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## Question 1



The diagram above is formed by taking an infinite wire with radius  $R_1$  and current  $I_1$ , subtracting an infinite wire of radius  $R_2$  and current  $I_2$ , which has its centre d away from the point P. So the magnetic field at the centre is

$$B_P = B_{R_1,P} - B_{R_2,P} = 0 - \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi d} = -\frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi d}$$

Where  $I_2$  is the supposed current which flows through a wire of radius  $R_2$ . We assume the current is uniform, we can relate  $I_2$  with I:

$$I_{1} - I_{2} = I$$

$$I_{2} = I_{1} \left(\frac{R_{2}^{2}}{R_{1}^{2}}\right)$$
So
$$I_{2} \left(\frac{R_{1}^{2}}{R_{2}^{2}}\right) - I_{2} = I, \qquad I_{2} = \left(\frac{R_{1}^{2} - R_{2}^{2}}{R_{2}^{2}}\right)I$$

$$\therefore \vec{B}_{P} = -\frac{\mu_{0}I_{2}}{2\pi d} = -\frac{\mu_{0}I}{2\pi d} \left(\frac{R_{1}^{2} - R_{2}^{2}}{R_{2}^{2}}\right), \text{ rightwards if the current } I \text{ is out of the page.}$$

### Question 2

Using the method of images,



$$V \to 0, \qquad x^2 + y^2 \gg z^2$$

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$$V = -\frac{q_e}{4\pi\epsilon_0(2z)} = -\frac{q_e}{8\pi\epsilon_0 z}$$

 $\therefore F = -q_e \frac{dV}{dz} = -\frac{q_e^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 z^2},$ 

the electron moves away from the metallic surface.

#### **Question 3**



The Brewster's angle,  $\tan \theta_B = \frac{1.33}{1}, \quad \theta_B = 53.06^{\circ}$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \theta_i = \theta_r = 53.06^{\circ} \\ n_i \sin \theta_i = n_t \sin \theta_t \,, \ \Rightarrow \ \theta_t = 36.98^{\circ} \end{array}$ 

$$\alpha = \frac{\cos \theta_t}{\cos \theta_i} = \frac{0.80}{0.60} = 1.33, \qquad \beta = \frac{n_2}{n_1} = 1.33$$

Using Fresnel's coefficients,

 $r^{\parallel} = \frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha + \beta} = 0, \qquad r^{\perp} = \frac{1 - \alpha \beta}{1 + \alpha \beta} = -0.28, \qquad t^{\parallel} = \frac{2}{\alpha + \beta} = 0.75, \qquad t^{\perp} = \frac{2}{1 + \alpha \beta} = 0.72$ 

We assume the randomly polarized light to be tilted at an angle  $\phi$  from the vertical axis. So we have the intensities,  $I_0 = I_p \cos \phi \, \hat{x} + I_s \sin \phi \, \hat{y}$ 

 $I_{t} = |t^{\parallel}|^{2} I_{p} \cos \phi \,\hat{x} + |t^{\perp}|^{2} I_{s} \sin \phi \,\hat{y} = 0.57 I_{p} \cos \phi \,\hat{x} + 0.52 I_{s} \sin \phi \,\hat{y}$  $I_{r} = |r^{\parallel}|^{2} I_{p} \cos \phi \,\hat{x} + |r^{\perp}|^{2} I_{s} \sin \phi \,\hat{y} = 0.08 I_{s} \sin \phi \,\hat{y}$ 

#### **Question 4**

\* We can consider the model of the Hall Probe. You can look up the following websites for more information:

http://sensors-actuators-info.blogspot.de/2009/08/hall-effect-sensor.html http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmZJqhzVXc4

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