

Engineering Electromagnetics

Lecture 26

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Infinite wire and integral of \mathbf{B} along a path

The magnetic field of an infinite straight wire is shown in Fig. 5.27 (the current is coming *out* of the page).

According to Eq. 5.38, the integral of \mathbf{B} around a circular path of radius s , centered at the wire, is

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \oint \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi s} dl = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi s} \oint dl = \mu_0 I.$$

What do you think? ir/rotational

Not only along circular path, any loop that encloses the wire would give the same answer.
Try for cylindrical path

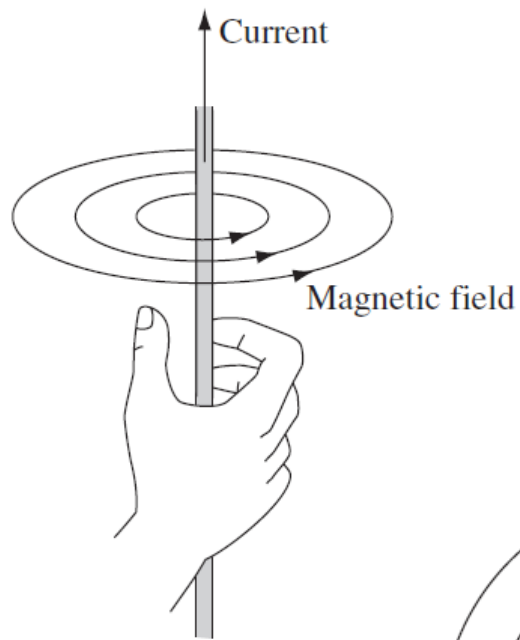
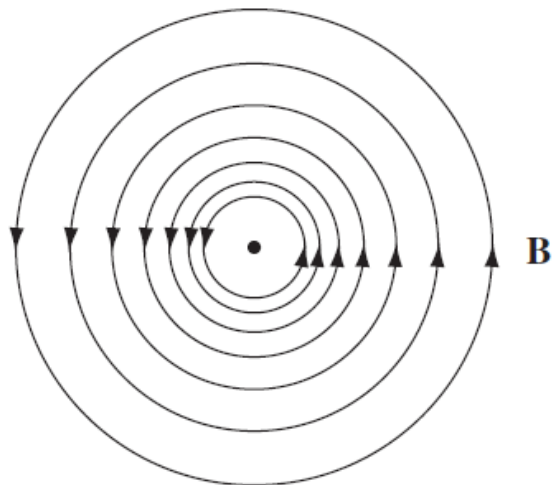


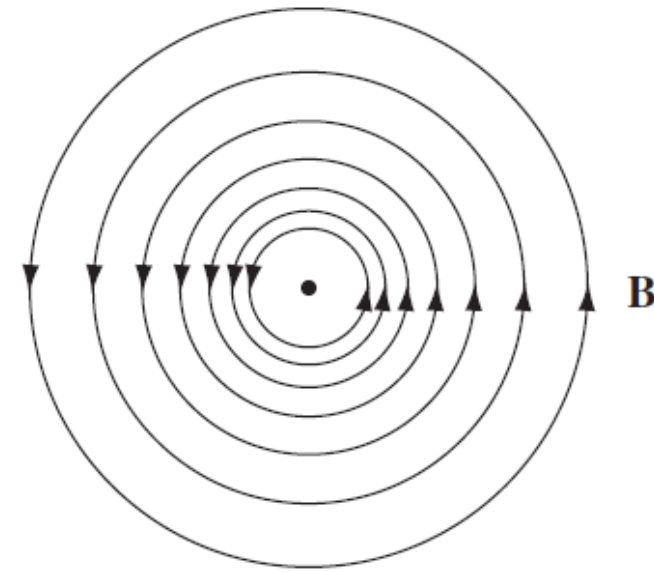
FIGURE 5.3



Cylindrical path

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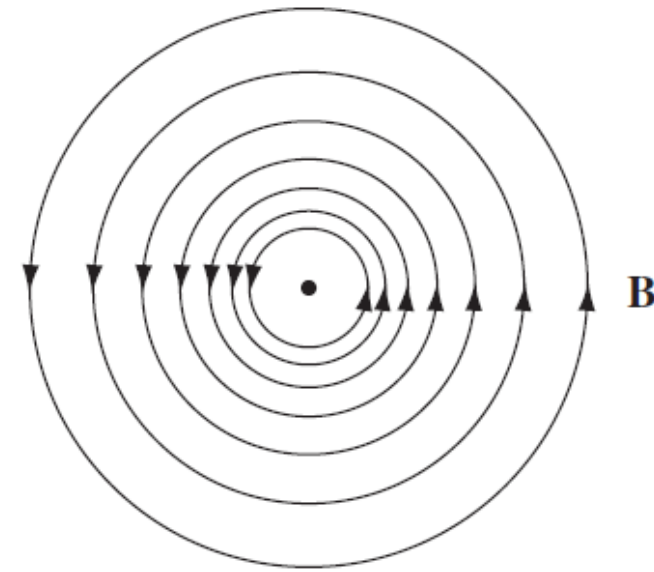
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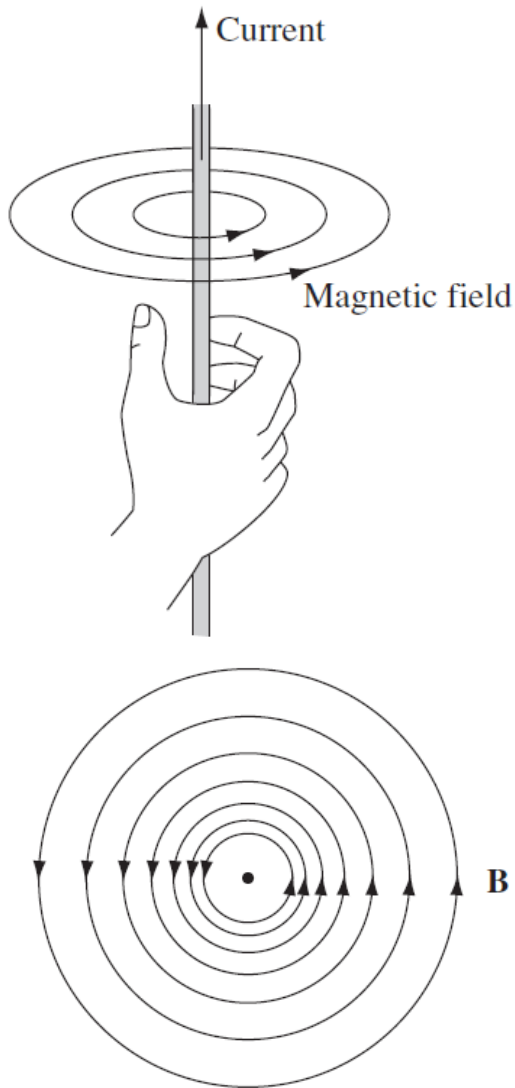
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$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \oint \frac{1}{s} s d\phi = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = \mu_0 I.$$

This assumes the loop encircles the wire exactly once; if it went around twice, then ϕ would run from 0 to 4π



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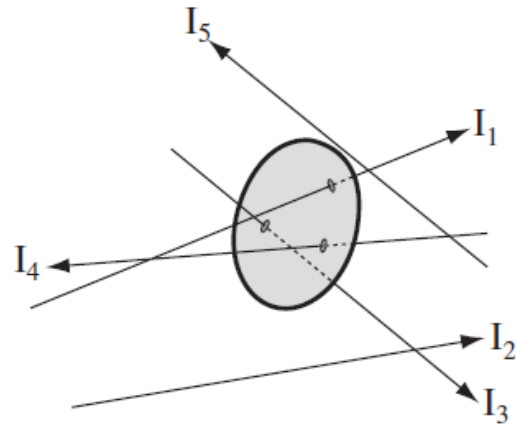


Now suppose we have a *bundle* of straight wires. Each wire that passes through our loop contributes $\mu_0 I$, and those outside contribute nothing (Fig. 5.29). The line integral will then be

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \mu_0 I_{\text{enc}}, \quad (5.44)$$

where I_{enc} stands for the total current enclosed by the integration path. If the flow of charge is represented by a volume current density \mathbf{J} , the enclosed current is

$$I_{\text{enc}} = \int \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{a}, \quad (5.45)$$

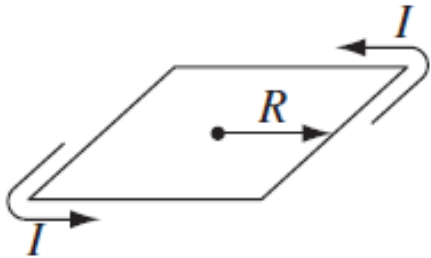


$$\int (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \mu_0 \int \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{a},$$

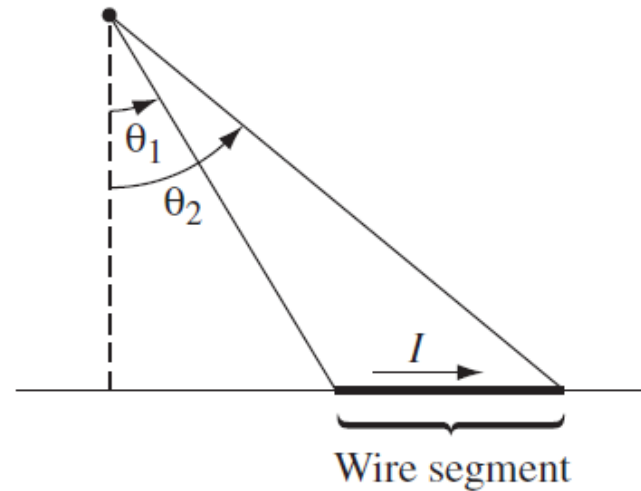
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

Problem-1

Find the magnetic field at the center of a square loop, which carries a steady current I . Let R be the distance from center to side



Hint: B for a straight wire?



The total field is then given by four times the contribution due to any side of square

$$\vec{B}_{tot} = 4\vec{B}_{side}$$

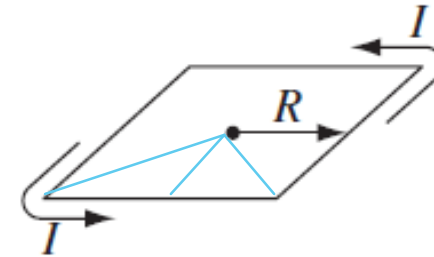
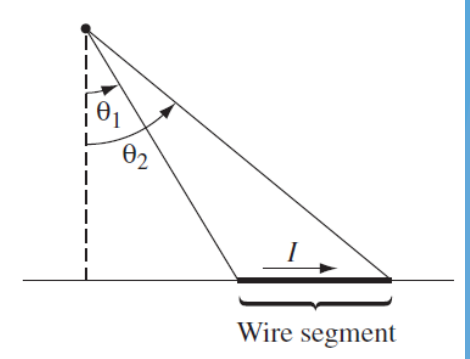
We know that

$$B = \frac{\mu_o I}{4\pi s} (\sin \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1)$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= -45^\circ = -\frac{\pi}{4} \\ \theta_2 &= 45^\circ = \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{side} &= \frac{\mu_o I}{4\pi R} \left[2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right] \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2} \mu_o I}{4\pi R} \end{aligned}$$

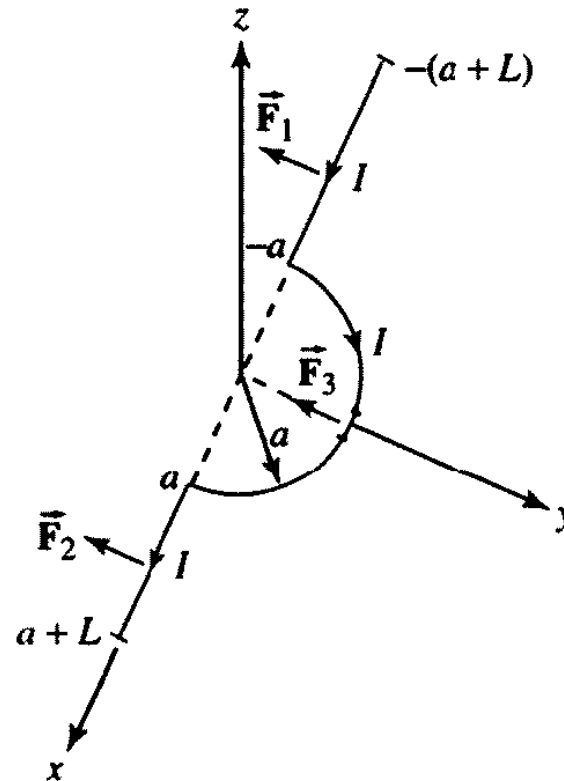


The field at the center is four times this value and directed out of the page.

$$B_{tot} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \mu_o I}{\pi R}$$

Problem-2

A wire bent as shown in Figure 5.10 lies in the xy plane and carries a current I . If the magnetic flux density in the region is $\vec{B} = B\vec{a}_z$, determine the magnetic force acting on the wire.



Solution-2

The magnetic force acting on the section of the wire from $x = -(a + L)$ to $x = -a$, from (5.12a), is

$$\vec{F}_1 = \int_{-(a+L)}^{-a} IB(\vec{a}_x \times \vec{a}_z) dx = -BIL\vec{a}_y$$

Similarly, the magnetic force experienced by the section of the wire from $x = a$ to $x = a + L$ is

$$\vec{F}_2 = -BIL\vec{a}_y$$

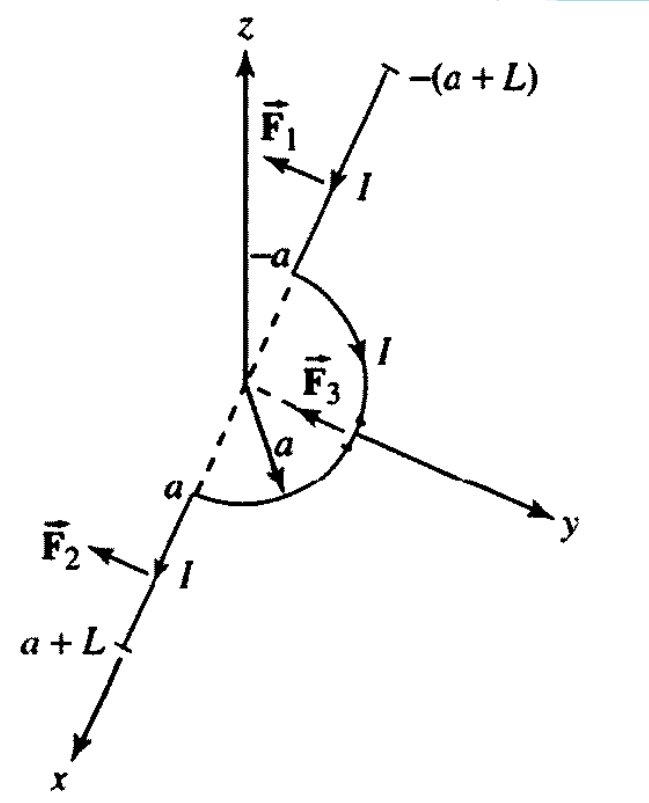
The magnetic force acting on the semicircular arc of radius a is

$$\vec{F}_3 = BLa \int_0^\pi [\vec{a}_x \cos \phi + \vec{a}_y \sin \phi] d\phi = -2IBa\vec{a}_y$$

The resultant magnetic force on the whole wire is

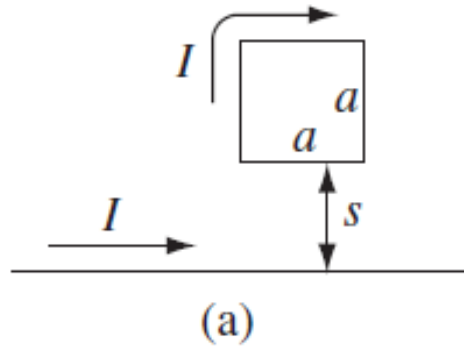
$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3 = -2IB(a + L)\vec{a}_y$$

What about the force due to a straight wire of length $2(a+L)$?



Problem-3

Find the force on a square loop placed as shown in Fig. 5.24(a), near an infinite straight wire. Both the loop and the wire carry a steady current I .



Solution-3

The forces on the two sides cancel.

$F = (\text{force /length}) \times \text{length}$
Here $I_1 = I_2 = I$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi s} \Rightarrow F_1 = \left[\left(\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi s} \right) I a \right] = \frac{\mu_0 I^2 a}{2\pi s} \text{ (up)}$$

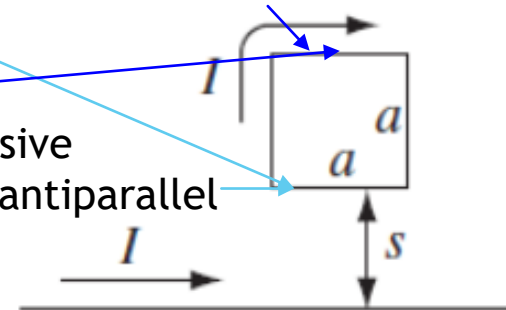
$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi(s+a)} \Rightarrow F_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I^2 a}{2\pi(s+a)} \text{ (down)}$$

The net force is $\frac{\mu_0 I^2 a^2}{2\pi s(s+a)} \text{ (up)}$

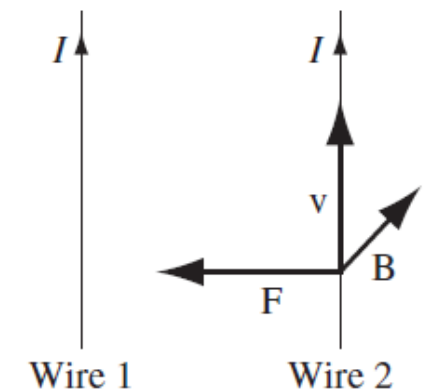
Since $1/s > 1/(s+a)$

F is attractive
Currents parallel

F is repulsive
Currents antiparallel



Hint: Remember force for two current carrying wires



$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{mag}} = \int I (d\mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{B}).$$

Magnetic flux

Flux through an open surface

$$\Phi = \int_s \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}}$$

For a closed surface

$$\oint_s \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = 0$$

- North, south poles \rightarrow can't be separated
- No. of lines from north = to south
- Lines are concentric circles for long wires
- Magnetic flux is continuous
- Entering a closed surface = leaving the surface

Thank You