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- Q. In the given system, there are two infinitely long parallel wires carrying current  $I$  with charge density  $\lambda$  and separated by a distance  $d$ . Compare the forces on them due to electric and magnetic field. Infer from the result.

Sol.

Electric force:-

between electrons of wires

$$F_e = q \vec{E}$$

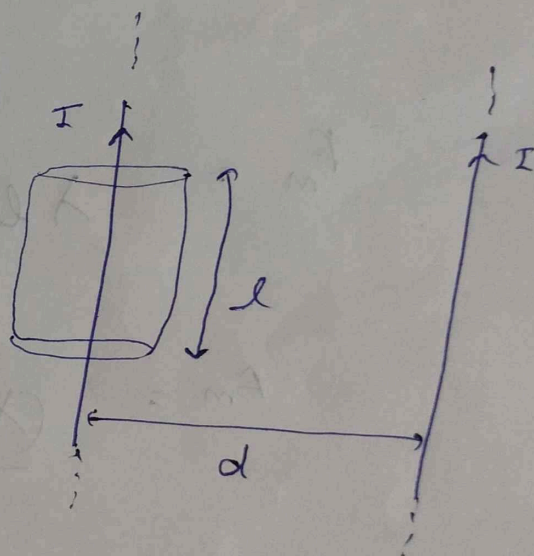
$$= \lambda l E$$

 $\lambda$  = linear charge density $l$  = length of cylindrical gaussian surface

$$F_e = \lambda l \left( \frac{k (\lambda l)}{d^2} \right)$$

$$F_e = k \frac{(\lambda l)^2}{d^2}$$

We know that direction of  $\vec{E}$  is the direction of  $\vec{E}$ , which is radially outwards in this case, which tends to push the other wire away from itself.





Magnetic force :-

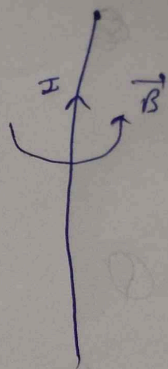
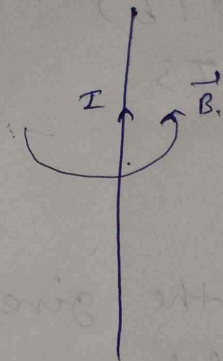
$v$  = velocity of electrons

$$F_m = q (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$= \lambda l q |\vec{v}| |\vec{B}| \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore \theta = 90$$

$$= \lambda l |\vec{v}| |\vec{B}|$$



$$dB = \frac{\mu_0 I (dl \times \hat{r})}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$\therefore I = \frac{q}{t}$$

$$\text{now, } dB = \frac{\mu_0 \frac{dq}{dt} (dl \times \hat{r})}{4\pi d^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{\mu_0 \lambda l (\vec{v} \times \hat{r})}{4\pi d^2}$$

$$F_m =$$

$$\lambda l v \frac{\mu_0 \lambda l v}{4\pi d^2}$$

$$\vec{v} \times \hat{r} = |\vec{v}| \sin \theta'$$

$\theta' = 90$

$$F_m = \frac{(\lambda l)^2 v^2 \mu_0}{4\pi d^2}$$

Equating magnetic

$\therefore$  direction of  $\vec{F}_m$  will be in the direction of  $(\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$ .  $\therefore \vec{v}$  is in

y-axis (vertical) and  $\vec{B}$  (caused due to another wire is inward the paper.

the ~~product~~ <sup>cross</sup> of them will direct towards the wire itself.



Therefore, the wires will tend to pull each other due to magnetic force.

Equating Electric ~~field~~<sup>force</sup> (Repulsive)  
and magnetic force (attractive) :-

$$F_e = F_m$$

$$\frac{k (\lambda l)^2}{d^2} = \frac{(\lambda l)^2 v^2 \mu_0}{4\pi d^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{\lambda l}{d} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{\lambda l}{d} \right)^2 \frac{v^2 \mu_0}{4\pi}$$

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

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

$\therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$  is constant which is equal to the speed of light ( $c$ ).

So, to balance these two forces and remain in stationary state, the speed of electrons have to be equal to  $c$ , which is not possible at all.

Therefore, the electric force dominates and the net force is repulsive.

Electric force  $\gg$  Magnetic force