

- 7 The plan view of a train braking system is illustrated in Fig 7.1. The train carriage is mounted on a rectangular metal frame ABCD of length L and width w . The effective resistance of the frame is R .

The train carriage is initially moving at a constant speed along the rails.

A uniform magnetic field B is directed perpendicularly into the ground over a rectangular region of length L . Line P denotes the start of this region while line Q denotes the end of the region.

After passing through the magnetic field, the train speed is expected to be reduced to a very low value after which brakes can be applied to stop it completely. Air resistance and friction may be neglected.

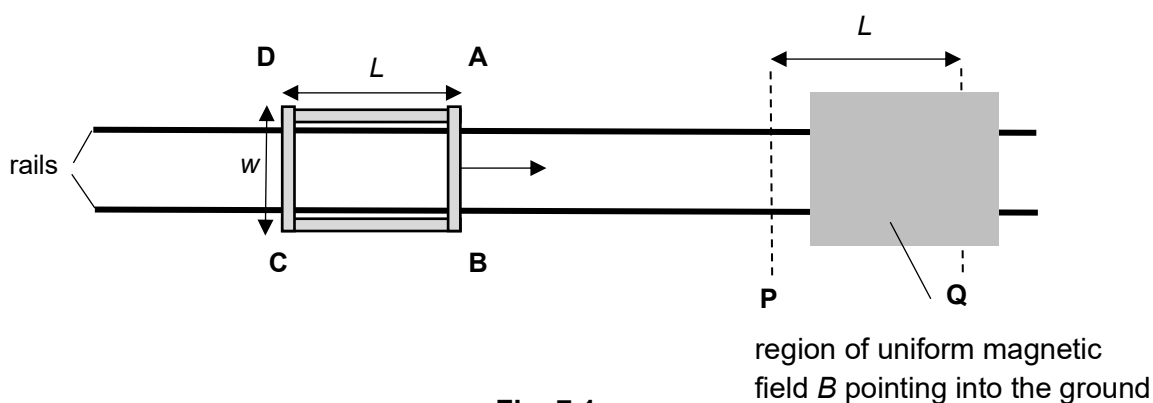


Fig. 7.1

- (a) Show that as the frame enters the region of magnetic field, the e.m.f. induced in it, E , is given by $E = Bwv$ where v is the speed of the train carriage. Explain your working clearly.

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- (b) (i) Explain why the train carriage slows down as AB moves through the magnetic field from P to Q.

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- (ii) The graph in Fig 7.2 shows the velocity of the train carriage as it moves through the magnetic field, from the instant AB crosses line P to the instant CD crosses line Q.

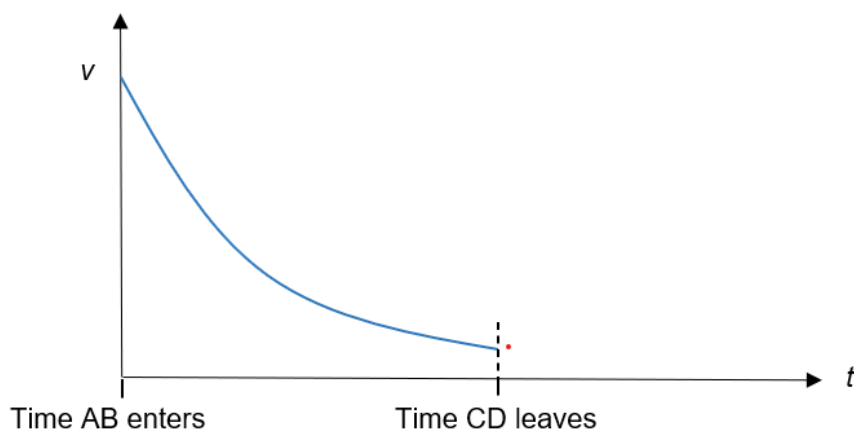


Fig. 7.2

The length of the magnetic field is now reduced by *moving Q closer to P* so that the distance PQ is now smaller than L .

Sketch on Fig 7.2 the new variation of the velocity of the train carriage with time as it passes through the magnetic field from the instant AB crosses line P to the instant CD crosses line Q.

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