



- 4 Part of a long current-carrying conductor (wire) is shown in Fig.4.1. The conductor is normal to and passes through a horizontal plane.

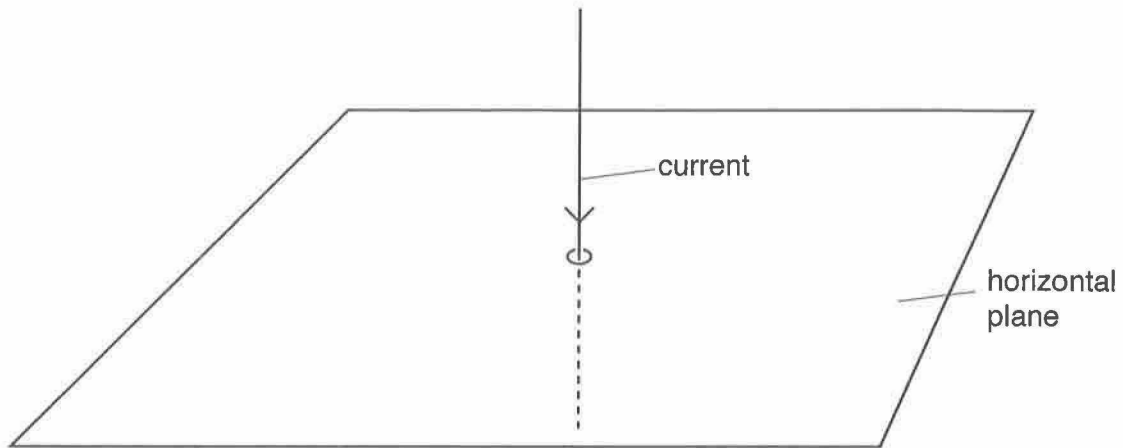


Fig.4.1

Fig. 4.2 shows the current in the wire directed perpendicularly into the plane of the paper.

- (a) On Fig.4.2, draw lines to represent the magnetic field in the horizontal plane around the long wire.



Fig.4.2

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- (b) The current in the wire in (a) is 8.5 A.

Calculate the magnetic flux density B due to the current in the wire at a distance of 19 cm from the centre of the wire in the horizontal plane.

$B = \dots\dots\dots$ T [2]



- (c) The current in the wire is switched off and a small compass is placed 19 cm due North of the wire, as shown in Fig. 4.3a.

The current of 8.5 A is then switched on and the needle deflects by 12° of the compass as shown in Fig. 4.3b.



Fig. 4.3a



Fig. 4.3b

- (i) Use your answer in (b) to calculate the horizontal component B_H of the magnetic flux density due to the Earth's magnetic field at this location.

$$B_H = \dots\dots\dots \text{ T [2]}$$

- (ii) On Fig. 4.3b, mark with a letter X the position where the resultant horizontal magnetic flux density is zero.

Explain your reasoning.

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