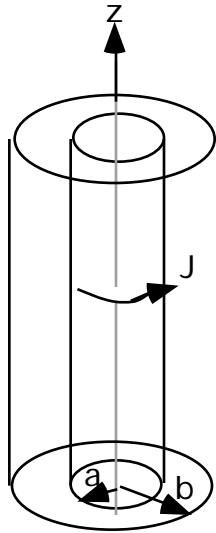


ELECTROMAGNETISM PRELIMINARY EXAM  
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1. The z-axis coincides with the axis of an infinite conducting cylinder of inner radius  $a$ , outer radius  $b$ . For  $a < r < b$ , there is a current density flowing around the wire,  $\vec{J} = J_0 \hat{\phi}$  A/m<sup>2</sup>.

For the three regions

- (I)  $0 < r < a$ ,
- (II)  $a < r < b$
- (III)  $b < r$ ,

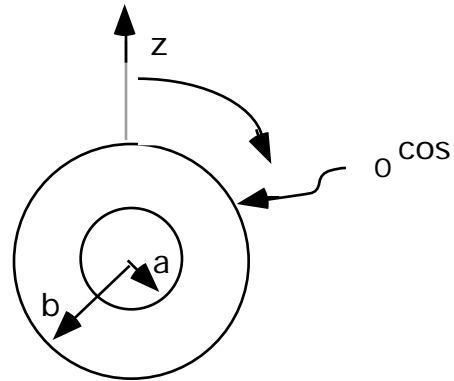
Find:

- (a) The  $\mathbf{B}$  field .
- (b) The  $\mathbf{A}$  field .

And then find

- (c) The pressure exerted by the magnetic field on the cylinder.

2. A grounded conducting sphere of radius  $a$  is inside a sphere of radius  $b$ . The region between radius  $a$  and radius  $b$  is vacuum. The outer sphere is non-conducting, and carries a surface charge density  $\sigma_0 \cos \theta$ . In the regions:



(I)  $a < r < b$

(II)  $b < r$

Find the potential  $\phi$ .



3.

A hollow grounded conducting sphere of radius  $R$  contains a point charge  $q$  at the point  $a\hat{k}$ .

- (a) Find the potential inside the sphere.
- (b) Find the vector force on the charge  $q$ .



The sphere of the previous problem is now reduced to a conducting hemisphere, with a conducting flat base. The charge  $q$  is still at the point  $a\hat{k}$ .

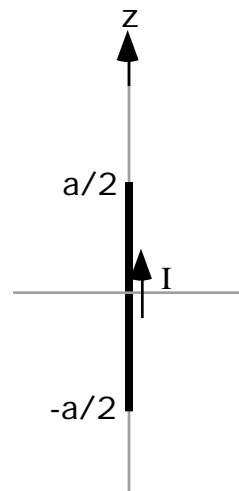
- (e) Find the potential in the hemisphere.
- (f) Find the vector force on the charge  $q$ .

4. A plane wave of frequency  $\omega$ , with  $\vec{E}_I = E_I \hat{j}$ , is normally incident on a conducting plane of conductivity  $\sigma$ . The conducting plane fills the half space  $z > 0$ . The conductivity is very high,  $\sigma \gg \omega \epsilon_0$ , so the displacement current inside the conductor can be neglected. There is a reflected wave,  $\vec{E}_R$ .

(a) Find the B and E fields inside the conductor in terms of their values at  $z = 0$ , as functions of  $z$ ,  $\omega$ , and  $\sigma$ .

(b) Find the reflected electric field vector in terms of  $E_I$ ,  $\omega$ , and  $\sigma$ .

5. An wire stretches along the z-axis from  $z = -a/2$  to  $z = a/2$ . An alternating current of angular frequency  $\omega$  runs in the wire, and the radiated EM wave has a wavelength  $\lambda$  that is much greater than the wire length  $a$ . A good approximation to the current density in the wire is



$$\vec{J} = I_0 \cos(k(x) - \omega t) \hat{k} \quad ,$$

where  $k = \omega/c$ .

At large distances  $r$  from the wire, where  $r \gg a$ , and  $r \gg \lambda$ ,

find as functions of  $r$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $I_0$ :

- (a) The vector potential  $\vec{A}$ .
- (b) The magnetic field  $\vec{B}$ .
- (c) The electric field  $\vec{E}$ .
- (d) Find the power radiated per unit solid angle as a function of  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $I_0$ .
- (e) Find the wire's electric dipole moment  $\vec{p}$ , and its magnetic dipole moment  $\vec{m}$ .