

A typical rebar (metric gauge #36) has a mass of 8kg/m and you can assume that each bar is 10m long and that 10 bars are tied and lifted at the same time. The nominal diameter of a #36 rebar is 36mm.

1. Magnetic Field Intensity (H): What magnetic field intensity (H) along the axis of the crane's lifter thingy will be generated by a crane with a magnetic coil of radius 1m, 2000 coils, with a current of 100mA flowing through it? Assume that the bundle of rebar is 2m away.

Solution: We can apply the Biot-Savart law on one loop to find the outward component of the field. Note that all other fields will cancel due to the symmetry of the coil:

$$dH_z = \frac{IdL}{4\pi} \frac{R}{(r^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

Where I is current, dL is a point on the loop, R is the radius of the coil, r is the distance from the coil, and π is π . Integrating over the loop we find that:

$$H_z = \frac{2\pi R^2 I}{4\pi(r^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{R^2 I}{2(r^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

We can then multiply by N turns to find:

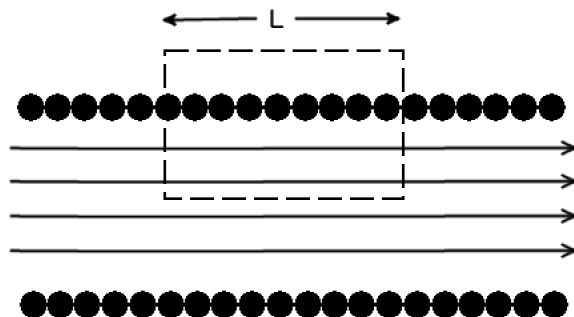
$$H_z = \frac{NR^2 I}{2(r^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

Substituting values we find that:

$$H_z = \frac{2000 \cdot (1)^2 \cdot 0.1}{2(2^2 + (1)^2)^{3/2}} = 8.944A/m$$

2. Ampere's Law: Assume that the magnetic coil is a two meter long solenoid, what is the magnetic flux density (B) at a distance of 0.7m from the bottom end? how about 1.5m? Assume that the other values are the same as in problem 1.

Solution: Use amperes law to find the magnetic field inside a solenoid. This means defining an integration path like so:



And applying Amperes law to this path, first, find the integral:

$$\int_A B \cdot dL = BL$$

Where L is the horizontal length of the integration path. The current inclosed is $N \cdot I$ Where N is the number of turns in the area of integration A . Ampere's law tells us that these things are equal, and:

$$BL = \mu_0 NI \Rightarrow B = \mu_0 \frac{N}{L} I$$

Note that $\frac{N}{L}$ is just the amount of loops per unit length. Substituting in our values we find:

$$B = (4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}) \left(\frac{2000}{2} \right) (0.1) = 125.66 \mu T$$

Regardless of where we are in the solenoid, proving that the field is uniform inside the solenoid.

3. Magnetic Flux Density (B): Assuming all previous values (except that the magnetic coil is not two meters long, but a very small width), what is the magnetic flux density B a distance of 5m away along the axis of the crane lifter thingy?

Solution: We know that $B = \mu H$, Thus we can use our solution from problem 1:

$$B = \mu H = \frac{\mu N R^2 I}{2(r^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{(4\pi \cdot 10^{-7}) 2000 \cdot (1)^2 \cdot 0.1}{2(5^2 + (1)^2)^{3/2}} = 0.948 \mu T$$

4. Magnetic Flux: What is the magnetic flux through the crane's coil?

Solution: Since the field is uniform, the flux is just the flux density divided by the area:

$$\Phi = B \cdot A = \frac{N\mu I(\pi R^2)}{2R} = \frac{2000 \cdot 0.1 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot \pi}{2} = 394.8\mu T$$

5. B(H) Dependence in Linear and Nonlinear Materials: Assume for this problem that the coil inside the crane is a wire wrapped around a thin toroidal core made out of a nonlinear material where the the initial magnetization curve can be approximated by the function $B(H) = B_0 H / (H_0 + H)$ where the coefficients are $B_0 = 1.37T$ and $H_0 = 64A/m$. Find B(H) as a function of current given that the core has been wrapped 2000 times and has a radius of 1 meter.

Solution: We can first find H in the core with amperes law to be:

$$H = \frac{NI}{2\pi R}$$

With this we can substitute in to find:

$$B(H) = \frac{B_0 N \cdot I}{2\pi R H_0 + N \cdot I}$$

With the numbers:

$$B(H) = \frac{1.37I}{I + 0.20106}$$

6. Inductance: The local strongman decides to stop by the job site to bend rebar. He bends a piece of rebar into a perfect circle around the toroidal coil of the crane, perpendicular to the coil. He then holds it there to show off to the nearby construction workers. Assume the toroidal coil is 0.1m tall and 0.1m wide with a inner radius of 1 meter. After the strongman preforms his feat, the worker in the crane decides to mess with him, and turns the coil on from a current of 0A to a current of 1A in a duration of 1 second. What is the current in the rebar during this one second? Assume that the rebar has a resistance of 100Ω and that there are 2000 wraps of wire around the core.

Solution: The radius of the now bent rebar is $R = \frac{1}{2\pi} = 0.159m$. We can obtain the flux:

$$\Phi = \int_a^b \frac{\mu_0 NI(t)h}{2\pi} \frac{dr}{r} = \frac{\mu_0 NI(t)h}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

We can then find the induced voltage:

$$e = -\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\mu_0 N I(t) h}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a} = -\frac{\mu_0 N h}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

The current is thus:

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = -\frac{\mu_0 N h}{2\pi R} \ln \frac{b}{a} = -\frac{\mu_0 (2000)(0.1)}{2\pi 100} \ln \frac{1.1}{1} = -3.812 \cdot 10^{-8} A$$

7. Magnetic Energy: What is the energy required to start up the coil from problem 5?

Solution: We know:

$$\text{Energy Stored} = \frac{1}{2} L I^2$$

We found inductance in problem 5 to be:

$$L = \frac{\mu N h}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

So we know that the energy in the coil is:

$$E = \frac{\mu N h I^2}{4\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a} = 1.91 \cdot 10^{-6} J$$

8. Magnetic Forces: The strongman decides to preform more feats of strength and will. The crane picks up the bent peice of rebar, how much force is required by the strongman's toned muscles to remove this? Recall that the radius of the coil is $1m$, the coil is now a very thin solenoid of 2000 wraps, the current flowing through the coil is $1A$, the weight of the rebar is 10 kg.

Solution: We first find the force using the equation in the textbook:

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0} 2S = \frac{\Phi}{\mu_0 S}$$

Where S is the area of the coil. We know from problem 4 that:

$$\Phi = \frac{N \mu I (\pi R^2)}{2R}$$

S is πR^2 . This means that the force required is:

$$F_{sm} = F_{mag} - F_{bar} = \frac{N \mu I (\pi R^2)}{2R (\mu \pi R^2)} - 10(9.8) = 902N$$

Part 2: Ground Fault Interrupt and GFCI.

Ground fault interrupters are used mostly to protect people and devices from electrical shock. When there is a difference in the currents of the two different wires from a power source, it indicates that a short has occurred, and it immediately trips the circuit so that no more current is delivered. It can detect a few milliamperes difference. It does this using some really cool E & M. The hot and neutral wires of a AC power source are passed through a solenoid. Since the current in the two wires is going in opposite directions, there is a net zero current, which, due to Ampere's law, means a net zero induced current. If there is a difference in these two currents, then the current in the solenoid will go in one direction or the other, meaning a short has occurred. This is then detected, and both currents are cut. In order to cut the current, it uses another solenoid. When the current in the detecting coil has reached the specific value, a comparator circuit sends a large amount of current to another solenoid attached to a small piston. This whole detection and reaction can occur in as little as one-thirtieth of a second. All of this information was obtained from <http://home.howstuffworks.com/question117.htm> and <http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/electric/gfi2.html>. A diagram I made can be seen below.

