

Lecture 28.

Sources of magnetic field.

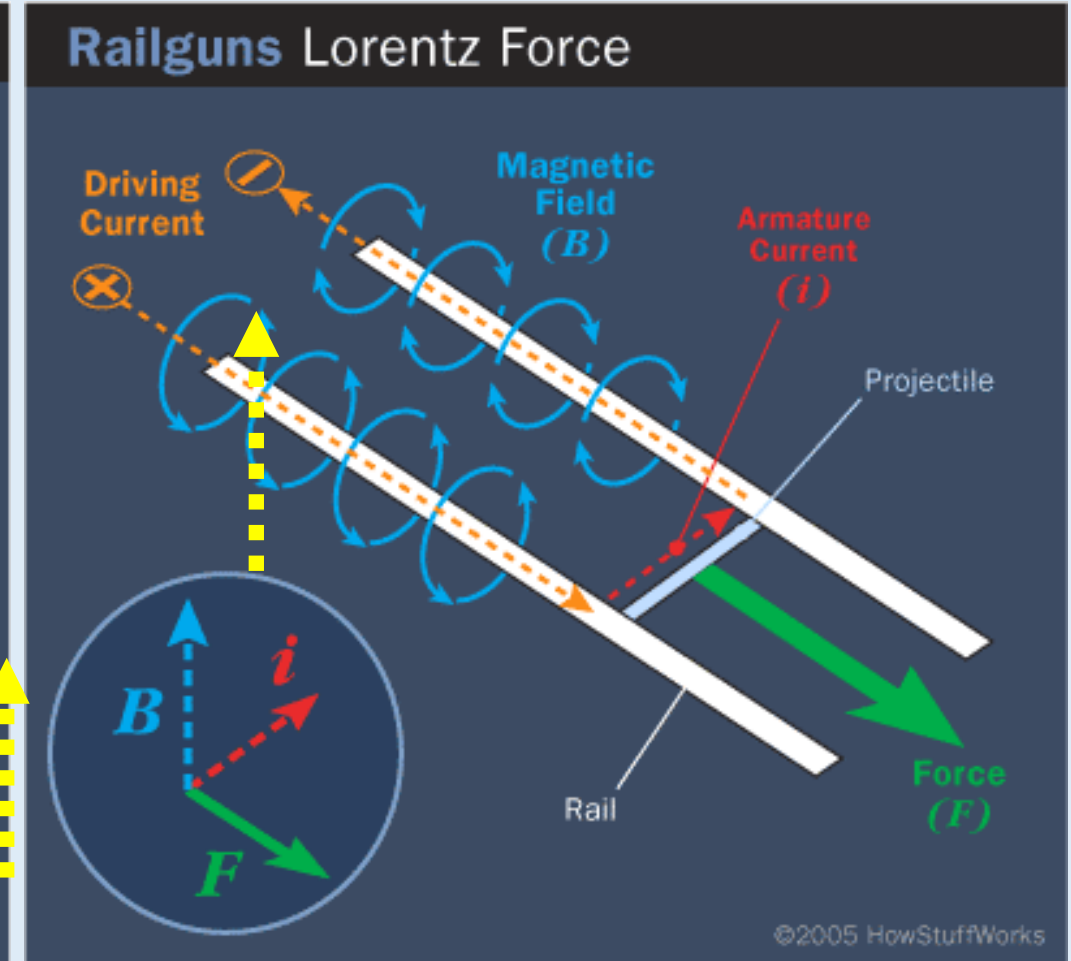
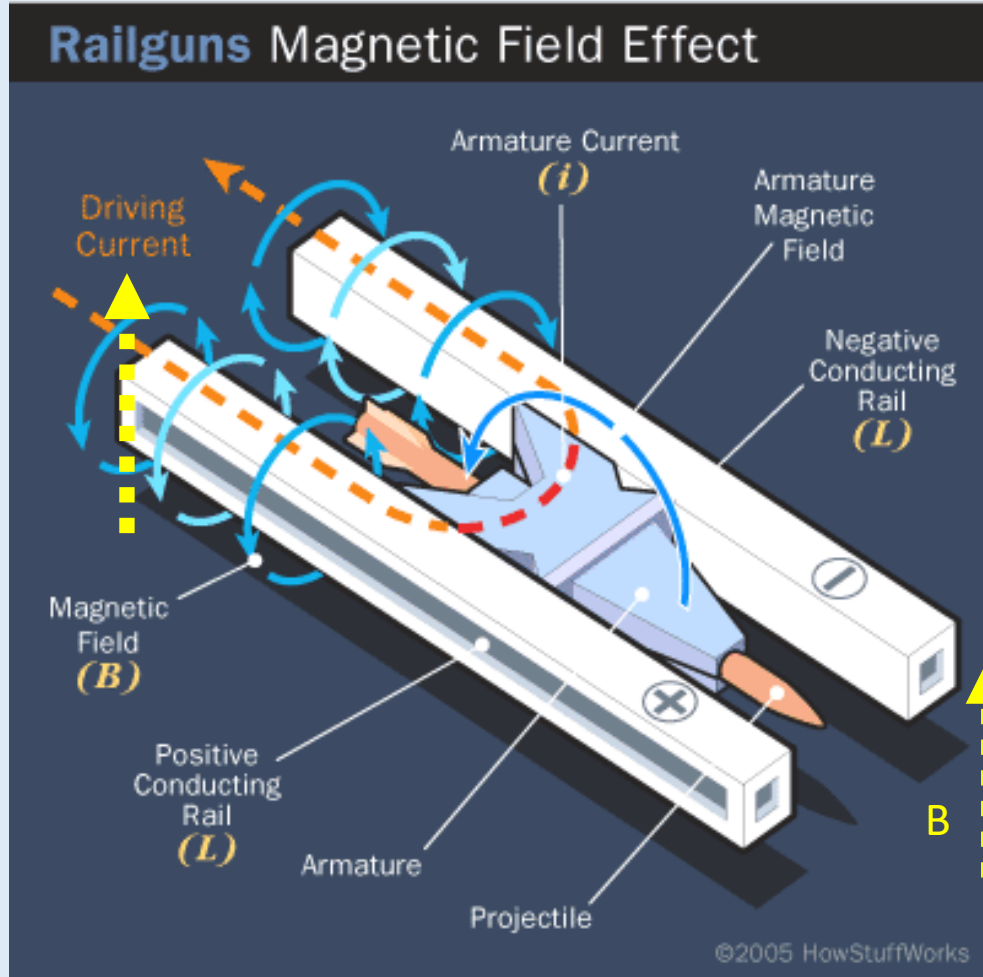
Biot-Savart law.

B-field due to a ring.

B-field due to a wire (short segment and long wire)

Demo!

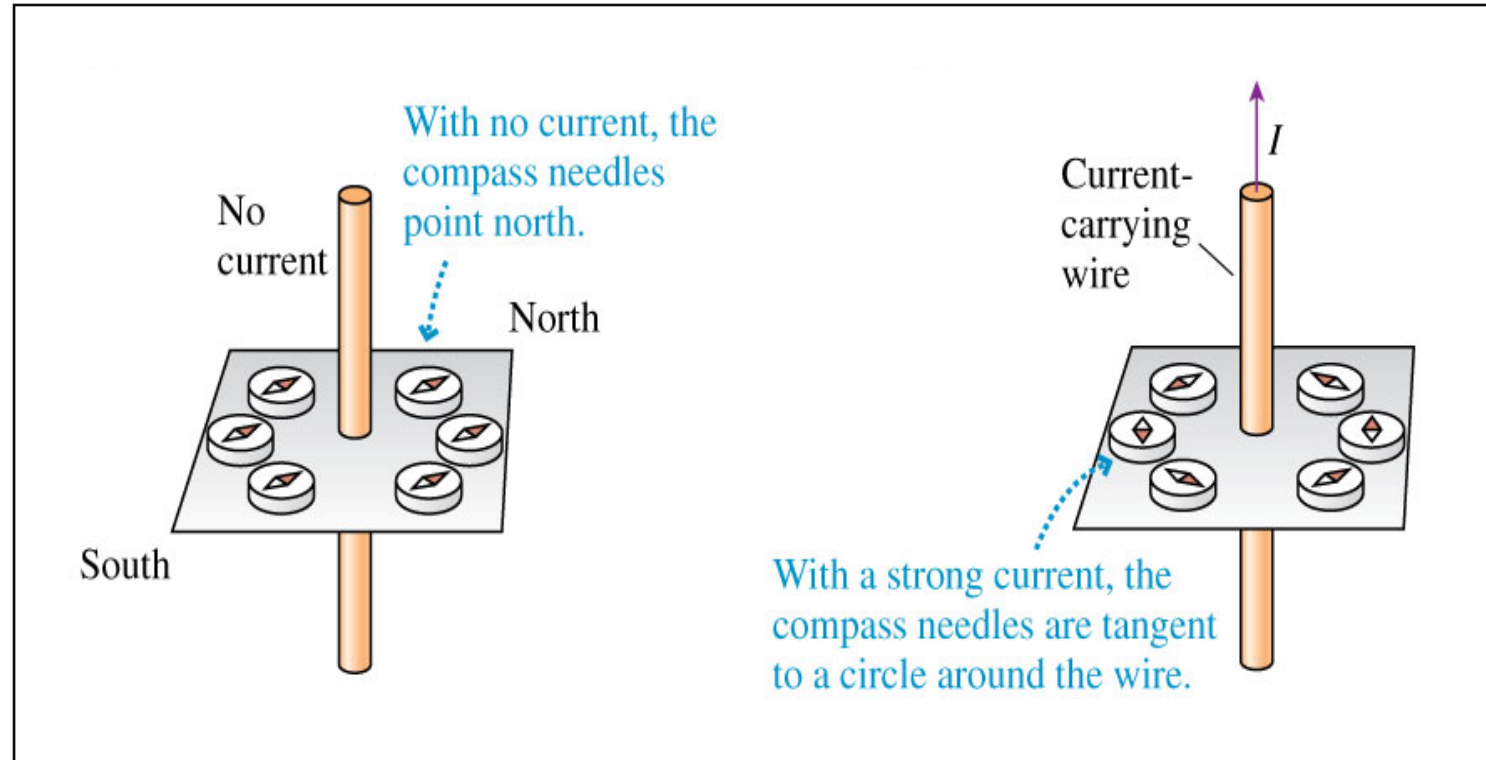
Rail Gun



- The rails and the steel bar form a closed circuit. When the battery is on, a current starts flowing => **it creates magnetic field** => the magnetic field in the rails interact with the current in steel bar and exerts a Lorentz (magnetic) force on it => hence the push.

Sources of Magnetic Field

- In 1819 Hans Christian Oersted discovered that an electric current in a wire causes a compass to turn.



Electric current creates magnetic field !

Biot-Savart law

- allows us to calculate the magnetic field produced by any current distribution!

➤ Magnetic constant:

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{Tm}{A}$$

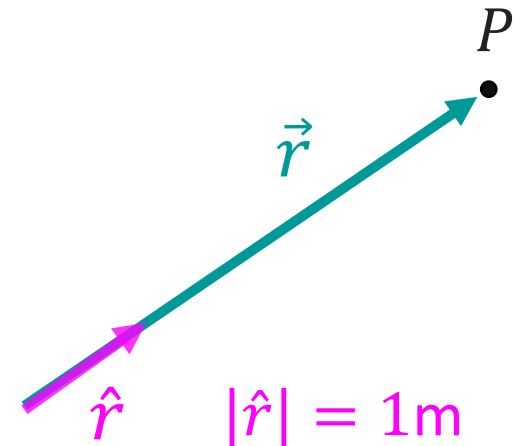
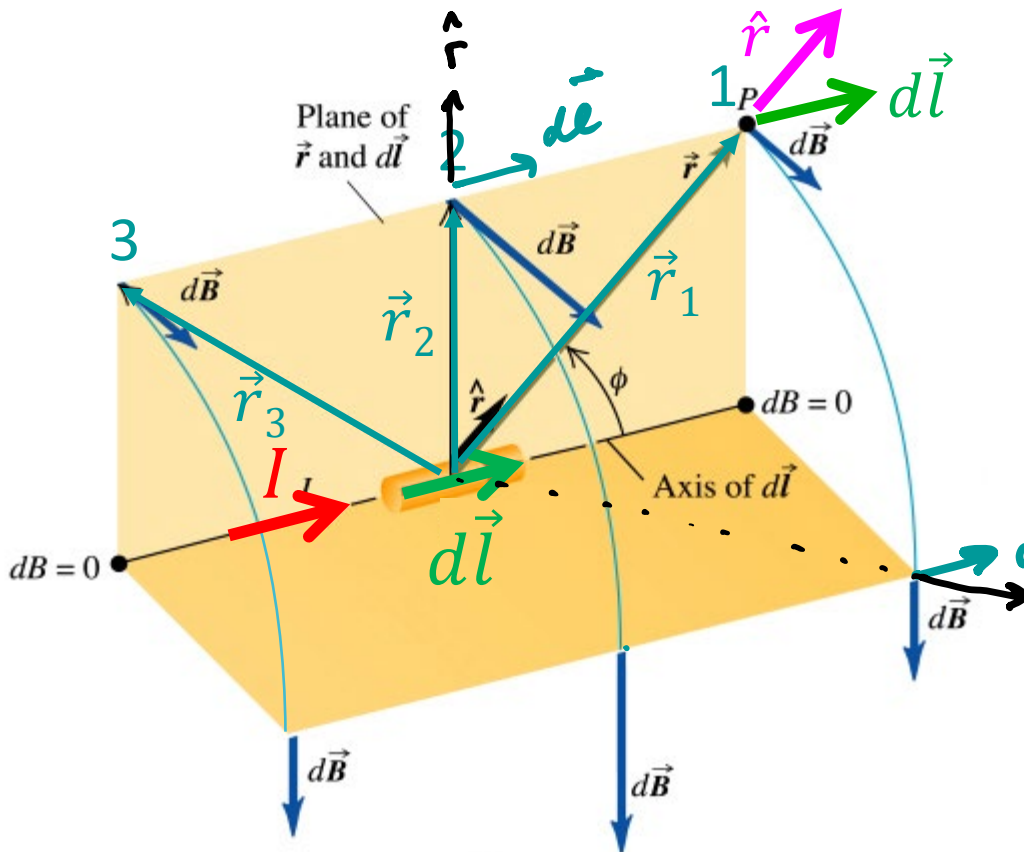
➤ $I d\vec{l}$: current flowing in the segment $d\vec{l}$

➤ \vec{r} : displacement vector from the current element to the observation point P

➤ \hat{r} : unit vector for \vec{r}

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

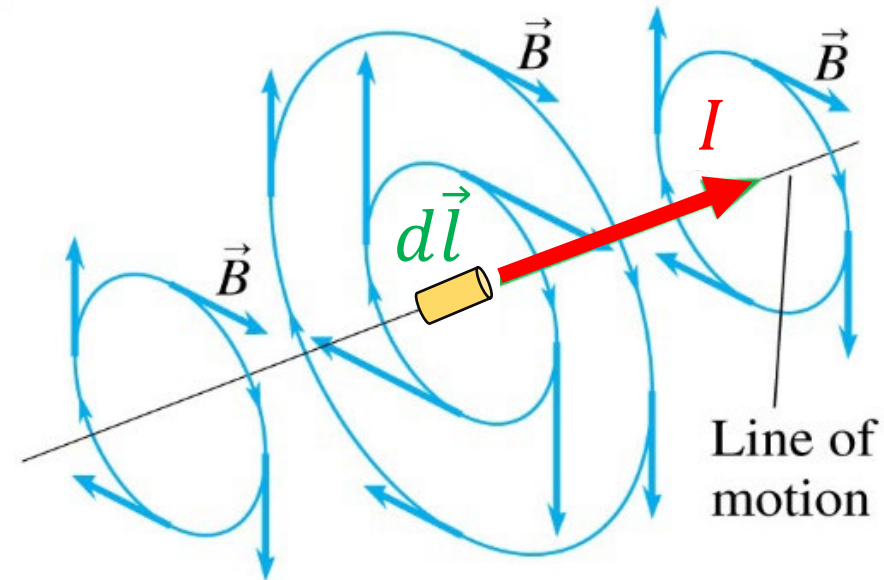
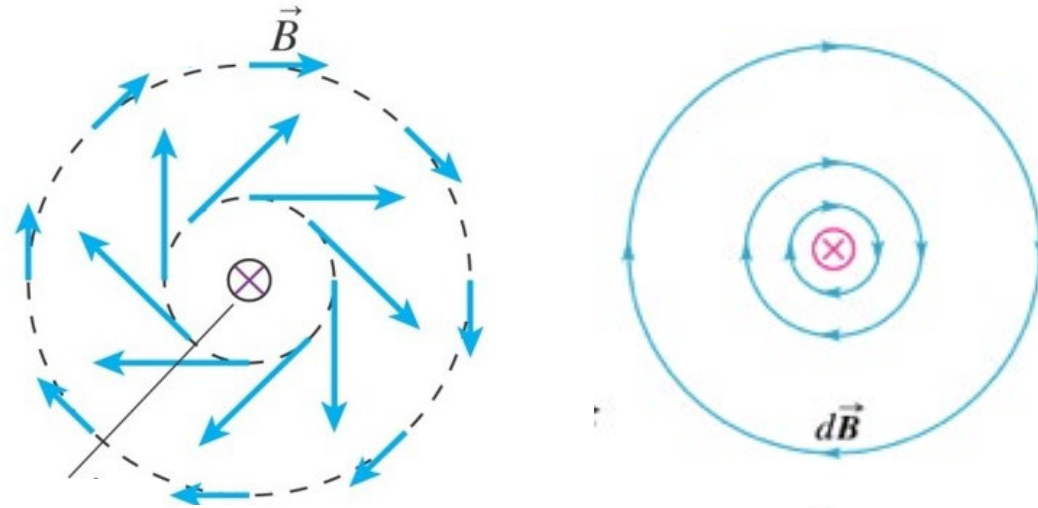
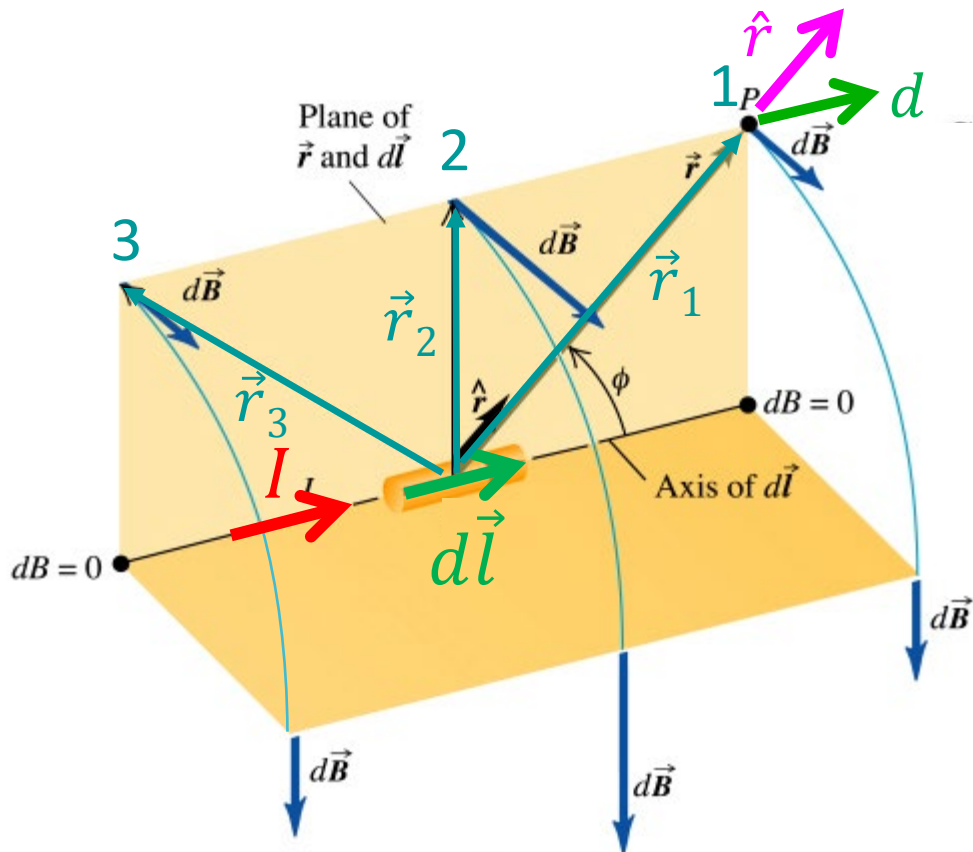
$$d\vec{B} \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$



Biot-Savart law: Visualization

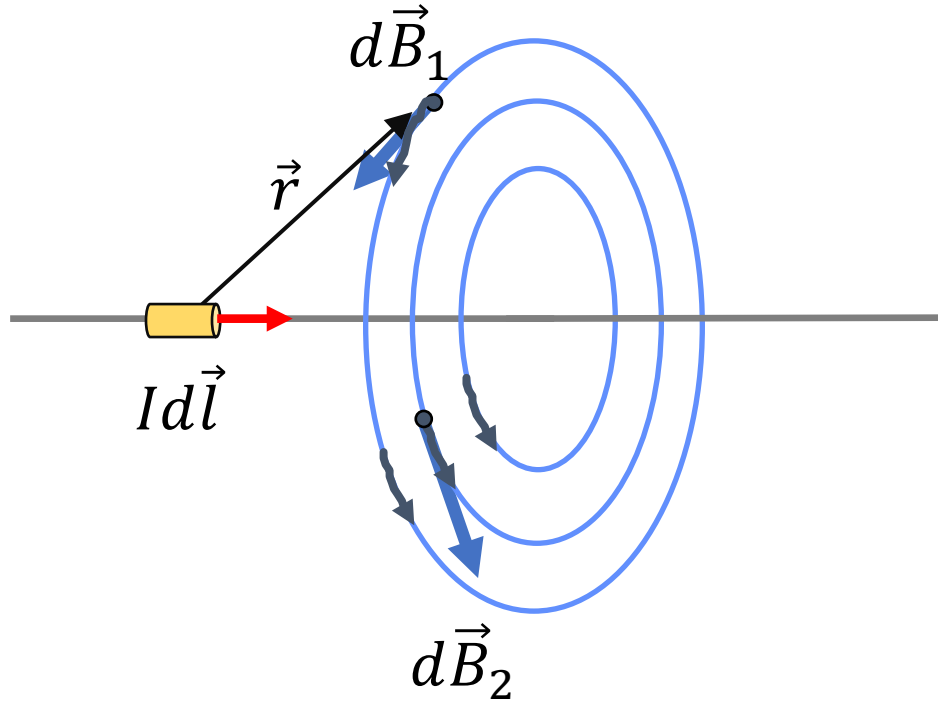
- View from behind

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



- Magnetic lines are always in form of closed loops.

Electric current as a source of magnetic field



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

Biot-Savart law

- Note the **circular pattern** of B-field for each little piece of the source current, with dB undefined along the line of that bit of current, i.e. at $r = 0$
- B-field decays as $1/r^2$ with the distance from the linear current (wire)

Compare E and B Fields: Summary

$$I d\vec{l} = \frac{dq}{dt} d\vec{l} = dq \frac{d\vec{l}}{dt} = dq \vec{v}$$

- Electric force:

$$\vec{F}_e = q_{\pm} \vec{E}$$

- Electric field:

charges produce E-field

$$d\vec{E} = \frac{k q_{\pm}}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 8.99 \times 10^9 \frac{Nm^2}{C^2}$$

- Magnetic force:

$$\vec{F}_m = q_{\pm} \vec{v} \times \vec{B} = \int I d\vec{l} \times \vec{B}$$

- Magnetic field:

currents produce B-field

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

$$\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} = 10^{-7} \frac{T \cdot m}{A}$$

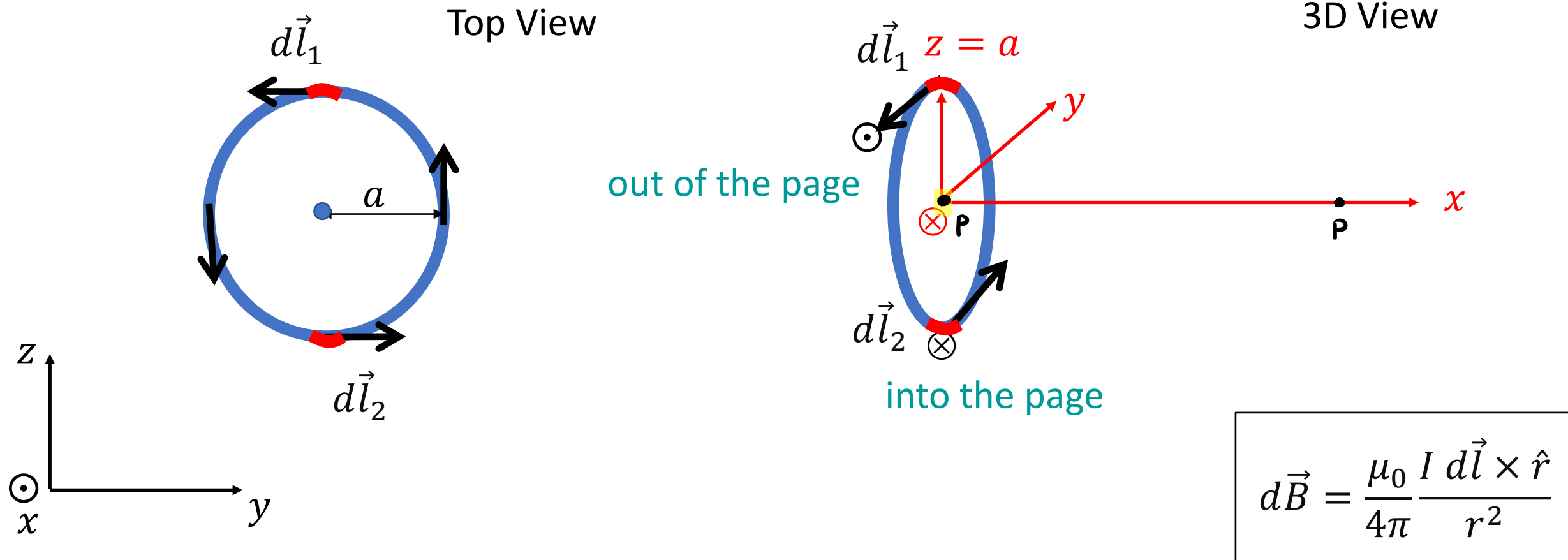
- Both fields for an elementary carrier (point charge dq & very short wire $I d\vec{l}$) vary as $1/r^2$

Magnetic field of a circular ring

UHF Loop Antenna & part of a magnetic trap

Q: Use the Biot-Savart Law to compute magnetic field B created by a circular current loop (“ring of current”) of radius a carrying a current I at:

- a) $x = 0$
- b) $x > 0$



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$$d\vec{e}_1 \times \hat{r}_1 = \underline{dl_1} \cdot \underbrace{|\hat{r}_1|}_1 \cdot \underbrace{\sin 90^\circ}_1$$

$$d\vec{B}_1 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{l}_1}{a^2} \text{ in x-direction}$$

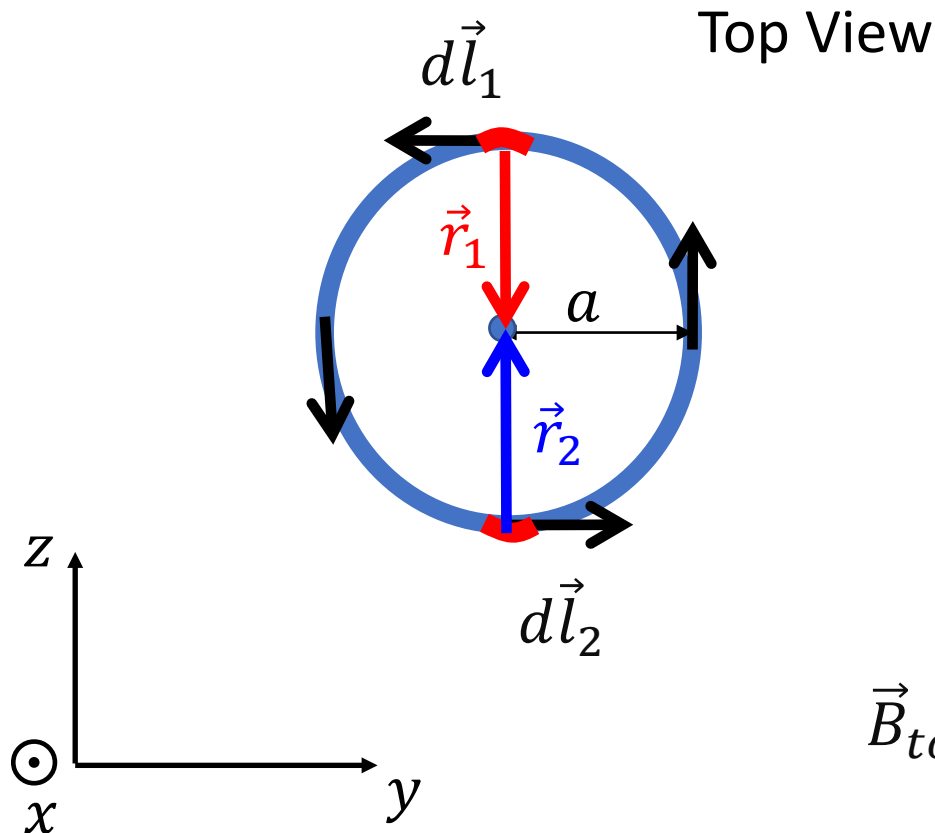
$$d\vec{B}_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{l}_2}{a^2} \text{ in x-direction}$$

...

$$B_{tot} = \int d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{I d\vec{l}}{a^2}$$

$$\vec{B}_{tot} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{(2\pi a)}{a^2} \text{ in x-direction}$$

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



Magnetic field of a circular ring

$$|d\vec{\ell} \times \hat{r}| = dl$$

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- By symmetry: $\vec{B} = (B_x, 0, 0)$

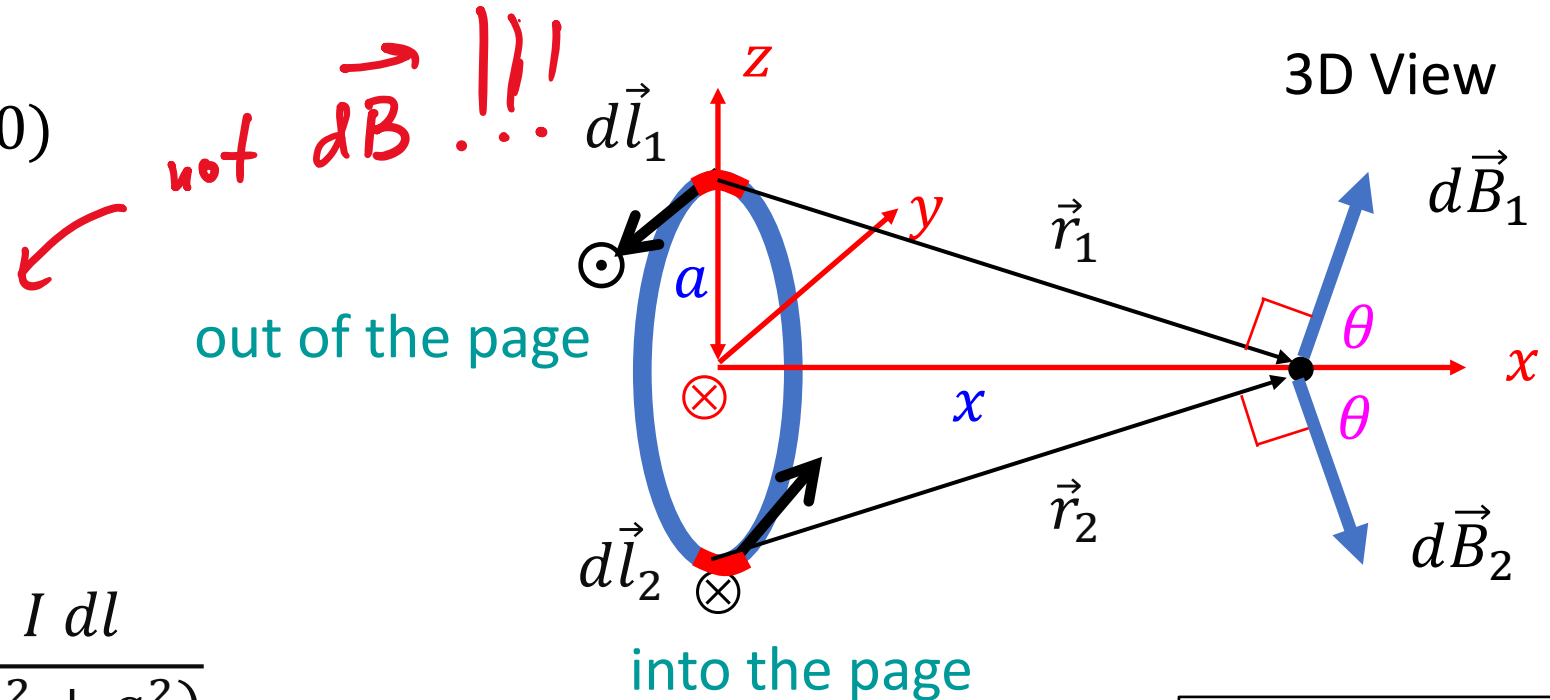
- Assume this angle is θ .

$$\int dB_x = \int dB \cos \theta$$

➤ Magnitude:

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I dl}{(x^2 + a^2)}$$

➤ Projection = ?



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

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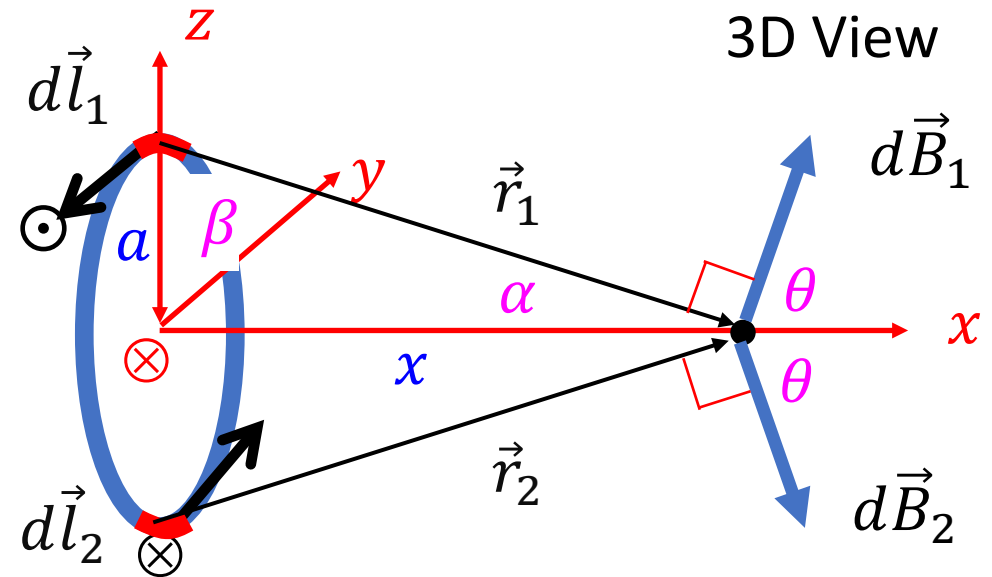
$$dB_x = dB \cos \theta \qquad dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I dl}{(x^2 + a^2)}$$

Which is true?

A. $dB_x = dB \frac{a}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}$

B. $dB_y = dB \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}$

C. None is true



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

Magnetic field of a circular ring



$$\alpha + \underline{\theta} = 90^\circ$$

$$\alpha + \underline{\beta} = 90^\circ$$

Hence, $\theta = \beta$, not α !

$$\cos \theta = a/r, \text{ not } x/r!$$

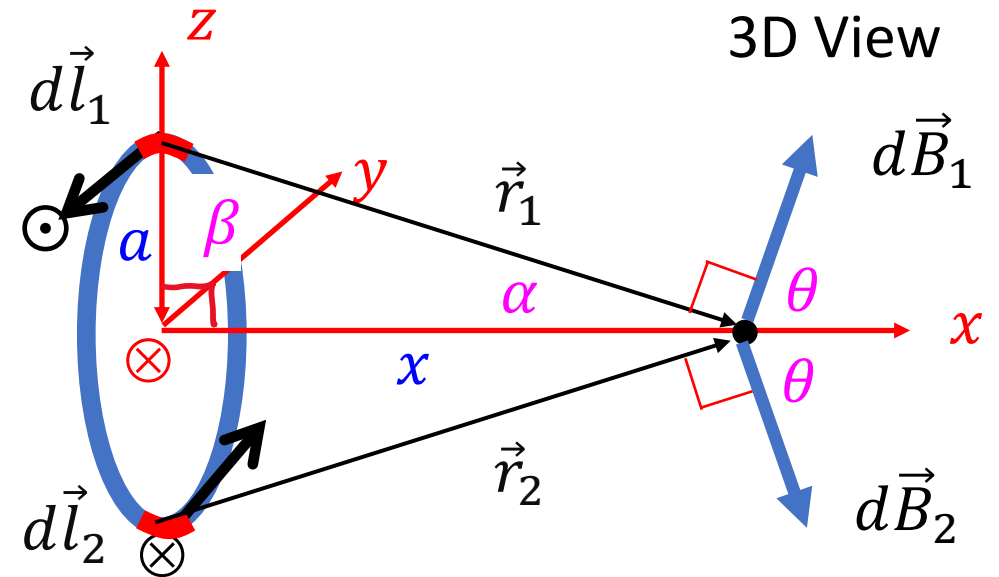
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Projecting magnetic field is responsible for a huge amount of mark loss in E&M courses



Magnetic field of a circular ring

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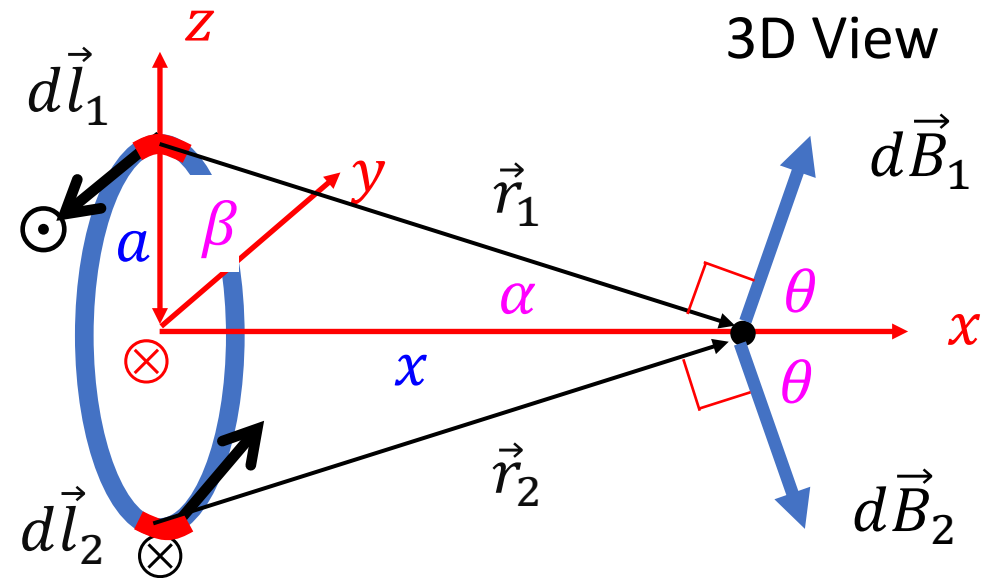
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$$dB_x = dB \cos \theta \qquad dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I dl}{(x^2 + a^2)}$$

$$\cos \theta = a/r \qquad \int dB : dl \Rightarrow 2\pi a$$



$$B_x = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I (2\pi a)}{(x^2 + a^2)} \frac{a}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} = \frac{\mu_0}{2} \frac{I a^2}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

$\propto \frac{1}{x^3}$ far away

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

Magnetic field of a circular ring

Magnetic field B created by a circular current loop (“ring of current”) of radius a carrying a current I at a distance x from its center is:

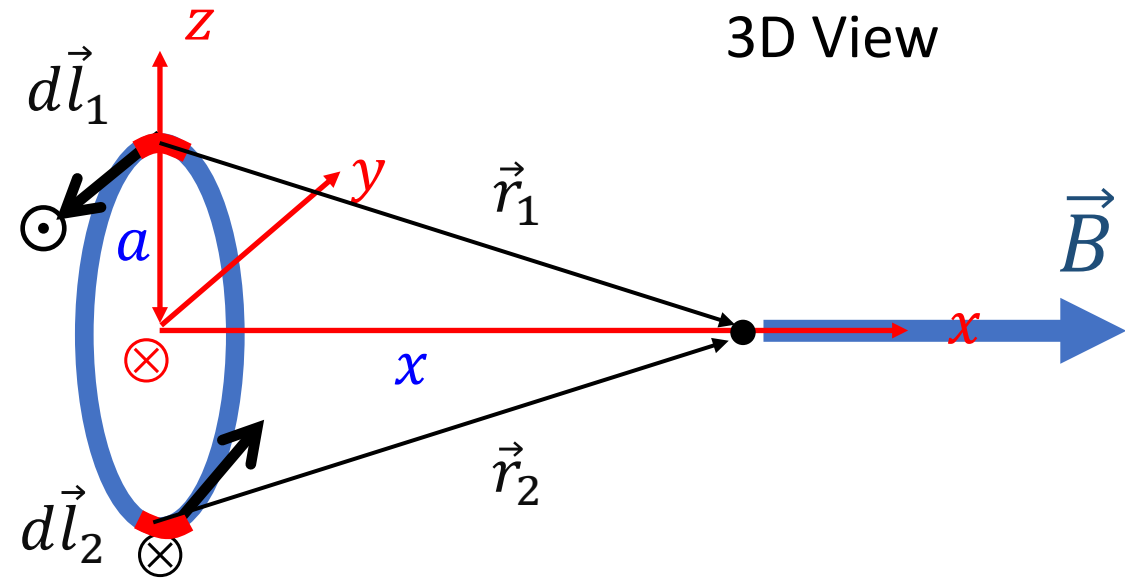
$$\lambda \rightarrow \infty: \quad \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{I \cdot \pi a^2}{x^3} \quad \leftarrow IA = \mu$$

- By symmetry: $\vec{B} = (B_x, 0, 0)$

$$B_x(x) = \frac{\mu_0}{2} \frac{I a^2}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

- At $x = 0$:

$$B_x(x = 0) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2a} \quad (\text{our previous result})$$

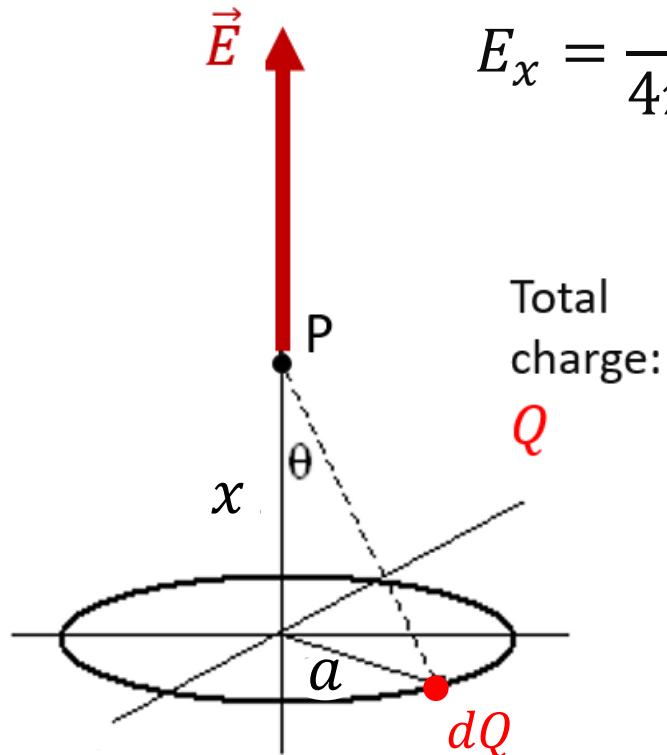


Compare:

Electric field \vec{E} created by a “ring of current” of radius a carrying a charge $+Q$ at a distance x from its center is:

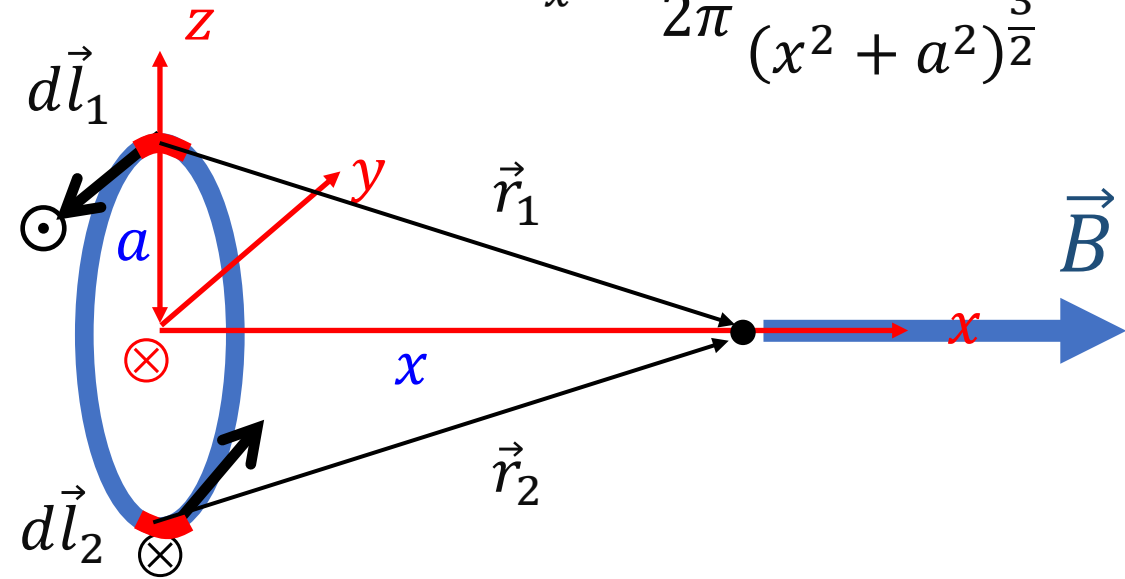
- By symmetry: $\vec{E} = (E_x, 0, 0)$

$$E_x = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{x Q}{(x^2 + a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$



Magnetic field \vec{B} created by a “ring of current” of radius a carrying a current I at a distance x from its center is:

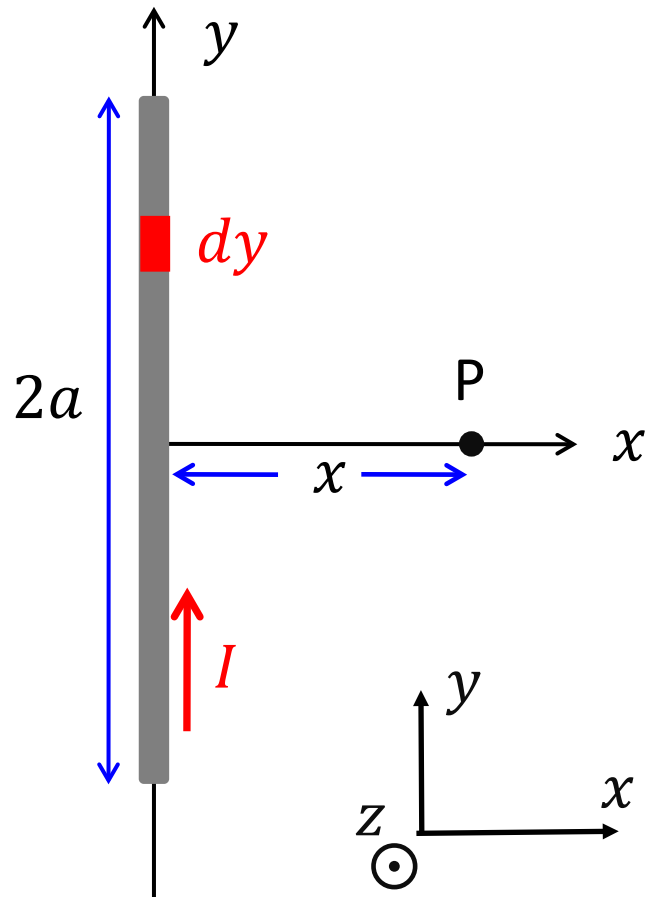
$$B_x = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{I(\pi a^2)}{(x^2 + a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$



- By symmetry: $\vec{B} = (B_x, 0, 0)$

Magnetic field of a short straight wire

Q: Use the Biot-Savart Law to compute magnetic field B created by a short current segment of length $2a$ with current I at the symmetry axis of the wire. Your answer should be a vector.



Exercise: Before you do the math, think about how to solve the problem and write a few sentences outlining your strategy.

- First consider a small wire segment $dy \Rightarrow$ find the field $d\vec{B}$ produced by it at P \Rightarrow considering symmetry, integrate its components to get the resultant field at P

You might need:

$$\int \frac{x dy}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{y}{x \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

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