

- 5 (a) A thin slice of conducting material is placed normal to a uniform magnetic field of flux density B , as shown in Fig. 5.1.

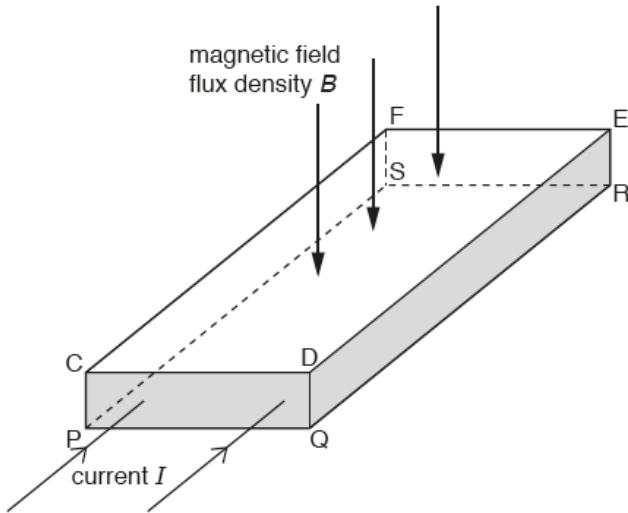


Fig. 5.1

The magnetic field is normal to face CDEF and to face PQRS.

A current I passes through the slice and is normal to the faces CDQP and FERS.

A potential difference, V_H , is developed across the slice at steady state.

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- (a) State the faces between which V_H is developed.

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- (b) The current I is produced by charge carriers, each of charge $+q$ moving at speed v in the direction of the current. The number density of the charge carriers is n .

- (i) Derive an expression relating V_H to v , B and d , where d is one of the dimensions of the slice.

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- (ii) Use your answer in (b)(i) and an expression for the current I in the slice to derive the

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Expression

$$V_H = \frac{BI}{ntq}$$

where t is another of the dimensions of the slice. Explain your working.

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- (iii) Suggest why V_H is difficult to detect in a thin slice of copper.

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