

# task\_ddjurcpk494go2q1\_with\_calculation

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**Exercise E10 Fields of an coax Cable**  
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2. Plot the graph of the magnitude of the electric field  $E(r)$  with the radius  $r$ . The diagram shows the cross-section of a coaxial cable with an inner conductor of diameter  $d_1 = 0.6 \text{ mm}$  and an outer conductor of diameter  $d_2 = 1.1 \text{ mm}$ . The inner conductor carries a current  $I_1 = 3.3 \text{ mA}$  and the outer conductor carries a current  $I_2 = 10 \text{ nC}$ . The diagram uses the coordinate system  $(r, \phi, z)$  and the unit vectors  $\hat{r}, \hat{\phi}, \hat{z}$ . The diagram is drawn in a coordinate system with the  $z$ -axis pointing upwards and the  $r$ -axis pointing outwards. The inner conductor is a solid circle with radius  $r_1 = 0.3 \text{ mm}$  and the outer conductor is a hollow cylinder with inner radius  $r_2 = 0.55 \text{ mm}$  and outer radius  $r_3 = 0.55 \text{ mm}$ . The diagram is drawn in a coordinate system with the  $z$ -axis pointing upwards and the  $r$ -axis pointing outwards. The inner conductor is a solid circle with radius  $r_1 = 0.3 \text{ mm}$  and the outer conductor is a hollow cylinder with inner radius  $r_2 = 0.55 \text{ mm}$  and outer radius  $r_3 = 0.55 \text{ mm}$ .

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- Inner conductor:  $+3.3 \text{ mA}$ ,  $+10 \text{ nC}$  (current into the plane of the diagram)
- Outer conductor:  $-3.3 \text{ mA}$ ,  $0 \text{ nC}$  (current out of the plane of diagram)

- for  $(0.1 \text{ mm} | 0)$ :  $E_{\text{inner}} = 3.28 \text{ V/m}$
- for  $(0.55 \text{ mm} | 0)$ :  $E_{\text{outer}} = 0.985 \text{ V/m}$

The magnitude of the electric displacement field  $D$  can be calculated by:  $\int D \cdot dA = Q_{\text{enc}}$ .

In general, the  $E$ -field is proportional to  $1/r$  for the situation between both conductors (here for simplicity without the round endings). Here, the position radius of the enclosing area is the surface of a cylindrical shape (here for simplicity without the round endings).

For the  $E$ -field, the surface of the cylinder is  $A = 2\pi r \cdot l$ . This leads to:  $D(r) = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{A} = \frac{I_{\text{enc}}}{2\pi r}$ .

This is proportional to the area within this radius. Therefore, the formula  $H = \frac{I_{\text{enc}}}{2\pi r}$  gets  $H(r) = \frac{I_1}{2\pi r}$  for  $r < r_1$  and  $H(r) = \frac{I_1 - I_2}{2\pi r}$  for  $r_1 < r < r_2$ . This leads to a formula proportional to  $1/r$ .

For  $r$  within the outer conductor one also gets a linear proportionality with a  $r$ -dependence:  $H(r) = \frac{I_1 - I_2}{2\pi r}$  for  $r < r_2$  and  $H(r) = \frac{I_1 - I_2}{2\pi r}$  for  $r > r_2$ .

Hint: For the direction, one has to consider the sign of the enclosed charge. By this, we see that the  $D$ -field is positive. But here, again only the magnitude was questioned!

.. What is the magnitude of the magnetic field strength  $H$  at  $(0.1 \text{ mm} | 0)$  and  $(0.55 \text{ mm} | 0)$ ?

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The magnitude of the magnetic field strength  $H$  can be calculated by:  $H = \frac{I}{2 \pi \cdot r}$

So, we get for  $H_{\text{i}}$  at  $(0.1 \text{ mm} | 0)$ , and  $H_{\text{o}}$  at  $(0.55 \text{ mm} | 0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{i}} &= \frac{I}{2 \pi \cdot r_{\text{i}}} \quad \&= \frac{+3.3 \text{ A}}{2 \pi \cdot \{0.1 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}\}} \quad H_{\text{o}} &= \frac{I}{2 \pi \cdot r_{\text{o}}} \\ & \quad \&= \frac{+3.3 \text{ A}}{2 \pi \cdot \{0.55 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}\}} \end{aligned}$$

Hint: For the direction, one has to consider the right-hand rule. By this, we see that the  $H$ -field on the right side points downwards.

Therefore, the sign of the  $H$ -field is negative.

But here, only the magnitude was questioned!

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