

11. (a) Ohm's law combines with Faraday's law to give $i = -\frac{N}{R} \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$ where R is the resistance of the coil. In this case, $N = 1$ (it is a single loop), and we integrate to find the charge:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^t i \, dt &= -\frac{1}{R} \int_0^t \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} \, dt \\ q(t) &= -\frac{1}{R} (\Phi_B(t) - \Phi_B(0))\end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to the expression shown in the problem statement. We have used little more than the fundamental theorem of calculus; no particular assumptions have been made about how the integrations should be performed. The result is independent of the way \vec{B} has changed.

- (b) If the current is identically zero for over the whole range $0 \rightarrow t$ then certainly the left-hand side of our computation, above, gives zero. But the same result can come from the current being in one direction for, say, $0 \rightarrow \frac{t}{2}$ and then in the opposite direction for $\frac{t}{2} \rightarrow t$ in such a way that $\int_0^t i \, dt = 0$. So a vanishing integral does not necessarily mean the integrand itself is identically zero.