

## 2. Long Antenna Pattern

A thin, straight, conducting wire centered on the origin and oriented along the  $z$ -axis carries a current

$$I = \hat{z}I_0 \cos \omega t$$

everywhere along its length  $\ell$ . This antenna will radiate electromagnetic waves with frequency  $\omega$  and wavelength  $\lambda = 2\pi c/\omega$ . We will not assume that  $\ell \ll \lambda$ .

- (a) Because of the current, a time-dependent charge  $q(t)$  will accumulate at the two ends of the wire. Give expressions for the charge and current *densities*  $\rho(\vec{x}, t)$  and  $\vec{j}(\vec{x}, t)$  on the wire. Show that the electric dipole moment of this charge distribution satisfies  $p(t) = p_0 \sin(\omega t)$  and evaluate  $p_0$
- (b) Use these source densities to construct the scalar and vector potentials everywhere outside the source region ( $r \gg \ell$ ). Do not assume anything about the relative magnitudes of  $\ell$  and  $\lambda$ . Do state the gauge you are using.
- (c) Compute the angular distribution of the energy flux radiated from this antenna. Show that it reduces to the standard electric dipole radiation pattern when  $\lambda \gg \ell$ . For general  $\lambda$ , show that the energy flux radiated perpendicular to the  $\hat{z}$  direction depends only on the maximum electric dipole moment  $p_0$  (and agrees with the standard electric dipole radiation result).