

**PHYSICS 200B, WINTER 2017**  
**ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM**

**Assignment Five Due Monday, March 13, 5:00 pm.**

[1.] Verify that  $(\mu_0 / 4\pi) \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{r} / r^3$  is a suitable vector potential for a point magnetic dipole, i.e. that its curl gives a dipole magnetic field. Assume  $r \neq 0$ .

[2.] Find the vector potential and magnetic field of an infinite straight wire of cross section with radius  $a$ , carrying a current  $I$  uniformly distributed across its area. (A good starting point is the thin wire  $a \rightarrow 0$  done in class.)

[3.] When a type-II superconductor is placed in a magnetic field, the field becomes non-uniform and passes through the superconductor in thin cylindrical regions called *flux tubes* or *vortices*. (See figure at left below.) Here we study a toy model of a flux tube. Take  $\mathbf{B}$  parallel to  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$  everywhere, the  $z$  axis along the axis of the tube, and  $r_{\perp} = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$ . Assume the magnetic flux through a circle of radius  $r_{\perp}$  centered on the axis of the tube is

$$\Phi(r_{\perp}) = 2\Phi_0 \frac{r_{\perp}^2}{r_{\perp}^2 + a^2} \quad (\Phi_0, a \text{ are constants}).$$

Find  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})$ ,  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r})$  and  $\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r})$  accompanying the tube. Make informatively marked and labelled sketches showing the spatial variation of  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\Phi$ .

[4.] A circular wire loop of radius  $R_1$  carrying current  $I_1$  is placed in the  $xy$  plane with its center at the origin. A second circular wire loop of radius  $R_2$ , carrying current  $I_2$  lies parallel to the first one, with its center at  $(0, 0, h)$ . Assume the first loop is very small so that  $R_1 \ll h$  and  $R_1 \ll R_2$ . See figure at right below.

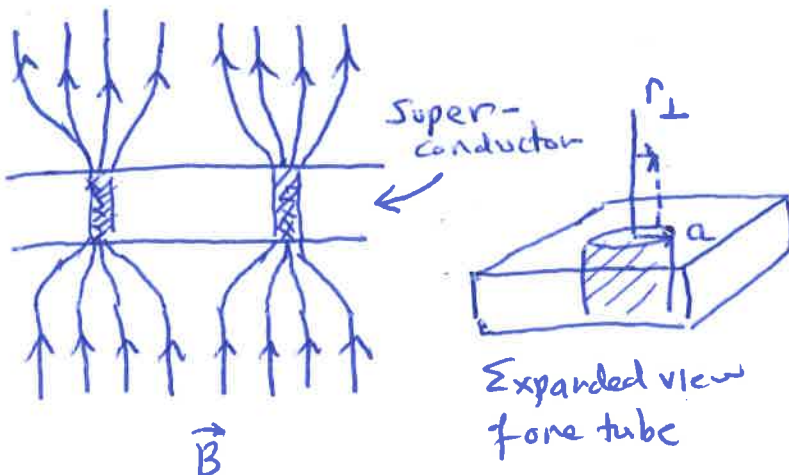
Show that the field due to the upper loop is given by

$$B_z = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{2\pi R_2^2 I_2}{R_2^2 + (z - h)^2}$$

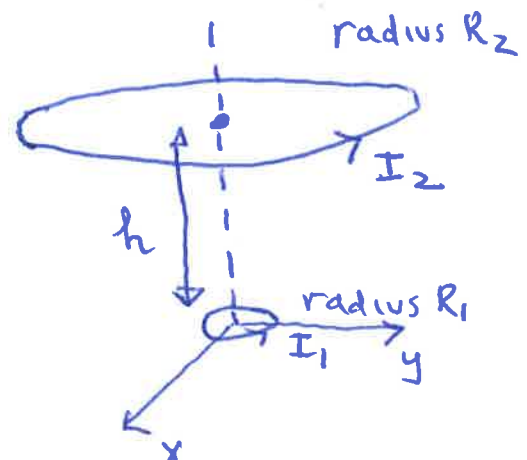
at points along the  $z$  axis. Using the fact that  $R_1$  is very small, compute the magnetic flux  $\Phi_{12}$  through the small loop due to the field created by the big loop. Find the mutual inductance  $L_{12} = \Phi_{12}/I_2$ .

Using a physically equivalent set of approximations, find the magnetic flux  $\Phi_{21}$  through the big loop due to the field created by the small loop. Compute  $L_{21}$  and show  $L_{21} = L_{12}$ . (Do not use this theorem to do the problem!)

**PROBLEM 3:**



**PROBLEM 4:**



Magnetic

1. Dipole vector potential:

Recall that  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c}$

We want  $\vec{B} = \nabla \times (\vec{m} \times \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3})$ , so  $\vec{r}$  is a constant vector, and

$$\vec{B} = \vec{m} \left( \nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \right) - (\vec{m} \cdot \nabla) \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}$$

E-field of pt. charge

Ignoring  $\delta$ -fun at origin, we know  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$ ,

and  $(\vec{m} \cdot \nabla) r = \vec{m}$

$$(\vec{m} \cdot \nabla) \frac{1}{r^3} = \vec{m} \cdot \left( -\frac{3\vec{r}}{r^5} \right)$$

$$\therefore \vec{B} = \frac{3(\vec{m} \cdot \vec{r})\vec{r} - \vec{m}r^2}{r^5}, \quad \text{W.F.}$$

2.  $\nabla \times \underbrace{B_0 x \hat{y}}_A = \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A_y = B_0 \hat{z}$

$\nabla \times (-B_0 y \hat{x}) = \hat{z} \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} A_x \right) = B_0 \hat{z}$

Add & divide by 2

$$\nabla \times \frac{1}{2} B_0 (x \hat{y} - y \hat{x}) = B_0 \hat{z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -B_0 y \hat{x} &= B_0 x \hat{y} - \nabla (B_0 x y) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} B_0 (x \hat{y} - y \hat{x}) - \nabla \left( \frac{B_0 x y}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

QED

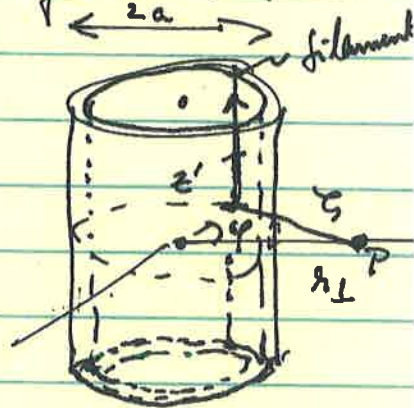
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Vector potential for a thick <sup>current carrying</sup> wire

For a thin (mathematical) wire or filament, we found

$$A_z = -\frac{2I}{c} \ln \frac{r_2}{2L}, \quad (1)$$

where  $L$  was the regulatory cutoff, and  $A_x = A_y = 0$ .



Hollow pipe

From the filaments, let us synthesize a conductor in the form of a hollow pipe of radius  $a$ . If the total current is  $I$ , the current through a segment of angular width  $d\phi$  is  $(I d\phi / 2\pi)$ . So in

Eq. (1),  $I \rightarrow I d\phi / 2\pi$   
 $r_2 \rightarrow \xi(r_{\perp}, a, \phi) = (a^2 + r_{\perp}^2 - 2ar_{\perp} \cos\phi)^{1/2}$   
 and we must integrate over  $\phi$ . Thus, for the pipe,

$$A_z = -\frac{2I}{2\pi c} \int_0^{2\pi} \ln \frac{\xi}{2L} d\phi \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\xi^2}{a^2} + \ln \frac{a}{2L} \quad (4)$$

$$= -\frac{I}{\pi c} \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} \ln \frac{a}{2L} + \int_0^{\pi} \ln \frac{\xi^2}{a^2} d\phi \right] \quad (5)$$

The integral is precisely the one we saw while finding the electrostatic potential of a charged hollow pipe (Notes of 2/17/14; Eq. (10).) Reusing the result, we get

$$A_z = -\frac{2I}{c} \left[ \ln \frac{a}{2L} + \begin{cases} 0, & r_{\perp} < a \\ \ln \frac{r_{\perp}}{a}, & r_{\perp} > a. \end{cases} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{2I}{c} \times \begin{cases} \ln(a/2L), & r_{\perp} < a \\ \ln(r_{\perp}/2L), & r_{\perp} > a. \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Note how the form for  $r_{\perp} > a$  is identical to (1).

Thick wire of radius  $a$ .

Build wire out of pipes. If total current is  $I$ , current through pipe of radius  $r'$  to  $r'+dr'$  is

$$\left( \frac{I}{\pi a^2} \right) (2\pi r' dr'). \quad (7)$$

So in Eq. (6),

$$\left. \begin{aligned} I &\rightarrow \frac{2I}{a^2} r' dr' \\ a &\rightarrow r' \end{aligned} \right\} (8)$$

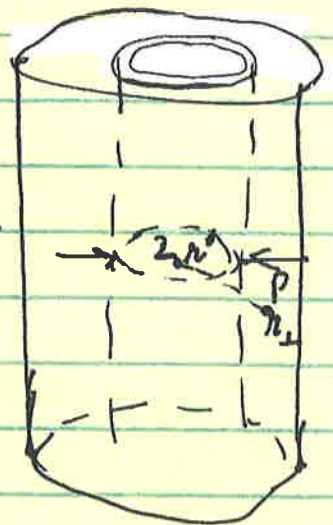
and we must integrate over  $r'$ .

If  $r_{\perp} > a$ ,

$$A_z = -\frac{4I}{a^2 c} \int_0^a \left( \ln \frac{r_{\perp}}{2L} \right) r' dr' = -\frac{2I}{c} \ln \frac{r_{\perp}}{2L} \quad (9)$$

If  $r_{\perp} < a$

$$A_z = -\frac{4I}{a^2 c} \left[ \int_0^{r_{\perp}} \ln \frac{r_{\perp}}{2L} r' dr' + \int_{r_{\perp}}^a \ln \frac{r'}{2L} r' dr' \right] \quad (10)$$



Do the second integral by parts:

$$\int_{r_{\perp}}^a (\ln r') r' dr' = (\ln r') \frac{r'^2}{2} \Big|_{r_{\perp}}^a - \int_{r_{\perp}}^a \frac{r'^2}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{r'} dr'$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (a^2 \ln a - r_{\perp}^2 \ln r_{\perp}) - \frac{1}{4} (a^2 - r_{\perp}^2) \quad (11)$$

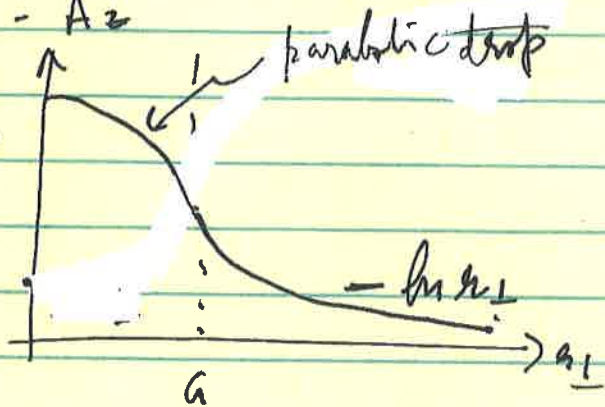
Adding in the first term in (10), we get

$$A_z = -\frac{4I}{a^2 c} \left[ \frac{1}{2} a^2 \ln \frac{a}{2L} - \frac{1}{4} (a^2 - r_{\perp}^2) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{2I}{c} \ln \frac{a}{2L} + \frac{I}{c} \left( 1 - \frac{r_{\perp}^2}{a^2} \right) \quad (r_{\perp} < a) \quad (12)$$

Note how (12) matches smoothly onto (9), and how (9) has exactly the same form as the <sup>thin</sup> wire and hollow pipe outside the pipe -  $A_z$

To find the magnetic field, we use  $B_{\phi} = -\partial A_z / \partial r_{\perp}$ , obtaining



$$\vec{B} = \frac{2I}{c} \times \begin{cases} \frac{r_{\perp}}{a^2} \hat{e}_{\phi}, & r_{\perp} < a \\ \frac{1}{r_{\perp}} \hat{e}_{\phi}, & r_{\perp} > a \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

QED

Note similarity with  $\vec{E}$ -field of uniformly charged, insulating thick rod.

5-3

$$(a) \oint_{C=\partial S} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l} \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{by Stokes' theorem}}}{=} \int_S (\nabla \times \vec{A}) \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \Phi \text{ (flux through } C)$$

The flux is physically measurable and gauge invariant.

(b) integrate  $\vec{A}$  around a circle of radius  $r_{\perp}$  assuming  $\vec{A}$  is cylindrically symmetric:

$$\text{Then } \oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l} = A_{\phi}(r_{\perp}) (2\pi r_{\perp}) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Equating this to } \Phi(r_{\perp}) \text{ yields } A_{\phi}(r_{\perp}) = \frac{\Phi_0}{\pi} \frac{r_{\perp}}{r_{\perp}^2 + a^2} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{or } \vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\Phi_0}{\pi} \frac{(\hat{z} \times \vec{r})}{r^2} = \frac{\Phi_0}{\pi} \frac{\hat{z} \times \vec{r}}{r^2} \quad (2)$$



$$\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \hat{e}_\perp \left( \frac{1}{r_\perp} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{\partial v_\varphi}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{e}_\varphi \left( \frac{\partial v_\perp}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r_\perp} \right) + \hat{e}_z \frac{1}{r_\perp} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r_\perp} (r_\perp v_\varphi) - \frac{\partial v_\perp}{\partial \varphi} \right).$$

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\Phi_0}{\pi} \frac{(x \hat{y} - y \hat{x})}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)} \quad (4)$$

$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$ . In this case  $\vec{B} \parallel \hat{z}$  and depends only on  $r_\perp$ , so can find it by direct evaluation of the curl, or by noting that

$$\Phi(r_\perp) = \int_0^{r_\perp} B_z(r'_\perp) 2\pi r'_\perp dr'_\perp \quad (5)$$

Differentiate:  $d\Phi(r_\perp)/dr_\perp = 2\pi r_\perp B_z(r_\perp); \quad (6)$

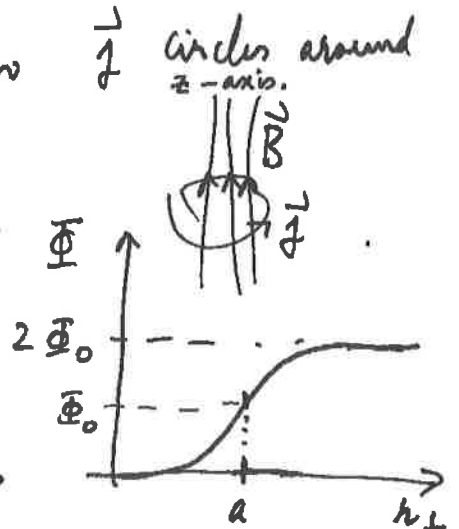
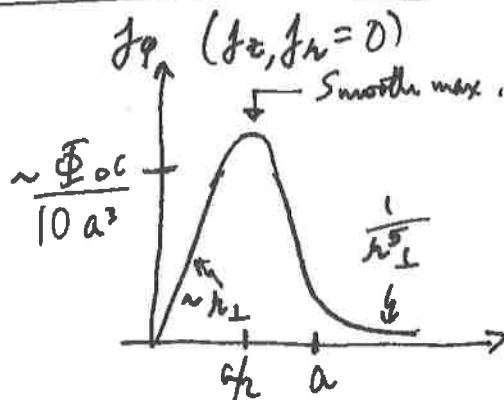
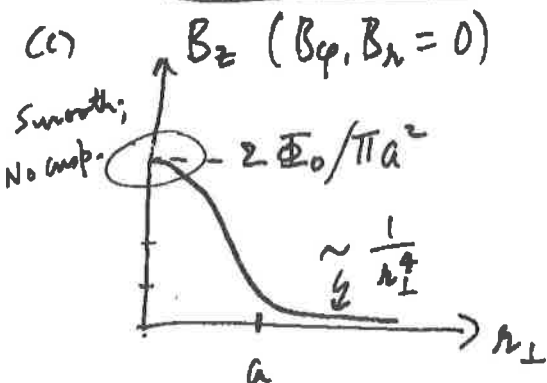
$$\boxed{B_z(r_\perp) = \frac{1}{2\pi r_\perp} \frac{d}{dr_\perp} \Phi(r_\perp) = \frac{2\Phi_0}{4\pi r_\perp} \left( \frac{2r_\perp}{r_\perp^2 + a^2} - \frac{2r_\perp^3}{(r_\perp^2 + a^2)^2} \right)} \\ = \frac{2\Phi_0 a^2}{\pi (r_\perp^2 + a^2)^2} \quad (7)$$

Finally,  $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j}$ , so

$$\boxed{\vec{j} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \nabla \times \frac{2\Phi_0 a^2}{\pi (x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^2} \hat{z} = \frac{\Phi_0 c}{2\pi^2} \hat{z} \times \nabla \frac{a^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^2}} \quad (\text{in Gaussian})$$

$$= \frac{2\Phi_0 c}{\pi^2} \frac{a^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + a^2)^3} (\hat{z} \times \vec{r}) \quad (8)$$

so  $\vec{j}$  circles around  $z$ -axis.



5-4

(a) Since  $R_1 \ll R_2, h$ , assume field of loop 2 is uniform over the area of the small loop, i.e., that its variation can be neglected. Then

$$\Phi_{1,2} \approx \pi R_1^2 \cdot B_z(0) = \pi R_1^2 \cdot \frac{2\pi R_2^2 I_2}{c(R_2^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{2\pi R_1^2 R_2^2 I_2}{c(R_2^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} \quad (1)$$

$$L_{12} = \Phi_{1,2} / c I_2 = \frac{2\pi R_1^2 R_2^2}{c^2 (R_2^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} \quad (2)$$

(b) Since  $R_1 \ll R_2$ , we can treat loop 1 as a point dipole to find its field.

$$\text{dipole moment} \equiv \vec{m} = (\pi R_1^2 I_1 / c) \hat{z} \quad (3)$$

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

$$\Phi_{1,2} = \int_{S_2} \vec{B}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{S} = \iint_{r_{\perp} < R_2} B_z(r_{\perp}, z=h) d^2S \quad (\text{Take } S_2 \text{ as a flat disk of radius } R_2) \quad (5)$$

$$= \int_0^{R_2} \frac{3m h^2 - m(r_{\perp}^2 + h^2)}{(r_{\perp}^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} 2\pi r_{\perp} dr_{\perp} \quad (\text{Note: } r_{\perp} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \neq r) \quad (6)$$

$$= \pi m \left[ \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3h^2}{(r_{\perp}^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} - \frac{2}{1} \times \frac{1}{(r_{\perp}^2 + h^2)^{1/2}} \right]_{r_{\perp}=R_2}^{r_{\perp}=0} = 2\pi m R_2^2 \frac{1}{(R_2^2 + h^2)^{3/2}} \quad (7)$$

Feed in (3) for  $m$ ; divide by  $c I_1 c$ :  

$$L_{12} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{2\pi^2 R_1^2 R_2^2}{(R_2^2 + h^2)^{3/2}}$$