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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a) } \vec{A} &= \frac{g}{4\pi} \int_L \frac{d\vec{x}' \times (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|^3} \\
 &= \frac{g}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^0 \hat{k} dz \times \frac{(r \sin\theta \cos\phi \hat{i} + r \sin\theta \sin\phi \hat{j} + r \cos\theta \hat{k} - z \hat{k})}{((r \cos\theta - z)^2 + (r \sin\theta)^2)^{3/2}} \\
 &= \frac{g}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{rdz \sin\theta \cos\phi \hat{j} - rdz \sin\theta \sin\phi \hat{i}}{(z^2 - 2rz \cos\theta + r^2)^{3/2}} \\
 &= \frac{g r \sin\theta}{4\pi} \hat{\phi} \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{dz}{(z^2 - 2rz \cos\theta + r^2)^{3/2}} \\
 &= \frac{g r \sin\theta}{4\pi} \hat{\phi} \left( \frac{\sin\theta}{r^2 (1 + \cos\theta)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{g}{4\pi r} \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \hat{\phi} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} &= \hat{r} \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin\theta \left[ \frac{g}{4\pi r} \tan\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \right) - \hat{\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \left[ \frac{g}{4\pi r} \tan\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \right) \\
 &= \hat{r} \frac{g}{4\pi r^2} \left( \cos\theta \left( \frac{1}{2} \sec^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \sin\theta + \cos\theta \tan\frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right) \\
 &= \hat{r} \frac{g}{4\pi r^2}, \quad \theta \neq \pi \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

At  $\theta = \pi$ , the delta-function contribution from Dirac string must be included:

$$\vec{B} = \hat{r} \frac{g}{4\pi r^2} + \hat{z} \frac{g}{4\pi} \delta(x) \delta(y) \theta(-z) \quad (3)$$

c) For  $\theta < \pi/2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\int \vec{B} \cdot \hat{n} da &= \int_0^\theta d\theta' \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \frac{g}{4\pi r^2} r^2 \sin\theta' \\ &= \frac{g}{2} (1 - \cos\theta) \quad (4)\end{aligned}$$

For  $\theta > \pi/2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\int \vec{B} \cdot \hat{n} da &= \int_\theta^\pi d\theta' \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \left(\frac{-g}{4\pi r^2}\right) r^2 \sin\theta' \\ &= -\frac{g}{2} (1 + \cos\theta) \quad (5)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}d) \oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{\ell} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{g}{4\pi r} \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) r \sin\theta d\phi \\ &= \frac{g}{2} (\csc\theta - \cot\theta) \sin\theta \\ &= \frac{g}{2} (1 - \cos\theta) \quad (6)\end{aligned}$$

Comparing (6) to (5) & (4), we see that for  $\theta > \pi/2$  it is off by  $g$  whereas it is the same for  $\theta < \pi/2$ . The difference can be attributed to the flux due to the Dirac string.