

Problem 4-36)

Inside the sphere

Outside the sphere

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{a) } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} &= \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\mathbf{H}|^2 d\mathbf{r} = \frac{M_0^2 (4\pi R^3/3)}{18\mu_0} + \frac{M_0^2 R^6}{18\mu_0} \int_{r=R}^{\infty} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \frac{4\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta}{r^6} 2\pi r^2 \sin\theta d\theta dr \\
&= \frac{M_0^2 (4\pi R^3/3)}{18\mu_0} + \frac{2\pi M_0^2 R^6}{18\mu_0} \int_{r=R}^{\infty} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \frac{(3\cos^2\theta + 1) \sin\theta}{r^4} d\theta dr \\
&= \frac{M_0^2 (4\pi R^3/3)}{18\mu_0} + \frac{2\pi M_0^2 R^6}{18\mu_0} \left(-\frac{1}{3r^3}\right) \Big|_{r=R}^{\infty} (-\cos^3\theta - \cos\theta) \Big|_0^{\pi} \\
&= \frac{M_0^2 (4\pi R^3/3)}{18\mu_0} + \frac{2M_0^2 (4\pi R^3/3)}{18\mu_0} \\
&= \frac{M_0^2 (4\pi R^3/3)}{6\mu_0}.
\end{aligned}$$

The H -field energy is thus seen to be divided between the inside and outside regions of the magnetized sphere, with the inside region containing one-third of the total energy. Denoting the dipole moment by $\mathbf{m} = (4\pi R^3/3)M_0\hat{\mathbf{z}}$, the total energy may also be expressed as $m^2/(8\pi\mu_0 R^3)$. This so-called self-energy of the dipole increases without bound as the sphere radius shrinks while \mathbf{m} is kept constant.

b) The time rate of exchange of electromagnetic energy density between a magnetic material having magnetization $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and a magnetic field $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ is given by

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t}.$$

If the magnetization throughout the sphere rises uniformly and slowly, the H -field acting on this magnetization will also be uniform and given by $\mathbf{H}(t) = -\mathbf{M}(t)/3\mu_0$. If the magnetization changes by a small amount $\Delta\mathbf{M}$ during a time interval Δt , the exchanged energy density will be given by $\Delta\mathcal{E} = \mathbf{H} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{M}$, independent of Δt , provided of course that $\Delta\mathbf{M}/\Delta t$ is sufficiently small for the effects of radiation to be negligible. Thus, when \mathbf{M} rises from an initial value of zero to a final value of $M_0\hat{\mathbf{z}}$, the total exchanged energy will be

$$(4\pi R^3/3) \int_{\mathbf{M}=0}^{M_0\hat{\mathbf{z}}} \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{M} = -(4\pi R^3/3) \int_0^{M_0} (M/3\mu_0) dM = -\frac{M_0^2 (4\pi R^3/3)}{6\mu_0}.$$

The minus sign in the above expression (caused by the internal H -field being opposite in direction to \mathbf{M}), indicates that the energy has come out of the magnetized material and appeared as H -field energy both inside and outside the sphere. Aside from this minus sign, the final expression is identical to that obtained in part (a) by integrating the H -field energy density of the spherical dipole over the entire space.

c) We determine the bound electric current-density of the solid sphere by expressing its magnetization as $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}, t) = M_0 \hat{z}$ Sphere(r/R), which in spherical coordinates could be written as $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}, t) = M_0 \text{Sphere}(r/R)(\cos\theta \hat{r} - \sin\theta \hat{\theta})$. We will have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \mu_0^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\mu_0^{-1}}{r} \left[\frac{\partial(r M_\theta)}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial M_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \hat{\phi} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0^{-1} M_0}{r} \{ -[\text{Sphere}(r/R) - r \delta(r-R)] \sin\theta + \text{Sphere}(r/R) \sin\theta \} \hat{\phi} \\ &= \mu_0^{-1} M_0 \delta(r-R) \sin\theta \hat{\phi}. \end{aligned}$$

This azimuthal current-density confined to the surface of the sphere may equivalently be described as a surface-current-density $\mathbf{J}_s(r=R, \theta, \phi) = \mu_0^{-1} M_0 \sin\theta \hat{\phi}$.

Now, the magnetic field distribution of a uniformly-magnetized sphere may be obtained by solving Maxwell's 2nd and 4th equations in two different (albeit equivalent) ways: (i) by writing them as $\nabla \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$ and $\mu_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_{\text{bound}}^{(m)}$, and (ii) by writing them as $\nabla \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r})$ and $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$. In both cases we will find the same solution for $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r})$ as given in the statement of the problem. The B -field inside the sphere will thus turn out to be $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu_0 \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{2}{3} M_0 \hat{z}$.

In the case of a hollow spherical shell carrying a constant surface-current-density $\mathbf{J}_s(r=R, \theta, \phi)$, the relevant Maxwell equations are $\nabla \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}_s(\theta, \phi) \delta(r-R)$ and $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$, which are the same as the aforementioned second set of equations for a uniformly-magnetized sphere. The B -field inside as well as outside the hollow shell must therefore be identical with the B -field of the uniformly-magnetized sphere. We conclude that, while the H -field outside the hollow shell is the same as that of the uniformly-magnetized solid sphere, the H -field inside the hollow shell is given by $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = \mu_0^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = 2\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r})/(3\mu_0)$. The H -field energy density inside the hollow shell is thus four times greater than that inside the uniformly-magnetized solid sphere. When the procedure used in part (a) is repeated for the hollow shell, the resulting total energy of the H -field is found to be $(4\pi R^3/3)M_0^2/(3\mu_0)$, which is twice as large as that of the solid sphere.

d) Using Maxwell's 3rd equation, $\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\partial \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t)/\partial t$, and the fact that the B -field inside the hollow shell is uniform and equal to $\frac{2}{3} M_0 \hat{z}$, we find the induced E -field on the ring of radius $R \sin\theta$ to be given by

$$2\pi R \sin\theta E_\phi(r=R, \theta, \phi) = -(\pi R^2 \sin^2\theta) \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{2}{3} M(t) \right] \quad \rightarrow \quad E_\phi(r=R, \theta, \phi) = -\frac{1}{3} R \sin\theta \frac{dM(t)}{dt}.$$

The rate of exchange of EM energy density with the surface-current $\mathbf{J}_s(r=R, \theta, \phi)$ is thus found to be

$$\mathbf{E}(r=R, \theta, \phi) \cdot \mathbf{J}_s(r=R, \theta, \phi) = -\frac{1}{3} R \sin\theta \frac{dM(t)}{dt} \mu_0^{-1} M(t) \sin\theta = -\frac{R \sin^2\theta}{6\mu_0} \frac{dM^2(t)}{dt}.$$

Integration over the surface of the sphere then yields

$$\int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} 2\pi R^2 \sin \theta \mathbf{E}(r=R, \theta, \phi) \cdot \mathbf{J}_s(r=R, \theta, \phi) d\theta = -\frac{\pi R^3}{3\mu_0} \frac{dM^2(t)}{dt} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \sin^3 \theta d\theta = -\frac{(4\pi R^3/3)}{3\mu_0} \frac{dM^2(t)}{dt}.$$

Integrating the above result from $M=0$ to M_0 yields a total energy of $(4\pi R^3/3)M_0^2/(3\mu_0)$, which is the energy extracted from the surface-current while this current is being raised from zero to its final value. The total energy extracted from the surface current of course goes into building the H -field both inside and outside the shell, as shown in part (c).
