PHY 712 – Problem Set # 12

Start reading Chapter 5 of Jackson. This problem is due Monday, Feb. 23, 2009.

1. The figure above shows the cross section of a magnetostatic solenoid which is uniform in the $\hat{z}$ direction (perpendicular to the page). The current flows in the azimuthal $\hat{\phi}$ direction; specifically the current density is given in cylindrical coordinates by:

$$
J = \begin{cases} 
J_0\hat{\phi} & a \leq \rho \leq b \\
0 & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
$$

Here $J_0$ is a constant, $a$ and $b$ denote the inner and outer diameters of the cylinder, respectively, and $\hat{\phi} = -\sin(\phi)\hat{x} + \cos(\phi)\hat{y}$.

(a) Show that the vector potential $\mathbf{A}$ for this system can be written as

$$
\mathbf{A} = f(\rho)\hat{\phi},
$$

where the scalar function $f(\rho)$ satisfies the equation

$$
\left[\frac{d^2}{d\rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d}{d\rho} - \frac{1}{\rho^2}\right] f(\rho) = \begin{cases} 
-\mu_0 J_0 & a \leq \rho \leq b \\
0 & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
$$

(b) Find the function $f(\rho)$ in the three regions: $0 \leq \rho \leq a$, $a \leq \rho \leq b$, and $\rho \geq b$.

(c) Find the $\mathbf{B}$ field in the three regions. Check to make sure that your answer is consistent with what you know about solenoids. (Hint: $\mathbf{B} \equiv 0$ outside the solenoid.)