

## Several tasks for postgraduate students

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- 1) An observer holds in hands a magnetometer an electrometer, and an amperemeter. Initially, the magnetometer indicates the magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$ . The electrometer indicates the electric field  $\mathbf{E} = 0$ . The amperemeter indicates the electric current  $\mathbf{j}$ . What will be the indications of the devices after the observer starts moving with the velocity  $\mathbf{v}$ ? Write the Ohm's law.
- 2) A plane wave propagates along a uniform magnetic field with the phase velocity  $v_{ph}$ . The wave electric field is perpendicular to the ambient magnetic field and rotates with the frequency equal to the Larmor frequency of a charged particle. At the initial moment the particle is at rest. Prove that the particle velocity can not exceed  $2 v_{ph}$ .
- 3) Which electric currents provide the frozen-in condition in the case when magnetic field lines envelop a non-conductive body surrounded by cold plasma?
- 4) Describe the behavior of a magnetic field tube filled with hot plasma:
  - a) in a uniform magnetic field with straight field lines;
  - b) in a non-uniform magnetic field with straight field lines;
  - c) in a dipolar magnetic field with closed field lines;
  - d) in the magnetotail lobe with open field lines.The tube is surrounded by vacuum.
- 5) Find plasma pressure distribution along a magnetic field tube, provided the pitch-angle distribution in the point of the minimum magnetic field is isotropic for large pitch-angles ( $\alpha > \alpha_0$ ,  $\alpha < \pi - \alpha_0$ ) and equal to zero for small pitch-angles ( $\alpha < \alpha_0$ ,  $\alpha > \pi - \alpha_0$ ).
- 6) Find the equivalent ionospheric current systems in the following cases:
  - a) a vertical linear current flows into the horizontally uniform ionosphere;
  - b) a vertical linear current flows into the plane ionosphere divided by a straight line into two semi-infinite parts of different uniform conductivities; (first consider the case of zero Hall conductivity, then of non-zero Hall conductivity).
  - c) a three-dimensional current loop consisting of two vertical linear currents closed by a horizontal linear segment;
  - d) a three-dimensional current system consisting of a uniform horizontal current flowing in a circle area (with no currents outside the circle) and vertical currents flowing on the sides of the cylinder based on the circle.
- 7) Describe the electric current system generated when a uniformly conducting disk oriented perpendicular to the magnetic field moves in magnetized plasma across the magnetic field.
- 8) Calculate the reflection coefficient of a hydromagnetic Alfvén wave in the following cases:
  - a) the wave falls onto a sharp boundary of two homogeneous media, the boundary being oriented perpendicularly to the magnetic field;
  - b) the wave falls onto a thin ionosphere with the horizontally uniform height-integrated Pedersen conductivity; the magnetic field being vertical; there is a vacuum below the ionosphere.
- 9) Calculate the contribution of the inner currents into the  $Dst$  index, providing the Earth contains a perfectly conducting layer having a form of a concentric sphere of radius  $r_i$ .
- 10) Of what form must be an electron for there were no electromagnetic wave radiation in its rotation around the atomic nucleus?