

1. An infinitely long cylinder of radius  $a$  has its axis along the  $z$ -axis. Its magnetization is given in cylindrical polar coordinates by  $\mathbf{M} = M_0 (\rho/a)^2 \hat{e}_\phi$ , where  $M_0$  is a constant. Find  $\mathbf{J}_b$  and  $\mathbf{K}_b$  as well as  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  both inside and outside the cylinder.

We are given  $\mathbf{M} = M_0 \frac{\rho^2}{a^2} \hat{e}_\phi$  inside the cylinder. Inside the cylinder, we have

$$\mathbf{J}_b = \nabla \times \mathbf{M} = \frac{3M_0 \rho}{a^2} \hat{e}_z .$$

Outside the cylinder,  $\mathbf{J}_b = 0$ . The bound surface current is given by

$$\mathbf{K}_b = \mathbf{M} \times \hat{e}_\rho \Big|_{\rho=a} = -M_0 \hat{e}_z .$$

Since  $\mathbf{J}_f = 0$  in this problem, we can determine  $\mathbf{B}$  using the bound currents that we just determined. Symmetry considerations imply that we can choose  $\mathbf{B} = B(\rho) \hat{e}_\phi$ . To determine,  $B(\rho)$ , we choose as an Amperian loop a circle of radius  $R$  centered about the  $z$ -axis and lying in a plane given by  $z = \text{constant}$ . Using Ampère's law, for  $R < a$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{C_R} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= (2\pi R) B(R) = \mu_0 \int_0^R (\mathbf{J}_b(\rho) \cdot \hat{e}_z) 2\pi \rho d\rho , \\ &= \frac{2\pi\mu_0 M_0 R^3}{a^2} . \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $B(\rho) = \frac{\mu_0 M_0 \rho^2}{a^2}$  for  $\rho < a$ . For  $R > a$ , a similar computation gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{C_R} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= (2\pi R) B(R) = \mu_0 \int_0^a \mathbf{J}_b(\rho) \cdot \hat{e}_z 2\pi \rho d\rho + \mu_0 (2\pi a)(-M_0), \\ &= \frac{2\pi\mu_0 M_0 a^3}{a^2} + \mu_0 (2\pi a)(-M_0) \\ &= 0 \implies B(R) = 0 . \end{aligned}$$

We thus obtain

$$\boxed{\mathbf{B} = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu_0 M_0 \rho^2}{a^2} \hat{e}_\phi & \text{for } \rho < a , \\ 0 & \text{for } \rho > a . \end{cases}} \quad (1)$$

The discontinuity in  $\mathbf{B}$  at  $\rho = a$  is expected due to the presence of a non-zero surface current. The student is asked to check that the discontinuity is as expected i.e.  $\hat{n} \times (\mathbf{B}_2 - \mathbf{B}_1) = \mu_0 \mathbf{K}_b$ . We determine  $\mathbf{H}$  using the relation  $\mathbf{H} = \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu_0} - \mathbf{M}$  to obtain

$$\boxed{\mathbf{H} = 0 \text{ everywhere.}}$$

The vanishing of  $\mathbf{H}$  is related to the absence of free currents.

2. Consider a toroid in which a wedge-shaped region of small angle  $\psi$  is absent, as shown in the figure. A steady current  $I$  flows in it. The inner radius of the toroid is  $R$ , and the total number of turns in it is  $N$ . Assume that the magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$  in the air gap is still along  $\hat{e}_\phi$ . Find  $\mathbf{H}$  in the toroid given that the core of the toroid is a LIH magnetic material with magnetic susceptibility  $\chi_m$ .

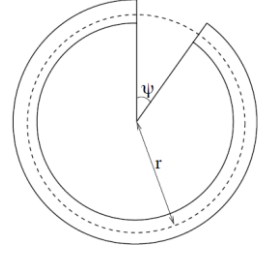


Figure 1: Top view of the toroid

Recall that for a toroidal coil, there is a constant auxiliary field  $\mathbf{H}$  (and  $\mathbf{B}$ ) directed along  $\hat{e}_\phi$  in its interior. The magnitude is determined in terms of the current and the total number of coils. We assume that the magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$  (and  $\mathbf{B}$ ) is along  $\hat{e}_\phi$  – this is a good approximation if the wedge angle  $\psi$  is small. At the boundary of the wedge, the normal component of  $\mathbf{B}$  must be continuous. Since the normal to the wedge is along  $\hat{e}_\phi$ , we have  $\mathbf{B}_{\text{air}} = \mathbf{B}_{\text{toroid}}$ . Thus, the auxiliary field is given by

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{toroid}} = \mu_0(1 + \chi_m) \mathbf{H}_{\text{toroid}} \quad , \quad \mathbf{B}_{\text{air}} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H}_{\text{air}} \quad . \quad (2)$$

The continuity of the normal component of  $\mathbf{B}$  implies that

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{air}} = (1 + \chi_m) \mathbf{H}_{\text{toroid}} \quad .$$

In order to determine  $\mathbf{H}$ , we choose an Amperian loop of radius  $r$  (indicated by a dashed line in Figure 1) passing through the interior of the toroid. Carrying out the line integral over  $\mathbf{H}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} NI &= H_{\text{toroid}}(2\pi - \psi) r + H_{\text{air}} \psi r \quad , \\ &= H_{\text{toroid}} r (2\pi - \psi + (1 + \chi_m)\psi) \\ &= H_{\text{toroid}} r (2\pi + \chi_m \psi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\text{toroid}} = \frac{NI}{(2\pi + \chi_m \psi)r} \hat{e}_\phi \quad .$$

3. An infinite planar magnetic sheet of thickness  $d$  having a nonuniform permeability given by  $\mu(z) = \mu_0 [1 + (z/d)]^2$  occupies the region  $0 \leq z \leq d$ . There is vacuum on either side of the sheet. A magnetic field  $\mathbf{B} = B_0 \hat{e}_y$  (where  $B_0$  is a constant) is applied in the entire space. The sheet has no free current on it. Find the magnetization surface current densities at  $z = 0$  and  $z = d$ , and also the magnetization volume current density as a function of  $z$ .

Translation invariance in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions implies that

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}(z) = H_1(z) \hat{e}_x + H_2(z) \hat{e}_y + H_3(z) \hat{e}_z \quad .$$

The boundary conditions on  $H(z)$  is

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} H(z) = \frac{B_0}{\mu_0} \quad .$$

But  $(\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) = 0$  implies that  $dH_i(z)/dz = 0$  or  $H_i(z) = \text{constant}$  for  $i = 1, 2$  with no condition on  $H_3(z)$ . We thus obtain

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{B_0}{\mu_0} \hat{e}_y + H_3(z) \hat{e}_z \quad \text{everywhere} .$$

To fix  $H_3(z)$ , we need to impose  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ . Outside the strip it implies  $H_3(z)$  is a constant which vanishes due to the boundary conditions as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ . This implies that

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{B_0}{\mu_0} \hat{e}_y \quad \text{outside the strip} .$$

Inside the strip,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$  implies that  $\mu(z)H_3(z)$  is a constant. Continuity of the  $z$  component of  $\mathbf{B}$ , at  $z = 0$ , forces this constant to vanish. Thus, we obtain that  $H_3(z) = 0$  everywhere.

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{B_0}{\mu_0} \hat{e}_y \quad \text{everywhere} .$$

From this we obtain the magnetic field to be

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{cases} B_0 \left(1 + \frac{z}{d}\right)^2 \hat{e}_y , & \text{for } 0 < z < d , \\ B_0 \hat{e}_y , & \text{outside the magnetic sheet} . \end{cases}$$

The magnetization is determined using  $\mathbf{M} = \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mu_0} - \mathbf{H}$  and we get

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{cases} \frac{B_0}{\mu_0} \left(2\frac{z}{d} + \frac{z^2}{d^2}\right) \hat{e}_y , & \text{for } 0 < z < d , \\ 0 , & \text{outside the magnetic sheet} . \end{cases}$$

We can determine the current densities using the formulae  $\mathbf{J}_b = \nabla \times \mathbf{M}$  and  $\mathbf{K}_b = (\mathbf{M} \times \hat{n})$ . We get that volume charge density for  $0 < z < d$  is given by

$$\mathbf{J}_b = -\frac{2B_0}{\mu_0 d} \left(1 + \frac{z}{d}\right) \hat{e}_x .$$

Using  $(\mathbf{M} = 0, \hat{n} = -\hat{e}_z)$  at  $z = 0$  and  $(\mathbf{M} = (3B_0/\mu_0) \hat{e}_y, \hat{n} = \hat{e}_z)$  at  $z = d$ , the surface current densities are

$$\mathbf{K}_b = \begin{cases} 0 , & \text{at } z = 0 , \\ \frac{3B_0}{\mu_0} \hat{e}_x , & \text{at } z = d . \end{cases}$$

Again, the student is asked to check the consistency of the expressions for  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{K}_b$  by checking that the discontinuity at the two interfaces are consistent with  $\hat{n} \times (\mathbf{B}_2 - \mathbf{B}_1) = \mu_0 \mathbf{K}_b$ .

4. Suppose the field inside a large piece of magnetic material is  $\mathbf{B}_0$  so that  $\mathbf{H}_0 = (1/\mu_0) \mathbf{B}_0 - \mathbf{M}$ . Where  $\mathbf{M}$  is 'frozen-in' magnetization. Find the field, Find magnetic field in terms of  $\mathbf{B}_0$  and  $\mathbf{M}$ , and  $\mathbf{H}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{H}_0$  and  $\mathbf{M}$  at the centre of a

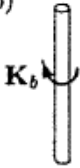
(a) at the centre of a small spherical cavity hollowed out of the material, in terms of  $\mathbf{B}_0$  and  $\mathbf{M}$ . Also find  $\mathbf{H}$  at the centre of the cavity, in terms of  $\mathbf{H}_0$  and  $\mathbf{M}$ .

(b) a long needle shaped cavity running parallel to  $\mathbf{M}$

(c) a thin wafer shaped cavity perpendicular to  $\mathbf{M}$


(a) The field of a magnetized sphere is  $\frac{2}{3}\mu_0\mathbf{M}$  so  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_0 - \frac{2}{3}\mu_0\mathbf{M}$ , with the sphere removed.

In the cavity,  $\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\mathbf{B}$ , so  $\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}(\mathbf{B}_0 - \frac{2}{3}\mu_0\mathbf{M}) = \mathbf{H}_0 + \mathbf{M} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{M} \Rightarrow \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_0 + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{M}$ .

(b)  The field inside a long solenoid is  $\mu_0 K$ . Here  $K = M$ , so the field of the bound current on the inside surface of the cavity is  $\mu_0 M$ , pointing down. Therefore

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_0 - \mu_0 \mathbf{M};$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}(\mathbf{B}_0 - \mu_0 \mathbf{M}) = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\mathbf{B}_0 - \mathbf{M} \Rightarrow \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_0.$$

(c)  This time the bound currents are small, and far away from the center, so  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_0$ , while  $\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\mathbf{B}_0 = \mathbf{H}_0 + \mathbf{M} \Rightarrow \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_0 + \mathbf{M}$ .

[Comment: In the wafer,  $\mathbf{B}$  is the field in the medium; in the needle,  $\mathbf{H}$  is the  $\mathbf{H}$  in the medium; in the sphere (intermediate case) both  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  are modified.]

5. A coaxial cable consists of two very long thin cylindrical tubes of radius  $a$  and  $b$  ( $a < b$ ) separated by linear insulating materials of magnetic susceptibility  $\chi_m$ . A current  $I$ , uniformly distributed over the cylinder, flows down the inner cylinder and returns along the outer one. Find the magnetic field in the region between the tubes. As a check, calculate magnetization and bound current, and confirm that together with free currents they generate the correct field.

$$\oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I_{f_{enc}} = I, \text{ so } \mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{2\pi s} \hat{\phi}. \quad \mathbf{B} = \mu_0(1 + \chi_m)\mathbf{H} = \mu_0(1 + \chi_m) \frac{I}{2\pi s} \hat{\phi}. \quad \mathbf{M} = \chi_m \mathbf{H} = \frac{\chi_m I}{2\pi s} \hat{\phi}.$$

$$\mathbf{J}_b = \nabla \times \mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left( s \frac{\chi_m I}{2\pi s} \right) \hat{z} = 0. \quad \mathbf{K}_b = \mathbf{M} \times \hat{n} = \begin{cases} \frac{\chi_m I}{2\pi a} \hat{z}, & \text{at } s = a; \\ -\frac{\chi_m I}{2\pi b} \hat{z}, & \text{at } r = b. \end{cases}$$

Total enclosed current, for an amperian loop between the cylinders:

$$I + \frac{\chi_m I}{2\pi a} 2\pi a = (1 + \chi_m)I, \text{ so } \oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \mu_0 I_{enc} = \mu_0(1 + \chi_m)I \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0(1 + \chi_m)I}{2\pi s} \hat{\phi}. \quad \checkmark$$