

# Electricity and Magnetism

- Physics 259 – L02
  - Lecture 41



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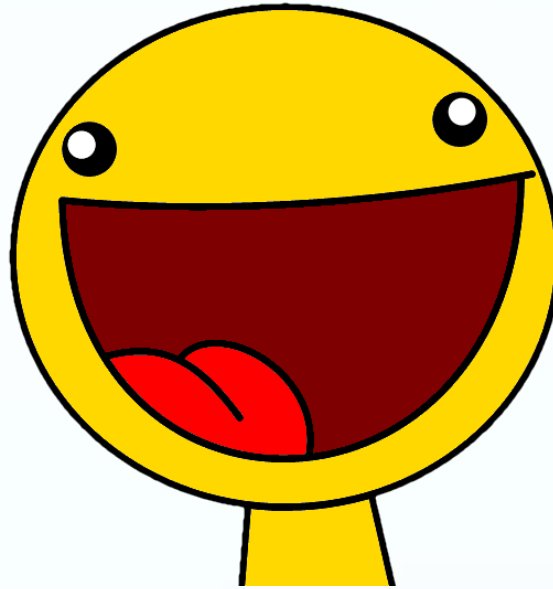


# Last time:

- 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) →

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

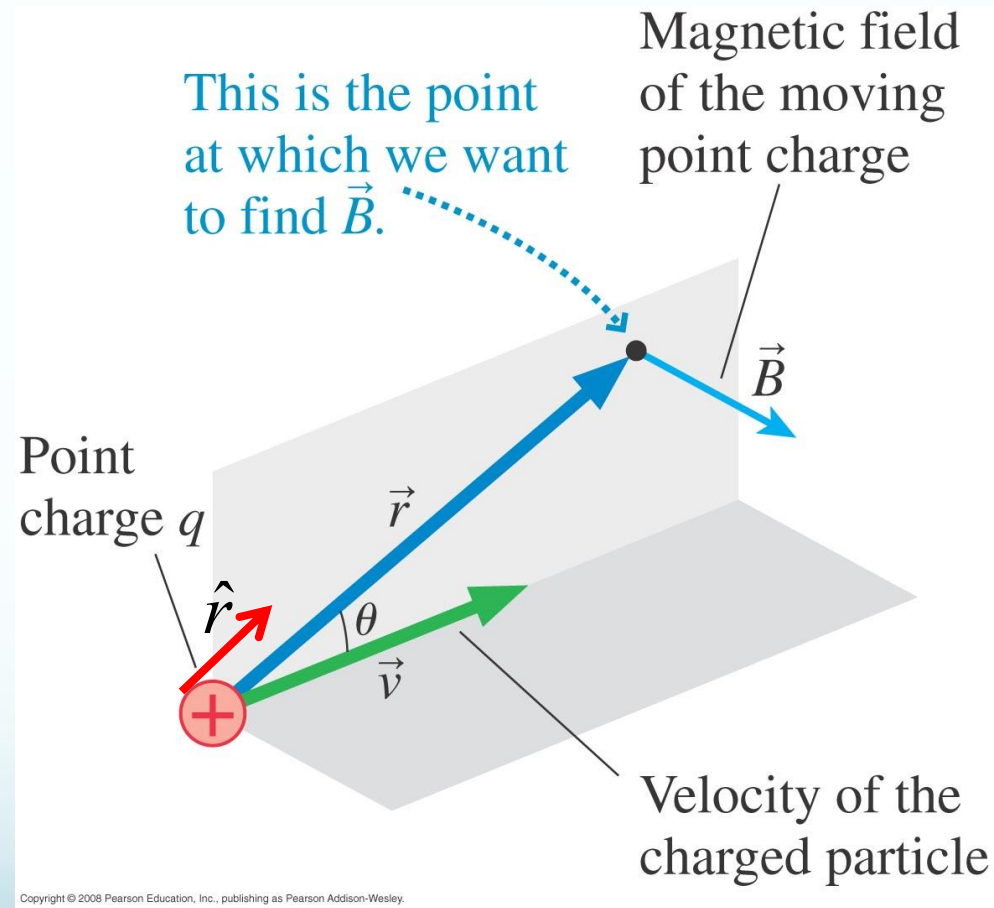
# The Biot-Savart Law

Magnetic fields are caused by **moving charges**.\*

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

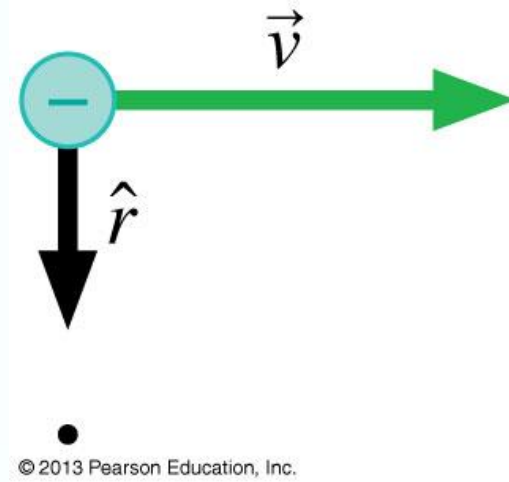
Or, using the definition  $\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|}$

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



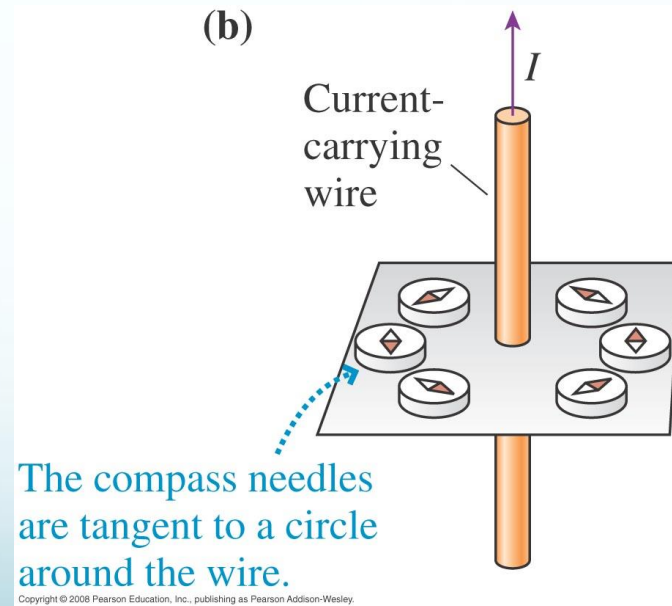
\*One exception is due to quantum mechanics: charged particles with “spin” produce B fields

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

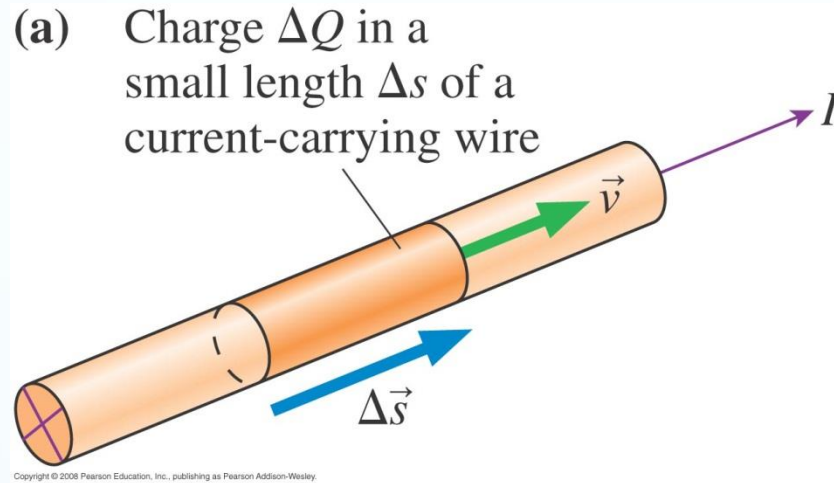


**Current?**

A bunch of  
moving charges



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

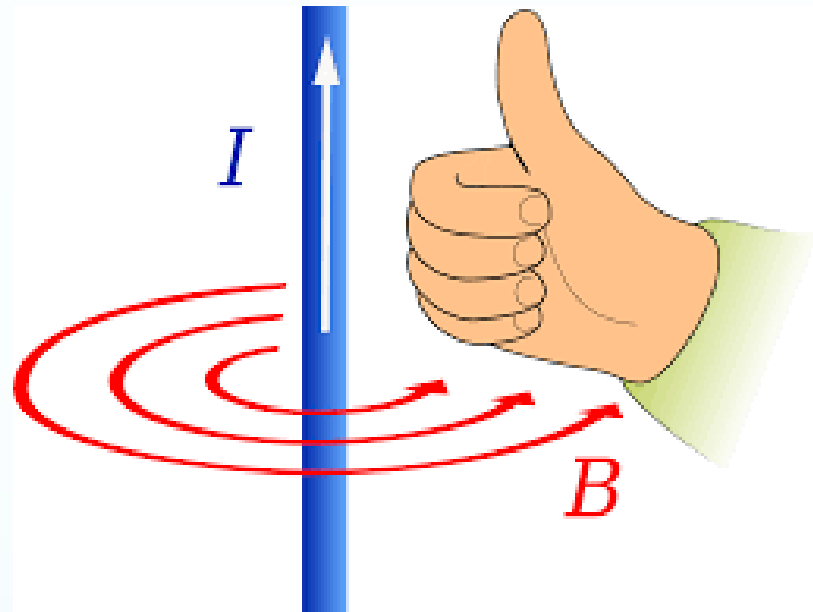


$$\vec{B}_{\text{point charge}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q\vec{v} \times \vec{r}}{r^3}$$

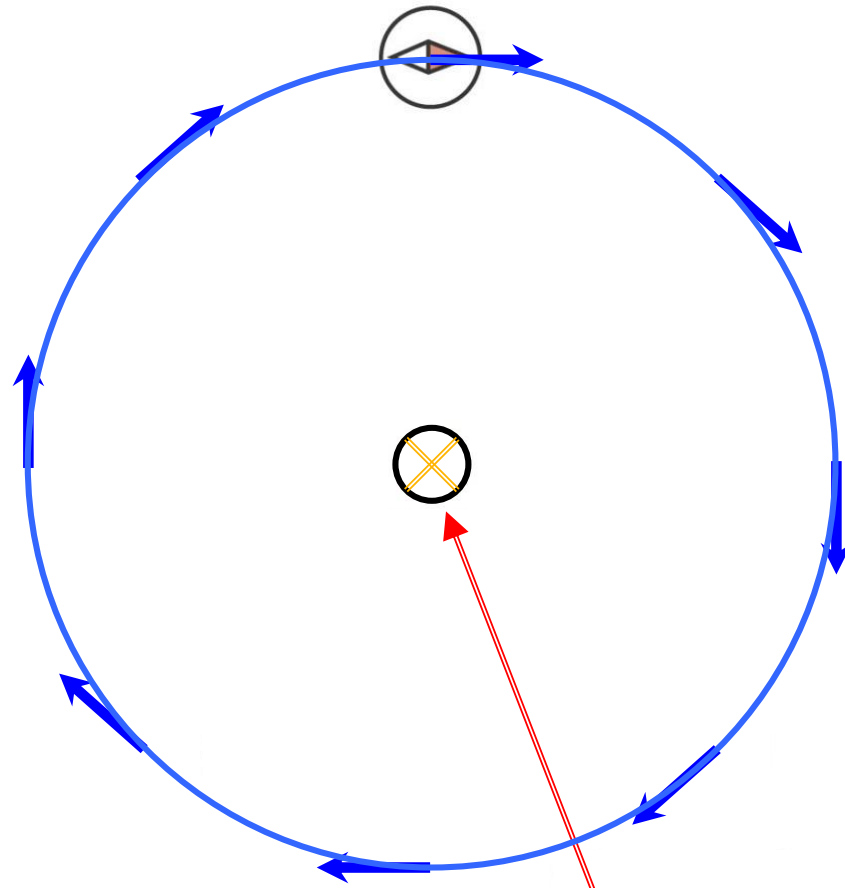
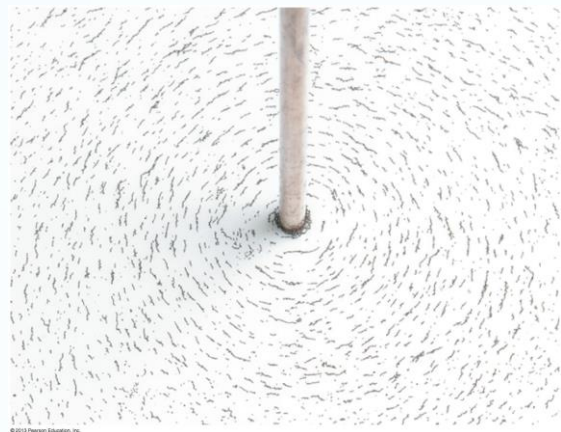
$$\Delta Q \vec{v} = \Delta Q \frac{\Delta \vec{s}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} \Delta \vec{s} = I \Delta \vec{s}$$

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

# Right hand rule



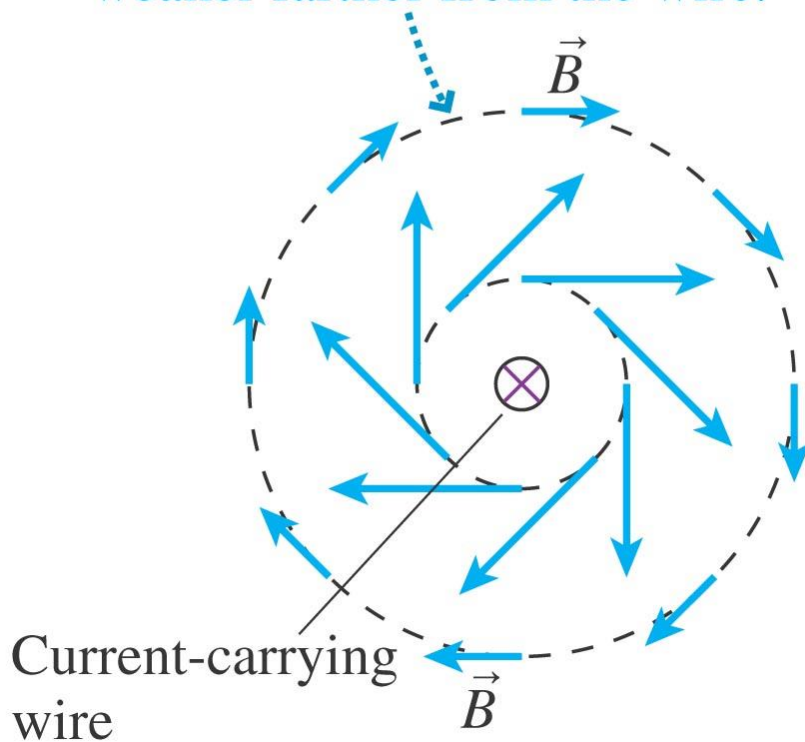




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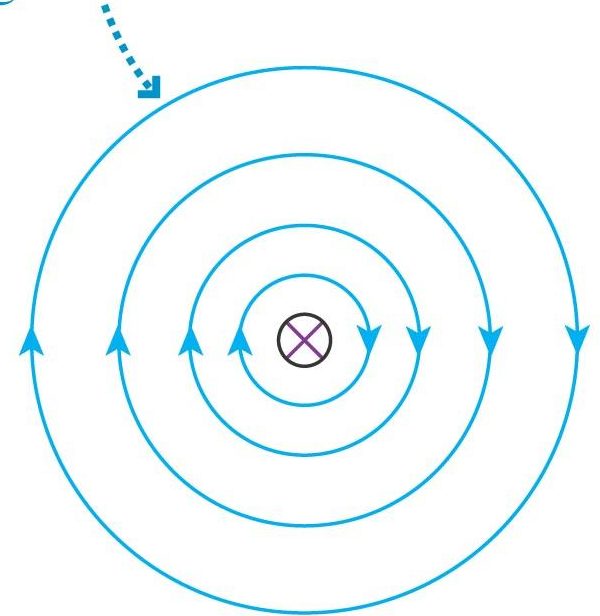
The magnetic field vector points in the direction of the north pole of the compass magnet.

- (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.



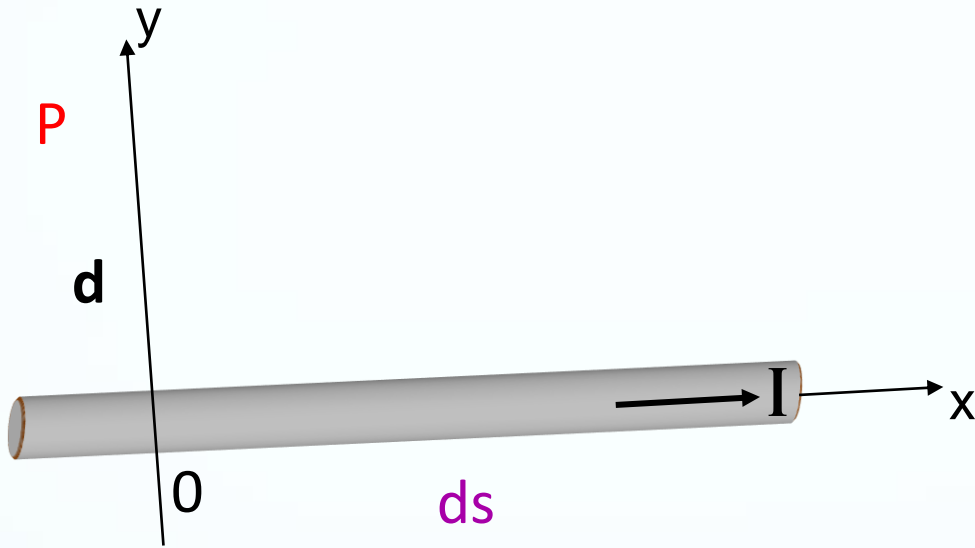
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- (b) Magnetic field lines are circles.

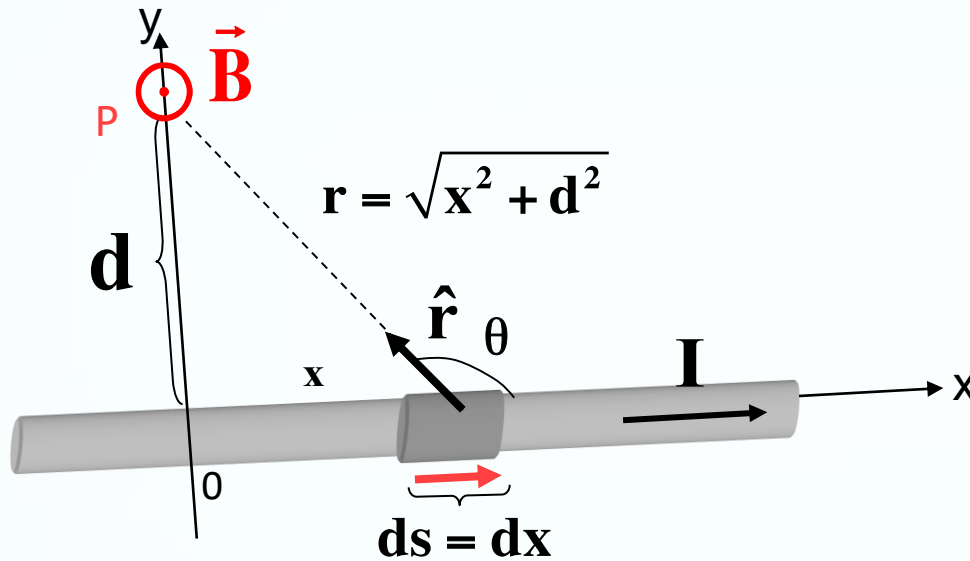


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## Magnetic field due to current in long straight wire



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



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

$$dB_x = dB_y = 0$$

$$dB_z =$$

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

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

## Integrate components of dB

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

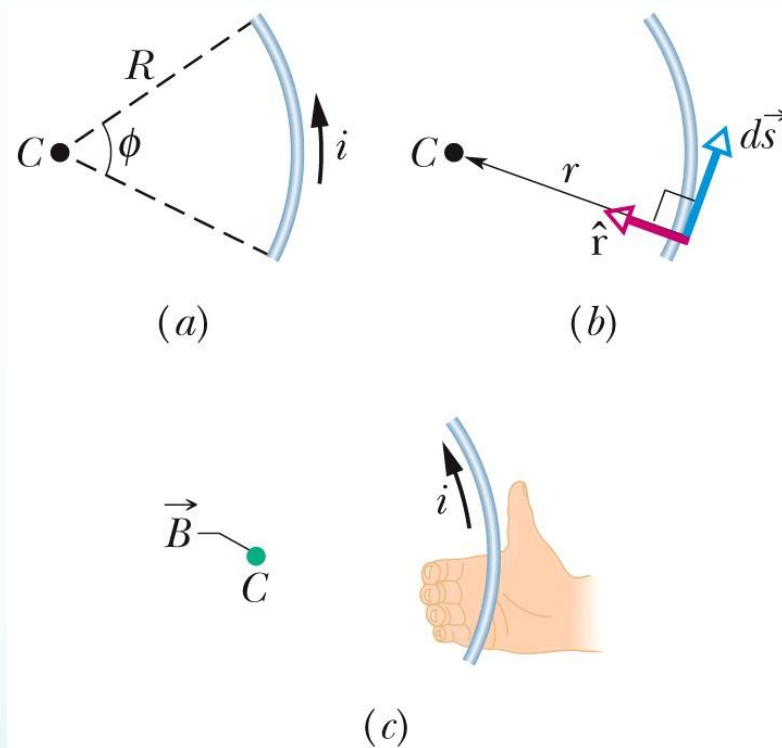
$$B_z = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dB_z$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 Id}{4\pi} \frac{x}{d^2 (x^2 + d^2)^{1/2}} \Bigg|_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$

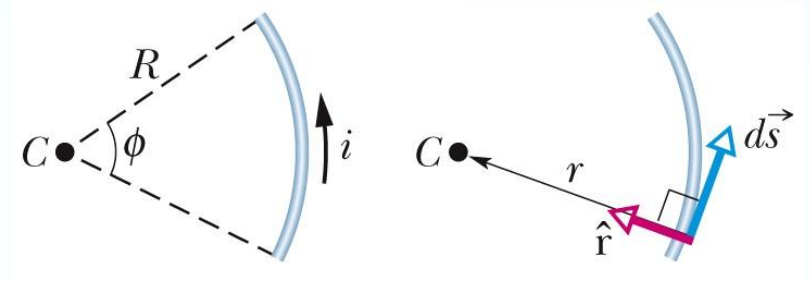
$$B_z = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi d} \quad , \text{ tangent to a circle around the wire in the right-hand direction}$$

## 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  $\phi$  (in radians), carrying current  $I \rightarrow$

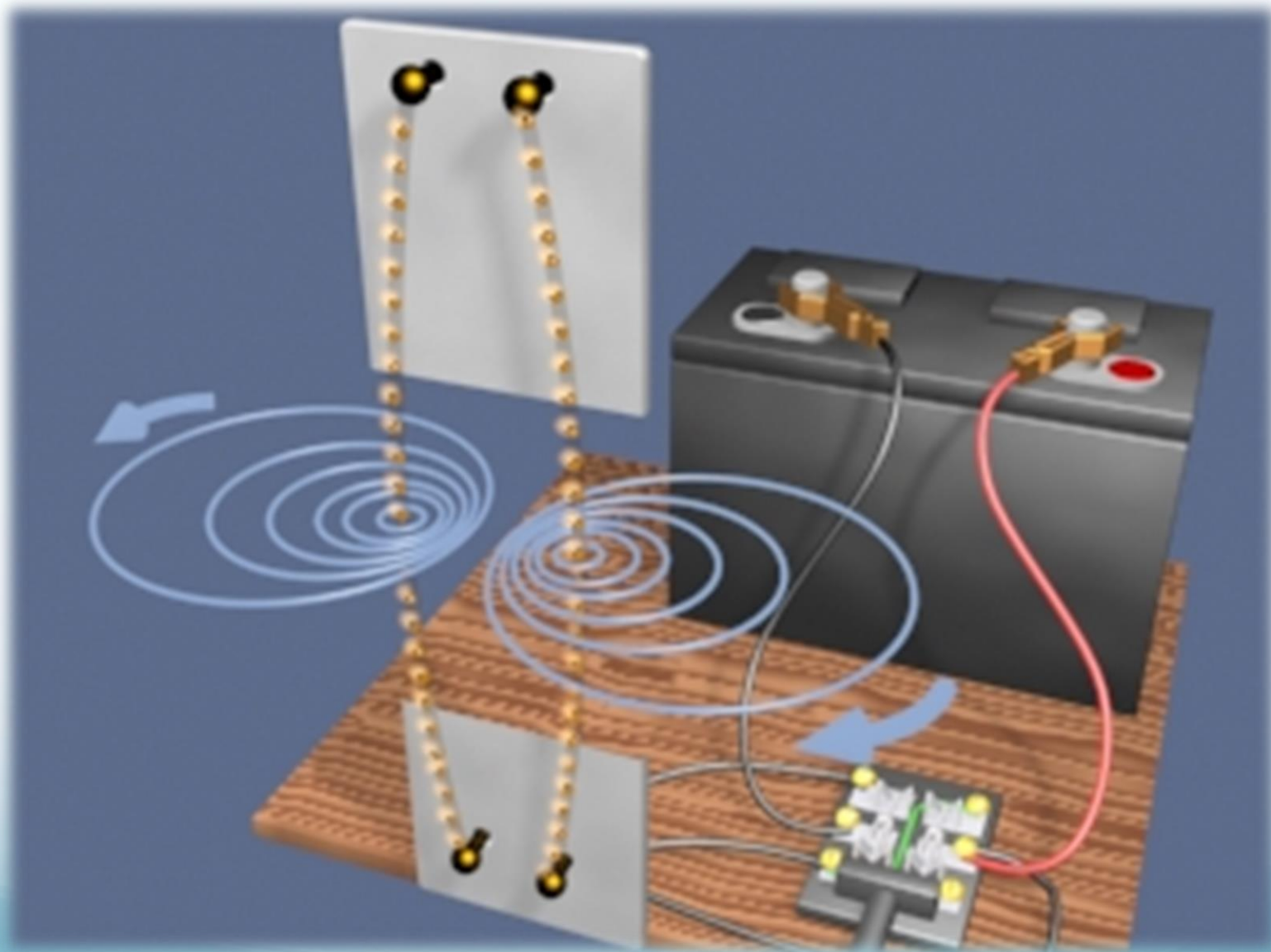


The right-hand rule reveals the field's direction at the center.

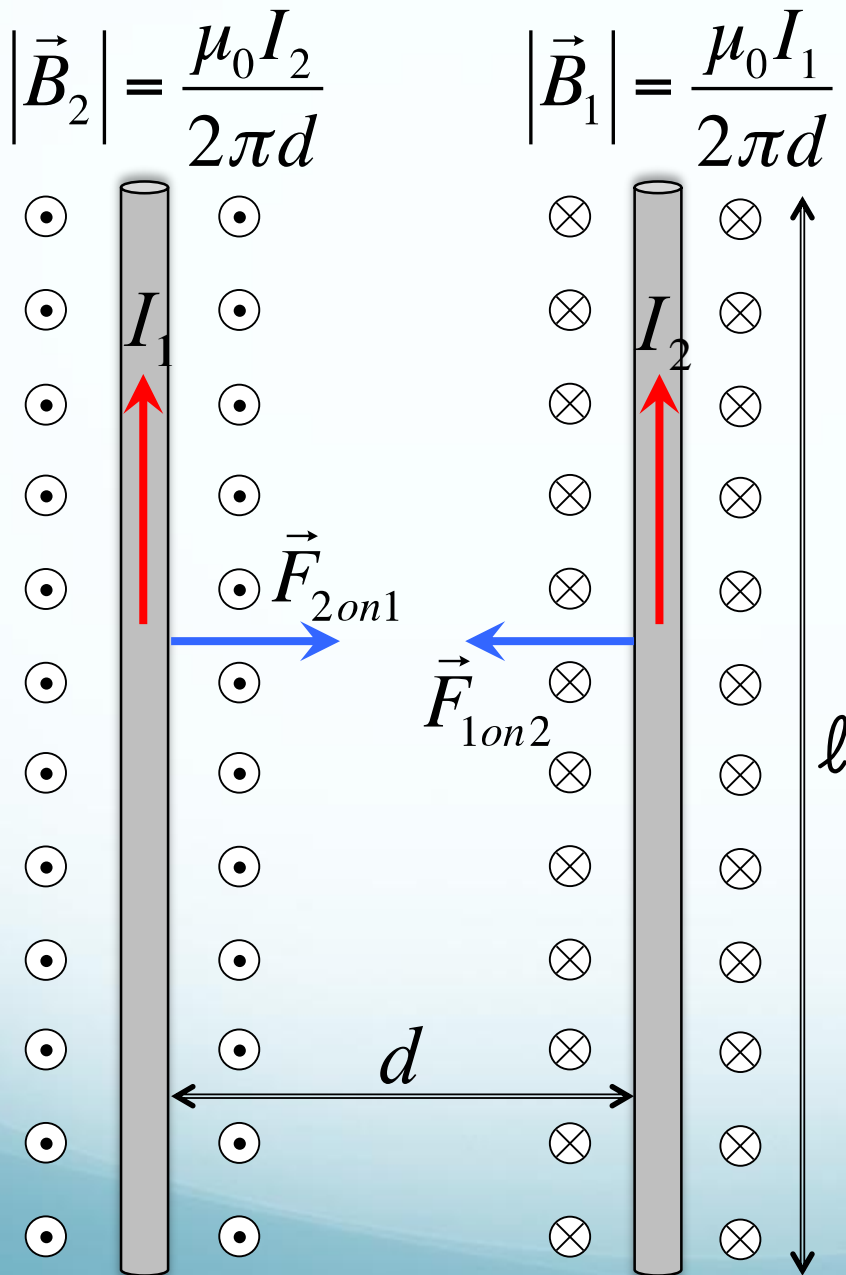


$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i \phi}{4\pi R}$$

## 29.2: Force between two antiparallel currents







Wire 2 exerts a force on wire 1

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

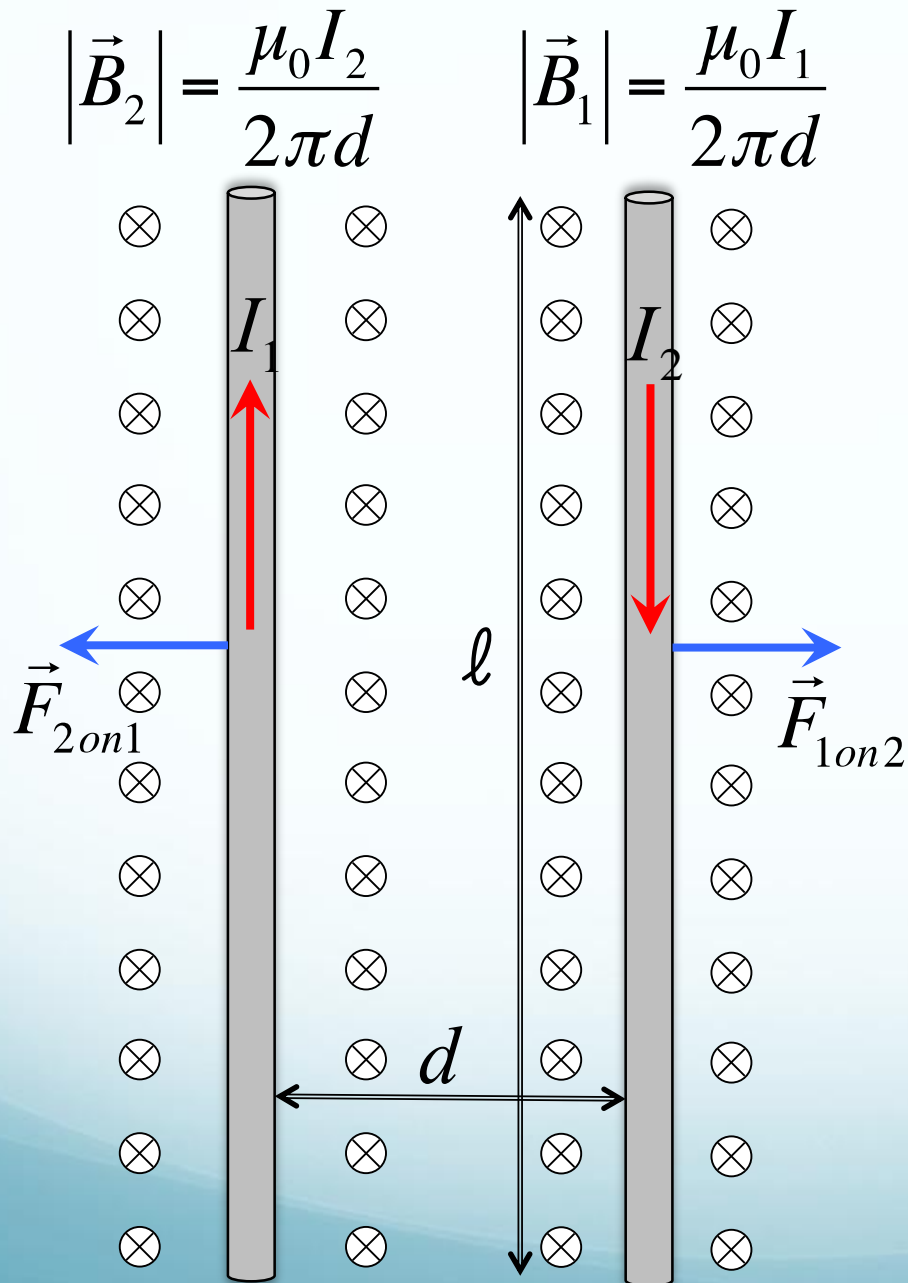
$$|\vec{F}_{2on1}| = I_1 \ell \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi d} = \boxed{\frac{\mu_0 \ell I_1 I_2}{2\pi d}}$$

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!



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:

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*See you on Wednesday*

