

**Note:** The problems assigned are from the text book *Introduction to Electrodynamics* (4<sup>th</sup> edition) by David J. Griffiths

1. Problem 4.22
2. A capacitor carries charge  $Q$  when fully charged by a battery of EMF  $V$ . The capacitor is disconnected from the battery and a dielectric is introduced in it. (i) Show that the change in the energy  $E$  stored in the capacitor is  $-\frac{1}{2}Q\Delta V$  where  $\Delta V$  is the decrease in the potential of the capacitor when the dielectric is introduced. Now reconnect the battery to the capacitor so that some charge  $\Delta Q$  flows to it and its potential again becomes  $V$ . (ii) Up to the first order in  $\Delta Q$  and  $\Delta V$ , calculate the energy supplied by the battery in this process. (iii) Show that  $V\Delta Q = Q\Delta V$  (iv) Using the results above, show that the change in the energy stored in the capacitor when the dielectric is introduced with the battery remaining connected to it is  $\frac{1}{2}Q\Delta V = \frac{1}{2}V\Delta Q$ . (This problem is related directly to section 4.4.4). Hence the force  $F$  on the dielectric is  $F = -\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_Q = \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_V$ .
3. Problem 4.28
4. Complete the derivation of force on a dielectric slab (done in lecture on Feb 1) in a parallel plate capacitor.
5. Problem 4.37
6. Problem 4.39
7. Problem 4.40
8. Problem 5.5
9. Problem 5.6
10. Problem 5.7
11. Problem 5.12
12. Problem 5.15
13. Problem 5.44

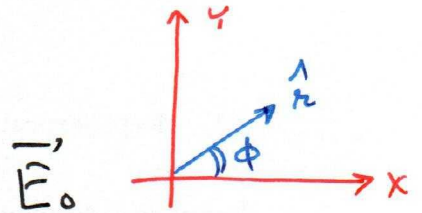
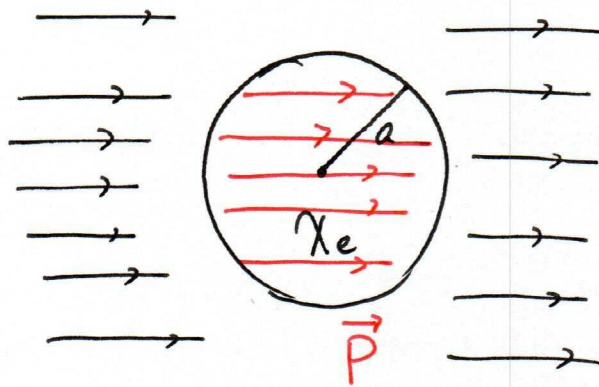
**Hints:**

- 4.22: Either do the iterative method done in the lecture to generate a geometric series for  $\chi_e < 1$  or assume a polarization in the direction of  $\vec{E}_0$  and use the fact that field inside will be the sum of  $\vec{E}_0$  and the electric field due to the polarization.
- 4.28: Use result of problem 2
- 4.37: The field due to the dipole in the middle gives a polarization that has the same dependence on  $\vec{r}$  as the field of the dipole. This leads to a bound volume charge. Furthermore, this polarization also gives a surface charge that gives an additional field and polarization.
- 4.39: The potential satisfies the Laplace's equation throughout the space outside the sphere. The boundary condition is also very well specified. That is sufficient to determine the potential.
- 5.15: Use Ampere's law
- 5.44: Recall how this force was calculated for a spherical shell charged uniformly by electrical charge.

# SOLUTION

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4.22



Cylinder top view:

Let the cylinder develop a polarization  $\vec{P}$  in the same direction as  $\vec{E}_0$

$\vec{P}$  produces a bound charge  $\sigma_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = 0$

And a bound surface charge density

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_b &= \vec{P} \cdot \hat{r} \\ &= P \cos \phi\end{aligned}$$

This in turn gives an electric field  $-\frac{P}{2\epsilon_0}$  in the cylinder. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}E &= E_0 - \frac{P}{2\epsilon_0} \\ &= E_0 - \frac{\chi_e \epsilon_0 \cdot E}{2\epsilon_0}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E \left( 1 + \frac{\chi_e}{2} \right) = E_0$$



or

$$E = \frac{2}{2 + \chi_e} E_0$$

$$= \left( \frac{2}{K + 1} \right) E_0$$

$$\vec{E}' = \left( \frac{2}{K + 1} \right) \vec{E}_0$$

For One can also do the problem iteratively

$$\vec{E}_0 \text{ gives rise to } \vec{P}_0 = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}_0$$

$$\vec{P}_0 \text{ gives } \sigma_{b0} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e E_0 \cos \phi$$

$$\sigma_{b0} \text{ gives } \vec{E}_1 = - \frac{\chi_e \vec{E}_0}{2}$$

$$\vec{E}_1 \text{ gives new } \vec{P}_1 = - \frac{\chi_e^2 \epsilon_0}{2} \vec{E}_0$$

$$\vec{P}_1 \text{ gives } \sigma_{b1} = - \frac{\chi_e^2 \epsilon_0 E_0 \cos \phi}{2}$$

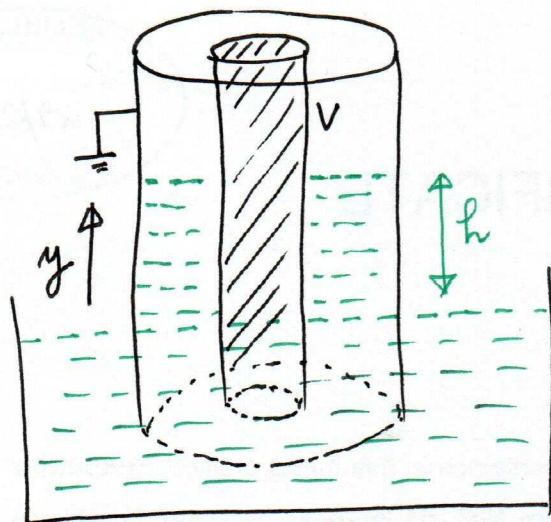
$$\sigma_{b1} \text{ gives } \vec{E}_2 = \frac{\chi_e^2}{4} \vec{E}_0$$

And so on with the result that

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}_{\text{net}} &= \vec{E}_0 + \vec{E}_1 + \vec{E}_2 + \dots \\ &= \vec{E}_0 \left( 1 - \frac{\chi_e}{2} + \frac{\chi_e^2}{4} - \frac{\chi_e^3}{8} + \dots \right) \\ &= \vec{E}_0 \left( \frac{1}{1 + \chi_e/2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{2}{2 + \chi_e} \right) \vec{E}_0 \end{aligned}$$

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(3)



For a system consisting of two metallic tubes as in this problem, the capacitance per

unit length is 
$$\frac{C}{L} = \frac{\lambda}{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 K} \ln(b/a)} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 K}{\ln(b/a)}$$

When liquid is filled in the space between the tubes, the system can be considered as two capacitors connected in parallel — one with liquid in between and the other that has air. Let the length of the tubes be  $L$ . Then if the liquid is filled up to height  $y$ , the total capacitance will be

$$C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 K y}{\ln(b/a)} + \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0 (L-y)}{\ln(b/a)}$$

So when connected to a voltage  $V$  across the tubes the energy stored in the capacitor is

$$E = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0}{2 \ln(b/a)} [Ky + (L-y)]$$



$$E = \frac{\pi \epsilon_0}{\ln(b/a)} [(K-1)y + L] V^2$$

$$= \frac{\pi \epsilon_0}{\ln(b/a)} [\chi_e y + L] V^2$$

Force on the dielectric when voltage is kept constant is

$$F = + \left( \frac{dE}{dy} \right)_V = \frac{\pi \epsilon_0 \chi_e V^2}{\ln(b/a)}$$

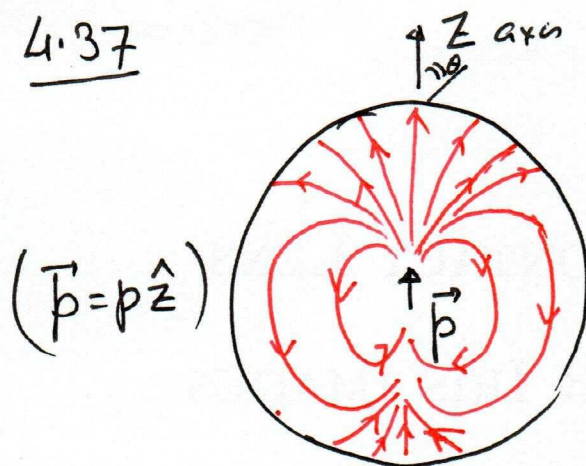
And the direction of the force is upward because of the positive sign. This balances the weight of the liquid. So

$$\frac{\pi \epsilon_0 \chi_e V^2}{\ln(b/a)} = \pi (b^2 - a^2) \rho g h$$

$$h = \frac{\epsilon_0 \chi_e V^2}{(b^2 - a^2) \ln(b/a) \rho g}$$



4.37



The dipole  $\vec{p}$  creates an electric field

$$\vec{E}_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{3(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{p}}{r^3} \right]$$

So it is expected that this

will create a polarization of the form

$$(\vec{p}_1 = p_1 \hat{z}) \quad \vec{P}_0 = \frac{3(\vec{p}_1 \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{p}_1}{4\pi r^3}$$

(Here  $4\pi$  is put for later convenience; it does not affect the answer)

However this polarization gives a surface charge

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P}_0 \cdot \hat{r} = \frac{2p_1 \cos\theta}{4\pi R^2} = \frac{p_1 \cos\theta}{2\pi R^2}$$

This in turn will give an electric field which is constant inside the sphere and therefore will give a constant polarization also. Thus the net polarization inside the dielectric sphere can be taken to be

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{P} &= \frac{3(\vec{p}_1 \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{p}_1}{4\pi r^3} + \vec{P}_2 \\ &= \frac{3(\vec{p}_1 \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{p}_1}{4\pi r^3} + P_2 \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

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This polarization gives a bound charge

$$\rho_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[ \frac{3(\vec{P}_1 \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{P}_1}{4\pi r^3} \right] + 0$$

Interpretation of  $\rho_b$

Dipole  $\vec{P}$  at centre gives  $\vec{E}_0 = \frac{3(\vec{P} \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{P}}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)r^3}$

This gives a charge density

$$\rho(F) = \epsilon_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}_0$$

which is equivalent to a dipole  $\vec{P}$

Thus  $-\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[ \frac{3(\vec{P}_1 \cdot \hat{r})\hat{r} - \vec{P}_1}{4\pi r^3} \right]$  will

give charge density  $\rho_b$  which is equivalent to a dipole  $-\vec{P}_1$

Thus the first correction to  $\vec{E}_0$  will be due to

$-\vec{P}_1$  so

$$\vec{E}_0 + \vec{E}_1 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{3\{(\vec{P} - \vec{P}_1) \cdot \hat{r}\}\hat{r} - (\vec{P} - \vec{P}_1)}{r^3}$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 + \vec{E}_1 + \text{additional terms.}$$

The additional terms arise due to the surface charge arising from the polarization

$$\sigma_b = \vec{P} \cdot \hat{r} = \frac{P_1 \cos \theta}{2\pi R^2} + P_2 \cos \theta$$



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This surface charge gives an electric field

$$\vec{E}_2 = -\frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{p_1}{2\pi R^3} + P_2 \right] \hat{z}$$

Thus

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{3\{(\vec{p}-\vec{p}_1) \cdot \hat{r}\} \hat{r} - (\vec{p}-\vec{p}_1)}{r^3}$$

$$- \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{p_1}{2\pi R^3} + P_2 \right] \hat{z}$$

Now use the fact that  $\vec{P} = \chi_e \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$   
to get

$$\frac{3(\vec{p}_1 \cdot \hat{r}) \hat{r} - \vec{p}_1}{4\pi r^3} + P_2 \hat{z}$$

$$= \frac{\chi_e}{4\pi r^3} \left[ 3\{(\vec{p}-\vec{p}_1) \cdot \hat{r}\} \hat{r} - (\vec{p}-\vec{p}_1) \right] - \frac{\chi_e}{3} \left[ \frac{p_1}{2\pi R^3} + P_2 \right] \hat{z}$$

For the equality to be satisfied, we should have

$$\vec{p}_1 = \chi_e (\vec{p} - \vec{p}_1)$$

$$\text{or } \vec{p}_1 = \frac{\chi_e}{1+\chi_e} \vec{p} = \frac{\chi_e}{K} \vec{p}$$

And

$$P_2 = -\frac{\chi_e}{3} \left( \frac{p_1}{2\pi R^3} \right) - \frac{\chi_e}{3} P_2$$



$$P_2 \left( 1 + \frac{\chi_e}{3} \right) = - \frac{\chi_e}{3} \left( \frac{p_1}{2\pi R^3} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_2 = - \frac{\chi_e}{(3 + \chi_e)} \cdot \frac{p_1}{2\pi R^3}$$

$$= - \frac{\chi_e^2}{K(3 + \chi_e)} \cdot \frac{p}{2\pi R^3} \quad (p_1 = \frac{\chi_e}{K} p)$$

So the net electric field is

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{3 \left\{ (\vec{p} - \frac{\chi_e}{K} \vec{p}) \cdot \hat{r} \right\} \cdot \hat{r} - (\vec{p} - \frac{\chi_e}{K} \vec{p})}{r^3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\chi_e p}{K \cdot 2\pi R^3} - \frac{\chi_e^2}{(3 + \chi_e) K} \cdot \frac{p}{2\pi R^3} \right] \hat{z}$$

$$(\epsilon = \epsilon_0 K) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{3(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}) \hat{r} - \vec{p}}{r^3} - \frac{\chi_e p}{3\epsilon_0 K(2\pi R^3)} \left( 1 - \frac{\chi_e}{3 + \chi_e} \right) \hat{z}$$

factor of 2  
multiplied  
on upper &  
lower side

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{3(\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}) \hat{r} - \vec{p}}{r^3} - \frac{2\chi_e p}{4\pi\epsilon \cdot R^3} \frac{\hat{z}}{(3 + \chi_e)}$$

The corresponding potential therefore is

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \cdot \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2} + \frac{2\chi_e p r \cos\theta}{4\pi\epsilon R^3 (3 + \chi_e)}$$

$$= \frac{p \cos\theta}{4\pi\epsilon r^2} \left( 1 + 2 \frac{r^3}{R^3} \frac{\chi_e}{3 + \chi_e} \right)$$

NOTE  $\chi_e = K - 1$  and  $3 + \chi_e = 2 + K$

(9)

Outside the field (potential) will be that due to a dipole  $(\vec{p} - \vec{p}_1)$  + dipole due to the surface charges

$$\vec{p}_{\text{net}} = \vec{p} - \vec{p}_1 + \left( \frac{p_1}{2\pi R^3} + p_2 \right) \cdot \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 \hat{z}$$

Note: Surface charge is  $\left( \frac{p}{2\pi R^3} + p_2 \right) \cos\theta$  which is equivalent to that arising from a polarization

$$\vec{P} = \left( \frac{p}{2\pi R^3} + p_2 \right) \hat{z}$$

$$= \vec{p} - \frac{\chi_e}{K} \vec{p} + \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 \left[ \frac{\chi_e p}{K \cdot 2\pi R^2} - \frac{\chi_e^2 p}{K(3+\chi_e)2\pi R^3} \right] \hat{z}$$

$$(K = 1 + \chi_e)$$

$$= \frac{\vec{p}}{K} + \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} \times \frac{\chi_e p}{K \cdot 2\pi R^3} \left[ 1 - \frac{\chi_e}{3+\chi_e} \right] \hat{z}$$

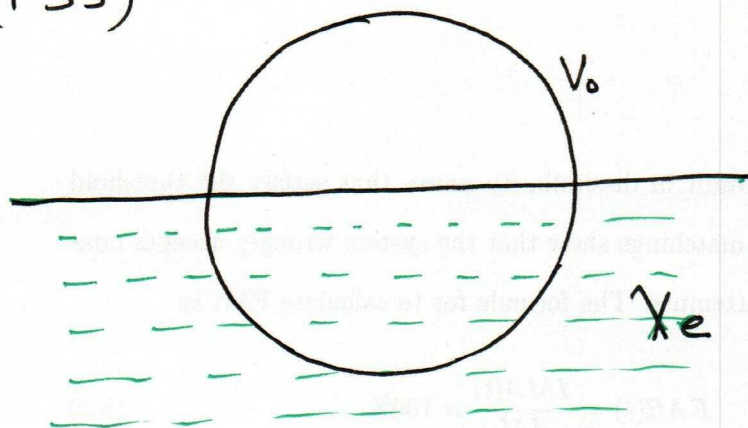
$$= \frac{\vec{p}}{K} + \frac{2\chi_e p}{3K} \times \frac{3}{(3+\chi_e)} \hat{z} \quad (\vec{p} = p\hat{z})$$

$$= \frac{\vec{p}}{K} \left( 1 + \frac{2\chi_e}{3+\chi_e} \right) = \frac{3\vec{p}}{(3+\chi_e)}$$

$$\text{So } V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{r}}{r^2} \left( \frac{3}{3+\chi_e} \right)$$



(4.39)



(a) Equation satisfied by the potential is the Laplace equation

$$\nabla^2 V(r) = 0$$

It is to be solved with the boundary condition

$$V(r=R) = V_0 \quad \text{and} \quad V(z=0^+) = V(z=0^-)$$

So the unique solution is  $V(r) = \left( \frac{V_0 R}{r} \right)$

Surface charge  
on the sphere

$$\sigma_f = \hat{n} \cdot \vec{D} \Big|_{\text{surface}} = -\epsilon_0 K \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) \Big|_{\text{surface}}$$

$$(\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V, \quad \hat{n} = \hat{r}, \quad \vec{D} = \epsilon_0 K \vec{E})$$

$$\sigma_f \text{ (upper half)} = \frac{\epsilon_0 V_0}{R} \quad z > 0$$

$$\sigma_f \text{ (lower half)} = \frac{\epsilon_0 K V_0}{R} \quad z < 0$$

Electric  
field

$$\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla} V = \frac{V_0 R}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

Polarization

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \vec{P} = 0 \quad \text{for } z > 0 \\ \vec{P} = \chi_e \epsilon_0 \vec{E} = \frac{\chi_e \epsilon_0 V_0 R}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad \text{for } z < 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Bound charges

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \rho_b = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{P} = 0 \quad \text{everywhere} \\ \sigma_b = (\vec{P} \cdot \hat{n}) \quad \left( \hat{n} = -\hat{r} \text{ for volume outside sphere} \right) \\ \quad = 0 \quad \text{for } z > 0 \\ \quad = -\frac{\chi_e \epsilon_0 V_0}{R} \quad \text{for } z < 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad (\sigma_f + \sigma_b) &= \frac{\epsilon_0 V_0}{R} \quad \text{for } z > 0 \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_0 V_0}{R} (K - \chi_e) \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_0 V_0}{R} \quad \text{for } z < 0 \end{aligned}$$

So net charge giving the field is the same for both the upper and lower halves.

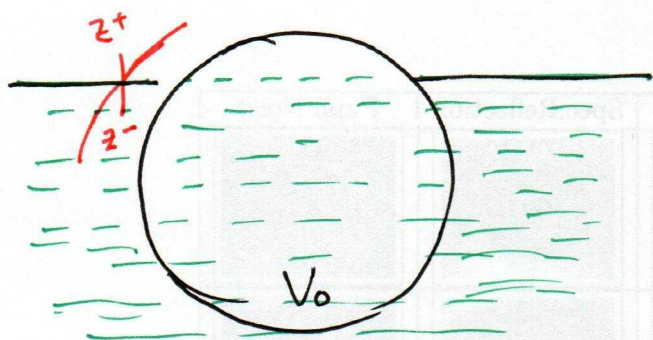
(d) We had solved the problem earlier with the boundary condition that

$$V = V_0 \text{ at } r = R \quad \text{And} \quad V(z=0^+) = V(z=0^-)$$



In Configuration (a),

$V(r) = \frac{V_0 R}{r}$  will not satisfy



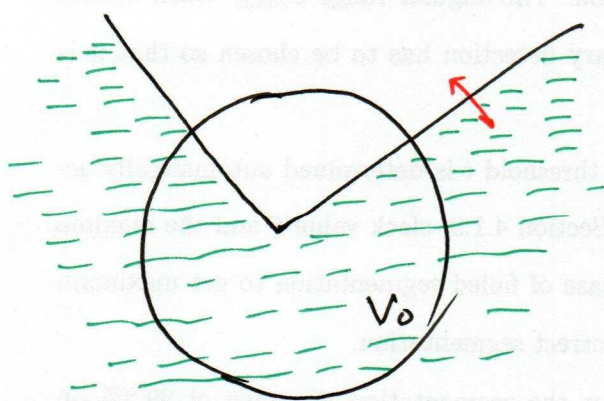
the boundary condition that

$V$  be continuous across all boundaries, Hence

$V(r) = \frac{V_0 R}{r}$  cannot be the solution.

Physically  $V(r) = \frac{V_0 R}{r}$  means that radial field will produce  $\sigma_b$  on the surface that will in turn alter the potential.

In Configuration (b), however,  $V(r) = \frac{V_0 R}{r}$  does



satisfy the boundary

condition that  $V$  be

continuous across all boundaries.

Hence this is the solution.

Physically radial field

due to  $V(r) = \frac{V_0 R}{r}$  cannot produce  $\sigma_b$  here.

So the solution remains the same.

5.5

(a) Surface current density

$$K = \frac{\text{Current}}{\text{length}} = \frac{I}{2\pi a}$$

(b)

$$J(s) \propto \frac{1}{s} \Rightarrow J(s) = \frac{J_0}{s}$$

$$\text{Then } I = \int_0^a \frac{J_0}{s} \cdot 2\pi s ds$$

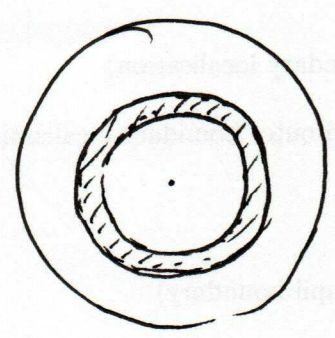
$$= 2\pi a J_0$$

$$J_0 = \frac{I}{2\pi a}$$

$$J(s) = \frac{I}{2\pi a s}$$

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(a)



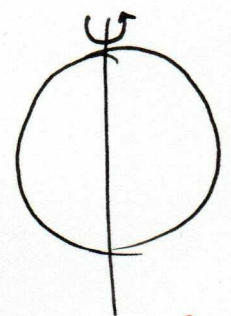
Current in the shaded region

$$= (2\pi r dr) \sigma \cdot \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

$$dI = \sigma \omega r dr$$

$$K = \frac{dI}{dr} = \sigma \omega$$

(b)

Current density  $\vec{J} = \rho \vec{v}$ 

$$\vec{J}(r, \theta, \phi) = \rho(\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

$$= \rho \omega (\hat{z} \times \hat{r}) r$$

$$= \rho \omega r \sin \theta \hat{\phi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{z} \times \hat{r} &= \hat{z} \times (\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}) \\ &= \sin \theta \hat{\phi} \end{aligned}$$



5.7

$$\int \vec{F}' d\tau = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

$$\int \vec{\nabla} \cdot (x\vec{J}) d\tau = \int x\vec{J} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$= 0 \text{ for } \vec{J} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\int \vec{\nabla} \cdot (x\vec{J}) d\tau = \int (x\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} + \vec{\nabla} x \cdot \vec{J}) d\tau$$

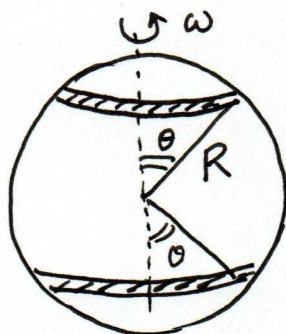
$$0 = \int \left( x \left( -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \right) + \hat{i} \cdot \vec{J} \right) d\tau$$

$$0 = -\frac{dp_x}{dt} + \int J_x d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dp_x}{dt} = \int J_x d\tau$$

$$\text{or } \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \int \vec{J} d\tau \text{ (taking each component)}$$

5.12



Current due to shaded ring

$$I = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \times 2\pi R^2 d (C_{30}) \sigma \hat{\phi}$$

$$= \omega R^2 \sigma d (C_{30}) \hat{\phi}$$

A symmetric ring is on the other side also. By example 5.6, the magnetic

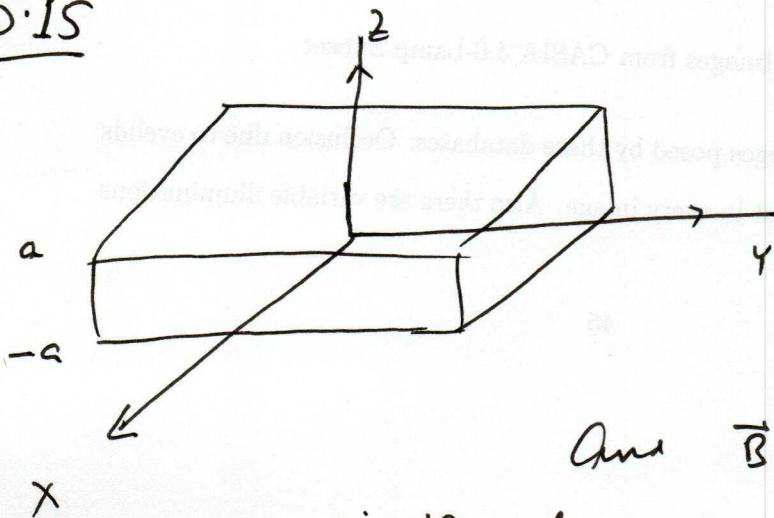
field at the centre due to these two rings is (15)

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\vec{B} &= 2 \times \frac{\mu_0 I}{2} \cdot \frac{R^2 \sin^2 \theta}{(R^2 \sin^2 \theta + R^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{3/2}} \hat{z} \\
 &= 2 \times \frac{\mu_0 \cdot \omega R^2 \sigma d(\cos \theta) R^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2 R^3} \hat{z} \\
 &= 2 \times \frac{\mu_0 \omega \sigma R}{2} \sin^2 \theta d(\cos \theta) \hat{z} \\
 &= \mu_0 \omega \sigma R \sin^2 \theta d(\cos \theta) \hat{z}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{B}' &= \mu_0 \omega \sigma R \hat{z} \int_0^1 (1 - \cos^2 \theta) d(\cos \theta) \\
 &= \frac{2 \mu_0 \omega \sigma R}{3} \hat{z}
 \end{aligned}$$

5.15



The magnetic field will be

$$\vec{B}' = -B(z) \hat{y}$$

in the upper half

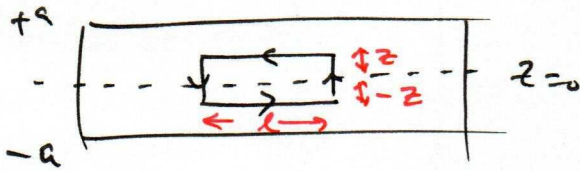
$$\text{And } \vec{B} = +B(z) \hat{y}$$

in the lower half as is easily seen by translational symmetry in x & y directions



Also  $B(+z) = B(-z).$

for  $|z| \leq a$ , take an Amperian loop as shown



Then  $\int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \int (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{s}$

gives

$$\cancel{2B\ell} = \mu_0 \cancel{2z\ell} J$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \mu_0 z J$$

And for  $|z| \geq a$

$$\cancel{2B\ell} = \mu_0 \cdot \cancel{2a\ell} J$$

$$B = \mu_0 a J$$

So as a function of  $z$  the field looks like

