

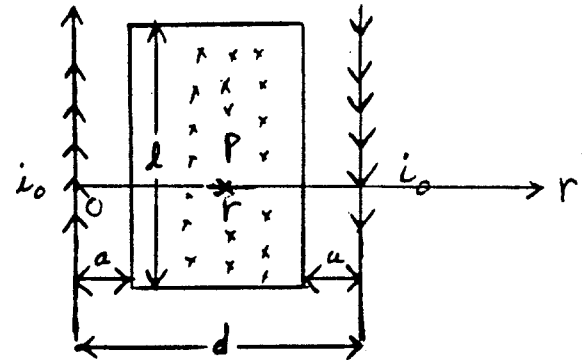
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Two long straight wires are parallel and a distance  $d$  apart.

- (a) Calculate the magnitude of the magnetic flux through the rectangular region shown. Each wire carries a current  $i_0$ , in the direction shown by the arrows.  
 (b) Now allow the current in both wires to vary as  $i = i_0 e^{-kt}$ , where  $k$  is a constant. Calculate the emf generated in the rectangular loop as a function of time.



SOLUTION:

(a) The magnetic field at point  $P$  (shown in figure) being given by superposition is

$$B(r) = \frac{\mu_0 i_0}{2\pi r} + \frac{\mu_0 i_0}{2\pi(d-r)} \quad (\text{the direction of } \vec{B} \text{ is into page})$$

Then, the flux is

$$\Phi = \int_s \vec{B}(r) \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_a^{d-a} \left( \frac{\mu_0 i_0}{2\pi r} + \frac{\mu_0 i_0}{2\pi(d-r)} \right) l dr$$

$$\Phi = \frac{\mu_0 i_0 l}{\pi} \ln \frac{d-a}{a}$$

(b) If  $i = i_0 e^{-kt}$ , Now the flux is

$$\Phi = \frac{l \mu_0 i_0 e^{-kt}}{\pi} \ln \frac{d-a}{a}$$

emf is: 
$$\mathcal{E} = - \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = \frac{l \mu_0 i_0 k e^{-kt}}{\pi} \ln \frac{d-a}{a}$$