

Answer on Question #50958, Physics, Electromagnetism

One end of a simple rectangular wire-loop current balance is inserted into a solenoid. A force of $3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$ is found to act on this end when a current of 2.0 A is flowing in it. If the length of the conductor forming the end of the wire-loop is 0.10 m . What is the magnetic flux density in the solenoid?

- a) 0.043 T
- b) 0.26 T
- c) 0.43 T
- d) 0.015 T

Solution:

The force on the current-carrying conductor in a magnetic field depends upon:

- (a) the flux density of the field, B teslas
- (b) the strength of the current, I amperes,
- (c) the length of the conductor perpendicular to the magnetic field, l metres, and
- (d) the directions of the field and the current.

When the magnetic field, the current and the conductor are mutually at right angles then the force is:

$$F = BIl$$

Thus,

$$B = \frac{F}{Il}$$

In our case:

$$F = 3 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ N},$$

$$I = 2.0 \text{ A},$$

$$l = 0.10 \text{ m}$$

Thus,

$$B = \frac{3 \cdot 10^{-3}}{2.0 \cdot 0.10} = 0.015 \text{ T}$$

Answer: d. 0.015 T