

(e) An RC circuit consists of a 625Ω resistor and a $625 \mu\text{F}$ capacitor. Find the time t in seconds it takes for the fully charged capacitor to discharge to half its initial value, i.e. $q = 0.500 Q_{\text{max}}$.

$$\tau = RC = (625\Omega)(625 \times 10^{-6} F) = 0.3906 \text{ sec}$$

$$q = Qe^{-t/\tau} ; q = 0.500Q$$

$$0.500Q = Qe^{-t/\tau}$$

$$0.500 = e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\ln(e^{-t/\tau}) = \ln(0.500)$$

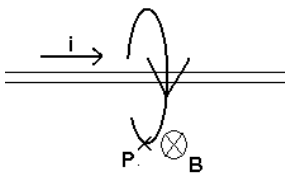
$$\frac{-t}{RC} = -0.6931$$

$$t = (0.6931)RC = (0.6931)(0.3906 \text{ sec})$$

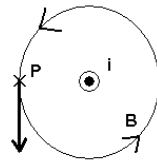
$$= 0.2707 \text{ sec}$$

Wait A Second! How'd Oersted Do It? SEE COVER SHEET (50,000 points)

2.) Yesterday afternoon, after PHYS-115 class, after my 4pm appointment, after the rest of the Physics Dept. meeting, one of my colleagues came in and showed me a problem in a Physics Education book and he didn't understand how they could get the answer they did. I looked at it, at first agreed with him, and then realized that Real Life isn't as simple as we make it in class sometimes. Consider: Oersted runs a current through a wire and a compass needle changes its direction. The North end of a compass needle points in the same direction as a magnetic field points (N points towards S). (a) A current carrying wire is shown below, in two views. Show by R.H.R. which way the magnetic field from the wire points at the P in both views.

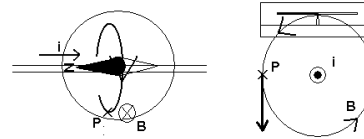
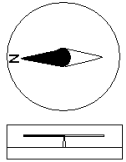


View From Above



View Looking From Right Side

(b) A compass needle points to the LEFT while you are sitting in 1104 Rood Hall. But from part (a), there's no way that the B-field from the wire could deflect the needle at point P. But... a real compass is thick. The needle would sit ABOVE the wire – and there WOULD be a magnetic field. Okay, okay. Enough of Dr. Phil marveling at the wonder of Physics... Suppose the compass sits directly ON TOP of the wire. For a wire carrying a current of 1.00 A, find the distance d where the magnetic field measures $B = 0.000100 \text{ T}$. (This is $1/10,000^{\text{th}}$ of a Tesla or 1.00 Gauss, the same strength as the Earth's magnetic field here on the surface.)

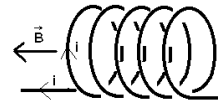


$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2 \pi r} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2 \pi d}$$

$$d = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2 \pi B} = \frac{(4 \pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T} \cdot \text{m} / \text{A})(1.00 \text{ A})}{2 \pi (0.000100 \text{ T})}$$

$$= 0.002000 \text{ m} (= 2.000 \text{ mm})$$

(c) A coil consists of 10,500 turns of wire in a length of 15.0 cm and a diameter of 8.00 cm. The B-field in the solenoid measures $B = 0.00135 \text{ T}$, as shown. Find the magnitude of the current I in the coil and indicate whether the current comes out the LEFT or the RIGHT of the coil.

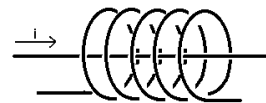


$$B = \frac{\mu_0 N I}{\ell}$$

$$I = \frac{B \ell}{\mu_0 N} = \frac{(0.00135 \text{ T})(0.150 \text{ m})}{(4 \pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T} \cdot \text{m} / \text{A})(10,500)}$$

$$= 0.01535 \text{ A}$$

(d) For the same solenoid coil as in (c), with $B = 0.00135 \text{ T}$, a second wire is inserted down the center of the coil. If the current in this second wire is $i = 0.500 \text{ A}$ as shown, find the magnitude and direction of the magnetic force, F_B , on this second wire. Use the length of the coil as the length of the second wire.



$$\vec{B} \text{ and } i \text{ are anti-parallel}$$

$$\therefore \vec{F}_B = 0$$

(Alternately, the second current, i_2 , is everywhere in the coil perpendicular to the first current, i_1 , and therefore there is no magnetic force between perpendicular wires.)

(e) The E-field part of a velocity selector consists of two parallel plates, separated by a gap $d = 0.100 \text{ m}$ and with a potential difference $\Delta V = 1500 \text{ volts}$. If the B-field part uses the same solenoid coil with $B = 0.00135 \text{ T}$ as above, find the "design speed" v for this velocity selector, using any charged particle.

$$\Delta V = Ed$$

$$E = \frac{\Delta V}{d} = \frac{1500 \text{ volts}}{0.100 \text{ m}} = 15,000 \text{ V} / \text{m}$$

$$v = \frac{E}{B} = \frac{15,000 \text{ V} / \text{m}}{0.00135 \text{ T}} = 1.111 \times 10^7 \text{ m} / \text{s} = 11,110,000 \text{ m} / \text{s}$$