

Homework set 7 selected solution

P. 5-19 The cross section of a long thin metal strip and a parallel wire is shown in Fig. 5-30. Equal and opposite currents I flow in the conductors. Find the force per unit length on the conductors.

Solution)

dB at the wire due to dI on the metal strip :

$$dB(D) = \frac{\mu_0 dI}{2\pi r} = \frac{\mu_0 I dy}{2\pi w \sqrt{D^2 + y^2}}$$

$\mathbf{B}(D) = \int dB$ has only y -component due to symmetry about x -axis (x -components are cancelled)

$$\mathbf{B}(D) = 2 \int_0^{w/2} dB \frac{D}{\sqrt{D^2 + y^2}} = \hat{y} \frac{\mu_0 I D}{\pi w} 2 \int_0^{w/2} dB \frac{dy}{D^2 + y^2} = \hat{y} \frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi w} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{w}{2D} \right)$$

Force per unit length on the wire :

$$\mathbf{F}' = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{l} = \mathbf{I} \times \mathbf{B} = (-\hat{z}I) \times \hat{y} \frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi w} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{w}{2D} \right) = \hat{x} \frac{\mu_0 I^2}{\pi w} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{w}{2D} \right) \quad (N/m)$$

P5-21 5-21 A d-c current $I = 10$ (A) flows in a triangular loop in the xy -plane as in Fig. 5-32. Assuming a uniform magnetic flux density $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{a}_y 6$ (mT) in the region, find the forces and torque on the loop. The dimensions are in (cm).

Solution)

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{IL} \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{AB} = \mathbf{IL}_{AB} \times \mathbf{B} = -\hat{z} 6 \times 10^{-3} (N)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{BC} = \mathbf{IL}_{BC} \times \mathbf{B} = -\hat{z} 12 \times 10^{-3} (N)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{CA} = \mathbf{IL}_{CA} \times \mathbf{B} = -\hat{z} 6 \times 10^{-3} (N)$$

Total force on loop :

$$\mathbf{F}_{total} = \mathbf{F}_{AB} + \mathbf{F}_{BC} + \mathbf{F}_{CA} = 0$$

Torque on loop :

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B} = (\hat{z} I s) \times (\hat{y} B) = -\hat{x} 1.2 \times 10^{-3} (N \cdot m)$$