

6.23 A conducting wire XY of mass m and negligible resistance slides smoothly on two parallel conducting wires as shown in Fig 6.11. The closed circuit has a resistance R due to AC. AB and CD are perfect conductors. There is a magnetic field $\mathbf{B} = B(t)\hat{\mathbf{k}}$.

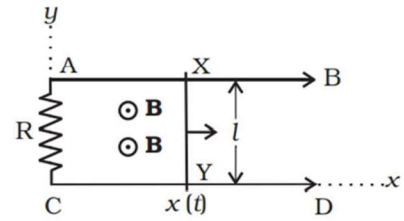


Fig. 6.11

- (i) Write down equation for the acceleration of the wire XY.
- (ii) If \mathbf{B} is independent of time, obtain $v(t)$, assuming $v(0) = u_0$.
- (iii) For (b), show that the decrease in kinetic energy of XY equals the heat lost in R .

Solution:

Ans: At $t=0$, let wire XY be at $x=0$.

And $x=x$ is at $t=t(t)$

The magnetic flux is a time-dependent quantity.

$$\phi(t) = B(t) \times A$$

$$\phi(t) = B(t) [l \cdot x(t)]$$

$$\varepsilon = -\frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} = -\frac{dB(t)}{dt} l \cdot x(t) - B(t) l \cdot \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$$

$$\varepsilon = -\frac{dB(t)}{dt} l \cdot x(t) - B(t) l v(t)$$

In loop XYAX, the direction of induced current determined by Fleming's Right Hand Rule or Lenz's rule is clockwise.

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\varepsilon}{R} = \frac{-l}{R} \left[x(t) \frac{dB(t)}{dt} + B(t) v(t) \right] \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

The conductor is being acted upon by a force.

$$F = B(t) I l \sin 90^\circ$$

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$$F = \frac{B(t) I l}{R} = \frac{-B(t) l^2}{R} \left[-\frac{dB}{dt} \cdot x(t) - B(t) \cdot v(t) \right]$$

$$\frac{md^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{-B(t) l^2}{R} \left[-\frac{dB}{dt} \cdot x(t) - B(t) \cdot v(t) \right] \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

(ii) Assuming $v(0) = u_0$, find $v(t)$ if \mathbf{B} is time independent.

Ans: B is now time independent, i.e., it does not vary with time or remains constant.

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = 0, B(t)=B \text{ and } v(t)=v \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Putting (3) in (2) we get

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{-l^2}{mR} [0 + B \cdot v]$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{B^2 l^2}{mR} \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{B^2 l^2}{mR} v = 0$$

We can integrate using a variable separable from a differential equation.

$$v = A \exp\left(\frac{-l^2 B^2 t}{mR}\right) \text{ at } t=0, v=u$$

$$v(t) = u \exp\left(\frac{-l^2 B^2 t}{mR}\right) \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

(iii) For (b), prove that the kinetic energy of XY decreases by the same amount as the heat lost in R.

Ans: Power consumption is represented as $P = I^2 R$

As a result, the energy spent during the time interval dt is expressed as = $\frac{m}{2} u_0^2 - \frac{m}{2} v^2(t)$

The kinetic energy is decreasing, as shown by the equation above.

Therefore, energy consumed in time interval dt is given as $\frac{m}{2} u_0^2 - \frac{m}{2} v^2(t)$

The above equation shows that there is a decrease in the kinetic energy.