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3. A solenoid is used to generate a magnetic field. The solenoid has an inner radius a , length ℓ , and N total turns of wire. A power supply, not shown, is connected to the solenoid and generates current I , as shown in the figure on the left above. The x -axis runs along the axis of the solenoid. Point P is in the middle of the solenoid at the origin of the xyz -coordinate system, as shown in the cutaway view on the right above. Assume $\ell \gg a$.

- (a) Select the correct direction of the magnetic field at point P.

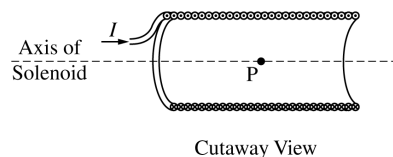
☐ $+x$ -direction ☐ $+y$ -direction ☐ $+z$ -direction

☐ $-x$ -direction ☐ $-y$ -direction ☐ $-z$ -direction

Justify your selection.

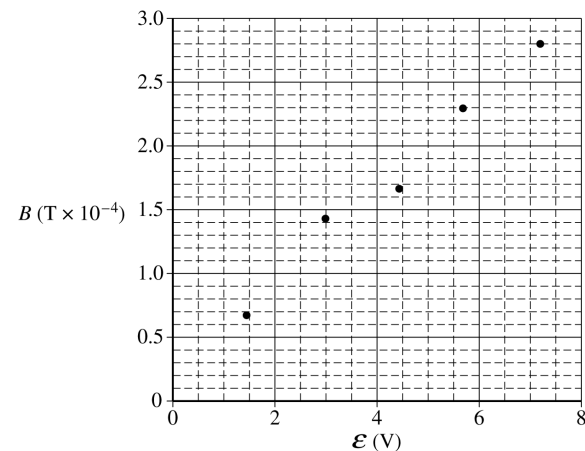
- (b)

- i. On the cutaway view below, clearly draw an Amperian loop that can be used to determine the magnetic field at point P at the center of the solenoid.



- ii. Use Ampere's law to derive an expression for the magnetic field strength at point P. Express your answer in terms of I , ℓ , N , a , and physical constants, as appropriate.

Some physics students conduct an experiment to determine the resistance R_S of a solenoid with radius $a = 0.015$ m, total turns $N = 100$, and total length $\ell = 0.40$ m. The students connect the solenoid to a variable power supply. A magnetic field sensor is used to measure the magnetic field strength along the central axis at the center of the solenoid. The plot of the magnetic field strength B as a function of the emf $\mathcal{E}$ of the power supply is shown below.



- (c)

- i. On the graph above, draw a best-fit line for the data.

- ii. Use the straight line to determine the resistance R_S of the solenoid used in the experiment.

- (d) One of the students notes that the horizontal component of the magnetic field of Earth is 2.5×10^{-5} T.

- i. Is there evidence from the graph that the horizontal orientation of the solenoid affects the measured values for B ?

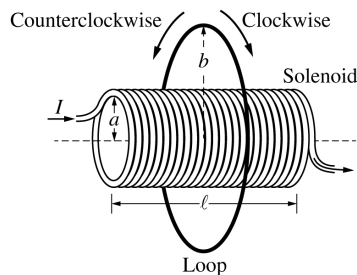
☐ Yes ☐ No

Justify your answer.

- ii. Would the horizontal orientation of the solenoid affect the calculated value for R_S ?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Justify your answer.



A thin conducting loop of radius b and resistance R_L is placed concentric with the solenoid, as shown above. The current in the solenoid is decreased from I to zero over time Δt .

(e)

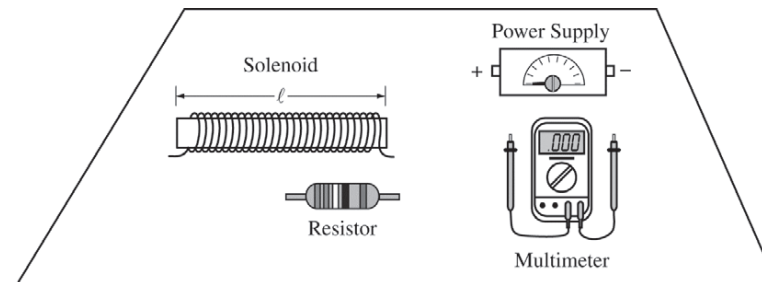
- i. Is the direction of the induced current in the loop clockwise or counterclockwise during the time period that the current in the solenoid is decreasing?

_____ Clockwise _____ Counterclockwise

Justify your answer.

- ii. Derive an equation for the average induced current i_{IND} in the loop during the time period that the current in the solenoid is decreasing. Express your answer in terms of I , ℓ , N , a , b , R_L , R_S , Δt , and physical constants, as appropriate.

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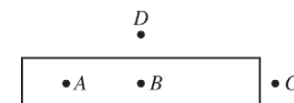


3. When studying Ampere's law, students collect data on the magnetic field of two different solenoids in order to determine the magnetic permeability of free space μ_0 . The solenoids are created by wrapping wire around a hollow plastic tube. The solenoids of length ℓ with N turns of wire will be connected in series to a power supply and resistor. A multimeter will be used as an ammeter to measure the magnitude of the current I through the solenoids. The main components for the setup with one of the solenoids are shown in the figure above.

(a)

- i. On the figure above, draw wire connections between the solenoid, power supply, resistor, and multimeter that will complete the circuit and allow students to measure the magnitude of the current through the solenoid.
- ii. Using the connections you made in part (a)i above, what will be the direction of the magnetic field inside the solenoid?
- _____ Toward the top of the page _____ To the left _____ Out of the page
_____ Toward the bottom of the page _____ To the right _____ Into the page

The rectangle shown below represents the solenoid (the loops of wire are not shown). Points A , B , and C are along the central axis of the solenoid with point B at the middle of the solenoid. Point D is directly above point B .

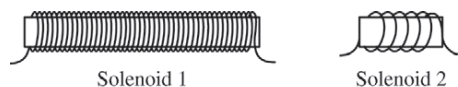


- iii. From the choices below, select the point where you would place a magnetic field probe (a probe that can measure the magnitude of the magnetic field) to best measure the strength of the magnetic field of the solenoid in order to determine the magnetic permeability of free space μ_0 .

_____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D

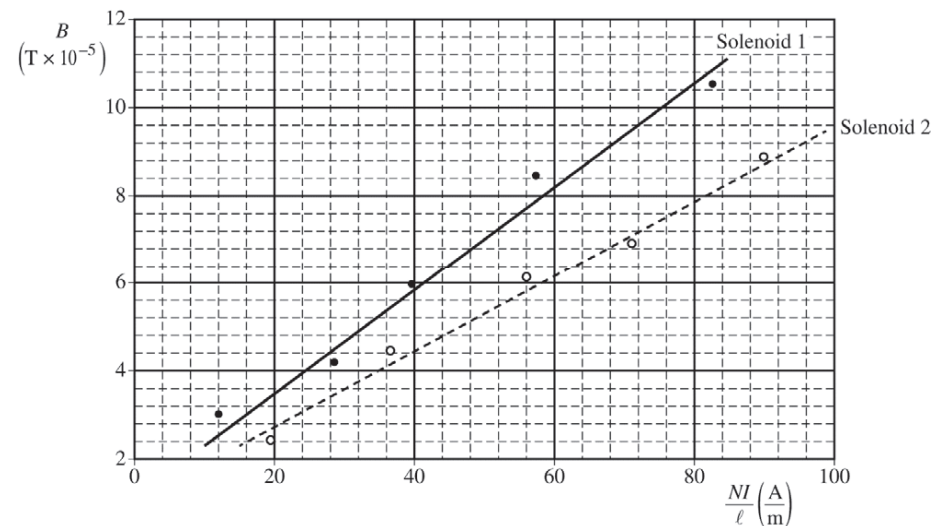
Justify your answer based on the model for a simple solenoid.

The figures below show two different solenoids that will be connected in the circuit above. Solenoid 1 has a length $\ell = 25$ cm with $N = 100$ turns. Solenoid 2 has a length $\ell = 5.0$ cm with $N = 5$ turns.



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A graph of the magnitude of the magnetic field B as a function of NI/ℓ is shown below. The best-fit lines for the data are shown as a solid line for solenoid 1 and as a dashed line for solenoid 2.



- (b) Which solenoid's best-fit line would give the best results for determining a value for the magnetic permeability of free space μ_0 ?

____ Solenoid 1 ____ Solenoid 2

Justify your answer.

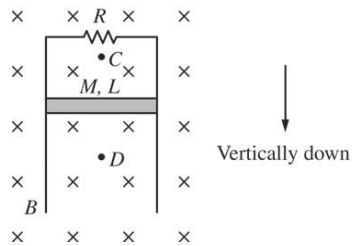
(c)

- Use the slope of the best-fit line for the solenoid chosen in part (b) to calculate the magnetic permeability of free space μ_0 .
- Calculate the percent error for the experimental value of the magnetic permeability of free space μ_0 determined in part (c)i.

(d)

- What is a reasonable physical explanation for a best-fit line that does not pass through the origin?
- Suppose a student connects the solenoid in a closed circuit similar to the circuit in part (a)i but without the resistor. The student notices the multimeter stops functioning after the power supply is turned on. Explain what causes the failure of the multimeter.

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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 .

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