

Reading: Griffiths pages 251-255 and 266-291.

Problem 1 A small square wire loop has side a and has its center at the origin. Use the dipole approximation to find the magnetic field \vec{B} at the point $(x, y, z) = (0, d, 0)$ if:

- the square is in the xy plane and carries current I clockwise as viewed by an observer on the positive z axis
- the square is in the xz plane and carries current I clockwise as viewed by an observer on the positive y axis.

Problem 2 Consider a very thin flat circular annular disk of inner radius a and outer radius b , in the xy plane with its center at the origin and with total charge Q , uniformly distributed. The disk rotates about the z axis slowly, with angular velocity ω .

- Take a circular part of the disk with infinitesimal thickness dr along the direction measured away from the center, and consider it as a circular current loop. What is the current dI flowing in that circular loop? What is the magnetic moment $d\vec{m}$ of that loop?
- What is the magnetic moment of the whole disk?
- What is the magnetic field \vec{B} far from the origin?

Problem 3 A spherical shell of radius a has its origin at the center. It carries a total charge Q uniformly distributed on its surface, and rotates around the z axis with angular velocity ω .

- What is the magnetic field \vec{B} far from the origin? [Hint: you may make use of the results of Example 5.11 of the book.]
- What is the magnetic moment of the sphere? [Hint: find this by comparing the vector potential for large r to that of a pure magnetic dipole.]
- What is the total force on a point charge q that is at the point $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, d)$ moving with speed v in the \hat{y} direction? Assume $d \gg a$.

Problem 4 A region containing some unknown exotic material, which may or may not have free or bound currents in it, has a magnetic field

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 m_0}{4\pi r^3} \left[C_1 \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{r} + C_2 \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{\theta} + \cos \phi \hat{\phi} \right],$$

where C_1 and C_2 are certain integers.

- What are the integers C_1 and C_2 ?
- If I had given you the same expression above but said it was \vec{H} instead of \vec{B} , you would not be able to answer part (a). Explain in 15 words or less.