

# task\_ddjurcpk494go2q1\_with\_calculation

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**Exercise E10 Fields of an coax Cable**  
**(written test, approx. 12 % of a 120-minute written test, SS2024)**

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  $I_1 = 3.3 \text{ mA}$  into the page and the outer conductor carries a current  $I_2 = 10 \text{ nA}$  out of the page. The diagram uses a coordinate system with the origin at the center of the inner conductor. The axes are labeled  $x$  and  $y$ . The diagram also shows a dashed circle of radius  $r$  centered at the origin, used for calculating the electric field.

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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  $(0.1 \text{ mm} | 0)$ :  $E_{\text{in}} = 328 \text{ V/m}$
- for  $(0.55 \text{ mm} | 0)$ :  $E_{\text{out}} = 0.985 \text{ V/m}$

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 Gaussian surface is the surface of a cylindrical shape (here for simplicity without the round endings). So, the surface area of the cylinder is  $A = 2\pi r \cdot h$ . This leads to:  $D(x) = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{A} = \frac{I \cdot h}{2\pi r \cdot h} = \frac{I}{2\pi r}$ . This is proportional to the area within this radius. Therefore, the formula  $H = \frac{I}{2\pi r}$  gets  $H(x) = \frac{I_1}{2\pi \cdot 0.1 \text{ mm}}$  and  $H(x) = \frac{I_2}{2\pi \cdot 0.55 \text{ mm}}$ . This leads to a formula proportional to  $x$ .

For  $x$  within the outer conductor one also gets a linear proportionality with a different approach:  $D(x) = \frac{Q_{\text{enc}}}{A} = \frac{I_1 \cdot h - I_2 \cdot h}{2\pi r \cdot h} = \frac{I_1 - I_2}{2\pi r}$ .  $D_{\text{out}} = \frac{I_1 - I_2}{2\pi \cdot 0.55 \text{ mm}}$

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  $r_{\text{i}} = 0.1 \text{ mm}$ , and  $H_{\text{o}}$  at  $r_{\text{o}} = 0.55 \text{ mm}$ :

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

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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