Goal: Moving contour near an infinite dc line current. Assume that the current in the straight wire conductor from Fig. Q6.12 is time-invariant, with intensity I, and that the contour moves away from the wire at a constant velocity v, as shown in Fig. Q6.17. At t=0, the distance of the closer parallel side of the contour from the wire is x=c. Determine the emf induced in the contour.

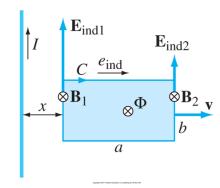


Figure 6.17 Evaluation of the emf in a rectangular contour moving in the magnetic field due to an infinitely long wire with a steady current.

Steps:

1. What is the *B*-field everywhere due to the line current?

Solution:

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_o I}{2\pi r} \mathbf{a}_{\phi}$$

2. What is the total magnetic flux through the contour?

Solution: The position as a function of time is x(t) = c + vt. Then we integrate over the area of the contour.

$$\Phi(t) = \frac{\mu_o Ib}{2\pi} \ln \frac{x+a}{x} = \frac{\mu_o Ib}{2\pi} \ln \frac{c+a+vt}{c+vt}$$

3. What is the emf induced in the contour?

Solution:

$$e_{\rm ind}(t) = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = -\frac{d\Phi}{dx}\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{d\Phi}{dx}v = \frac{\mu_o Iabv}{2\pi}\frac{1}{x(x+a)} = \frac{\mu_o Iabv}{2\pi(c+vt)(c+a+vt)}$$

Answer:

$$e_{\rm ind}(t) = \frac{\mu_o Iabv}{2\pi(c+vt)(c+a+vt)}$$