

## Homework 1

### Due: Oct 19, 2023

**Ex.1 10%** Consider a ring coil with rectangular cross section. The outer and inner diameters of the ring are 11 and 6 mm, respectively, with the thickness of the ring being 2 mm. The measured current  $I$  in the ring is found to decay with the change  $\Delta I/I = 0.022$  in 278 hours. Estimate the upper bound of the resistivity for the ring.

**Ex.2 10%** Consider a superconductor with the shape of hollow cylinder as shown in Fig. 1. Explain how the magnetic flux and supercurrent are distributed in the cylinder during the following experimental procedure:

(1) Field cooled: Applying a magnetic field at temperature  $T > T_c$ , then cooling the system below  $T_c$ , after cooling, one then removes the applied magnetic field.

(2) Zero-field cooled: Do not apply magnetic field at temperature  $T > T_c$ , and directly cool down the superconductor below  $T_c$ , then apply a magnetic field.

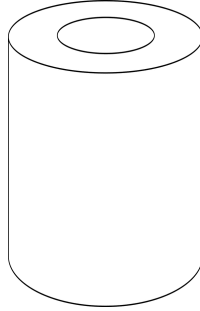


FIG. 1: Superconductor with hollow-cylinder shape

**Ex.3 10%** The critical current of a superconducting wire

A current  $I$  is injected into a long superconducting wire with radius  $R$ . Let  $\lambda$  be the penetration length.

In the London model, find the current density  $J(r)$  for  $r \leq R$ . (Express your answers in terms of  $r$ ,  $R$ ,  $\lambda$ , and modified Bessel functions). Find the critical current  $I_c$  when the magnetic field at  $r = R$  just becomes the critical field  $H_c$ .

**Ex 4 5%** By using the thermodynamic relation  $dF = -sdT + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int H \delta B d^3\vec{r}$ , derive that the condensation energy of a superconductor is given by  $F_S - F_N = \frac{H_c^2}{8\pi}$ .

**Ex 5 10%** By applying the London model to describe the electromagnetic dynamics of superconductors, find the penetration depth when the magnetic field is AC with angular frequency being  $\omega$ .

**Ex 6**

(a) **10%** Consider a perfect conductor with the transition temperature being  $T_c$ . The perfect conductor is cooled across  $T_c$  under a uniform magnetic field  $B_0 \hat{z}$ . In  $T < T_c$ , the magnetic field is turned off. Assuming that the perfect conductor occupies the region  $x > 0$  with one of its surfaces being the  $yz$  plane, by using the London model to describe the electromagnetic dynamics of the perfect conductor, find the current density  $\vec{J}(x)$  inside the perfect conductor.

(b) **10%** Consider a perfect conductor with the transition temperature being  $T_c$ . The shape of the perfect conductor is cylindrical and it is cooled under zero magnetic field across  $T_c$ . In  $T < T_c$ , the perfect conductor is placed above a magnet so that the magnetic field is turned on. Assuming that the perfect conductor occupies the region  $x > 0$  with one of its surfaces being the  $yz$  plane, by using the London model to describe the electromagnetic dynamics of the perfect conductor, find the magnetic field  $\vec{B}(x)$  inside the perfect conductor. Will the perfect conductor float above the magnet?