

PHYS356 Assignment 8

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Question 1

a)

$$\langle u \rangle = \frac{\int u e^{-u/kT} \sin \theta d\theta d\varphi}{\int e^{-u/kT} \sin \theta d\theta d\varphi} = \frac{2\pi \int u e^{-u/kT} \sin \theta d\theta}{2\pi \int e^{-u/kT} \sin \theta d\theta}$$

We want to solve these integrals with respect to u which is given by the problem, so let

$$\theta = u = -pE \theta \implies du = pE \sin \theta d\theta,$$

The integration bounds then change accordingly with $-pE \rightarrow pE$.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\int_{-pE}^{pE} u e^{-u/kT} du}{\int_{-pE}^{pE} e^{-u/kT} du} \\ &= \frac{\left[u kT (-e^{-u/kT}) \right]_{-pE}^{pE} - \left[(kT)^2 e^{-u/kT} \right]_{-pE}^{pE}}{\left[-kT e^{-u/kT} \right]_{-pE}^{pE}} \\ &= \frac{-(pE)(kT)e^{-pE/kT} + (pE)(kT)e^{pE/kT} - (kT)^2 (e^{-pE/kT} - e^{pE/kT})}{-kT (e^{-pE/kT} - e^{pE/kT})} \\ &= \frac{pE e^{-pE/kT} + pE e^{pE/kT} + (kT) (e^{-pE/kT} - e^{pE/kT})}{e^{-pE/kT} - e^{pE/kT}} \\ &= \frac{pE (e^{-pE/kT} + e^{pE/kT})}{e^{-pE/kT} - e^{pE/kT}} + kT = -pE \frac{(e^{-pE/kT} + e^{pE/kT})}{(e^{-pE/kT} - e^{pE/kT})} + kT \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \langle u \rangle = kT - pE \coth \left(\frac{pE}{kT} \right).$$

Using the information from the question we express this with the polarizability.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u \rangle &= -pE \left(\coth \frac{pE}{kT} - \frac{kT}{pE} \right) = -pE \langle \cos \theta \rangle \implies \langle \cos \theta \rangle = \left(\coth \frac{pE}{kT} - \frac{kT}{pE} \right) \\ \therefore P &= Np \langle \cos \theta \rangle = Np \left(\coth \frac{pE}{kT} - \frac{kT}{pE} \right). \end{aligned}$$

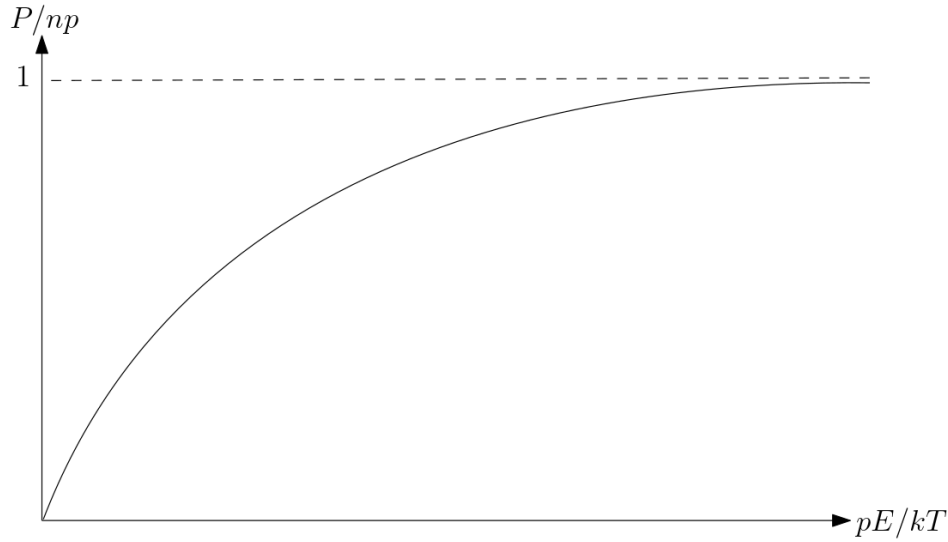


Figure 1: Given the expression found, we note that $\coth(\infty) \rightarrow 1$, hence the horizontal asymptote at $P/np = 1$.

b)

We consider the $kT \gg pE$ case, so let us Taylor expand

$$\coth \left(\frac{pE}{kT} \right) - \frac{kT}{pE} = \frac{pE}{3kT} - \left(\frac{pE}{kT} \right)^3 \frac{1}{45} + \dots,$$

so then

$$\frac{P}{Np} \approx \frac{pE}{3kT} \implies P \approx \frac{Np^2E}{3kT}.$$

By definition, $P = \epsilon_0 \chi_e E$ and so we can solve for χ_e ;

$$\chi_e = \frac{Np^2}{3kT\epsilon_0}.$$

We know that water has a permanent dipole moment of 1.85 Debye, which is equivalent to 6.1×10^{-30} C m. Then for 18 g of water (1 mol),

$$\frac{1}{m_p} = \frac{N}{N_A} \implies N = \frac{1}{18 \text{ g}} (6 \times 10^{26} \text{ kg}) = 3.3 \times 10^{28}.$$

Thus,

$$\chi_e = \frac{(3.3 \times 10^{28})(6.1 \times 10^{-30})^2}{3(8.85 \times 10^{-12})(1.38 \times 10^{-23})(293.15)} \approx 11.43,$$

which is much lower than $\chi_e = 79$ from the table.

For the steam, we use $PV = NkT$,

$$\begin{aligned} PV = NkT \implies N &= \frac{PV}{kT} = \frac{(10^5)}{(1.38 \times 10^{-23})(373.15)} = 1.94 \times 10^{25} \\ \implies \chi_e &= \frac{(1.94 \times 10^{25})(6.1 \times 10^{-30})^2}{3(8.85 \times 10^{-12})(1.48 \times 10^{-23})(373.15)} \approx 0.00528, \end{aligned}$$

this result is in good agreement with the tabulated value of 0.00589.

Question 2

a)

By definition $\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}))$. Because there is no deflection there is essentially no net force on the particle such that

$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})) = 0 \implies \vec{E} = -\vec{v} \times \vec{B}.$$

Let the electric field be in the \hat{x} direction, the magnetic field in the \hat{y} direction and the speed in $-\hat{z}$ direction, all of which are perpendicular to one another. Then,

$$\vec{E}(\hat{x}) = -vB(-\hat{z} \times \hat{y}) = -vB(-\hat{x}) \implies E = vB \implies v = \frac{E}{B}.$$

b)

From lecture notes, $v = rBq/m$ so then

$$\frac{q}{m} = \frac{v}{rB} \xrightarrow{v=E/B} \frac{q}{m} = \frac{E}{rB^2}.$$

Question 3

a)

We first note that the vertical and horizontal components do not contribute to a magnetic field at the point P . We find the magnetic field of the $r = a$ segment contribution. In cylindrical coordinates,

$$d\vec{l} = a d\varphi \hat{\varphi}; \quad \hat{r} = -\hat{s}; \quad r^2 = a^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} B(\vec{r})_{r=a} &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\vec{l} \times \hat{r}}{r^2} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{a d\varphi (\hat{\varphi} \times -\hat{s})}{a^2} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\varphi}{a^2} \hat{z} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{8a} \hat{z}. \end{aligned}$$

By symmetry, it is obvious that for the $r = b$ segment

$$B(\vec{r})_{r=b} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{8b} (-\hat{z}).$$

Therefore we conclude

$$B_p = \frac{\mu_0 I}{8} \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right) \hat{z},$$

where \hat{z} points out of the page.

b)

We use once again cylindrical coordinates,

$$d\vec{l} = R d\varphi \hat{\varphi}; \quad \hat{r} = -\hat{s}; \quad r^2 = R^2.$$

So we have the contribution from the semi-circle at point P given by

$$B(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{R d\varphi (\hat{\varphi} \times -\hat{s})}{R^2} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4R} (-\hat{z}).$$

For the bottom infinite line contribution we use same procedure outlined in the lecture notes ;

$$d\vec{l} \times \hat{r} = dl \cos \theta; \quad d\vec{l} = \frac{s}{\cos \theta} d\theta \implies \frac{1}{r^2} = \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r}.$$

So then the magnetic field at point P .

$$B(\vec{R}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos \theta}{R} d\theta$$

Where the integration bounds were found by extending the line to infinity from which we find that $\theta \in (0, \pi/2)$ (semi-infinite line).

$$\therefore B(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi R}(-\hat{z}).$$

Again, by symmetry, the contribution from the top line should be the exact same quantity in the same direction, and so we multiply the bottom line contribution by a factor of 2. The net magnetic field at point P is then

$$B(\vec{r})_P = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4R}(-\hat{z}) + \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi R}(-\hat{z}) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4R} \left(1 + \frac{2}{\pi}\right)(-\hat{z}),$$

with the direction pointing inside the page.

Question 4

We first note that $\theta_2 \leq \theta \leq \theta_1$. So we will integrate along the solenoid with respect to θ . We consider an infinitesimal horizontal portion of the solenoid of thickness dx . Then,

$$n' \equiv ndx \implies I' \equiv n'I = nI dx.$$

Then, using the result of Example 5.6,

$$\begin{aligned} B(x) &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2} \frac{R^2}{(R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \rightarrow d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 n I dx}{2} \frac{a^2}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \\ \implies B &= \int dB = \frac{\mu_0 n I a^2}{2} \int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \end{aligned}$$

Since we want to integrate over θ , we perform a change of variables.

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \theta &= a/x \implies x = a \cot \theta \implies dx = -a \csc^2 \theta d\theta. \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 n I a^2}{2} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{-a \csc^2 \theta d\theta}{(a^2 (\cot^2 \theta + 1))^{3/2}} \\ &= -\frac{\mu_0 n I a^2}{2a^2} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{\csc^2 \theta}{(\cot^2 \theta + 1)} d\theta \\ &= -\frac{\mu_0 n I}{2} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{1}{\csc \theta} d\theta \\ \therefore B(\vec{r}) &= \frac{\mu_0 n I}{2} (\cos \theta_2 - \cos \theta_1). \end{aligned}$$

We note that if the cylinder were to stretch infinitely, the θ bounds would become $\theta_1 = \pi$ and $\theta_2 = 0$ which would give us

$$B(\vec{r}) = \mu_0 n I.$$

Question 5

From previous assignments, we know the electric field from an infinite charged line, and the magnetic field from a charged line from Equation 5.38:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r}; \quad \vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}.$$

Therefore, given $\vec{F} = q[\vec{E} + (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})] = 0$ (since the forces balance out) we get

$$qR = qvB \implies \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0} = v \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \implies v = \frac{\lambda}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0 I}.$$

Now since by definition of a current, $I = \lambda v$ we conclude

$$v^2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0} \implies v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}.$$