

Homework 1

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1. (a) From Gauss's Law, the electric field as a function of r and Q is

$$\int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0}$$
$$\mathbf{E}(r, Q) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

- (b) From the definition of the potential,

$$V = - \int_b^a \mathbf{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$
$$= - \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_b^a r^{-2} dr$$
$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} r^{-1} \Big|_b^a$$
$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} (a^{-1} - b^{-1})$$

Solving for Q ,

$$Q(V) = 4\pi\epsilon_0 V (a^{-1} - b^{-1})^{-1}$$

- (c) The current is found using (a) and (b),

$$I = \int \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \sigma \int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$
$$= \iint \left(\frac{\sigma}{4\pi\epsilon_0} r^{-2} \right) [4\pi\epsilon_0 V (a^{-1} - b^{-1})] \underbrace{r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi}_{da}$$
$$= \frac{4\pi\sigma V}{a^{-1} - b^{-1}}$$

- (d) The resistance is given by V/I ,

$$R = \frac{a^{-1} - b^{-1}}{4\pi\sigma}$$

2. From the voltage and as the current is constant,

$$V = - \int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int \frac{\mathbf{J}}{\sigma} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$
$$= - \int \frac{\mathbf{I}}{\sigma A} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_a^b \frac{Is^2}{k(2\pi sL)} ds$$
$$= \frac{I}{4k\pi L} (a^2 - b^2)$$

As the resistance is V/I ,

$$R = \frac{a^2 - b^2}{4k\pi L}$$

3. Since the power dissipated by the load is given by

$$\begin{aligned} P &= I^2 R \\ &= \left(\frac{V^2}{(r+R)^2} \right) R \end{aligned}$$

The power is maximized when its derivative is 0. Omitting the voltage V ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dR} &= \frac{1}{(r+R)^2} - \frac{2R}{(r+R)^3} \\ &= \frac{r+R}{(r+R)^3} - \frac{2R}{(r+R)^3} \\ 0 &= \frac{r-R}{(r+R)^3} \end{aligned}$$

This occurs when $R = r$.

4. (a) The magnetic field from the wire is found using Ampere's law,

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi s}$$

Changing $s \rightarrow x$, the flux is

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &\equiv \int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \int_0^l \int_d^{d+w} x^{-1} dx dy \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I l}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{d+w}{d}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) The flux would change with $d = vt$,

$$\Phi = \frac{\mu_0 I l}{2\pi} \ln\left(1 + \frac{w}{vt}\right)$$

The induced emf is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E} &= -\frac{d\Phi}{dt} \\ &= -\frac{\mu_0 I l}{2\pi} \left(\frac{v}{vt+w} - \frac{1}{t} \right) \quad (\text{WolframAlpha}) \end{aligned}$$

From Lenz's law, the induced current should flow counterclockwise.

5. (a) From Ampere's law, we can create an Amperian loop of length L ,

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= \mu_0 I_{\text{enc}} \\ BL &= \mu_0 n L I(t) \\ B &= \mu_0 n I_0 \cos \omega t \end{aligned}$$

- (b) The flux through the loop of radius s is limited to the radius a of the solenoid, as the magnetic field is zero outside of a . The flux is

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi &= \int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a} \\ &= (\mu_0 n I_0 \cos \omega t) (\pi a^2)\end{aligned}$$

The induced emf is then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E} &= -\frac{d\Phi}{dt} \\ &= \mu_0 n I_0 \pi a^2 \omega \sin \omega t\end{aligned}$$