

1. **Capacitance problem:** Consider an air-filled parallel plate capacitor with capacitance $C = \frac{1}{36\pi}$ nF (n=nano= 10^{-9}).

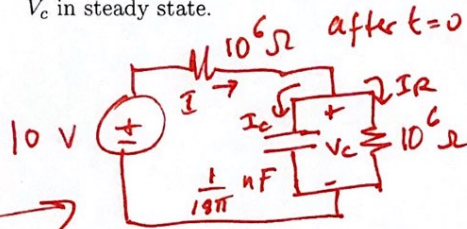
a) (5 pts) What would be C if the filling of the capacitor were altered by some dielectric with permittivity $\epsilon = 2\epsilon_0$?

$$C \propto \epsilon \Rightarrow C_{\text{new}} = 2C_{\text{old}} = 2 \times \frac{1}{36\pi} \text{ nF} = \frac{1}{18\pi} \text{ nF}$$

b) (5 pts) What would be conductance of the same capacitor if the conductivity of the dielectric were $\sigma = 10^{-6}$ S/m?

$$\frac{G}{C} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \epsilon_0} = \frac{10^{-6}}{18\pi} \Rightarrow G = 10^{-6} \text{ S} \quad \Rightarrow \quad R = \frac{1}{G} = 10^6 \Omega$$

c) (6 pts) If the physical capacitor with the C and G given in (a) and (b) were connected across a 10 V DC source with an internal resistance of $R_s = 10^6 \Omega$, what would be the capacitor voltage V_c in steady state.



In steady state $I_c = 0$, $I = I_R$ and by voltage division

$$V_c = 10 \text{ V} \frac{10^6}{10^6 + 10^6} = 5 \text{ V}$$

d) (3 pts) Given V_c from part (c), what additional information about the capacitor would you need in order to calculate the steady state electric field of the capacitor between its plates?

$$|\vec{E}| = \frac{V_c}{d} \quad \leftarrow \text{We need plate separation to obtain } \vec{E} \text{ from } V_c.$$

e) (3 pts) Given V_c from part (c), what would be the steady state charge Q stored on one of the capacitor plates?

$$Q = C V_c = \frac{10^{-9}}{18\pi} \times 5 \text{ Coul.}$$

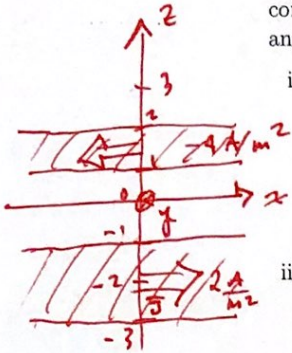
f) (3 pts) If 10 V source in (c) were disconnected from the capacitor at time $t = 0$, at what later time t_1 would $V_c(t_1) = V_c(0)e^{-1}$? Hint: what is the decay time constant of the physical capacitor described above?

With 10V source disconnected, capacitor will discharge across its shunt resistor with time constant

$$\tau = RC = (10^6 \Omega) \left(\frac{10^{-9}}{18\pi} \text{ F} \right) = \frac{1}{18\pi} \times 10^{-3} \text{ s} = \frac{1}{18\pi} \text{ ms}$$

2. Two parts of this question are independent:

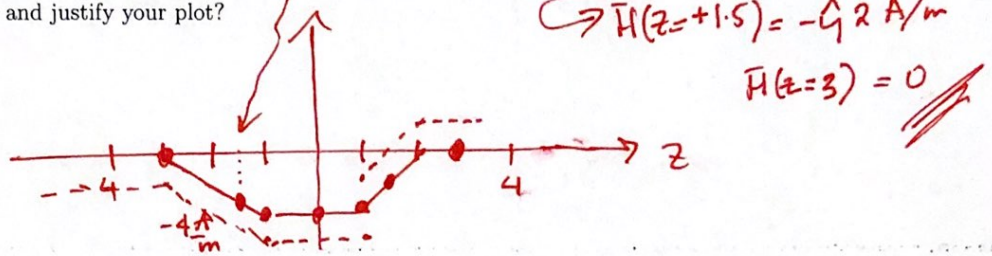
a) We have two infinite slabs of finite widths in the z -direction with \hat{x} -directed current flows with constant volumetric current densities of $\mathbf{J}_i = J_{ix}\hat{x}$. Slab 1 occupies the region $-3 < z < -1$ m and has $J_{1x} = 2$ A/m² while Slab 2 occupies the region $1 < z < 2$ m and has a $J_{2x} = -4$ A/m².



i. (5 pts) What is the magnetic field intensity vector \mathbf{H} on the z -axis at $z = -3, -1.5, 0, 1.5, 3$ m due these current slabs?

$\mathbf{H}(z=-3) = 0$ because no "net current" above (or below) $z = -3$.
 $\mathbf{H}(z=-1) = -\hat{y} 4 \frac{A}{m}$
 $\mathbf{H}(z=-1.5) = -\hat{y} 3 \frac{A}{m}$
 $\mathbf{H}(z=0) = \hat{y} 1 \frac{A}{m}$

ii. (5 pts) Plot $H_y(z)$ as a function of z for $-3 < z < 3$ m — consistent with answers to part (i) — and justify your plot?



iii. (5 pts) Re-plot $H_y(z)$ if an additional surface current sheet with $-4\hat{x}$ A/m current density is placed on $z = 1$ m surface?

Add $\hat{y} 2 \frac{A}{m}$ of \mathbf{H} for $z > 1$ and subtract $\hat{y} 2 \frac{A}{m}$ for $z < 0$.
 See dashed lines above including these changes

b) Consider magnetic vector potential $\mathbf{A}(x, y, z) = -\hat{y}|x-1|$ Wb/m in a free space region containing possible current sheets.

i. (3 pts) Explain why $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$.

$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} = 0$

ii. (4 pts) Determine $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$. Hint: consider $x > 1$ and $x < 1$ cases separately to handle $|x-1|$ in simple terms.

$x > 1 \Rightarrow |x-1| = x-1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 0 & -(x-1) & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x-1) = \hat{z}$ for $x > 1$ m
 $x < 1 \Rightarrow |x-1| = 1-x \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} = \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (1-x) = -\hat{z}$ for $x < 1$ m in Wb/m²

iii. (3 pts) What would be $\mathbf{J}(x, y, z)$ that would produce \mathbf{B} of (ii)?

$\mathbf{B} = -\text{sgn}(x-1)\hat{z}$ Wb/m²
 $\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H} = \mp \hat{z} \frac{\mu_0}{m^2}$
 $\mathbf{H} = \mp \frac{1}{\mu_0} \hat{z} \frac{A}{m}$
 $\mathbf{J} = \frac{2}{\mu_0} \delta(x-1) \hat{y} \frac{A}{m^2}$
 By inspection, a surface current at $x=1$

3. Two parts of this question are independent:

- a) Given a loop of wire with radius a_1 on the xy -plane and current I in counterclockwise direction when viewed from the top, the magnetic field evaluated on the z -axis is given as

$$B = \hat{z} \frac{\mu_0 I a_1^2}{2z^3} \rightarrow B_z \Big|_{z=100\text{m}} = \frac{\mu_0 I a_1^2}{2z^3} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 100^3} = 10^{-6}$$

for $z \gg a_1$. Let $a_1 = 1$ m, $I = 2/\mu_0$, and use this magnetic field vector to answer the following questions for a small loop with radius $a_2 = 1$ cm, encircling the z -axis, and moving upwards with velocity $dz/dt = 1$ m/s in the vicinity of $z = 100$ m.

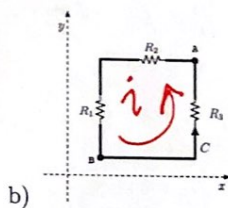
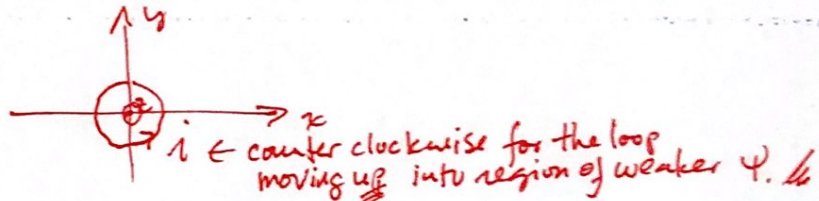
- i. (4 pts) Estimate the magnetic flux Ψ linked to the small loop when its height $z = 100$ m.
Hint: the product of B_z at $z = 100$ m and the area of the small loop would be a good estimate.

$$\Psi(z=100\text{m}) = B_z \pi a_2^2 = 10^{-6} \times \pi \times (10^{-2})^2 = \pi \times 10^{-10} \text{ Wb}$$

- ii. (4 pts) Estimate the emf $-\frac{d\Psi}{dt}$ of the small loop when it is at $z = 100$ m height?

$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\Psi}{dt} = -\pi \times 10^{-10} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{z^3} = -\pi \times 10^{-10} \frac{(-3)}{z^4} \frac{dz}{dt} = 3\pi \times 10^{-10} \times 10^{-8} = 3\pi \times 10^{-12} \text{ V}$$

- iii. (4 pts) Make a sketch showing (unambiguously) the flow direction of the (positive) current around the small loop when it is moving upwards at $z = 100$ m height? Explain your reasoning.



Consider the circuit depicted on the left. Resistors $R_1 = 3\Omega$, $R_2 = 2\Omega$, and $R_3 = 1\Omega$ constitute a square loop of 1 m^2 physical area in a region where there is a uniform magnetic field $\mathbf{B} = B_0 \hat{z}$. It is known that $dB_0/dt = -6$ T/s. Answer the following questions:

- i. (3 pts) What is the emf \mathcal{E} in the circuit in the circulation direction C indicated on the diagram.

$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\Psi}{dt} = -\frac{d}{dt} [1 \text{ m}^2 \times B_0] = -\frac{dB_0}{dt} = +6 \text{ V}$$

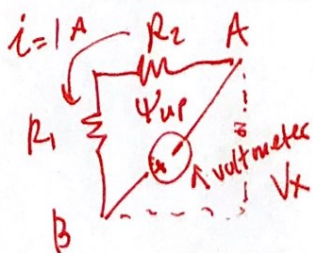
- ii. (3 pts) What is the loop current I induced in the circuit in the circulation direction C indicated on the diagram.

$$i = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{6 \text{ V}}{6 \Omega} = 1 \text{ A}$$

- iii. (3 pts) What is the voltage drop across resistor $R_3 = 1\Omega$ in the direction of the current flow?

$$V_3 = i R_3 = (1 \text{ A})(1 \Omega) = 1 \text{ V}$$

- iv. (4 pts) If a voltmeter is connected diagonally between points A and B with the (+) lead contacting point B (and in effect splitting the square loop into a pair of equal area triangles) what will be the voltmeter reading?



$$V_x + i R_2 + i R_1 = -\frac{d\Psi_{\text{up}}}{dt} = 3 \text{ V}$$

$$V_x + 2 \text{ V} + 3 \text{ V} = 3 \text{ V}$$

$$V_x = -2 \text{ V}$$