

Physics 1C  
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# Midterm Exam

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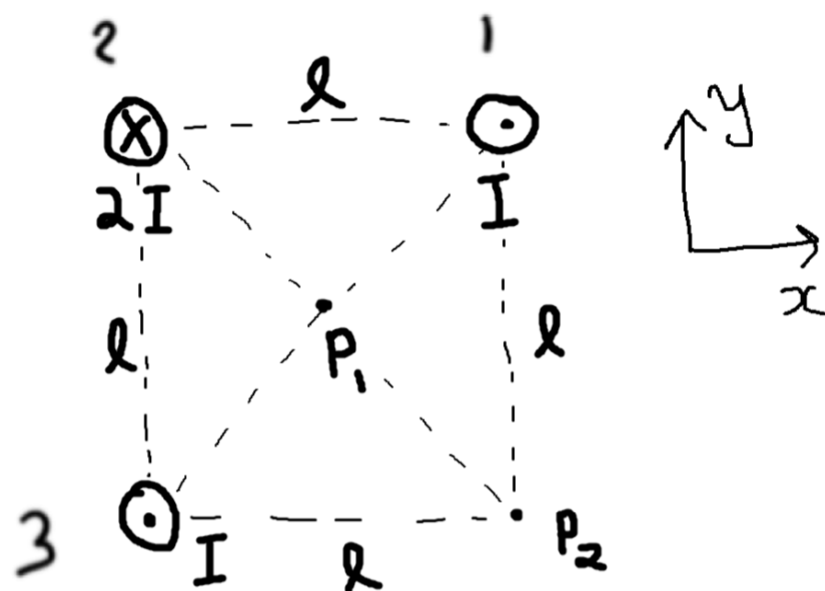
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Show your work! Answers are given credit according to justification provided.

**Problem 1:** [25 points]

a) [5pts] Use Ampere's law to calculate the magnitude of the magnetic field a perpendicular distance  $r$  from an infinitely-long straight wire carrying current  $I$ .

b) [10 pts] Now consider the following diagram, in which parallel infinitely-long straight wires are placed at three corners of a square of side length  $l$ . The wires opposite one another carry current  $I$  out of the page, and the third carries current  $2I$  into the page. Find the magnetic field at point  $P_1$ , the center of the square.



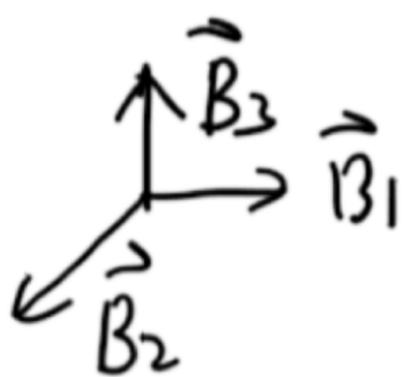
c) [10 pts] Find the magnetic field at point  $P_2$ , the fourth corner of the square.

a)  $2\pi r B = \mu_0 I$ ,  $B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$ .

b) at  $P_1$ ,  $\vec{B}_1 + \vec{B}_3 = 0$  (opposite direction)

$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_2 = \frac{\mu_0 2I}{2\pi \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} l} (-\hat{x} - \hat{y}) \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi l} (\hat{x} + \hat{y})$$

c)  $\vec{B}$ :



$$B_1 = B_3 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi l}$$

$$B_2 = \frac{\mu_0 2I}{2\pi \sqrt{2} l}$$

$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_1 + \vec{B}_2 + \vec{B}_3 = 0$$

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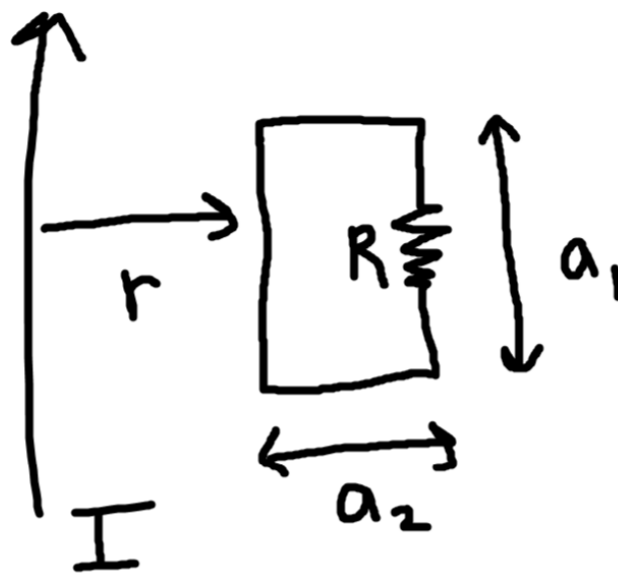
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**Problem 3:** [25 points]

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A infinite straight wire carries current  $I$ . A rectangular loop is placed a distance  $r$  from the wire. In this problem, ignore any self-inductance effects (if you don't know what these are, don't worry, we haven't learnt this yet).



- a) [10 pts] Suppose that  $a_1 = a_2 = a$ . What is the magnetic flux through the loop?
- b) [10 pts] Suppose now that the current in the straight wire is time dependent,  $I = I(t) = I_0 e^{-bt}$ , where  $b > 0$ . If the loop has resistance  $R$ , what current will flow through the loop and in which direction?
- c) [5 pts] In addition to the time-dependence of  $I(t)$  above, suppose also that the loop's length changes in time according to  $a_1(t) = af(t)$ . What is the sign of  $f'(t)$  (i.e. should the loop should grow or shrink) so that there is no induced current? Justify with a brief explanation or by finding  $f'(t)$ .

a).  $B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$ ,  $\Phi = a \cdot \int_r^{r+a} \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r'} dr' = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{r+a}{r}\right)$ ,  $\otimes$

b) direction:  $\curvearrowright$  CW.

$$|I| = \left| \frac{a}{R} \right| = \frac{1}{R} \left| \frac{d}{dt} \Phi \right| = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\mu_0 a}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{r+a}{r}\right) \left| \frac{dI}{dt} \right|$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 a}{2\pi R} \ln\left(\frac{r+a}{r}\right) I_0 b e^{-bt}$$

c) no current  $\Rightarrow \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = 0$ ,  $B$  is  $\downarrow$ ,  $A$  must  $\uparrow$ , so  $f'(t) > 0$ .

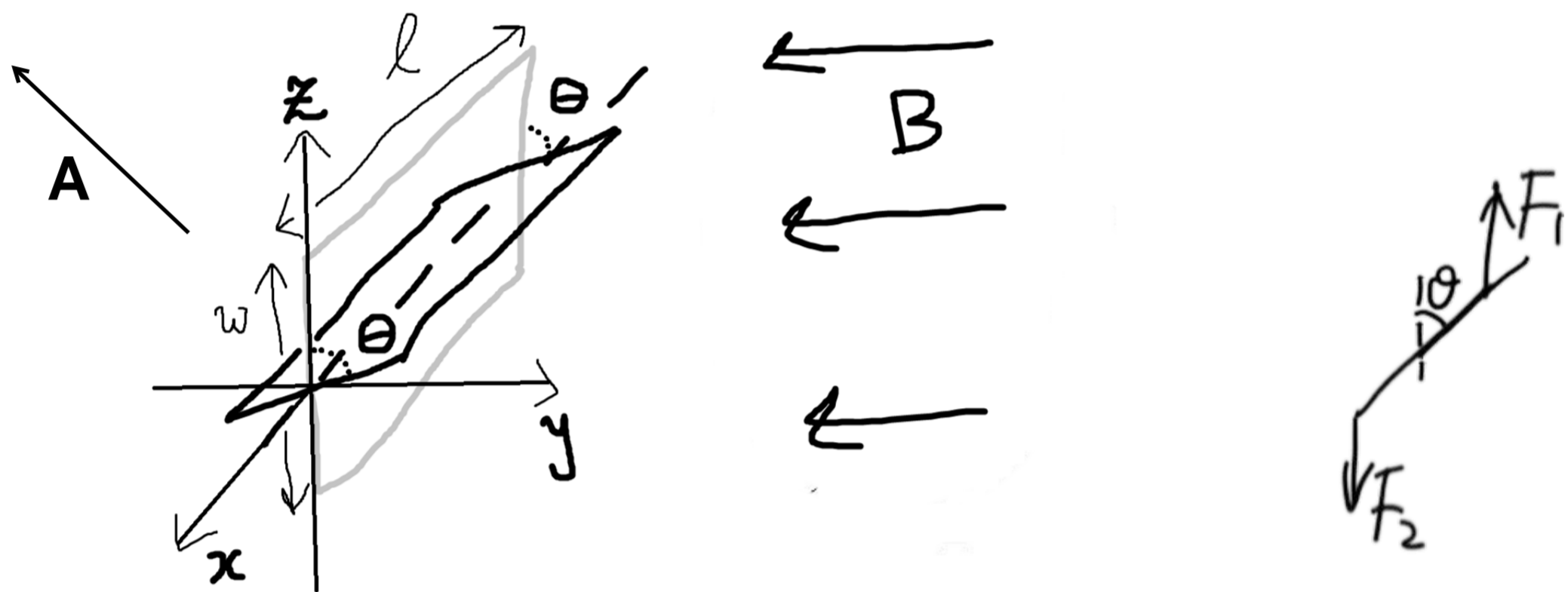
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Problem 4: [25 points]

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The rectangular loop of wire with length  $l$  and width  $w$  pictured below is rotating about its center in a constant magnetic field  $\vec{B} = -B\hat{y}$ . The angular speed of rotation is fixed by hand to be  $\omega \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$  and the axis of rotation is aligned with the  $x$ -axis as pictured. At  $t = 0$ , the loop is oriented at  $\theta = 0$ , in the  $x-z$  plane. We will only consider half a revolution of the wire in this problem:  $\theta = 0$  to  $\theta = \pi$ .



- [10 pts] As a function of time  $t$ , what is the induced emf in the circuit?
- [5 pts] Now suppose the wire has resistance  $R$ . What is the net force acting on the wire as a result of the external magnetic field as a function of  $t$ ?
- [10 pts] What is the net torque about the axis of rotation? To specify the direction, recall that  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$ , where  $\vec{r}$  points from the axis of rotation to the point at which  $\vec{F}$  acts.

$$a) \quad \mathcal{E} = - \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = - \frac{d}{dt} (BA \cos \theta) = \omega B A \sin \theta, \quad A = wl$$

$$b) \quad I = \frac{\omega B A \sin \theta}{R}, \quad \text{net force: } F_1 = B l I \uparrow, \quad F_2 = B l I \downarrow, \quad \text{net: } 0.$$

$$c) \quad \vec{\tau} = \hat{x} \times \frac{w}{2} \sin \theta B l I = \hat{x} \times w \sin \theta B l \frac{\omega B w l \sin \theta}{R} = \hat{x} \frac{B^2 l^2 w^2 \sin^2 \theta}{R} \omega$$



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