

- 5 (a) Define the *tesla*.

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- (b) Two long straight vertical wires X and Y are separated by a distance of 4.5 cm, as illustrated in Fig. 5.1.

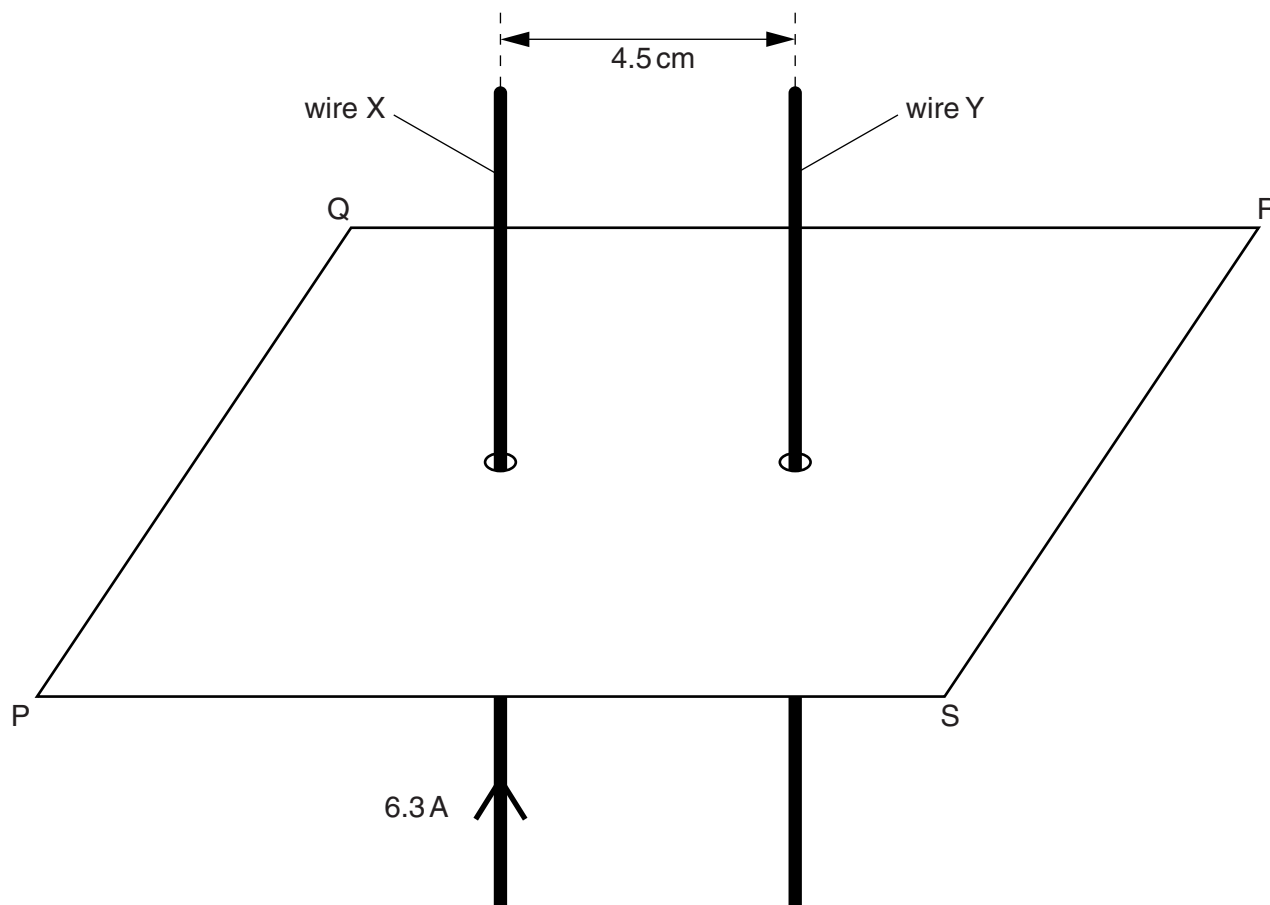


Fig. 5.1

The wires pass through a horizontal card PQRS.

The current in wire X is 6.3 A in the upward direction. Initially, there is no current in wire Y.

- (i) On Fig. 5.1, sketch, in the plane PQRS, the magnetic flux pattern due to the current in wire X. Show at least four flux lines. [3]

- (ii) The magnetic flux density B at a distance x from a long straight current-carrying wire is given by the expression

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi x}$$

where I is the current in the wire and μ_0 is the permeability of free space.

Calculate the magnetic flux density at wire Y due to the current in wire X.

flux density = T [2]

- (iii) A current of 9.3A is now switched on in wire Y. Use your answer in (ii) to calculate the force per unit length on wire Y.

force per unit length = Nm^{-1} [2]

- (c) The currents in the two wires in (b)(iii) are not equal.
Explain whether the force per unit length on the two wires will be the same, or different.

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