

[lex112] Planar surface current abruptly established

A surface current with current density,  $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}, t) = K_0 \theta(t) \delta(z) \hat{\mathbf{i}}$ , in the  $xy$ -plane and moving in  $x$ -direction is abruptly established to the constant value  $K_0$  at time  $t = 0$ . No charge density is involved:  $\rho \equiv 0$ .

(b) Start from the expression,

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \frac{\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}', t - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|/c)}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|},$$

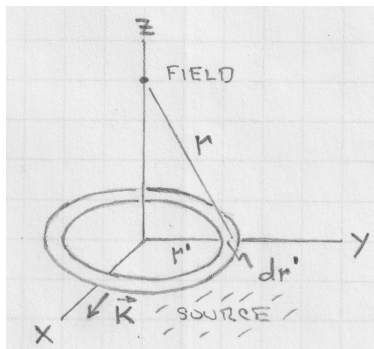
developed in [ln19] for the vector potential, to calculate  $\mathbf{A}(z, t)$  explicitly for the situation at hand.

(b) Infer expressions for the magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}(z, t)$  and the electric field  $\mathbf{E}(z, t)$ . Calculate the Poynting vector  $\mathbf{S}(z, t)$ . Which of the three vectors change direction between  $z > 0$  and  $z < 0$ .

(c) Show that the fields  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  (at  $z > 0$ ) satisfy Faraday's law and Ampère's law.

(d) Explain why radiation near the source persists for all  $t > 0$  even though charge acceleration happens only at  $t = 0$ .

Hint: Use polar coordinates as shown to carry out the integral.



**Solution:**