

1 January 2002, Electromagnetism, Problem 2

1.1 (a)

You have to solve Laplace's equation with azimuthal symmetry and no z-dependence:

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho \frac{\partial V}{\partial \rho} \right) = 0$$

Using boundary conditions leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_{in} &= -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0\rho} \hat{\rho} \\ \mathbf{E}_{out} &= \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

By Faraday's law:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi a E_{ind} &= -\pi a^2 \frac{\partial B_{ex}}{\partial t} \\ \mathbf{E}_{ind} &= -\frac{a}{2} \frac{\partial B_{ex}}{\partial t} \hat{\phi} \\ \mathbf{F}_{ind} &= -\lambda l \frac{a}{2} \frac{\partial B_{ex}}{\partial t} \hat{\phi} \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}_{ind} &= -\lambda l \frac{a^2}{2} \frac{\partial B_{ex}}{\partial t} \hat{\phi} = I l \boldsymbol{\omega} \\ I \boldsymbol{\omega} &= -\lambda \frac{a^2}{2} (B_f - B_{ex}) \\ B_f &= \mu_0 K = \mu_0 \sigma v = \mu_0 \frac{\lambda}{2\pi a} a \omega = \frac{\mu_0 \lambda \omega}{2\pi} \\ \Delta B &= \frac{\mu_0 \lambda \omega}{2\pi} - B_{ex} \\ \omega &= -\lambda \frac{a^2}{2I} \left(\frac{\mu_0 \lambda \omega}{2\pi} - B_{ex} \right) \\ \omega &= \frac{\lambda a^2 B_{ex}}{2 \left(I + \frac{\lambda^2 a^2 \mu_0^2}{4\pi} \right)} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Anatoly Dimarsky obtained a slightly different solution, with aT in the numerator instead of a^2 . But I don't think it's right, because there is no way that I can obtain a T from anywhere.