

- 5 A metal wire is held taut between the poles of a permanent magnet, as illustrated in Fig. 5.1.

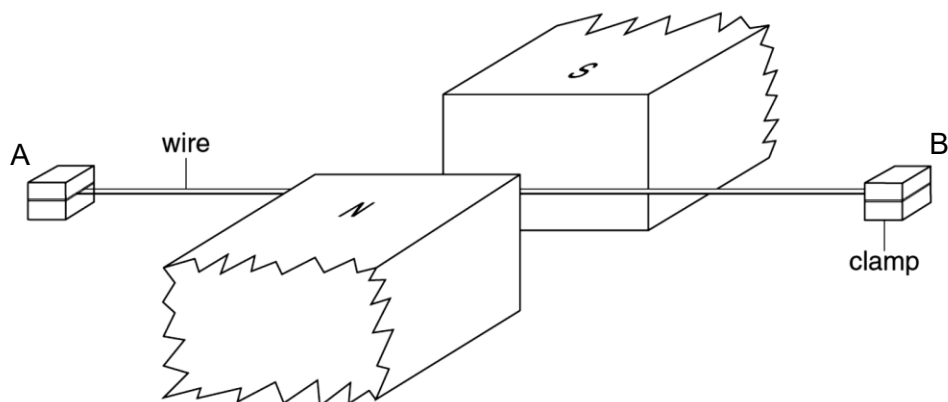


Fig. 5.1

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. 5.2 shows the trace seen on the c.r.o.

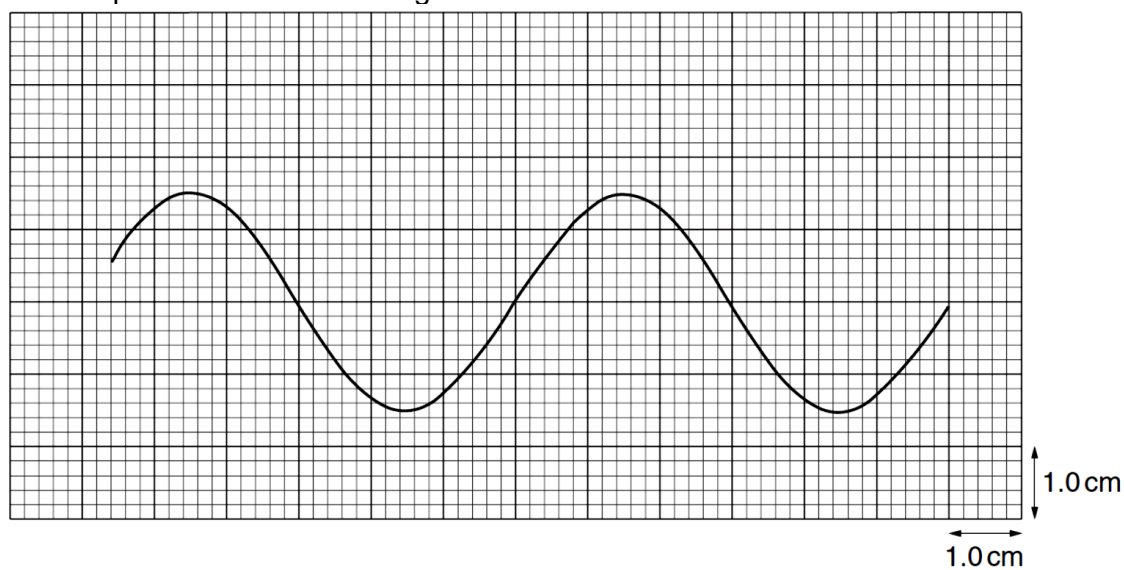


Fig. 5.2

- (a) With reference to the laws of electromagnetic induction, explain 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) (i) Use Fig. 5.2 and the c.r.o. settings to determine the equation representing the induced alternating e.m.f.

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- (ii) Mark any two points on Fig. 5.2 with crosses \times and label both points with the letter Z to indicate two instances in time when the displacement of the wire is zero.

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- (iii) Deduce the direction of the motion of the wire at the instant when the electric potential of A is higher than the potential of B.

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- (c) (i) Given the resistance of the wire is $6.0\ \Omega$ and the c.r.o. is replaced with a microammeter, derive the equation representing the induced current.

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- (ii) Hence or otherwise, calculate the maximum induced magnetic field strength due to the induced current at a separation of $2.0\ \mu\text{m}$ from the wire.

magnetic field strength = T [1]

- (iii) State the direction of the induced current **and** its consequent magnetic field at the instant when the electric potential of A is higher than the potential of B.

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- (d) After a while, the wire stops moving. Explain why this occurs, ignoring friction and air resistance.

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