

Example 6.2 A square loop of side 10 cm and resistance $0.5\ \Omega$ is placed vertically in the east-west plane. A uniform magnetic field of $0.10\ \text{T}$ is set up across the plane in the north-east direction. The magnetic field is decreased to zero in $0.70\ \text{s}$ at a steady rate. Determine the magnitudes of induced emf and current during this time-interval.

Solution The angle θ made by the area vector of the coil with the magnetic field is 45° . From Eq. (6.1), the initial magnetic flux is

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi &= BA \cos \theta \\ &= \frac{0.1 \times 10^{-2}}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ Wb}\end{aligned}$$

Final flux, $\Phi_{\min} = 0$

The change in flux is brought about in $0.70\ \text{s}$. From Eq. (6.3), the magnitude of the induced emf is given by

$$\varepsilon = \frac{|\Delta \Phi_B|}{\Delta t} = \frac{|(\Phi - 0)|}{\Delta t} = \frac{10^{-3}}{\sqrt{2} \times 0.7} = 1.0\ \text{mV}$$

And the magnitude of the current is

$$I = \frac{\varepsilon}{R} = \frac{10^{-3}\ \text{V}}{0.5\ \Omega} = 2\ \text{mA}$$

Note that the earth's magnetic field also produces a flux through the loop. But it is a steady field (which does not change within the time span of the experiment) and hence does not induce any emf.

Example 6.3

A circular coil of radius 10 cm, 500 turns and resistance $2\ \Omega$ is placed with its plane perpendicular to the horizontal component of the earth's magnetic field. It is rotated about its vertical diameter through 180° in 0.25 s. Estimate the magnitudes of the emf and current induced in the coil. Horizontal component of the earth's magnetic field at the place is $3.0 \times 10^{-5}\ \text{T}$.

Solution

Initial flux through the coil,

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_{B(\text{initial})} &= BA \cos \theta \\ &= 3.0 \times 10^{-5} \times (\pi \times 10^{-2}) \times \cos 0^\circ \\ &= 3\pi \times 10^{-7}\ \text{Wb}\end{aligned}$$

Final flux after the rotation,

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_{B(\text{final})} &= 3.0 \times 10^{-5} \times (\pi \times 10^{-2}) \times \cos 180^\circ \\ &= -3\pi \times 10^{-7}\ \text{Wb}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, estimated value of the induced emf is,

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon &= N \frac{\Delta \Phi}{\Delta t} \\ &= 500 \times (6\pi \times 10^{-7})/0.25 \\ &= 3.8 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{V}\end{aligned}$$

$$I = \varepsilon/R = 1.9 \times 10^{-3}\ \text{A}$$

Note that the magnitudes of ε and I are the estimated values. Their instantaneous values are different and depend upon the speed of rotation at the particular instant.

Example 6.6 A metallic rod of 1 m length is rotated with a frequency of 50 rev/s, with one end hinged at the centre and the other end at the circumference of a circular metallic ring of radius 1 m, about an axis passing through the centre and perpendicular to the plane of the ring (Fig. 6.11). A constant and uniform magnetic field of 1 T parallel to the axis is present everywhere. What is the emf between the centre and the metallic ring?

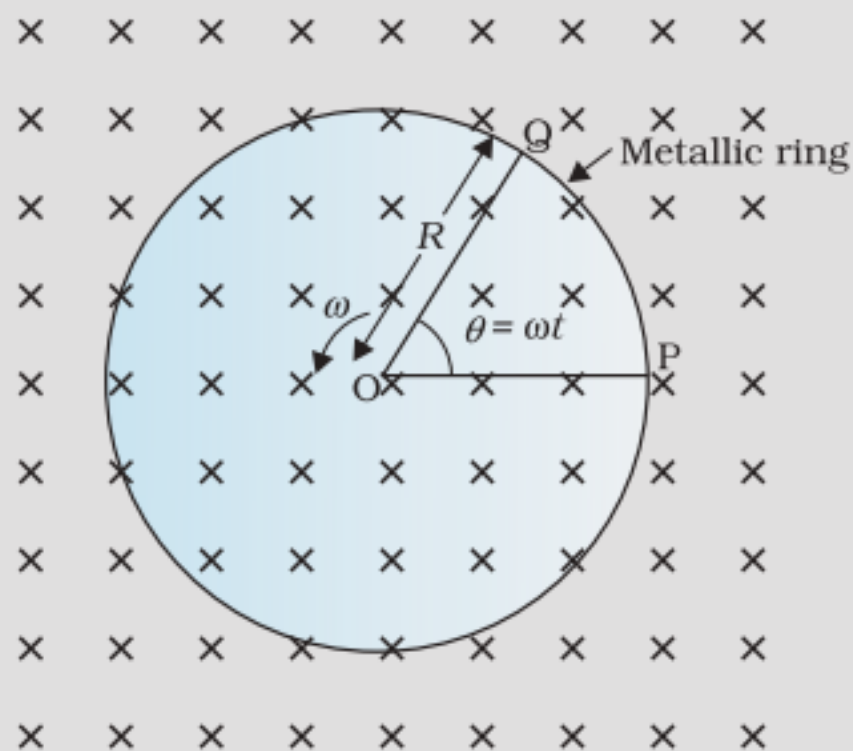


FIGURE 6.11

Solution

Method I

As the rod is rotated, free electrons in the rod move towards the outer end due to Lorentz force and get distributed over the ring. Thus, the resulting separation of charges produces an emf across the ends of the rod. At a certain value of emf, there is no more flow of electrons and a steady state is reached. Using Eq. (6.5), the magnitude of the emf generated across a length dr of the rod as it moves at right angles to the magnetic field is given by

$d\varepsilon = Bv dr$. Hence,

$$\varepsilon = \int_0^R d\varepsilon = \int_0^R Bv dr = \int_0^R B\omega r dr = \frac{B\omega R^2}{2}$$

Note that we have used $v = \omega r$. This gives

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon &= \frac{1}{2} \times 1.0 \times 2\pi \times 50 \times (1^2) \\ &= 157 \text{ V}\end{aligned}$$

Method II

To calculate the emf, we can imagine a closed loop OPQ in which point O and P are connected with a resistor R and OQ is the rotating rod. The potential difference across the resistor is then equal to the induced emf and equals $B \times$ (rate of change of area of loop). If θ is the angle between the rod and the radius of the circle at P at time t , the area of the sector OPQ is given by

$$\pi R^2 \times \frac{\theta}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2} R^2 \theta$$

where R is the radius of the circle. Hence, the induced emf is

$$\varepsilon = B \times \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{1}{2} R^2 \theta \right] = \frac{1}{2} BR^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{B\omega R^2}{2}$$

$$[\text{Note: } \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \omega = 2\pi\nu]$$

This expression is identical to the expression obtained by Method I and we get the same value of ε .

Example 6.7

A wheel with 10 metallic spokes each 0.5 m long is rotated with a speed of 120 rev/min in a plane normal to the horizontal component of earth's magnetic field H_E at a place. If $H_E = 0.4$ G at the place, what is the induced emf between the axle and the rim of the wheel? Note that $1 \text{ G} = 10^{-4} \text{ T}$.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Induced emf} &= (1/2) \omega B R^2 \\ &= (1/2) \times 4\pi \times 0.4 \times 10^{-4} \times (0.5)^2 \\ &= 6.28 \times 10^{-5} \text{ V}\end{aligned}$$

The number of spokes is immaterial because the emf's across the spokes are *in parallel*.

Example 6.8 Two concentric circular coils, one of small radius r_1 and the other of large radius r_2 , such that $r_1 \ll r_2$, are placed co-axially with centres coinciding. Obtain the mutual inductance of the arrangement.

Solution Let a current I_2 flow through the outer circular coil. The field at the centre of the coil is $B_2 = \mu_0 I_2 / 2r_2$. Since the other co-axially placed coil has a very small radius, B_2 may be considered constant over its cross-sectional area. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_1 &= \pi r_1^2 B_2 \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 \pi r_1^2}{2r_2} I_2 \\ &= M_{12} I_2\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$M_{12} = \frac{\mu_0 \pi r_1^2}{2r_2}$$

From Eq. (6.12)

$$M_{12} = M_{21} = \frac{\mu_0 \pi r_1^2}{2r_2}$$

Note that we calculated M_{12} from an approximate value of Φ_1 , assuming the magnetic field B_2 to be uniform over the area πr_1^2 . However, we can accept this value because $r_1 \ll r_2$.

Example 6.9 (a) Obtain the expression for the magnetic energy stored in a solenoid in terms of magnetic field B , area A and length l of the solenoid. (b) How does this magnetic energy compare with the electrostatic energy stored in a capacitor?

Solution

(a) From Eq. (6.17), the magnetic energy is

$$U_B = \frac{1}{2}LI^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}L\left(\frac{B}{\mu_0 n}\right)^2 \quad (\text{since } B = \mu_0 nI, \text{ for a solenoid})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\mu_0 n^2 Al)\left(\frac{B}{\mu_0 n}\right)^2 \quad [\text{from Eq. (6.15)}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\mu_0} B^2 Al$$

(b) The magnetic energy per unit volume is,

$$u_B = \frac{U_B}{V} \quad (\text{where } V \text{ is volume that contains flux})$$

$$= \frac{U_B}{Al}$$

$$= \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \quad (6.18)$$

We have already obtained the relation for the electrostatic energy stored per unit volume in a parallel plate capacitor (refer to Chapter 2, Eq. 2.73),

$$u_E = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E^2 \quad (2.73)$$

In both the cases energy is proportional to the square of the field strength. Equations (6.18) and (2.73) have been derived for special cases: a solenoid and a parallel plate capacitor, respectively. But they are general and valid for any region of space in which a magnetic field or/and an electric field exist.

Example 6.10 Kamla peddles a stationary bicycle. The pedals of the bicycle are attached to a 100 turn coil of area 0.10 m^2 . The coil rotates at half a revolution per second and it is placed in a uniform magnetic field of 0.01 T perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the coil. What is the maximum voltage generated in the coil?

Solution Here $\nu = 0.5 \text{ Hz}$; $N = 100$, $A = 0.1 \text{ m}^2$ and $B = 0.01 \text{ T}$. Employing Eq. (6.19)

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_0 &= NBA (2 \pi \nu) \\ &= 100 \times 0.01 \times 0.1 \times 2 \times 3.14 \times 0.5 \\ &= 0.314 \text{ V}\end{aligned}$$

The maximum voltage is 0.314 V .

We urge you to explore such alternative possibilities for power generation.