

Problem 2.39)

a) To find the E -field distribution, use the integral form of Maxwell's first equation, $\nabla \cdot \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \rho(\mathbf{r}, t)$, on a cylinder of radius ρ and height h , centered on the z -axis. You will find

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \begin{cases} 0; & \rho < R_1, \\ R_1 \sigma_{s1} \hat{\rho} / (\epsilon_0 \rho); & R_1 < \rho < R_2, \\ 0; & \rho > R_2. \end{cases}$$

Next, use the integral form of Maxwell's 2nd equation, $\nabla \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t)$, on a circle of radius ρ centered on the z -axis, to find the H -field distribution. You will have

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \begin{cases} 0; & \rho < R_1, \\ R_1 J_{s1} \hat{\phi} / \rho; & R_1 < \rho < R_2, \\ 0; & \rho > R_2. \end{cases}$$

b) The electromagnetic energy-density is $\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 |\mathbf{E}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 |\mathbf{H}|^2$. Integrating this energy-density over the volume of space between the two cylinders (height = 1.0) yields

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} 2\pi\rho \left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 |\mathbf{E}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 |\mathbf{H}|^2 \right) d\rho = \pi R_1^2 (\epsilon_0^{-1} \sigma_{s1}^2 + \mu_0 J_{s1}^2) \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \rho^{-1} d\rho = \pi R_1^2 (\epsilon_0^{-1} \sigma_{s1}^2 + \mu_0 J_{s1}^2) \ln(R_2/R_1).$$

c) The Poynting vector in the region between the two cylinders is found as follows:

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = R_1 \sigma_{s1} \hat{\rho} / (\epsilon_0 \rho) \times R_1 J_{s1} \hat{\phi} / \rho = \sigma_{s1} J_{s1} R_1^2 \hat{z} / (\epsilon_0 \rho^2).$$

d) The electromagnetic momentum-density is given by $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t)/c^2$. Integration over the volume of space between the two cylinders (height=1.0) yields the momentum per unit-length \mathbf{p} , as follows:

$$\mathbf{p} = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} 2\pi\rho [\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t)/c^2] d\rho = 2\pi\mu_0 \sigma_{s1} J_{s1} R_1^2 \hat{z} \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \rho^{-1} d\rho = 2\pi\mu_0 \sigma_{s1} J_{s1} R_1^2 \ln(R_2/R_1) \hat{z}.$$

e) The E -field energy stored between the cylinders can be accounted for if one starts with two charged cylinders of equal radius R_1 , then proceeds by *slowly* expanding the negatively-charged cylinder until it reaches a radius of R_2 . The total charge of the outer cylinder (per unit-length), of course, remains constant at $2\pi R_2 \sigma_{s2}$, which is equal to $-2\pi R_1 \sigma_{s1}$. When the radius of the outer cylinder is ρ , its charges experience the E -field $\mathbf{E}(\rho) = \frac{1}{2} R_1 \sigma_{s1} \hat{\rho} / (\epsilon_0 \rho)$. [Here the factor $\frac{1}{2}$ accounts for the E -field immediately inside the outer cylinder being $R_1 \sigma_{s1} \hat{\rho} / (\epsilon_0 \rho)$, while that immediately outside is zero; the effective E -field acting on the charges is the average of these two fields.] When the outer cylinder's radius increases by $d\rho$, the work done by the E -field on the moving charges will be $(2\pi R_2 \sigma_{s2})(\frac{1}{2} R_1 \sigma_{s1} / \epsilon_0 \rho) d\rho = -\pi R_1^2 \sigma_{s1}^2 d\rho / (\epsilon_0 \rho)$. Integrating this work from $\rho = R_1$ to $\rho = R_2$ yields the total work as $-\pi R_1^2 \sigma_{s1}^2 \epsilon_0^{-1} \ln(R_2/R_1)$, which is what appears as the E -field energy stored in the region between the two cylinders.

As for the stored magnetic-field energy, during the period of time when the currents rise from zero to their final values, the induced E -field between the two cylinders may be obtained from Faraday's law, $\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\partial \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t$. Between $t=0$ and $t=t_0$, let the two current-

densities be $J_{s1}t/t_0$ and $J_{s2}t/t_0$. We will then have $\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\mu_0 R_1 J_{s1} \hat{\phi} / (\rho t_0)$. The only E -field component generated by the (slowly-varying) B -field will be E_z . Since, in cylindrical coordinates, $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -(\partial E_z / \partial \rho) \hat{\phi}$, we find $E_z = \mu_0 R_1 J_{s1} t_0^{-1} \ln \rho$. In accordance with the equation governing the time-rate-of-exchange of energy-density between the E -field and electrical currents, namely, $\partial \mathcal{E} / \partial t = \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J}$, the induced E -field acts on the currents of both cylinders, $2\pi R_1 J_{s1} t/t_0$ and $2\pi R_2 J_{s2} t/t_0$, to extract a net energy (per unit cylinder length) as follows:

$$\mathcal{E} = (2\pi\mu_0 R_1^2 J_{s1}^2 t_0^{-2} \ln R_1 + 2\pi\mu_0 R_1 J_{s1} R_2 J_{s2} t_0^{-2} \ln R_2) \int_{t=0}^{t_0} t dt = -\pi\mu_0 R_1^2 J_{s1}^2 \ln(R_2/R_1). \quad \leftarrow \text{Using } R_1 J_{s1} + R_2 J_{s2} = 0.$$

The above energy is equal in magnitude and opposite in sign to the H -field energy stored in the region between the two cylinders. Note that, during the build-up process, the small cylinder *absorbs* energy while the large cylinder supplies the energy that goes into the H -field as well as that absorbed by the small cylinder.

Another thing that happens during the build-up of the H -field is the exertion of force by the induced E -field on the charges of the two cylinders. The charges (per unit-length) are $2\pi R_1 \sigma_{s1}$ and $2\pi R_2 \sigma_{s2}$, which, by construction, are equal and opposite. The induced E -fields acting on the inner and outer cylinders are $E_{z1} = \mu_0 R_1 J_{s1} t_0^{-1} \ln R_1$ and $E_{z2} = \mu_0 R_1 J_{s1} t_0^{-1} \ln R_2$, respectively. The net force (per unit-length) along the z -axis, acting on the two-cylinder system is thus given by $F_z = -2\pi\mu_0 \sigma_{s1} J_{s1} R_1^2 t_0^{-1} \ln(R_2/R_1)$. Since the duration of this constant force is t_0 , the net mechanical momentum acquired by the cylinders is $p_z = F_z t_0 = -2\pi\mu_0 \sigma_{s1} J_{s1} R_1^2 \ln(R_2/R_1)$, which is precisely equal in magnitude and opposite in sign to the electromagnetic momentum obtained in part (d).
