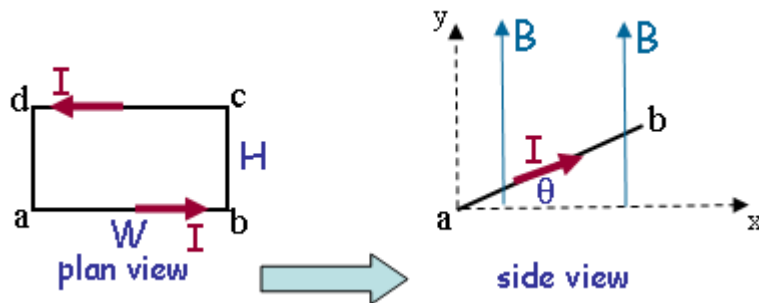


A rectangular loop of wire with sides $H = 27 \text{ cm}$ and $W = 66 \text{ cm}$ is located in a region containing a constant magnetic field $B = 0.63 \text{ T}$ that is aligned with the positive y-axis as shown. The loop carries current $I = 341 \text{ mA}$. The plane of the loop is inclined at an angle $\theta = 38^\circ$ with respect to the x-axis.



- 1) What is μ_x , the x-component of the magnetic moment vector of the loop?

$$\mu = IA = IWH \Rightarrow \mu_x = -\mu \sin \theta = -IWH \sin \theta$$

-note that the x component of μ points in the neg x direction

$$\mu_x = -341 \text{ A} \times 66 \text{ m} \times 27 \text{ m} \times \sin(38^\circ) = -0.037 \text{ Am}^2$$

- 2) What is μ_y , the y-component of the magnetic moment vector of the loop?

-note that the y component of μ points in the positive y direction

$$\mu_y = +\mu \cos \theta = IWH \cos \theta$$

$$\mu_y = 341 \text{ A} \times 66 \text{ m} \times 27 \text{ m} \times \cos(38^\circ) = 0.0478 \text{ Am}^2$$

- 3) What is τ_z , the z-component of the torque exerted on the loop?

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B} \Rightarrow \tau_z = -\mu B \sin \theta = -IWHB \sin \theta = \mu_x B$$

$$\tau_z = (-0.037 \text{ Am}^2)(0.63 \text{ T}) = -0.023 \text{ Nm}$$

- 4) What is F_{bc} , the magnitude of the force exerted on segment bc of the loop?

$$F_{bc} = IHB \text{ OR } \tau = IWHB \sin \theta, \tau = WF \sin \theta \Rightarrow F = IHB$$

Derived either from the Lorentz force law in terms of currents, the first, or from the definition of the torque, the second.

$$F = (.341\text{A})(.27\text{m})(.63\text{T}) = .058\text{N}$$

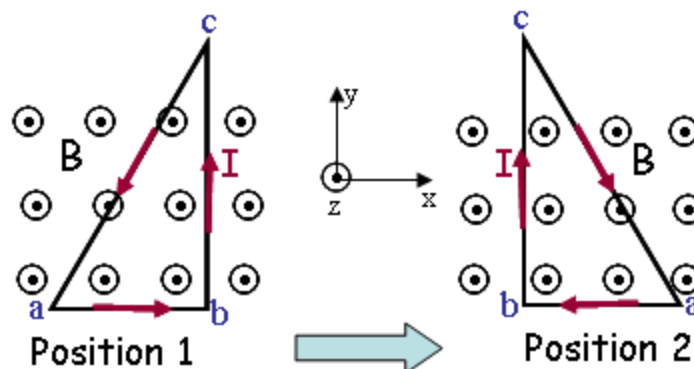
From $\mathbf{I} \times \mathbf{B}$:

5) 3

6) Feedback:

7) Your answer is correct! The current in segment bc flows in the negative z-direction. When you cross that current vector into the magnetic field vector (positive y-direction), you obtain a vector in the positive x-direction

A wire formed in the shape of a right triangle with base $L_{ab} = 26\text{ cm}$ and height $L_{bc} = 67\text{ cm}$ carries current $I = 769\text{ mA}$ as shown in Position 1. The wire is located in a region containing a constant magnetic field $B = 1.26\text{ T}$ aligned with the positive z-axis.



- 8) 1) What is $F_{ac,x}$, the x-component of the force on the segment of the wire that connects points a and c in Position 1?

$$F_{ac} = IL_{ac}B = IB\sqrt{L_{ab}^2 + L_{bc}^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$F_{ac,x} = -F_{ac} \sin \theta = -IB\sqrt{L_{ab}^2 + L_{bc}^2} \cdot \frac{L_{bc}}{\sqrt{L_{ab}^2 + L_{bc}^2}} = -IBL_{bc}$$

Be sure the sign is correct from the cross product

$$F_{ac,x} = -(.769\text{ A})(1.26\text{ T})(.67\text{ m}) = -.649\text{ N}$$

- 2) What is $F_{ac,y}$, the y-component of the force on the segment of the wire that connects points a and c in Position 1?

$$F_{ac,y} = F_{ac} \cos \theta = IBL_{ab}$$

$$F_{ac,y} = (.769 \text{ A})(1.26 \text{ T})(.26 \text{ m}) = .251 \text{ N}$$

- 3) The wire is now rotated 180° about the y-axis to Position 2, as shown. What is ΔU_{12} , the change in potential energy of the wire? Note that ΔU_{12} is a signed number. ΔU_{12} is positive if the potential energy in Position 2 is higher than the potential energy in Position 1.

$$U_i = -\vec{\mu}_i \cdot \vec{B} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta U_{12} = U_2 - U_1 = -(\vec{\mu}_2 - \vec{\mu}_1) \cdot \vec{B} = -(-2\mu B) = 2I \frac{1}{2} L_{ab} L_{bc} B = IL_{ab} L_{bc} B$$

Where μ is from $I \cdot A$

$$\Delta U = (.769 \text{ A})(1.26 \text{ m})(.67 \text{ m})(1.26 \text{ T}) = .168 \text{ J}$$

- 4) The wire is now rotated back 90° about the y-axis towards position 1. If the wire is released from this position, how would it move?

- ☐ It would rotate towards Position 1
☐ It would rotate towards Position 2
☐ It would remain stationary

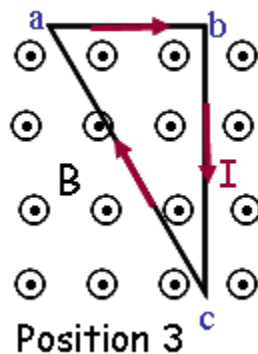
Right Answer:

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Feedback:

Your answer is correct! When the loop is positioned halfway between Positions 1 and 2, the magnetic moment vector points in the positive x-direction. The torque is given by the cross product of the magnetic moment vector and the magnetic field. Since the magnetic field is in positive z-direction, the cross product will point in the negative y-direction. A torque in the negative y-direction will cause the loop to rotate towards Position 1. You can also reach this result from energy considerations. Namely, Position 1 is at a lower energy than Position 2. When released the loop will move towards the lower potential energy.

5)



The wire is now returned to Position 1 and then rotated 180° about the x-axis to Position 3, as shown. What is ΔU_{13} , the change in potential energy of the wire? If the potential energy increases in going from Position 1 to Position 3, the change in potential energy is positive.

$$\Delta U_{31} = U_3 - U_1 = -(\vec{\mu}_3 - \vec{\mu}_1) \cdot \vec{B} = -(-2\mu B) = 2I \frac{1}{2} L_{ab} L_{bc} B = IL_{ab} L_{bc} B$$

$$\Delta U = (.769 \text{ A})(1.26 \text{ m})(.67 \text{ m})(1.26 \text{ T}) = .168 \text{ J}$$