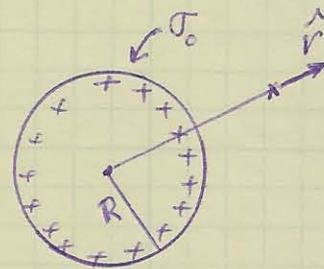


1) a) Total charge  $Q = 4\pi R^2 \sigma_0$

Symmetry dictates that the field  $\vec{E}$  be radial (i.e., aligned with  $\hat{r}$ ), and also have the same magnitude on a sphere of radius  $r$ .



$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = Q/\epsilon_0 \Rightarrow 4\pi r^2 E_r(r) = \begin{cases} 4\pi R^2 \sigma_0 / \epsilon_0 & \text{if } r > R \\ 0 & \text{if } r < R \end{cases}$$

Surface of sphere of radius  $r$

$$\text{Thus } \vec{E}(r) = E_r(r) \hat{r} = \begin{cases} R^2 \sigma_0 / (\epsilon_0 r^2) & r > R \\ 0 & r < R \end{cases}$$

b) E-field's total energy =  $\int \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 |\vec{E}|^2 dv = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \int_{r=R}^{\infty} 4\pi r^2 \left(\frac{R^2 \sigma_0}{\epsilon_0 r^2}\right)^2 dr$

$$= \frac{2\pi R^4 \sigma_0^2}{\epsilon_0} \int_{r=R}^{\infty} \frac{dr}{r^2} = \frac{2\pi R^3 \sigma_0^2}{\epsilon_0}$$

c) The effective  $\vec{E}$ -field acting on the surface charges is the average of the  $\vec{E}$ -field just below and just above the sphere's surface. Thus  $\vec{E}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_0}{\epsilon_0} \hat{r}$ . The force acting on the surface charges is  $\vec{F} = \sigma_0 \vec{E}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\epsilon_0} \hat{r}$  per unit area. When the shell radius shrinks from  $R$  to  $R - \Delta R$ , work must be done against this force, which is trying to expand the shell.

$$\text{Total work} = 4\pi R^2 \sigma_0 \vec{E}_{\text{eff}} \cdot (\Delta R \hat{r}) = \frac{2\pi R^2 \sigma_0^2 \Delta R}{\epsilon_0}$$

d) We express the field's energy and the work done to shrink the shell in terms of the total charge  $Q$  of the spherical shell, because  $Q$  is independent of the radius  $R$ , whereas  $\sigma_0$  will vary if  $R$  is changed. Thus: Total field energy =  $\frac{Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R}$ , Total work =  $\frac{Q^2 \Delta R}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$

$$\frac{d}{dR} (\text{Total field energy}) = \frac{d}{dR} \left( \frac{Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R} \right) = -\frac{Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Delta (\text{Total field energy}) \approx \frac{Q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 R^2} \Delta R \quad \checkmark$$

$$2) a) I(t) = C_1 \frac{dV_1(t)}{dt} \quad t > 0^+$$

$$V_0 = RI(t) + V_1(t) = RC_1 \frac{dV_1(t)}{dt} + V_1(t) \Rightarrow V_1(t) = V_0 + [V_1(t=0^+) - V_0] e^{-t/RC_1}$$

Note that the coefficients in the above expression for  $V_1(t)$  are chosen such that at  $t=0^+$  the capacitor's voltage is  $V_1(t=0^+)$ , while at  $t=\infty$  the capacitor's voltage is  $V_0$ , that is, the battery's voltage.

$$I(t) = C_1 \frac{dV_1(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{R} [V_0 - V_1(t=0^+)] e^{-t/RC_1} = \frac{1}{R} (V_0 - \frac{C_0}{C_1} V_0) e^{-t/RC_1} \Rightarrow$$

$$I(t) = \frac{C_1 - C_0}{RC_1} V_0 e^{-t/RC_1}$$

$$b) \text{ Energy delivered to the circuit by battery} = \int_{t=0}^{\infty} V_0 I(t) dt = \frac{C_1 - C_0}{RC_1} V_0^2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t/RC_1} dt = (C_1 - C_0) V_0^2$$

$$c) \text{ Energy consumed in resistor} = \int_0^{\infty} RI^2(t) dt = \frac{(C_1 - C_0)^2}{RC_1^2} V_0^2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2t/RC_1} dt = \frac{(C_1 - C_0)^2}{2C_1} V_0^2$$

d) At  $t=0$ , the  $\vec{E}$ -field acting on each plate of the capacitor is  $\frac{1}{2}E_0$ , and the charge on each plate is  $Q_0$ ; therefore, the effective force on each plate is  $\frac{1}{2}Q_0E_0$ , trying to pull the plates together. This force does mechanical work on the outside world when the distance between the

plates is reduced from  $d_0$  to  $d_1$ . The amount of this mechanical work is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mechanical work on the outside world} &= \frac{1}{2} Q_0 E_0 (d_0 - d_1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (C_0 V_0) (V_0 / d_0) (d_0 - d_1) = \frac{1}{2} C_0 V_0^2 \left(1 - \frac{d_1}{d_0}\right) = \frac{1}{2} C_0 V_0^2 \left(1 - \frac{C_0}{C_1}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{C_0}{C_1}\right) (C_1 - C_0) V_0^2 \end{aligned}$$

e) Energy delivered to capacitor by battery = energy delivered to the entire circuit - Energy consumed by the resistor =

$$(C_1 - C_0) V_0^2 - \frac{(C_1 - C_0)^2 V_0^2}{2 C_1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{C_0}{C_1}\right) (C_1 - C_0) V_0^2$$

(The same result may be obtained by computing  $\int_0^{\infty} V_1(t) I(t) dt$  directly.)

(Energy delivered to capacitor by battery) - (Mechanical work done by capacitor on the outside world) =  $\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{C_0}{C_1}\right) (C_1 - C_0) V_0^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{C_0}{C_1}\right) (C_1 - C_0) V_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} (C_1 - C_0) V_0^2$ .

This is equal to the change in the stored energy within the capacitor, namely,  $W_1 - W_0 = \frac{1}{2} C_1 V_0^2 - \frac{1}{2} C_0 V_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} (C_1 - C_0) V_0^2$ . ✓

3) a) Consider a rectangular loop

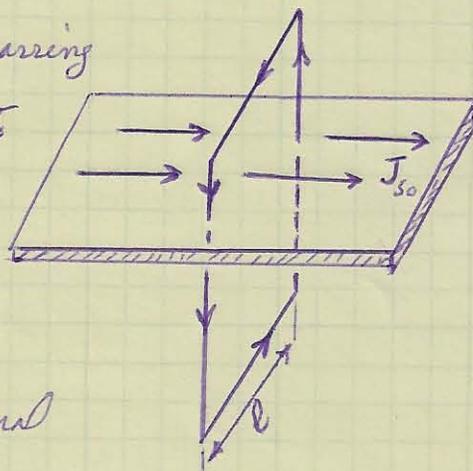
perpendicular to the current-carrying

sheet and also perpendicular to the direction of current density  $\vec{J}_s$ .

From symmetry,  $\vec{H}$  must be parallel to the current-carrying sheet and

perpendicular to  $\vec{J}_s$ . Using the integral

form of Ampère's law,  $\oint \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I$  over the rectangular loop, we find the contributions of the vertical legs to be zero, while the horizontal legs at the top and bottom contribute equally to the loop integral; therefore,



$$H_x(x, y, z > 0) \ell - H_x(x, y, z < 0) \ell = J_{s0} \ell \Rightarrow \vec{H}(\vec{r}) = \pm \frac{1}{2} J_{s0} \hat{x}$$

↑  
above the sheet
↑  
Below the sheet

↑  
+ sign when  $\vec{r}$  is above the sheet  
- sign when  $\vec{r}$  is below the sheet

b) From symmetry  $\vec{A}(\vec{r})$  cannot have any dependence on  $x$  or  $y$ . Moreover, it must be directed along the  $y$ -axis, because  $\vec{J}$  everywhere is along  $\hat{y}$ . Thus  $\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = A_y(z) \hat{y}$ . Consequently:

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{H} \Rightarrow -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} A_y(z) \hat{x} = \mu_0 H_x(\vec{r}) \hat{x} \Rightarrow A_y(z) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 J_{s0} z & z > 0 \\ +\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 J_{s0} z & z < 0 \end{cases}$$

In compact form:  $\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 |z| J_{s0} \hat{y}$  ← Note:  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{J}$  are in opposite directions because the integration constant has been ignored.

c) The magnetic field is the sum of the fields produced by the two current-carrying sheets. Therefore,  $\vec{H}(\vec{r}) = \begin{cases} -J_{s0} \hat{x} & \leftarrow \text{Between the sheets} \\ 0 & \leftarrow \text{outside} \end{cases}$

d) Change in the stored magnetic field energy =  $\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 |\vec{H}|^2 \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{sheet area}}}{a(d_1 - d_0)} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 J_{s0}^2 a(d_1 - d_0)$

Work done by the upper plate on the outside world =  $(\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 J_{s0})(J_{s0}) a(d_1 - d_0)$

↑  
 $\vec{B}$ -field of lower plate on the upper plate
←  
current density of upper plate

The total energy provided by the batteries must be the sum of the above energies, namely,  $\mu_0 J_{s0}^2 a(d_1 - d_0)$ .

The  $\vec{E}$ -field acting on the electrons in the upper sheet, when the sheet moves up at a velocity  $v(t)$ , is  $\vec{v}(t) \times \vec{B} = -\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 J_{s0} v(t) \hat{y}$ . This field, when integrated along the  $y$ -axis, yields the required voltage  $V_1(t)$  to maintain the current in the upper sheet.

The energy supplied by the upper battery is thus  $\int_0^T V_1(t) I(t) dt = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 J_{s0}^2 a \int_0^T v(t) dt = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 J_{s0}^2 a(d_1 - d_0)$ . Here  $T$  is the time it takes for the distance between the plates to

go from  $d_0$  to  $d_1$ . As for the lower plate, it does not move and the  $\vec{B}$ -field acting on it does not change either. However,  $\vec{E} = -\partial \vec{A} / \partial t$ , generated by the movement of the upper plate, causes an identical voltage,  $V_2(t) = V_1(t)$ , in the lower plate. The energy supplied by  $V_2(t)$  is thus  $\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 J_{s0}^2 a(d_1 - d_0)$ .