

## Section B. Electricity and Magnetism

### 1. Magnetic Levitation

It is possible to make an object made from a diamagnetic material (such as bismuth or pyrolytic graphite) sit in equilibrium above a permanent magnet.

(a) Consider a small sphere of radius  $R$  made from a linear diamagnetic material with magnetic susceptibility  $\chi_m < 0$ , placed in a uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B}_0$ . What is the total magnetic moment  $\vec{m}$  induced in the sphere? Note the direction of the magnetic moment.

(b) The sphere is placed at a height  $d$  ( $d \gg R$ ) above the center of a horizontal circular wire loop of radius  $a$  ( $a \gg R$ ) with current  $I$  flowing in the loop. Find the force on the sphere from the current loop and note its direction, for general  $a$  and  $d$  in this small  $R$  limit.