

27 Consider a circular current-carrying loop of radius R in the x - y plane with centre at origin. Consider the line integral

$$\mathfrak{I}(L) = \left| \int_{-L}^L \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \right|$$

taken along z -axis.

- Show that $\mathfrak{I}(L)$ monotonically increases with L
- Use an appropriate amperian loop to show that $\mathfrak{I}(\infty) = \mu_0 I$, where I is the current in the wire
- Verify directly the above result
- Suppose we replace the circular coil by a square coil of sides R carrying the same current I .

What can you say about $\mathfrak{I}(L)$ and $\mathfrak{I}(\infty)$?

κ Thinking Process

This question revolves around the application of Ampere circuital law.

- $B(z)$ points in the same direction on z -axis and hence, $\mathfrak{I}(L)$ is a monotonically function of L .

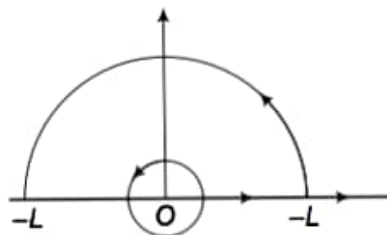
Since, B and $d\mathbf{l}$ along the same direction, therefore $\mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = B \cdot dl$ as $\cos 0 = 1$

- $\mathfrak{I}(L) +$ contribution from large distance on contour $C = \mu_0 I$

\therefore as $L \rightarrow \infty$
Contribution from large distance $\rightarrow 0$ (as $B \propto 1/r^3$)

$$\mathfrak{I}(\infty) = \mu_0 I$$

- The magnetic field due to circular current-carrying loop of radius R in the x - y plane with centre at origin at any point lying at a distance of from origin.



$$B_z = \frac{\mu_0 I R^2}{2(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_z dz = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_0 I R^2}{2(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}} dz$$

Put

$$z = R \tan \theta$$

\Rightarrow

$$dz = R \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

\therefore

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B_z dz = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos \theta d\theta = \mu_0 I$$

- $B(z)_{\text{square}} < B(z)_{\text{circular coil}}$

$\therefore \mathfrak{I}(L)_{\text{square}} < \mathfrak{I}(L)_{\text{circular coil}}$

But by using arguments as in (b)

$$\mathfrak{I}(\infty)_{\text{square}} = \mathfrak{I}(\infty)_{\text{circular}}$$