## Solutions

**Problem 5.44**) The magnetization distribution M(r, t) does not produce any (bound) electrical charges. Therefore  $\rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(r, t) = 0$ . The absence of electrical charge implies that the scalar potential (in the Lorenz gauge) is also absent in this problem, that is,  $\psi(r, t) = 0$ .

Since this is a magnetostatic problem (i.e., the magnetization is time-independent), the bound electric current-density  $J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r},t)$  and, consequently, the vector potential  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r},t)$ , will also be time-independent. As a result, we will have  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = -\nabla \psi(\mathbf{r},t) - \partial \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r},t)/\partial t = 0$ .

a) 
$$J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \mu_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \times [m_0 \delta(x) \delta(y) \hat{\boldsymbol{z}}]$$
$$= \mu_0^{-1} m_0 [\delta(x) \delta'(y) \hat{\boldsymbol{x}} - \delta'(x) \delta(y) \hat{\boldsymbol{y}}]$$

b) The symmetry of the problem allows us to choose the observation point  $\mathbf{r}$  as an arbitrary point in the *xy*-plane, where z = 0. In other words,  $\mathbf{r} = x\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ . Also, since the current-density is time independent, the term  $t - |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|/c$  can be dropped from the vector potential formula. We will have

The *B*-field, and also the *H*-field, are thus seen to be zero everywhere outside the wire even though the vector potential is not zero. Note that on the *z*-axis itself, the curl of  $A(\mathbf{r})$  is *not* zero. Using the definition of Curl ( $\nabla \times$ ) as the integral of  $A(\mathbf{r})$  around a small loop, normalized by the loop area, the *B*-field inside the wire is readily found to be  $m_0\delta(x)\delta(y)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ . This is simply the magnetization  $M(\mathbf{r})$  of the wire. Considering that  $\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}$ , we conclude that the *H*-field inside the wire is zero as well.