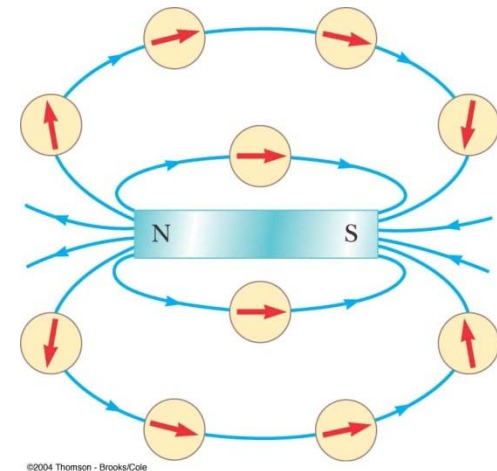


# Chapter 32

## Magnetic Fields

# Magnetic Poles

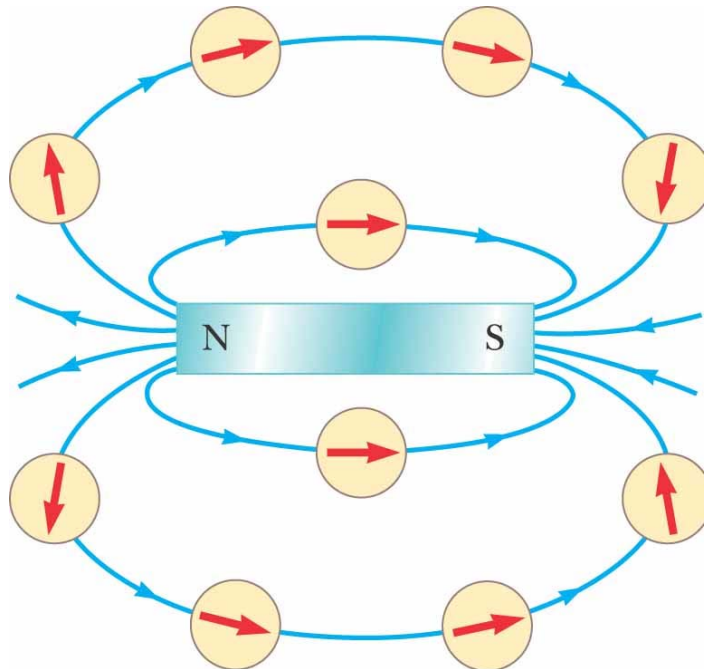
- Every magnet, regardless of its shape, has two poles
  - Called **north** and **south** poles
  - Poles exert forces on one another
    - **Similar to the way electric charges exert forces on each other**
    - **Like poles repel each other**
      - N-N or S-S
    - **Unlike poles attract each other**
      - N-S



- The force between two poles varies as the **inverse square** of the distance between them
- A single magnetic pole has never been isolated

# Magnetic Fields

- Magnetic Field is Created by the Magnets
- A vector quantity, Symbolized by **B**
- Direction is given by the direction a *north pole* of a compass needle points in that location
- **Magnetic field lines** can be used to show how the field lines, as traced out by a compass, would look



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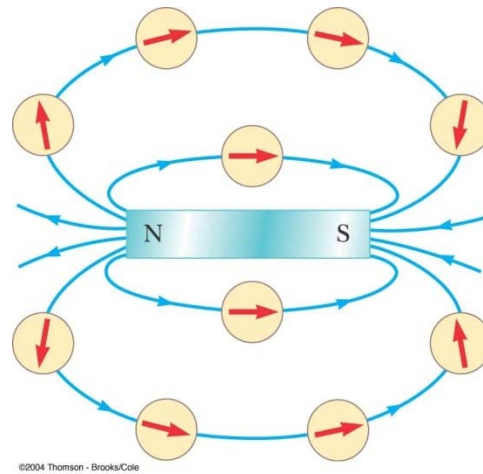
# Chapter 32

## Sources of the Magnetic Field

# Sources of Magnetic Field

Real source of Magnetic Field –

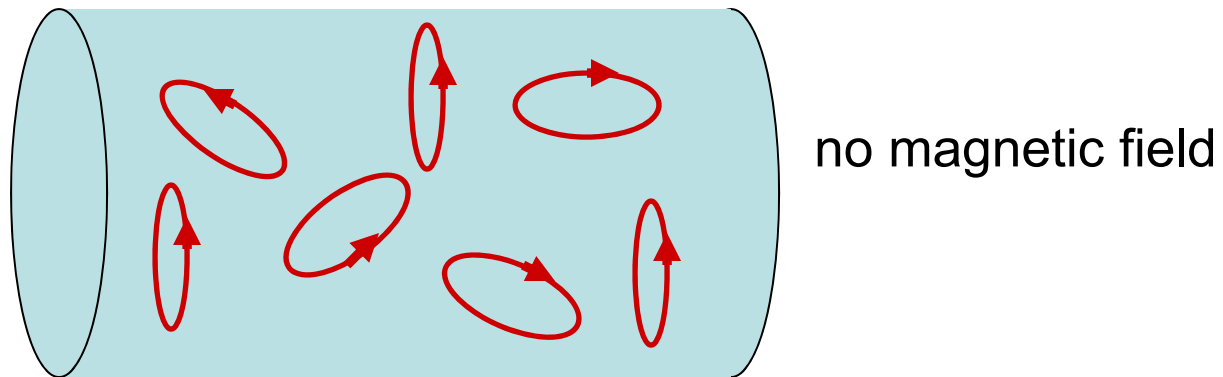
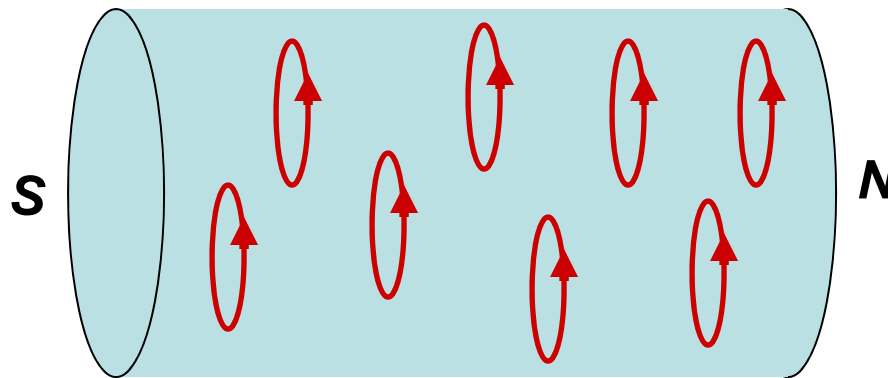
- moving electric charges or
- electric current



Inside every magnet – electric currents

# Sources of Magnetic Field

Inside every magnet – electric currents

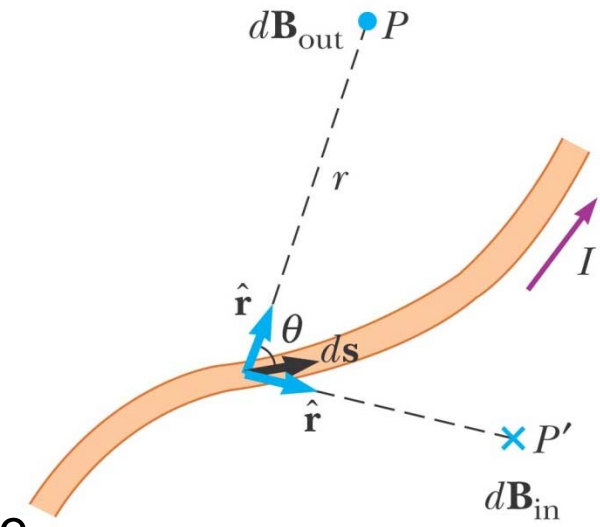


# Biot-Savart Law

- The magnetic field is  $d\mathbf{B}$  at some point  $P$
- The length element is  $ds$
- The wire is carrying a steady current of  $I$

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

- The magnitude of  $dB$  is proportional to the current and to the magnitude  $ds$  of the length element  $ds$
- The magnitude of  $dB$  is proportional to  $\sin \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between the vectors  $ds$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$
- The vector  $d\mathbf{B}$  is perpendicular to both  $ds$  and to  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  the unit vector directed from  $ds$  toward  $P$
- The magnitude of  $dB$  is inversely proportional to  $r^2$ , where  $r$  is the distance from  $ds$  to  $P$



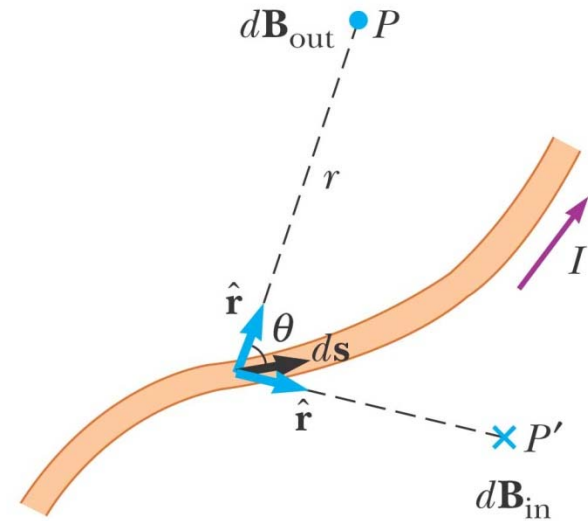
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# Biot-Savart Law

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

- The constant  $\mu_0$  is called the **permeability of free space**.

➤  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T} \cdot \text{m} / \text{A}$



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# Magnetic Field

- The SI unit of magnetic field is **tesla (T)**

$$T = \frac{N}{C \cdot (m/s)} = \frac{N}{A \cdot m}$$

**Table 29.1**

Some Approximate Magnetic Field Magnitudes	
Source of Field	Field Magnitude (T)
Strong superconducting laboratory magnet	30
Strong conventional laboratory magnet	2
Medical MRI unit	1.5
Bar magnet	$10^{-2}$
Surface of the Sun	$10^{-2}$
Surface of the Earth	$0.5 \times 10^{-4}$
Inside human brain (due to nerve impulses)	$10^{-13}$

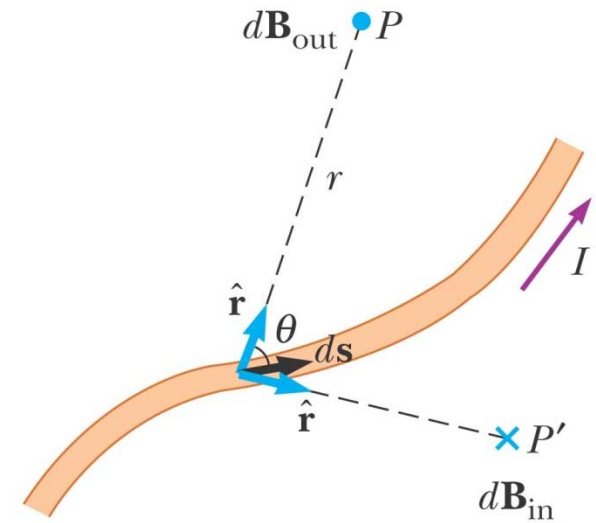
# Biot-Savart Law: Total Magnetic Field

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

- $d\mathbf{B}$  is the field created by the current in the length segment  $d\mathbf{s}$
- To find the total field, sum up the contributions from all the current elements  $I d\mathbf{s}$

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

The integral is over the entire current distribution



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# Magnetic Field compared to Electric Field

$$d\mathbf{E} = k_e \frac{dq}{r^2} \hat{r} \qquad d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I d\mathbf{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

## Distance

- The magnitude of the magnetic field varies as the inverse square of the distance from the source
- The electric field due to a point charge also varies as the inverse square of the distance from the charge

## Direction

- The electric field created by a point charge is radial in direction
- The magnetic field created by a current element is perpendicular to both the length element  $d\mathbf{s}$  and the unit vector  $\hat{r}$

## Source

- An electric field is established by an isolated electric charge
- The current element that produces a magnetic field must be part of an extended current distribution

# Magnetic Field of a Long Straight Conductor

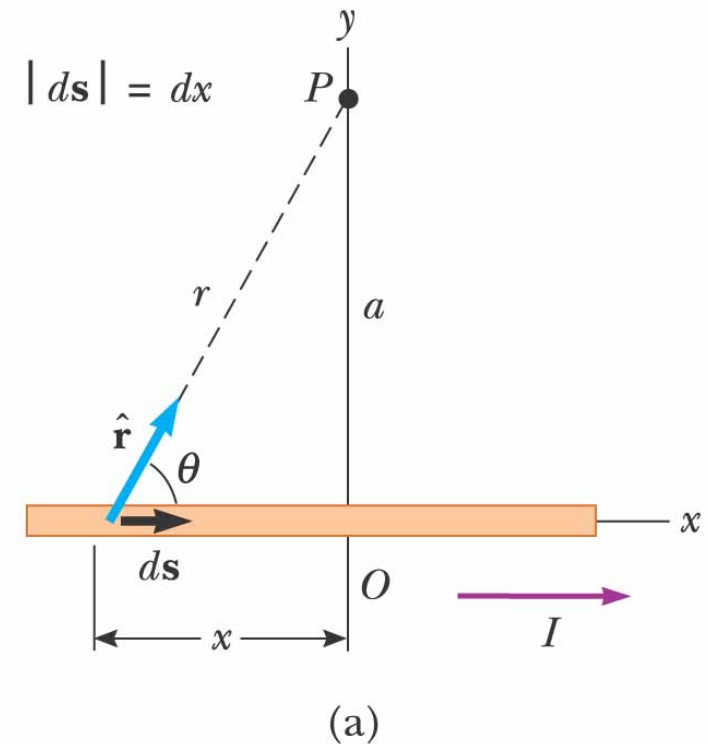
$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I d\mathbf{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

- The thin, straight wire is carrying a constant current

$$d\mathbf{s} \times \hat{r} = (dx \sin \theta) \hat{k}$$

- Integrating over all the current elements gives

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi a} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \sin \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi a} (\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2) \end{aligned}$$



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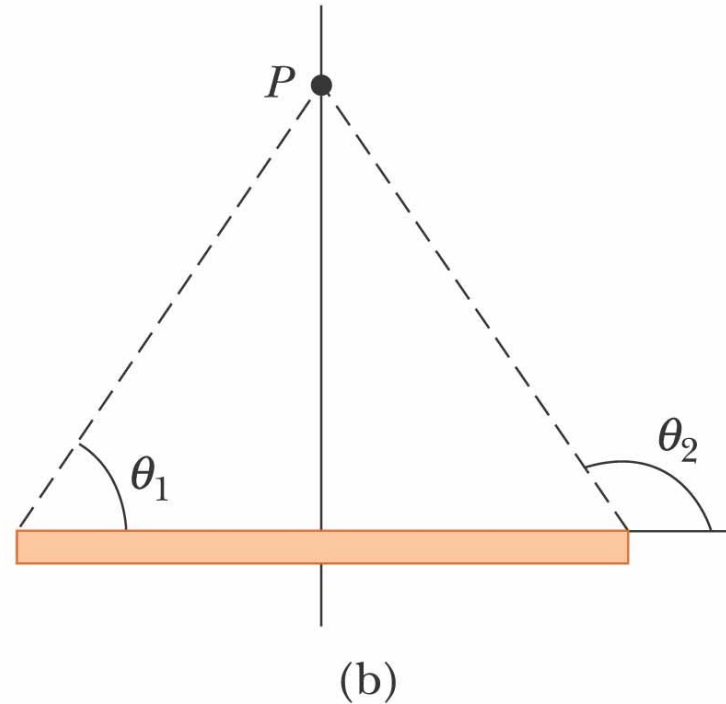
$$x = \frac{a}{\tan \theta} \quad r = \frac{a}{\sin \theta}$$

# Magnetic Field of a Long Straight Conductor

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4 \pi a} (\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2)$$

- If the conductor is an infinitely long, straight wire,  $\theta_1 = 0$  and  $\theta_2 = \pi$
- The field becomes

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

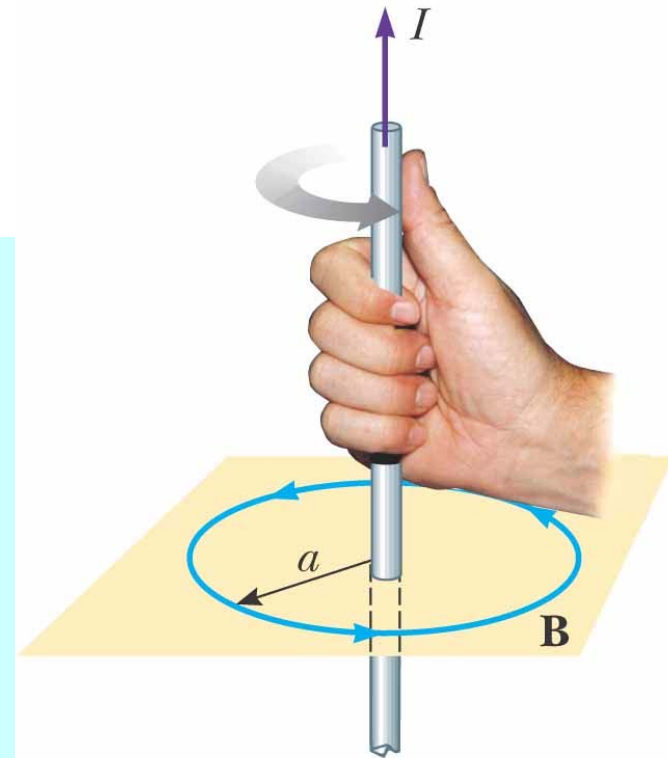


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# Magnetic Field of a Long Straight Conductor

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

- The magnetic field lines are circles concentric with the wire
- The field lines lie in planes perpendicular to the wire
- The magnitude of **B** is constant on any circle of radius **a**



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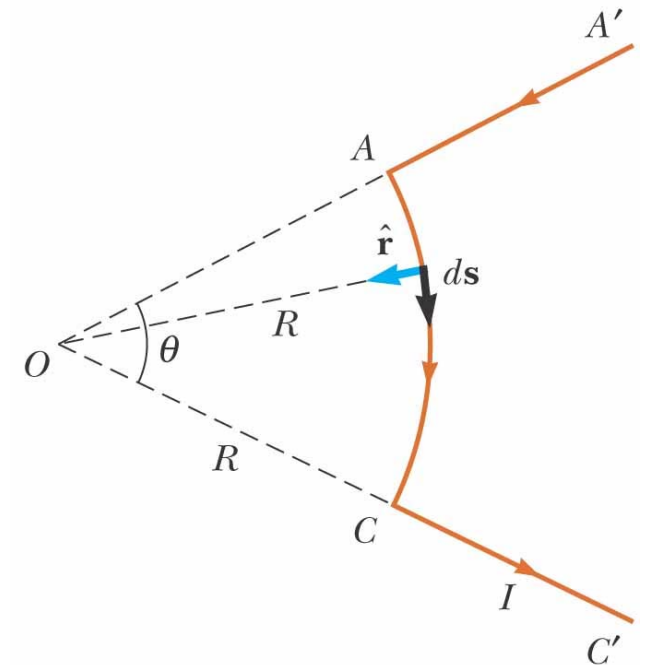
# Magnetic Field for a Curved Wire Segment

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

- Find the field at point  $O$  due to the wire segment
- $I$  and  $R$  are constants

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi R^2} |AC| = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi R} \theta$$

➤  $\theta$  will be in radians



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$$|AC| = R\theta$$

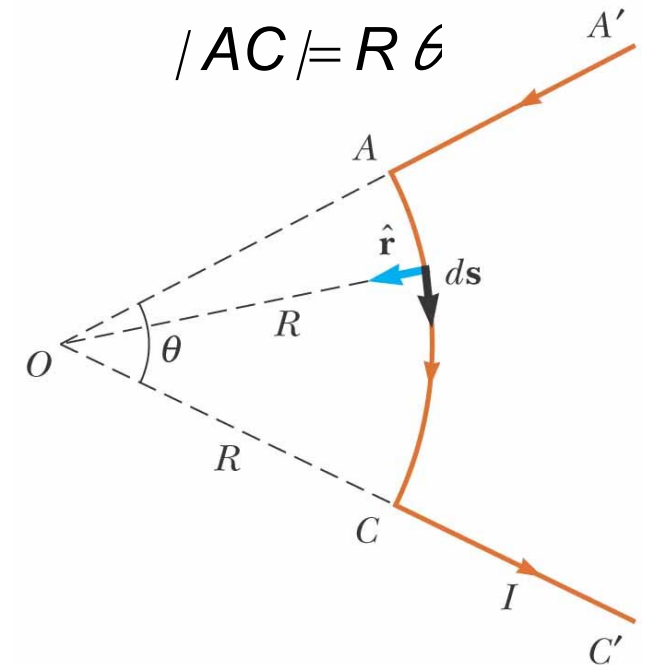
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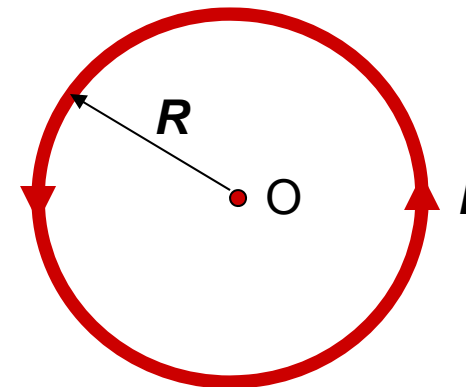
- Consider the previous result, with  $\theta = 2\pi$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4 \pi R} \theta = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4 \pi R} 2\pi = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2R}$$

- This is the field at the *center* of the loop



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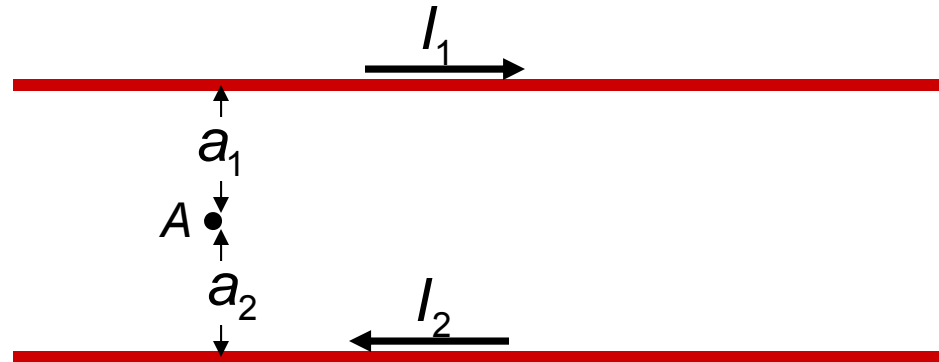


# Example 1

Determine the magnetic field at point A.

$$B_1 = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2 \pi a_1}$$

$$B_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2 \pi a_2}$$



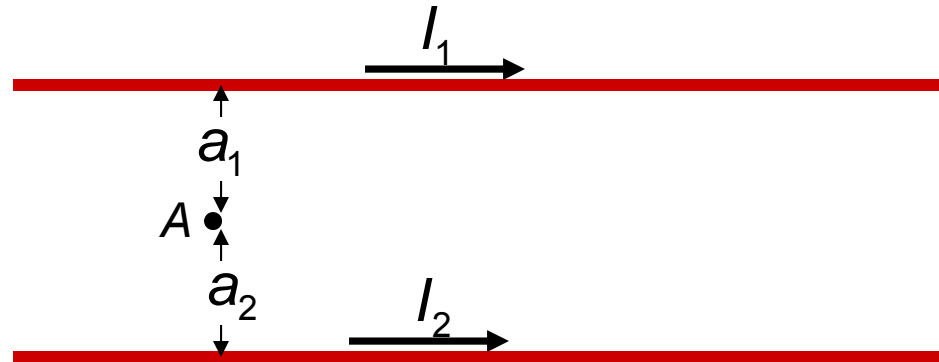
$$B = B_1 + B_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2 \pi a_1} + \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2 \pi a_2}$$

## Example 2

Determine the magnetic field at point A.

$$B_1 = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2 \pi a_1}$$

$$B_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2 \pi a_2}$$



$$B = B_1 - B_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2 \pi a_1} - \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2 \pi a_2}$$

## Example 3

Two parallel conductors carry current in opposite directions. One conductor carries a current of 10.0 A. Point A is at the midpoint between the wires, and point C is a distance  $d/2$  to the right of the 10.0-A current. If  $d = 18.0$  cm and  $I$  is adjusted so that the magnetic field at C is zero, find (a) the value of the current  $I$  and (b) the value of the magnetic field at A.

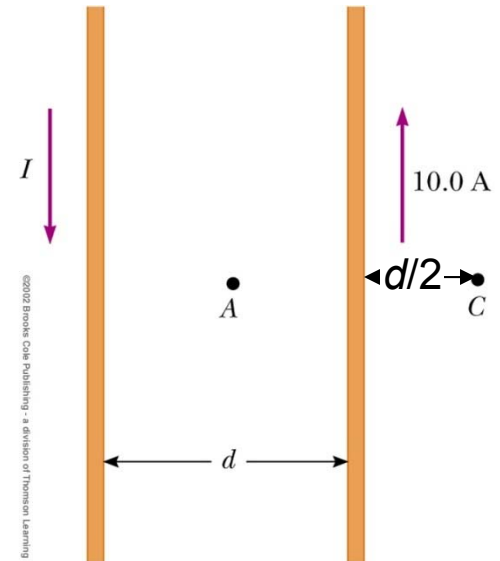
$$B_A = B_{1,A} + B_{2,A} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2 \pi a_1} + \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2 \pi a_2} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi d} + \frac{\mu_0 I_0}{\pi d}$$

$$a_1 = d/2 \quad a_2 = d/2$$

$$B_C = B_{1,C} - B_{2,C} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2 \pi a_1} - \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2 \pi a_2} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{3 \pi d} - \frac{\mu_0 I_0}{\pi d}$$

$$a_1 = 3d/2 \quad a_2 = d/2$$

$$B_C = 0 \quad \frac{\mu_0 I}{3 \pi d} = \frac{\mu_0 I_0}{\pi d} \quad I = 3 I_0 = 30 \text{ A}$$



## Example 3

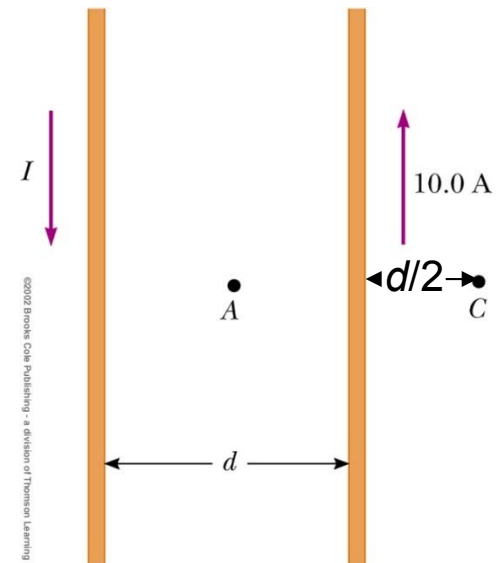
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$$I = 3I_0 = 30\text{ A}$$

$$B_A = B_{1,A} + B_{2,A} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi a_1} + \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi a_2} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi d} + \frac{\mu_0 I_0}{\pi d}$$

$$a_1 = d/2 \quad a_2 = d/2$$

$$B_A = \frac{\mu_0 3I_0}{\pi d} + \frac{\mu_0 I_0}{\pi d} = 4 \frac{\mu_0 I_0}{\pi d} = 88.9 \mu\text{T}$$



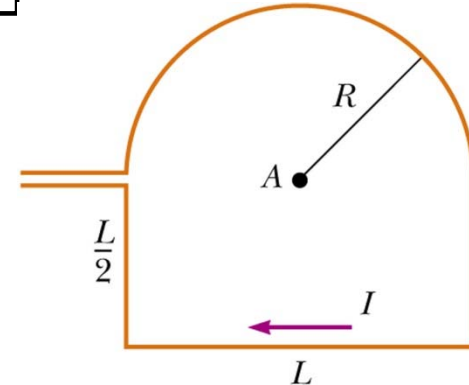
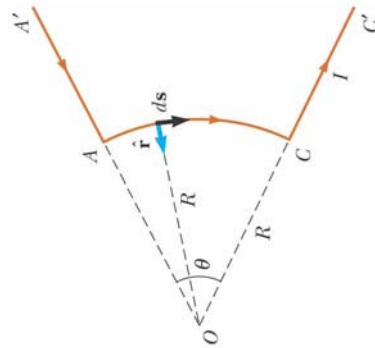
# Example 4

The loop carries a current  $I$ . Determine the magnetic field at point  $A$  in terms of  $I$ ,  $R$ , and  $L$ .

$$B_1 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4 \pi R} \theta$$

$$\theta = \pi$$

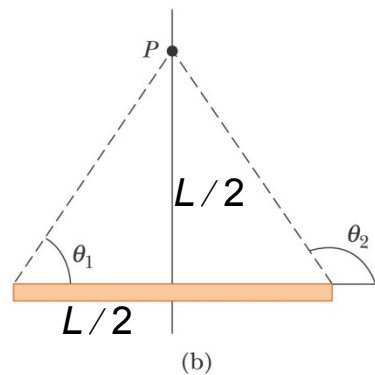
$$B_1 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4R}$$



$$B_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2 \pi L} (\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2)$$

$$\theta_1 = \pi/4 \quad \theta_2 = \pi - \pi/4$$

$$B_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2 \pi L} \sqrt{2}$$



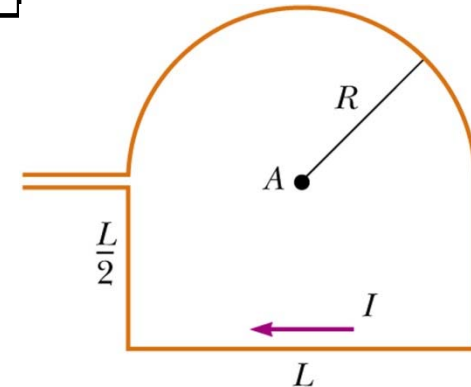
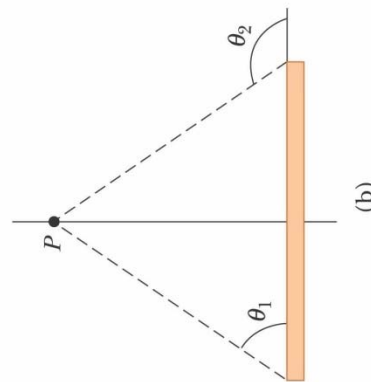
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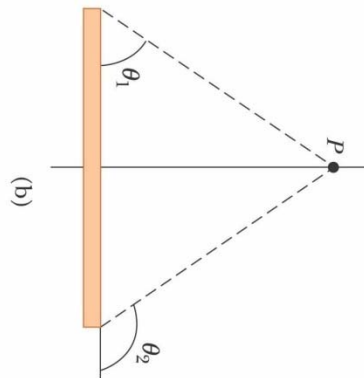
$$B_3 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2 \pi L} (\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2)$$

$$\theta_1 = \pi/4 \quad \theta_2 = \pi/2$$

$$B_3 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2 \pi L} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$



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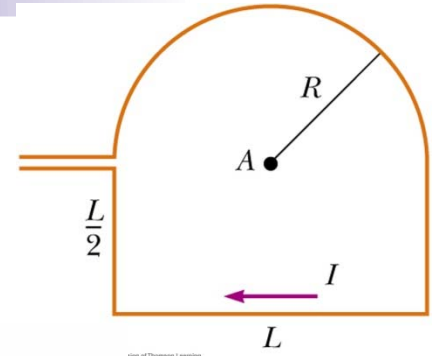


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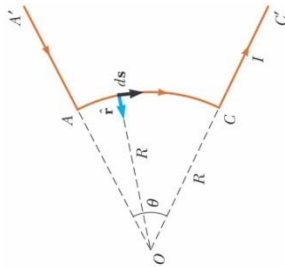
$$B_4 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2 \pi L} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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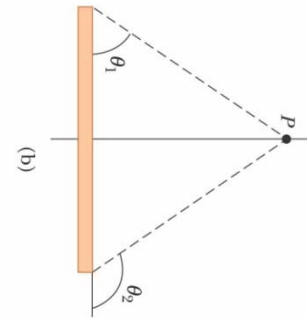
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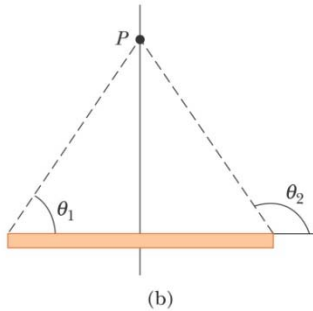
$$B_1 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4R} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2L}$$



$$B_4 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi L} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$



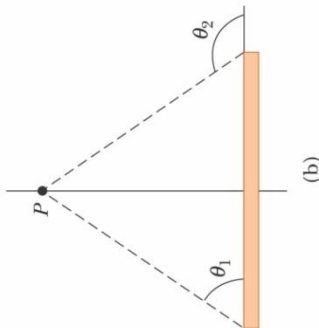
$$B_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi L} \sqrt{2}$$



$$B = B_1 + B_2 + B_3 + B_4 =$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2L} + \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi L} \sqrt{2} + \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi L} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi L} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} =$$

$$B_3 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi L} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

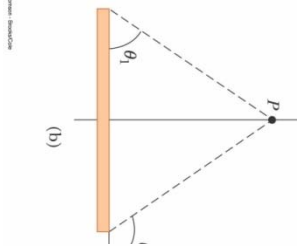


$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2L} (1 + 2\sqrt{2})$$

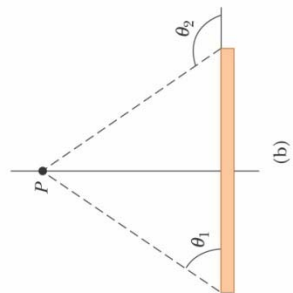
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A wire is bent into the shape shown in Fig.(a), and the magnetic field is measured at  $P_1$  when the current in the wire is  $I$ . The same wire is then formed into the shape shown in Fig. (b), and the magnetic field is measured at point  $P_2$  when the current is again  $I$ . If the total length of wire is the same in each case, what is the ratio of  $B_1/B_2$ ?

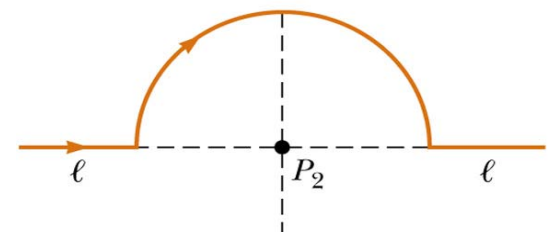
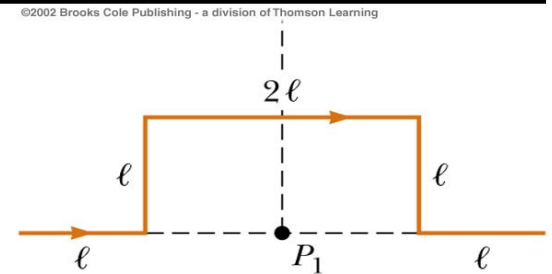
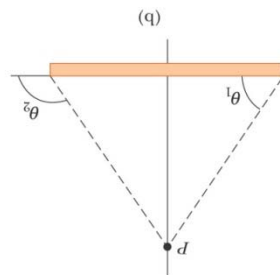
$$B_{1,1} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4 \pi l} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$



$$B_{1,2} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4 \pi l} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$



$$B_{1,3} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4 \pi l} \sqrt{2}$$



$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &= B_{1,1} + B_{1,2} + B_{1,3} = \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4 \pi l} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\mu_0 I}{4 \pi l} \sqrt{2} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2 \pi l} \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

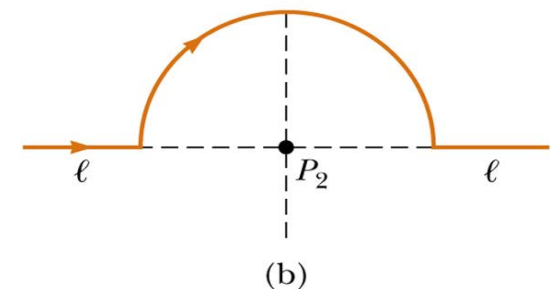
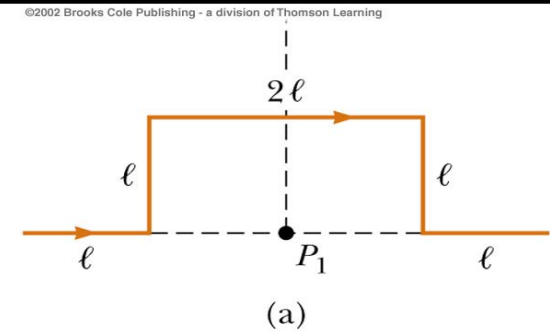


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$$B_1 = B_{1,1} + B_{1,2} + B_{1,3} =$$

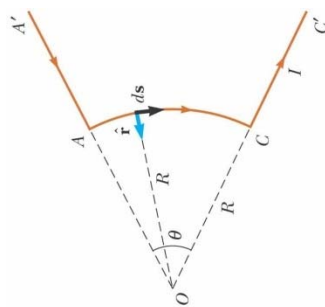
$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi l} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi l} \sqrt{2} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi l} \sqrt{2}$$



$$B_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4R}$$

$$\pi R = 4l$$

$$B_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{16l} \pi$$



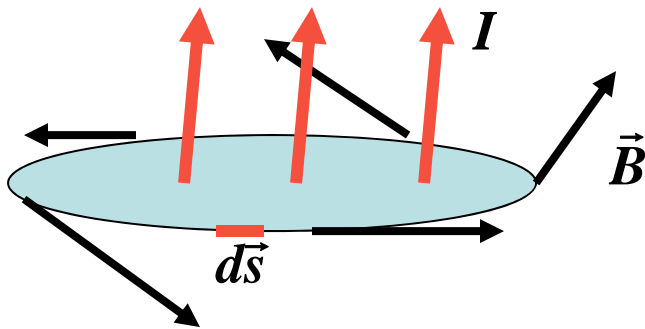
$$\frac{B_1}{B_2} = \frac{\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi l} \sqrt{2}}{\frac{\mu_0 I}{16l} \pi} = \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{\pi^2}$$

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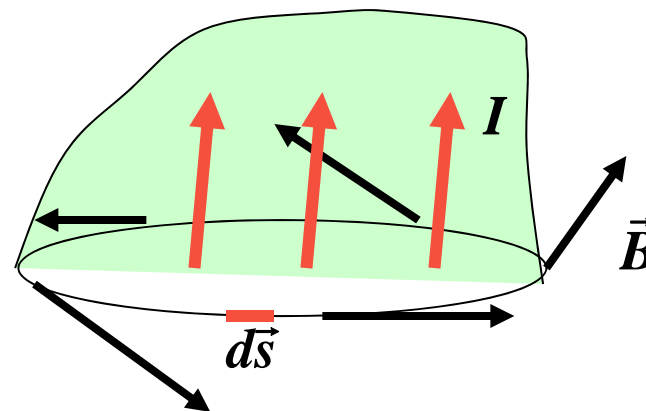
## Ampere's Law

# Ampere's law

- **Ampere's law** states that the line integral of  $\mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$  around any closed path equals  $\mu_0 I$  where  $I$  is the total steady current passing through any surface bounded by the closed path.

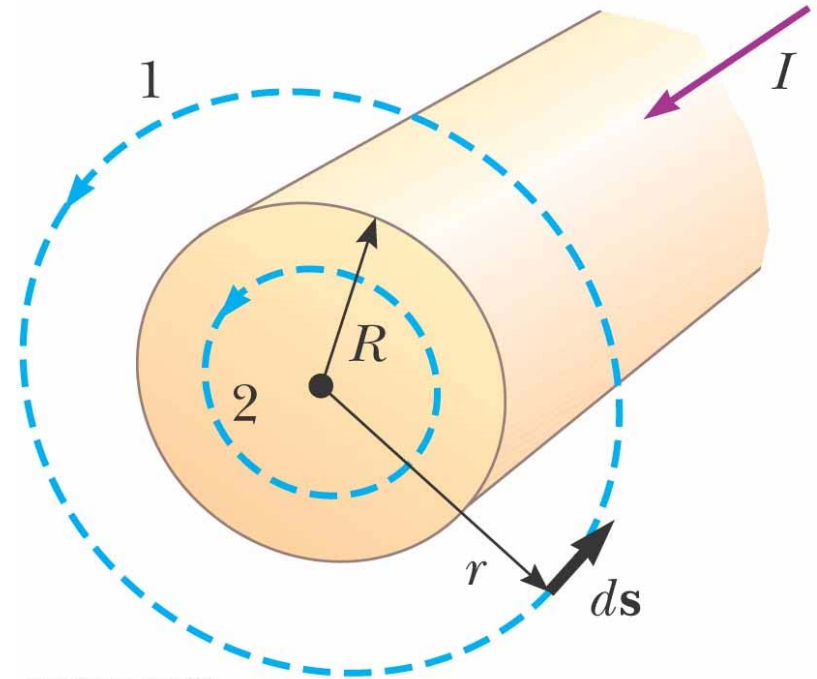


$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \mu_0 I$$



# Field due to a long Straight Wire

- Need to calculate the magnetic field at a distance  $r$  from the center of a wire carrying a steady current  $I$
- The current is uniformly distributed through the cross section of the wire



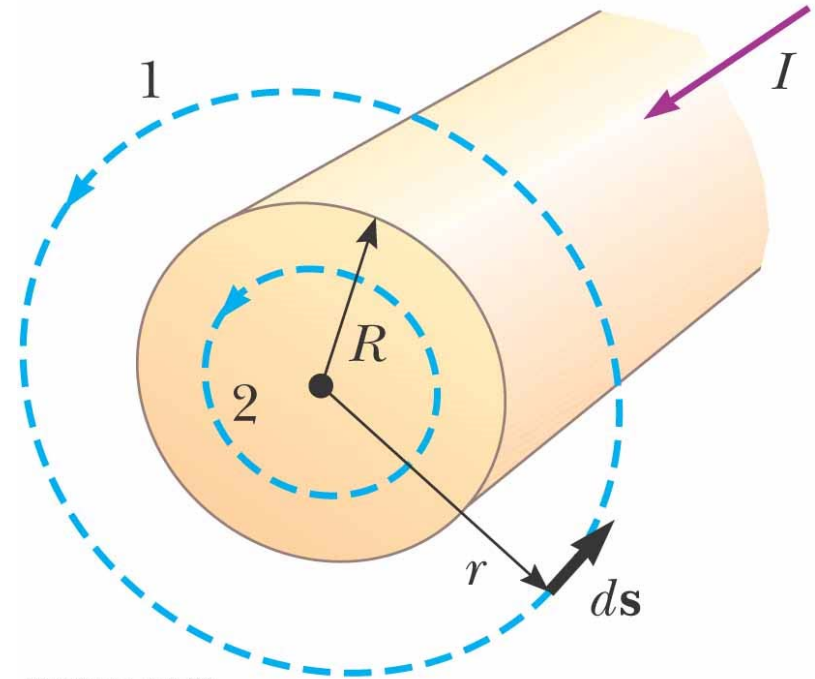
$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \mu_0 I$$

# Field due to a long Straight Wire

- The magnitude of magnetic field depends only on distance  $r$  from the center of a wire.
- Outside of the wire,  $r > R$

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = B(2\pi r) = \mu_0 I$$

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

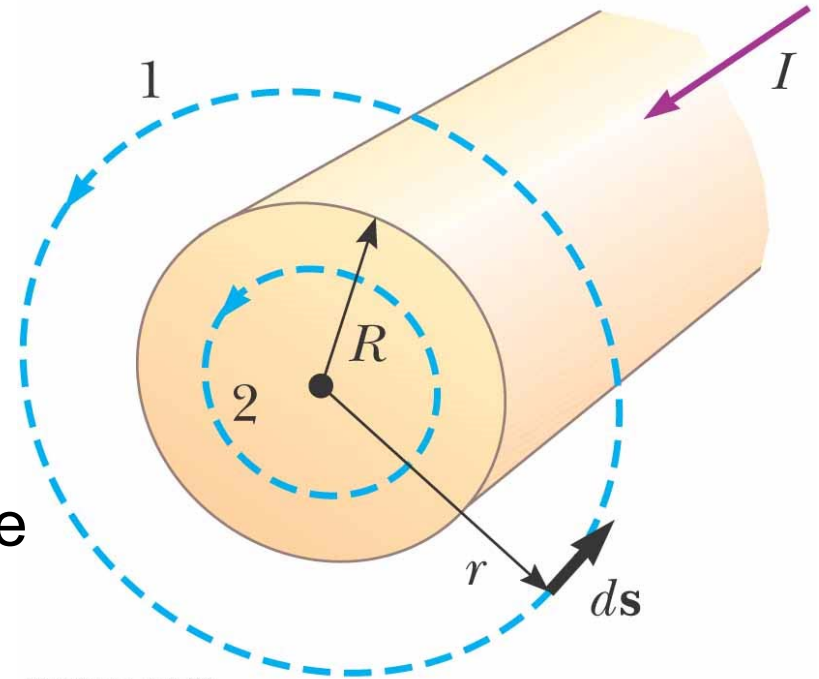


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$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \mu_0 I$$

# Field due to a long Straight Wire

- The magnitude of magnetic field depends only on distance  $r$  from the center of a wire.
- Inside the wire, we need  $I'$ , the current inside the amperian circle



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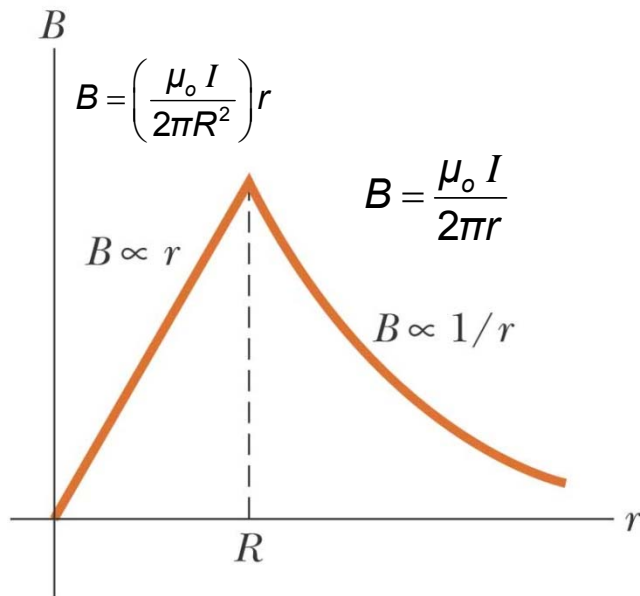
$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = B(2\pi r) = \mu_0 I' \rightarrow I' = \frac{r^2}{R^2} I$$

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \mu_0 I$$

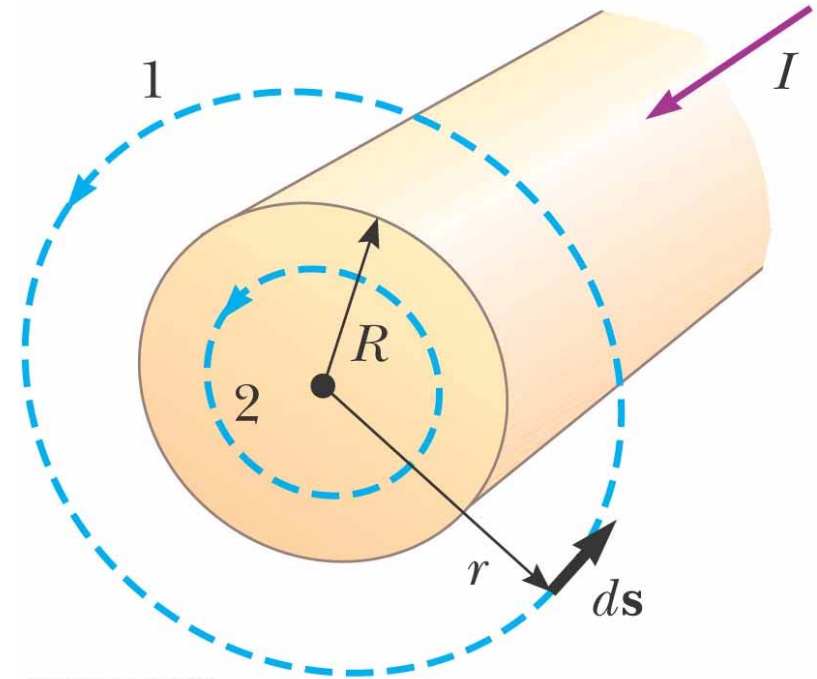
$$B = \left( \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi R^2} \right) r$$

# Field due to a long Straight Wire

- The field is proportional to  $r$  inside the wire
- The field varies as  $1/r$  outside the wire
- Both equations are equal at  $r = R$



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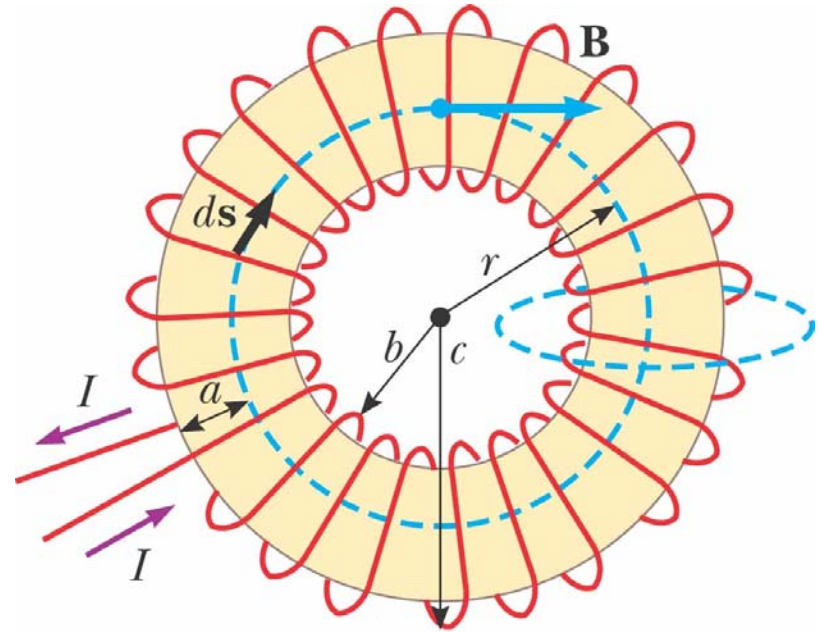


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$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \mu_0 I$$

# Magnetic Field of a Toroid

- Find the field at a point at distance  $r$  from the center of the toroid
- The toroid has  $N$  turns of wire



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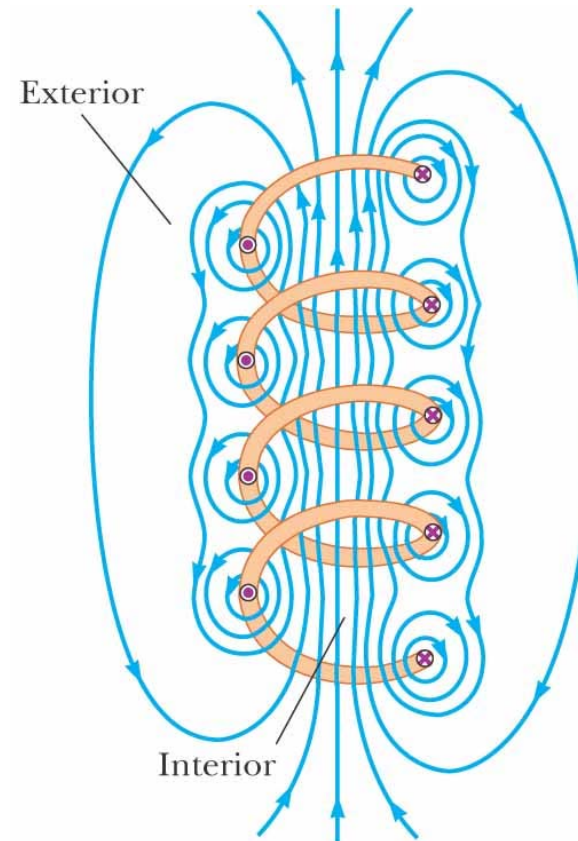
$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = B(2\pi r) = \mu_0 N I$$

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



# Magnetic Field of a Solenoid

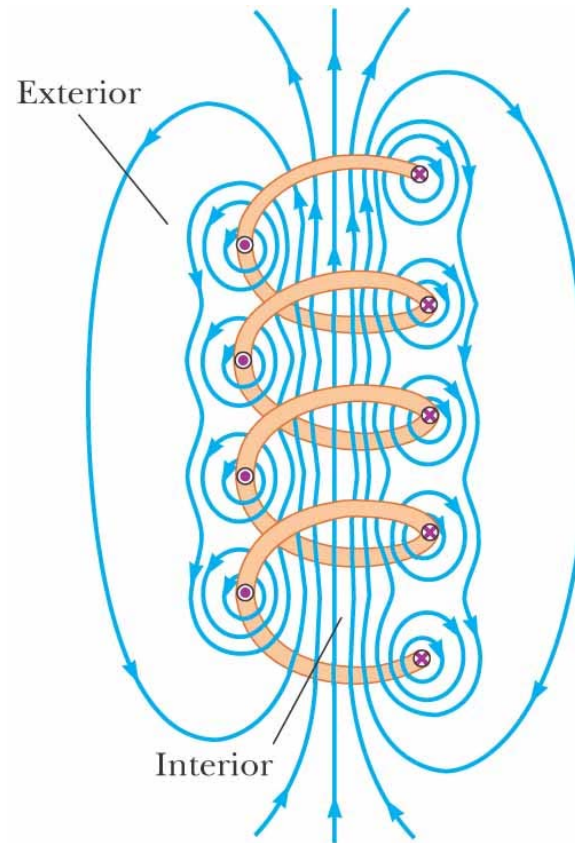
- A **solenoid** is a long wire wound in the form of a helix
- A reasonably uniform magnetic field can be produced in the space surrounded by the turns of the wire



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# Magnetic Field of a Solenoid

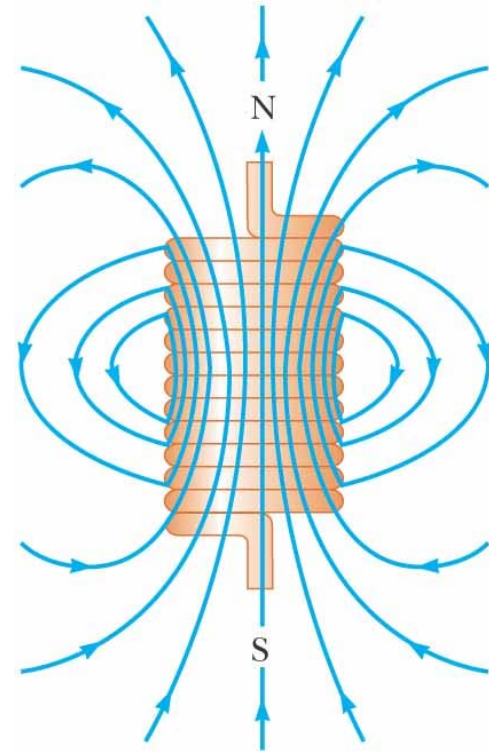
- The field lines in the interior are
  - approximately parallel to each other
  - uniformly distributed
  - close together
- This indicates the field is strong and almost uniform



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# Magnetic Field of a Solenoid

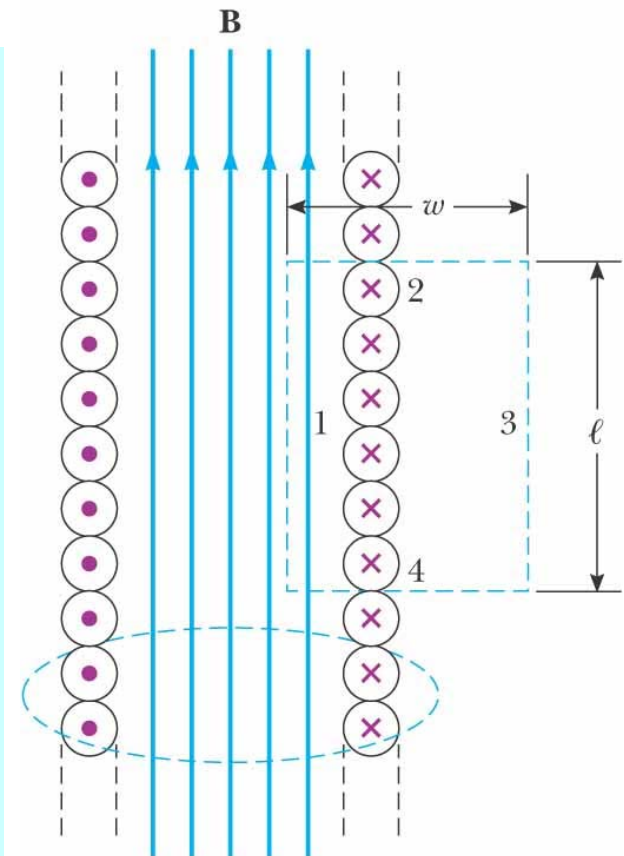
- The field distribution is similar to that of a bar magnet
- As the length of the solenoid increases
  - the interior field becomes more uniform
  - the exterior field becomes weaker



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# Magnetic Field of a Solenoid

- An *ideal solenoid* is approached when:
  - the turns are closely spaced
  - the length is much greater than the radius of the turns
- Consider a rectangle with side  $\ell$  parallel to the interior field and side  $w$  perpendicular to the field
- The side of length  $\ell$  inside the solenoid contributes to the field
  - This is path 1 in the diagram



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# Magnetic Field of a Solenoid

- Applying Ampere's Law gives

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \int_{\text{path1}} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = B \int_{\text{path1}} ds = B\ell$$

- The total current through the rectangular path equals the current through each turn multiplied by the number of turns

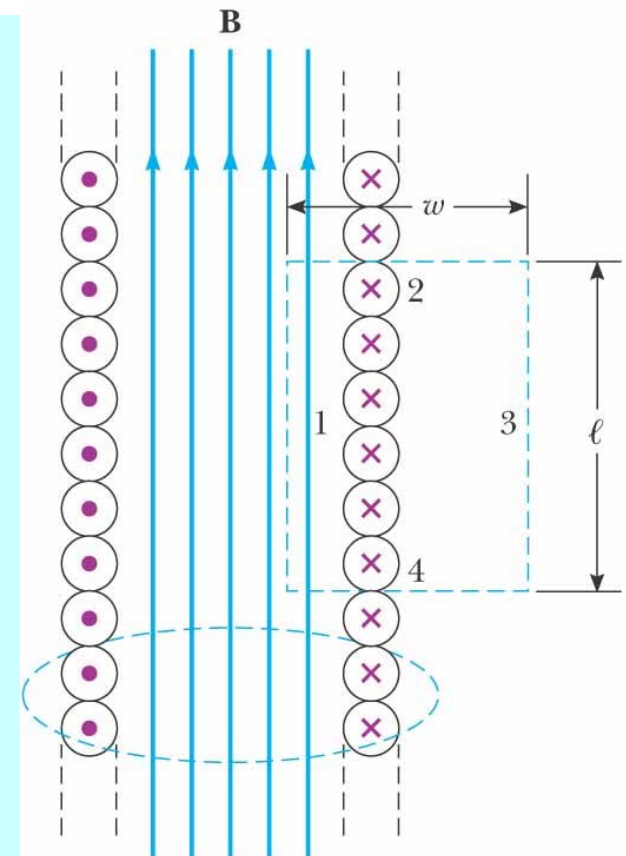
$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = B\ell = \mu_0 NI$$

- Solving Ampere's law for the magnetic field is

$$B = \mu_0 \frac{N}{\ell} I = \mu_0 n I$$

- $n = N / \ell$  is the number of turns per unit length

- This is valid only at points near the center of a very long solenoid



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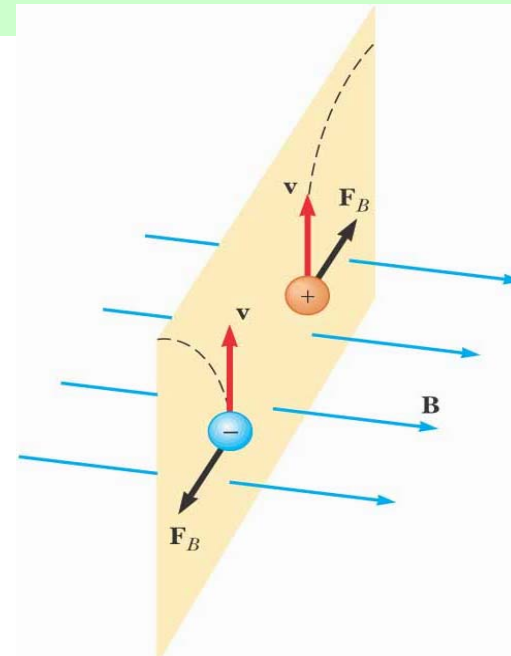
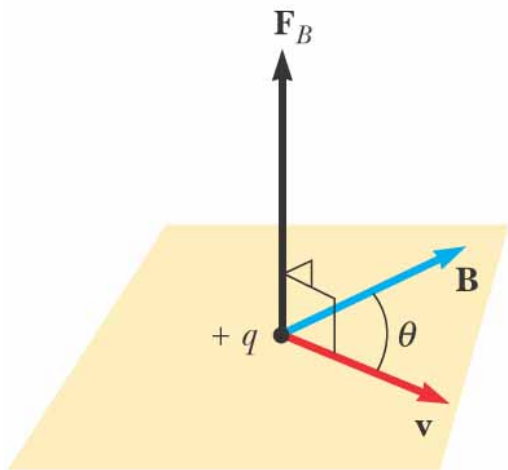
# Interaction of Charged Particles with Magnetic Field

# Interaction of Charged Particles with Magnetic Field

- The properties can be summarized in a vector equation:

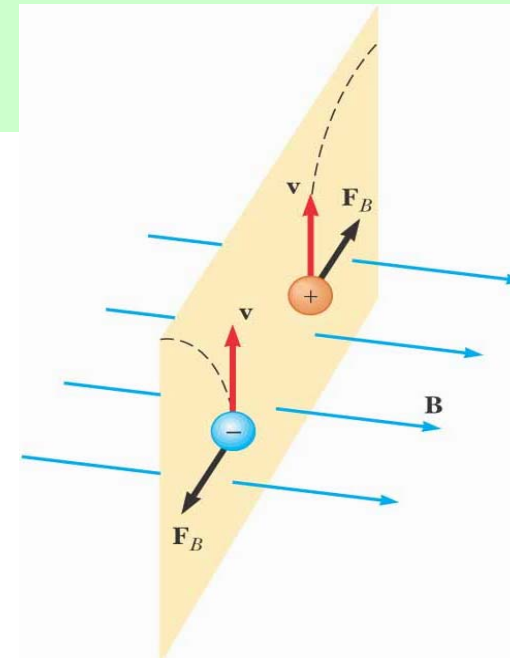
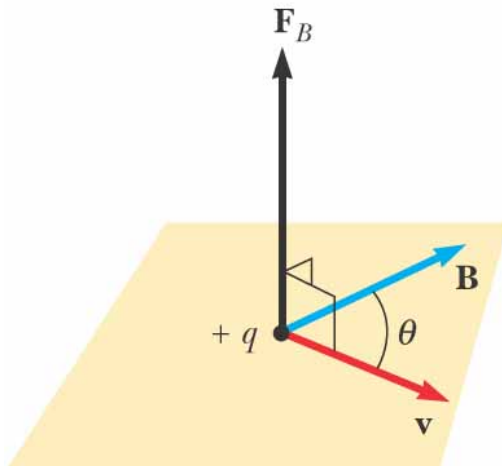
$$\mathbf{F}_B = q \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$

- $\mathbf{F}_B$  is the magnetic force
- $q$  is the charge
- $\mathbf{v}$  is the velocity of the moving charge
- $\mathbf{B}$  is the magnetic field



# Interaction of Charged Particle with Magnetic Field

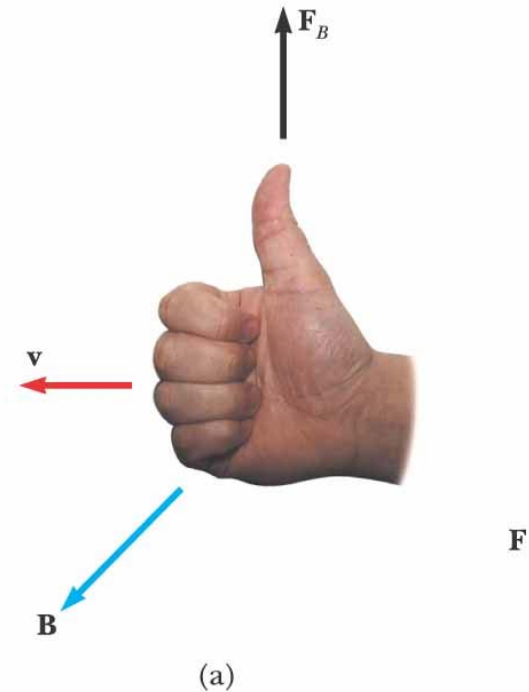
- The magnitude of the magnetic force on a charged particle is  $F_B = |q| vB \sin \theta$ 
  - $\theta$  is the smallest angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$
  - $F_B$  is zero when  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are parallel or antiparallel
    - $\theta = 0$  or  $180^\circ$
  - $F_B$  is a maximum when  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are perpendicular
    - $\theta = 90^\circ$





# Direction of Magnetic Force

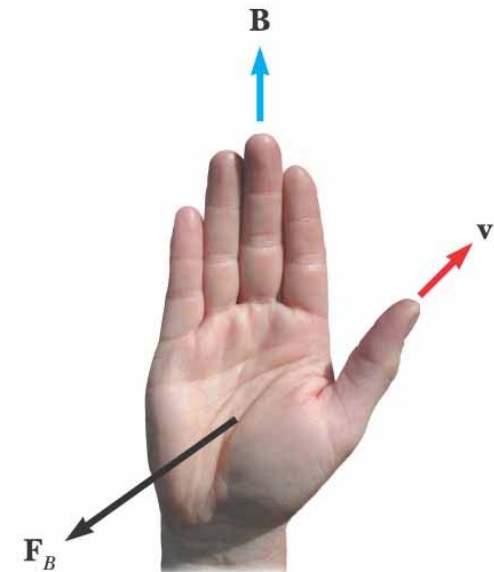
- The fingers point in the direction of  $\mathbf{v}$
- $\mathbf{B}$  comes out of your palm
  - Curl your fingers in the direction of  $\mathbf{B}$
- The thumb points in the direction of  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$  which is the direction of  $\mathbf{F}_B$



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# Direction of Magnetic Force

- Thumb is in the direction of  $\mathbf{v}$
- Fingers are in the direction of  $\mathbf{B}$
- Palm is in the direction of  $\mathbf{F}_B$ 
  - On a positive particle
  - You can think of this as your hand pushing the particle



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## Differences Between Electric and Magnetic Fields

$$\vec{F}_E = q\vec{E}$$

$$\vec{F}_B = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

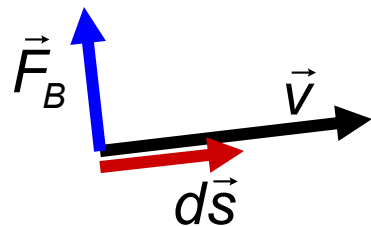
- Direction of the force
  - The electric force acts along the direction of the electric field
  - The magnetic force acts perpendicular to the magnetic field
- Motion
  - The electric force acts on a charged particle regardless of whether the particle is moving
  - The magnetic force acts on a charged particle only when the particle is in motion

## Differences Between Electric and Magnetic Fields

$$\vec{F}_E = q\vec{E}$$

$$\vec{F}_B = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

- Work
  - The electric force does work in displacing a charged particle
  - The magnetic force associated with a steady magnetic field does no work when a particle is displaced
    - This is because the force is perpendicular to the displacement



$$W = \vec{F}_B \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

# Work in Magnetic Field

- The kinetic energy of a charged particle moving through a magnetic field cannot be altered by the magnetic field alone
- When a charged particle moves with a velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  through a magnetic field, the field can alter the ***direction*** of the velocity, but **not the speed** or the kinetic energy

# Magnetic Field

- The SI unit of magnetic field is **tesla (T)**

$$T = \frac{N}{C \cdot (m/s)} = \frac{N}{A \cdot m}$$

**Table 29.1**

Some Approximate Magnetic Field Magnitudes	
Source of Field	Field Magnitude (T)
Strong superconducting laboratory magnet	30
Strong conventional laboratory magnet	2
Medical MRI unit	1.5
Bar magnet	$10^{-2}$
Surface of the Sun	$10^{-2}$
Surface of the Earth	$0.5 \times 10^{-4}$
Inside human brain (due to nerve impulses)	$10^{-13}$

# Force on a Wire

- The magnetic force is exerted on each moving charge in the wire

$$- \mathbf{F} = q \mathbf{v}_d \times \mathbf{B}$$

- The total force is the product of the force on one charge and the number of charges

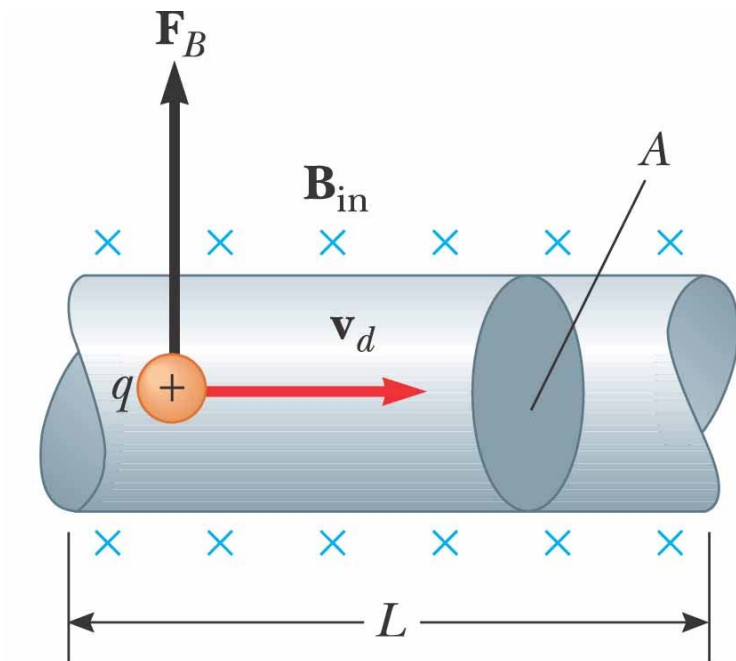
$$- \mathbf{F} = (q \mathbf{v}_d \times \mathbf{B})nAL$$

- In terms of current:

$$\mathbf{F} = I \mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{B}$$

- $\mathbf{L}$  is a vector that points in the direction of the current

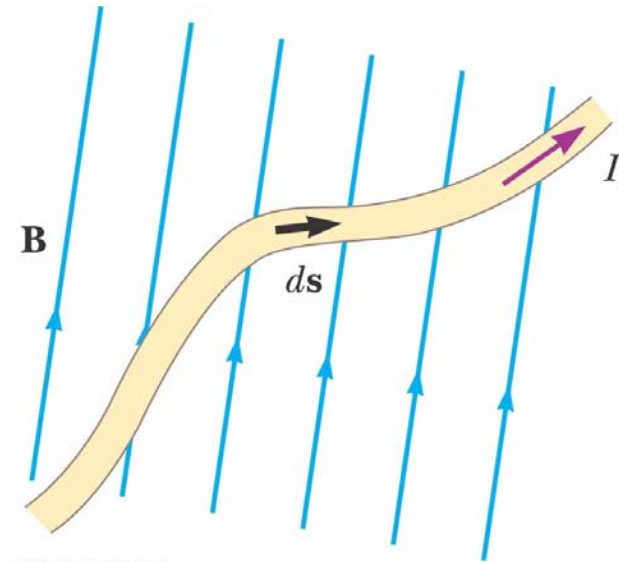
- Its magnitude is the length  $L$  of the segment



# Force on a Wire

- Consider a small segment of the wire,  $d\mathbf{s}$
- The force exerted on this segment is  $\mathbf{F} = I d\mathbf{s} \times \mathbf{B}$
- The total force is

$$\mathbf{F} = I \int_a^b d\mathbf{s} \times \mathbf{B}$$



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# Force on a Wire: Uniform Magnetic Field

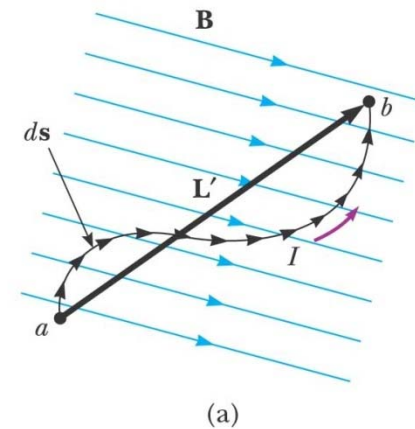
- $\mathbf{B}$  is a constant
- Then the total force is

$$\mathbf{F} = I \int_a^b d\mathbf{s} \times \mathbf{B} = -I \mathbf{B} \times \int_a^b d\mathbf{s}$$

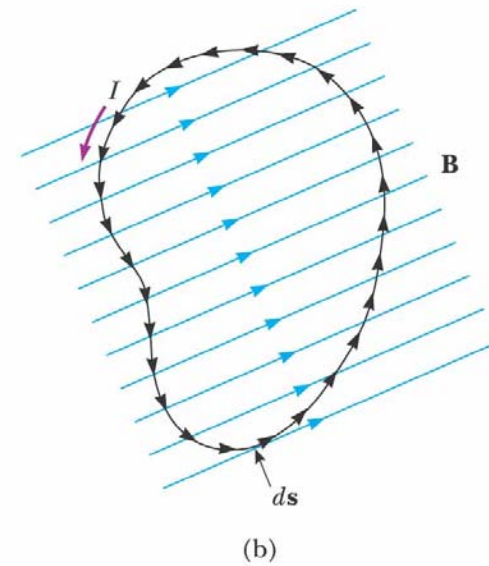
- For closed loop:

$$\int_a^b d\mathbf{s} = 0$$

- The net magnetic force acting on any closed current loop in a uniform magnetic field **is zero**



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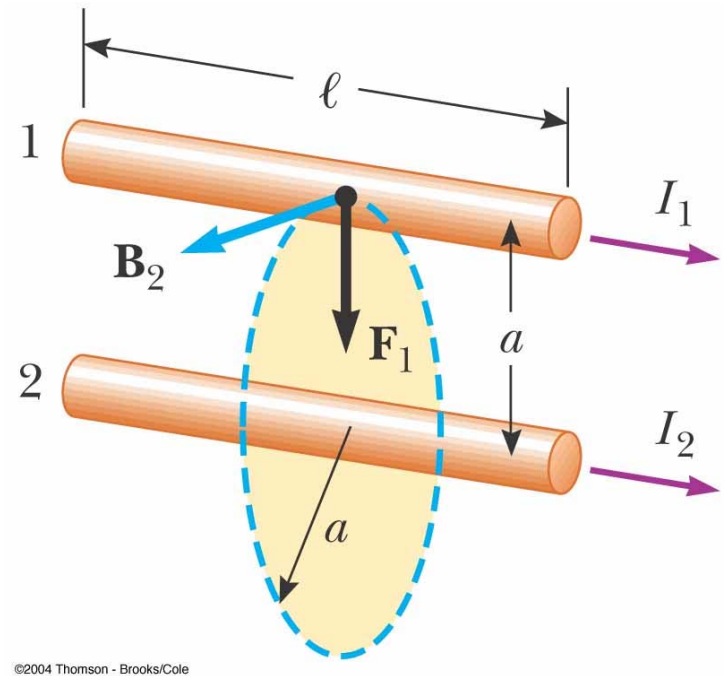


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# Magnetic Force between two parallel conductors

- Two parallel wires each carry a steady current
- The field  $\mathbf{B}_2$  due to the current in wire 2 exerts a force on wire 1 of  $F_1 = I_1 \ell B_2$
- Substituting the equation for  $B_2$  gives

$$F_1 = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2 \ell}{2\pi a}$$



# Magnetic Force between two parallel conductors

$$F_1 = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2 \ell}{2 \pi a}$$

- Parallel conductors carrying currents in the same direction attract each other
- Parallel conductors carrying current in opposite directions repel each other
- The result is often expressed as the magnetic force *between* the two wires,  $F_B$
- This can also be given as the *force per unit length*:

$$\frac{F_B}{\ell} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{2 \pi a}$$

