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Magnetic moment of a conducting loop in the magnetic field

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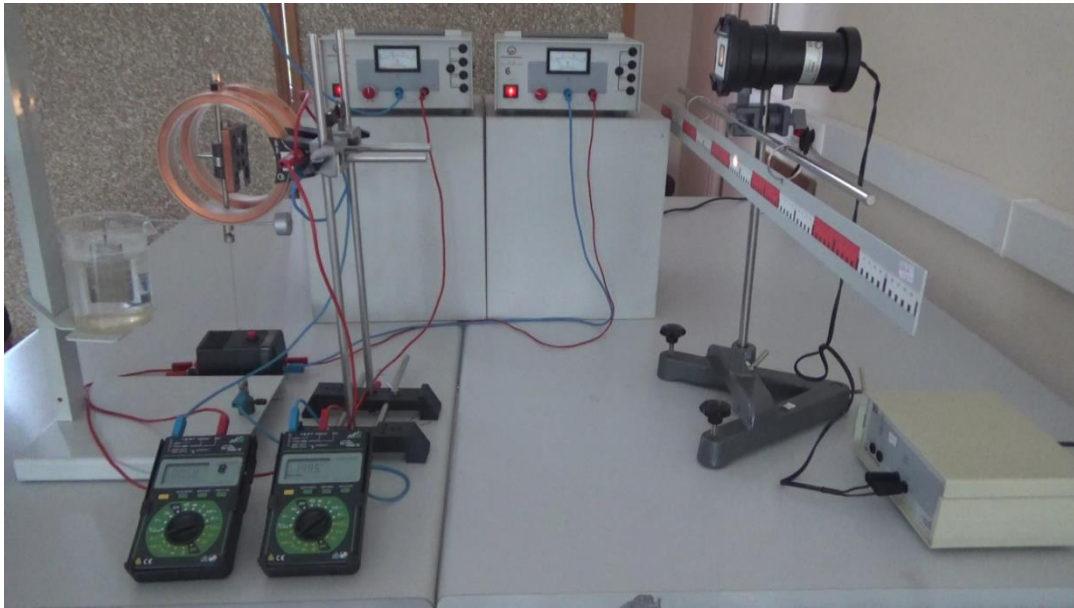
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## Experiment Setup:

The experimental setup is shown below at Figure 7.4.



**Figure 7.4:** Magnetic moment of a conducting loop in the magnetic field experimental setup

## Experimental Procedure:

1. Make sure the power supplies are turned off.
2. Set multimeters to DC / Ampere mode.
3. Plug in the halogen lamp's power supply.
4. Make sure the light falls on the ruler.
5. Measure the distance between the ruler and the mirror. ( $L = 60 \text{ cm}$ )
6. Switch on the power supply connected to the Helmholtz coils.
7. You can check the polarity of the current using the pole switch.
8. Set the Helmholtz current ( $I_H$ ) by using power supply connected to the Helmholtz coils. Keep the current constant during the experiment.
9. Adjust the position of the light on the ruler to be  $x_0 = 50 \text{ cm}$ .
10. Turn on the power supply to which the rectangular loop is connected.
11. Set the current ( $I_L$ ) on rectangular loop by using the power supply connected to the loop. Wait for the light falling on the ruler to stabilize.
12. Read the deviations  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , where the light falls on the ruler.
13. Calculate the angular deviations,  $\left[ \alpha_{avg} = \frac{|x_1 - x_2|}{2L} \right]$ , and the magnetic torques via Equation 7.11,  $[\tau = D\alpha_{avg}]$ .
14. Afterwards, repeat the same steps by keeping the current applied to the rectangular loop ( $I_L$ ) constant, read the deviations  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  by scanning the current ( $I_H$ ) applied to the Helmholtz coils.

**Table 7.1:**  $I_H = 0.50 A$ ;  $D = 3,9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}/\text{rad}$ ;  $L = 60 \text{ cm}$

$I_L (A)$	$x_1 (\text{cm})$	$x_2 (\text{cm})$	$\alpha_{avg} = \frac{ x_1 - x_2 }{2L} (\text{rad})$	$\tau = D\alpha_{avg} (\text{N}\cdot\text{m})$
0.05				
0.10				
0.15				
0.20				

**Table 7.2:**  $I_H = 1.00 A$ ;  $D = 3,9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}/\text{rad}$ ;  $L = 60 \text{ cm}$

$I_L (A)$	$x_1 (\text{cm})$	$x_2 (\text{cm})$	$\alpha_{avg} = \frac{ x_1 - x_2 }{2L} (\text{rad})$	$\tau = D\alpha_{avg} (\text{N}\cdot\text{m})$
0.05				
0.10				
0.15				
0.20				

**Table 7.3:**  $I_L = 0.05 A$ ;  $D = 3,9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}/\text{rad}$ ;  $L = 60 \text{ cm}$

$I_H (A)$	$x_1 (\text{cm})$	$x_2 (\text{cm})$	$\alpha_{avg} = \frac{ x_1 - x_2 }{2L} (\text{rad})$	$\tau = D\alpha_{avg} (\text{N}\cdot\text{m})$
0.50				
1.00				
1.50				
2.00				

**Table 7.4:**  $I_L = 0.10 A$ ;  $D = 3,9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}/\text{rad}$ ;  $L = 60 \text{ cm}$

$I_H (A)$	$x_1 (\text{cm})$	$x_2 (\text{cm})$	$\alpha_{avg} = \frac{ x_1 - x_2 }{2L} (\text{rad})$	$\tau = D\alpha_{avg} (\text{N}\cdot\text{m})$
0.50				
1.00				
1.50				
2.00				

## Calculations and Analysis:

In the experiment, the magnetic torque  $\tau_{mag}$  is measured depending on the current. The current passing through the Helmholtz coils will cause the magnetic field, which induces a torque on the current loop, that causes it to rotate. As the loop is attached to a vertically pinched wire of finite torsional stiffness, magnetic torque  $\tau_{mag}$  is balanced by an elastic torque  $\tau_{el}$ . With the help of this balance, the effects of the current passing through the rectangular loop and Helmholtz coils on the magnetic torque will be analyzed.

### I. Torque as a function of the current in the rectangular loop:

According to equation  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$  where  $\vec{\mu} = NI_L \vec{A}$ , the magnetic torque is directly proportional to the current on the conducting rectangular loop  $\tau \propto I_L$ . Hence, We expect a line in the form of  $y = mx$ , where  $m$  is the slope of the line, passing through those points and the origin. Use  $\tau$  and  $I_L$  columns of Tables 7.1–2 and calculate the slopes of the lines by means of the statistical linear fitting method called “*least squares method*” its formulae are given below.

i)  $I_H=0.50$  A

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^k I_{L_i} \tau_i &= \\ \sum_{i=1}^k I_{L_i}^2 &= \end{aligned} \quad m_{0.50} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k I_{L_i} \tau_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k I_{L_i}^2} =$$

ii)  $I_H=1.00$  A

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^k I_{L_i} \tau_i &= \\ \sum_{i=1}^k I_{L_i}^2 &= \end{aligned} \quad m_{1.00} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k I_{L_i} \tau_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k I_{L_i}^2} =$$

As we know from equation, if the steady current  $I_H$  flows through the Helmholtz coils; the induced magnetic field  $B$  is constant. Calculate and compare the magnetic fields  $B$  induced by the coils. Write the unit of the magnetic field  $B$  in terms of Tesla.

Number of turns of rectangular loop is  $N = 100$ , area of the loop is  $A = 35 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ .

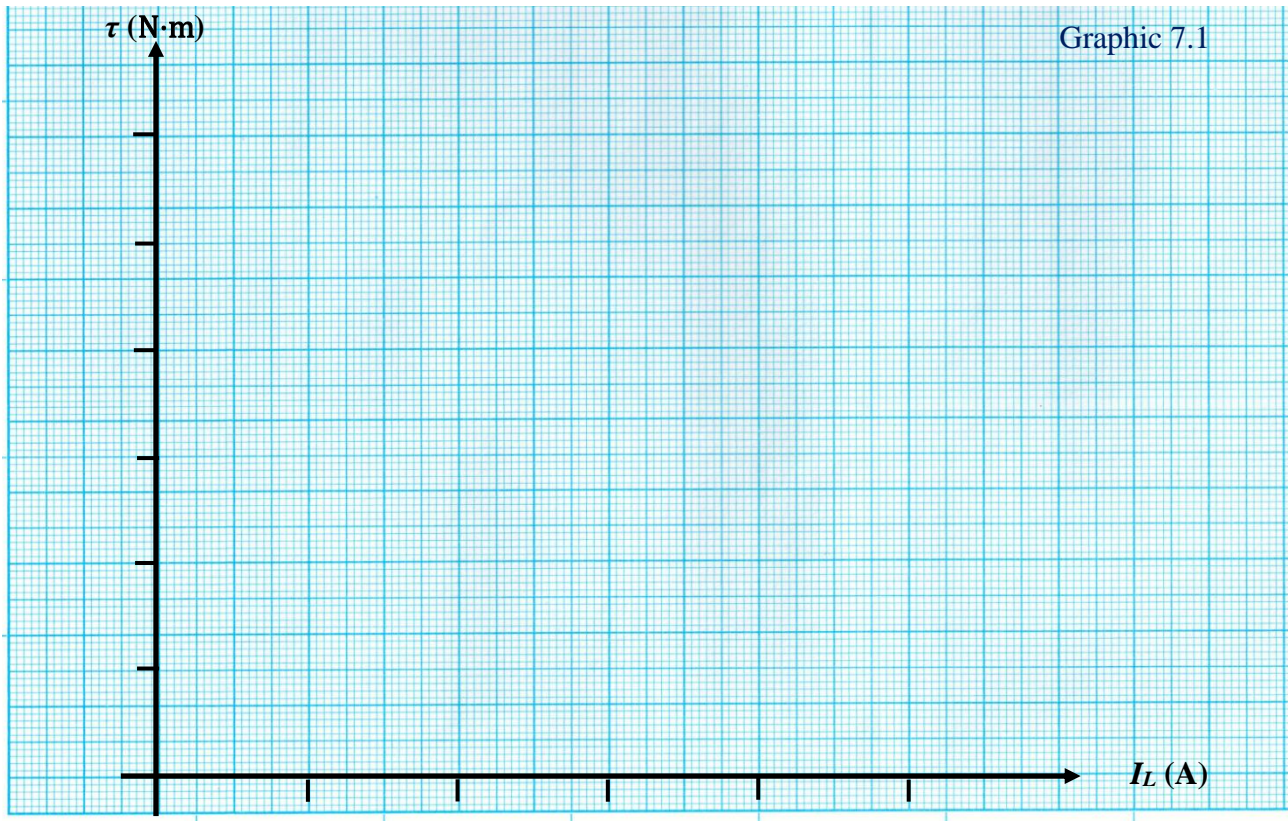
$$\left[ \vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B} = NI_L AB \Rightarrow \frac{\tau}{I_L} = m \Rightarrow B = \frac{m}{N \cdot A} \right]$$

$$\text{i) } B_{0.50} = \frac{m_{0.50}}{N \cdot A} =$$

$$\text{ii) } B_{1.00} = \frac{m_{1.00}}{N \cdot A} =$$

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In order to examine torque due to a magnetic moment in a uniform magnetic field as a function of the rectangular loop current  $I_L$ , plot  $\tau - I_L$  graph for each current on Helmholtz coils  $I_H$  using data sets from Tables 7.1–2. Represent the  $I_L$  values on the  $x$ -axis, while the  $\tau$  values on the  $y$ -axis of your graphs. Mark the data points on your graph and draw the straight lines  $y = mx$ , where the slopes  $m$ 's are calculated for each current on Helmholtz coils  $I_H$  in the previous step. Use those  $m$  values to plot the lines that are passing from the origin on your graph and observe how they fit with your experimental data points.



Why are the slopes of the lines different from each other? Please explain. What can you say about the effect of  $I_L$  on magnetic torque and magnetic moment of the rectangular loop?

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## II. Torque as a function of the current in the Helmholtz coils:

According to Equation 7.10 [ $\tau = NI_L A \cdot \kappa I_H \cdot \sin \alpha = \mu \cdot B \cdot \sin \alpha$ ], torque is directly proportional to the induced magnetic fields of the Helmholtz coils ( $B = \kappa I_H$ ), hence  $\tau \propto I_H$ . Therefore, we expect a line in the form of  $y = mx$ , where  $m$  is the slope of the line, passing through those points and the origin. Use  $\tau$  and  $I_H$  columns of Tables 7.3–4 and calculate the slope of the line by means of the statistical linear fitting method called “*least squares method*” its formulae are given below.

i)  $I_L = 0.05 \text{ A}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k I_{H_i} \tau_i =$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k I_{H_i}^2 =$$

$$m_{0.05} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k I_{H_i} \tau_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k I_{H_i}^2} =$$

ii)  $I_L = 0.10 \text{ A}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k I_{H_i} \tau_i =$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k I_{H_i}^2 =$$

$$m_{0.10} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k I_{H_i} \tau_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k I_{H_i}^2} =$$

Number of turns of rectangular loop is  $N = 100$ , area of the loop is  $A = 35 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ .

Calculate magnetic dipole moments ( $\mu$ ) of rectangular loop for the currents  $I_L$ .

$$i) I_L = 0.05 \text{ A} \Rightarrow \mu_{0.05} = NI_L A =$$

$$ii) I_L = 0.10 \text{ A} \Rightarrow \mu_{0.10} = NI_L A =$$

Use Equation 7.10 [ $\tau = NI_L A \cdot \kappa I_H$ ] and calculate the proportionality coefficients  $\kappa$ .

$$\left[ \kappa = \left( \frac{\tau}{I_H} \right) \left( \frac{1}{NI_L A} \right) = \frac{m}{\mu} \right]$$

$$i) \kappa_{0.05} = \frac{m_{0.05}}{\mu_{0.05}} =$$

$$ii) \kappa_{0.10} = \frac{m_{0.10}}{\mu_{0.10}} =$$

What is your expectation about the  $\kappa$  values, should the calculated  $\kappa$  be equal or not? If the result is different from your predictions, please explain why? What does  $\kappa$  represent, what is its physical meaning in the setup.

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