

Harris Sheet

Prochanda - HW + note.

A 1D current sheet equilibrium is the Harris sheet. The magnetic field in Harris sheet is typically described by

$$B_y(x) = B_0 \tanh(x/\delta)$$

$B_0 \rightarrow$ magnetic field strength

$\delta \rightarrow$ half thickness of current sheet

$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \rightarrow$ no source or sink

We know that

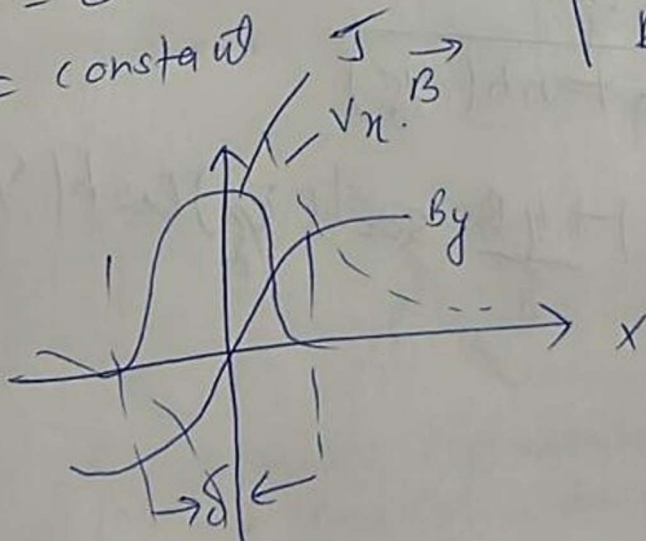
$$B_y = B_0 \tanh(x/\delta)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \times \mathbf{B} + \eta \mathbf{J}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$$

$$\nabla E = \text{constant}$$



From standard equation on

$$\partial_t \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{B} + \eta \Delta \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

$$\text{magnitude} = \frac{v_B}{L} \quad \& \quad \frac{\eta B}{L^2}$$

$$R_m = \frac{v_B}{L}$$

$$\frac{\eta B}{L^2}$$

$$R_m = \frac{v_L}{\eta} = 10^{14}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{current density } (\vec{J}) &= \nabla \times \vec{B} \\
 &= \nabla \times (B_0 \tanh(x/\delta)) \\
 &= \frac{B_0}{\delta} \operatorname{sech}^2(x/\delta) \cdot \hat{z}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{for } x=0, B=B_0$$

$$x = +ve, B = +B_0$$

$$x = -ve, B = -B_0$$

Now, for calculating E

$$E_z = v_n B_y + \eta J_z$$

$$E_z = -v_n B_y + \eta J_z \quad | \quad \vec{J} \cdot \vec{z} = |J|$$

$$= -v_n B_0 \tanh(x/\delta) + \eta \frac{B_0}{\delta} \operatorname{sech}^2(x/\delta)$$

$$= v_n = \frac{\eta \frac{B_0}{\delta} \operatorname{sech}^2(x/\delta) - E_z}{B_0 \tanh(x/\delta)}$$

$$v_n = \frac{-E_z}{B_0} \coth(x/\delta) + \frac{\eta B_0}{\delta} \operatorname{sech}(x/\delta) \operatorname{cosh}(x/\delta)$$