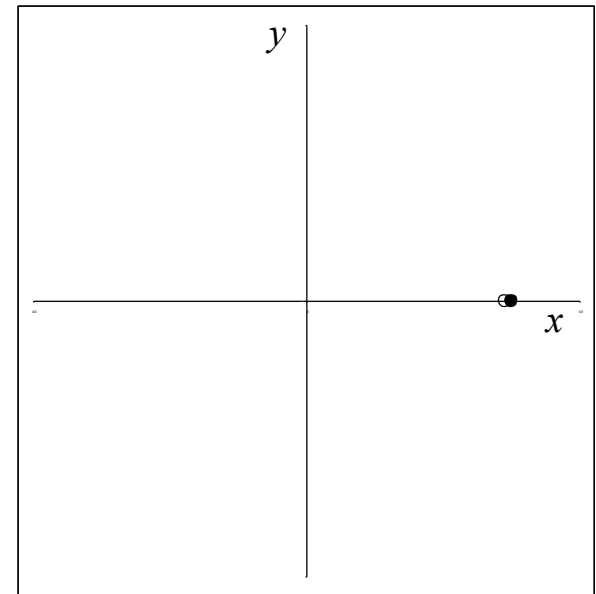
- Ex. 2. In $t=1$, the function is infinite

$$\frac{1}{1-1} = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

and using the series one has

$$1 + 1 + (1)^2 + (1)^3 + \dots = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots$$

which diverges ... this makes sense



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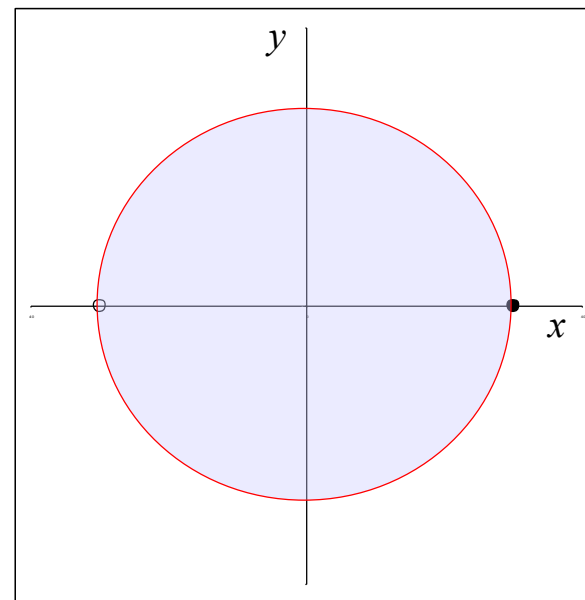
- Ex. 3. In $t=-1$, the function is well defined

$$\frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

BUT using the series one has

$$1 + (-1) + (-1)^2 + (-1)^3 + \dots = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots$$

even if the function is well defined, the series does not work: we are **outside the convergence radius**

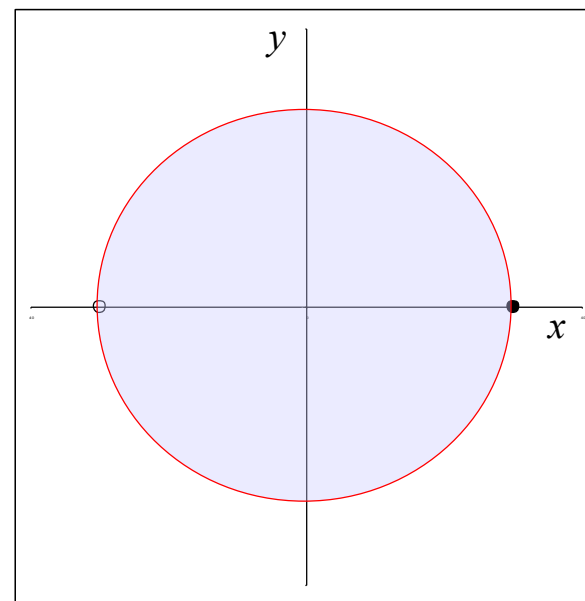


- If we are very clever, we can resum a divergent series

$$\frac{1}{1-t} = 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t^{n-1} \quad |t| < 1$$

- Ex. 4. In $t=-2$, the function is well defined

$$\frac{1}{1+2} = \frac{1}{3}$$



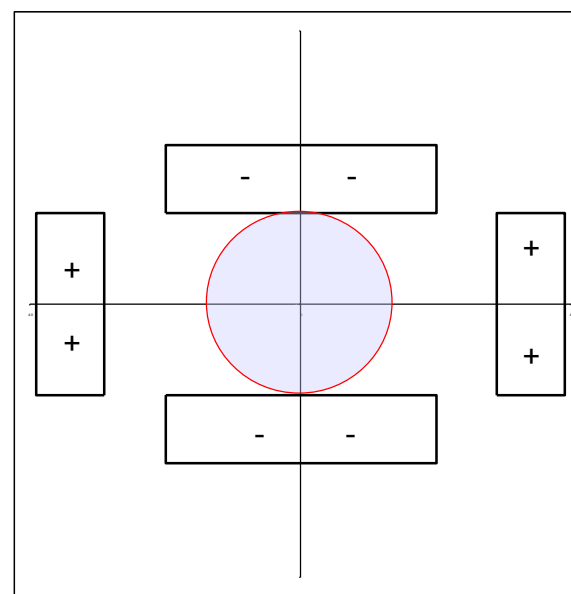
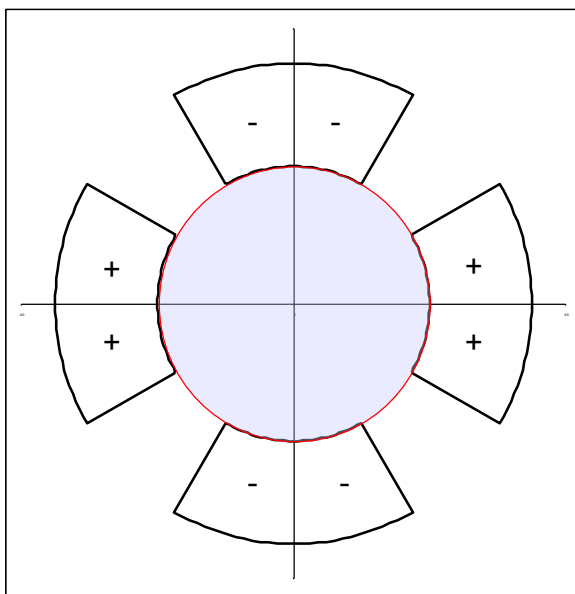
BUT using the series one has

$$1 + (-2) + (-2)^2 + (-2)^3 + \dots = 1 - 2 + 4 - 8 + \dots$$

If I am able to recognize this, I can resum $1 - 2 + 4 - 8 + \dots = 1/3$

This happens if you made an expansion to solve a problem and you are using it outside the series validity limits – there are several type of divergent series and ways to renormalize, remove singularities, etc - this is just one type

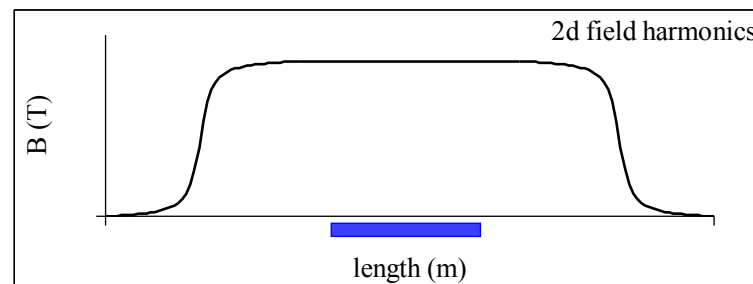
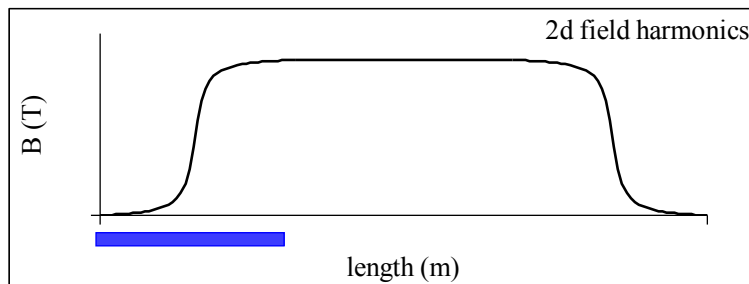
- If we have a circular aperture, the field harmonics expansion relative to the center is **valid within the aperture**



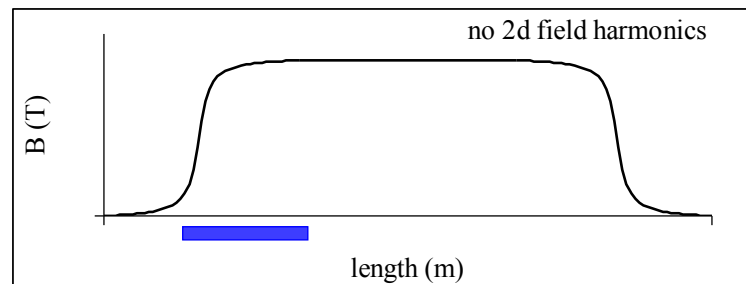
- For other shapes, the expansion is valid over **a circle that touches the closest current line**
- **Don't use multipoles to compute the field in the coil !!**

• Field harmonics in the heads

- Harmonic measurements are done with rotating coils of a given length (see unit 21) – they give **integral values** over that length
 - If the rotating coil extremes are in a region where the field does not vary with z , **one can use the 2d harmonic expansion for the integral**

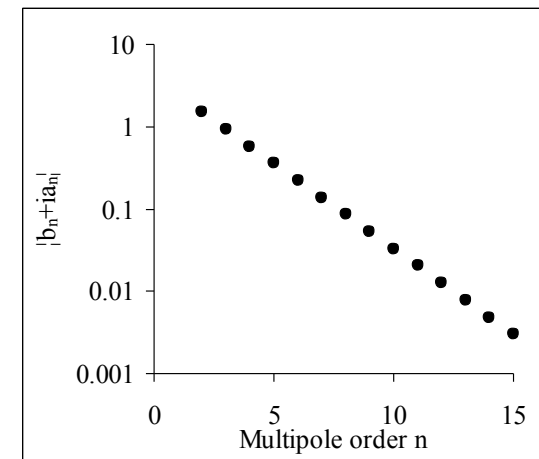


- If the rotating coil extremes are in a region where the field vary with z , **one cannot use the 2d harmonic expansion for the integral**
- One has to use a more complicated expansion



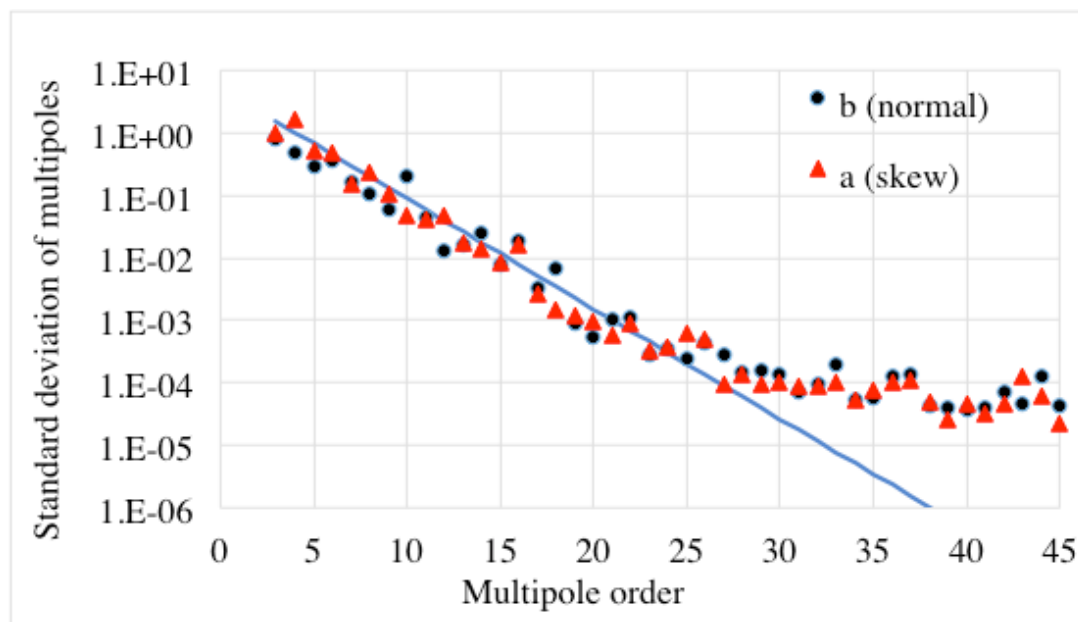
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- The decay of multipoles is a powerful tool to verify the consistency of a magnetic measurement
 - Let us take a measure of a magnetic field of a magnet via rotating coils
 - Let us assume we have N consecutive measurements along the magnet axis
 - $b_n(k), a_n(k)$ $k=1, 2, N$
 - We compute the standard deviation of each multipole and we plot in a semilog scale
 - If the measurement is well done and reference radius is $2/3$ of the aperture the slope is $2/3$
 - This means that the stdev of every successive multipole is $2/3$ the previous one
 - Every two orders you reduce by a factor two



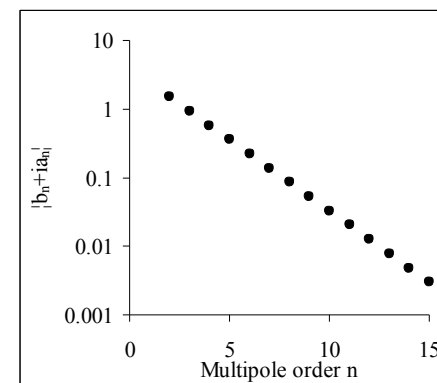
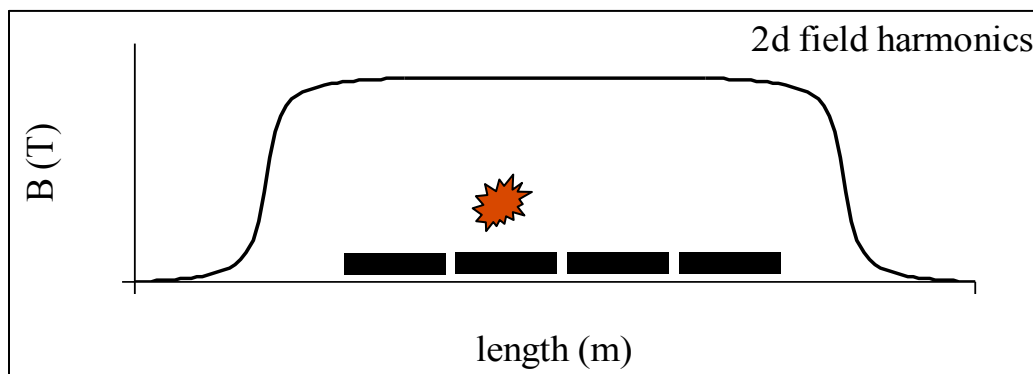
What is expected as multipole decay

- ... and this is a real example from the HL_LHC triplet
 - Not only we check that the measurement is ok ...
 - ... but the place where the line starts getting horizontal is the precision of the measurement system – here we have a precision of 10^{-4} units, that means 10^{-8} of the main field (0.01 ppm)



Decay of standard deviation of multipoles measured in different sections of MQXFB quadrupole
(L. Fiscarelli, P. Rogacki)

- Another example: we have a localized assembly error
 - We have four measurements, one of them is affected by the error
 - We compute the difference between the anomaly (measurements 2) and the average of 1, 3, and 4
 - We put the result in semilog scale
 - The slope multiplied by the reference radius will give the distance of the assembly error
 - If error is far from the aperture, slope is larger (decay is more rapid, that means it will be visible only on low order multipoles)



- Definition of field harmonics
- Field harmonics of a current line
- Validity limits of field harmonics
- Some applications of tough mathematics to magnetic field measurements
- Hints on beam dynamics requirements on field harmonics

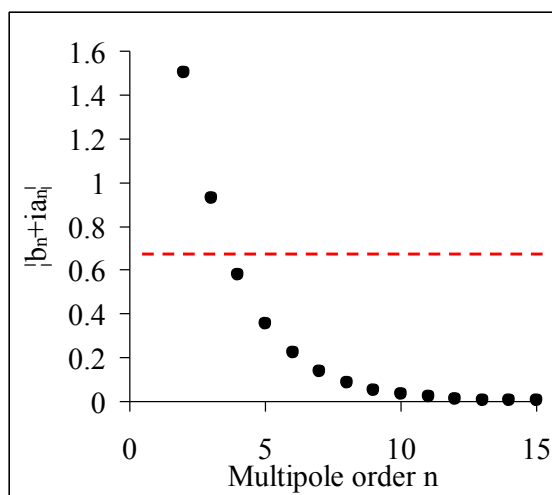
- Main component of the dipoles (field)
 - This is ensuring the orbit along the ring
 - Typically a absolute knowledge of the magnetic field within 0.1 %
 - A spread between magnets of the order of 0.1 %
 - A reproducibility of the order of 0.01 %
- We will see that the tolerances needed for building superconducting magnets naturally guarantee these levels
 - Cables are positioned within 0.05 mm, apertures of the order of 25 mm, this gives 0.2% error in field, and similar values for spread
 - For reproducibility it is critical to cycle the magnets

- Main component of the quadrupoles (gradient)
 - The tune has to be controlled within 0.001
 - Tune is proportional to quadrupole main component
 - If the total tune is large (for instance 60 in the LHC) even 0.01 % variation of quadrupole force is visible
 - Corrector elements and feedback solve the problem – magnets alone cannot reach this level
 - In general a absolute knowledge of quadrupole main component within 0.2% is achievable, a spread of 0.1 %, and a reproducibility of 0.01 %
 - Note that accelerators with larger number of cells (larger tune) become more difficult

- Sextupolar components

- Sextupole gives chromaticity – to be controlled on a edge of a cliff (positive but smaller than 10, negative values make the beam unstable)
- Dipoles have sextupolar components that needs to be controlled within 0.1 units (normalized multipoles)
 - Example: in the LHC 1 units of b_3 in the dipoles give 40 chromaticity units – so one need to know and control b_3 within 0.05 units,
- This is within reach of measurement systems, and with proper precycling reproducibility can be guaranteed

- High order multipoles
 - Rule of thumb (just to give a zero order idea): field harmonics have to be **of the order of 0.1 to 1 unit**
 - **Higher order are ignored** in beam dynamics codes (in LHC up to order 11 only)
 - Note that spec is rather flat, but multipoles are decaying !! – Therefore in principle higher orders cannot be a problem



- We outlined the **Maxwell equations** for the magnetic field
 - They give a large constraint on the shape of the magnetic field

$$\nabla \cdot B = \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = 0 \qquad \nabla \times B = \mu_0 J + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

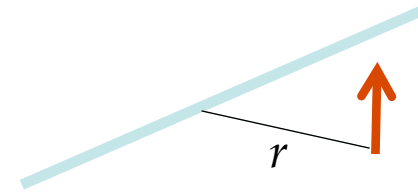
- We have seen that for a long magnet we can express the transverse field inside the aperture with a series of multipoles

$$B_y + iB_x = 10^{-4} B_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_n + ia_n) \left(\frac{x + iy}{R_{ref}} \right)^{n-1}$$

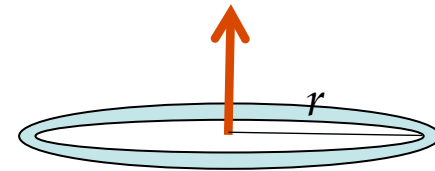
- **Compact way** of representing the field
- Biot-Savart: multipoles decay with multipole order as a **power law**
- Attention !! **Validity limits** and convergence domains

- We have seen how magnetic field is generated by a current line

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\vec{I} \times \vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^2}$$



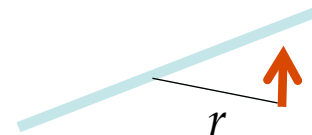
$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2r}$$



- We have seen that μ is terribly small, making our work very challenging

- We have computed the multipoles of a current line

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\vec{I} \times \vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^2}$$



- Using complex numbers it is quite fast ...

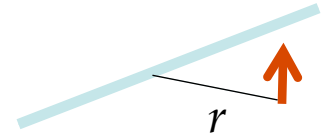
$$\boxed{B(z) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi(z - z_0)}}$$

- ...as long as you know that in a certain region (inside the magnet aperture, far from current lines)

$$\frac{1}{1-t} = 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t^{n-1}$$

- We have computed the multipoles of a current line

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\vec{I} \times \vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^2}$$



- Multipoles of a current line decay as a power law

$$b_n + ia_n = -\frac{I\mu_0 10^4}{2\pi z_0 B_1} \left(\frac{R_{ref}}{z_0} \right)^{n-1}$$

- Therefore:
 - Increasing order they become so small that you can neglect them and stop the computation (order 10 to 15)
 - Magnet specification are until order 10-15
 - Magnet optimization can stop at order 10-15
 - The measurement of field anomalies tell you where is the problem (the distance, the angle is more complicated)

- Coming soon ...
 - It is useful to have magnets that provide pure field harmonics
 - **How to build a pure field harmonic** (dipole, quadrupole ...) [pure enough for the beam ...] with a cable ? Which field/ gradient can be obtained ?

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- Vector potential

- Since $\nabla \cdot B = 0$ one can **always define a vector potential A** such that

$$\nabla \times A = B$$

- The vector potential is **not unique** (gauge invariance): if we add the gradient of any scalar function, $A' = A + \nabla f$ it still satisfies

$$\nabla \times A' = \nabla \times A + \nabla \times \nabla f = \nabla \times A = B$$

- Scalar potential

- In the regions **free of charge and magnetic material** $\nabla \times B = 0$

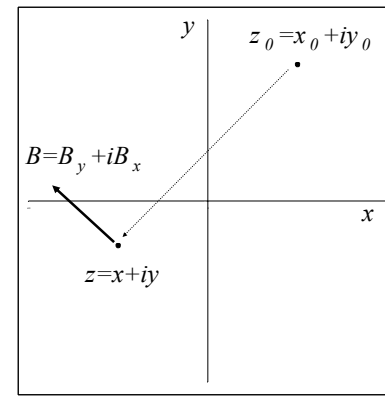
Therefore in this case one can **also define a scalar potential** (such as for gravity) $-\nabla g = B$

- One can prove that $A + ig$ is an analytic function in a region free of charge and magnetic material

- Field given by a current line (**Biot-Savart law**) – vector potential formalism ...

$$B_\theta = -\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \quad B_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta}$$

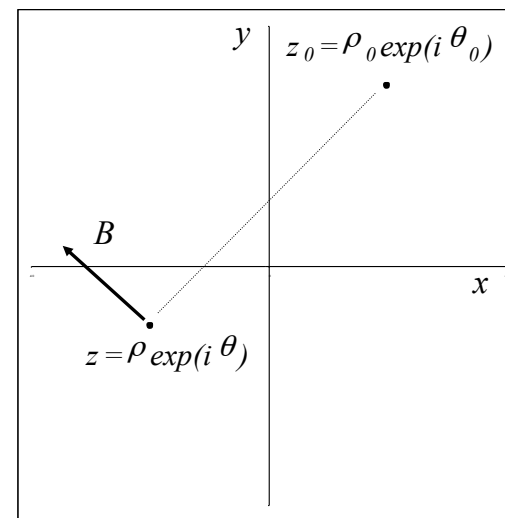
$$A_z(\rho, \theta) = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{R}{\rho_0}\right) = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{\rho_0^2 + \rho^2 - 2\rho_0\rho \cos(\theta - \theta_0)}}{\rho_0}\right)$$

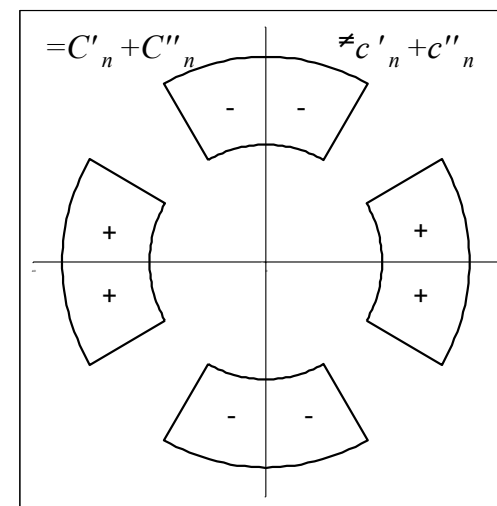
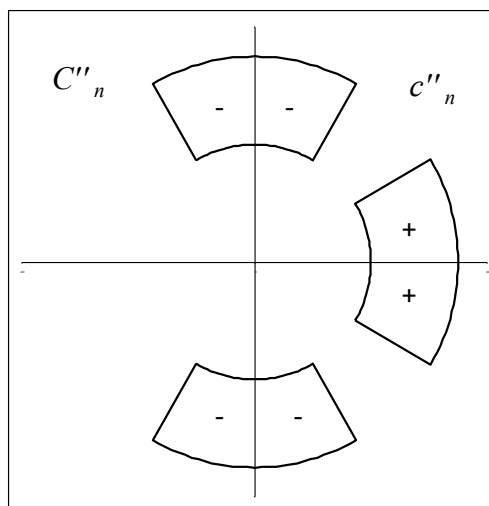
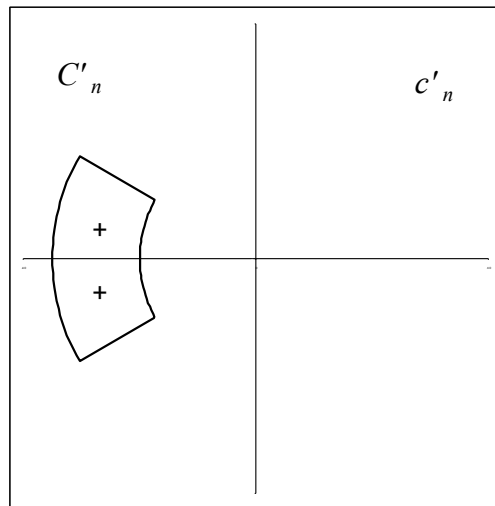


... and polar coordinates formalism

$$B_r = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi\rho_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{n-1} \sin[n(\theta - \theta_0)]$$

$$B_\theta = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi\rho_0} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{n-1} \cos[n(\theta - \theta_0)]$$





- **Linearity of coefficients** (very important)

- Non-normalized coefficients are additive
- Normalized coefficients are not additive

$$c_n = \frac{C_n}{B_1} = \frac{C'_n + C''_n}{B'_1 + B''_1} \neq \frac{C'_n}{B'_1} + \frac{C''_n}{B''_1} = c'_n + c''_n$$

- Normalization gives handy (and physical) quantities, but some drawbacks – **pay attention !!**