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Graduate student problem competition

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All graduate students are eligible to participate. To submit your solution, e-mail it to bazaliy@mailbox.sc.edu

Magnetic force

Electric current is injected into one corner of a thin metal plate and collected at another corner, as shown in the figure. The plate has a shape of an equilateral triangle with a side a, with constant thickness that is much smaller than the linear size a, and uniform conductivity. The total injected current is I. The plate is subjected to a uniform magnetic field **B** pointing perpendicular to the plane of the drawing towards the viewer. Find the magnetic force acting on the current-carrying plate.



Figure 1: Top view on a plate and current injection points