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Homework Quiz #1 Version D

1. A circular loop with area,  $A$ , lies in the  $xy$ -plane. As viewed along the  $z$ -axis looking in the  $-z$  direction toward the origin, a current  $I$  is circulating counter-clockwise around the loop. The torque produced by an external magnetic field,  $\vec{B}$ , is given by  $\vec{\tau} = D(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j})$  where  $D$  is a positive constant. For this orientation of the loop, the value of its magnetic potential energy,  $-\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$ , is negative. The magnitude of the magnetic field is  $B_0 = 3D/IA$ .

a) [25 pts] What is the magnetic moment of the current loop? (Hint: the answer is a vector.)

$\vec{\mu} = I\vec{A}$

$$\vec{\tau} = \langle 2D, -2D, 0 \rangle \quad \vec{\mu} = \langle 0, 0, IA \rangle$$

let  $\vec{B} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$

$$\langle 0 \ 0 \ IA \rangle$$

$$\langle x \ y \ z \rangle$$

$$\langle -yIA, xIA, 0 \rangle = \langle 2D, -2D, 0 \rangle$$

$$2D = -yIA$$

$$y = -\frac{2D}{IA}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-2D}{IA}$$

b-d) [75 pts] Find the components of the magnetic field:  $B_x, B_y, B_z$ . (You can use the reverse side for more space.)

sorry I thought the (a) part was asking for the magnetic field, restate my answers below:

$$\therefore B = \left\langle \frac{-2D}{IA}, \frac{-2D}{IA}, z \right\rangle$$

$$\therefore z = \frac{\sqrt{3^2 - 2^2} D}{IA}$$

$$z = \frac{D}{IA}$$

$$\therefore B = \left\langle \frac{-2D}{IA}, \frac{-2D}{IA}, \frac{D}{IA} \right\rangle$$

(a):  $\vec{\mu} = IA\vec{A} = \langle 0, 0, IA \rangle$  ✓

(b):  $B_x = \frac{-2D}{IA} \quad B_y = \frac{-2D}{IA}$   
 $B_z = \frac{D}{IA}$  ✓

( $B_z$  is positive since  $-\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B} < 0 \Rightarrow -IA \cdot \frac{D}{IA} = -D < 0$ )

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