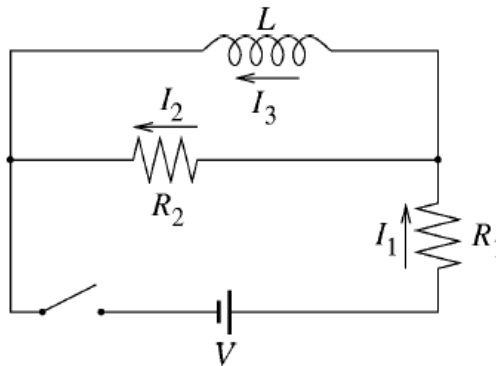


Physics 5C Practice Midterm 2 Spring 2008

The following midterm exam was given in MIT's introductory Physics class in 2002. I suggest using Problems 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 as the practice midterm for UCSC's Physics 5C, with Problem 5 regarded as Extra Credit. We have not yet covered the LR circuits such as the one in Problem 1. I also suggest reviewing the Homework Solutions. *Joel Primack*

Problem 1 (15 points)

The switch in the circuit below has been open for a long, long time.



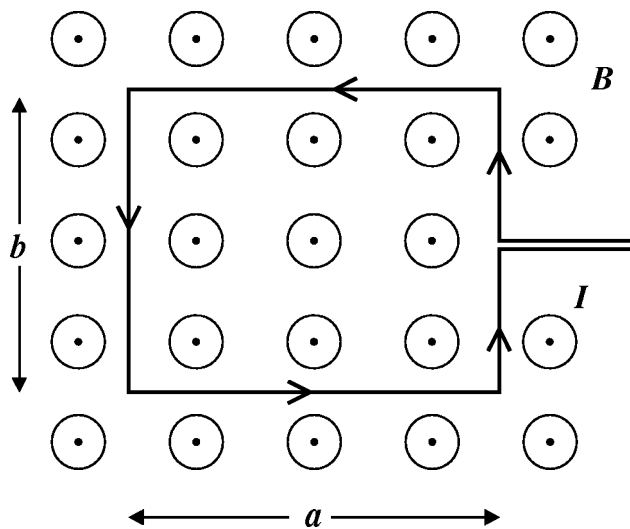
Determine the currents I_1 , I_2 , I_3 in the resistors and in the self-inductor at the moment

- the switch is closed,
- a long time after the switch is closed.

The internal resistance of the battery is negligibly small. Express your answers ONLY in terms of V , R_1 , R_2 and L .

Problem 2 (12 points)

A current I goes through a rectangular wire in the direction shown with arrows in the figure. The dimensions of the rectangle are a and b as shown. A **uniform** magnetic field of strength B is in a direction perpendicular to the paper (it's coming towards you), as shown. What is the torque on the rectangular loop?



Problem 3 (15 points)

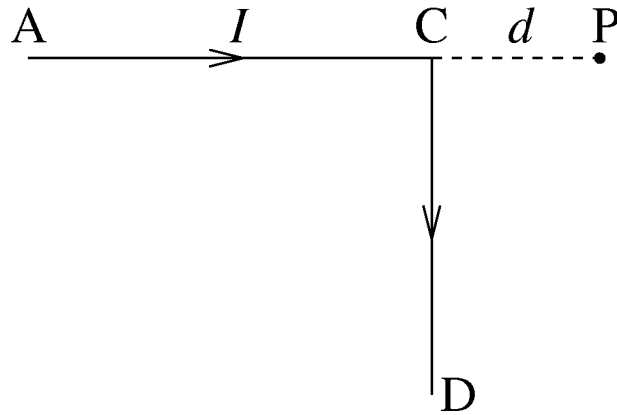
A mass spectrometer accelerates doubly ionized atoms of charge $2e$ over a potential difference V before they enter a uniform magnetic field B which is perpendicular to the direction of motion of the ions. If d is the radius of the ions' path in the magnetic field, what is the mass M of one ion? Express your answer ONLY in terms of V , B , e and d . The potential V is low enough that **no relativistic corrections are needed**.

Problem 4 (12 points)

Apply Faraday's law to show that a static electric field between the plates of a parallel-plate capacitor cannot drop abruptly to zero at the edges of the capacitor.

Problem 5 (15 points)

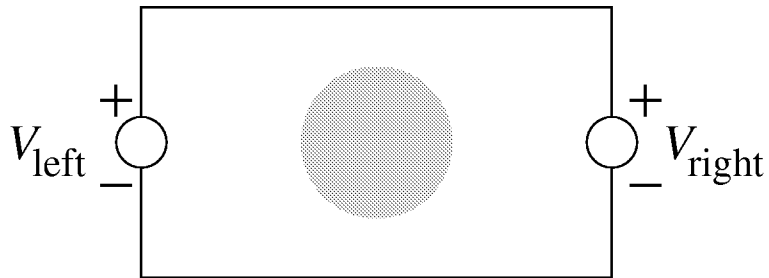
A current of I Amperes runs through a very, very long wire of which a portion (ACD) is shown below. The direction of the current is indicated. The angle at C is 90° . CA is straight, and it continues beyond A to the far left. CD is also straight and continues far beyond D . P is a distance d meters from C ; **ACP is a straight line**. What is the magnetic field in Tesla at P (magnitude and direction)? **Hint: This problem can be done quickly without complicated math.**



Problem 6 (15 points)

Two voltmeters, V_{right} and V_{left} , each with an internal resistance of $10^6 \Omega$ are connected through wires of negligible resistance (see the circuit below). The “+” side of both voltmeters is up as shown. A changing magnetic field is present in the shaded area. At a particular moment in time V_{right} reads -0.1 Volt (notice the $-$ sign).

- What, at that moment, is the induced EMF (in Volts) in the circuit?
- At that moment in time, what is the reading of V_{left} ?



Problem 7 (16 points)

A conducting bar of length D rotates with angular frequency ω about a pivot P at one end of the bar (see the figure). The other end of the bar is in slipping contact with a stationary conducting wire in the shape of a circle (we only show a small part of that circle to keep the drawing simple). Between point P and the circular wire there is a resistor R as shown. Thus the bar, the resistor and the arc form a closed conducting loop. The resistance of the bar and the circular wire are negligibly small. There is a **uniform** magnetic field B **everywhere**, it is perpendicular to the plane of the paper as indicated.

What is the induced current in the loop? Express your answer in terms of D, ω, R , and B .

