

SOLUTION

Let's first determine the magnetic field in the solenoid.

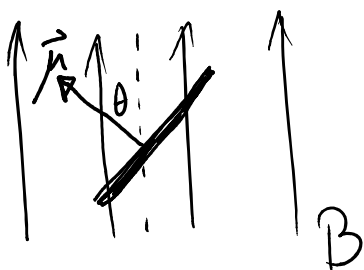
We have:



$$|\vec{B}| = \mu_0 I \cdot \frac{N}{L}$$

where $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{Tm}}{\text{A}}$ $I = 0.1 \text{ A}$, $N = 500$, $L = 0.03 \text{ m}$

So $|\vec{B}| = 2.09 \times 10^{-3} \text{ T}$.



Now let's find the torque on the loop.

The magnetic moment is:

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{\mu}| &= I \cdot A \cdot n \\ &= (0.1 \text{ A}) \times (0.01 \text{ m})^2 \cdot 50 \\ &= 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Am}^2 \end{aligned}$$

When $\vec{\mu}$ is at an angle θ to \vec{B} , the torque is:

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{\tau}| &= |\vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}| = |\vec{\mu}| |\vec{B}| \sin\theta \\ &= (1.05 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Nm}) |\sin\theta| \end{aligned}$$

From this, we can get the time dependence of

θ by: $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \omega$, $\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \alpha = \frac{\tau}{I} = 1.05 \text{ s}^{-2} |\sin\theta|$

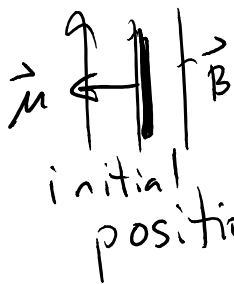
Note that we use $|\sin\theta|$ since the problem specifies that the current switches so that the torque is always in the same direction.

We now want to solve

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = (1.05 \text{ s}^{-2}) |\sin\theta|$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \omega$$

with $\theta(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ $\omega(0) = 0.$



Using Euler's method, we find that

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi \quad \text{at} \quad t \approx 4.02 \text{ s}$$

EXPLICIT COMMANDS: Initially: $\theta = 3.1415/2$, $\omega = 0$

At each step:

$$\omega = \omega_{old} + \delta t \cdot [1.05 \cdot |\sin\theta_{old}|]$$

$$\theta = \theta_{old} + \delta t [\omega_{old}]$$

Run until $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi$

OR: use $\frac{d\omega}{dt} = 1.05 \cos\theta$ with $\theta(0) = 0$