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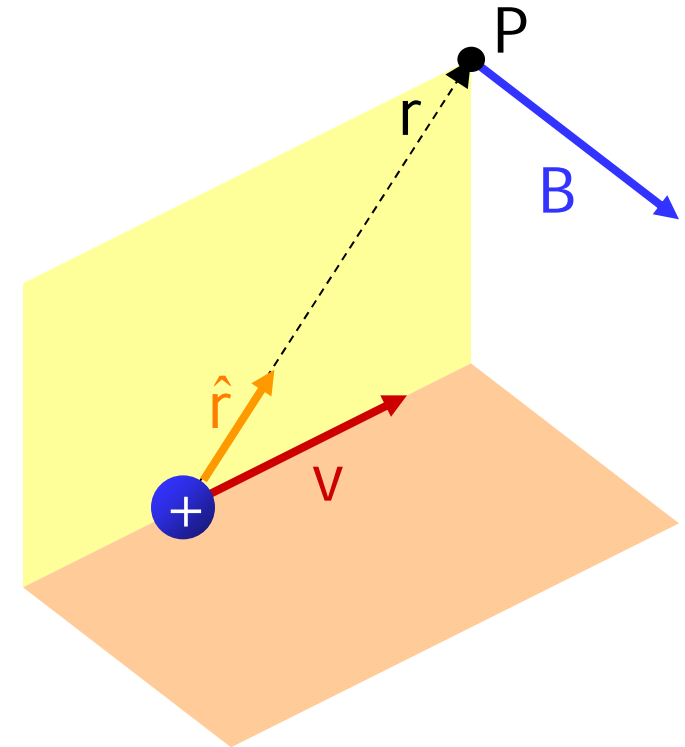
*last week we studied the effects of magnetic fields on charges, today we learn how to produce magnetic fields

Magnetic Field of a Moving Charged Particle

- moving charge creates magnetic field

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q\vec{v} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}.$$

μ_0 is a constant, $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}\cdot\text{m/A}$



As in lecture 14: Motion with respect to what? You, the earth, the sun?
Highly nontrivial, leads to Einstein's theory of relativity.

Remember:
 \hat{r} is unit vector from source point (the thing that causes the field) to the field point P (location where the field is being measured).

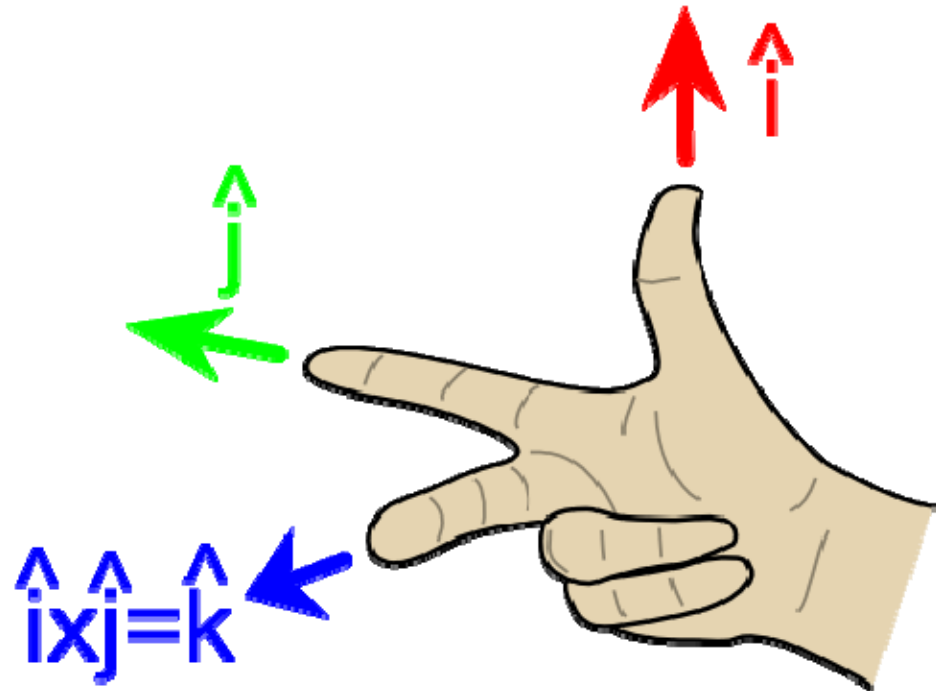
Detour: cross products of unit vectors

- need lots of cross products of unit vectors $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$

Work out determinant:

$$\text{Example: } \hat{k} \times (-\hat{j}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \hat{i}(0 - (-1)) = \hat{i}$$

Use right-hand rule:



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Cyclic property:

“forward”

i j k i j k
→

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}$$

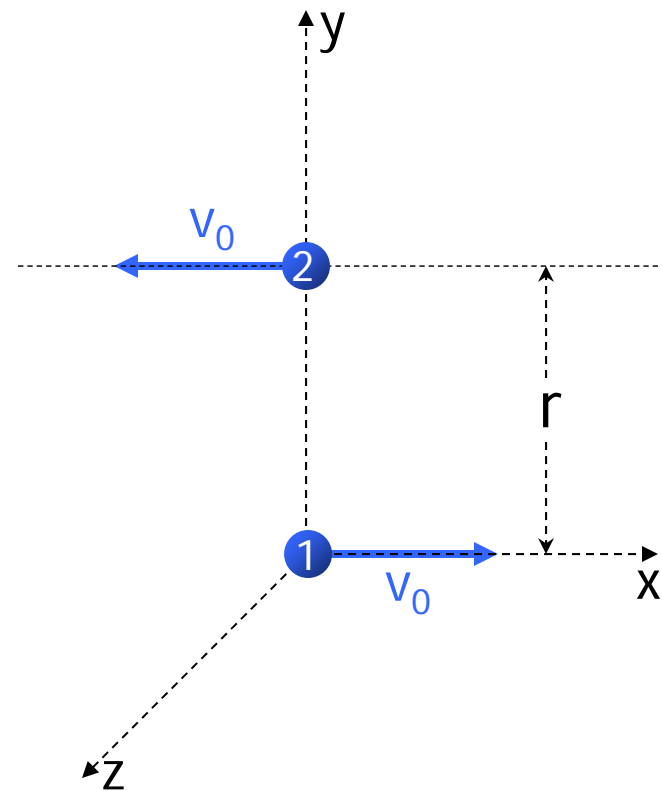
“backward”

i j k i j k
←

$$\hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k}$$

Example: proton 1 has a speed v_0 ($v_0 \ll c$) and is moving along the x-axis in the $+x$ direction. Proton 2 has the same speed and is moving parallel to the x-axis in the $-x$ direction, at a distance r directly above the x-axis. Determine the electric and magnetic forces **on** proton 2 at the instant the protons pass closest to each other.

This is example 28.1 in your text.



Homework Hint: this and the next 3 slides!

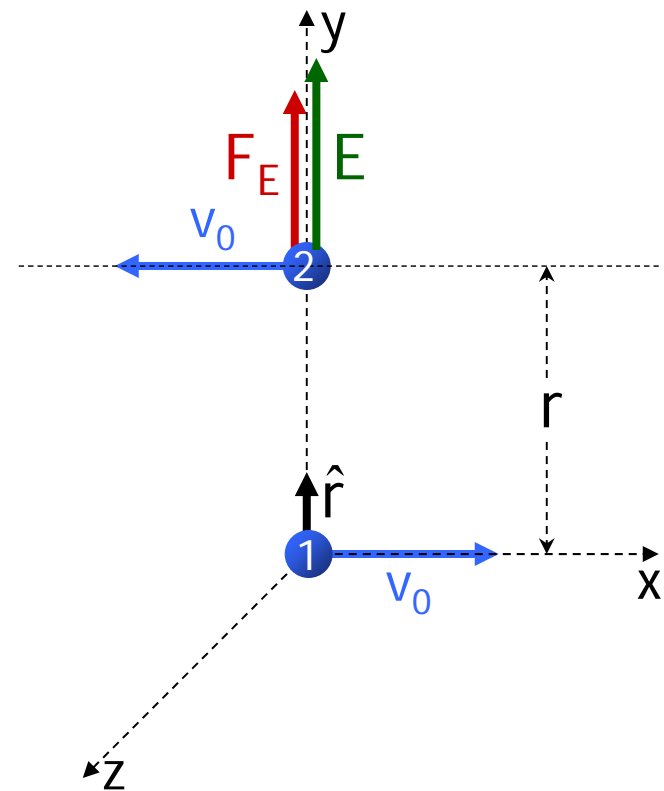
Electric force on proton 2:

- Electric field due to proton 1 at the position of proton 2:

$$\vec{E}_1 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1}{r^2} \hat{r} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e}{r^2} \hat{j}$$

- this electric field exerts a force on proton 2

$$\vec{F}_E = q\vec{E}_1 = e \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e}{r^2} \hat{j} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2} \hat{j}$$



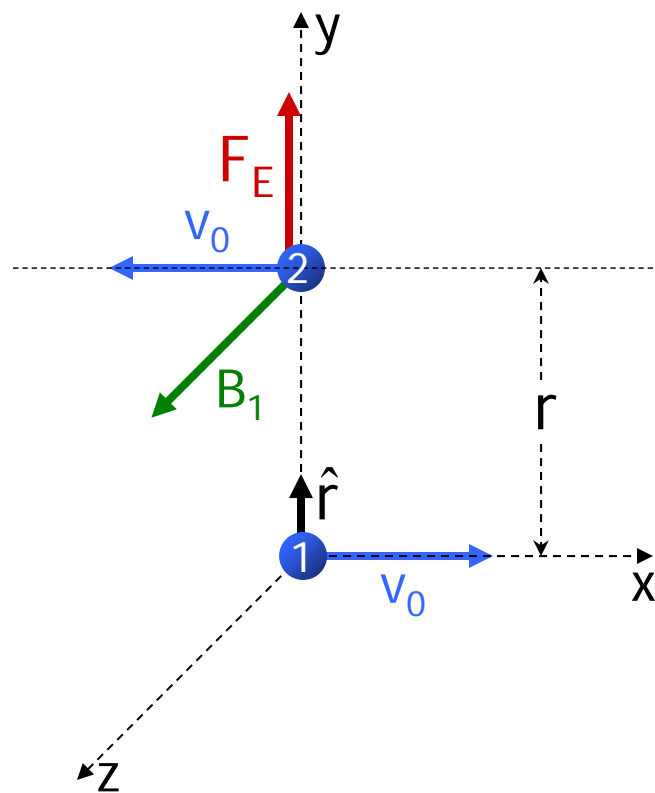
Magnetic force on proton 2:

- magnetic field due to proton 1 at the position of proton 2

$$\vec{B}_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q_1 \vec{v}_1 \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{B}_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{ev_0 \hat{i} \times \hat{j}}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{B}_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{ev_0}{r^2} \hat{k}$$

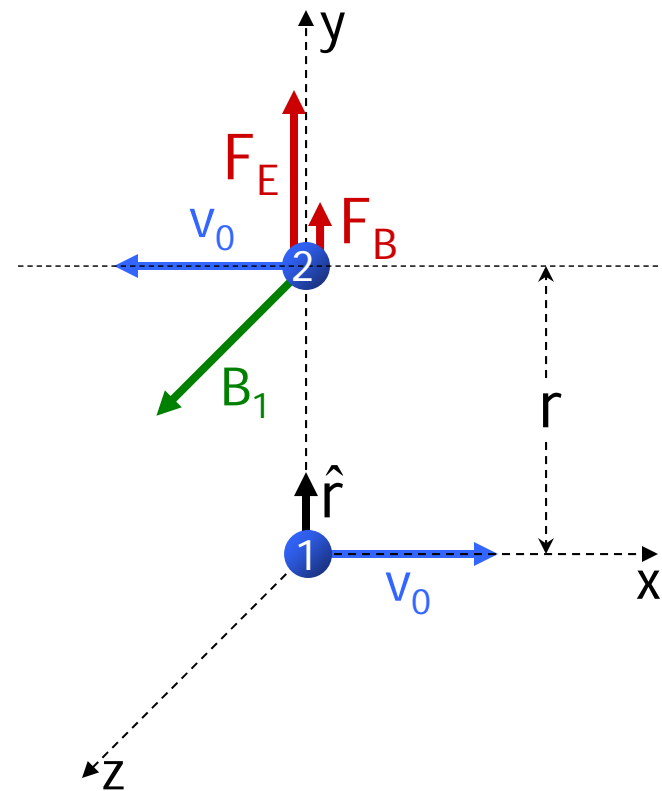


Proton 2 “feels” a magnetic force due to the magnetic field of proton 1.

$$\vec{F}_B = q_2 \vec{v}_2 \times \vec{B}_1$$

$$\vec{F}_B = ev_0 (-\hat{i}) \times \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{ev_0}{r^2} \hat{k} \right)$$

$$\vec{F}_B = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{e^2 v_0^2}{r^2} \hat{j}$$



What would proton 1 “feel?”

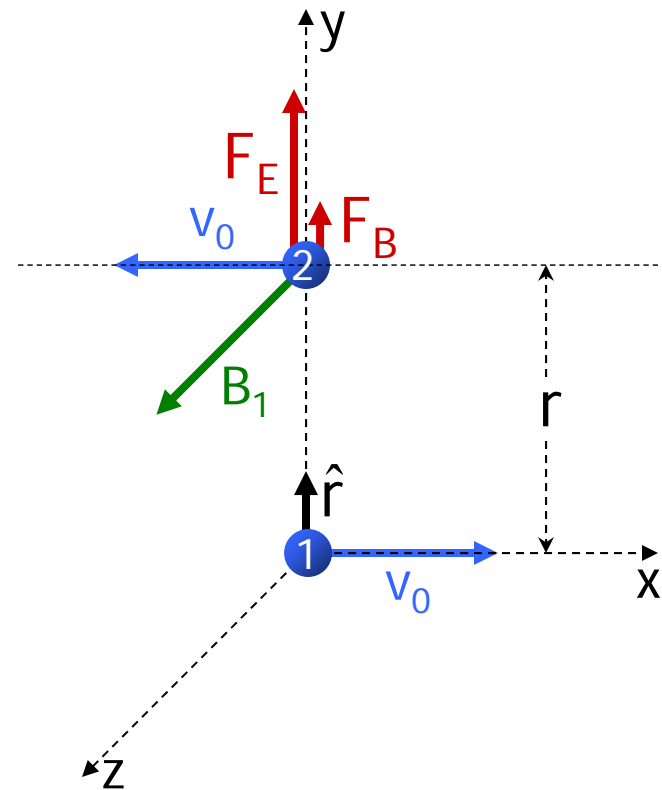
- both forces are in the +y direction
- ratio of their magnitudes:

$$\frac{F_B}{F_E} = \frac{\left(\frac{\mu_0 e^2 v_0^2}{4\pi r^2} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2} \right)}$$

$$\frac{F_B}{F_E} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 v_0^2$$

Later we will find that

$$\mu_0 \epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{c^2}$$



Thus
$$\frac{F_B}{F_E} = \frac{v_0^2}{c^2}$$

If $v_0 = 10^6$ m/s, then

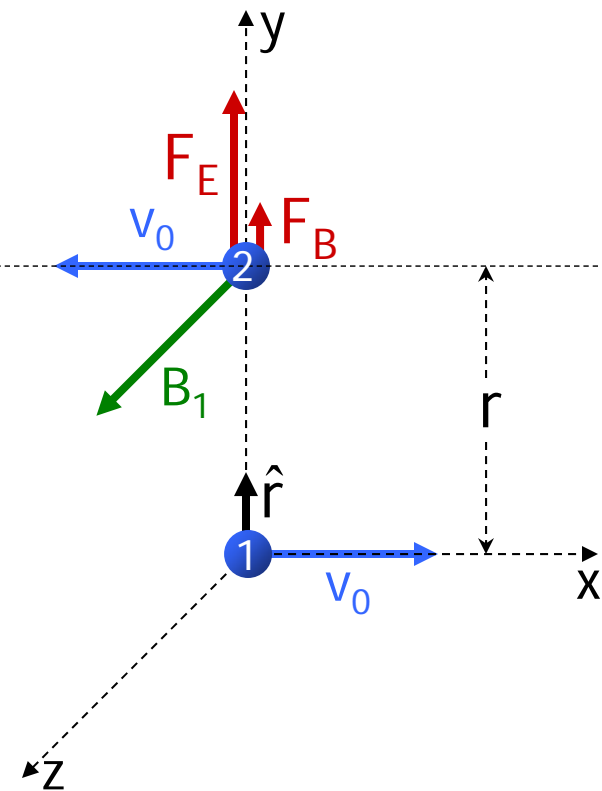
$$\frac{F_B}{F_E} = \frac{(10^6)^2}{(3 \times 10^8)^2} = 1.11 \times 10^{-5}$$

What if you are a nanohuman, lounging on proton 1. You rightfully claim you are at rest. There is no magnetic field from your proton, and no magnetic force on 2.

Another nanohuman riding on proton 2 would say "I am at rest, so there is no magnetic force on **my** proton, even though there **is** a magnetic field from proton 1."

This calculation says there is a magnetic field **and** force. Who is right? Take Physics 2305/107 to learn the answer.

Or see [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) for a hint about how to resolve the paradox.



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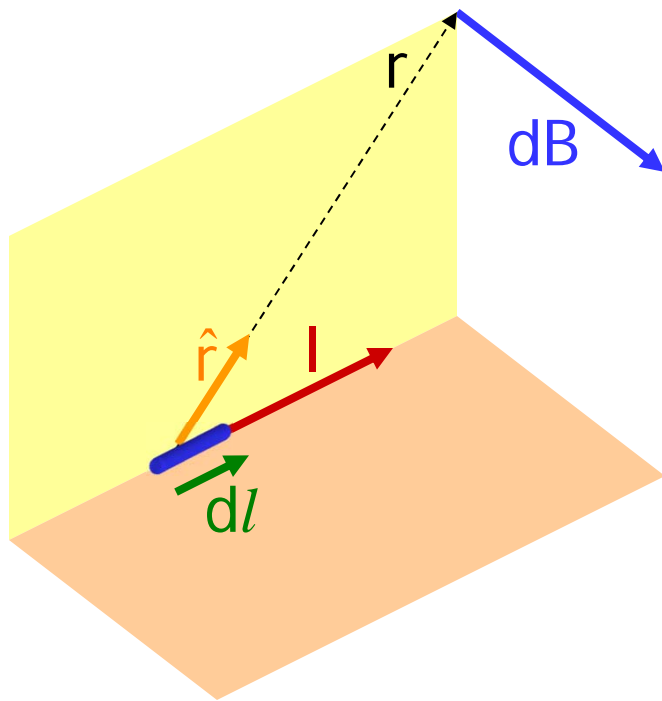
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Biot-Savart Law: magnetic field of a current element

current I in infinitesimal length $d\vec{\ell}$ of wire gives rise to magnetic field $d\vec{B}$



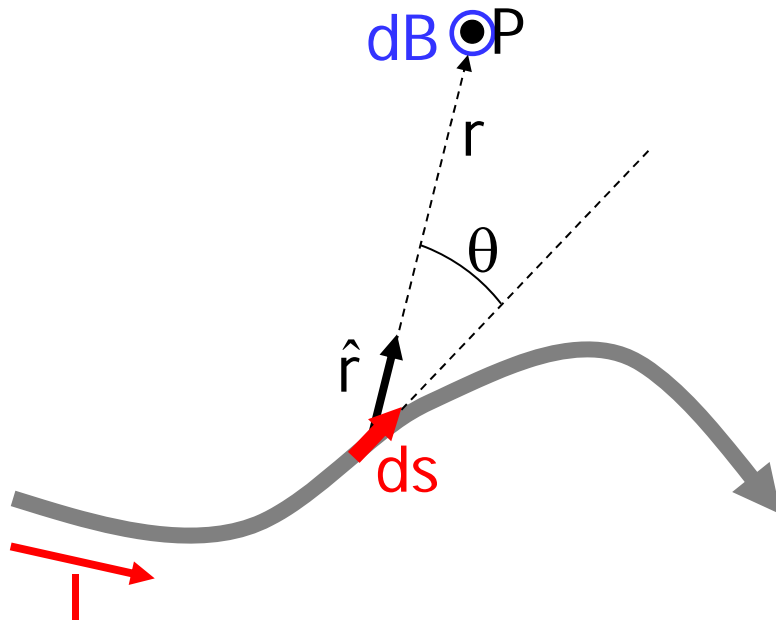
$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I d\vec{\ell} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

Biot-Savart Law

Derived, as in lecture 15, by summing contributions of all charges in wire element

You may see the equation written using $\vec{r} = r \hat{r}$.

Applying the Biot-Savart Law



$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$|d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}| = |d\vec{s}| |\hat{r}| \sin \theta$$

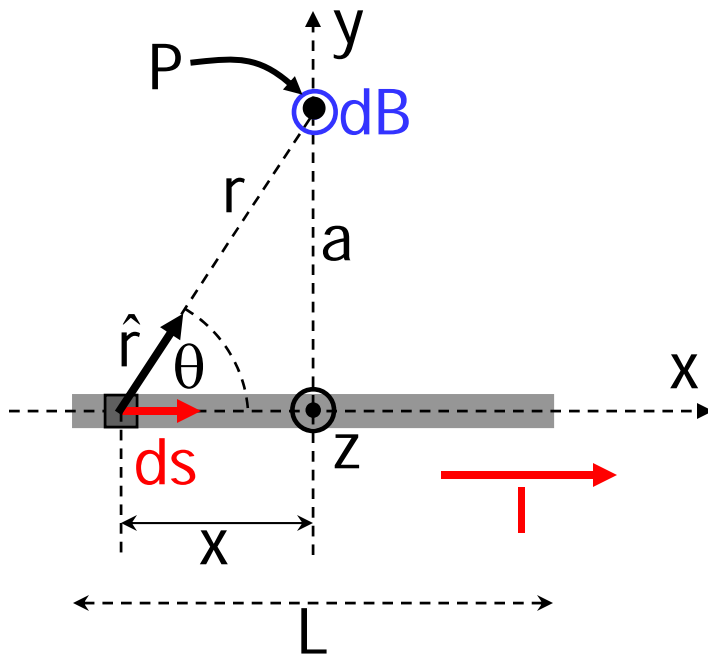
$$= ds \sin \theta \quad \text{because } |\hat{r}| = 1$$

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I ds \sin \theta}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{B} = \int d\vec{B}$$

Homework Hint: if you have a tiny piece of a wire, just calculate dB ; no need to integrate.

Example: calculate the magnetic field at point P due to a thin straight wire of length L carrying a current I. (P is on the perpendicular bisector of the wire at distance a.)



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$$d\vec{s} \times \hat{r} = ds \sin\theta \hat{k}$$

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I ds \sin\theta}{r^2}$$

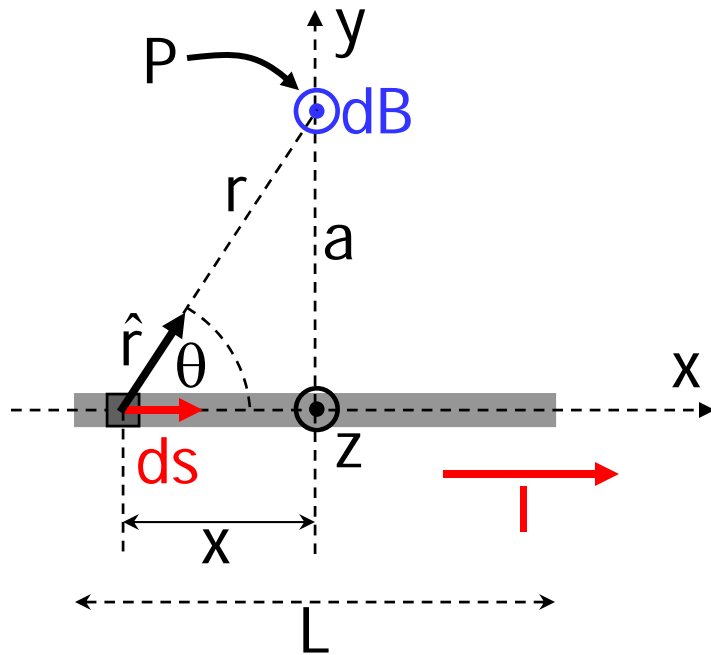
ds is an infinitesimal quantity in the direction of dx, so

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I dx \sin\theta}{r^2}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{a}{r}$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + a^2}$$

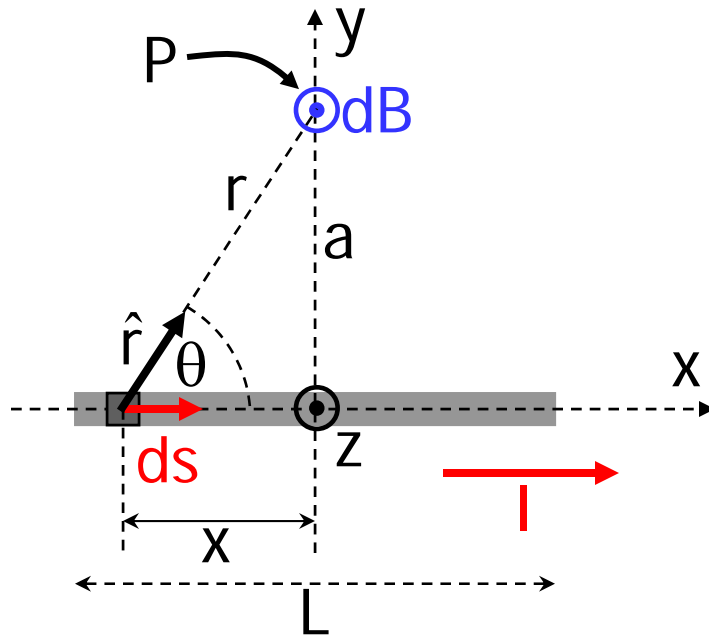
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$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I dx a}{r^3} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I dx a}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$B = \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I dx a}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{4\pi} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$



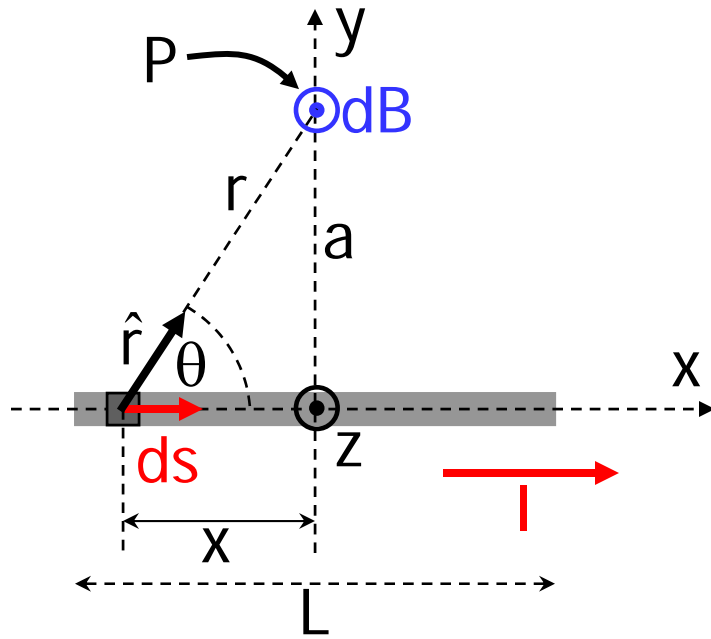
$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{4\pi} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

look integral up in tables, use the [web](#), or use trig substitutions

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{x}{a^2 (x^2 + a^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{4\pi} \frac{x}{a^2 (x^2 + a^2)^{1/2}} \Bigg|_{-L/2}^{L/2}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I a}{4\pi} \left[\frac{L/2}{a^2 \left((L/2)^2 + a^2 \right)^{1/2}} - \frac{-L/2}{a^2 \left((-L/2)^2 + a^2 \right)^{1/2}} \right]$$

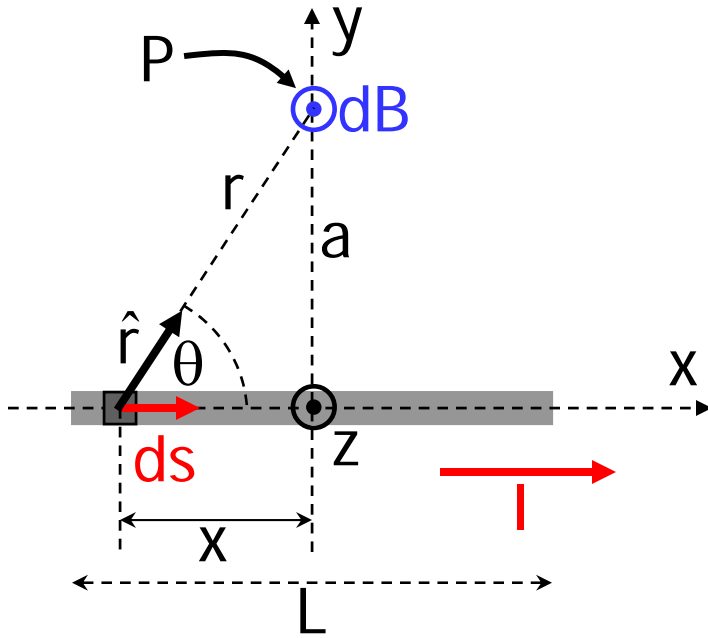


$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I a}{4\pi} \left[\frac{2L/2}{a^2 (L^2/4 + a^2)^{1/2}} \right]$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I L}{4\pi a} \frac{1}{(L^2/4 + a^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I L}{2\pi a} \frac{1}{\sqrt{L^2 + 4a^2}}$$

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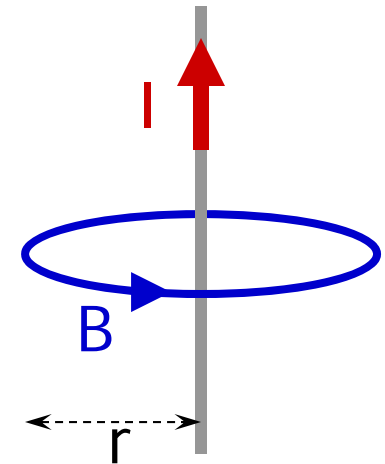
When $L \rightarrow \infty$, $B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi a}$.

Magnetic Field of a Long Straight Wire

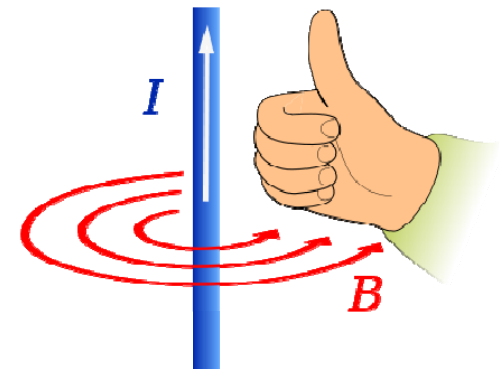
We've just derived the equation for the magnetic field around a long, straight* wire...

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

r is shortest (perpendicular) distance between field point and wire



...with a direction given by a "new" right-hand rule.

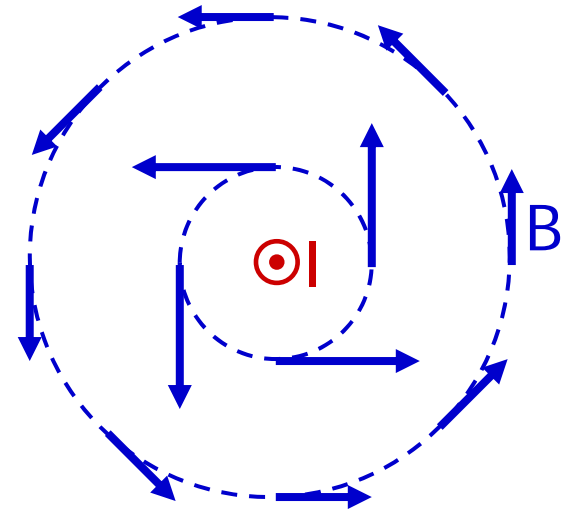


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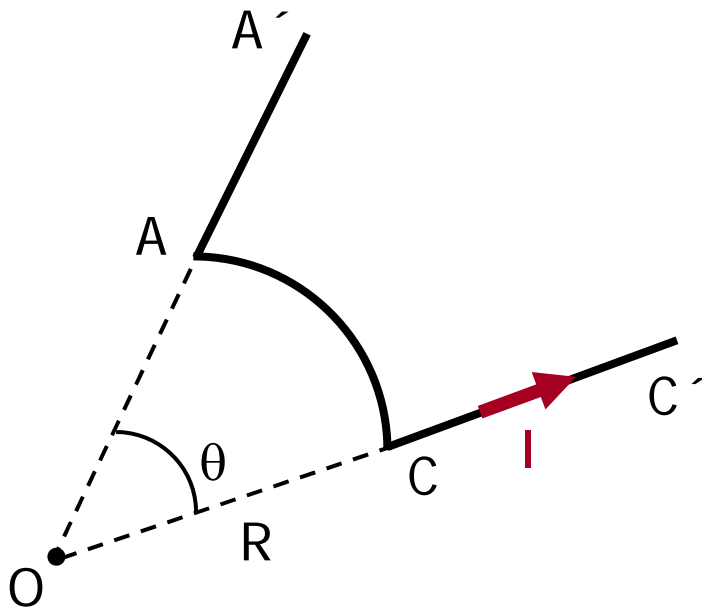
*Don't use this equation unless you have a long, straight wire!

Looking “down” along the wire:

- magnetic field is not constant
- at fixed distance r from wire, **magnitude** of field is constant (but vector magnetic field is not uniform).
- magnetic field **direction** is a tangent to imaginary circles around wire



Example: calculate the magnetic field at point O due to the wire segment shown. The wire carries uniform current I , and consists of two radial straight segments and a circular arc of radius R that subtends angle θ .



I see three "parts" to the wire.

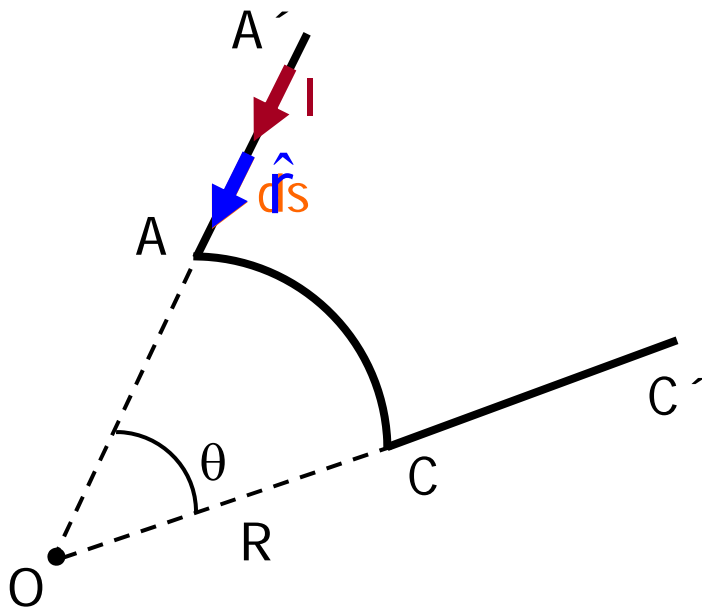
A' to A

A to C

C to C'

As usual, break the problem up into simpler parts.

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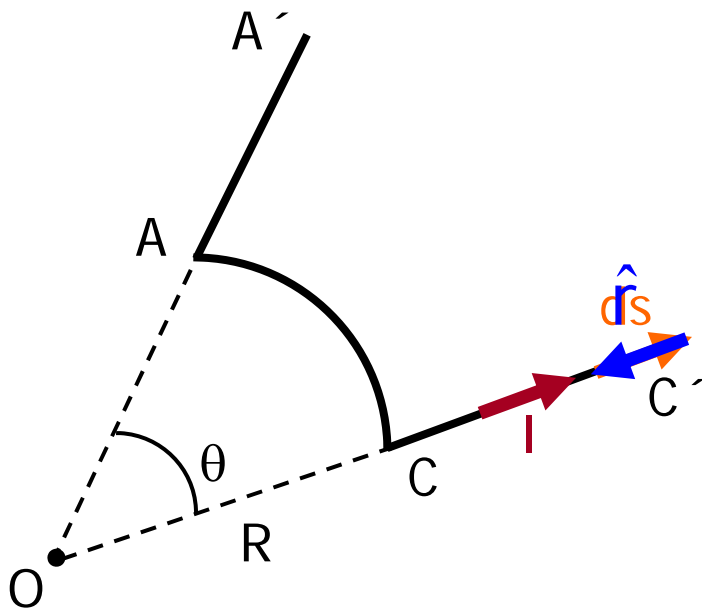
For segment A' to A:

$$|d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}| = ds |\hat{r}| \sin 0 = 0$$

$$|d\vec{B}_{A'A}| = 0$$

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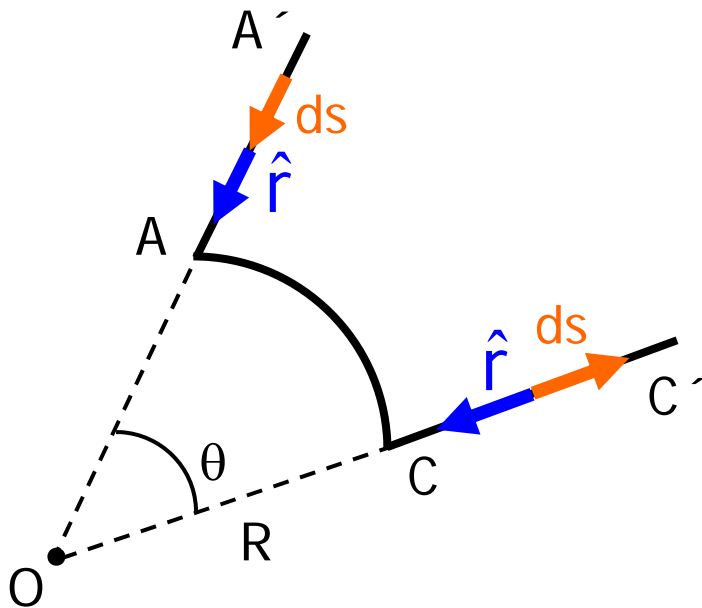
For segment C to C':

$$|d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}| = ds |\hat{r}| \sin 180^\circ = 0$$

$$|d\vec{B}_{CC'}| = 0$$

$$\vec{B}_{CC'} = 0$$

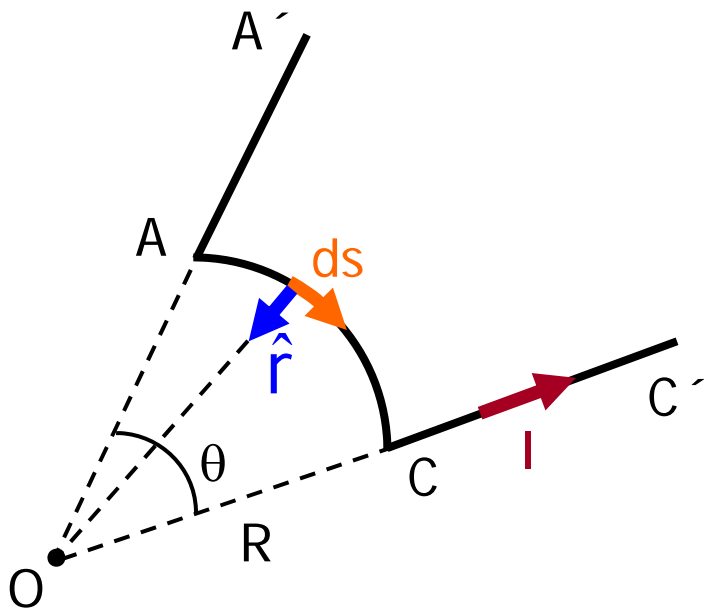
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Important technique, handy for homework and exams:

The magnetic field due to wire segments $A'A$ and CC' is zero because $d\vec{s}$ is either parallel or antiparallel to \hat{r} along those paths.

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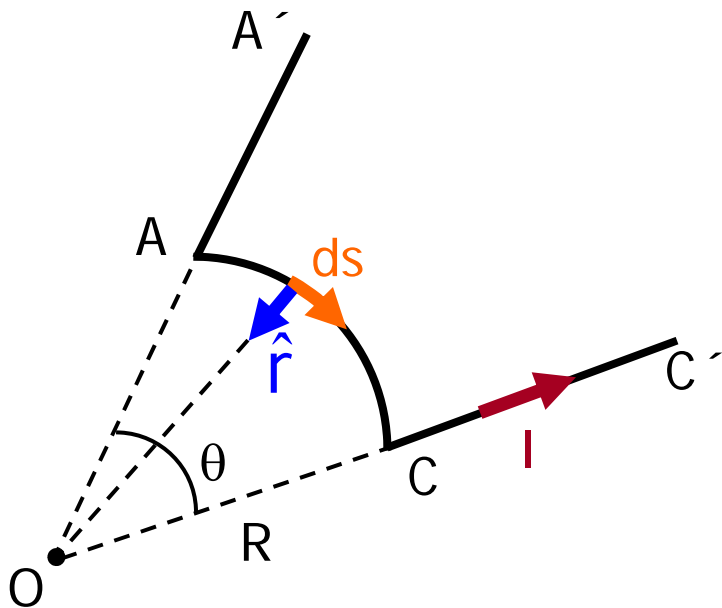
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For segment A to C:

$$\begin{aligned} |d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}| &= ds |\hat{r}| \sin 90^\circ \\ &= ds (1) (1) \\ &= ds \end{aligned}$$

$$|d\vec{B}_{AC}| = dB_{AC} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I ds}{R^2}$$

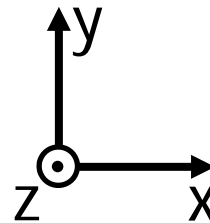
Direction of $d\vec{B}$

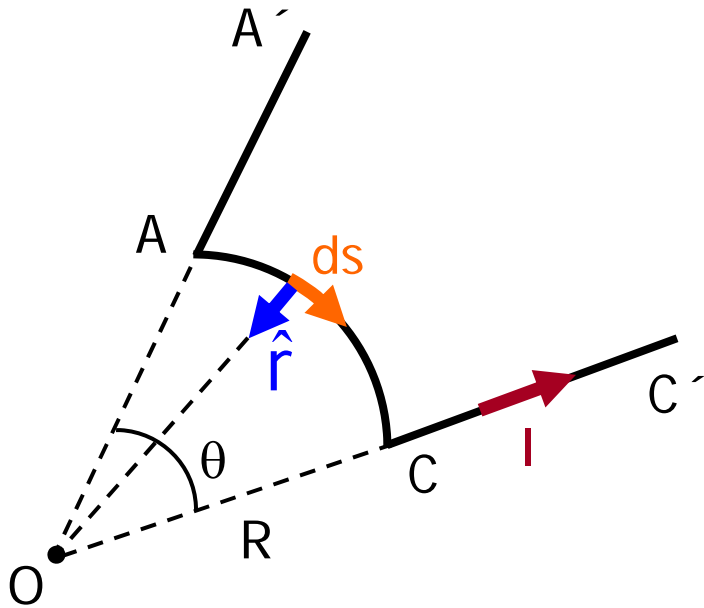


Cross $d\vec{s}$ into \hat{r} .

Direction is "into" the page, or \otimes , for all wire elements.

If we use the standard xyz axes, the direction is $-\hat{k}$.





$$dB_{AC} = \frac{\mu_0 I ds}{4\pi R^2}$$

$$B_{AC} = \int_{\text{arc}} dB_{AC} = \int_{\text{arc}} \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi R^2} ds$$

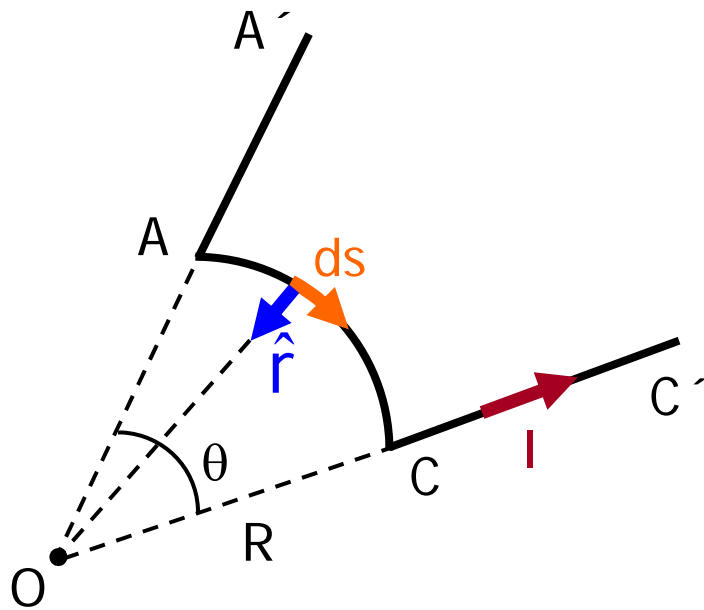
$$B_{AC} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi R^2} \int_{\text{arc}} ds$$

The integral of ds is just the arc length; just use that if you already know it.

$$B_{AC} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi R^2} \int_{\text{arc}} R d\theta$$

$$B_{AC} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi R} \theta$$

Final answer: $\vec{B} = \vec{B}_{A'A} + \vec{B}_{AC} + \vec{B}_{CC'} = -\frac{\mu_0 I \theta}{4\pi R} \hat{k}$



Important technique, handy for exams:

Along path AC, $d\vec{s}$ is perpendicular to \hat{r} .

$$|d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}| = |d\vec{s}| |\hat{r}| \sin 90^\circ$$

$$|d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}| = ds$$

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Magnetic Field of a Current-Carrying Wire

It is experimentally observed that parallel wires exert forces on each other when current flows.



Example: use the expression for B due to a current-carrying wire to calculate the force between two current-carrying wires.

Force on wire 1 produced by wire 2

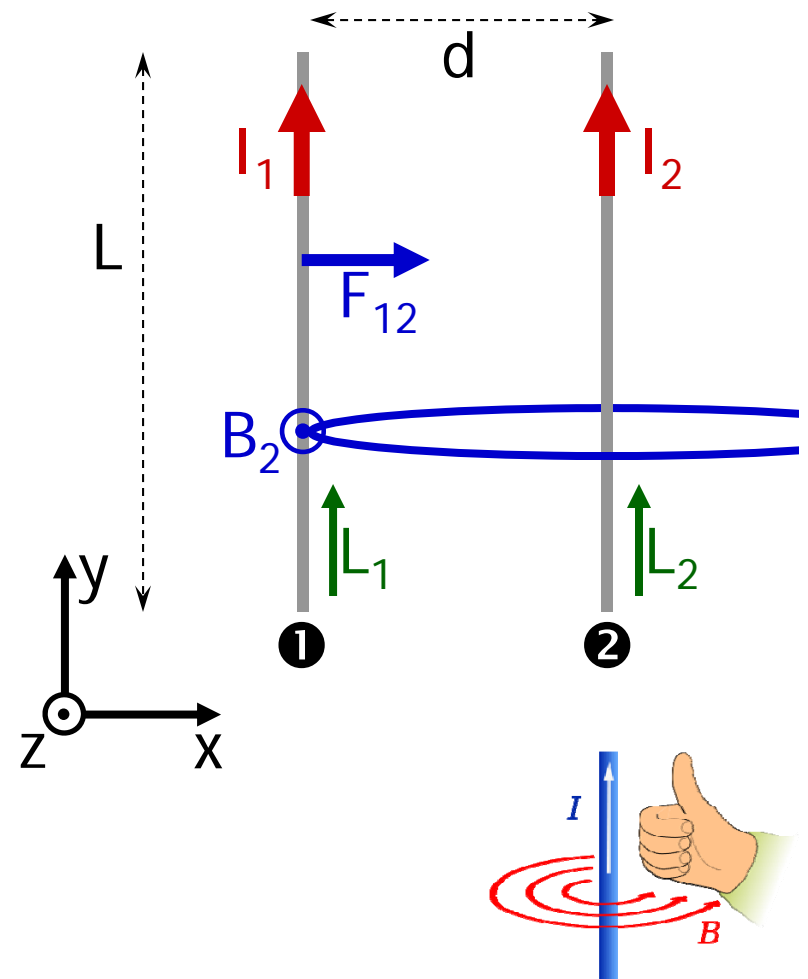
$$\vec{F}_{12} = I_1 \vec{L}_1 \times \vec{B}_2$$

$$\hat{B}_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi d} \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{F}_{12} = I_1 L \hat{j} \times \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi d} \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{F}_{12} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2 L}{2\pi d} \hat{i}$$

force per unit length of wire i: $\frac{\vec{F}_{12}}{L} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{2\pi d} \hat{i}$.



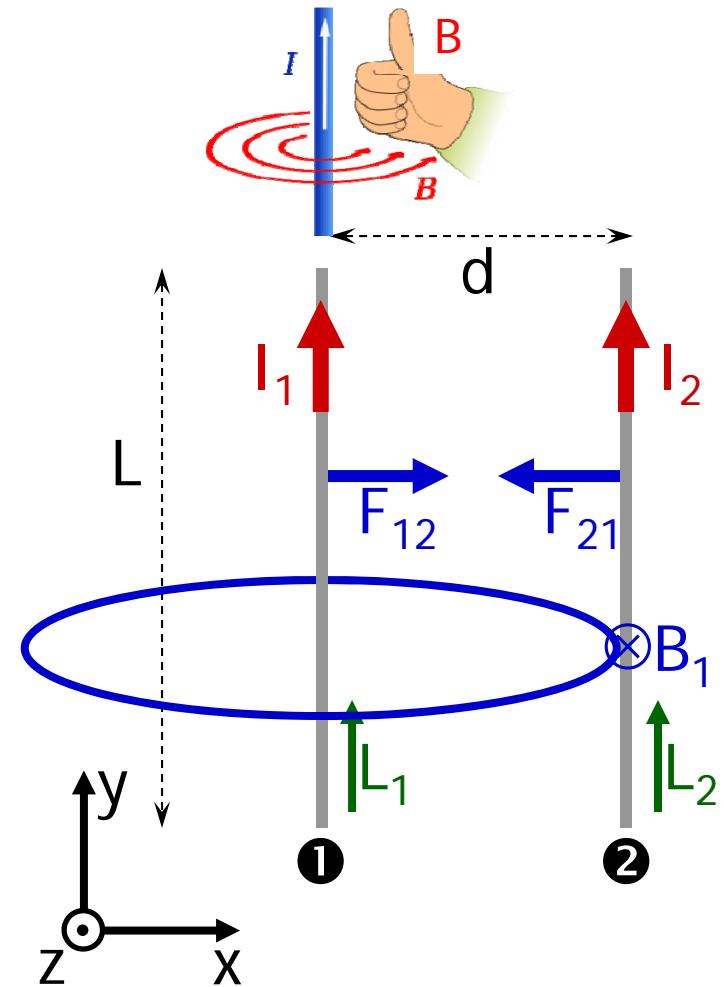
Force on wire 2 produced by wire 1

$$\vec{F}_{21} = I_2 \vec{L}_2 \times \vec{B}_1$$

$$\vec{B}_1 = -\frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi d} \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{F}_{21} = I_2 L \hat{j} \times \left(-\frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi d} \hat{k} \right)$$

$$\vec{F}_{21} = -\frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2 L}{2\pi d} \hat{i}$$



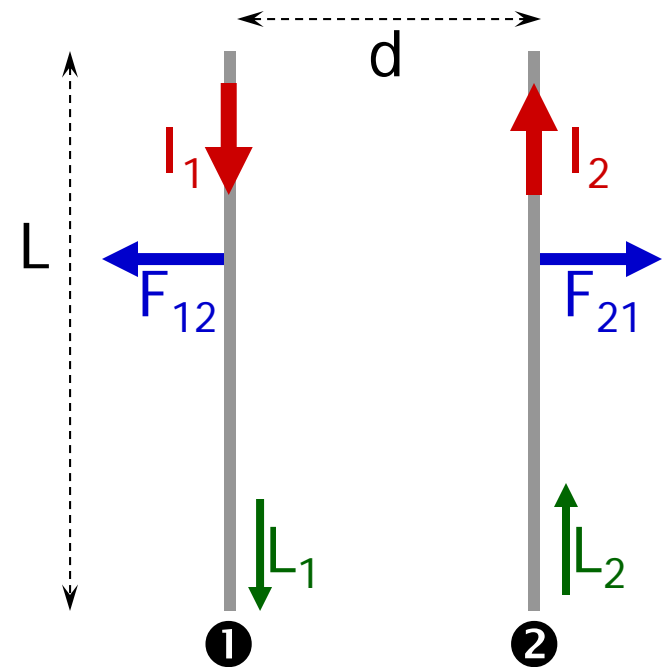
The force per unit length of wire is $\frac{\vec{F}_{21}}{L} = -\frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{2\pi d} \hat{i}$.

Analogously:

If currents are in opposite directions, force is repulsive.

$$F_{12} = F_{21} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2 L}{2\pi d}$$

$$F_{12} = F_{21} = \frac{4\pi \times 10^{-7} I_1 I_2 L}{2\pi d} = 2 \times 10^{-7} I_1 I_2 \frac{L}{d}$$



Official definition of the Ampere:

1 A is the current that produces a force of 2×10^{-7} N per meter of length between two long parallel wires placed 1 meter apart in empty space.