A mild steel ring having a cross sectional area of $500 \ mm^2$ and a mean circumference of $400 \ mm$ has a coil of 200 turns wound uniformly around it. Calculate

a. The reluctance of the ring.

Solution.

The reluctance:

$$R = \frac{L}{A\mu\mu_0}$$

where

$$L = 400 \ mm = 0.4 \ m$$
$$A = 500 \ mm^2 = 5 \cdot 10^{-4} \ m^2$$
$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \ N/A^2$$
$$\mu = 1500 \ for \ mild \ steel$$

Answer:

$$R = \frac{0.4}{5 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 1500} = 42.44 \ H^{-1}$$

b. The current required to produce a flux of 800 μWb in the ring.

Solution.

The current:

$$I = \frac{\Phi}{A\mu_0 n}$$

where

$$\Phi = 800 \ \mu Wb = 8 \cdot 10^{-4} \ Wb$$

n = 200 turns

Answer:

$$I = \frac{8 \cdot 10^{-4}}{5 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 200} = 6.366 \cdot 10^3 A$$

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