

- 5 (a) A metal rod is accelerated uniformly from rest in a uniform magnetic field as shown in Fig. 5.1.

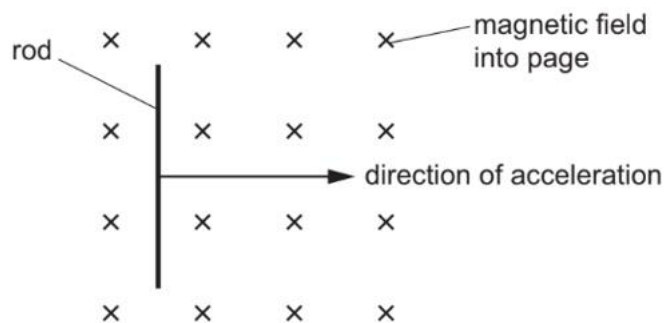


Fig. 5.1

The rod has length l and the flux density of the magnetic field is B .

An electromotive force (e.m.f.) is induced in the rod. The variation with time t of the induced e.m.f. E is shown in Fig. 5.2.

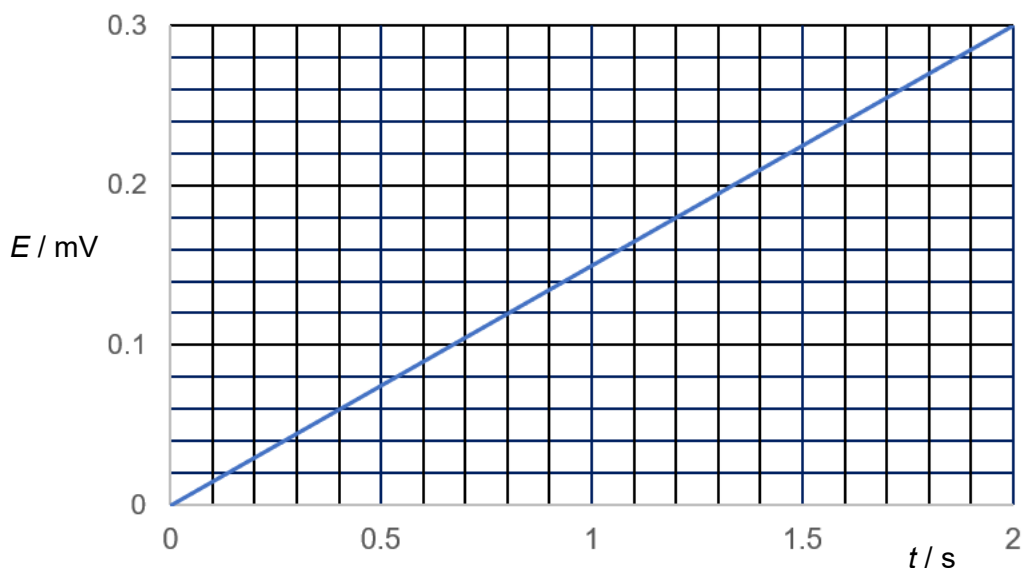


Fig. 5.2

- (i) Explain how Fig. 5.2 shows that the acceleration of the rod is uniform.

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- (ii) The same metal rod in (a) is now placed on a pair of smooth conducting rails with a resistor R connected to the rails on a flat surface as shown in Fig. 5.3. The rod is pulled on the rails at a steady speed v from the left to the right.

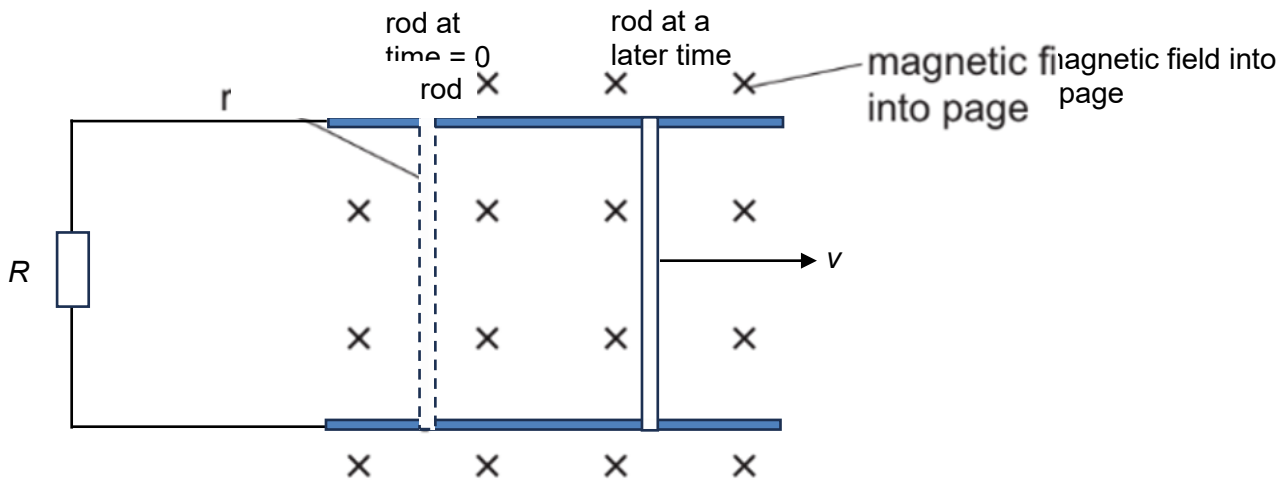


Fig. 5.3

Explain in terms of energy changes, why external work is needed to keep the speed of the rod constant.

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- (b) An alternating current I in a resistor of resistance $400\ \Omega$ varies with time t according to

$$I = 3.5 \sin(40\pi t)$$

where I is in A and t is in s.

- (i) Calculate the period T period of the alternating current.

$$T = \dots\dots\dots \text{ s [1]}$$

- (ii) Calculate the mean power P transferred in the $400\ \Omega$ resistor.

$$P = \dots\dots\dots \text{ W [2]}$$

- (iii) On Fig. 5.4, show the variation with time t of the power P transferred in the resistor for two periods of the alternating current. P_{max} is the maximum power transferred in the resistor.

