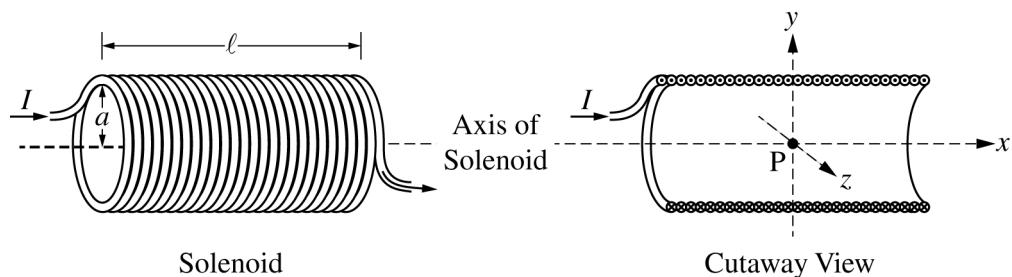


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Note: Figures not drawn to scale.

3. A solenoid is used to generate a magnetic field. The solenoid has an inner radius a , length ℓ , and N total turns of wire. A power supply, not shown, is connected to the solenoid and generates current I , as shown in the figure on the left above. The x -axis runs along the axis of the solenoid. Point P is in the middle of the solenoid at the origin of the xyz -coordinate system, as shown in the cutaway view on the right above. Assume $\ell \gg a$.

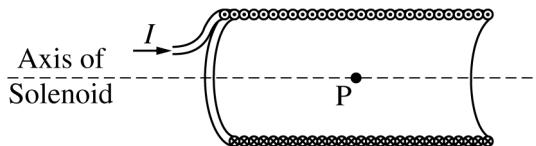
- (a) Select the correct direction of the magnetic field at point P.

+ x -direction + y -direction + z -direction
 − x -direction − y -direction − z -direction

Justify your selection.

- (b)

- i. On the cutaway view below, clearly draw an Amperian loop that can be used to determine the magnetic field at point P at the center of the solenoid.

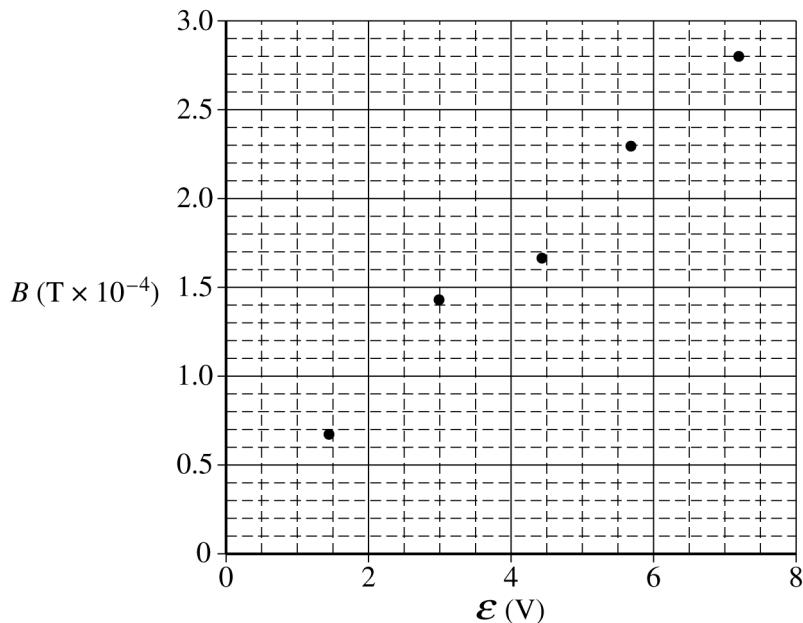


Cutaway View

- ii. Use Ampere's law to derive an expression for the magnetic field strength at point P. Express your answer in terms of I , ℓ , N , a , and physical constants, as appropriate.

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Some physics students conduct an experiment to determine the resistance R_S of a solenoid with radius $a = 0.015\text{ m}$, total turns $N = 100$, and total length $\ell = 0.40\text{ m}$. The students connect the solenoid to a variable power supply. A magnetic field sensor is used to measure the magnetic field strength along the central axis at the center of the solenoid. The plot of the magnetic field strength B as a function of the emf ϵ of the power supply is shown below.



(c)

- On the graph above, draw a best-fit line for the data.
- Use the straight line to determine the resistance R_S of the solenoid used in the experiment.

(d) One of the students notes that the horizontal component of the magnetic field of Earth is $2.5 \times 10^{-5}\text{ T}$.

- Is there evidence from the graph that the horizontal orientation of the solenoid affects the measured values for B ?

Yes No

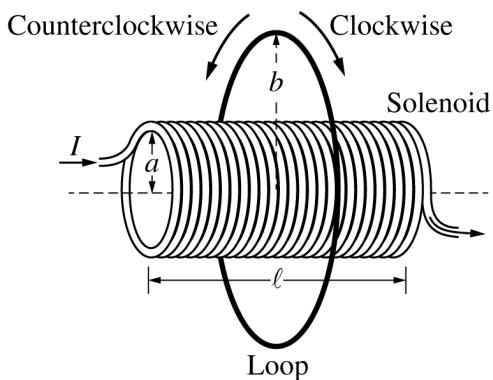
Justify your answer.

- Would the horizontal orientation of the solenoid affect the calculated value for R_S ?

Yes No

Justify your answer.

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A thin conducting loop of radius b and resistance R_L is placed concentric with the solenoid, as shown above. The current in the solenoid is decreased from I to zero over time Δt .

(e)

- i. Is the direction of the induced current in the loop clockwise or counterclockwise during the time period that the current in the solenoid is decreasing?

Clockwise Counterclockwise

Justify your answer.

- ii. Derive an equation for the average induced current i_{IND} in the loop during the time period that the current in the solenoid is decreasing. Express your answer in terms of I , ℓ , N , a , b , R_L , R_S , Δt , and physical constants, as appropriate.

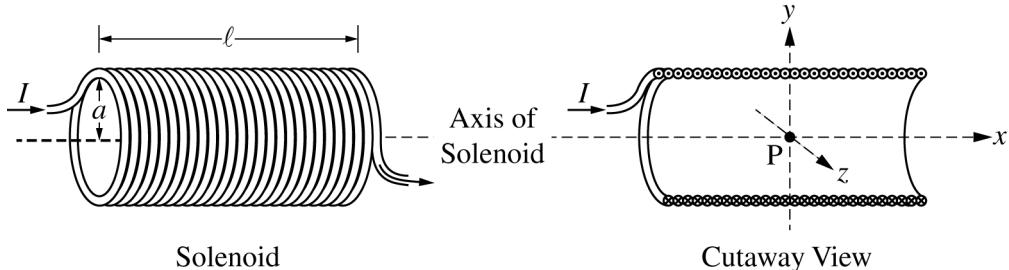
STOP

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Question 3

15 points



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Assume $\ell \gg a$.

- (a) LO CNV-8.E.a, SP 7.A, 7.C
 2 points

Select the correct direction of the magnetic field at point P.

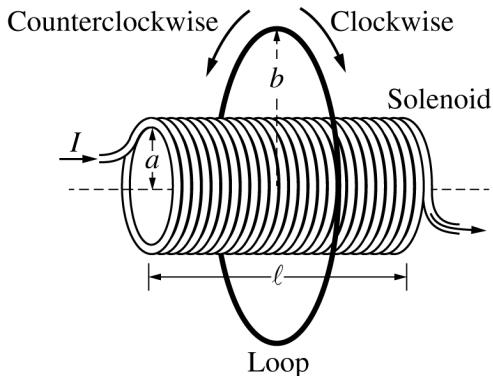
+ x -direction + y -direction + z -direction
 - x -direction - y -direction - z -direction

Justify your selection.

For choosing the “+ x -direction” and providing a justification		1 point
For a correct justification		1 point
Example: Using the right-hand rule for current on the left side of the solenoid, the fingers curl into the loop, so the magnetic field points to the right, or in the + x -direction.		
Example: Using the right-hand rule for solenoids, when the fingers curl around the solenoid in the direction of the current, the thumb points to the right, therefore the magnetic field is to the right, or in the + x -direction.		

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Question 3 (continued)



A thin conducting loop of radius b and resistance R_L is placed concentric with the solenoid, as shown above. The current in the solenoid is decreased from I to zero over time Δt .

(e)

- i. LO FIE-6.A.b, SP 7.A, 7.C
 2 points

Is the direction of the induced current in the loop clockwise or counterclockwise during the time period that the current in the solenoid is decreasing?

Clockwise Counterclockwise

Justify your answer.

Select “Clockwise”		
For a justification indicating that the magnetic field inside the solenoid, and therefore the loop, will decrease		1 point
For a justification using Lenz’s law to relate the change in magnetic field to the direction of the current		1 point
Example: As the current in the solenoid decreases, the magnetic field inside the solenoid decreases. As the solenoid’s magnetic field decreases, the induced current in the loop will create a magnetic field to oppose this change. Because the solenoid’s magnetic field is toward the right and decreasing, the magnetic field due to the current in the loop must be toward the right. Therefore, the current in the loop must be clockwise.		