17 Ampere's Law

Wire:
$$\mathrm{d}\vec{F} = I\,\mathrm{d}\vec{l}\times\vec{B}$$
 $\tau = N_{loops}IA\hat{n}\times B$ $\vec{\mu} = IA\hat{n}$ Dipole: $\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu}\times\vec{B}$ $U = -\vec{\mu}\cdot\vec{B}$ $F_z = -\frac{\mathrm{d}U}{\mathrm{d}z} = \mu_z\frac{\mathrm{d}B}{\mathrm{d}z}$

1. (RHK Exercise 32.32) A metal wire of mass m slides without friction on two horizontal rails spaced a distance c apart, as shown below. The track lies in a vertical uniform magnetic field \vec{B} . A constant current I flows from the generator along one rail, across the wire, and back down the other rail. Find the velocity of the wire as a function of time, assuming it to be at rest at t=0.

2. (RHK Problem 32.18) The figure below shows a wire ring of radius a at right angles to the general direction of a radially symmetric diverging magnetic field. The magnetic field at the ring is everywhere of the same magnitude B, and its direction at the ring is everywhere at an angle θ with a normal to the plane of the ring. Find the magnitude and direction of the force the field exerts on the ring if the ring carries a current I as shown. (The twisted wire leads have no effect on this problem.)



- **3.** (RHK Exercise 35.11) A charge q is uniformly distributed around a thin ring of radius r. The ring is rotating about an axis through its center and perpendicular to its plane at angular frequency ω . (a) Show that the magnetic moment due to the rotating charge is $\mu = (1/2)q\omega r^2$. (b) If L is the angular momentum of the ring, show that $\mu/L = q/2m$.
- **4.** (RHK Problem 35.1) A thin, plastic disk of radius R has a charge q uniformly distributed over its surface. If the disk rotates at an angular frequency ω about its axis, show that magnetic dipole moment of the disk is

$$\mu = \frac{\omega q R^2}{2} \tag{17.1}$$

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5. A circular loop of wire with radius r and mass m is centered on the z-axis. A current I flows counterclockwise through the wire. An external, non-uniform magnetic field $\vec{B} = B_0 z^2 \hat{z}$ is applied. (a) What is the magnetic moment of the loop? (b) What is the potential energy of the loop, as a function of its height along the z-axis? (c) What is the corresponding force on the loop? (d) If the loop intially is stationary at height h_0 , find its height h(t) as a function of time.

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