## Physics 1C • Practice Quiz

## Problem 1. RHIC (5 Points)

Professor Kang works at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Long Island, New York. Relativistic particles undergoing cyclotron motion have cyclotron radius  $R = \gamma m v/qB$  where  $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$ . If RHIC has a circumference of 3834 meters and an internal magnetic field of 3.45 T, and gold nuclei with mass  $3.27 \times 10^{-25}$  kg and charge 79*e* are traveling near to the speed of light, what is  $\gamma$  for the gold ions? Note:  $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  C.

## Problem 2. Current Loop (10 points)

Consider the current loop with radius a and current I in the xy-plane as pictured at right. What is the magnetic field at a point with height h on the z-axis? Hint 1: Pythagorean theorem. Hint 2: The Biot-Savart Law is:

$$d\vec{B}(\vec{r}(\ell)) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I(\ell) \, d\vec{\ell} \times \vec{r}(\ell)}{\|\vec{r}(\ell)\|^3}$$

which can be integrated along a path  $\ell$ .

