

8. Magnetostatics Self-test answers

- (a) See Example 1 in Section 8.3.
(b) See Example 3 in Section 8.4.
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- See Example 6 in Section 8.4.
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- See Example 5 in Sec. 8.4, where the field is determined by Ampère's law. If the slab is parallel to the xy plane, and $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}) = J_0 \hat{\mathbf{i}}$ in the slab, then

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}) = \mp \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 J_0 \delta \hat{\mathbf{j}} \quad \text{for points } \begin{cases} \text{above} \\ \text{below} \end{cases} .$$

For points inside the slab, B_y varies linearly with z , from $\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 J_0 \delta$ at the lower surface to $-\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 J_0 \delta$ at the upper surface.

It is interesting to verify the PDE for Ampère's law. Inside the slab,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ 0 & B_y & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -\hat{\mathbf{i}} \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} = \mu_0 J_0 \hat{\mathbf{i}} .$$

- The magnetic moment is $\mathbf{m} = IA \hat{\mathbf{k}}$, where A is the area of the loop, ℓ^2 . Asymptotically the magnetic field may be approximated by the dipole field, (8.78) or (8.80). In spherical coordinates,

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mu_0 m}{4\pi r^3} \left[2\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cos \theta + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sin \theta \right] .$$

- On the x axis, θ is $\pi/2$, $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ is $\hat{\mathbf{i}}$, and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ is $-\hat{\mathbf{k}}$. There,

$$\mathbf{B}(x, 0, 0) = -\frac{\mu_0 m}{4\pi x^3} \hat{\mathbf{k}} .$$

- On the positive z axis, θ is 0, $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ is $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ is $\perp \hat{\mathbf{k}}$. There,

$$\mathbf{B}(0, 0, z) = +\frac{\mu_0 m}{2\pi z^3} \hat{\mathbf{k}} .$$

- It is important to use relativistic equations, because the speed is nearly c . The equation of motion is

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = e\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} .$$

For circular motion, \mathbf{p} is tangential and $d\mathbf{p}/dt$ is centripetal. Therefore

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = p_0 \left(-\sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{j}} \right)$$

where the equation of motion implies

$$\omega p_0 = evB.$$

Now substitute $v = R\omega$, and $p_0 \approx E/c$ where $E = 1 \text{ TeV}$ is the energy (the mass energy may be neglected). The result is

$$B = \frac{E}{eRc} = 3.3 \text{ tesla.}$$