

- 7 A metal wire is held taut between the poles of a permanent magnet, as illustrated in Fig. 7.1.

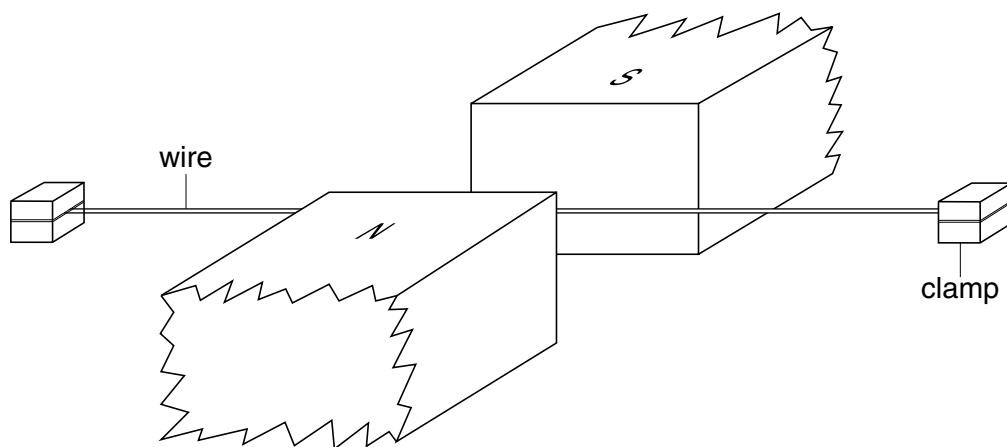


Fig. 7.1

A cathode-ray oscilloscope (c.r.o.) is connected between the ends of the wire. The Y-plate sensitivity is adjusted to 1.0 mV cm^{-1} and the time base is 0.5 ms cm^{-1} .

The wire is plucked at its centre. Fig. 7.2 shows the trace seen on the c.r.o.

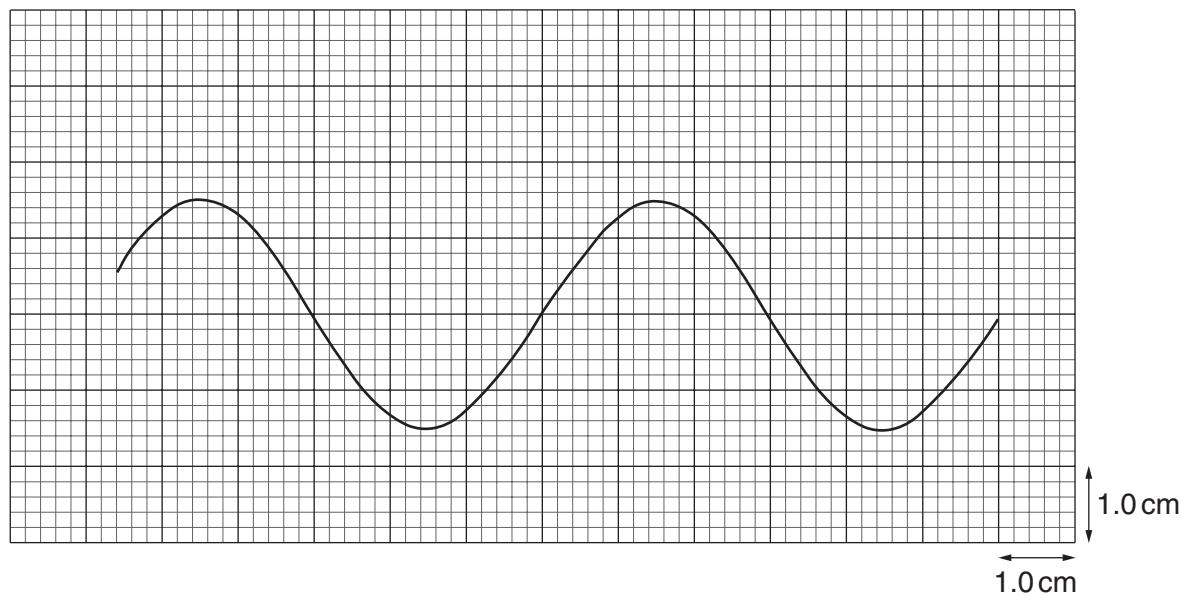


Fig. 7.2

(a) Making reference to the laws of electromagnetic induction, suggest why

- (i) an e.m.f. is induced in the wire,

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- (ii) the e.m.f. is alternating.

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(b) Use Fig. 7.2 and the c.r.o. settings to determine the equation representing the induced alternating e.m.f.

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