

**Physics 305 – Homework Set 1**  
**Due in class on Wednesday, Jan. 22**

Do the following six problems from Griffiths:

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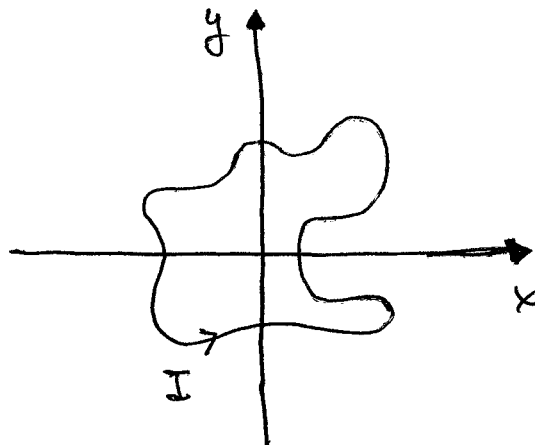
6.13 (pp 282-83)

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Also do the following additional problem (that includes aspects of several Griffiths problems):

The figure below shows a coil of wire located in the  $x$ - $y$  plane and encircling the  $z$ -axis. The coil is carrying a current  $I$  in the  $x$ - $y$  plane, as shown. The coil has area  $a$ , and is entirely contained within a circle of radius  $R$ . Note that the shape of the coil does NOT obey any particular symmetry.

- a) Assume that there are many such coils placed one on top of the other, with  $n$  coils per unit length, to form a finite solenoid-like magnet along the  $z$ -axis that extends from  $z = -L$  to  $z = +L$ . Use general properties of the vector potential for this problem to show that the magnetic field points in the  $z$  direction at all points in the  $x$ - $y$  plane.
- b) Approximate the magnetic field in the  $s \gg R$  region of the  $x$ - $y$  plane. **Note:** Do NOT make any assumption about the relative magnitude of  $s$  relative to  $L$ .
- c) Now consider the limiting case where  $L \rightarrow \infty$ . Find the exact magnetic field at all points in space.



## Griffiths, Problem 5.23

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \hat{z} \int_{z_1}^{z_2} \frac{dz'}{\sqrt{s^2 + (z-z')^2}} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \hat{z} \int_{z_1}^{z_2} \frac{dz'}{\sqrt{s^2 + (z'-z)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \hat{z} \int_{z_1-z}^{z_2-z} \frac{dy}{\sqrt{s^2 + y^2}} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \hat{z} \left[ \ln \left[ y + \sqrt{y^2 + s^2} \right] \right]_{y=z_1-z}^{y=z_2-z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \ln \frac{(z_2-z) + \sqrt{(z_2-z)^2 + s^2}}{(z_1-z) + \sqrt{(z_1-z)^2 + s^2}} \hat{z} = A_z(s, z) \hat{z}$$

$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$ . For  $\vec{A} = A_z(s, z) \hat{z}$ , this reduces to:

$$\vec{B} = -\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial s} \hat{\phi}$$

$$= -\frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{(z_2-z) + \sqrt{(z_2-z)^2 + s^2}} - \frac{1}{z} \frac{\cancel{z} s}{\sqrt{(z_2-z)^2 + s^2}} \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{1}{(z_1-z) + \sqrt{(z_1-z)^2 + s^2}} - \frac{1}{z} \frac{\cancel{z} s}{\sqrt{(z_1-z)^2 + s^2}} \right\} \hat{\phi}$$

$$= -\frac{\mu_0 I s}{4\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{[(z_2-z) + \sqrt{(z_2-z)^2 + s^2}] \sqrt{(z_2-z)^2 + s^2}} \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{1}{[(z_1-z) + \sqrt{(z_1-z)^2 + s^2}] \sqrt{(z_1-z)^2 + s^2}} \right\} \hat{\phi}$$

This doesn't look anything like Eq. 5.37, which can be written as:

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \left\{ \frac{z_2 - z}{\sqrt{(z_2 - z)^2 + s^2}} - \frac{z_1 - z}{\sqrt{(z_1 - z)^2 + s^2}} \right\} \hat{\phi}.$$

After playing with the two expressions for a while - and checking my arithmetic three (or more!) times - I printed. I plugged these two expressions into MathCad, and calculated their difference. It came up zero to within numerical round-off error. So we do get the same  $\vec{B}$  field either way, as we must, even though the two answers appear very different.

Griffiths, Problem 5.27

$\vec{J}$  goes to infinity, so I can't set  $\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{J}}{r} d\tau$ .

$\vec{J} = K\hat{x}$ , so let's assume  $\vec{A} = A_x\hat{x}$ . The problem is

invariant under translations in  $x+y$ , so  $\vec{A} = A_x(z)\hat{x}$ . Then

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} \hat{y} = \begin{cases} -\frac{\mu_0}{2} K \hat{y} & \text{for } z > 0 \\ +\frac{\mu_0}{2} K \hat{y} & \text{for } z < 0 \end{cases}$$

If we set  $A_x(z=0) = 0$ , then:

$$z > 0: A_x(z) = \int_0^z -\frac{\mu_0}{2} K dz = -\frac{\mu_0}{2} K z = -\frac{\mu_0}{2} K |z|$$

$$z < 0: A_x(z) = \int_0^z \frac{\mu_0}{2} K dz = \frac{\mu_0}{2} K z = -\frac{\mu_0}{2} K |z| \Rightarrow$$

$$\vec{A} = -\frac{\mu_0}{2} K |z| \hat{x}$$

## Griffiths, Problem 6.10

First, let's calculate  $\vec{B}$  if there was no gap. Then

$\vec{K}_b = \vec{M} \times \hat{n}$  provides a "toroidal" current. The magnetic field in a toroid is  $\frac{\mu_0 NI}{2\pi s} \hat{\phi}$  from Eq. 5.60.  $NI$  is the total current flowing around the toroid. In this case, that becomes  $K_b 2\pi s = M 2\pi s \Rightarrow \vec{B} = \mu_0 M \hat{\phi}$ . (We get the same answer by setting  $\vec{H} = 0 = \frac{\vec{B}}{\mu_0} - \vec{M} \Rightarrow \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{M}$ .)

From the hint, we must add ~~the~~ the magnetic field from four line segments with current  $\vec{I} = -\omega \vec{K}_b$ . In the units of Eq. 5.37, each line segment runs from  $\theta_1 = -45^\circ \rightarrow \theta_2 = +45^\circ \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B}_{\text{square}} &= - \frac{\mu_0 \omega M}{4\pi \frac{a}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \hat{\phi} = - \frac{\mu_0 \omega M}{\pi a} \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= - \frac{\mu_0 \omega M 2\sqrt{2}}{\pi a} \hat{\phi} \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{B}_{\text{center of gap}} = \mu_0 M \hat{\phi} \left[ 1 - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \frac{\omega}{a} \right]$$

Griffiths, Problem 6.12

$$(a) \vec{J}_b = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M} = \vec{\nabla} \times (ks \hat{z}) = -k \hat{\phi}$$

$$\vec{K}_b = \vec{M} \times \hat{n} = ks \hat{z} \times \hat{s} = ks \hat{\phi}$$

$\vec{K}_b$  represents an infinite solenoid with  $nI = kR \Rightarrow \vec{B} = \mu_0 kR \hat{z}$  inside (0 outside)

$\vec{J}_b$  constitutes an infinite set of infinite solenoids, such that the net field at  $s < R$  is  $\int_s^R -\mu_0 k ds = -\mu_0 ks = (\mu_0 ks - \mu_0 kR) \hat{z}$

Adding these together to get the total field, we find:

$$\vec{B} = \begin{cases} \mu_0 ks \hat{z} & \text{inside } (s < R) \\ 0 & \text{outside } (s > R) \end{cases}$$

$$(b) \text{ There is no free current, so } \vec{H} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{M} = \begin{cases} \mu_0 ks \hat{z} & (s < R) \\ 0 & (s > R) \end{cases}$$

We get the same answer, a lot faster.

# Griffiths, Problem 6.13

(a) From Eq. 6.16,  $\vec{B}$  from the magnetized sphere is  $\vec{B} = \frac{2}{3}\mu_0\vec{M}$ .

Thus,  $\vec{B}_{\text{NEW}} = \vec{B}_0 - \frac{2}{3}\mu_0\vec{M}$ .

$$\vec{H}_{\text{NEW}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{B}_{\text{NEW}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{B}_0 - \frac{2}{3}\vec{M} = (\vec{H}_0 + \vec{M}) - \frac{2}{3}\vec{M} = \vec{H}_0 + \frac{1}{3}\vec{M}$$

(b)  $\vec{B}$  in an (infinite) magnetized rod is  $\vec{B}_{\text{rod}} = \mu_0\vec{M}$ . Thus,

$$\vec{B}_{\text{NEW}} = \vec{B}_0 - \mu_0\vec{M}$$

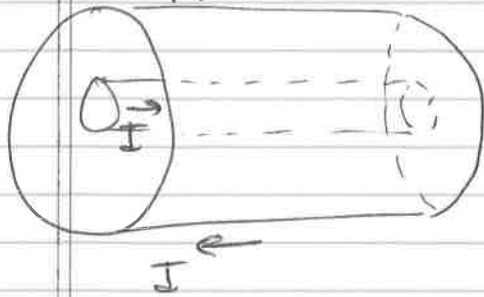
$$\vec{H}_{\text{NEW}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{B}_{\text{NEW}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{B}_0 - \vec{M} = (\vec{H}_0 + \vec{M}) - \vec{M} = \vec{H}_0$$

(c)  $\vec{B}$  at the center of a thin magnetized wafer is just that of a current loop with  $I = M \times \text{thickness}$ . For a sufficiently large and thin wafer, this  $\rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\vec{B}_{\text{NEW}} = \vec{B}_0$$

$$\vec{H}_{\text{NEW}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{B}_{\text{NEW}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{B}_0 = \vec{H}_0 + \vec{M}$$

# Griffiths, Problem 6.16



$$\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I_{f, \text{encl}} \Rightarrow$$

for  $a < s < b$ ,  $H(2\pi s) = I \Rightarrow$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{I}{2\pi s} \hat{\phi} \Rightarrow \vec{B} = (1 + \chi_m) \mu_0 \vec{H} =$$

$$(1 + \chi_m) \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi s} \hat{\phi}$$

( $\vec{B} = 0$  and  $\vec{H} = 0$  for  $s < a$  and  $s > b$ .)

$$\vec{M} = \chi_m \vec{H} = \frac{\chi_m I}{2\pi s} \hat{\phi} \Rightarrow \vec{J}_b = \nabla \times \vec{M} = 0$$

$$\vec{K}_b = \vec{M} \times \hat{n}$$

At  $s = a$ ,  $\hat{n} = -\hat{s} \Rightarrow \vec{K}_b = \frac{\chi_m I}{2\pi a} (\hat{\phi} \times (-\hat{s})) = \frac{\chi_m I}{2\pi a} \hat{z}$

At  $s = b$ ,  $\hat{n} = \hat{s} \Rightarrow \vec{K}_b = \frac{\chi_m I}{2\pi b} \hat{\phi} \times \hat{s} = -\frac{\chi_m I}{2\pi b} \hat{z}$

Thus, at  $s = a$ ,  $I_{\text{tot}} = I_f + I_b = I + 2\pi a \left( \frac{\chi_m I}{2\pi a} \right) = (1 + \chi_m) I$

At  $s = b$ ,  $I_{\text{tot}} = -I + 2\pi b \left( -\frac{\chi_m I}{2\pi b} \right) = (1 + \chi_m) (-I)$ .

The  $\vec{B}$  field is the same as that given by  $\pm (1 + \chi_m) I$  in vacuum, so they match.



Homework Set 10, Extra Problem

~~HW10, EP.1~~

(a)  $\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}')}{r} d\tau' = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\vec{I}_n}{r} dl' dz'$  for this configuration.

$\vec{I} \cdot \hat{z} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{A} = A_\phi \hat{\phi} + A_s \hat{s}$  everywhere. Meanwhile:

$\vec{A}(x, y, \frac{-z}{2}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint \int_{-L}^L \frac{\vec{I}_n dl' dz'}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + (-z-z')^2}}$  Let  $z'' = -z' \Rightarrow$

$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint \int_{+L}^{-L} \frac{\vec{I}_n dl' (-dz'')}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + (-z+z'')^2}}$

$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint \int_{-L}^L \frac{\vec{I}_n dl' dz''}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + (z-z'')^2}} = \vec{A}(x, y, z)$ .

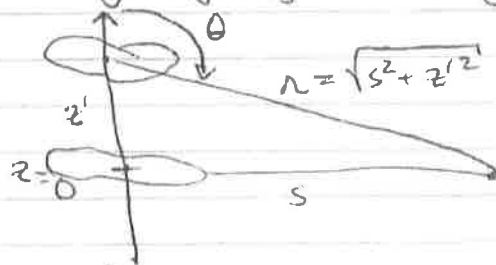
Thus, at  $z=0$ ,  $\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial z} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial z} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial A_s}{\partial z} = 0$ . (In general, the second derivatives, and 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, ..., will be non-zero.)

Combining those with  $A_z = 0$  everywhere gives:

$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \frac{1}{s} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (s A_\phi) - \frac{\partial A_s}{\partial \phi} \right) \hat{z} \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{B} \parallel \hat{z}}$ . ✓

(b) For  $s \gg R$ , we can approximate  $\vec{A}$  for any given loop with just the magnetic dipole term. Adding the many loops together, we get

$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{-L}^L \frac{I_n \hat{z} \times \hat{r}}{r^2} dz'$



$\hat{z} \times \hat{r} = \sin \theta \hat{\phi} = \frac{s}{r} \hat{\phi} \Rightarrow$

$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0 I_n \pi s}{4\pi} \int_{-L}^L \frac{dz'}{(s^2 + z'^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\mu_0 I_n \pi s}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{z'}{s^2 \sqrt{s^2 + z'^2}} \right]_{z'=-L}^L \hat{\phi}$

Integral #141

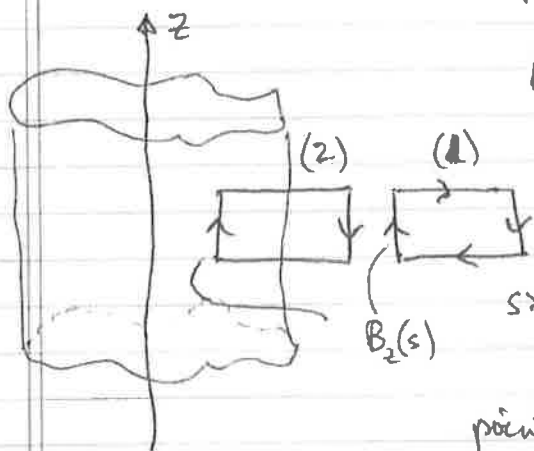
$$= \frac{\mu_0 I a n}{2\pi s} \frac{\pi L}{\sqrt{s^2 + L^2}} \hat{\phi}$$

This result is only valid for  $z=0$ . But from part a,  $\vec{B} = B_z \hat{z}$ , so we can ignore any  $z$ -dependence of  $\vec{A}$  when calculating  $\vec{B}$  for  $z=0$ .

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0 I a n L}{2\pi} \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left( \hat{\phi} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 + L^2}} \right) \right] \hat{z}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I a n L}{2\pi s} \left[ \left( \frac{-1}{s} \right) \frac{\pi s}{(s^2 + L^2)^{3/2}} \right] \hat{z} = \boxed{-\frac{\mu_0 I a n L}{2\pi (L^2 + s^2)^{3/2}} \hat{z}}$$

(c) In the limit  $L \rightarrow \infty$ , part a  $\Rightarrow \vec{B} = B_z \hat{z}$  everywhere, and part b  $\Rightarrow \vec{B} \rightarrow 0$  for  $s \gg R$ .



Consider two Amperian loops:

loop (1) gives  $B_z(s)L + 0 + 0 + 0 =$

$\mu_0 I_{enc} = 0 \Rightarrow B_z(s) = 0$  for all

points outside the coil. Then loop (2) gives

$$B_z(s_{in})L + 0 + 0 + 0 = \mu_0 I_{enc} = \mu_0 I n L \Rightarrow B_z(s_{in}) = \mu_0 I n$$

Thus,

$$\vec{B} = \begin{cases} \mu_0 I n \hat{z} & \text{everywhere inside the coil} \\ 0 & \text{everywhere outside the coil} \end{cases}$$