

Past-paper walk-through

Resistance, Resistivity, and Ohm's Law ■ 11.3

eXercise

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Reading the mark scheme

- **B1** a mark that stands on its own – the point is either made or not.
- **M1** a *method* mark: the right approach, even if the number is wrong.
- **A1** an *answer* mark, and it usually needs its M mark first.
- **C1** a working mark on the way to the answer.
- **//** separates answers the examiner accepts equally.
- **ecf** = error carried forward: a later part is marked on your own earlier answer.
- **owtte** = “or words to that effect” – the wording need not match.

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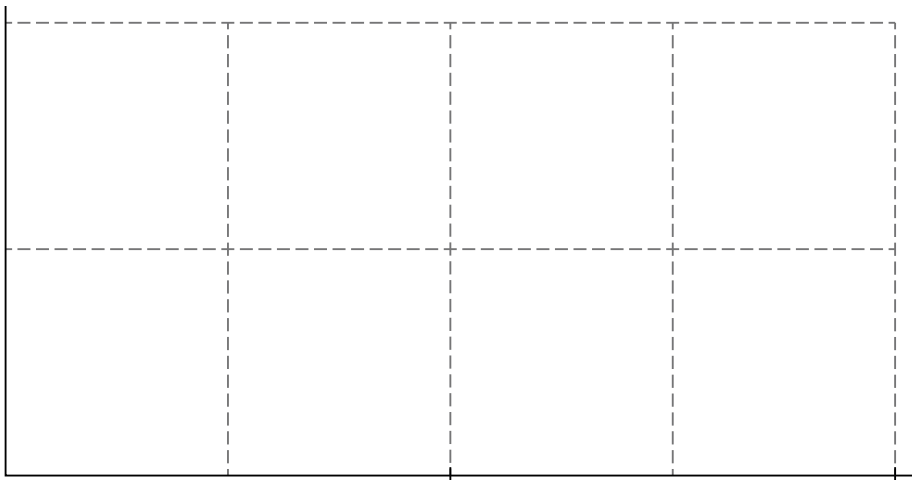
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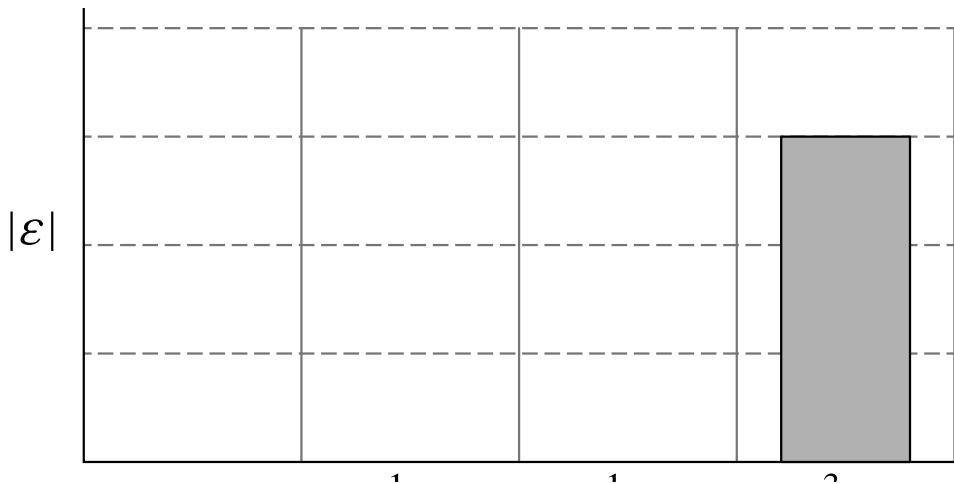
(a) The absolute value of the induced emf in the loop is $|\varepsilon|$. The partially completed bar chart in Figure 2 shows a bar that represents $|\varepsilon|$ at $t = \frac{3}{4}T$. In Figure 2, ****draw**** bars to represent $|\varepsilon|$ at times $t = 0$, $\frac{1}{4}T$, and $\frac{1}{2}T$ relative to $|\varepsilon|$ shown at $\frac{3}{4}T$. If $|\varepsilon| = 0$, ****write**** a "0" in that column.

[Figure 2: A bar chart with vertical axis $|\varepsilon|$ and horizontal axis showing four columns labeled $t = 0$, $\frac{1}{4}T$, $\frac{1}{2}T$, $\frac{3}{4}T$. Only the $\frac{3}{4}T$ column already has a bar drawn, reaching to a height roughly midway up the chart; the other three columns are blank for the student to fill in.]

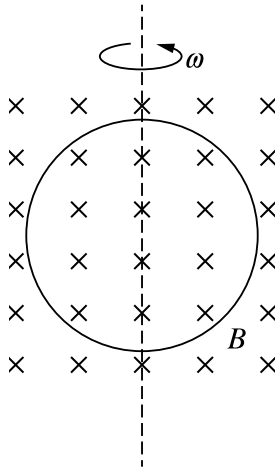
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(b) Derive an expression for the maximum induced current in the loop in terms of A , R , B , ω , and physical constants, as appropriate. Begin your derivation by writing a fundamental physics principle or an equation from the reference information.

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(c) On the axes shown in Figure 3, **sketch** a graph of the instantaneous power P dissipated by the loop as a function of t during the time interval $0 \leq t \leq T$.

[Figure 3: A blank set of axes with vertical axis labeled P and horizontal axis labeled t , origin O . Two vertical dashed reference lines are marked on the t -axis at positions labeled $\frac{1}{2}T$ and T .]

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(d) Indicate whether the sketch you drew in part C is or is not consistent with the bars that you drew in part A. Briefly **justify** your answer by referencing the functional dependence between P and $|\varepsilon|$.

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(a)

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- The bar chart shows $|\varepsilon|_{att} = 3/4 T$ already drawn (height 3 units). Draw : $a_{baratt} = 1/4 T$ with height 3 units (equal to the given $3/4 T$ bar), and write ' 0 ' at $t = 0$ and $t = 1/2 T$ ($|\varepsilon|$ is zero at those times, when $\cos(\omega t)$ is at an extremum so its derivative — the emf — is zero). Points : (1) $a_{baratt} = 1/4 T$, (2) that bar has height 3 units (matching the $3/4 T$ bar). $0_{att} = 0$ and $t = 1/2 T$.

Solution 2

(b) Mark scheme

- Start from Faraday's law: $\varepsilon = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$ (sign not required). With $\Phi_B = BA \cos(\omega t)$, $\varepsilon = -\frac{d}{dt}[BA \cos(\omega t)] = BA\omega \sin(\omega t)$, so $\varepsilon_{\max} = BA\omega$. Using Ohm's law, $I = \varepsilon/R$ (or $I = \Delta V/R$ with $\Delta V = \varepsilon$), so $I_{\max} = \varepsilon_{\max}/R = \frac{BA\omega}{R}$. Points: (1) writing $\varepsilon = -d\Phi_B/dt$, (2) correct expression for induced emf $\varepsilon = BA\omega \sin(\omega t)$, (3) using Ohm's law $I = \varepsilon/R$, (4) correct expression for the maximum induced current $I_{\max} = BA\omega/R$.

Solution 2

(c) Mark scheme

- Sketch P vs t (power dissipated, $P \propto \varepsilon^2 \propto \sin^2(\omega t)$) :
an approximately sinusoidal curve (all humps above the axis, since power is never negative) that completes 0 and $t = T$ (since $\sin^2$ has half the period of $\sin$), starting at the origin ($P = 0$ at $t = 0$) with the equal maximum values and equal minimum values (minima at $P = 0$, occurring at $t = 0, T/2, T$; maxima midway between). A curve that starts and ends at $P = 0$ with a single maximum can also earn the third point. Points :
 (1) *approximately sinusoidal curve*, (2) *exactly two cycles shown over 0 to T* , (3) *starts at the origin with the*

Solution 2

(d)

Mark scheme

- Yes, the graph in part C is consistent with the bars drawn in part A. Because P is proportional to ε^2 , P is maximum whenever $|\varepsilon|$ is maximum (at $\varepsilon = 1/4T$ and $3/4T$) and P is zero (minimum) whenever ε is zero (at $\varepsilon = 0$ and $1/2T$) – i.e., the maxima/minima of the part C graph align with the bars of part A. Points : (1) correctly stating the representations are consistent, (2) correct justification referencing that P is proportional to ε^2 .

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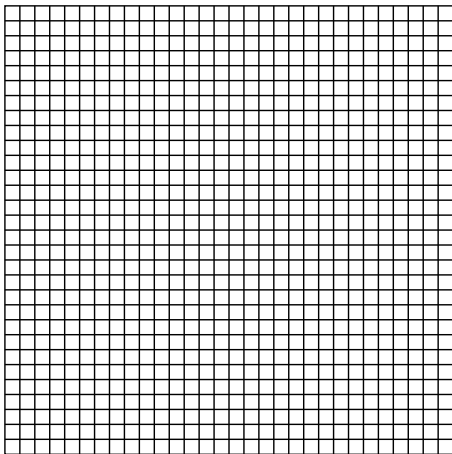
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(a) Describe a procedure for collecting data that would allow the students to use a graph to determine ρ_1 , including any steps necessary to reduce experimental uncertainty.

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0.010	0.90
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(c) In Experiment 2, the students are asked to use a graph to determine the resistivity ρ_2 of solid, cylindrical resistors made of the same material but of different lengths L . The cross-sectional area of each resistor is $5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$. The students directly

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measure the resistance R between the ends of each resistor. Table 1 provides L and R for each resistor.

Table 1

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(c)(i) Indicate two quantities, either measured quantities from Table 1 or additional calculated quantities, that could be graphed to produce a straight line that could be used to determine ρ_2 .

Vertical axis: _____ Horizontal axis: _____

(c)(ii) On the grid provided, create a graph of the quantities indicated in part C (i).

- Use Table 2 to record the measured or calculated quantities that you will plot.
- Clearly **label** the axes, including units as appropriate.

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- **Plot** the points you recorded in Table 2.

[Figure: A blank square grid (graph paper) for plotting the data.]

(c)(iii) Draw a best-fit line for the data graphed in part C (ii).

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(d) Using the best-fit line that you drew in part C (iii), **calculate** an experimental value for ρ_2 .

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(a) Mark scheme

- Procedure: Measure the length and diameter of the circuit element; use the diameter to calculate its cross-sectional area. Measure the current in the circuit element. Repeat the procedure, taking multiple current measurements and/or varying the potential difference of the power supply across several settings, to reduce experimental uncertainty. Points: (1) a procedure that measures the element's length and current and determines its cross-sectional area, (2) a procedure that reduces experimental uncertainty (e.g., repeated current measurements, or varying the supply potential difference).

Solution 3

(b) Mark scheme

- Graph the potential difference across the circuit element as a function of the current in the circuit element (or the reciprocal relationship); this is consistent with $V = (\rho_1 \ell / (\pi r^2)) I$, a straight line through the origin. Use the slope of the graph, which equals $\rho_1 \ell / (\pi r^2)$ ($\ell = \text{length}$, $r = \text{radius of the circuit element}$), together with the measured ℓ and r , to determine ρ_1 . Points : (1) indicating quantities that can be appropriately graphed to determine ρ_1 , consistent with the part – A procedure, (2) a correct analysis of that graph (identifying the slope as $\rho_1 \ell / (\pi r^2)$ and solving for ρ_1).

Solution 3

(c)

Mark scheme

- This is the introductory stem for Part C (Experiment 2): resistors of cross-sectional area $5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$ and different lengths L ; the measured resistance R for each is given in Table 1. It states that – all Part C points are scored in sub – parts C(i) – C(iii) (and part D uses the resulting graph).

Solution 3

(c)(i)

- Since $R = \rho_2 L / A$ with A fixed, plot R (vertical axis) as a function of L (horizontal axis, or the reciprocal axis assignment) to produce a straight line through the origin whose slope is ρ_2 / A . (Other equivalent quantities indicating appropriate quantities (e.g., R vs L) that could be graphed to produce a straight line usable to

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(c)(ii) Mark scheme

■ Plot R

(Ω) on the vertical axis and $L(m)$ on the horizontal axis, both axes labeled with units and a linear scale (e.g.

(1) correctly labeled axes with units on a linear scale, (2) data points correctly plotted consistent with the

Solution 3

(c)(iii)

Mark scheme

- Draw a single straight best-fit line through the plotted R-vs-L data points (a line that reasonably follows the trend of the points rather than connecting them dot-to-dot). Point: for drawing a best-fit line/curve that approximates the trend of the plotted data.

Solution 3

(d)

Mark scheme

- Read the slope of the best-fit line, e.g. $\text{slope} = \Delta R / \Delta L = (4.0 \, \Omega - 2.0 \, \Omega) / (0.050 \, \text{m} - 0.024 \, \text{m}) = 77 \, \Omega/\text{m}$. Since $R = \rho_2 L / A = (\rho_2 / A) L$, the slope equals ρ_2 / A , so $\rho_2 = A \cdot (\text{slope}) = (5.0 \times 10^{-6} \, \text{m}^2)(77 \, \Omega/\text{m}) \approx 3.9 \times 10^{-4} \, \Omega \cdot \text{m}$. Points: (1) correctly relating the slope of the best-fit line to ρ_2 via $R = \rho_2 L / A$, (2) a resulting value of ρ_2 between 3.5×10^{-4} and $4.5 \times 10^{-4} \, \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ (credit is for a value in this range, consistent with the student's own graph).

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[Figure 1: A circuit diagram. A battery of emf $\mathcal{E}$ is on the left side of the loop. Along the top wire, moving right from the battery, is a switch, then resistor R_A , then resistor R_B (both drawn as zigzag resistor symbols). The right side of the loop contains an inductor of inductance L (drawn as a coil symbol), connecting back down to the battery, completing the rectangular circuit loop.]

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(a)(i) On the circuit diagram shown in Figure 1, **draw** the voltmeter, using the following symbol, with connections that would allow the students to correctly measure a potential difference that increases with time.

[Voltmeter Symbol: a circle containing the letter “V”, with a wire lead extending from each side, labeled “Voltmeter Symbol”.]

(a)(ii) Describe a procedure for collecting data that would allow the students to graphically determine the experimental value for R using a measured quantity that increases with time. Provide enough detail so that another student could replicate the experiment.

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long time, the absolute value of the potential difference across R_A is $|\Delta V_2|$.

(d) **Indicate** whether $|\Delta V_2|$ is greater than, less than, or equal to $|\Delta V_1|$.

_____ $|\Delta V_2| > |\Delta V_1|$ _____ $|\Delta V_2| < |\Delta V_1|$ _____ $|\Delta V_2| = |\Delta V_1|$

Justify your answer.

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Figure 2

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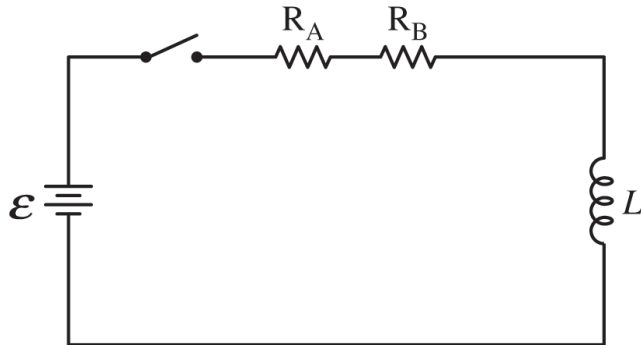


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(b)(i) On the axes shown in Figure 2, produce a graph that represents the expected trend of the data by completing the following tasks.

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- **Label** the quantities graphed on the vertical and horizontal axes.
- **Sketch** a line or curve that represents the expected trend of the collected data.
- **Label** any appropriate intercepts and/or asymptotes in terms of the quantities provided.

[Figure 2: A blank graph with a vertical axis (upward arrow, unlabeled) and a horizontal axis (rightward arrow, unlabeled, drawn dashed). No scale or curve shown; axes are empty for the student to label and sketch.]

(b)(ii) Describe how the information from the graph in part (b)(i) would be used to determine the experimental value for R .

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(c) Starting with an appropriate application of Kirchhoff's loop rule, **derive**, but do NOT solve, a differential equation that can be used to determine the current I in the

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inductor at time t after the switch is closed. Express your answer in terms of R , $\mathcal{E}$, L , t , and physical constants, as appropriate.

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(d) After reaching steady state, the absolute value of the potential difference across R_A is $|\Delta V_1|$. The students replace the original inductor with a new inductor that has

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nonnegligible resistance. The experiment is repeated. After a long time, the absolute value of the potential difference across R_A is $|\Delta V_2|$.

****Indicate**** whether $|\Delta V_2|$ is greater than, less than, or equal to $|\Delta V_1|$.

$$|\Delta V_2| > |\Delta V_1| \quad |\Delta V_2| < |\Delta V_1| \quad |\Delta V_2| = |\Delta V_1|$$

****Justify**** your answer.

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(a)(i)

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- Place the voltmeter in parallel with Resistor A, Resistor B, or the series combination of Resistors A and B (not across the inductor) — this location's potential difference increases with time as current builds up after the switch closes, unlike the inductor voltage which decreases with time. 1 point for correctly placing the voltmeter across one of these three valid options.

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(a)(ii)

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- Procedure: Close the switch, then use the voltmeter to record the potential difference across the chosen resistor(s) as a function of time, from immediately after the switch is closed until steady-state conditions are established (or until enough time has elapsed that the time constant can be determined from the data). 1 point for a procedure indicating the voltmeter is used to measure the potential difference for at least one time, 1 point for measuring from immediately after the switch closes through steady state (or until the time constant is determinable).

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(b)(i) Mark scheme

- Sketch potential difference (vertical axis) vs. time (horizontal axis): a curve that starts at the origin $(0,0)$, is concave-down and increasing, and asymptotically approaches a nonzero potential-difference value. The labeled horizontal asymptote must be consistent with the voltmeter placement chosen in part (a)(i) — e.g. $\varepsilon/2$ if measuring across one resistor (A or B alone), or ε if measuring across the series combination of A and B. 1 point for correctly labeling potential difference vertically and time horizontally, 1 point for a concave-down increasing curve, 1 point for a curve starting at the origin and asymptotically approaching a nonzero value, 1 point for correctly labeling the horizontal asymptote consistent with part (a)(i).

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(b)(ii) Mark scheme

- Fit the data to an exponential function of the form $V_R = \varepsilon (1 - e^{-t2R/L})$ (for the series-combination case; for a single resistor the analogous form applies). Since ε and L are known, the coefficient multiplying t in the fit equals $2R/L$, from which R can be calculated. Alternate: read off the time at which the potential difference reaches $\approx 0.63\varepsilon/2$ (one resistor) or $\approx 0.63\varepsilon$ (combination); this time equals the time constant $L/2R$, and since L is known, R can be calculated. 1 point for indicating the curve fit is an exponential function (or, alternately, indicating the 0.63-value time), 1 point for indicating the fitted coefficient of t equals $2R/L$ (or, alternately, that the time constant equals $L/2R$).

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(c) Mark scheme

- Apply Kirchhoff's loop rule: $\varepsilon - \Delta V_R - \Delta V_L = 0$. The potential difference across the series combination of the two resistors is $I(2R)$, and the magnitude of the potential difference across the inductor is $L \, dl/dt$. Substituting:
 $\varepsilon - I(2R) - L \frac{dl}{dt} = 0$, which rearranges to $\frac{dl}{dt} = \frac{\varepsilon}{L} - \frac{2IR}{L} = -\frac{R}{L} \left(2I - \frac{\varepsilon}{R} \right)$ (do not solve further). 1 point for a multi-step derivation beginning with an attempt at Kirchhoff's loop rule, 1 point for indicating the resistor-combination potential difference is $I(2R)$, 1 point for indicating the inductor's potential-difference magnitude is $L \, dl/dt$.

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(d) Mark scheme

- $|\Delta V_2| < |\Delta V_1|$. Justification: because the new inductor has nonnegligible resistance, the total resistance of the new circuit is greater than in the original circuit, so at steady state the current is smaller than before, and the potential difference across R_A (which equals IR_A) decreases. (Equivalently: the increased total resistance means more of the source emf is dropped across the inductor's internal resistance at steady state, increasing the potential difference across the inductor and thereby decreasing the potential difference across R_A .) 1 point for selecting $|\Delta V_2| < |\Delta V_1|$ with an attempted justification, 1 point for indicating the total resistance has increased, 1 point for indicating the current decreases due

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to the increased resistance (or, alternately, that the inductor's potential difference increases so R_A 's must decrease).

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A lightbulb of resistance $R = 10.0 \, \Omega$ is connected to a rectangular loop of wire of negligible resistance near a very long current-carrying wire. The rectangular loop has a length $L = 4.0 \, \text{cm}$ and a width $W = 2.0 \, \text{cm}$ and is positioned so one of the longer sides of the loop is a distance $d = 1.0 \, \text{cm}$ above and parallel to the long wire, as shown. The current in the long wire is initially flowing to the right and is given by $I(t) = C - Dt$, where $C = 10.0 \, \text{A}$ and $D = 2.0 \, \text{A/s}$. At time $t = 5.0 \, \text{s}$, the current in the long wire is instantaneously zero as the current changes direction.

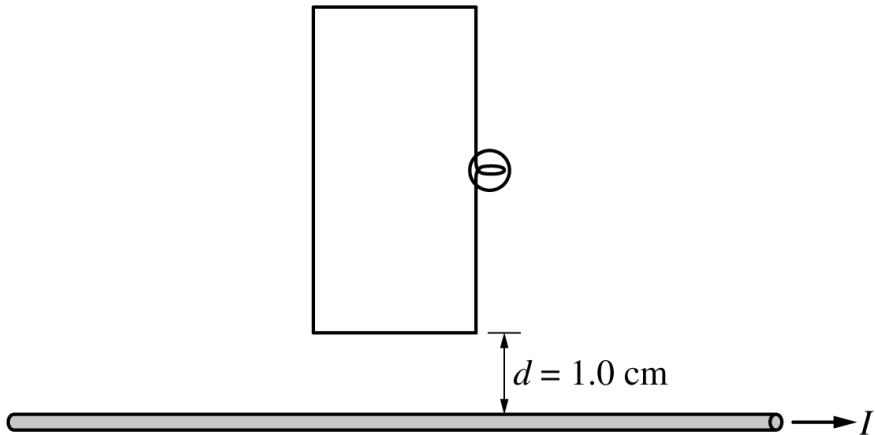
[Diagram: a rectangular loop of wire with a lightbulb (circle with X inside) in the top wire of the loop, labeled $R = 10.0 \, \Omega$. The loop has width $W = 2.0 \, \text{cm}$ (vertical side) and length $L = 4.0 \, \text{cm}$ (horizontal side). Below the loop, a long horizontal wire carries current $I(t)$ to the right (arrow labeled $I(t)$ at the right end), separated from the bottom of the loop by a distance $d = 1.0 \, \text{cm}$.]

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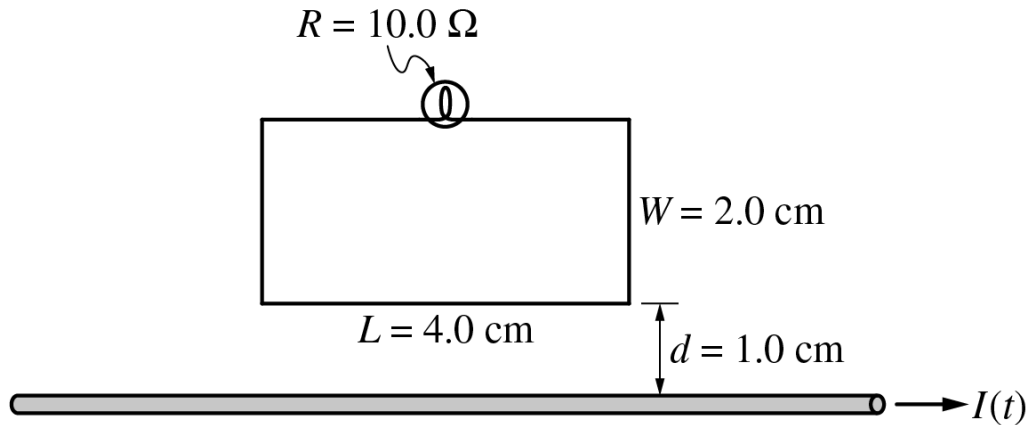
(a) What is the direction, if any, of the magnetic field produced by the induced current in the rectangular loop as the current in the long wire changes direction?

____ Into the page ____ Out of the page ____ No direction, because the field is zero
Justify your answer.

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[Diagram: a rectangular loop of wire with a lightbulb (circle with X inside) in the top wire of the loop, labeled $R = 10.0\ \Omega$. The loop has width $W = 2.0\text{ cm}$ (vertical side) and length $L = 4.0\text{ cm}$ (horizontal side). Below the loop, a long horizontal wire carries current $I(t)$ to the right (arrow labeled $I(t)$ at the right end), separated from the bottom of the loop by a distance $d = 1.0\text{ cm}$.]

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(b) Calculate the magnetic flux through the loop due to only the long wire at time $t = 3.0$ s.

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(c) Calculate the current through the lightbulb at time $t = 3.0$ s.

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(d) A group of students attempts to experimentally verify whether the current through the lightbulb is consistent with the current calculation from part (c). The current in the rectangular loop is measured to be greater than the current calculated in part (c). Which of the following could explain this discrepancy? Select one answer.

☐ The students did not account for Earth's magnetic field. ☐ The rectangular loop is tilted and is not in the same plane as the wire. ☐ The resistance of the lightbulb is greater than the recorded value. ☐ The long side of the rectangular loop is shorter than the recorded value. ☐ The current in the long wire changes at a faster rate than expected.

Briefly justify your answer.

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(e) Later, the same rectangular loop with lightbulb is rotated such that a short side of the loop is 1.0 cm above and parallel to the long current-carrying wire, as shown. The current in the wire is again initially flowing from left to right and given by $I(t) = C - Dt$, where $C = 10.0$ A and $D = 2.0$ A/s. The current through the lightbulb in the loop's new orientation at time $t = 3.0$ s is I_2 . Which of the following correctly relates the I_2 to I_1 , the current through the lightbulb in part (c)?

[Diagram: a tall rectangular loop of wire oriented vertically, with a lightbulb (circle with X inside) partway up the loop. Below the loop, a long horizontal wire carries current to the right (arrow labeled I at the right end), with the short side of the loop positioned a distance $d = 1.0$ cm above and parallel to the wire.]

$$I_2 < I_1 \quad I_2 = I_1 \quad I_2 > I_1$$

Justify your answer.

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(a) Mark scheme

- Answer: Out of the page (1 pt, for the correct selection with an attempt at relevant justification). As the current in the long straight wire decreases toward zero (changing direction), the magnetic field it produces through the loop — originally directed out of the page — is decreasing in magnitude (1 pt: justification correctly relates the changing current in the wire to the changing flux through the loop with respect to time). By Lenz's law, the induced current opposes this decrease, so it produces its own magnetic field directed out of the page through the loop to compensate for the decreasing flux (1 pt: indicating the induced current opposes the change in flux).

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(b) Mark scheme

- $\Phi_B = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$ (1 pt: appropriate integral equation with a substitution for the magnetic field, to calculate flux). The field from the long wire is $B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$ (1 pt: correct equation for B as a function of distance from the wire). At $t = 3$ s, with $I(t) = C - Dt$, $C = 10.0$ A, $D = 2.0$ A/s: $I(3 \text{ s}) = 10 \text{ A} - (2 \text{ A/s})(3 \text{ s}) = 4 \text{ A}$ (1 pt: substituting $t = 3$ s to find the current). Integrating across the loop (near edge a distance $d = 0.01$ m from the wire, far edge at $d + W = 0.03$ m, length $L = 0.04$ m along the wire): $\Phi_B = \int_d^{d+W} \frac{\mu_0 I L}{2\pi r} dr = \frac{\mu_0 I L}{2\pi} \ln \left[\frac{d+W}{d} \right]$ (1 pt:

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integrating B with correct limits and a correct substitution for dA). Numerically:

$$\Phi_B = \frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T} \cdot \text{m/A})(4 \text{ A})(0.04 \text{ m})}{2\pi} \ln \left[\frac{0.03 \text{ m}}{0.01 \text{ m}} \right] = 3.52 \times 10^{-8} \text{ T} \cdot \text{m}^2.$$

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(c) Mark scheme

- $\varepsilon = \left| \frac{d\Phi}{dt} \right|$ (1 pt: using Faraday's law to determine the emf across the lightbulb).

With $\Phi_B = \frac{\mu_0(C - Dt)L}{2\pi} \ln \left[\frac{d + W}{d} \right]$, differentiating (only $I(t) = C - Dt$ depends

on t , with $dI/dt = -D$): $\varepsilon = \frac{\mu_0 DL}{2\pi} \ln \left[\frac{d + W}{d} \right]$. Then $I = \frac{\varepsilon}{R} = \frac{\mu_0 DL}{2\pi R} \ln \left[\frac{d + W}{d} \right]$

(1 pt: using Ohm's law to find the current consistent with the emf just found).

Substituting $D = 2.0 \text{ A/s}$, $L = 0.04 \text{ m}$, $R = 10 \text{ }\Omega$:

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$$I = \frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T} \cdot \text{m/A})(2.0 \text{ A/s})(0.04 \text{ m})}{2\pi(10 \text{ } \Omega)} \ln \left[\frac{0.03}{0.01} \right] = 1.8 \times 10^{-9} \text{ A (1 pt: correct substitution of } dl/dt \text{ and } R).$$

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(d)

Mark scheme

- Answer: The current in the long wire changes at a faster rate than expected (1 pt for the correct selection; the justification point cannot be earned with an incorrect selection). Justification: if the current in the wire changes at a faster rate, there is a greater rate of change of magnetic flux through the loop, so the induced emf — and hence the induced current through the lightbulb — will be higher than the calculated value, consistent with the measured current being greater than the part (c) calculation (1 pt).

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(e) Mark scheme

- Answer: $I_2 < I_1$ (1 pt, for the correct selection with an attempt at relevant justification). In the new orientation (a short side of the loop 1.0 cm above and parallel to the wire), some parts of the rectangular loop are farther from the straight wire than in the original orientation, so the total magnetic flux through the loop is smaller (1 pt: indicating the total flux in the loop is less in the new orientation). Since the rate of change of the flux has the same distance-dependence as the flux itself, the rate of change of flux — and therefore the induced emf and current — will also be smaller, so $I_2 < I_1$ (1 pt: correctly relating the rate of change of flux to the total flux inside the loop).

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[Side View: a solenoid drawn as a coil of wire with current $I(t)$ entering at the left, labeled "Solenoid"; a single circular "Loop of Wire" is shown positioned partway along/around the solenoid's axis, oriented with its plane perpendicular to the solenoid's axis.] [End View: the solenoid seen end-on as a circle, with a smaller concentric circle labeled "Loop of Wire" carrying current $I(t)$ shown with a circular arrow indicating direction.] [Note: Figures not drawn to scale.]

A single loop of wire with resistance $3.0\ \Omega$ and radius $0.10\ \text{m}$ is placed inside a solenoid, with the normal to the loop parallel to the axis of the solenoid. The solenoid has 500 turns, is $0.25\ \text{m}$ long, and is connected to a power supply that is not shown. At time $t = 0$, the power supply is turned on, and the current I in the solenoid as a function of t is given by the equation $I(t) = \beta t$, where $\beta = 5.0\ \text{A/s}$. The direction of the current in the solenoid is clockwise, as shown in the end view.

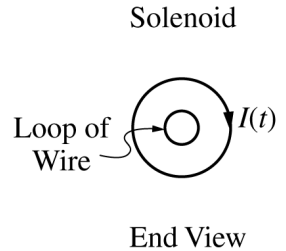
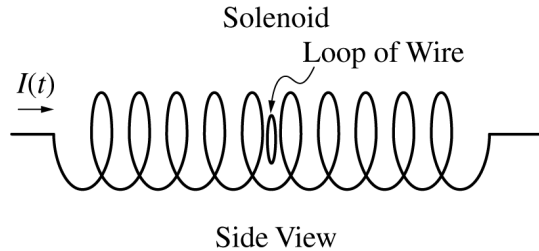
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(a) At time $t = 2.0$ s, is the induced current in the loop, as seen from the end view shown, clockwise, counterclockwise, or zero?

$i_{\text{clockwise}}$ $i_{\text{counterclockwise}}$ i_{zero}

Justify your answer.

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(b) Calculate the current in the loop of wire at time $t = 2.0$ s.

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(c) Calculate the total energy dissipated by the loop of wire from time $t = 0$ to time $t = 2.0$ s.

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(d) A group of students attempts to verify experimentally the calculation of the current from part (b). The current in the inner circular loop at time $t = 2.0$ s is measured to be less than the current calculated in part (b). Which of the following could explain this discrepancy? Select one answer.

The experiment did not account for Earth's magnetic field. *The plane of the loop is not perpendicular to the axis of the solenoid.* *The center of the loop is not on the axis of the solenoid.*

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Justify your answer.