

**Goal:** A current  $I$  flows in a  $w \times w$  square loop as shown in Fig. a) below. Find the magnetic flux density at the off-center point  $P(w/4, w/2)$ .

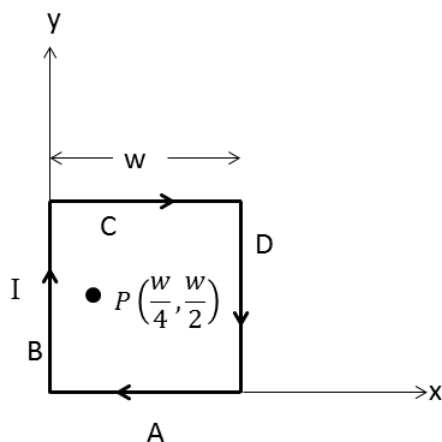


Fig a)

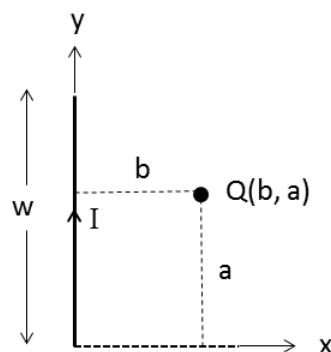


Fig b)

**Steps:**

1. The total magnetic flux density at point  $P(w/4, w/2)$  is the sum of the contributions from each segment of the loop. Firstly, we consider the magnetic flux density at an arbitrary point  $Q(b, a)$  due to a line current source of length  $w$ , as shown in Fig b). What is the source position vector  $\mathbf{R}'$  for this configuration?

*Solution:*

$$\mathbf{R}' = y' \mathbf{a}_y$$

2. Determine the observation vector  $\mathbf{R}$ .

*Solution:*

$$\mathbf{R} = b \mathbf{a}_x + a \mathbf{a}_y$$

3. Determine the differential length vector  $d\mathbf{l}'$ .

*Solution:*

$$d\mathbf{l}' = dy' \mathbf{a}_y$$

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4. Determine the differential magnetic flux density.

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}' &= b\mathbf{a}_x + a\mathbf{a}_y \\ d\mathbf{B} &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{d\mathbf{l}' \times (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}')}{|\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}'|^3} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{dy' \mathbf{a}_y \times (b\mathbf{a}_x + (a - y')\mathbf{a}_y)}{(b^2 + (a - y')^2)^{3/2}} \\ &= -\mathbf{a}_z \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{b dy'}{(b^2 + (a - y')^2)^{3/2}}\end{aligned}$$

5. Integrate.

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{B} &= -\mathbf{a}_z \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_0^w \frac{b}{(b^2 + (a - y')^2)^{3/2}} dy' \\ &= -\mathbf{a}_z \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi b} \left[ \frac{w - a}{((a - w)^2 + b^2)^{1/2}} + \frac{a}{(a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}} \right]\end{aligned}$$

6. Use the result in part 6) to compute magnetic flux density at point  $P$  due to:

*Solution:*

- segment A (as marked in Fig. a): For  $a = 3/4w$ , and  $b = w/2$

$$\mathbf{B}_A = -\mathbf{a}_z \frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi w} [0.6396]$$

- segment B : For  $a = w/2$  and  $b = w/4$

$$\mathbf{B}_B = -\mathbf{a}_z \frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi w} [1.7889]$$

- segment C: For  $a = w/4$  and  $b = w/2$

$$\mathbf{B}_C = -\mathbf{a}_z \frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi w} [0.6397]$$

- segment D: For  $a = w/2$  and  $b = 3w/4$

$$\mathbf{B}_D = -\mathbf{a}_z \frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi w} [0.3698]$$

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7. What is the total magnetic flux density at point  $P(w/4, w/2)$ ?

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{B}_A + \mathbf{B}_B + \mathbf{B}_C + \mathbf{B}_D \\ &= -\mathbf{a}_z \frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi w} [3.44]\end{aligned}$$

*Answer:*

$$\mathbf{B} = -\mathbf{a}_z \frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi w} [3.44]$$