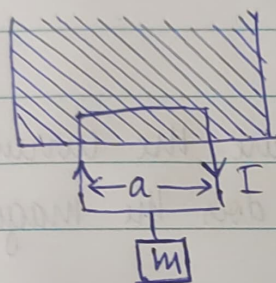


- Q. A rectangular loop of wire, supporting a mass m , hangs vertically with one end in a uniform magnetic field B , which points into the page in the shaded region shown in the figure. For what current I , in the loop would the magnetic field force upward exactly balance the gravitational force downward?



Formula Known $F = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$

for small charge distribution

$$F = \int (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) dq$$

$$dq = \lambda dl$$

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$$\text{Since } I = \frac{q}{t} \quad \vec{v} \times \lambda = \frac{l \times q}{t \cdot l} = \frac{q}{t} = I$$

$$= \int (\vec{I} \times \vec{B}) dl$$

\vec{I} & dl pts in the same direction as \vec{I}

$$F = \int I (\vec{dl} \times \vec{B})$$

I is constant

$$\therefore F = I \int \vec{dl} \times \vec{B}$$

→ The current should be in clock wise direction such that the magnetic force is upwards and

balances the weight

$$\begin{aligned} F &= I \int dl \times B \sin 90 \\ &= IB \int dl \\ &= IBa \end{aligned}$$

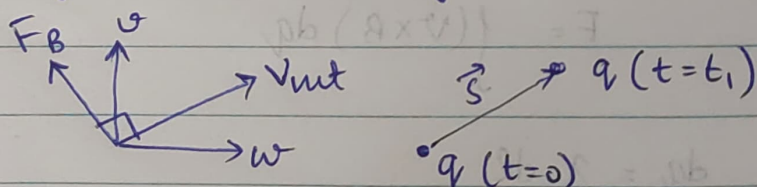
$$F = IBa = mg$$

$$\therefore I = \frac{mg}{Ba}$$

What happens when you increase the current?

The loop moves upward, but does the magnetic force do work? NO!

Because when the loop moves up, the net velocity on a single charge changes.



The force now has become tilted and is \perp to the displacement. And hence no work is done.

But then where does the energy come from?

The net force F_B has a horizontal component which opposes the current. And hence the work is done by battery / source which does work to maintain the current in the loop.