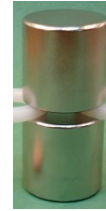


field and inductance
of coils, force
between magnets



a) *Bz_current_loop_BiotSavart.mlx* derives the magnetic field on the axis of a current loop

b) *A_current_loop_vectorpotential.mlx* derives the overall magnetic field of a current loop

problem 1: Helmholtz current loops

Discrete superposition of solution a).

problem 2: Magnetic field on the axis of a coil/magnet

Continuous superposition of solution a).

problem 3: Magnetic field on the axis of a multilayer coil

Superposition of the solution of problem 2.

problem 4: Magnetic field on the axis of a spherical coil/magnet

Continuous superposition of solution a).

problem 5: Magnetic field of a current loop

Implement solution b) as function

2D visualization of field lines

problem 6: Magnetic field of a coil

Superposition of the solution of problem 5.

2D visualization of field lines

problem 7: Magnetic field of a multilayer coil

Superposition of the solution of problem 6.

2D visualization of field lines

problem 8: Force between two magnets

Solution of problem 5 allows to calculate the Lorentz force between two conductor loops.

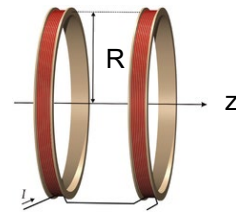
Superposition of this solution gives the force between two coils or magnets.

problem 9: Inductance of a cylindrical coil

Integrating the solution of problem 6 or b) gives the magnetic flux or magnetic energy of a coil. Both results can be used to calculate the inductance of a coil.

1) Helmholtz coil

- a) Define the magnetic field on the axis of a current loop with a symbolic function $H(z)$ and plot the magnetic flux density of two loops in distance.



% parameter

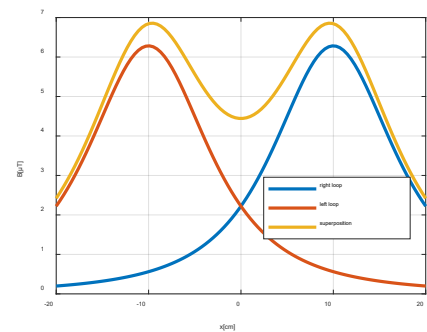
$\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}$ [H/m] % vacuum permeability [H/m]

I=1; % current [A]

R=0.1; % radius [m]

d=2*R; % distance of current loops

$$H_z = \frac{I R^2}{2 (R^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$



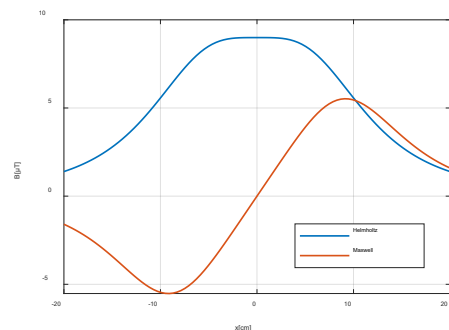
- b) What is special about the Helmholtz and Maxwell arrangement?

<http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmholtzspule>

Calculate results analytically and plot results.

Helmholtz distance

Find the distance d_H of two loops with parallel currents, so that the second derivative of the magnetic field in the center of both loops vanishes.



Maxwell distance

Find the distance d_M of two loops with antiparallel currents, so that the third derivative of the magnetic field in the center of both loops vanishes.

2) Magnetic field on the axis of a cylindrical coil or magnet

- a) Calculate symbolically the magnetic field on the axis of a single-layer coil (N windings, length L, radius R, current I). According to problem 1, a short piece with length dx of the coil generates the magnetic field

$$dB_z = \frac{\mu_0 I R^2}{2r^3} \cdot \frac{N}{L} dx$$

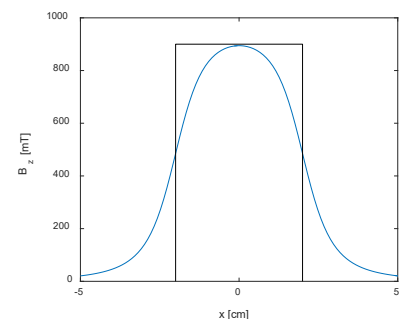
Superimpose the contributions of the individual turns by integrating over the coil length.

$$\text{solution } B_z(z) = \mu_0 \frac{I N}{2L} \left[\frac{\frac{L}{2} - z}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{L}{2} - z\right)^2 + R^2}} + \frac{\frac{L}{2} + z}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{L}{2} + z\right)^2 + R^2}} \right]$$

This formula is also valid for the **magnetic field of a permanent magnet** of the same dimension. In a magnetic material of remanence B_r there is a microscopic surface current density per length of $N \cdot I / L = B_r / \mu_0$.

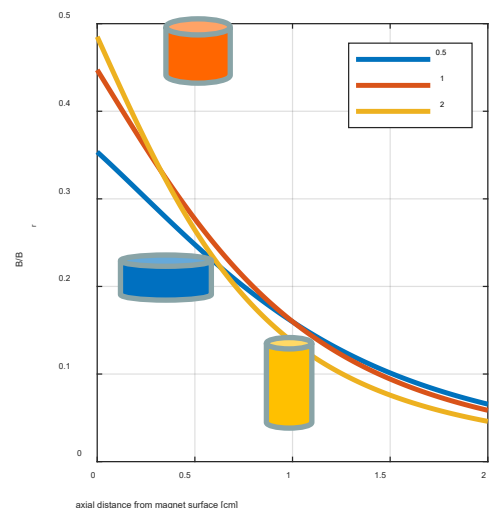
$B_r = 1.26\text{T}$ is easily achieved by strong magnets made of NdFeB. To generate this field with a coil, e.g. 100 turns with 100A on a length of 1cm are necessary ($B_r / \mu_0 = 10^6 \text{ A/m}$) !

- b) Plot the field curve on the axis of a permanent magnet with $B_r = 1\text{T}$, $R = 1\text{cm}$, $L = 4\text{cm}$



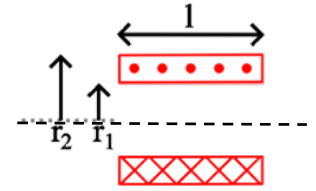
Optional

- c) The price of a permanent magnet is determined by the magnet volume. What influence does the aspect ratio of a cylindrical permanent magnet have on the axial field characteristics. Check aspect ratios length/diameter of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 for a magnet volume of $4\pi \text{ cm}^3$.



3) Multilayer coil

- a) Calculate analytically the magnetic field $B_z(z)$ on the axis of a multilayer coil (N_z axial windings on length L , N_r radial windings on width $r_2 - r_1$).



solution in coil center:

$$B_z = \frac{I N_r N_z \mu_0 \left(\operatorname{asinh}\left(\frac{2r_1}{L}\right) - \operatorname{asinh}\left(\frac{2r_2}{L}\right) \right)}{2 (r_1 - r_2)}$$

Matlab's solution looks different. Therefore compare by inserting numerical values: ($N_z=400$, $N_r=100$, $I=1A$, $L=4cm$, $r_1=1cm$, $r_2=2cm$)

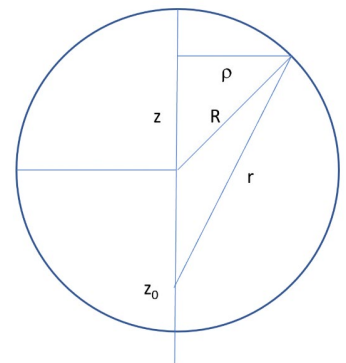
solution: $B_z=1T$

Alternative analytical solution

4) Spherical coil or magnet

Calculate analytically **and plot** the magnetic field $B_z(z)$ on the axis of a magnetic sphere (Radius R , remanenz B_r). This is equivalent to the magnetic field of a coil of spherical shape and equidistant windings in axial direction. Superimpose the field contribution of each winding with radius ρ :

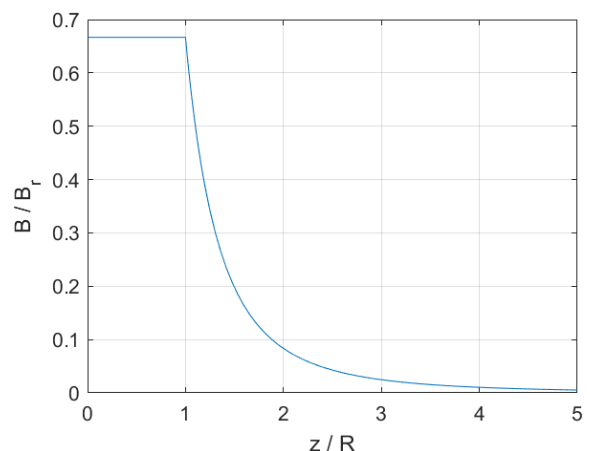
$$dB_z = \frac{B_r \rho^2}{2r^3} dz$$



solution on axis:

$$B_z = \frac{B_r}{3} \frac{z_0^3 (|R - z_0| + (R - z_0)) + R^3 (|R - z_0| - (R - z_0))}{z_0^3 |R - z_0|} \begin{cases} = \frac{2}{3} B_r & z_0 < R \\ = \frac{2}{3} B_r \frac{R^3}{z_0^3} & z_0 > R \end{cases}$$

Outside of the sphere the field is equivalent to the field of a magnetic dipole located in the center of the sphere.



5) Magnetic field of a current loop

- a) Calculate the magnetic field of a current loop at point P. This point is now not on the axis as in problem 1. Using the formula at the bottom, write the function

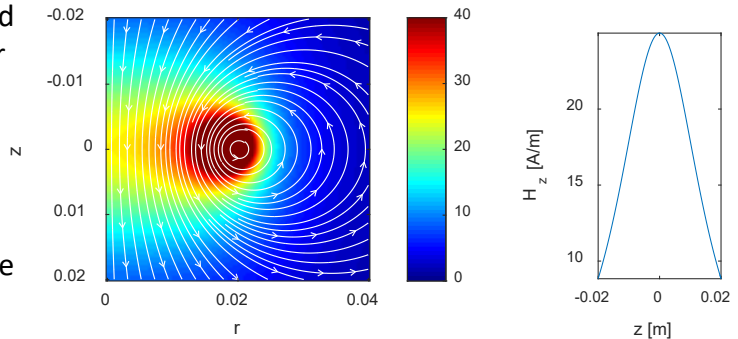
$$[H_z, H_r] = \text{Hloop}(R, r, z).$$

H_z is the axial and H_r the radial magnetic field component of a current loop ($I=1\text{A}$) with radius R at axial distance z and radial distance r from the center of the current loop.

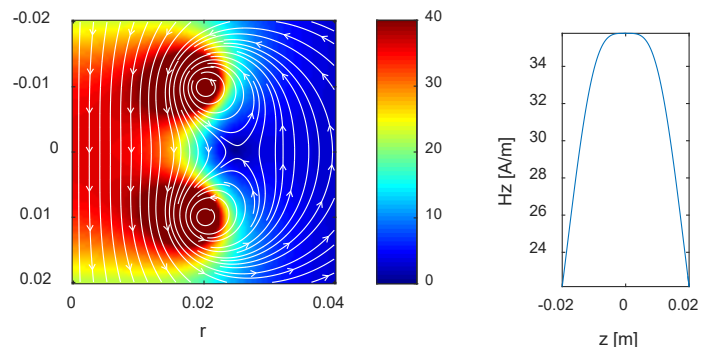
check: $\text{Hloop}(1, 1, 1) \rightarrow H_z = 0.0768 \text{ (A/m)}, H_r = 0.091 \text{ (A/m)}$

- b) Draw the magnitude of the magnetic field of the conductor loop in the r - z plane for $R=2\text{cm}$ with *imagesc* (*colormap jet*) and superimpose the magnetic field vector with *streamslice*.

On the right, draw the z -component of the magnetic field on the axis ($r=0$) of the current loop.



- c) Superimpose the magnetic fields of two current loops with $R=2\text{cm}$ at distance $d=2\text{cm}$ and generate the same plot as b). The current direction is identical in both loops.



Flux density vector at location ρ, z in cylindrical coordinates of a current loop (center at origin, radius R and current I) according to [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magnetic_field#/media/File:Diagram_of_magnetic_field_of_a_circular_current_loop.svg)

$$B_\rho = \frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(R+\rho)^2 + z^2}} \cdot \frac{z}{\rho} \left(\frac{R^2 + \rho^2 + z^2}{(R-\rho)^2 + z^2} E(k^2) - K(k^2) \right)$$

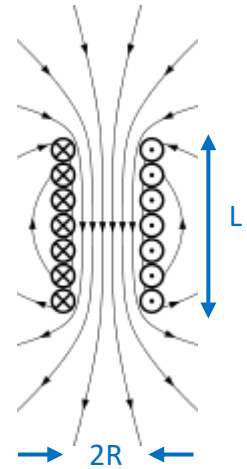
$$B_z = \frac{I\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(R+\rho)^2 + z^2}} \cdot \left(\frac{R^2 - \rho^2 - z^2}{(R-\rho)^2 + z^2} E(k^2) + K(k^2) \right)$$

$K(k^2)$ and $E(k^2)$ are [elliptic integrals](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elliptic_integrals) of first and second kind and

$$k^2 = \frac{4R\rho}{(R+\rho)^2 + z^2}$$

6) Magnetic field of a cylindrical coil or magnet

- a) Write the function $[H_z \ H_r] = H_{\text{coil}}(N, R, L, r, z)$ This gives the axial component H_z and radial component H_r of the magnetic field of a single-layer coil ($I=1\text{A}$) of radius R and length L with N turns at axial distance z and radial distance r from the coil center.



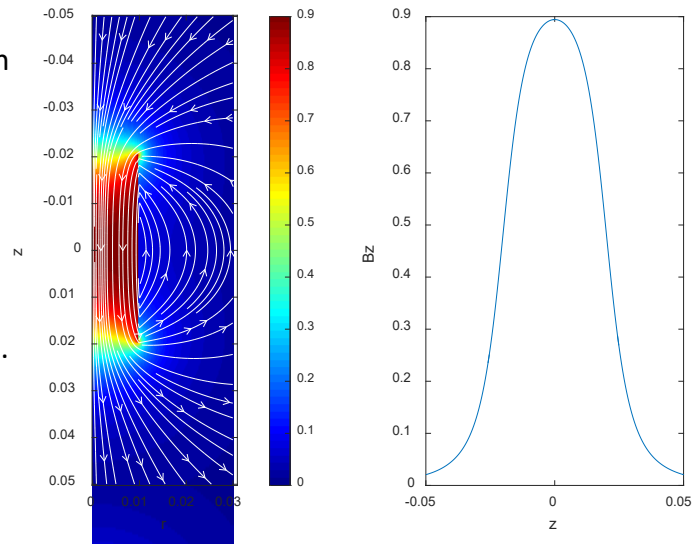
Note: Integrate the contributions of the individual windings as in 2a) or add them as in 5c).

check: $H_{\text{coil}}(100, 0.005, 0.01, 0.003, 0.005)$

→ $H_r = 1641,1 \text{ A/m}$, $H_z = 4517,7 \text{ A/m}$ with integral

→ $H_r = 1625,7 \text{ A/m}$, $H_z = 4546,8 \text{ A/m}$ with sum

- b) Calculate the magnetic field of a single layer coil with $I=1\text{A}$, radius $R=1\text{cm}$, length $L=4\text{cm}$ and number of turns $N = 31831$ (corresponding to permanent magnet with $B_r = \mu_0 N \cdot I / L = 1\text{T}$). Visualize the field as in problem 5.



- c) Compare the field variation on the axis with the analytical solution (problem 2a).

Optional:

Compare the result with the analytical solution on [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hcoil_Wiki.m) (*Hcoil_Wiki.m*) for the parameter values from a).

$$B_\rho = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{NI}{\rho} \frac{1}{\rho} \left[\sqrt{(\rho+R)^2 + \zeta^2} \left((2-m) K(m) - 2 E(m) \right) \right]_{\zeta=z-l/2}^{\zeta=z+l/2}$$

$$B_z = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{NI}{l} \left[\frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{(\rho+R)^2 + \zeta^2}} \left(\frac{\rho-R}{\rho+R} \Pi(n, m) - K(m) \right) \right]_{\zeta=z+l/2}^{\zeta=z-l/2}$$

$$m = 4R\rho / ((\rho+R)^2 + \zeta^2), \quad n = 4R\rho / (\rho+R)^2$$

$$K(m) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-m\sin^2\varphi}} d\varphi \quad E(m) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{1-m\sin^2\varphi} d\varphi \quad \Pi(n, m) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{(1-n\sin^2\varphi)\sqrt{1-m\sin^2\varphi}} d\varphi$$

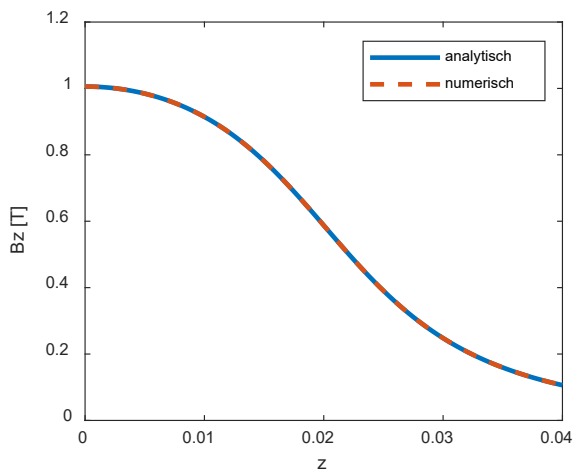
Note: From Dec. 2017 till Feb. 2019 there was a small error in the formula published in wikipedia.

7) Magnetic field of a cylindrical multilayer coil

a) Write the function $[H_z \ H_r] = H_{mcoil}(N_r, r_1, r_2, N_z, L, r, z)$.

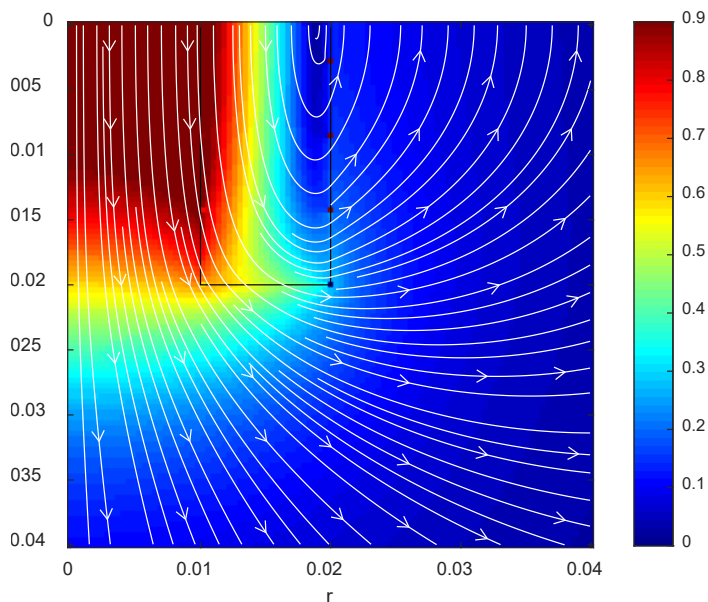
This gives the axial component H_z and the radial component H_r of the magnetic field of a multilayer coil ($I=1A$, N_z axial turns on length L , N_r radial turns on width r_2-r_1).

Calculate the magnetic field on the coil axis for these parameters
($N_z=400$, $N_r=100$, $I=1A$, $L=4cm$, $r_1=1cm$, $r_2=2cm$)
and compare with the analytical solution from problem 3.



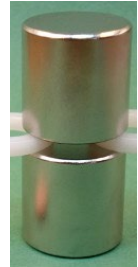
b) Visualize the magnetic field of the coil with the parameters from above.

Hint: Sum up the contribution of each winding and do not integrate.



8) Force between two magnets

With what force do two axially magnetized cylinder magnets ($B_r=1.3\text{T}$, diameter=length=15mm) attract each other? Consider the equivalent problem of two current-carrying coils (problem 6).



- a) First calculate the force between two current loops with currents $I_1=I_2=1\text{A}$, loop radius $R_1=R_2=7,5\text{mm}$ and loop distance $z=15\text{mm}$. Applying this formula for the Lorentz force $\vec{F} = I(\vec{l} \times \vec{B})$ results in $F_z = I_2 \cdot 2\pi R_2 \cdot B_{r,1}$

solution: $F = 0,1527\mu\text{N}$

- b) Calculate the force between a single current loop from a) and a coil or magnet by integrating over the force contribution of each winding of coil 2.

solution: $F = 3,4\text{mN}$

- c) Calculate the force between two touching magnets, by integrating the force contributions of all conductor loops of both coils (double integral).

solution: $F = 100\text{N}$

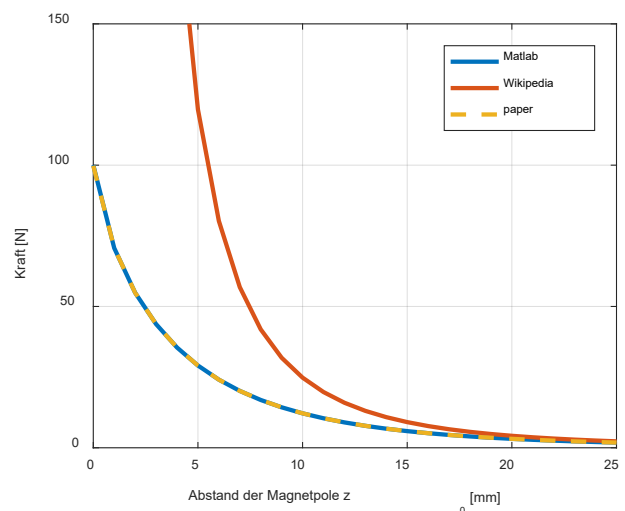
- d) Calculate the force for different distances between the magnets and compare the result with an approximation from [Wikipedia](#)

$$F(z_0) = \frac{\pi\mu_0 N^2 I^2}{4 L^2} R^4 \left[\frac{1}{z_0^2} + \frac{1}{(z_0 + 2L)^2} - \frac{2}{(z_0 + L)^2} \right]$$

and with equation 4 from the paper of Vokoun et al. [„Magnetostatic interactions and forces between cylindrical permanent magnets“](#)

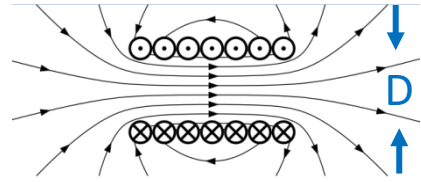
$$F_z = 4\pi\mu_0 \frac{N^2 I^2}{L^2} R^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{q} J_1^2(q) \sinh\left(\frac{qL}{2R}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{qL}{2R}\right) e^{-qz/R}$$

J_1 = Besselfunction first kind



9) Inductance of a cylindrical coil

Calculate the inductance of a coil with diameter $D=2r=2\text{cm}$, length $l=1\text{cm}$ and $N=1000$ windings.



a) with the analytical solution from [wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inductance)

$$L = \frac{\mu_0 r^2 N^2}{3l} \left(-8w + 4 \frac{\sqrt{1+m}}{m} \left[K \left(\sqrt{\frac{m}{1+m}} \right) - (1-m) E \left(\sqrt{\frac{m}{1+m}} \right) \right] \right) \quad \text{solution: } L=20,7\text{mH}$$

b) numerically with the concatenated flux $\Psi = L \cdot I = \sum_{i=1}^N \iint_{A_{loop}} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{N}{L} \iiint_{V_{coil}} B_z dV$

c) numerically with a volume integral of magnetic energy density $w = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 H^2$

As the fields become small far from the coil, you can limit the integral to a small space around the coil.

$$W = \frac{1}{2} L I^2 = \iiint_0^\infty w dV$$

d) numerically with a surface integral over the windings of the magnetic energy density from current density \mathbf{j} and vector potential \mathbf{A} .

$$w = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

$$L = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 A}{l}.$$

e) Vary the length of the coil and compare the analytical solution from a) with this approximate solution from GE1 for long coils

$$L = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 A}{\alpha l + \beta r}$$

f) The analytical solution from a) is bulky, the approximation from d) is inaccurate for short coils. Determine the parameters α and β of an empirical approximation so that the error becomes minimal for $l/r > 0.5$.

Compare the result from a), e) and f) graphically

