

Figure 7.28

**Problem 7.18** A square loop, side  $a$ , resistance  $R$ , lies a distance  $s$  from an infinite straight wire that carries current  $I$  (Fig. 7.28). Now someone cuts the wire, so that  $I$  drops to zero. In what direction does the induced current in the square loop flow, and what total charge passes a given point in the loop during the time this current flows? If you don't like the scissors model, turn the current down *gradually*:

$$I(t) = \begin{cases} (1 - \alpha t)I, & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1/\alpha, \\ 0, & \text{for } t > 1/\alpha. \end{cases}$$

**Problem 8.6** A charged parallel-plate capacitor (with uniform electric field  $\mathbf{E} = E \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ ) is placed in a uniform magnetic field  $\mathbf{B} = B \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ , as shown in Fig. 8.6.<sup>3</sup>

- Find the electromagnetic momentum in the space between the plates.
- Now a resistive wire is connected between the plates, along the  $z$  axis, so that the capacitor slowly discharges. The current through the wire will experience a magnetic force; what is the total impulse delivered to the system, during the discharge?
- Instead of turning off the *electric* field (as in (b)), suppose we slowly reduce the *magnetic* field. This will induce a Faraday electric field, which in turn exerts a force on the plates. Show that the total impulse is (again) equal to the momentum originally stored in the fields.

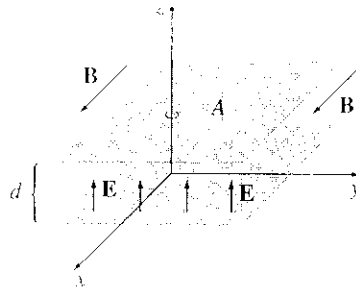


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