

1. In cylindrical coordinates, the current density of the circular loop can be written as

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}') = I \delta(\rho' - a) \delta(z') \hat{\phi} \quad (1)$$

From

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x' = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int \frac{(-\sin \phi' \hat{x} + \cos \phi' \hat{y}) \delta(\rho' - a) \delta(z')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x' \quad (2)$$

we know

$$A_x = -\text{Im} \tilde{A} \quad A_y = \text{Re} \tilde{A} \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int \frac{e^{i\phi'} \delta(\rho' - a) \delta(z')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x' \quad (3)$$

Recall equation (3.148)

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} dk e^{im(\phi - \phi')} \cos[k(z - z')] I_m(k\rho_{<}) K_m(k\rho_{>}) \quad (4)$$

where $\rho_{>}, \rho_{<}$ are the greater and smaller between ρ, ρ' .

Insert (4) into (3) and perform the selection by the δ -function, we end up with

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A}(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot a \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{im\phi} \overbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' e^{i(1-m)\phi'}}^{2\pi\delta_{m1}} \int_0^{\infty} dk \cos(kz) I_m(k\rho_{<}) K_m(k\rho_{>}) \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I a}{\pi} e^{i\phi} \int_0^{\infty} dk \cos(kz) I_1(k\rho_{<}) K_1(k\rho_{>}) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

(Note $\rho_{<}, \rho_{>}$ represent the greater and smaller between ρ, a after the δ selection).

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} A_\phi &= -\sin \phi A_x + \cos \phi A_y = -\sin \phi (-\text{Im} \tilde{A}) + \cos \phi \text{Re} \tilde{A} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I a}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} dk \cos(kz) I_1(k\rho_{<}) K_1(k\rho_{>}) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

2. From problem 3.16(b), we have an alternative form of (3)

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} dk e^{im(\phi - \phi')} J_m(k\rho) J_m(k\rho') e^{-k(z - z')} \quad (7)$$

Corresponding to (5), the alternative form of \tilde{A} is

$$\tilde{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \cdot a e^{i\phi} \cdot 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} dk J_1(ka) J_1(k\rho) e^{-k|z|} \quad (8)$$

which gives

$$A_\phi = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{2} \int_0^{\infty} dk J_1(ka) J_1(k\rho) e^{-k|z|} \quad (9)$$

3. The field components are given by $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$. In cylindrical coordinates, these are (see [Wikipedia](#))

$$B_\rho = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial z} \quad (10)$$

$$B_\phi = \frac{\partial A_\rho}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \rho} = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$B_z = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial \rho A_\phi}{\partial \rho} - \frac{\partial A_\rho}{\partial \phi} \right) = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho A_\phi}{\partial \rho} \quad (12)$$

For expansion (6), this gives

$$B_{\rho}^{(6)}(\rho, z) = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} dk \cdot k \sin(kz) I_1(k\rho_{<}) K_1(k\rho_{>}) \quad (13)$$

$$B_z^{(6)}(\rho, z) = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} dk \cos(kz) \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} [\rho I_1(k\rho_{<}) K_1(k\rho_{>})] \quad (14)$$

And for expansion (9),

$$B_{\rho}^{(9)}(\rho, z) = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{2} \int_0^{\infty} dk J_1(ka) J_1(k\rho) [k \operatorname{sgn}(z)] e^{-k|z|} \quad (15)$$

$$B_z^{(9)}(\rho, z) = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{2} \int_0^{\infty} dk J_1(ka) \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d[\rho J_1(k\rho)]}{d\rho} e^{-k|z|} \quad (16)$$

Also recall in problem 5.7(a), we have solved the field on the axis exactly,

$$\mathbf{B}(0, z) = \frac{\mu_0 I a^2}{2} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{z}}}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}^3} \quad (17)$$

On the z -axis, where $\rho = 0$, we have $\rho_{<} = 0, \rho_{>} = a$. Since $I_1(0) = J_1(0) = 0$, we see both (13) and (15) vanish on the z -axis, as expected.

(a) Now let's evaluate (14) as $\rho \rightarrow 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} B_z^{(6)}(0, z) &= \frac{\mu_0 I a}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} dk \cos(kz) K_1(ka) \frac{1}{\rho} [I_1(0) + \rho k I_1'(0)] \Big|_{\rho=0} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I a}{\pi} \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} dk \cos(kz) K_1(ka) k}_X \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where

$$X = \frac{d}{dz} \int_0^{\infty} dk \sin(kz) K_1(ka) \quad (19)$$

By equation (10.29.3) on nist.gov, $K_1(x) = -K_0'(x)$, gives

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \frac{d}{dz} \int_0^{\infty} dk \sin(kz) [-K_0'(ka)] \\ &= \frac{d}{dz} \int_0^{\infty} dk \sin(kz) \left[-\frac{1}{a} \frac{dK_0(ka)}{dk} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{a} \frac{d}{dz} \left[\underbrace{\sin(kz) K_0(ka)}_{\equiv f(k)} \Big|_{k=0}^{k=\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} z \cos(kz) K_0(ka) dk \right] \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Apparently $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(k) = 0$. Also by equation (3.103)

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} f(k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} (kz) \cdot \left[-\ln\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right) - 0.5772 \right] = 0 \quad (21)$$

This gives

$$X = \frac{1}{a} \frac{d}{dz} \left[z \overbrace{\int_0^{\infty} \cos(kz) K_0(ka) dk}^Y \right] \quad (22)$$

By equation (10.43.20) on nist.gov

$$\int_0^{\infty} \cos(at) K_0(t) dt = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{1+\alpha^2}} \quad (23)$$

we can calculate

$$Y = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}} \quad (24)$$

Plugging (24), (22) into (18), we finally get

$$B_z^{(6)}(0, z) = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}} \right) = \frac{\mu_0 I a^2}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}^3} \quad (25)$$

agreeing with the exact solution (17).

(b) Next, let's evaluate (16) as $\rho \rightarrow 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} B_z^{(9)}(0, z) &= \frac{\mu_0 I a}{2} \int_0^\infty dk J_1(ka) e^{-k|z|} \frac{1}{\rho} [J_1(0) + \rho k J_1'(0)] \Big|_{\rho=0} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I a}{2} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty dk J_1(ka) k e^{-k|z|}}_W \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

where the integral W is recognized as

$$\begin{aligned} W &= -\frac{d}{d|z|} \int_0^\infty dk J_1(ka) e^{-k|z|} \\ &= -\frac{d}{d|z|} \mathcal{L}\{J_1(ka)\}(|z|) \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

The Laplace transform of $J_1(ka)$ has already been worked out in previous notes (see equation (25) [here](#)), which is quoted below

$$\mathcal{L}\{J_1(ka)\}(s) = \frac{1}{a} \left(1 - \frac{s}{\sqrt{a^2 + s^2}} \right) \quad (28)$$

This gives

$$W = -\frac{d}{d|z|} \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{|z|}{a\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}} \right) = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}^3} \quad (29)$$

Thus

$$B_z^{(9)}(0, z) = \frac{\mu_0 I a^2}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + z^2}^3} \quad (30)$$