

- 2 A long, straight wire W carrying a direct current of 3.0 A flows in the direction as shown in Fig. 2.1.

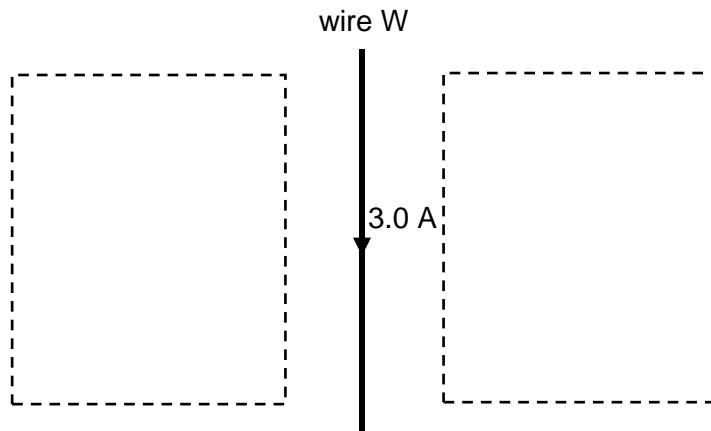


Fig. 2.1

- (a) Draw on Fig. 2.1, the pattern of the magnetic field produced by wire W in the regions indicated by the dotted boxes. Use the symbol  $x$  to represent magnetic field directed into the page and use the symbol  $\bullet$  to represent magnetic field directed out of the page. [3]
- (b) A similar wire Y is placed parallel to wire W, separated by a distance of 40.0 cm as shown in Fig. 2.2. Initially, there is no current in wire Y.

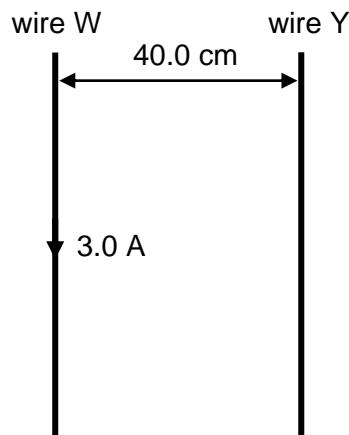


Fig. 2.2

- (i) Show that the magnetic flux density at wire Y due to the current in wire W is  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  T.

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- (ii) A current of 1.0 A is now switched on in wire Y and flows in the opposite direction as the direction of current flow in wire W.

Use your answer in (b)(i) to calculate the force per unit length acting on wire Y.

$$\text{force per unit length} = \dots \text{N m}^{-1} \quad [2]$$

- (iii) Explain why the force that the two wires exert on each other is repulsive.

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- (iv) Determine a possible position, other than at infinity, where the resultant magnetic flux density due to the magnetic fields of both wires is zero.

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