

Electricity and Magnetism

- Physics 259 – L02
- Lecture 41



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Chapter 29: magnetic fields due to currents

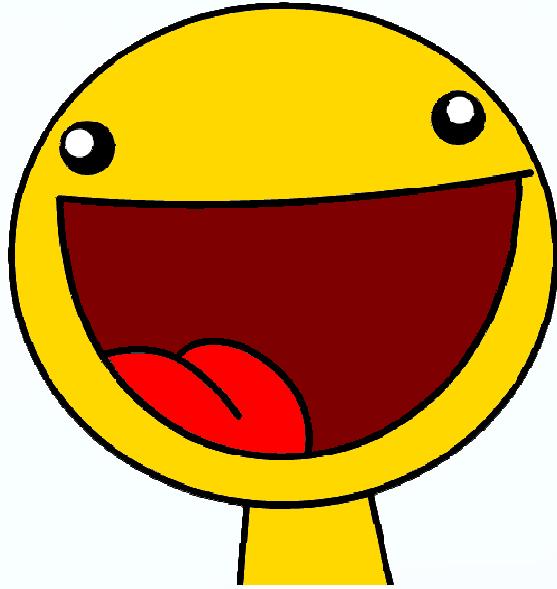


Last time:

- Chapter 28

Today:

- Biot-Savart Law (like Coulomb's Law for magnetism)
- B-field of a line of current
- Magnetic force between parallel current-carrying wires



For a single charge →

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

For N charges moving through the wire
(current carrying wire) →

$$\vec{F}_B = i \vec{\ell} \times \vec{B}$$

The Biot-Savart Law

Magnetic fields are caused by
moving charges.*

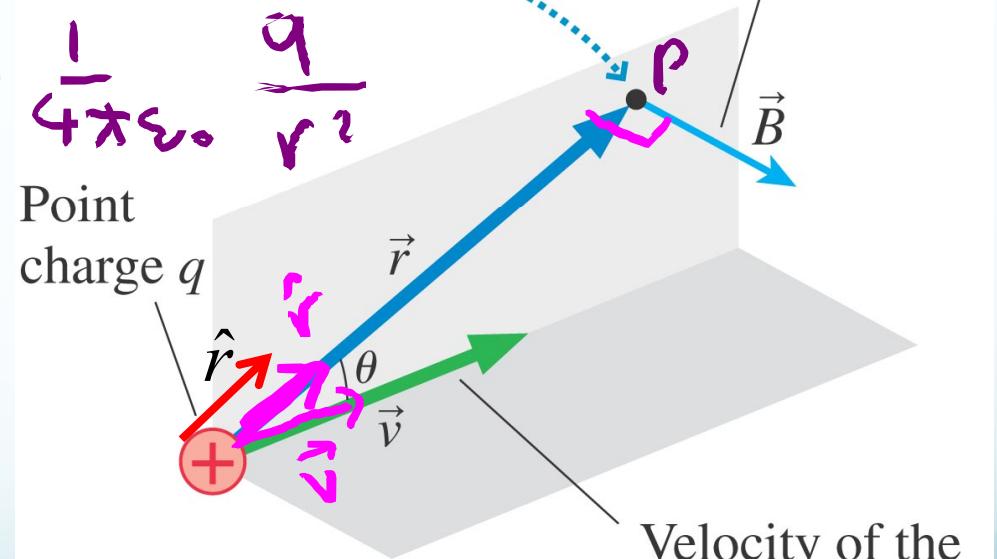
$$\vec{B}_{\text{point charge}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q\vec{v} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

Or, using the
definition

$$\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|}$$

$$\vec{B}_{\text{point charge}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q\vec{v} \times \vec{r}}{r^3}$$

This is the point
at which we want
to find \vec{B} .



Magnetic field
of the moving
point charge

Velocity of the
charged particle

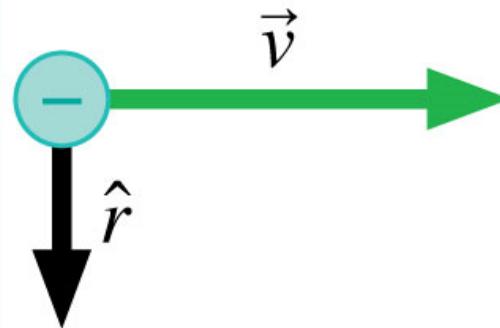
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*One exception is due to quantum mechanics: charged particles with “spin” produce B fields

$$\vec{B}_{\text{point charge}} = \frac{\mu_o}{4\pi} \frac{q\vec{v} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

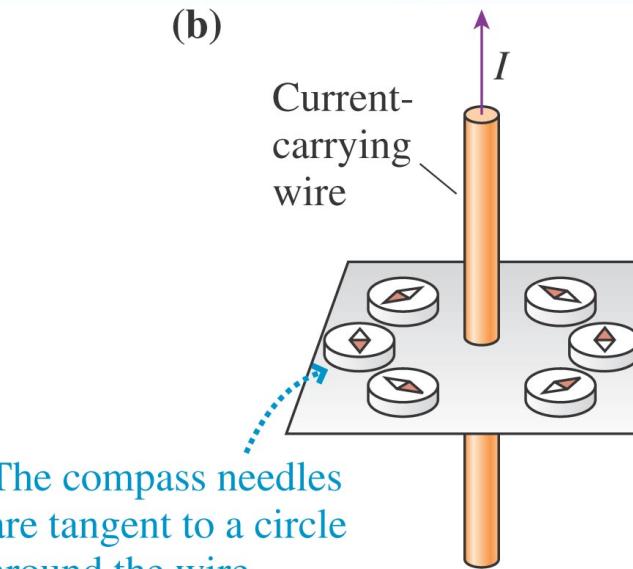
Current?

A bunch of
moving charges



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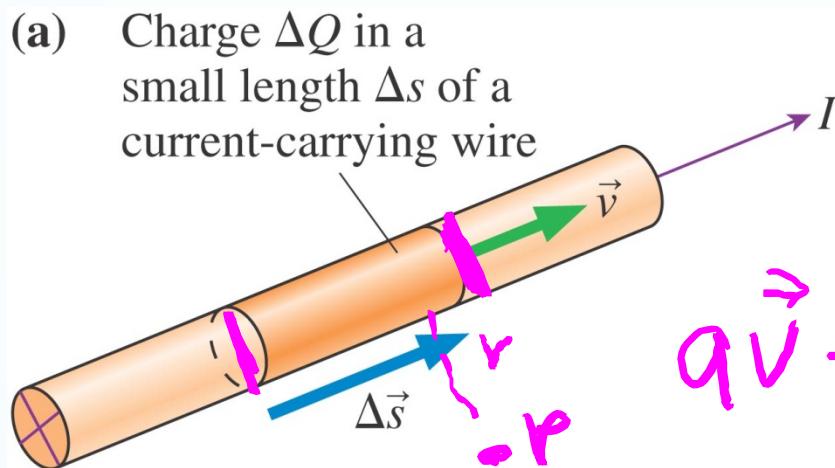
(b)



The compass needles
are tangent to a circle
around the wire.

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For a whole bunch of moving charges (an electric current)?



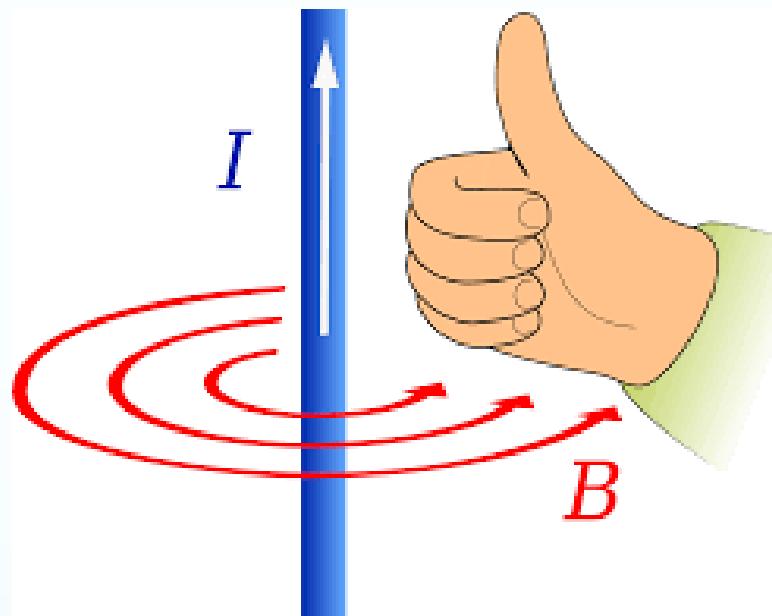
$$\rightarrow \vec{B}_{\text{point charge}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q\vec{v} \times \hat{r}}{r^3}$$

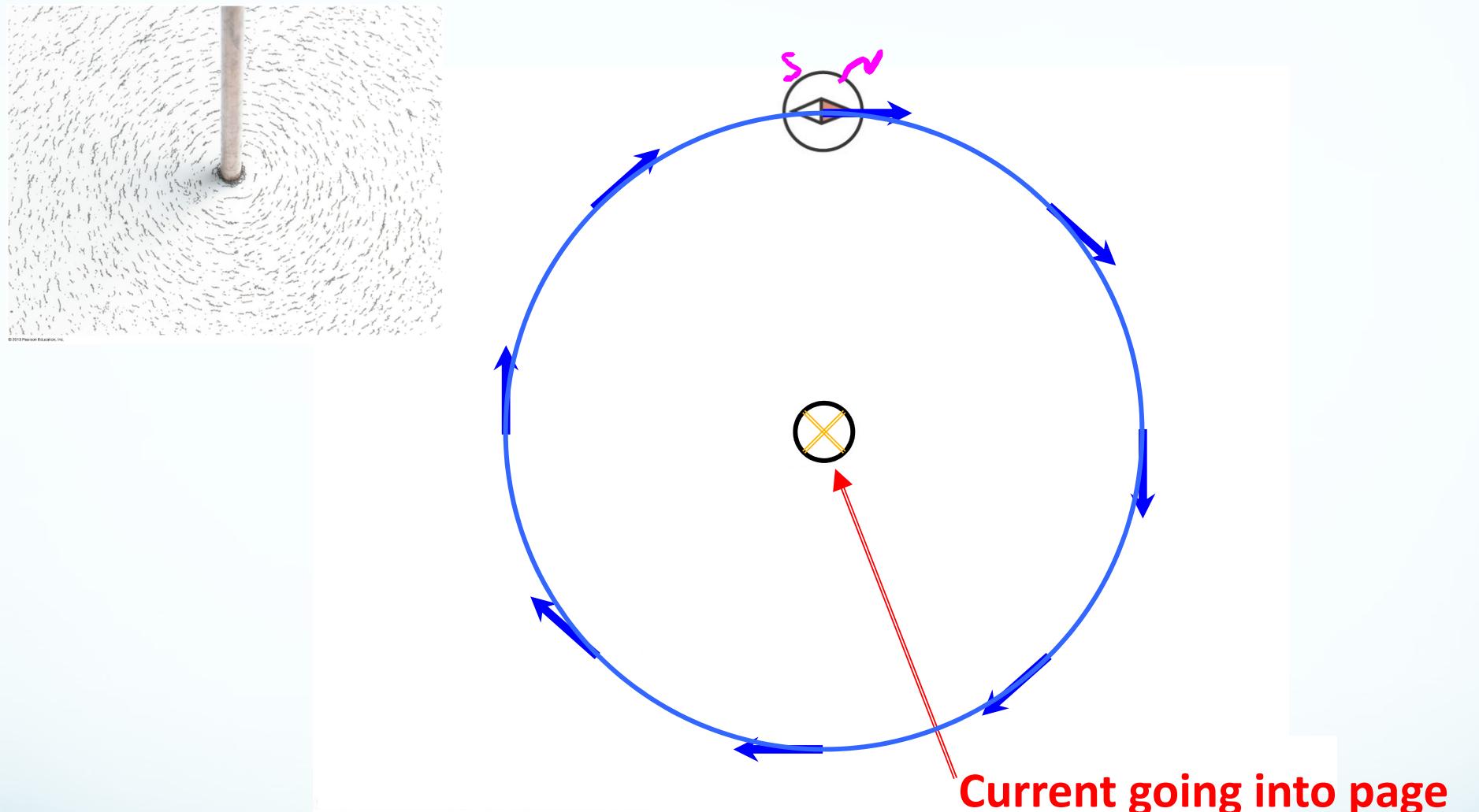
$$q\vec{v} \rightarrow \Delta Q \vec{v} = \Delta Q \frac{\Delta \vec{s}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} \Delta \vec{s} = I \Delta \vec{s}$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{B}_{\text{current}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I \Delta \vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^3} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I \Delta \vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{B}_{\text{current segment}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I \Delta \vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

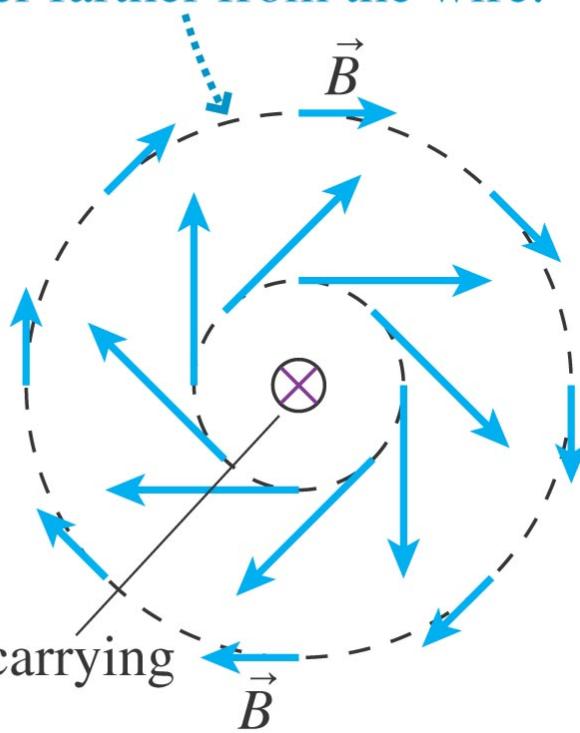
Right hand rule





The magnetic field vector points in the direction of the north pole of the compass magnet.

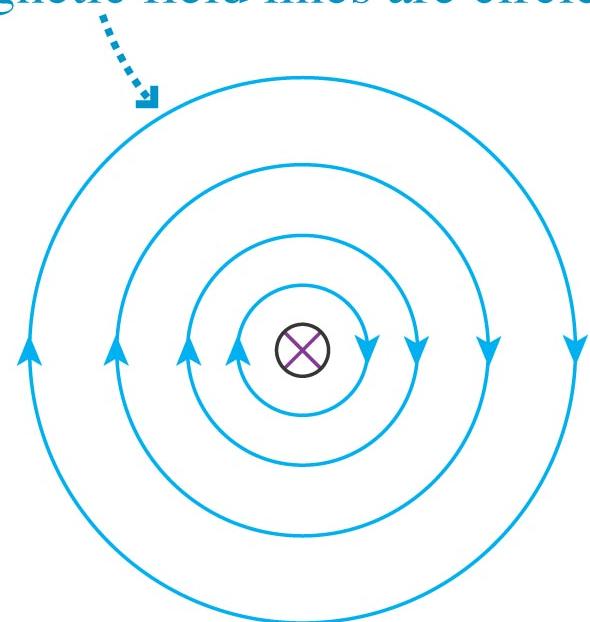
(a) The magnetic field vectors are tangent to circles around the wire, pointing in the direction given by the right-hand rule. The field is weaker farther from the wire.



Current-carrying
wire

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(b) Magnetic field lines are circles.

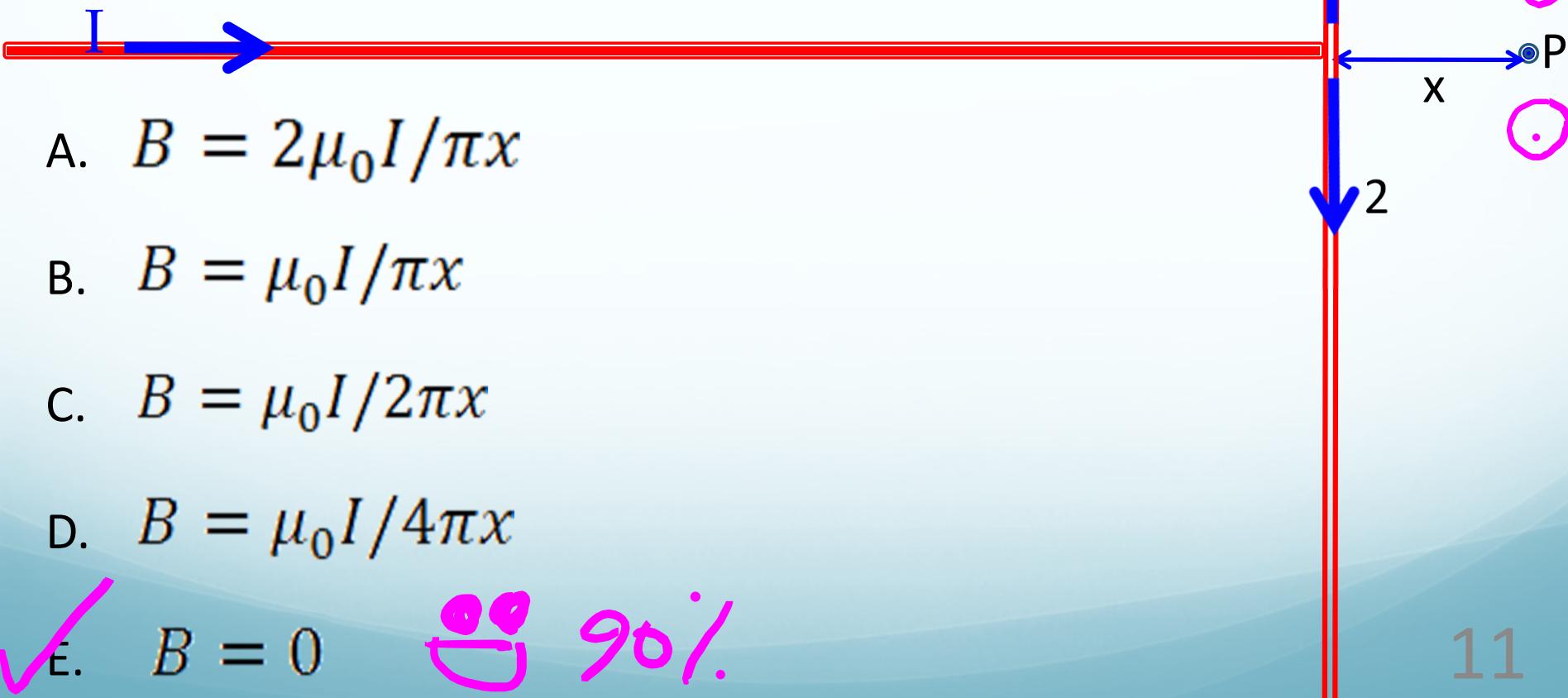


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TopHat Question

A wire carries current I into the junction and splits equally.
What is the magnitude of the B-field at point P?

(NOTE: both wire segments are infinitely long)



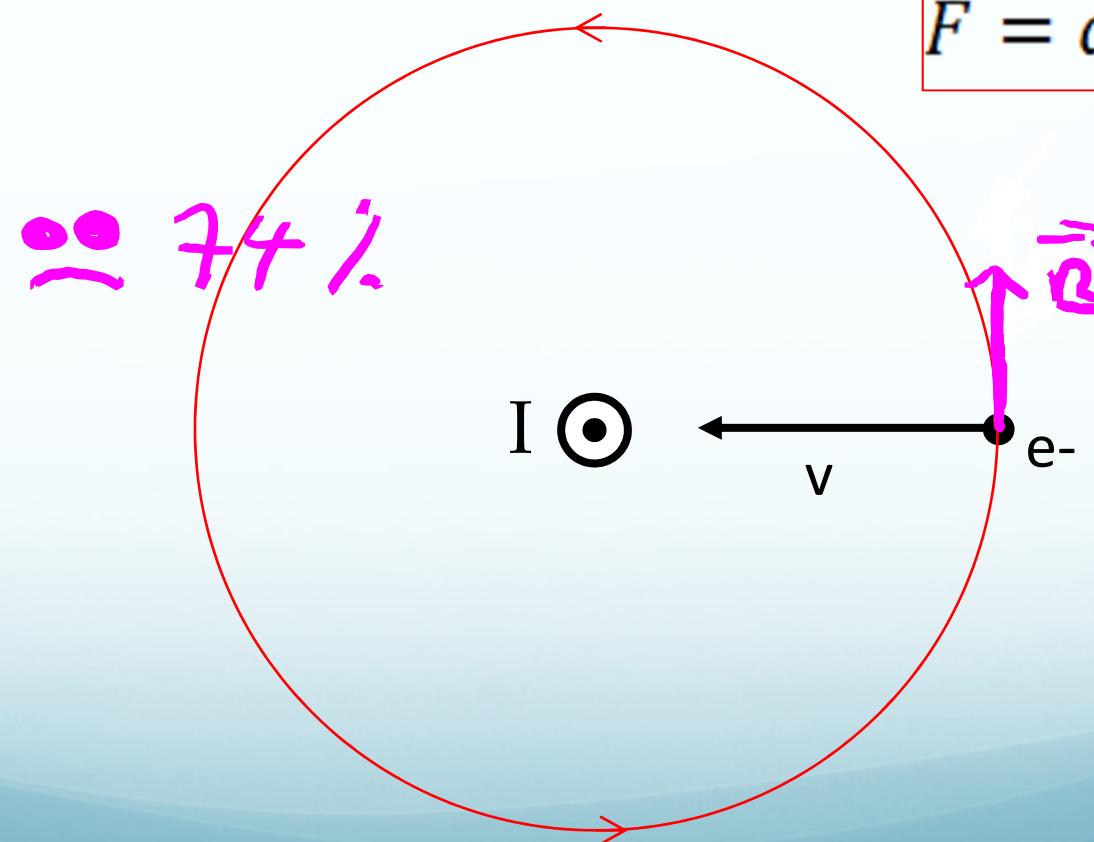
- A. $B = 2\mu_0 I / \pi x$
- B. $B = \mu_0 I / \pi x$
- C. $B = \mu_0 I / 2\pi x$
- D. $B = \mu_0 I / 4\pi x$
- E. $B = 0$ 90%

TopHat Question

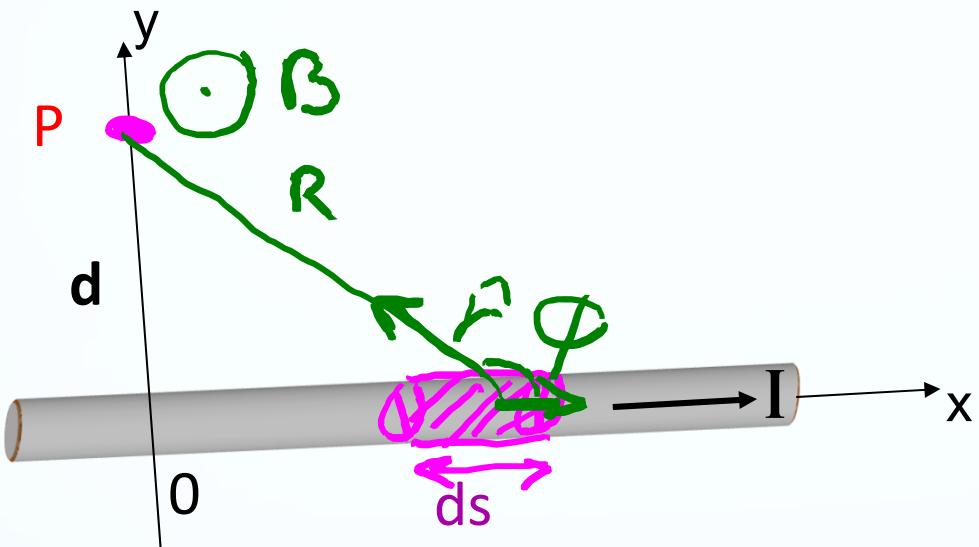
A long straight wire carries current I out of the page. An electron travels towards the wire from the right. What is the direction of the force on the electron?

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

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.



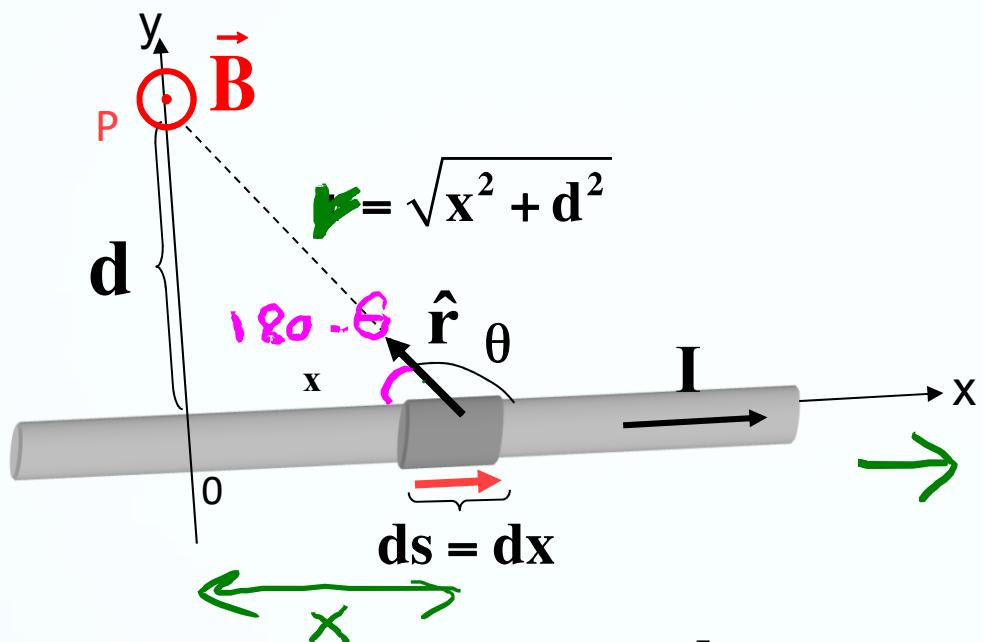
Magnetic field due to current in long straight wire



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

Segment $\rightarrow d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I ds \times \hat{r}}{R^2}$

$$\rightarrow d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I ds |r| \sin\varphi}{r^2}$$



$$\rightarrow dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{Idx \sin \theta}{r^2}$$

$$dB_x = dB_y = 0$$

$$dB_z = \checkmark$$

$$\sin \theta = \sin(180^\circ - \theta) = \frac{d}{\sqrt{x^2 + d^2}}$$

$$\& r^2 = x^2 + d^2$$

$$\rightarrow dB_z = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{Idx d}{\sqrt{x^2 + d^2} (x^2 + d^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\mu_0 d I dx}{4\pi (x^2 + d^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{Idx}{x^2 + d^2} \frac{d}{\sqrt{x^2 + d^2}} \Rightarrow dB = \frac{\mu_0 Id}{4\pi} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + d^2)^{3/2}}$$

Integrate components of dB

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

$$B_z = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dB_z = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_0 I d}{4\pi} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + d^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\mu_0 I d}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + d^2)^{3/2}}$$

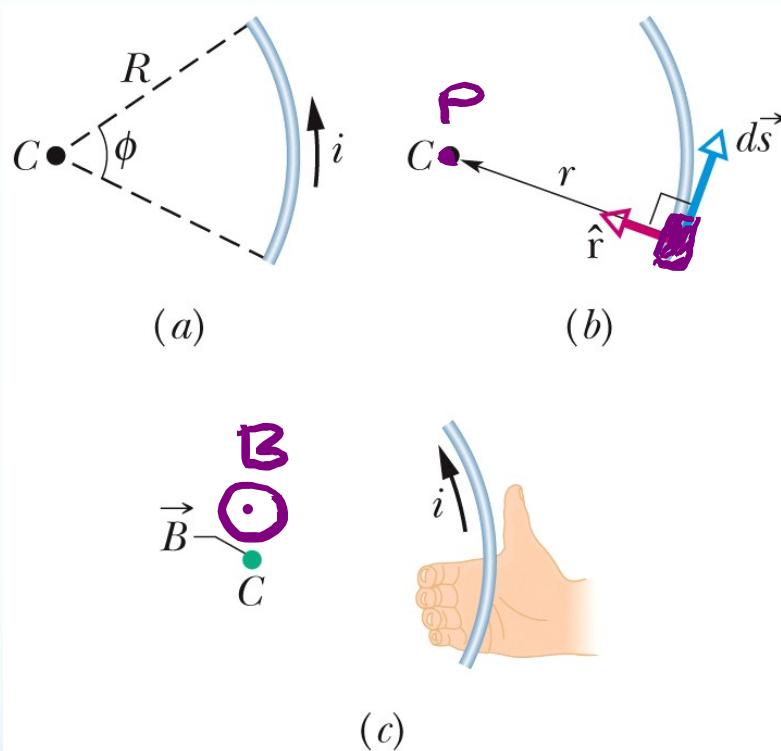
$$= \frac{\mu_0 I d}{4\pi} \frac{x}{d^2 (x^2 + d^2)^{1/2}} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = \cancel{x} \frac{\mu_0 I d}{d^2 \cancel{\pi}} \frac{x}{(x^2 + d^2)^{1/2}} \Big|_{0}^{\infty}$$

$B_z = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi d}$, tangent to a circle around the wire in the right-hand direction

Semi-infinite wire $\rightarrow B_z = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_0 I}{\pi d}$

Magnetic field due to a current in a circular arc of wire

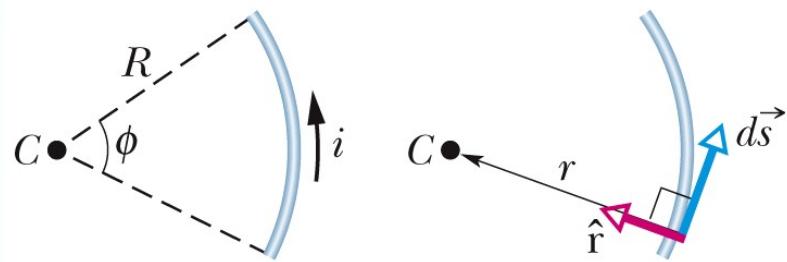
The magnitude of the **magnetic field at the center of a circular arc**, of radius R and central angle ϕ (in radians), carrying current $i \rightarrow$



The right-hand rule
reveals the field's
direction at the center.

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I \vec{ds} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$\rightarrow dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I ds |\hat{r}| \sin\phi}{r^2}$$

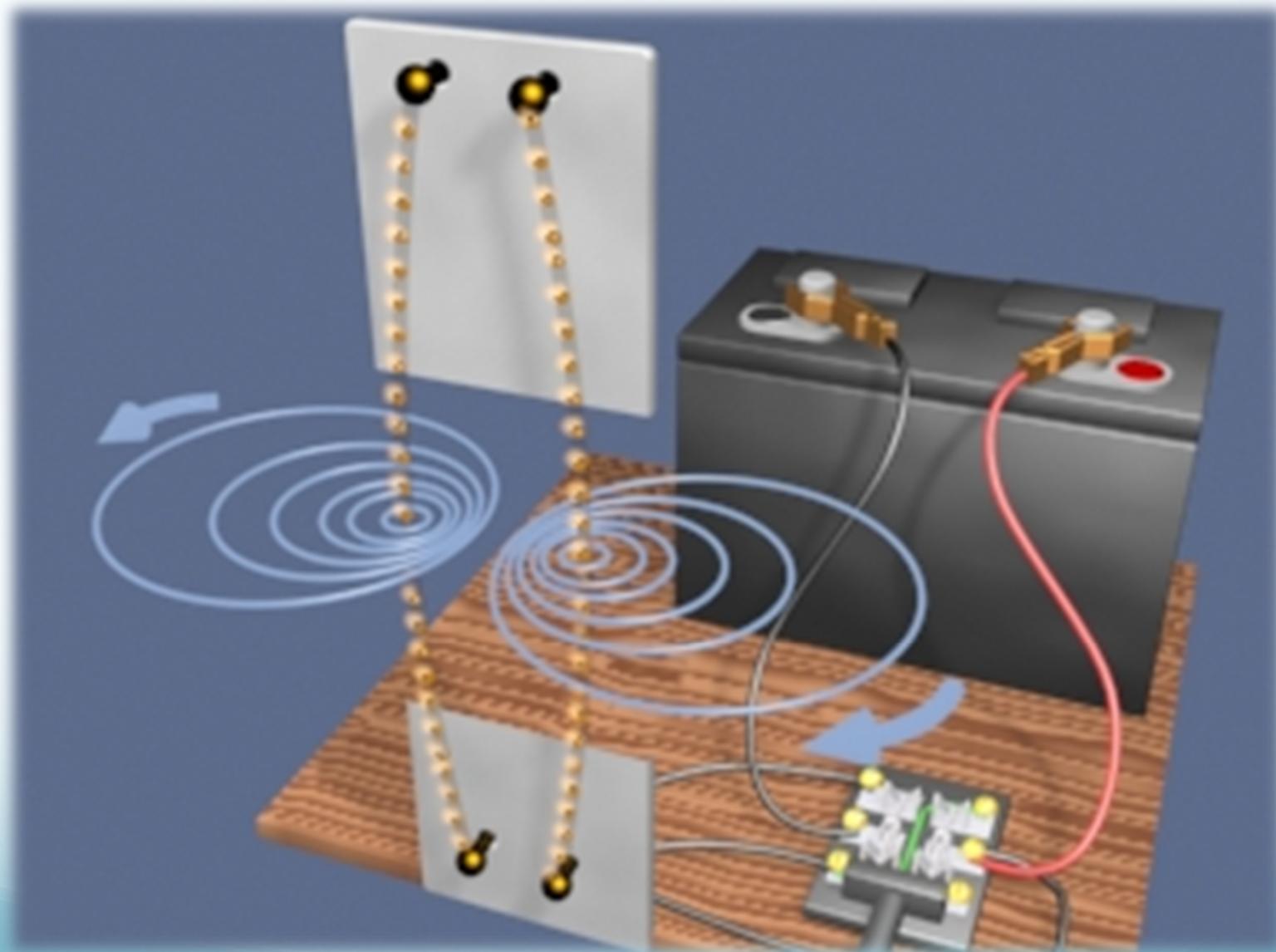


ϕ between \hat{r} and $d\vec{s}$

$$B = \int d\vec{B} = \int_0^\phi \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{iR d\phi}{R^2}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i \phi}{4\pi R}$$

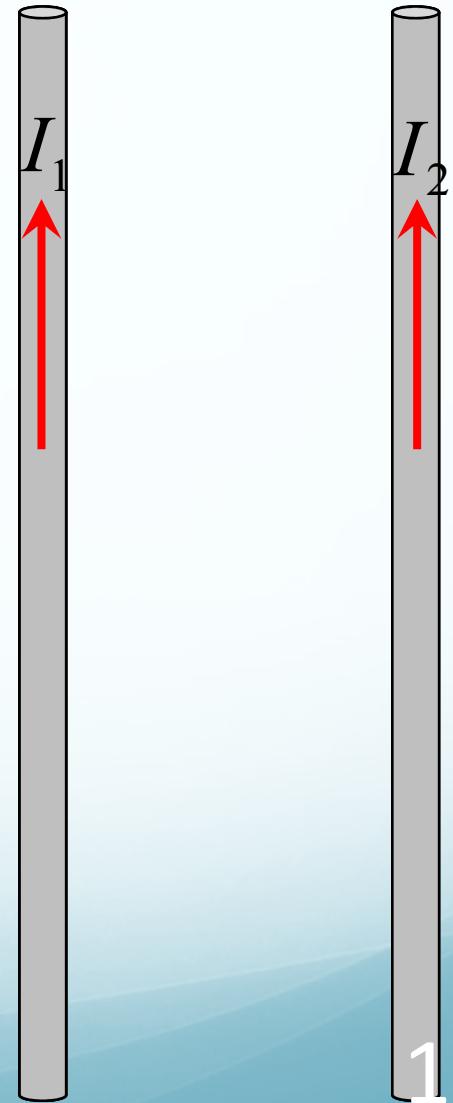
29.2: Force between two antiparallel currents



TopHat Question

Two wires carry currents I_1 and I_2 as shown.
What direction is the magnetic field produced by wire 2 at the location of wire 1?

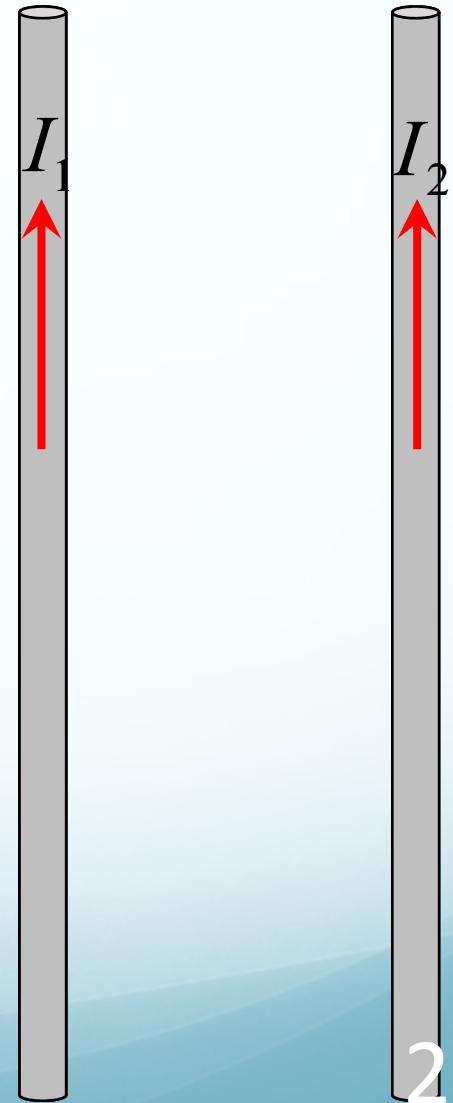
- A. Downward
- B. Upward
- C. Into the page
- D. Out of the page



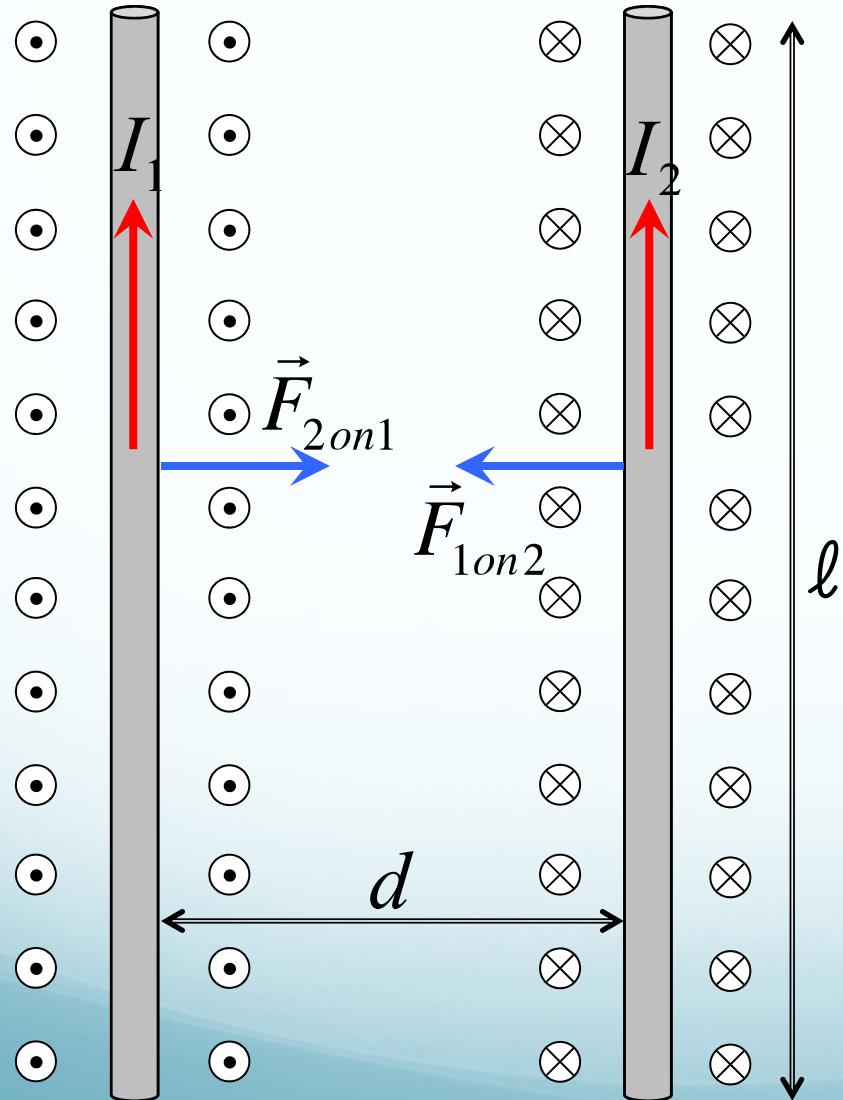
TopHat Question

Two wires carry currents I_1 and I_2 as shown. What direction is the force of wire 2 on wire 1?

- A. Left
- B. Right
- C. Up
- D. Down



$$|\vec{B}_2| = \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi d}$$



$$|\vec{B}_1| = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi d}$$

Wire 2 exerts a force on wire 1

$$\vec{F}_{2on1} = I_1 \vec{\ell} \times \vec{B}_2$$

$$|\vec{F}_{2on1}| = I_1 \ell \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi d} = \boxed{\frac{\mu_0 \ell I_1 I_2}{2\pi d}}$$

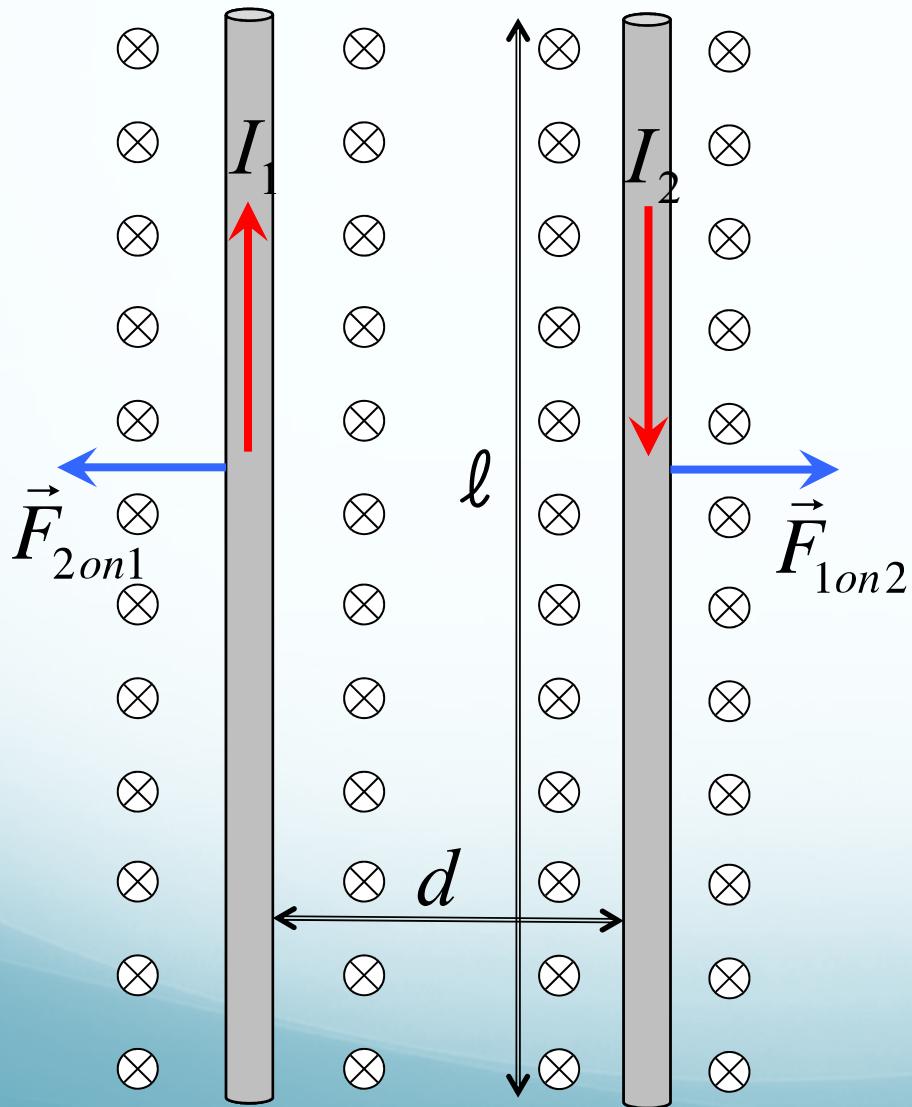
Wire 1 exerts a force on wire 2

$$\vec{F}_{1on2} = I_2 \vec{\ell} \times \vec{B}_1$$

$$|\vec{F}_{1on2}| = I_2 \ell \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi d} = \boxed{\frac{\mu_0 \ell I_1 I_2}{2\pi d}}$$

Newton's third law!

$$|\vec{B}_2| = \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi d}$$



$$|\vec{B}_1| = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi d}$$

Wire 2 exerts a force on wire 1

$$\vec{F}_{2on1} = I_1 \vec{\ell} \times \vec{B}_2$$

$$|\vec{F}_{2on1}| = I_1 \ell \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi d} = \boxed{\frac{\mu_0 \ell I_1 I_2}{2\pi d}}$$

Wire 1 exerts a force on wire 2

$$\vec{F}_{1on2} = I_2 \vec{\ell} \times \vec{B}_1$$

$$|\vec{F}_{1on2}| = I_2 \ell \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi d} = \boxed{\frac{\mu_0 \ell I_1 I_2}{2\pi d}}$$

Newton's third law!

This section we talked about:

Chapter 29

See you on Wednesday

