

## 1. Prob 12.20

Let the vector potential inside the superconductor have time dependence  $e^{-i\omega t}$ , then the differential equation of  $\mathbf{A}$  inside (equation below 12.99)

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial t^2} - \mu^2 \mathbf{A} = 0 \quad (1)$$

becomes

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + \left( \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - \mu^2 \right) \mathbf{A} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} + \left[ \left( \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{\lambda_L^2} \right] \mathbf{A} = 0 \quad (2)$$

If we consider the circumstance in which  $\lambda_L \ll \lambda$ , (2) becomes

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} - \kappa^2 \mathbf{A} = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \kappa = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\lambda_L^2} - \frac{4\pi^2}{\lambda^2}} \approx \frac{1}{\lambda_L} \left[ 1 + O\left(\frac{\lambda_L^2}{\lambda^2}\right) \right] \quad (3)$$

Since the incident wave has only  $y$  component, the solution thus has a general form

$$A_y = (a' e^{-\kappa x} + b' e^{\kappa x}) e^{-i\omega t} \quad (4)$$

For physical solutions, we must choose  $b' = 0$ . The field inside the superconductor is thus

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} = \frac{i\omega}{c} (a' e^{-\kappa x}) e^{-i\omega t} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = -\kappa a' e^{-\kappa x} e^{-i\omega t} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad (5)$$

The boundary condition that tangential  $\mathbf{E}$  be continuous across the interface yields

$$a' = a + b \quad (6)$$

This gives the surface impedance to the first order of  $\lambda_L/\lambda$

$$Z_s = \frac{4\pi}{c} \frac{\mathbf{E}_{\text{tan}}}{\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{B}_{\text{tan}}} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \left[ \frac{\frac{i\omega}{c} a' \hat{\mathbf{y}}}{(-\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \times (-\kappa a') \hat{\mathbf{z}}} \right] = -\frac{4\pi i (\omega/c)}{c \kappa} \approx -\frac{8\pi^2 i \lambda_L}{c \lambda} \quad (7)$$

## 2. Prob 12.21

(a) By (7.58) the conductivity due to normal and superconducting electron are

$$\sigma_N = \frac{n_N e^2}{m_e (\gamma_N - i\omega)} = \frac{n_N e^2 (\gamma_N + i\omega)}{m_e (\gamma_N^2 + \omega^2)} \quad \sigma_S = \frac{n_S e^2}{m_e (\gamma_S - i\omega)} = \frac{i n_S e^2}{\omega m_e} \quad (8)$$

It is clear that at low frequency, the combined conductivity  $\sigma_N + \sigma_S$  is dominated by the imaginary (inductive) part, with a small real part (resistive component).

(b) By Ohm's law,

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\sigma}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} = \frac{i\omega\sigma}{c} \mathbf{A} \quad (9)$$

When only the superconducting electron is considered,

$$i\omega\sigma = -\frac{n_S e^2}{m_e} \implies \mathbf{J} = -\frac{n_S e^2}{m_e c} \mathbf{A} \quad (10)$$

which is just (12.99) with identification  $Q \leftrightarrow e, n_Q \leftrightarrow n_S, m_Q \leftrightarrow m_e$ . Putting  $\mathbf{J}$  into Proca equation gives the same London penetration depth  $\lambda_L$  as in (12.100).