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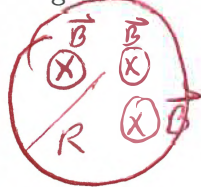
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$$S_{av} = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{200,000 \text{ W}}{4\pi (2200)^2} = 3.288 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$S_{av} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} EB = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} (cB)B = \frac{c}{2\mu_0} B^2 \Rightarrow B = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu_0 S_{av}}{c}}$$

$$B = 5.249 \times 10^{-9} \text{ T}$$

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$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = -\frac{d}{dt} (BA) = \left(\frac{dB}{dt} \right) \pi R^2$$

$$B = B_m \sin(kx - \omega t) = B_m \sin(-\omega t), \text{ using the hint.}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f.$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \omega B_m \underbrace{\cos(\omega t)}_{\substack{\text{max value} \\ \text{is } 1}} \cdot \pi R^2$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{max} = (2\pi f) B_m \pi R^2 = 2\pi (99.0 \times 10^6) (5.249 \times 10^{-9}) \pi (0.075)^2$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{max} = 0.0577 \text{ Volts}$$