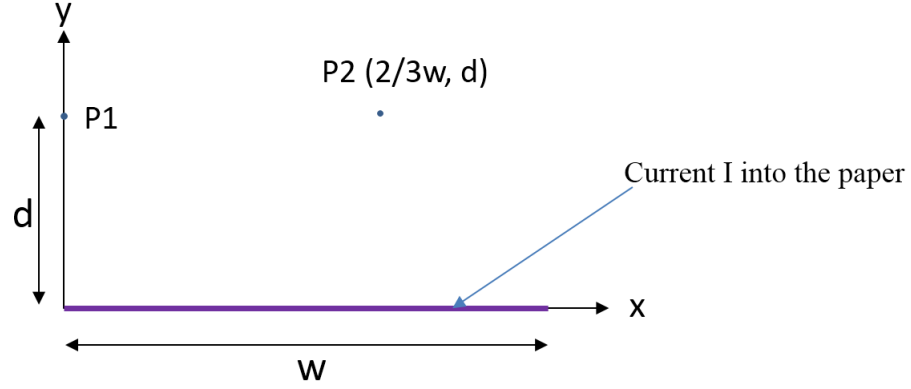

Goal: A current I flows lengthwise in a very long, thin conducting sheet of width w , as shown below. Assuming that the current flows into the paper, determine the magnetic flux density \mathbf{B} at points $P_1(0, d)$ and $P_2(2w/3, d)$.



Steps:

1. The problem can be solved with superposition. What is the differential current element?

Solution:

$$d\mathbf{I}' = \frac{I}{w} d\mathbf{l}' = -\frac{I}{w} dx' dz' \mathbf{a}_z$$

2. Determine the observation vector \mathbf{R}

Solution:

$$\mathbf{R} = d\mathbf{a}_y$$

3. Determine the source vector \mathbf{R}'

Solution:

$$\mathbf{R}' = x' \mathbf{a}_x + z' \mathbf{a}_z$$

4. What is the differential magnetic flux density $d\mathbf{B}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{B} &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi w} d\mathbf{l}' \times (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}') \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi w} \frac{d dz' dx' \mathbf{a}_x + x' dz' dx' \mathbf{a}_y}{(d^2 + x'^2 + z'^2)^{3/2}} \end{aligned}$$

5. Solve the superposition integral.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{B} &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi w} \int_0^w \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d \, dz' \, dx' \mathbf{a}_x + x' dz' \, dx' \mathbf{a}_y}{(d^2 + x'^2 + z'^2)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi w} \int_0^w (d\mathbf{a}_x + x'\mathbf{a}_y) \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{(d^2 + x'^2 + z'^2)^{3/2}} \right) dx' \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi w} \int_0^w (d\mathbf{a}_x + x'\mathbf{a}_y) \left(\frac{1}{d^2 + x'^2} \right) dx' \\ &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi w} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{w}{d} \right) \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi w} \ln \left(1 + \frac{w^2}{d^2} \right) \mathbf{a}_y\end{aligned}$$

6. Use the answer of part (5) to find magnetic flux density \mathbf{B}_2 at point $P_2(2w/3, d)$.

Solution: Magnetic flux density due to current strip to the right (R) and to left are given by (L)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{B}_L &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi w} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2w}{3d} \right) \mathbf{a}_x - \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi w} \ln \left(1 + \frac{4w^2}{9d^2} \right) \mathbf{a}_y \\ \mathbf{B}_R &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi w} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{w}{3d} \right) \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi w} \ln \left(1 + \frac{w^2}{9d^2} \right) \mathbf{a}_y \\ \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{B}_L + \mathbf{B}_R\end{aligned}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{B}_1 &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi w} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{w}{d} \right) \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi w} \ln \left(1 + \frac{w^2}{d^2} \right) \mathbf{a}_y \\ \mathbf{B}_L &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi w} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2w}{3d} \right) \mathbf{a}_x - \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi w} \ln \left(1 + \frac{4w^2}{9d^2} \right) \mathbf{a}_y \\ \mathbf{B}_R &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi w} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{w}{3d} \right) \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi w} \ln \left(1 + \frac{w^2}{9d^2} \right) \mathbf{a}_y \\ \mathbf{B}_2 &= \mathbf{B}_L + \mathbf{B}_R\end{aligned}$$