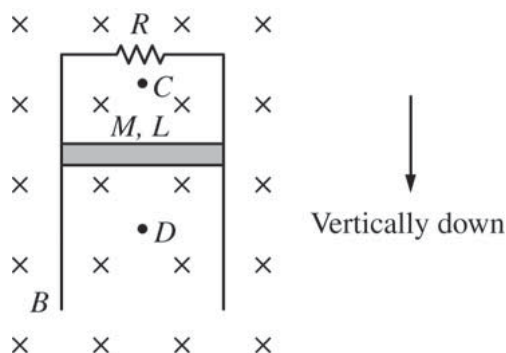




E&M.3.

A conducting bar of mass M , length L , and negligible resistance is connected to two long vertical conducting rails of negligible resistance. The two rails are connected by a resistor of resistance R at the top. The entire apparatus is located in a magnetic field of magnitude B directed into the page, as shown in the figure above. The bar is released from rest and slides without friction down the rails.

(a) What is the direction of the current in the resistor?

_____ Left _____ Right

(b)

i. Is the magnitude of the net magnetic field above the bar at point C greater than, less than, or equal to the magnitude of the net magnetic field before the bar is released?

_____ Greater than _____ Less than _____ Equal to

Justify your answer.

ii. While the bar is above point D , is the magnitude of the net magnetic field at point D greater than, less than, or equal to the magnitude of the net magnetic field before the bar is released?

_____ Greater than _____ Less than _____ Equal to

Justify your answer.

Express your answers to parts (c) and (d) in terms of M , L , R , B , and physical constants, as appropriate.

(c) Write, but do NOT solve, a differential equation that could be used to determine the velocity of the falling bar as a function of time t .

(d) Determine an expression for the terminal velocity v_T of the bar.

Express your answers to parts (e) and (f) in terms of v_T , M , L , R , B , and physical constants, as appropriate.

(e) Derive an expression for the power dissipated in the resistor when the bar is falling at terminal velocity.

(f) Using your differential equation from part (c), derive an expression for the speed of the falling bar $v(t)$ as a function of time t .

STOP

END OF EXAM