[lex66] Current-carrying magnetic slab

A slab of conducting and magnetic material of infinite lateral extensions (in x and y directions) and width 2a is centered at the xy-plane as shown in cross section. The magnetic suceptibility is $\chi_{\rm m}$ and the density of free current is

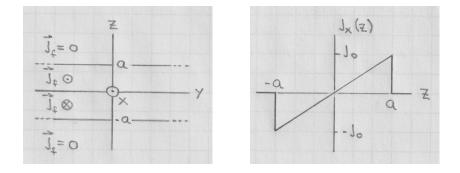
$$\mathbf{J}_{\mathrm{f}} = J_0 \frac{z}{a} \, \hat{\mathbf{i}} \quad : \ |z| \le a.$$

(a) Use the magnetostatic relations $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0$ and $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_{f}$ for the magnetic field plus simplifications due to symmetry to determine the nine partial derivatives of H_x, H_y, H_z with respect to x, y, z.

(b) Establish a chain of sound reasoning which concludes that **H** vanishes identically at |z| > a.

(c) Determine **H** at |z| < a via integration of the result from part (a).

(d) Determine the bound bulk current density \mathbf{J}_{b} inside the slab and the bound surface current density \mathbf{K}_{b} at $z = \pm a$.



Solution: