

Magnetic Field of a Rotating Charged Conducting Sphere

2nd version: on-axis and off-axis

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B -field of a rotating charged conducting sphere

Available:

A charged conducting sphere (charge Q , radius R), rotating with ω rad/sec

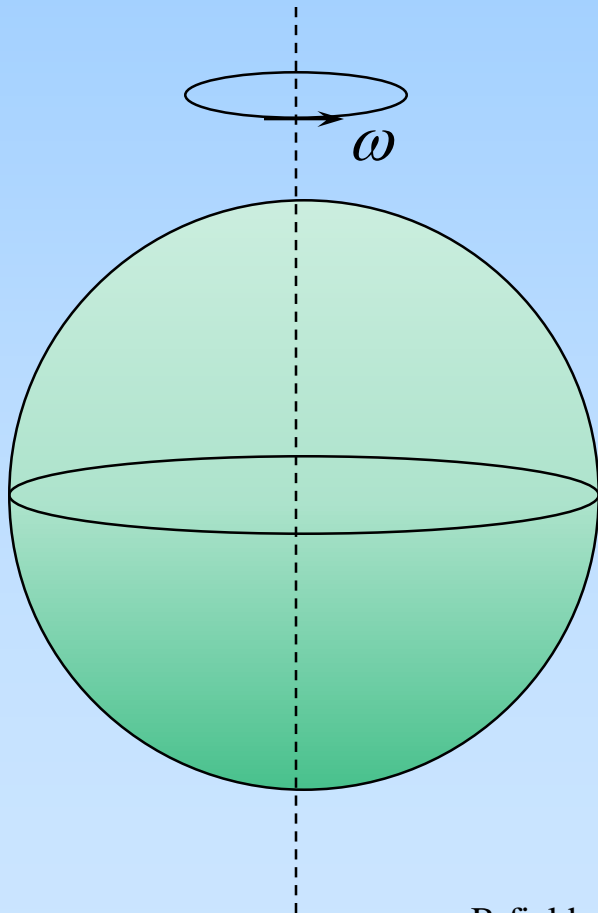
Question:

Calculate B -field in arbitrary points inside and outside the sphere

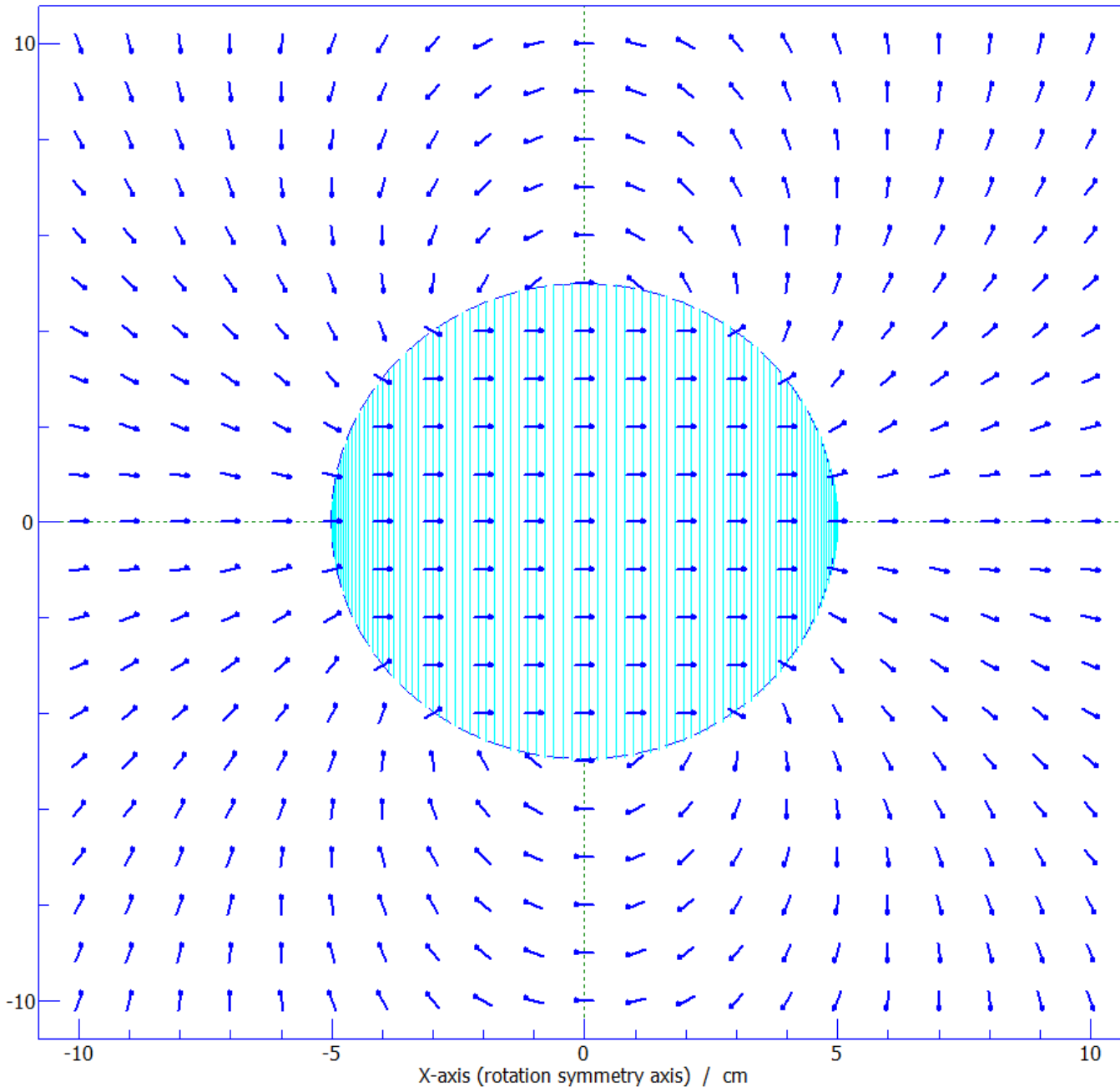
- I. on the axis of rotation
- II. off-axis

Ad. I : analytical approach possible

Ad. II : numerical approach needed



B -FIELD OF A SPHERE OR SPHERE SEGMENT --- XY-plane at Z=0.
Modulus of B, normalised on B in O (= 1.33371E-06 T)

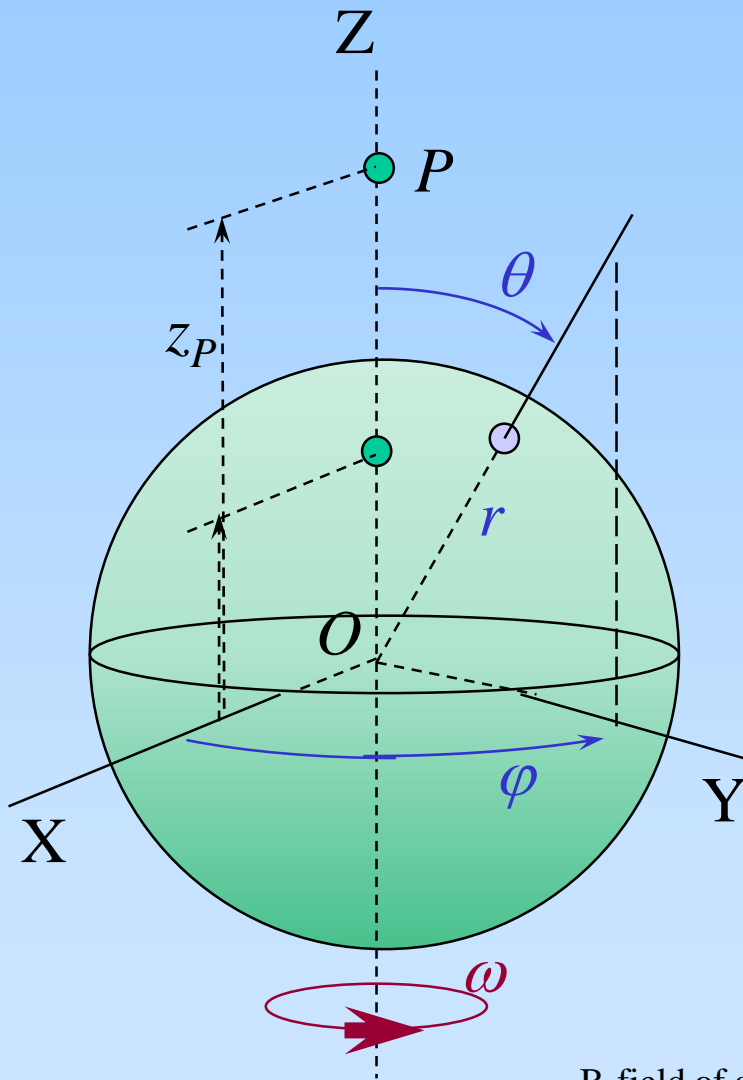


Objective:

B-field:
of a
**charged
conductive
sphere**
rotating
around the
X-axis

Inside the
sphere:
homogeneous
field

Analysis and Symmetry for on-axis (1)



Assume P on Z -axis.

Part I. Calculate \mathbf{B} -field in point P
on the axis of rotation (Z-axis)
inside or outside the sphere

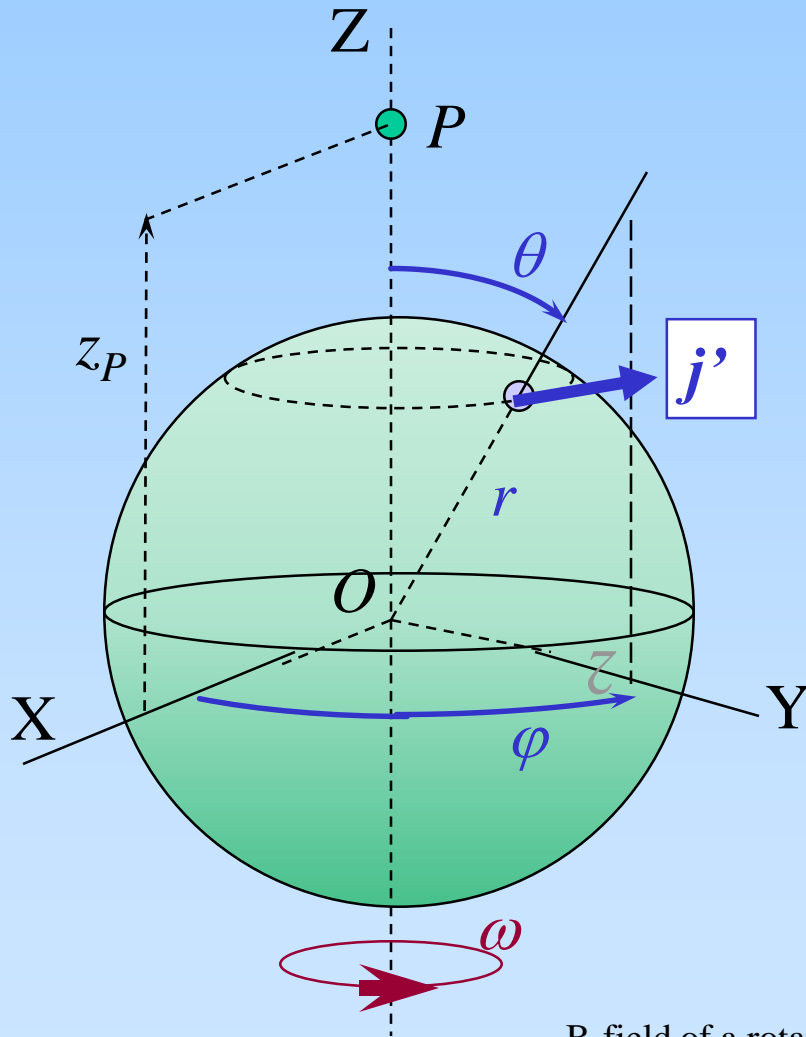
(Part II : points P off-axis)

Coordinate systems:

- X, Y, Z
- r, θ, ϕ

Symmetry: around rotation axis.

Analysis and Symmetry for on-axis (2)



B-field of a rotating charged conducting sphere

Conducting sphere,

all charges at surface:

surface charge density:

$$\sigma = Q/(4\pi R^2) \quad [\text{C/m}^2]$$

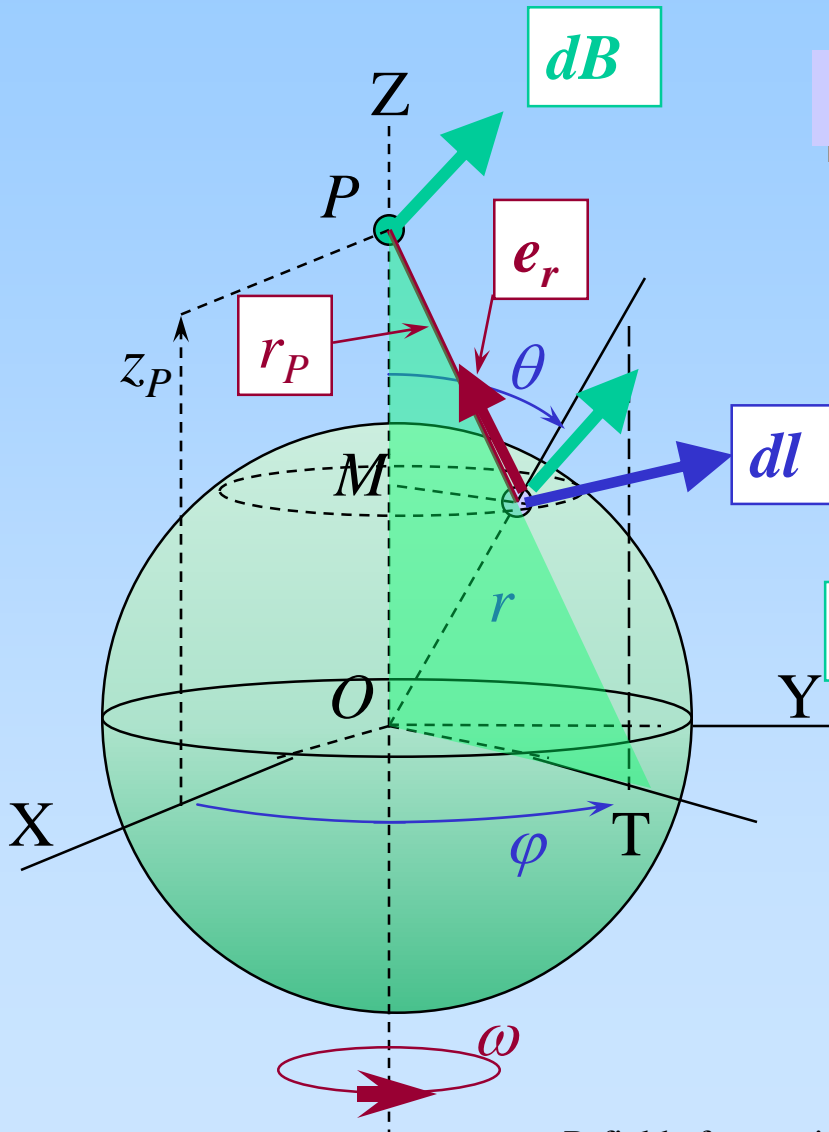
Rotating charges will establish a “surface current”,

directed along surface circles.

Surface current density \mathbf{j}' [A/m]:

will be a function of θ

Analysis and Symmetry for on-axis (3)



Biot & Savart :

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I \cdot d\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{e}_r}{r_P^2}$$

$d\mathbf{B} \perp d\mathbf{l}$ and \mathbf{e}_r .

if $P = \text{on-axis}$: $d\mathbf{l} \perp \mathbf{e}_r$

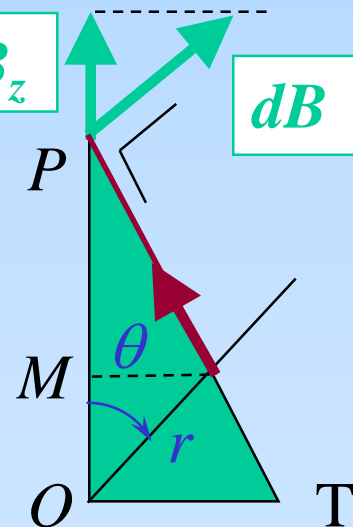
Direction of $d\mathbf{B}$:

Cylindrical symmetry

around Z -axis:

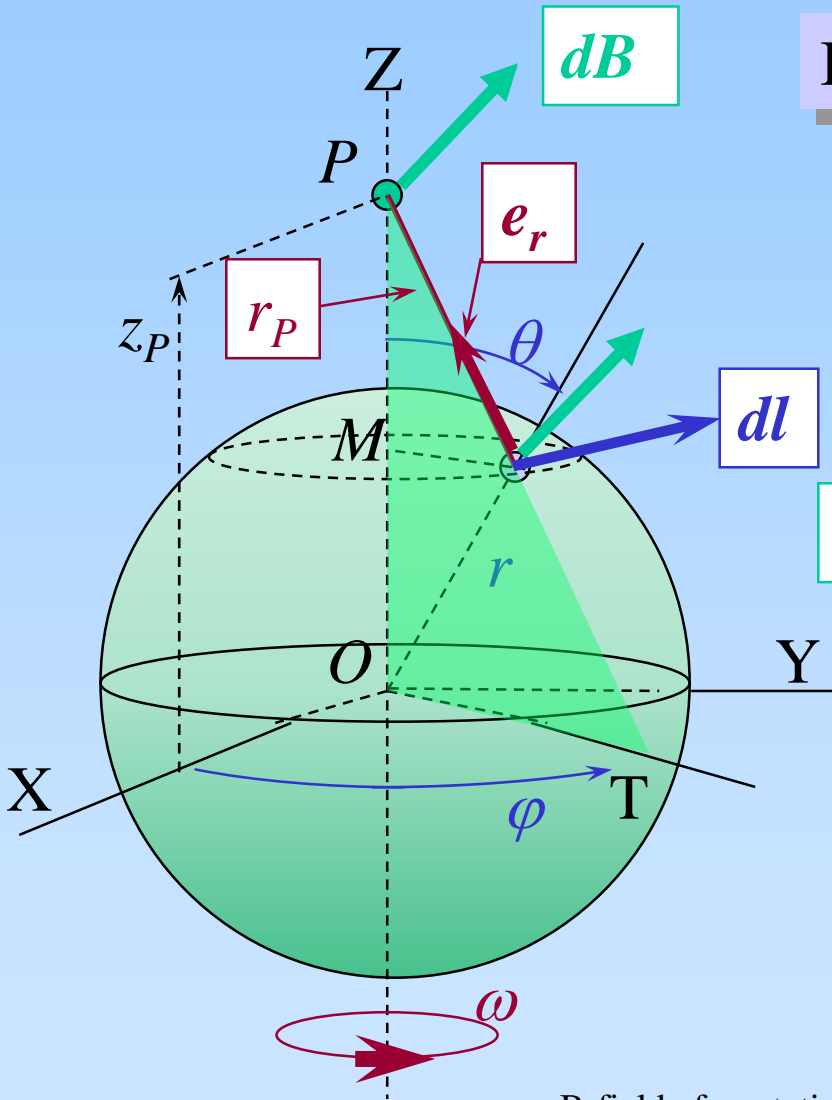
Z -comp. only !!

X - and Y -comp. cancel.



B-field of a rotating charged conducting sphere

Analysis and Symmetry for on-axis (4)



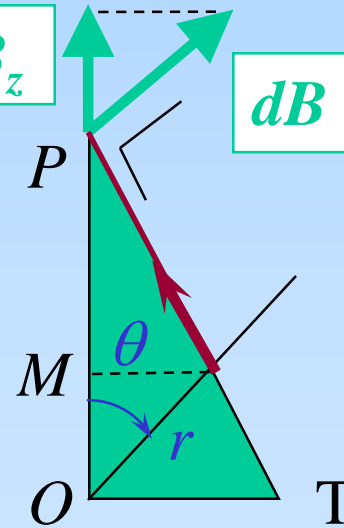
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$d\mathbf{B}$, $d\mathbf{l}$ and \mathbf{e}_r
mutually perpendicular

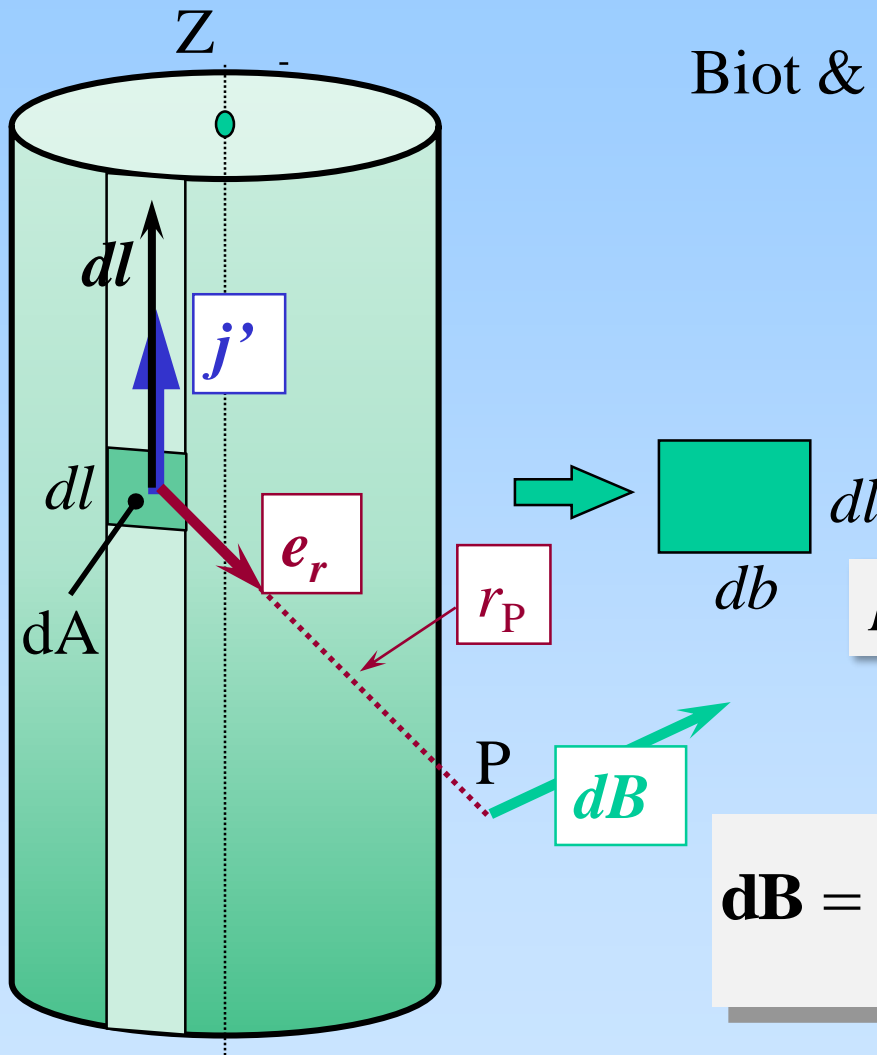
dB_z

$d\mathbf{B}$



Question:
How to relate
 $I \cdot d\mathbf{l}$ (in A.m)
to surface current
density j (in A/m²)

Intermezzo: a surface current



Biot & Savart:

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I \cdot d\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{e}_r}{r_p^2}$$

Current strip at surface:
 j' : current density [A/m]

NB. Density [A/m] =
 current per m width!

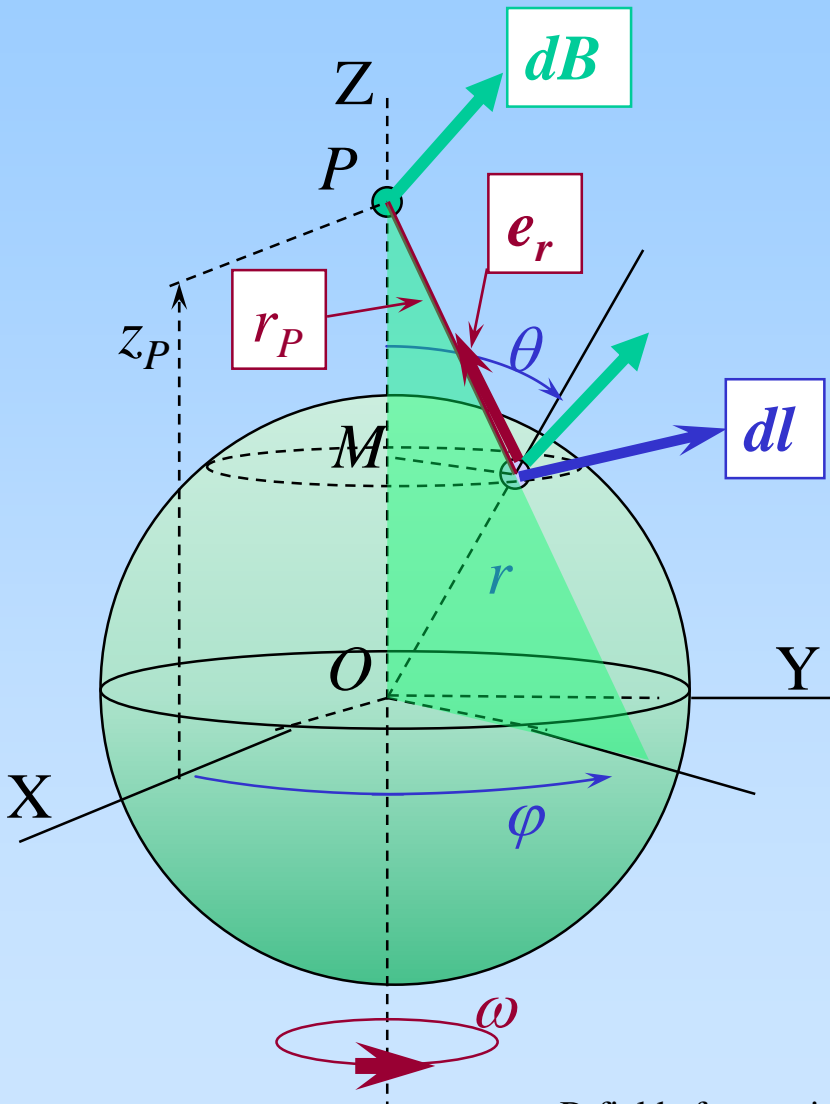
$$I \cdot d\mathbf{l} = j' \cdot db \cdot d\mathbf{l} = j' \cdot db \cdot dl = j' \cdot dA$$

Biot & Savart :

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{j}' db \cdot d\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{e}_r}{r_p^2} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{j}' \times \mathbf{e}_r}{r_p^2} dA$$

$d\mathbf{B} \perp d\mathbf{l}$ and \mathbf{e}_r

Analysis and Symmetry for on-axis (4)



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$d\mathbf{B}$, $d\mathbf{l}$ and \mathbf{e}_r
mutually perpendicular

Needed:

expressions for:

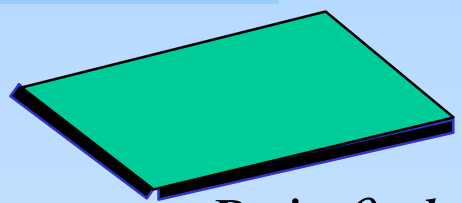
dA , \mathbf{j}' , \mathbf{e}_r , r_P

Conducting sphere: on-axis (1)

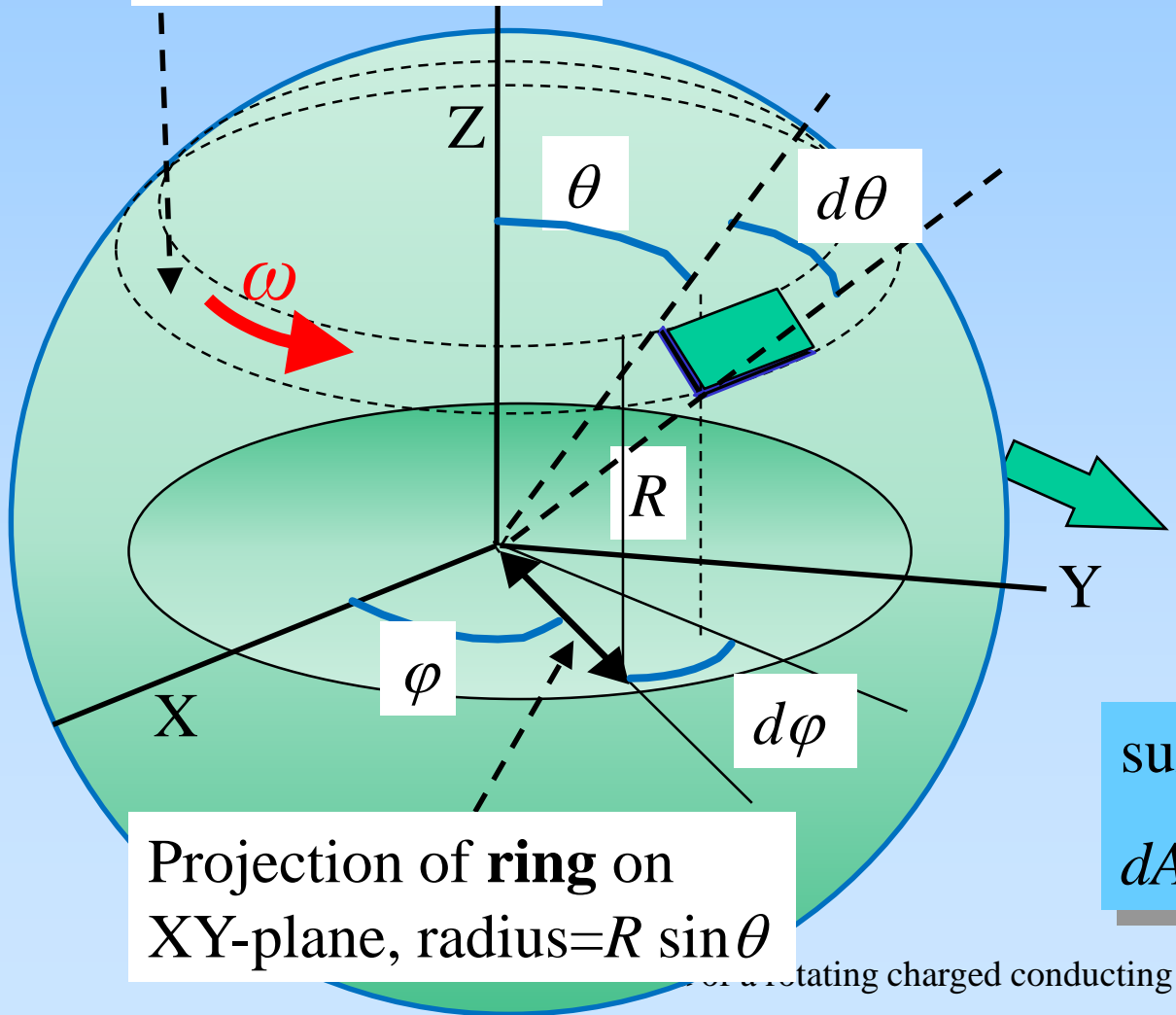
Needed:
expressions for:
 dA , j' , e_r , r_p

Ring on surface
of the sphere.

Conducting sphere,
surface density:
 $\sigma = Q/(4\pi R^2)$

Surface element:

 $R.d\theta$
 $R.\sin\theta.d\phi$

surface element:
 $dA = (R.d\theta).(R.\sin\theta.d\phi)$

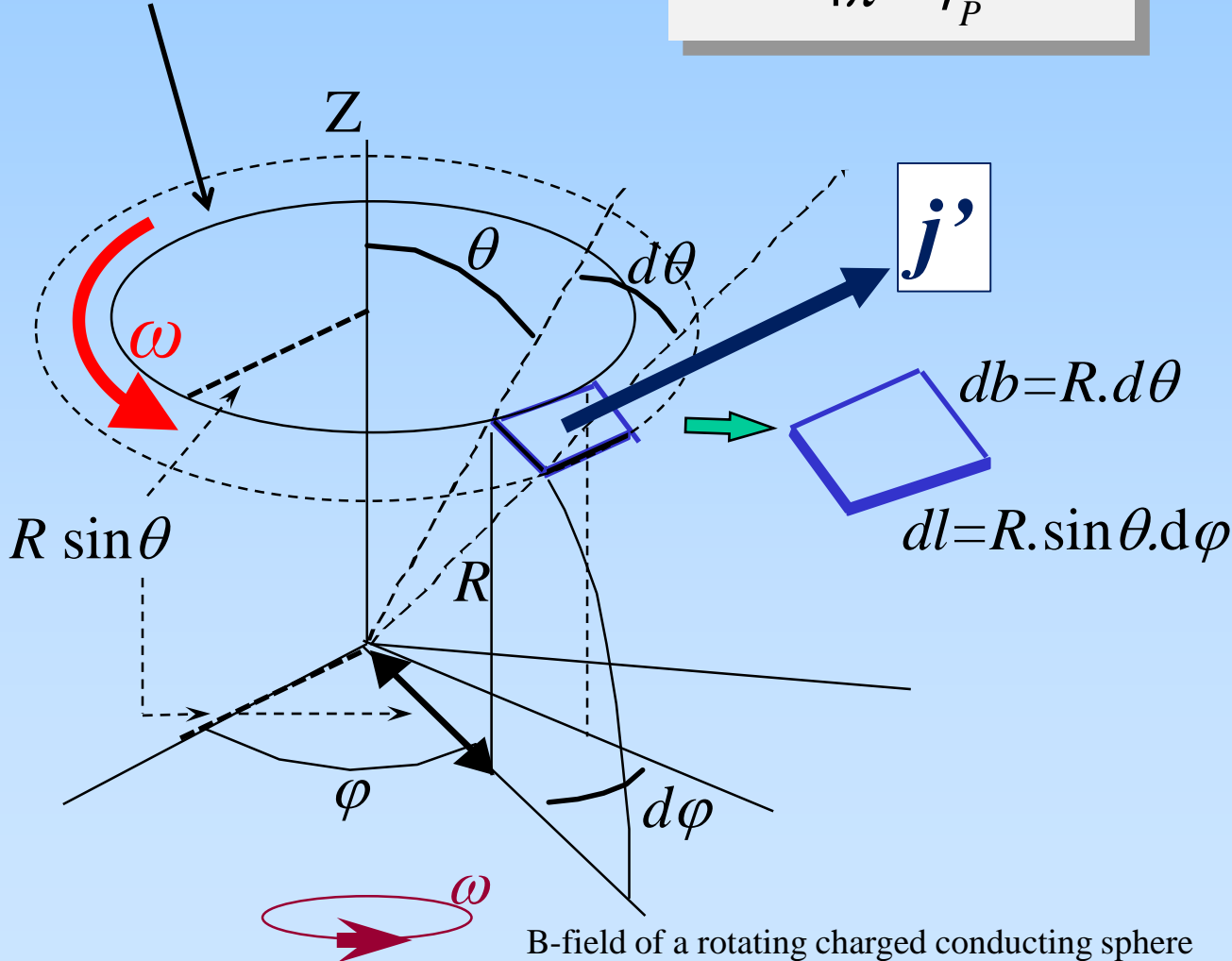


Projection of **ring** on
XY-plane, radius= $R \sin\theta$

Conducting sphere: on-axis (2)

Ring on surface of the sphere.

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{j}' \times \mathbf{e}_r}{r_p^2} dA$$



Needed:
expressions for:

$dA, \mathbf{j}', \mathbf{e}_r, r_p$

with \mathbf{j}' in [A/m]

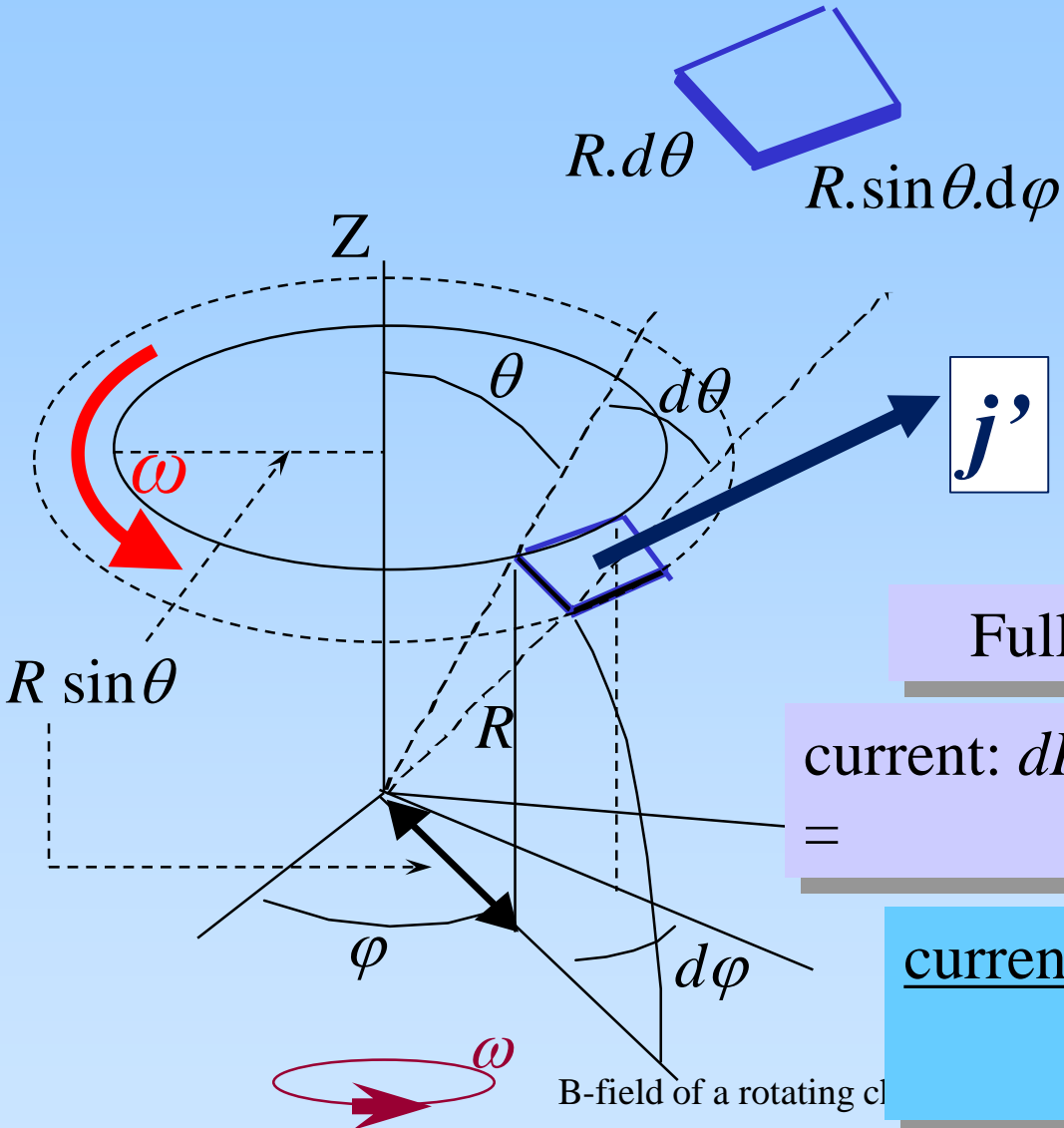
Surface charge
 $\sigma \cdot dA$ on dA will rotate with ω

$$dA = db \cdot dl$$

B-field of a rotating charged conducting sphere

Conducting sphere: on-axis (3)

Needed:
 dA, j', e_r, r_P



Ring on surface: area =
 $2\pi(R \sin \theta) \cdot (R d\theta)$

Charge on ring :
 $\sigma \cdot 2\pi R \sin \theta \cdot R d\theta$

Full rotation over 2π in $2\pi/\omega$ s.

current: $dI = \sigma \cdot 2\pi R \sin \theta \cdot R d\theta / (2\pi/\omega)$
 $= \sigma \omega R \sin \theta \cdot R d\theta$

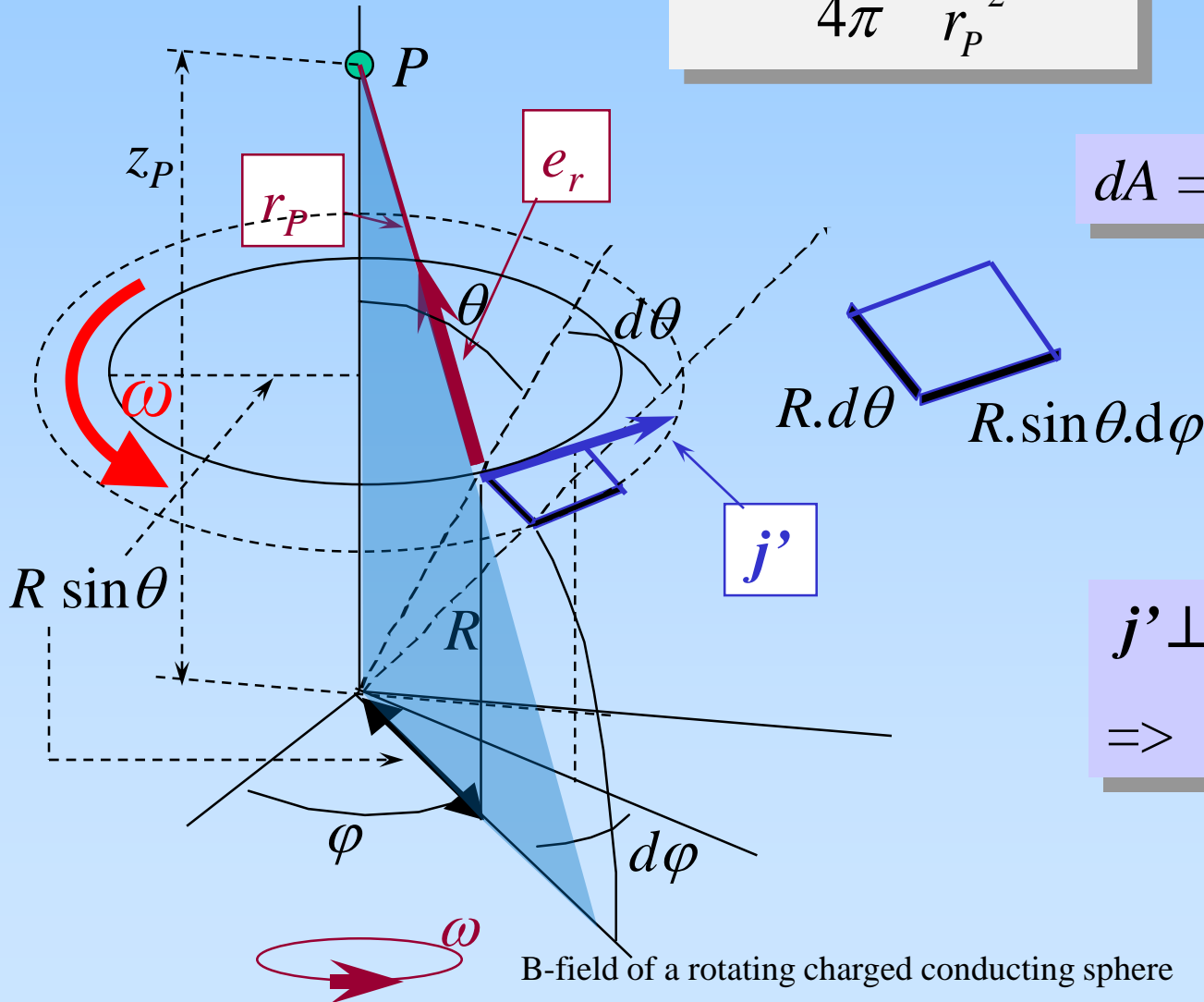
current density: $j' = dI / (R d\theta) =$
 $j' = \sigma \omega R \sin \theta$ [A/m]

Conducting sphere: on-axis (4)

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{j}' \times \mathbf{e}_r}{r_P^2} dA$$

Needed:

$$dA, \mathbf{j}', \mathbf{e}_r, r_P$$



$$dA = R \sin \theta \cdot d\phi \cdot R \cdot d\theta$$

$$\mathbf{j}' = \sigma \omega R \sin \theta$$

$$\mathbf{j}' \perp \mathbf{e}_r:$$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{j}' \times \mathbf{e}_r| = j' \cdot |\mathbf{e}_r| = j'$$

Conducting sphere: on-axis (5)

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{j' \times e_r}{r_P^2} dA$$

Needed:

$$dA, j', e_r, r_P$$

$$j' = \sigma \omega R \sin \theta$$

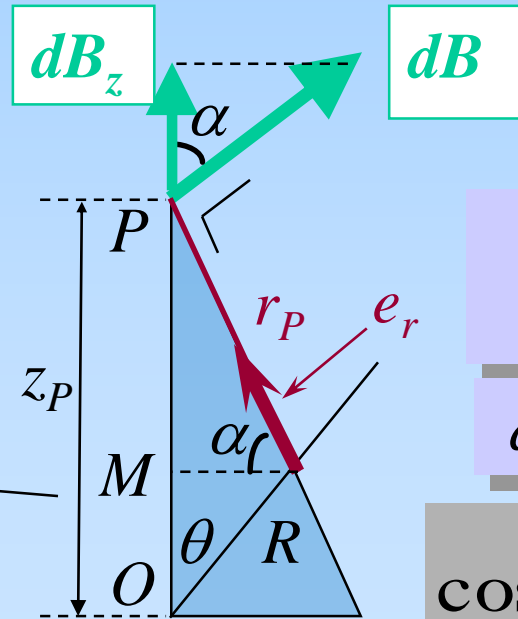
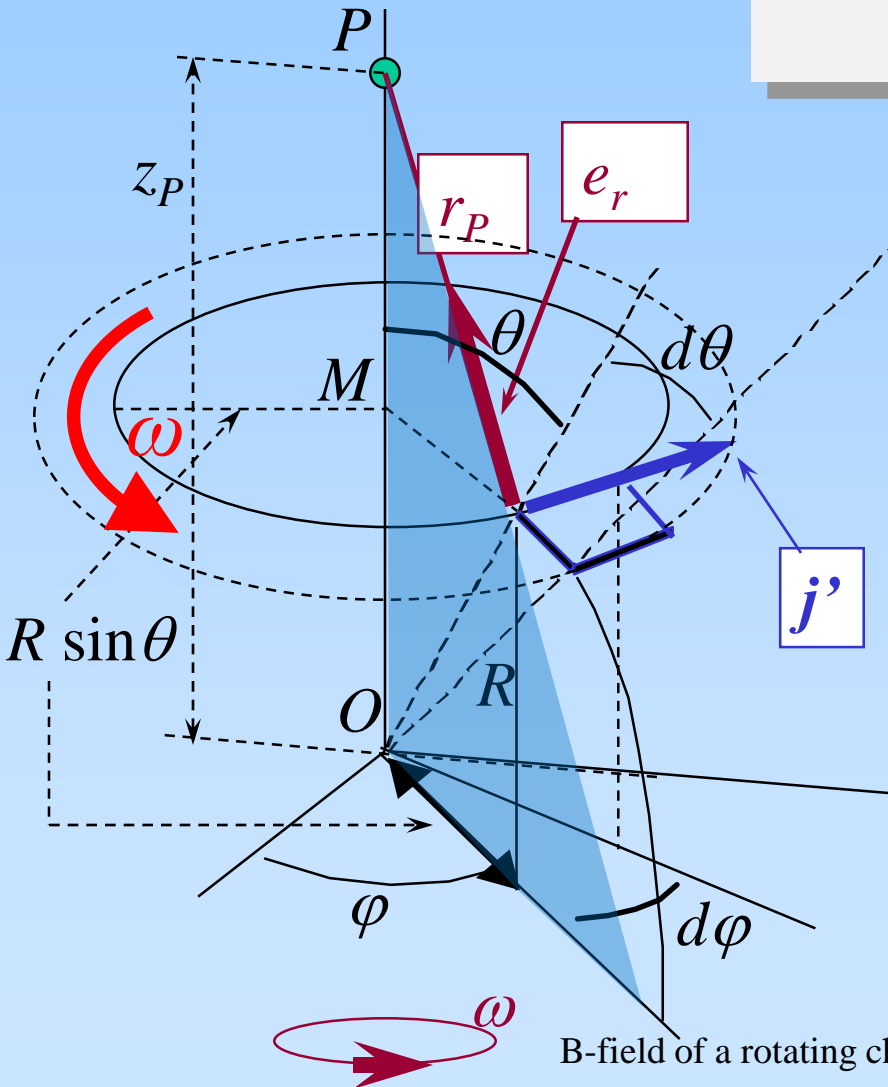
$$dA = R d\theta R \sin \theta d\phi$$

Cylinder-symmetry:

Z-components only !!

$$dB_z = dB \cdot \cos \alpha$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{R \sin \theta}{r_P}$$



B-field of a rotating charged conducting sphere

Conducting sphere: on-axis (6)

Needed:
 dA, j, e_r, r_P

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{j}' \times \mathbf{e}_r}{r_P^2} dA$$

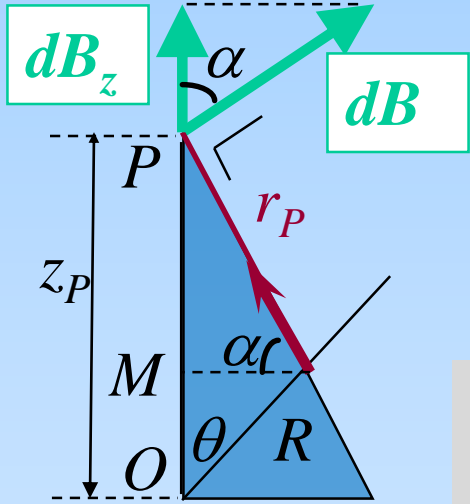
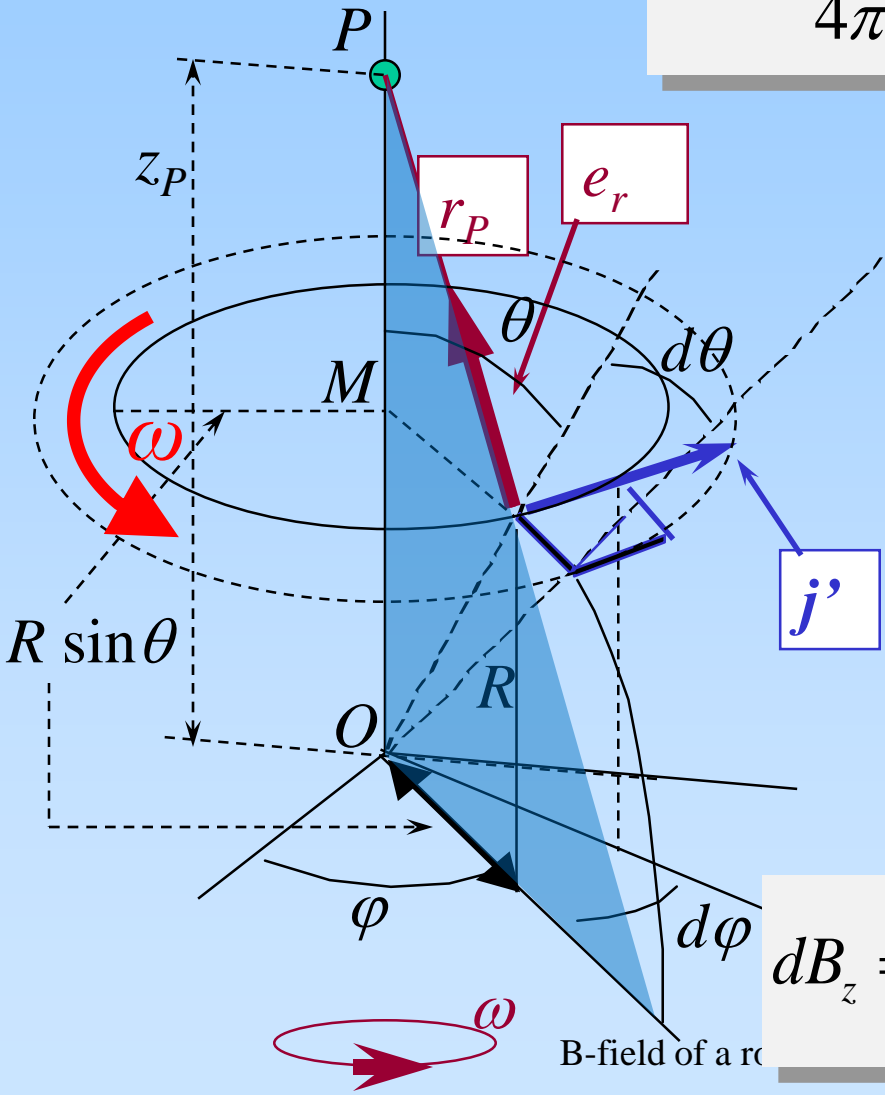
$$dA = R d\theta \cdot R \sin \theta \cdot d\phi$$

$$j' = \sigma \omega R \sin \theta$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{R \sin \theta}{r_P}$$

$$r_P^2 = (R \sin \theta)^2 + (z_P - R \cos \theta)^2$$

$$dB_z = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\sigma \omega R \sin \theta}{r_P^2} R \cdot d\theta \cdot R \sin \theta d\phi \frac{R \sin \theta}{r_P}$$



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 B-field of a r

Conducting sphere: on-axis (7)

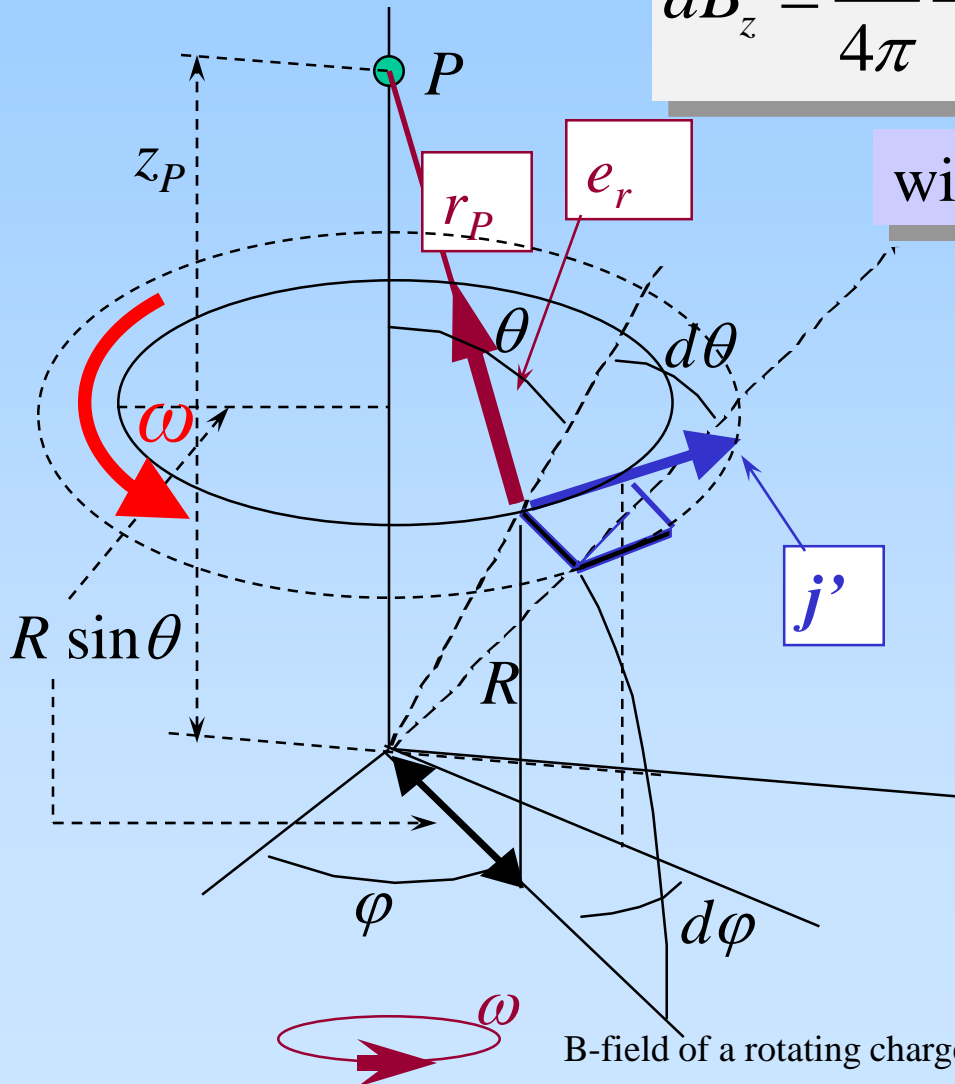
$$dB_z = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\sigma\omega R \sin \theta}{r_P^2} R \cdot d\theta \cdot R \cdot \sin \theta d\varphi \frac{R \sin \theta}{r_P}$$

with $r_P^2 = (R \cdot \sin \theta)^2 + (z_P - R \cdot \cos \theta)^2$

$$dB_z = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\sigma\omega R^4 \sin^3 \theta}{r_P^3} d\theta \cdot d\varphi$$

Integration: $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

$0 \leq \varphi \leq 2\pi$



B-field of a rotating charged conducting sphere

Conducting sphere: on-axis (8)

$$B_z = \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega R^4 \sin^3 \theta}{4\pi r_p^3}$$

with:

$$r_p^2 = (R \sin \theta)^2 + (z_p - R \cos \theta)^2$$

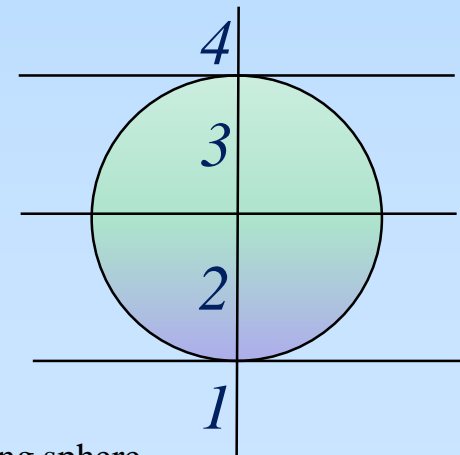
Set: $\frac{z_p}{R} = q$, and: $\cos \theta = x$, and with $a = 1 + q^2$ and $b = -2q$:

$$B_z = \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{(a + bx)^{3/2}} dx = \frac{8}{3b^3} [(b - 2a)\sqrt{a + b} + (b + 2a)\sqrt{a - b}]$$

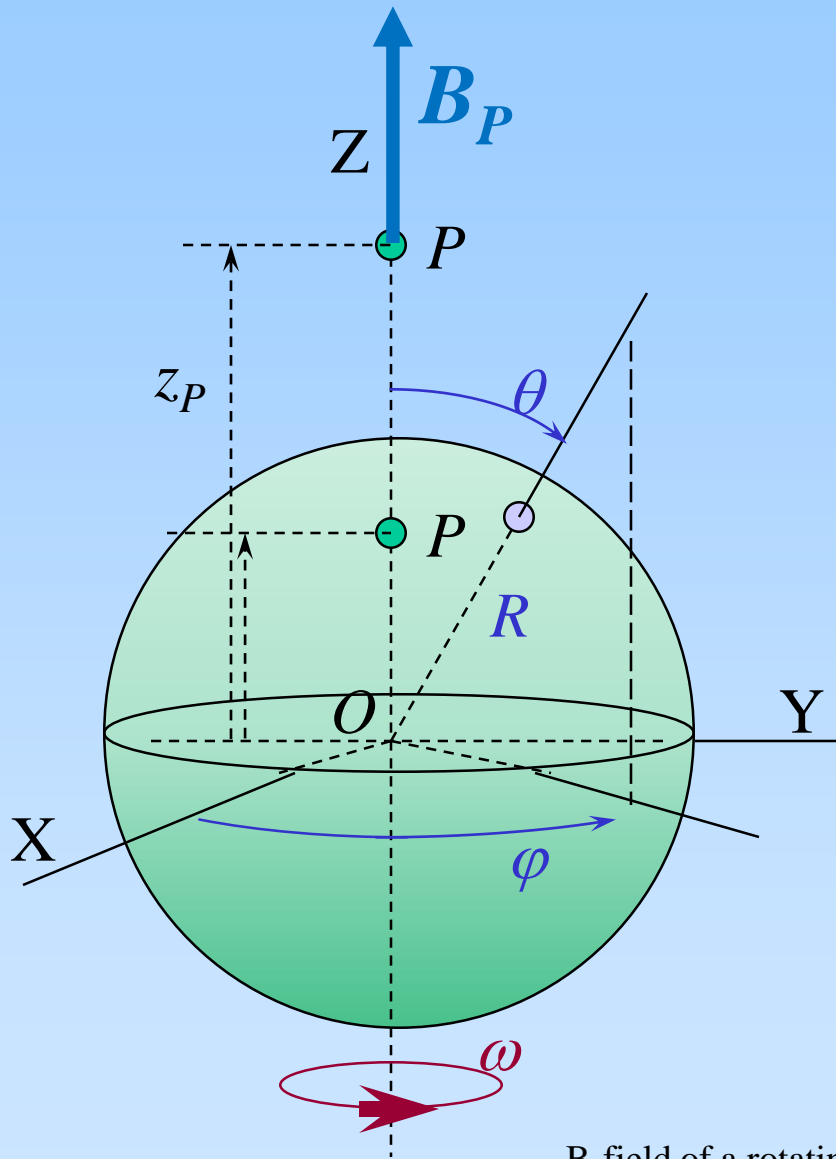
(Set $a + bx = y$, and express dx and $x^2 - 1$ in dy and y , and integrate...)

4 solutions, depending on $\sqrt{(\cdot)}$ -terms:

1. $z_p \leq -R$
2. $-R \leq z_p \leq 0$
3. $0 \leq z_p \leq R$
4. $z_p \geq R$



Conducting sphere: on-axis (9)



$$\text{result : } \mathbf{B}_P = \frac{2\mu_0\sigma\omega R^4}{3.z_p^3} \mathbf{e}_z$$

this result holds for $z_p > R$;

for $-R < z_p < R$ the result is:

$$\mathbf{B}_P = \frac{2}{3} \mu_0\sigma\omega R \mathbf{e}_z$$

and for $z_p < -R$:

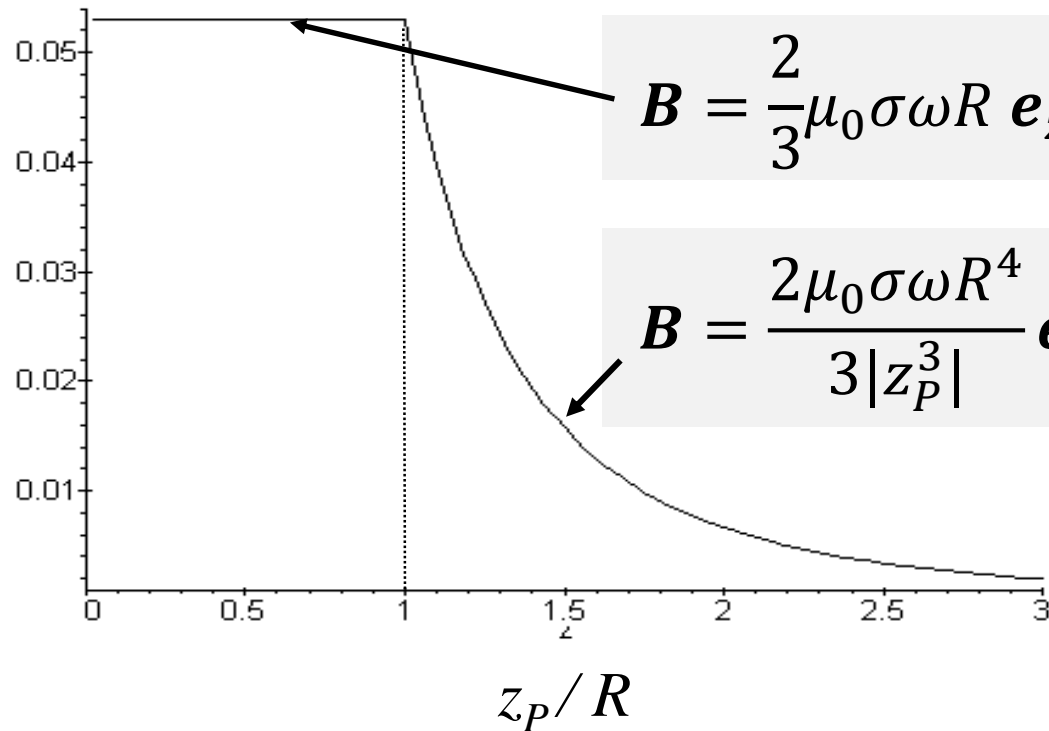
$$\mathbf{B}_P = \frac{2\mu_0\sigma\omega R^4}{-3.z_p^3} \mathbf{e}_z$$

\mathbf{B} directed along $+\mathbf{e}_z$ for all points everywhere on Z -axis !!

inside sphere: constant field !!

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Conducting sphere: on-axis (10)



Plot of \mathbf{B} for:

$$Q = 1$$

$$\mu_0 = 1$$

$$\omega = 1$$

$$R = 1$$

(in SI-units)

$$Q = \sigma \cdot 4\pi R^2$$

Conclusion: inside conducting sphere: **on-axis**: field = constant.

Question: what about the field inside the sphere, but **off-axis**?

To be investigated in part II $\implies >$

Conclusions for on-axis (1)

Conducting sphere

$$|z_p| > R$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 Q \omega R^2}{6\pi |z_p|^3} \mathbf{e}_z$$

$$|z_p| < R$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 Q \omega}{6\pi R} \mathbf{e}_z$$

$$Q = \sigma \cdot 4\pi R^2$$

Homogeneously charged sphere

(see other presentation)

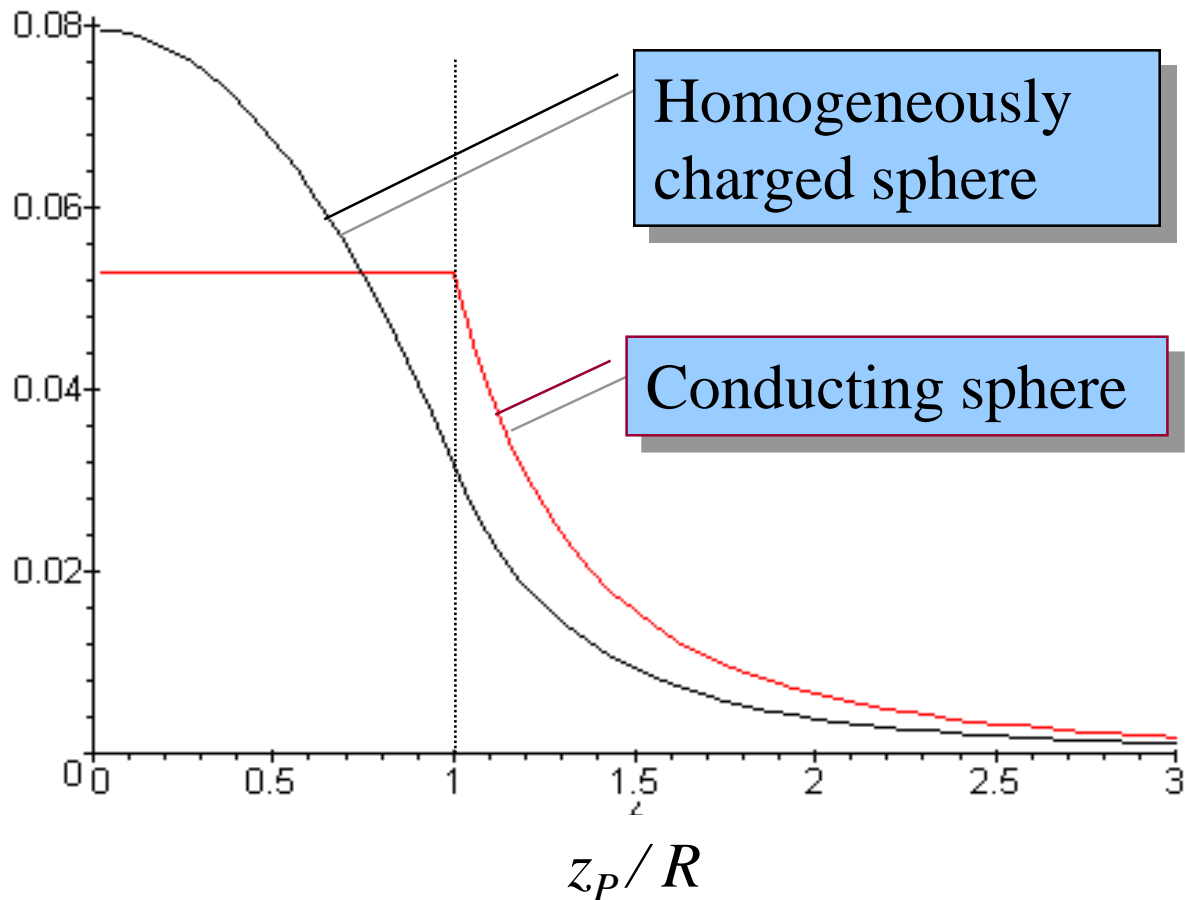
$$|z_p| > R$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 Q \omega R^2}{10\pi |z_p|^3} \mathbf{e}_z$$

$$|z_p| < R$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 Q \omega}{20\pi R^3} (5R^2 - 3z_p^2) \mathbf{e}_z$$

Conclusions for on-axis (2)



Plot of B
for:

$$Q = 1$$

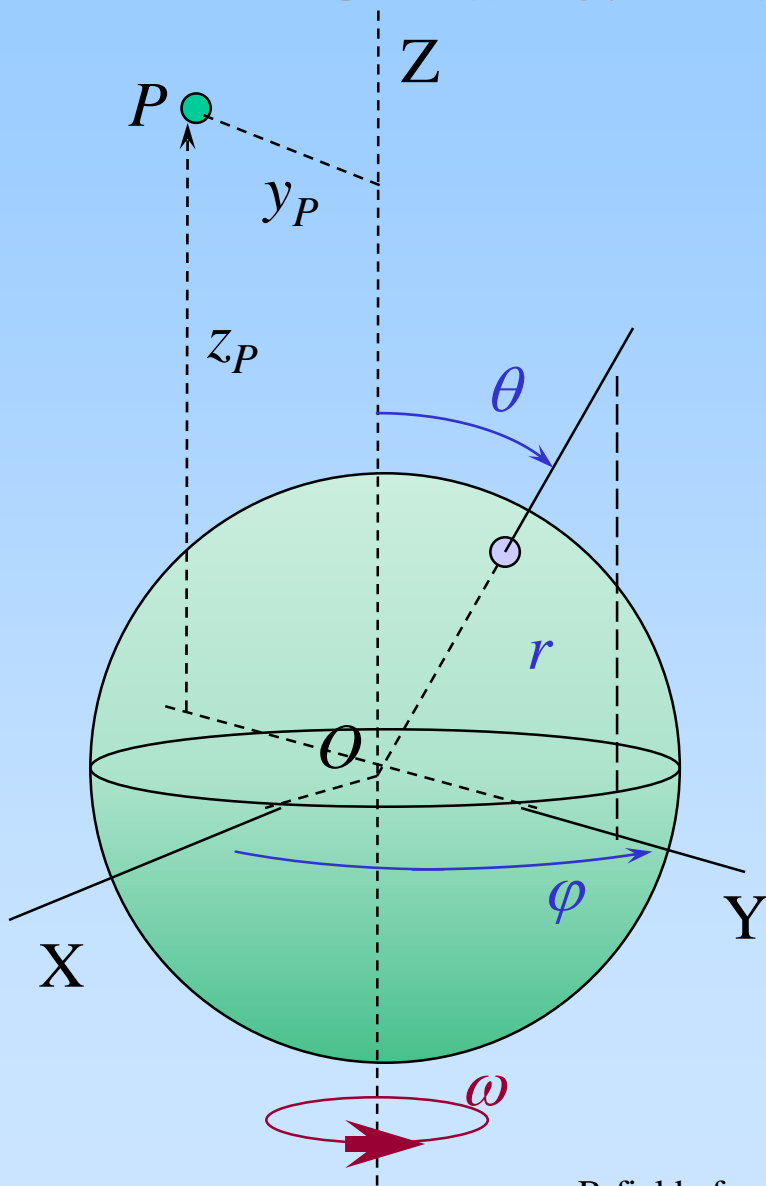
$$\mu_0 = 1$$

$$\omega = 1$$

$$R = 1$$

(in SI-units)

Off-axis: Analysis and Symmetry (1)



B-field of a rotating c

Part II. Calculate \mathbf{B} -field in point P
off the axis of rotation (Z-axis)
inside or outside the sphere

Rotation axis (Z-axis) =
= symmetry axis .

Assume $P (0, y_P, z_P)$ in YZ -plane.

Coordinate systems:

- X, Y, Z
- r, θ, φ

Conducting sphere: off-axis (1)

Ring on surface of the sphere.

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{j}' \times \mathbf{e}_r}{r_p^2} dA$$

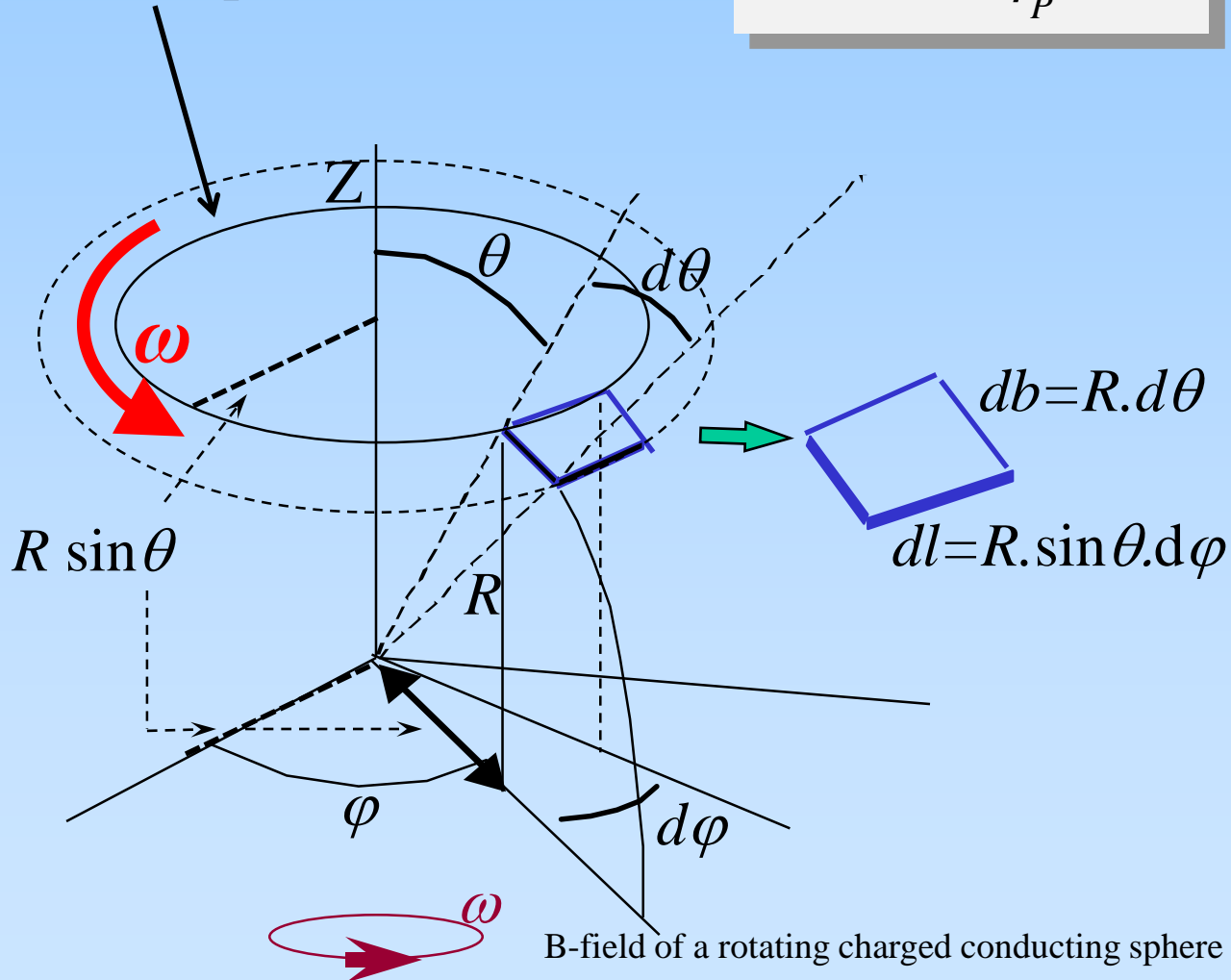
with \mathbf{j}' in [A/m]

Surface charge
 $\sigma \cdot dA$ on dA will rotate with ω

$dA = \text{width } db \cdot \text{length } dl$

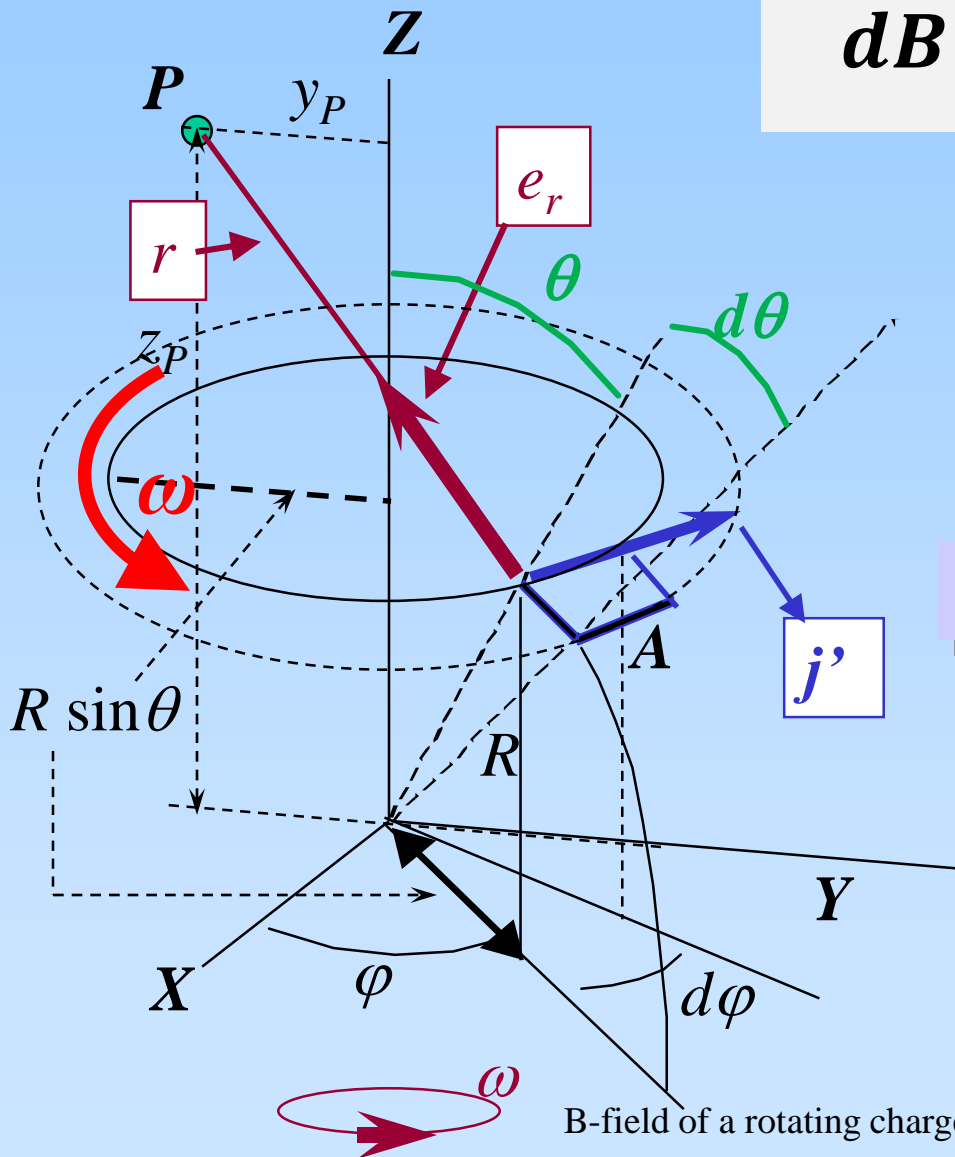
Needed:

- \mathbf{j}' , \mathbf{e}_r , r_p



B-field of a rotating charged conducting sphere

Conducting sphere: off-axis (2)



$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{j}' \times \mathbf{e}_r}{r^2} dA = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{j}' \times \mathbf{r}}{r^3} dA.$$

$$dA = R \cdot d\theta \cdot R \cdot \sin \theta \cdot d\phi$$

$$\mathbf{j}' = \sigma \omega R \sin \theta$$

Off-axis: \mathbf{j}' *not* $\perp \mathbf{e}_r$!!

$$\mathbf{j}' = j' (-\sin \phi \cdot \mathbf{e}_x + \cos \phi \cdot \mathbf{e}_y + 0 \cdot \mathbf{e}_z)$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_P - \mathbf{r}_A ; \mathbf{A} = \text{at } dA\text{-element}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_P = (0 \cdot \mathbf{e}_x + y_P \cdot \mathbf{e}_y + z_P \cdot \mathbf{e}_z)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_A = R (\sin \theta \cdot \sin \phi \cdot \mathbf{e}_x + \sin \theta \cdot \cos \phi \cdot \mathbf{e}_y + \cos \theta \cdot \mathbf{e}_z)$$

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Conducting sphere: off-axis (2)

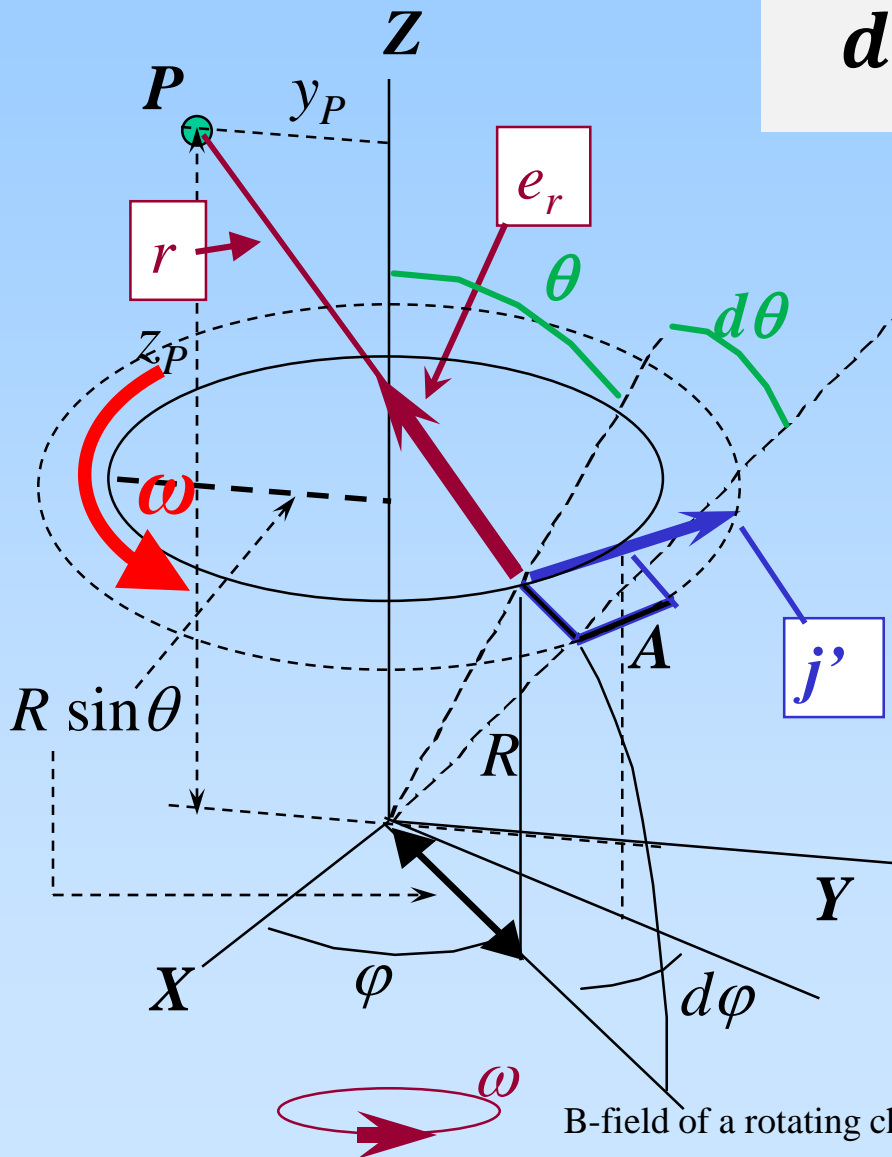
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$$dA = R \cdot d\theta \cdot R \cdot \sin\theta \cdot d\phi$$

Analytical approach:
not feasible

(due to $\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{r}$ and r^3)

Numerical approach
necessary.



$$\mathbf{r}_A = R (\sin\theta \cdot \sin\phi \cdot \mathbf{e}_x + \sin\theta \cdot \cos\phi \cdot \mathbf{e}_y + \cos\theta \cdot \mathbf{e}_z)$$

Conducting sphere: off-axis (4)

Available for download on www.demul.net/frits:
offline program: EM_solenoids
in file: EM_programs.zzz
on subpage Electromagnetism

This program can calculate:

B- and ***A***-fields for:

- Single solenoids
- Pairs of solenoids
 - Dipole fields
- Field of a rotating charged conducting sphere
 - and sphere segments

Examples

1. Rotating charged conducting sphere

Properties:

- Charge = 1 C
- Radius = 5 cm
- Velocity = 1 rad/s = 0.1592 rev./s

NB. Rotation axis = symmetry axis = X-axis;
Fields shown in XY-plane at Z=0.

Examples

1. Rotating charged conducting sphere: settings:

Options

- Single solenoid
- Pair of solenoids
- Dipolar far-field approximation
- Conducting sphere or sphere segment

Field pattern

- B : Field line vectors
- B : Modulus, values
- B : Modulus, squares
- B : X-components, values
- B : X-components, squares
- B : Y-components, values
- B : Y-components, squares
- A : Z-components, values
- A : Z-components, squares

X-axis = rotation (symmetry) axis

Sphere radius
[cm] (center in O)

Charge

Charge density on sphere/
segment: 3.183E+01 C/m²

Rotation velocity
[revolutions/sec]

Idem : 1.000E+00 rad/s

Current density at YZ-equator
plane (X=0): 1.592E+00 A/m

Polar angle [deg]:

min: max:

Angular interval
on sphere [deg]

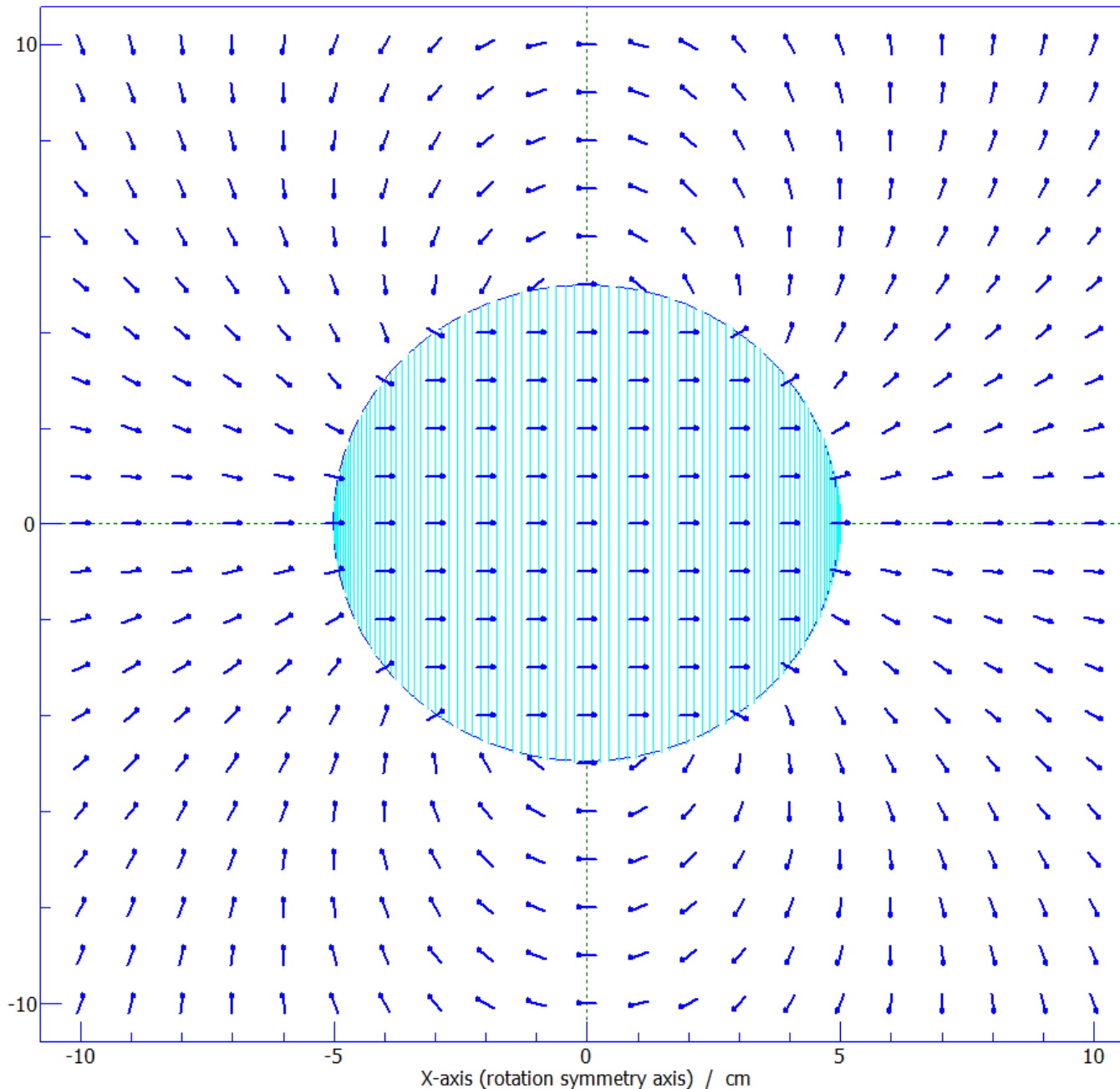
Plot dimensions [cm]

X left X right

Y low Y high

Interval Font size (px)

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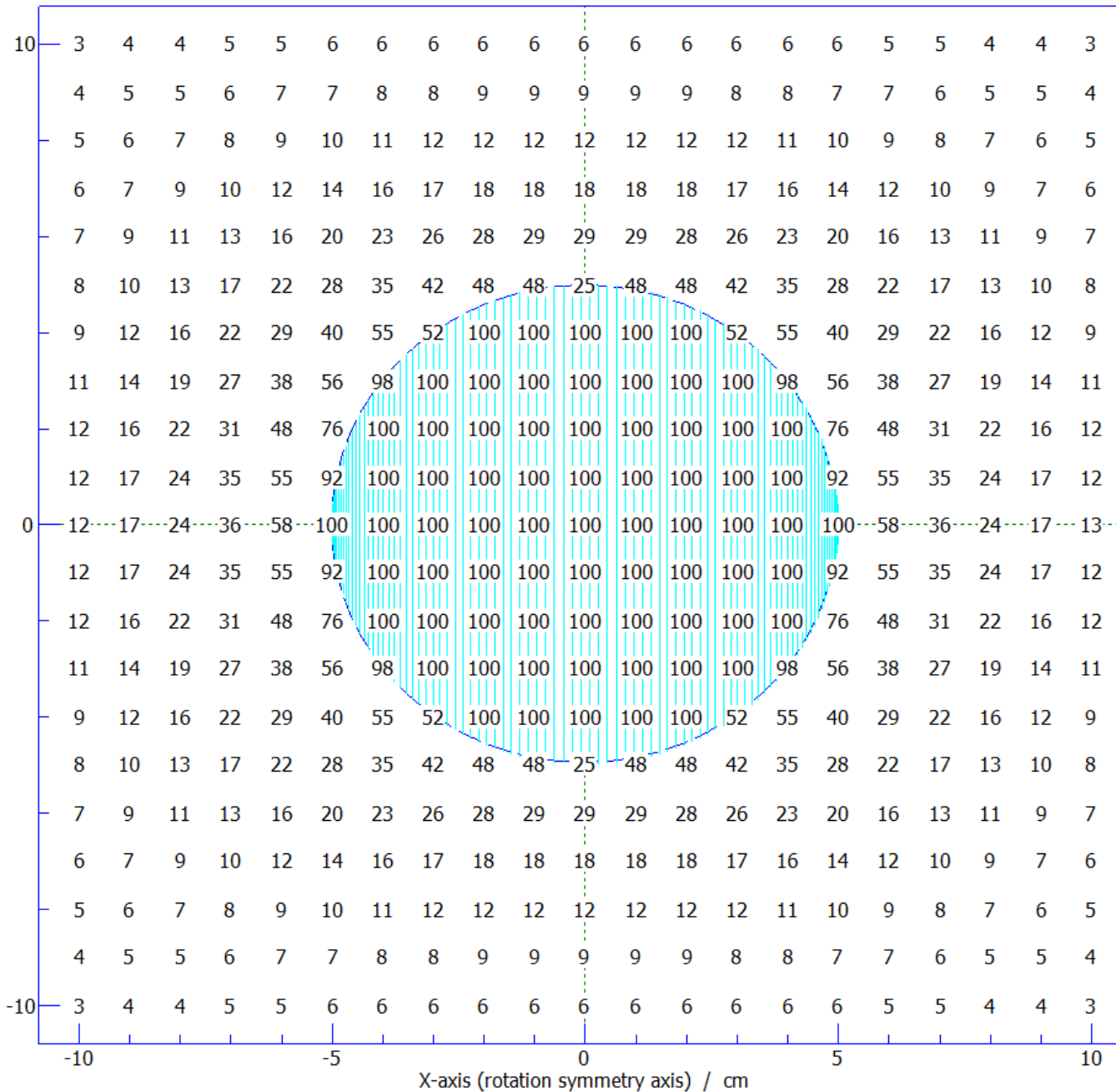


B-field:
Sphere
rotating
around
X-axis

Inside the
sphere:
homogeneous
field

Field strength
inside =
 $1.3337 \mu\text{T}$

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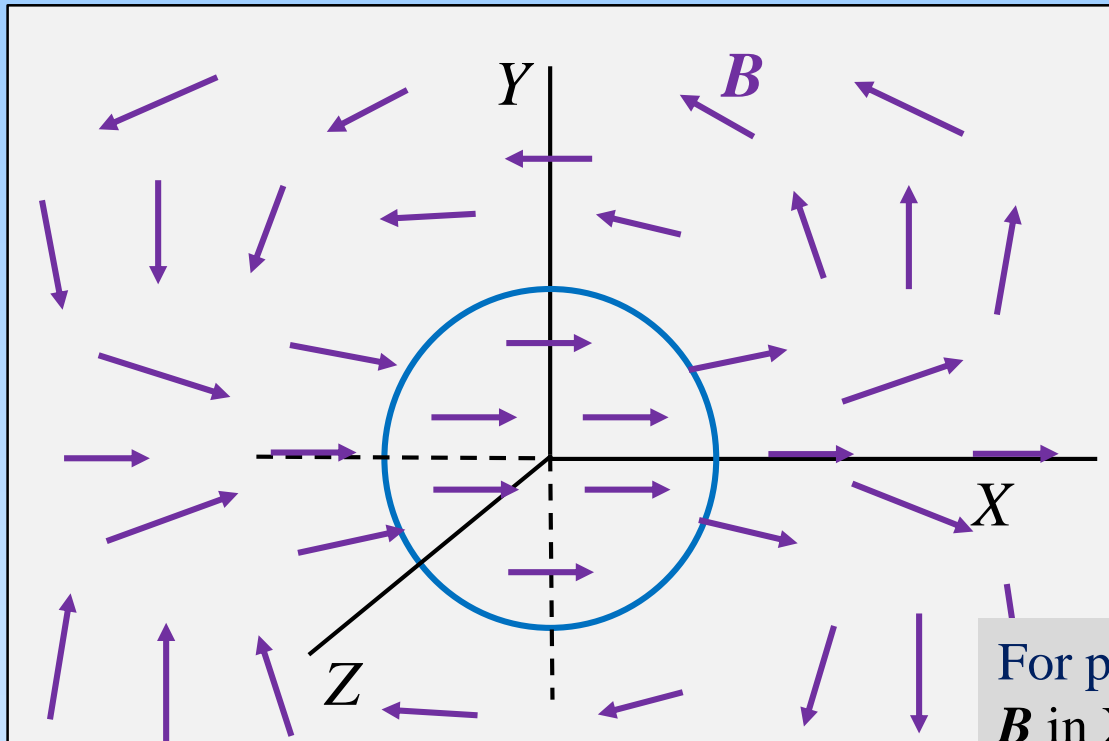
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Inside the
 sphere:
 homogeneous
 field

Field strength
 inside =
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Conducting sphere rotating around X-axis : \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{A} -fields

B-field: Cross section of sphere: XY-plane at Z=0:



Expression for a surface current:

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{j}' \times \mathbf{e}_r}{r^2} dA$$

A-field: Vector potential:

$$\mathbf{B} = \text{rot } \mathbf{A} (= \text{curl } \mathbf{A})$$

$$d\mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{j}'}{r} dA$$

\mathbf{B} and \mathbf{A} :
perpendicular fields.

Inside the sphere:

Homogeneous \mathbf{B} -field \implies

\mathbf{A} -field varies linearly with y-coordinate
(due to derivatives in rot (curl))

For points in XY-plane:

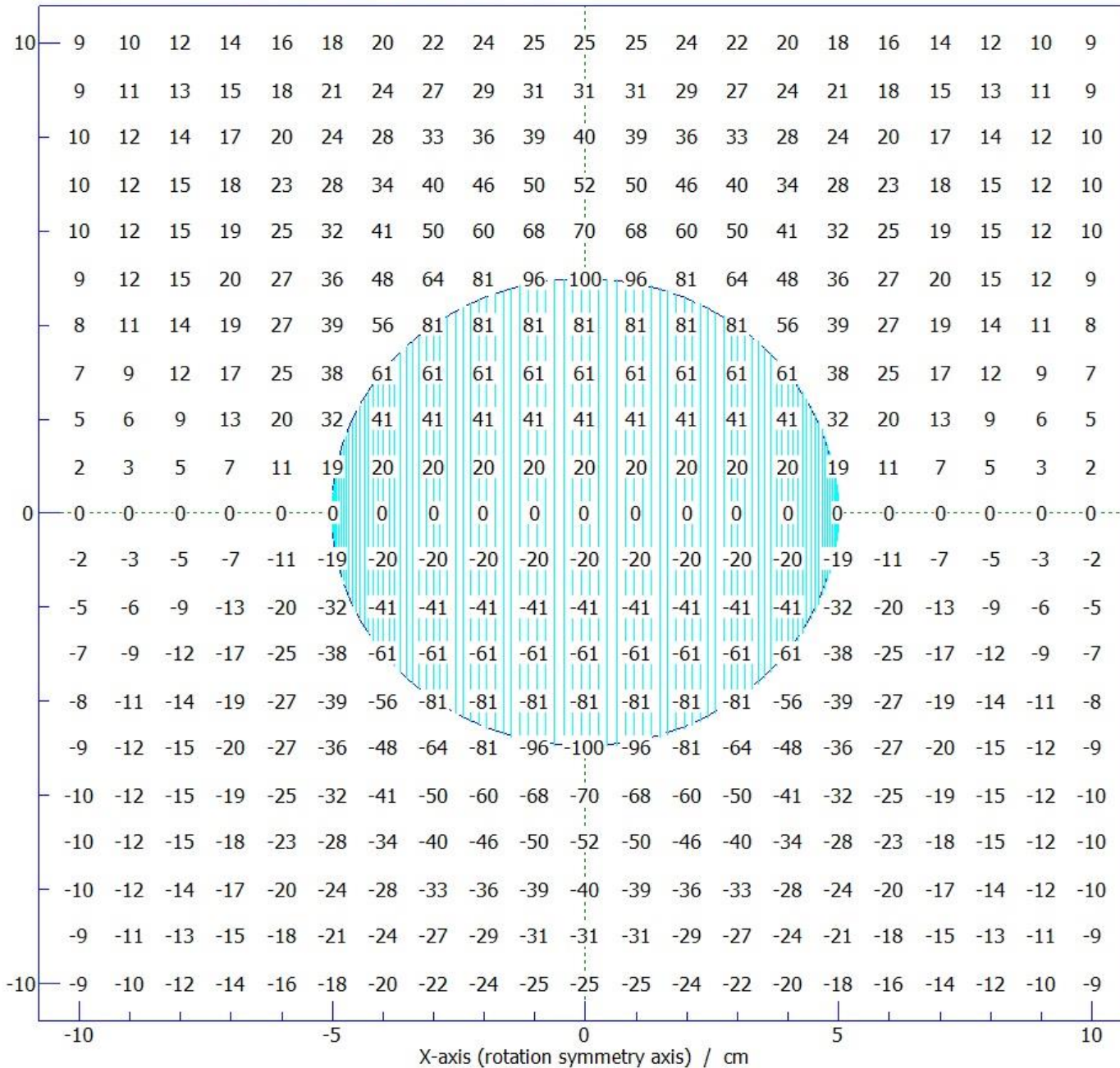
\mathbf{B} in XY-plane, no Z-component

$\mathbf{A} \perp$ XY-plane, Z-component only.

For points outside XY-plane:

Cylindrical symmetry around X-axis.

A -FIELD OF A SPHERE OR SPHERE SEGMENT --- XY-plane at Z=0 --- axes in cm --- X-axis = symmetry axis
 A(z)-component, normalized on 100 at A = 1.03353E-09 N/A



A-field:
 Sphere
 rotating
 around
 X-axis

A = 0 at
 rotation
 symmetry
 axis

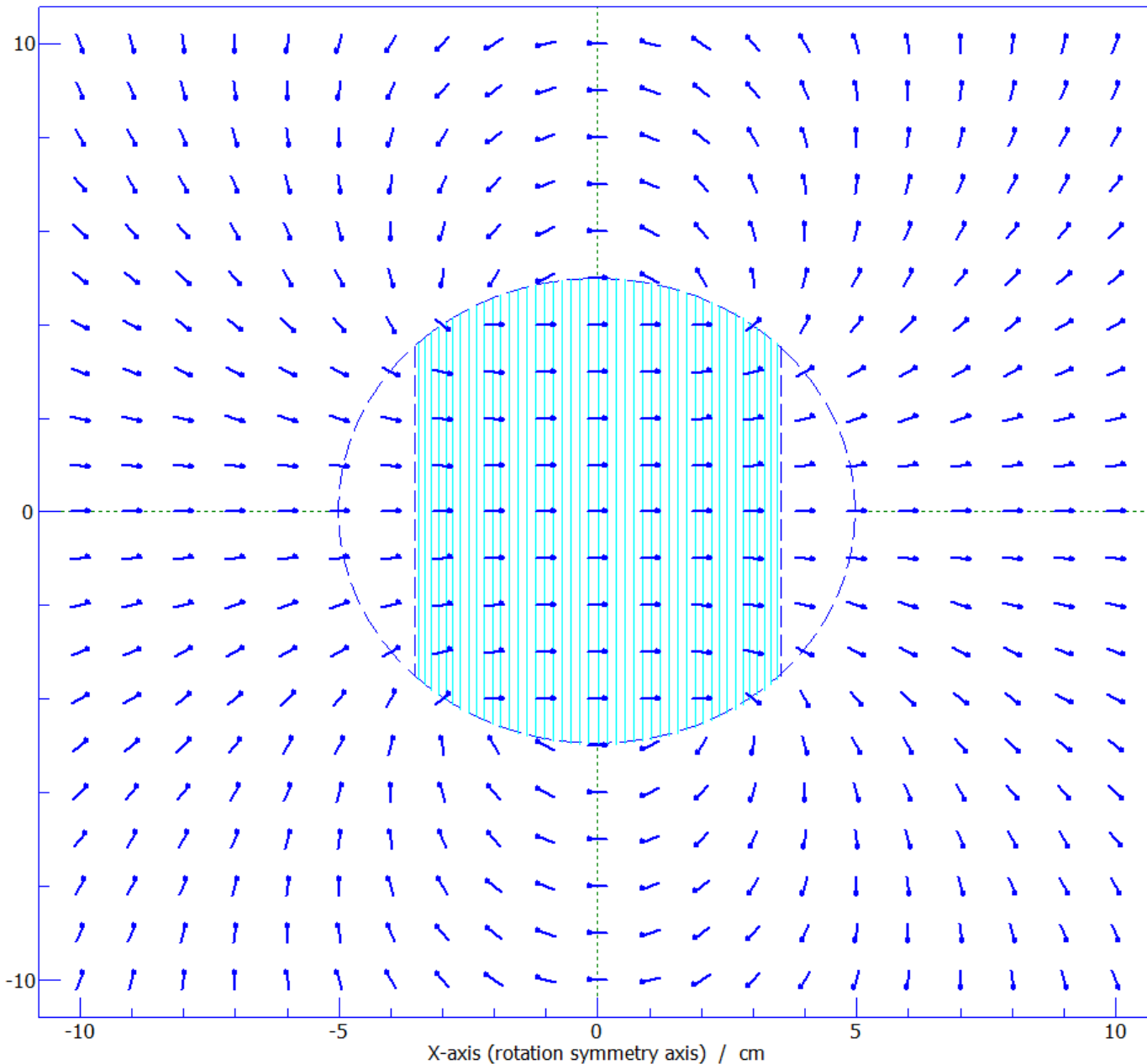
Examples

2. Rotating charged conducting sphere segment between 45° and 135° (ring shape)

Properties:

- Charge = 1 C
- Radius = 5 cm
- Velocity = 1 rad/s = 0.1592 rev./s

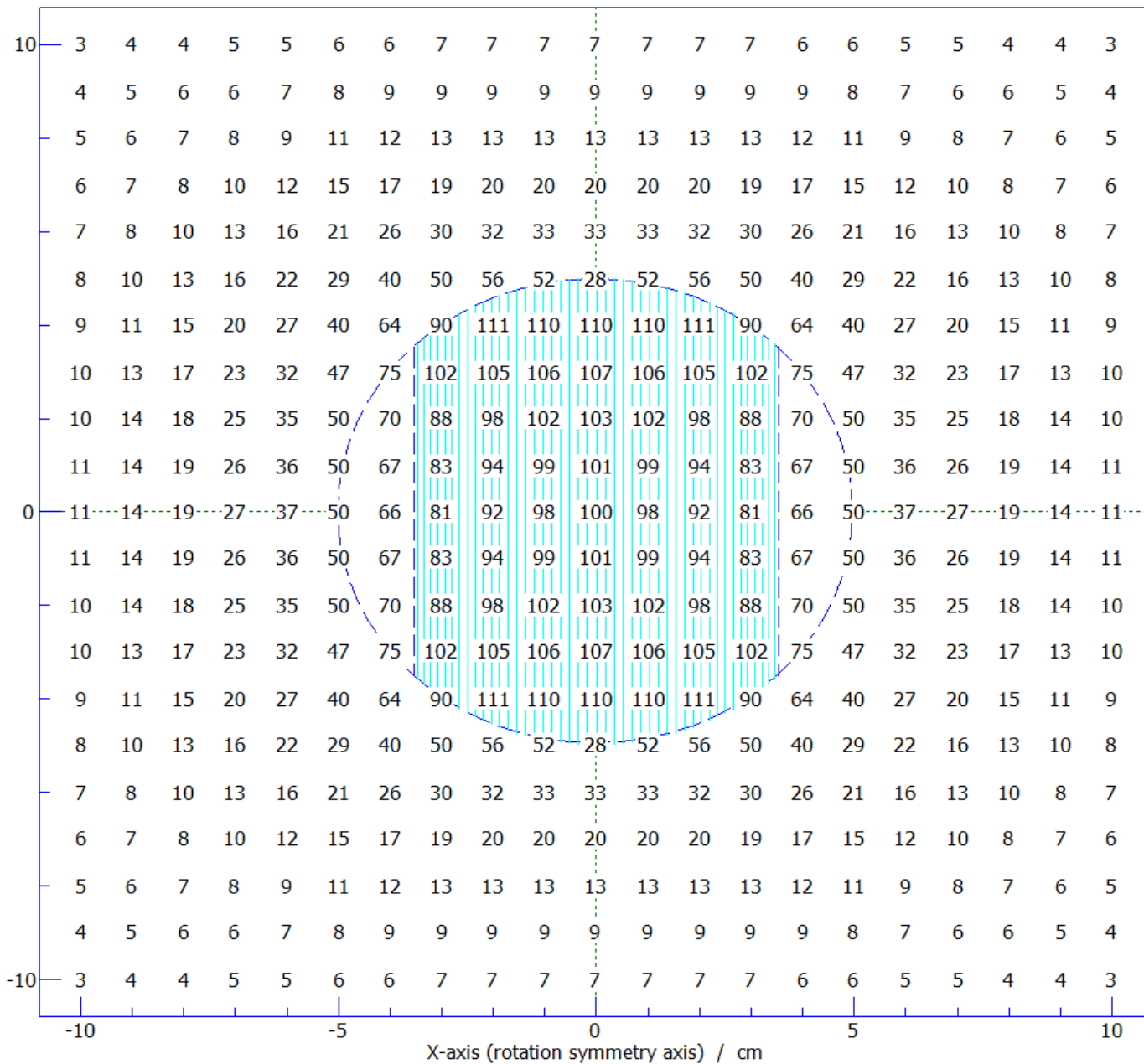
B -FIELD OF A SPHERE OR SPHERE SEGMENT --- XY-plane at Z=0.
Modulus of B, normalised on B in O (= 1.66729E-06 T)



B-field:
Sphere
segment
(ring shape)
rotating
around
X-axis

Field already
looks like a
solenoid field

B -FIELD OF A SPHERE OR SPHERE SEGMENT --- XY-plane at Z=0.
 Modulus of B, normalised on B in O (= 1.66729E-06 T)



B-field:
 Sphere
 segment
 (ring shape)
 rotating
 around
 X-axis

Field already
 looks like a
 solenoid field

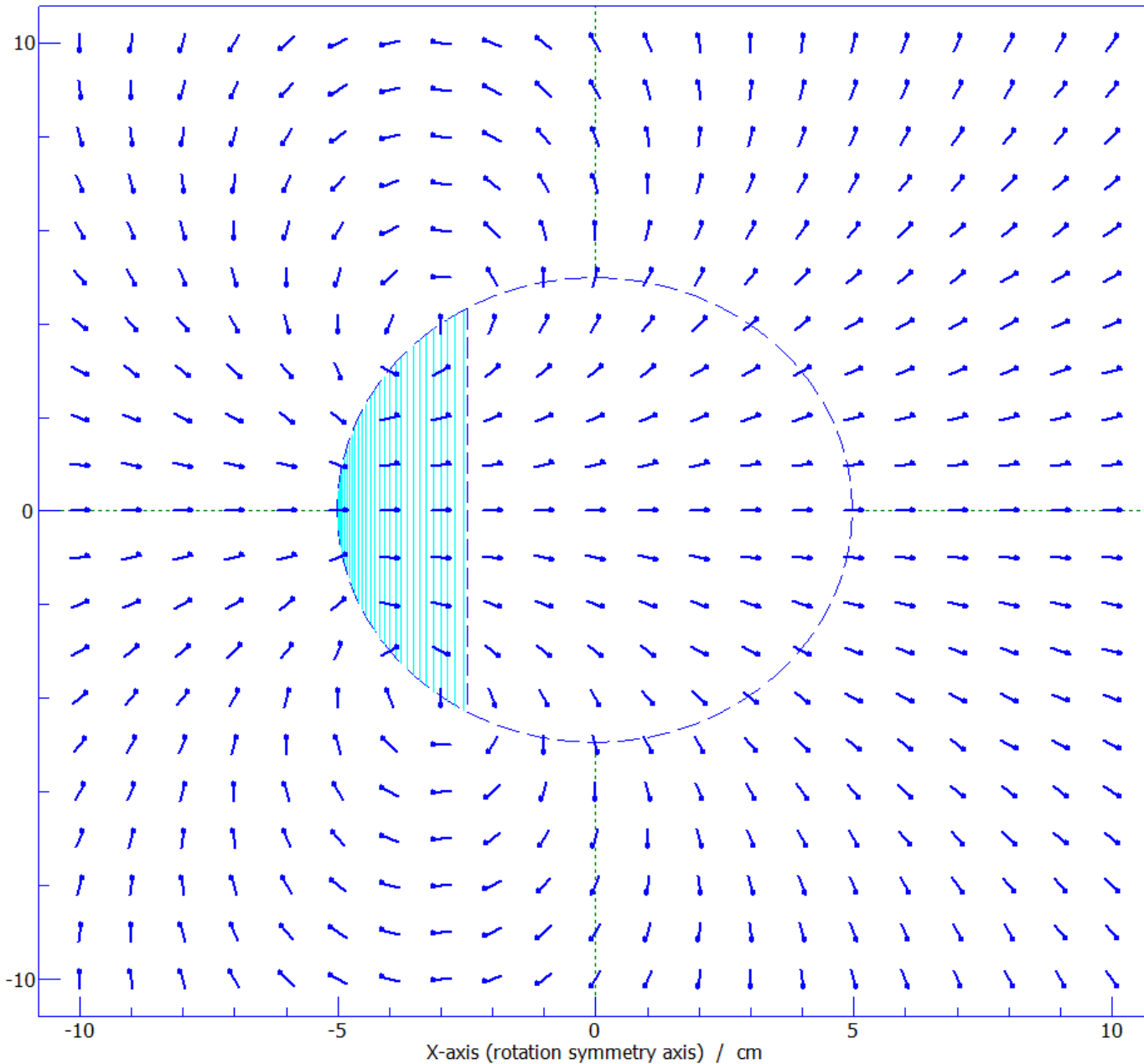
Examples

3. Rotating charged conducting sphere segment between 120° and 180° (bowl shape)

Properties:

- Charge = 1 C
- Radius = 5 cm
- Velocity = 1 rad/s = 0.1592 rev./s

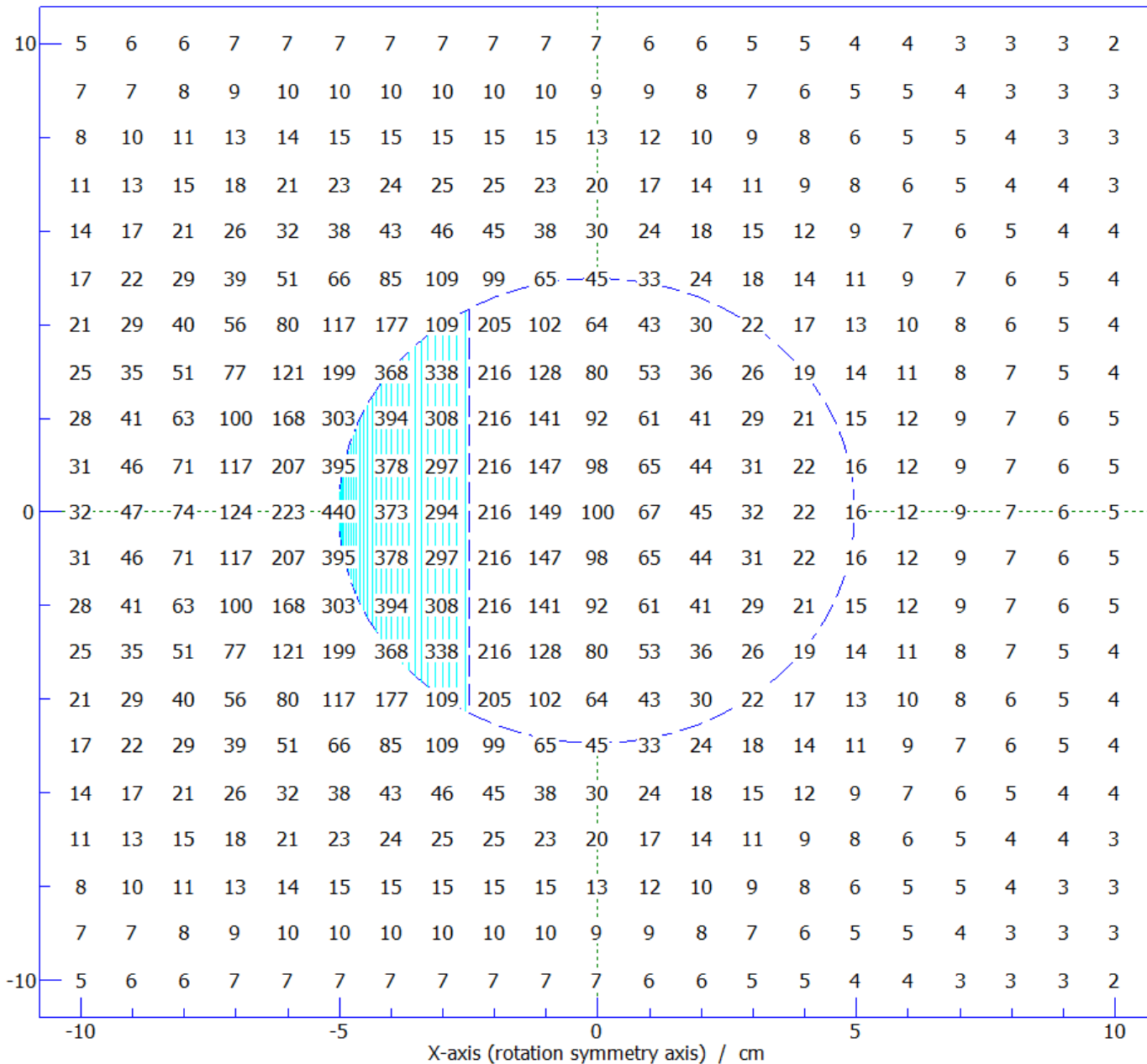
B -FIELD OF A SPHERE OR SPHERE SEGMENT --- XY-plane at Z=0.
Modulus of B, normalised on B in O (= 8.33341E-07 T)



B-field:
Sphere
segment
(bowl shape)
rotating
around
X-axis

Field already
looks like a
dipolar field

B -FIELD OF A SPHERE OR SPHERE SEGMENT --- XY-plane at Z=0.
 Modulus of B, normalised on B in O (= 8.33341E-07 T)



B-field:
 Sphere
 segment
 (bowl shape)
 rotating
 around
 X-axis

Field already
 looks like a
 dipolar field

the end