

**6.4** A stationary conducting loop with an internal resistance of  $0.5\ \Omega$  is placed in a time-varying magnetic field. When the loop is closed, a current of  $5\ \text{A}$  flows through it. What will the current be if the loop is opened to create a small gap and a  $2\text{-}\Omega$  resistor is connected across its open ends?

**Solution:**  $V_{\text{emf}}$  is independent of the resistance which is in the loop. Therefore, when the loop is intact and the internal resistance is only  $0.5\ \Omega$ ,

$$V_{\text{emf}} = 5\ \text{A} \times 0.5\ \Omega = 2.5\ \text{V}.$$

When the small gap is created, the total resistance in the loop is infinite and the current flow is zero. With a  $2\text{-}\Omega$  resistor in the gap,

$$I = V_{\text{emf}} / (2\ \Omega + 0.5\ \Omega) = 2.5\ \text{V} / 2.5\ \Omega = 1\quad (\text{A}).$$

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