

Exercise on effective wavenumbers

1. Show that $\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = k\mathbf{A}$ for $\mathbf{A} = (0, \sin kx, \cos kx)$, and explain why this allows you to calculate an effective wavenumber.
2. Use the PENCIL CODE from <http://pencil-code.googlecode.com> to calculate effective first and second wavenumbers. The trick is to use just the induction equation to produce an initial Beltrami field, i.e.

```
HYDRO      = nohydro
DENSITY    = nodensity
MAGNETIC   = magnetic
VISCOSITY  = noviscosity
EOS        = noeos
```

So we don't use any hydro or density, etc. The Beltrami field is then initialized in start.in using:

```
&magnetic_init_pars
  initaa='Beltrami-x', amplaa=1., kx_aa=16.
/
```

Finally, you need to output the relevant material in the 'print.in' file, i.e.

```
abm(f20.14)
ajm(f20.14)
arms(f10.6)
/
```

Compile the code in one dimension and run the code for one time step.

3. Determine $\langle \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \rangle / \langle \mathbf{A}^2 \rangle$ and $\langle \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{J} \rangle / \langle \mathbf{A}^2 \rangle$ for different wavenumbers of the Beltrami field.
4. Repeat the same with a larger number of mesh points (say 1024 or more) by modifying src/cparam.local and recompiling.