

**Problem 1) a)**  $J_{\text{bound}}^{(e)} = \mu_0^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mu_0^{-1} \nabla \times [m_0 \delta(x) \delta(y) \delta(z) \hat{\mathbf{z}}]$

$$= \mu_0^{-1} m_0 [\delta(x) \delta'(y) \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \delta'(x) \delta(y) \hat{\mathbf{y}}] \delta(z).$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) &= (\mu_0/4\pi) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}')/|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|] d\mathbf{r}' \\ &= \frac{m_0}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{[\delta(x') \delta'(y') \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \delta'(x') \delta(y') \hat{\mathbf{y}}] \delta(z')}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + (z-z')^2}} dx' dy' dz' \quad \leftarrow \text{Sifting property of } \delta(\cdot) \\ &= \frac{m_0 \hat{\mathbf{x}}}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\delta'(y')}{\sqrt{x^2 + (y-y')^2 + z^2}} dy' - \frac{m_0 \hat{\mathbf{y}}}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\delta'(x')}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + y^2 + z^2}} dx' \quad \leftarrow \text{Sifting property of } \delta'(\cdot) \\ &= -\frac{m_0 \hat{\mathbf{x}}}{4\pi} \frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{m_0 \hat{\mathbf{y}}}{4\pi} \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{m_0 (x \hat{\mathbf{y}} - y \hat{\mathbf{x}})}{4\pi (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{m_0 \hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \mathbf{r}}{4\pi r^3} = \frac{m_0 [(\cos \theta) \hat{\mathbf{r}} - (\sin \theta) \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}] \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{m_0 \sin \theta}{4\pi r^2} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}. \end{aligned}$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) &= \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla \times \left( \frac{m_0 \sin \theta}{4\pi r^2} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \right) = \frac{m_0}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{\partial(\sin^2 \theta / r^2)}{r \sin \theta \partial \theta} \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \frac{\partial(\sin \theta / r)}{r \partial r} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \right] \\ &= \frac{m_0}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{2 \cos \theta}{r^3} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{\sin \theta}{r^3} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \right] = \frac{m_0}{4\pi r^3} (2 \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \sin \theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}). \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2) a)** The symmetry of the problem dictates that the potential be a function of the radial distance  $\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  from the wire. At an observation point located in the  $xy$ -plane at a distance  $\rho$  from the origin, we will have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\mathbf{r}) &= (4\pi \epsilon_0)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\rho(\mathbf{r}')/|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|] d\mathbf{r}' \\ &= (4\pi \epsilon_0)^{-1} \lim_{z_0 \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-z_0}^{z_0} \frac{\lambda_0 \delta(x') \delta(y')}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + z'^2}} dx' dy' dz' \\ &= \frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi \epsilon_0} \lim_{z_0 \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{z_0} \frac{dz'}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z'^2}} = \frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi \epsilon_0} \lim_{z_0 \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left( z' + \sqrt{\rho^2 + z'^2} \right) \Big|_{z'=0}^{z_0} \quad \leftarrow \rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ &= \frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi \epsilon_0} \left[ \lim_{z_0 \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left( z_0 + \sqrt{\rho^2 + z_0^2} \right) - \ln \rho \right]. \end{aligned}$$

The first term on the right-hand-side of the above expression is infinitely large, but it does not vary with  $\rho$  and may, therefore, be ignored. The scalar potential is thus given by

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = -(\lambda_0/2\pi \epsilon_0) \ln \rho.$$

b) Since  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\psi$ , we investigate the gradient of the neglected function  $\ln(z_0 + \sqrt{\rho^2 + z_0^2})$  in the limit when  $z_0 \rightarrow \infty$ , to see if it has any dependence on the radial distance  $\rho$ . We find

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \ln(z_0 + \sqrt{\rho^2 + z_0^2}) = \frac{\rho / \sqrt{\rho^2 + z_0^2}}{z_0 + \sqrt{\rho^2 + z_0^2}} = \frac{\rho / z_0^2}{1 + (\rho/z_0)^2 + \sqrt{1 + (\rho/z_0)^2}}.$$

Thus, for any finite value of  $\rho$ , in the limit when  $z_0 \rightarrow \infty$ , the denominator of the above expression approaches 2, while the numerator approaches zero. It is thus clear that, for sufficiently large  $z_0$ , the contribution to the  $E$ -field of  $\ln(z_0 + \sqrt{\rho^2 + z_0^2})$  at any finite radial distance  $\rho$  is negligibly small.

c) The calculation of  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})$  follows essentially the same steps as the above calculation of  $\psi(\mathbf{r})$ . We will have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) &= (\mu_0/4\pi) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}')/|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|] d\mathbf{r}' = (\mu_0/4\pi) \lim_{z_0 \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-z_0}^{z_0} \frac{I_0 \delta(x') \delta(y') \hat{z}}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + z'^2}} dx' dy' dz' \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I_0 \hat{z}}{2\pi} \lim_{z_0 \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{z_0} \frac{dz'}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z'^2}} = \frac{\mu_0 I_0 \hat{z}}{2\pi} \lim_{z_0 \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left( z' + \sqrt{\rho^2 + z'^2} \right) \Big|_{z'=0}^{z_0} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I_0 \hat{z}}{2\pi} \left[ \lim_{z_0 \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left( z_0 + \sqrt{\rho^2 + z_0^2} \right) - \ln \rho \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Ignoring the first term on the right-hand-side of the above equation, we find the vector potential of the wire to be  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = -(\mu_0 I_0 \hat{z} / 2\pi) \ln \rho$ .

### Problem 3)

a)  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0$ ,  $\leftarrow \rho_{\text{free}}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  is set to zero.

$\nabla \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \partial \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t$ ,  $\leftarrow \mathbf{J}_{\text{free}}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  is set to zero.

$\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\partial \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t \rightarrow \nabla \times (\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}) = -\epsilon_0 (\partial \mathbf{M} / \partial t - \epsilon_0^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{P}) - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \partial \mathbf{H} / \partial t$

$\rightarrow \nabla \times \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\epsilon_0 \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(m)} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \partial \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t \leftarrow \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(m)} = \partial \mathbf{M} / \partial t - \epsilon_0^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{P}$ ,

$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0 \rightarrow \mu_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \rho_{\text{bound}}^{(m)} \leftarrow \rho_{\text{bound}}^{(m)} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ .

b) Since Maxwell's 1<sup>st</sup> equation ensures that  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = 0$ , we define the magnetic vector potential  $\mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  such that  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla \times \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ . Substitution into Maxwell's 2<sup>nd</sup> equation yields

$\nabla \times [\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) + \partial \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t] = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) + \partial \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t = -\nabla \psi^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ .  $\leftarrow \text{Because } \nabla \times \nabla \psi^{(m)} = 0$ .

c) Using the above magnetic potentials, Maxwell's 3<sup>rd</sup> equation may be written as follows:

$\nabla \times [-\nabla \times \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t)] = -\epsilon_0 \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(m)} - \mu_0 \epsilon_0 (\partial / \partial t) [-\nabla \psi^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) - \partial \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t]$

$\rightarrow \nabla [\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t)] - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(m)} - (1/c^2) \nabla [\partial \psi^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t] - (1/c^2) \partial^2 \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t^2$

$$\rightarrow \nabla[\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) + (1/c^2) \partial \psi^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t] - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) + (1/c^2) \partial^2 \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t^2 = \epsilon_0 \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(m)}.$$

Clearly, eliminating  $\psi^{(m)}$  from the above equation requires the same gauge for the magnetic potentials as the Lorenz gauge that was defined for the electric potentials, that is,

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) + (1/c^2) \partial \psi^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t = 0. \quad \leftarrow \text{Equivalent of Lorenz gauge}$$

d) Maxwell's 3<sup>rd</sup> equation in conjunction with the Lorenz-equivalent gauge now becomes

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) - (1/c^2) \partial^2 \mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t^2 = -\epsilon_0 \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(m)}.$$

This wave equation for the magnetic vector potential, having  $\epsilon_0 \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(m)}$  for the source term, is the counterpart of the equation for the standard vector potential, where the source term is  $\mu_0 \mathbf{J}_{\text{total}}^{(e)}$ .

The wave equation for  $\psi^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  could similarly be derived by substituting into Maxwell's 4<sup>th</sup> equation the expressions that relate  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  to  $\mathbf{A}^{(m)}$  and  $\psi^{(m)}$ . The final result, after taking account of the Lorenz-equivalent gauge, is

$$\mu_0 \nabla \cdot [-\nabla \psi^{(m)} - \partial \mathbf{A}^{(m)} / \partial t] = \rho_{\text{bound}}^{(m)} \quad \rightarrow \quad \nabla^2 \psi^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) - (1/c^2) \partial^2 \psi^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) / \partial t^2 = -\mu_0^{-1} \rho_{\text{bound}}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t).$$

Once again we have an equation similar to the standard wave equation for the (electric) scalar potential, except that the source term here is  $\mu_0^{-1} \rho_{\text{bound}}^{(m)}$ , rather than  $\epsilon_0^{-1} \rho_{\text{total}}^{(e)}$ .

e) By analogy with the standard wave equation, we write the solutions to the preceding wave equations for magnetic potentials as follows:

$$\psi^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = (1/4\pi\mu_0) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\rho_{\text{bound}}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}', t - |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|/c)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}'.$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = (\epsilon_0/4\pi) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(m)}(\mathbf{r}', t - |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|/c)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}';$$


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