Homework 10

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1. As a simplified model of a planet being bombarded with cosmic rays at the poles, consider a conducting sphere of radius R that is being charged with wires at the north and south poles that each have a current $I/2$ flowing onto the sphere, so that the total charge of the sphere is increasing with time $\left(\frac{dQ}{dt} = I\right)$. Assume the charge is always distributed uniformly on the surface of the sphere.

   (a) Calculate the displacement current density just above the surface of the sphere.

   We can begin by finding a relationship between displacement current and the electric displacement:

$$\vec{J} = \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \rightarrow \varepsilon_o \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

   We know the formula for the electric field to be:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_o R^2}$$

   Thus, we may conclude:

$$\vec{J} = \frac{\varepsilon_o}{4\pi\varepsilon_o R^2}\left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t}\right)$$

$$\boxed{\vec{J} = \frac{I}{4\pi R^2}}$$

   (b) Use the Ampr̀e-Maxwell equation to calculate the induced magnetic field just above the surface at location that is an angle θ from the north pole (latitude = $90^\circ - \theta$). [Hint: Use a ring of constant latitude as the amperian loop and use a cap-shaped enclosed surface of the loop that follows the surface of the sphere. Be sure to include both the physical current and the displacement current.] (While this is an interesting calculation, note that this is not a significant contribution to the Earth's magnetic field.)

   We may begin by expressing the equation as:

$$\int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_o \left(\sum I \right)$$

$$\vec{B} \int d\vec{l} = \mu_o \left(I + I_d \right)$$

The situation can be sketched as follows:

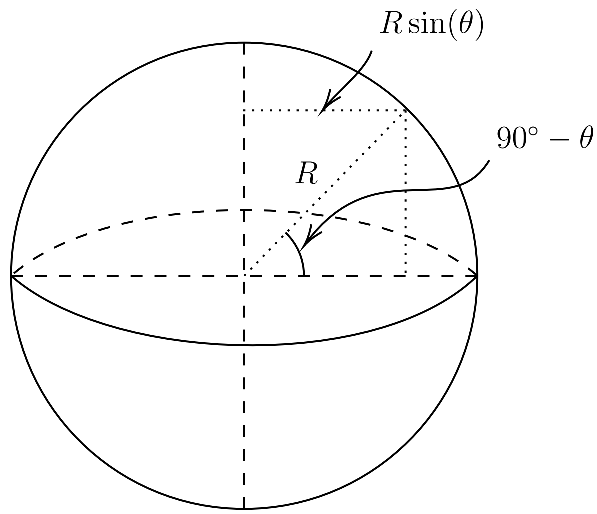

Figure 1: The $90° - \theta$ Shift Switches $\cos \to \sin$

We can then express the path as:

$$\vec{B}(2\pi R \sin(\theta)) = \mu_o (I + JA)$$

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And finally, we get:

$$\boxed{\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_o I}{\pi R \sin(\theta)}}$$

2. Consider a capacitor with circular parallel plates of radius a and separation d, where $d << a$, there the capacitor is discharging with a current I.

   (a) Find the Poynting vector in the space between the plates. Assume that the surface charge is distributed uniformly over the plates.

   We may find the Poynting vector using the relation:

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = \mu_o \varepsilon_o \frac{d}{dt} \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Given the uniform charge contained within the area as q, we may find:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_o}$$
$$\vec{E} = \frac{q}{\pi\varepsilon_o a^2}$$

From here, we get:

$$\vec{B}\oint d\vec{r} = \mu_o\varepsilon_o\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{q}{\pi\varepsilon_o a^2}\int d\vec{A}\right)$$
$$\vec{B}(2\pi r) = \mu_o\varepsilon_o\frac{\pi r^2}{\pi\varepsilon_o a^2}\frac{dq}{dt}$$
$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_o r}{2\pi a^2}\frac{dq}{dt}$$

The change in charge with respect to time may be described as the current, so we get:

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_o r I}{2\pi a^2}$$

We can then find the Poynting vector, using:

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_o}\left(\vec{E}\cdot\vec{B}\right)\hat{\mathbf{r}}$$
$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_o}\left(\frac{q}{\pi\varepsilon_o a^2}\cdot\frac{\mu_o r I}{2\pi a^2}\right)\hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

This finally gives:

$$\boxed{\vec{S} = \frac{qrI}{2\pi^2\varepsilon_o a^4}\hat{\mathbf{r}}}$$

(b) Calculate the rates of energy flow out of the volume between the plates by integrating $\vec{S}$ over an appropriate surface and show that it is equal to $|IV|$.
The energy flow out of the volume may be defined as:

$$P = \int \vec{S}\,dA$$
$$P = \vec{S}(2\pi a d)$$

Plugging in the value from (a) for $\vec{S}$, and evaluating at $r = a$ we get:

$$P = \left(\frac{qaI}{2\pi^2\varepsilon_o a^4}\right)(2\pi a d)$$

$$P_{in} = \left(\frac{qId}{\pi\varepsilon_o a^2}\right)$$

The flow out would be the negative equivalent:

$$\boxed{P_{out} = -\frac{qId}{\pi\varepsilon_o a^2}}$$

We can see that the voltage may be defined as:

$$V = \frac{qd}{\pi\varepsilon_o a^2}$$

And that we then get the power outflow as:

$$P = -IV = |-IV|$$

3. An ideal parallel plate capacitor with area A and separation d is oriented with the lower plate in the xy plane and is immersed in a uniform horizontal magnetic field $\vec{B} = B_o\hat{\mathbf{x}}$. The capacitor starts with a charge $+Q$ on the lower plate and $-Q$ on the upper plate. At time $t = 0$, a vertical wire with resistance R is connected between the plates.

   (a) Find the momentum (magnitude and direction) stored in the $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ fields at time $t = 0$.

   The magnetic field is given as:

$$\vec{B} = B_o\hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

   The electric field can be defined as:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_o A}\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

   The momentum density is defined as:

$$\frac{\vec{P}}{V} = \varepsilon_o \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$

   With $V = Ad$, we get:

$$\vec{P} = \varepsilon_o Ad\left(\vec{E} \times \vec{B}\right)$$

$$\vec{P} = \varepsilon_o Ad\left(\frac{Q}{\varepsilon_o A}\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times B_o\hat{\mathbf{x}}\right)$$

$$\vec{P} = \varepsilon_o Ad\begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} & \hat{\mathbf{y}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_o A} \\ B_o & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Evaluating the matrix, we get:

$$\vec{P} = \varepsilon_o A d \left(\frac{B_o Q}{\varepsilon_o A}\right) \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{P} = d B_o Q \hat{\mathbf{y}}}$$

(b) Find the force on the wire as a function of time

We know that the voltage across the capacitor may be expressed as:

$$V = \frac{q}{C}$$

With this scenario, we may express the voltage as:

$$IR = \frac{q}{C}$$

The current may be expressed as:

$$-R\frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{q}{C}$$

Rearranging the expression, we get:

$$\frac{dq}{q} = -\frac{1}{RC}\,dt$$

This yields the solution:

$$\ln(q) = -\frac{t}{RC} + c$$

We know that, at time $t = 0$, $q = Q$, which gives us:

$$c = \ln(Q)$$

Thus, we may write:

$$q = Qe^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

From here, we may take the derivative with respect to time to discover:

$$I = -\frac{Q}{RC}e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

The force on the wire may be expressed as:

$$\vec{F} = I\,d\vec{l} \times \vec{B}, \quad d\vec{l} \to d\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$ [1]

This gives us:

$$\vec{F} = Id\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times B_o\hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\vec{F} = \frac{Qd}{RC}e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times B_o\hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} & \hat{\mathbf{y}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ 0 & 0 & Id \\ B_o & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Finally, we get:

$$\boxed{\vec{F} = \frac{QdB_o}{RC}e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}\hat{\mathbf{y}}}$$

(c) Find the total impulse $\left(\int \vec{F}\,dt\right)$ on the wire for $t \to \infty$. Compare this with the change in stored momentum.

The impulse may be defined as:

$$\vec{j} = \int_0^\infty \frac{QdB_o}{RC}e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}\hat{\mathbf{y}}\,dt$$

The $(RC)^{-1}$ coefficient cancels out, leaving us with:

$$\boxed{\vec{j} = QdB_o\hat{\mathbf{y}}}$$

As calculated above, the initial momentum is:

$$\vec{P} = QdB_o\hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

Given infinite time, the momentum will deplete until it is zero, giving us:

$$\Delta\vec{P} = -QdB_o\hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

Thus, the total impulse is equal in magnitude but opposite in direction to the change in the momentum field vector.

4. We re-revisit the spinning hollow sphere from earlier assignments — a hollow insulating sphere of radius R and mass M centered at the origin is covered with a uniform surface charge $\sigma = Q/(4\pi R^2)$, rotating about the z-axis with angular frequency ω. This time we consider both the magnetic field and the electric field produced by the sphere itself.

(a) Calculate the total energy of the electric and magnetic fields. You can use the results from Homework 8, Problem 1 for the $\vec{B}$-field — you do not need to re-derive it. Be sure to include the magnetic field inside the sphere as well as outside.

We know that the energy density may be written as:

$$\mathcal{U} = \frac{1}{\mu_o}\vec{B}^2$$

We can insert the magnetic field obtained in Homework 8 to get:

$$\mathcal{U} = \frac{1}{\mu_o}\left(\frac{\mu_o\sigma\omega R^4}{3r^3}\left[2\cos(\theta)\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{\sin(\theta)}{r}\hat{\theta}\right]\right)^2$$

We can insert $r \to R$ to obtain the total magnetic field:

$$\mathcal{U} = \frac{1}{\mu_o}\left(\frac{\mu_o\sigma\omega R}{3}\left[2\cos(\theta)\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{\sin(\theta)}{R}\hat{\theta}\right]\right)^2$$

Squaring the expression we find:

$$\mathcal{U} = \frac{1}{\mu_o}\left(\frac{\mu_o^2\sigma^2\omega^2 R^2}{9}\left[4\cos^2(\theta) + \frac{\sin^2(\theta)}{R^2}\right]\right)$$

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We can then plug in the defined value of σ to get:

$$\mathcal{U} = \frac{\mu_o Q^2\omega^2}{144\pi^2 R^2}\left[4\cos^2(\theta) + \frac{\sin^2(\theta)}{R^2}\right]$$

The energy density then becomes:

$$\mathcal{U} = \frac{\mu_o Q^2\omega^2}{36\pi^2 R^2}\cos^2(\theta) + \frac{\mu_o Q^2\omega^2}{144\pi^2 R^4}\sin^2(\theta)$$

We then integrate over the volume to obtain:

$$U = \int_0^{2\pi}\int_0^{\pi}\int_0^{R} \mathcal{U} r^2\sin(\theta)\,dr\,d\theta\,d\phi$$

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Finally, we get:

$$U = \frac{\mu_o Q^2\omega^2 R}{27\pi} - \frac{\mu_o Q^2\omega^2}{54\pi R}$$

$$\boxed{U = \frac{\mu_o Q^2\omega^2}{27\pi}\left[R - \frac{1}{2R}\right]}$$

(b) Calculate the total angular momentum of the electromagnetic fields, L_Q.

(c) Consider a spinning shell whose rest energy (Mc^2) is equal to its electrostatic potential energy ($Q^2/(8\pi\varepsilon_o R)$). Find the ratio between the mechanical (L_M) and electromagnetic (L_Q) contributions to the angular momentum. Use the fact that $c = 1/\sqrt{\varepsilon_o \mu_o}$.