

# Week 11 Worksheet

## Magnetostatics!

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**Exercise 1.** The Lorentz force law for a particle of charge  $q$  moving with velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  in a magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$  is given by

$$F_{\text{mag}} = q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}.$$

Find an expression for the work that the magnetic force does on the particle.

**Exercise 2.** Find the magnetic field and vector potential due to a current which flows with constant surface density  $\mathbf{K}$  along the surface of an infinite cylinder of radius  $a$  in the following directions:

- along the axis of the cylinder;
- perpendicular to the axis of the cylinder;
- at an angle  $\alpha$  to the axis of the cylinder.

**Exercise 3. Griffiths 5.13.** Suppose you have two infinite, parallel line charges  $\lambda$  a distance  $d$  apart, which are moving at a constant speed  $v$ . How great would  $v$  have to be for the magnetic attraction to balance the electrical repulsion? Calculate the number, and comment on the result.

*Hint:* The speed of light is

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}.$$