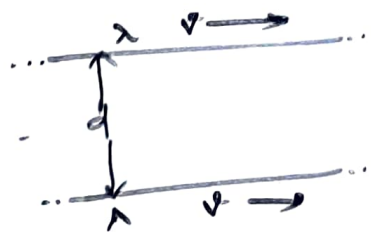


Suppose you have two infinite straight line charge λ , a distance 'd' apart and moving along at a constant speed v . How great would v have to be in order for the magnetic attraction to balance the electric repulsion?



2 Infinite line charge density moving with a velocity equal to current I moving in the direction of v .

Magnetic force per unit length.

$$\vec{F}_B = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{I_1 I_2}{d}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{I^2}{d} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\lambda^2 v^2}{d}$$

$$I = \lambda v$$

Electric Field on one wire

$$E = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\epsilon_0 d}$$

Electric force per unit length

$$\vec{F}_E = \frac{\lambda q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 d l} = \frac{\lambda^2}{2\pi\epsilon_0 d}$$

When the magnetic attraction balances the electric repulsion,

$$\vec{F}_E = \vec{F}_B$$

$$\cancel{\frac{\mu_0}{2\pi}} \frac{\lambda^2}{d} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\lambda^2 v^2}{d}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = c$$

which is the speed of light and moving the wire at this speed is impossible

which implies, Electric force always dominates over magnetic force.