

6 This question is about magnetic fields.

(a) A student positions a thick wire vertically through the centre of a horizontal card.

The student then passes a constant current through the wire in the downward direction, as shown in diagram 1.

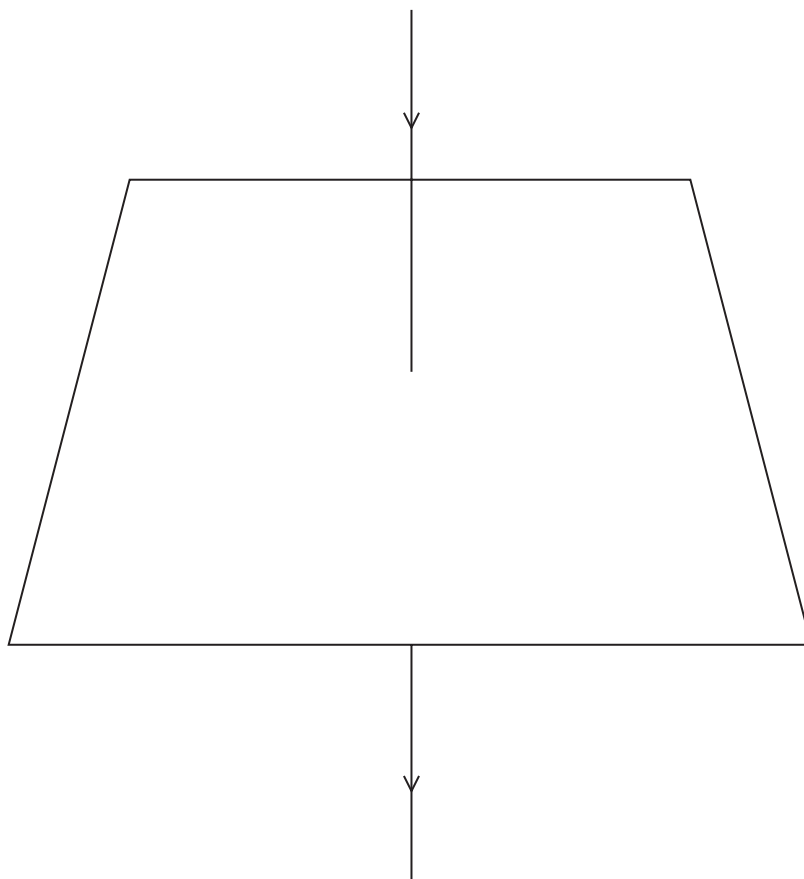


Diagram 1

(i) On diagram 1, draw the shape and direction of the magnetic field produced by the current in the wire.

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(ii) Describe a method the student could use to show the shape of the magnetic field produced by the current in the wire.

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- (b) The student then removes the card and sets up a second wire next to the first wire, as shown in diagram 2.

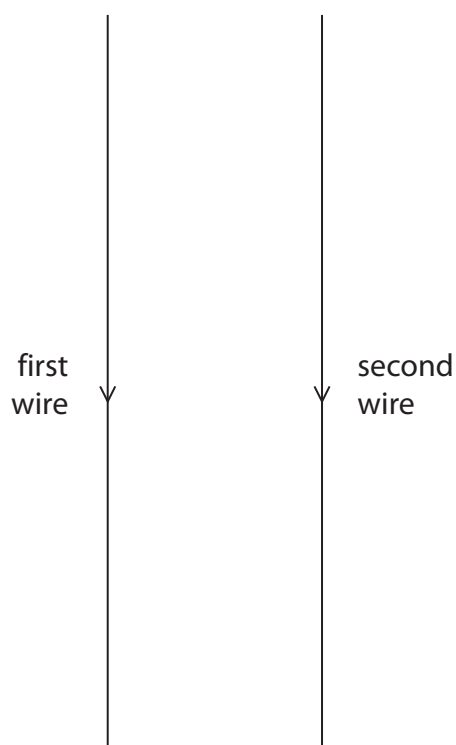


Diagram 2

The current in both wires is in the downward direction.

The student observes that the wires move towards each other.

Explain why the wires move towards each other.

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(Total for Question 6 = 8 marks)

