

Problem 1. Magnetic Fields due to Moving Charges

Calculate the magnetic field at the origin given two particles, one of charge $q_1 = +2.5 \text{ C}$ at $\mathbf{r}_1 = (2.0\hat{i} + 3.5\hat{j} - 1.0\hat{k}) \text{ m}$ moving at a speed $\mathbf{v}_1 = (7.0\hat{i} + 24.0\hat{j}) \text{ m/s}$ and the other of charge $q_2 = -2.5 \text{ C}$ at $\mathbf{r}_2 = (1.0\hat{i} - 4.0\hat{j} + 7.5\hat{k}) \text{ m}$ moving at a speed $\mathbf{v}_2 = (4.0\hat{i} - 12.0\hat{j} - 3.0\hat{k}) \text{ m/s}$.

$$r_1 = \sqrt{2.0^2 + 3.5^2 + 1.0^2} = \sqrt{17.25} \text{ m}$$

$$r_2 = \sqrt{1.0^2 + 4.0^2 + 7.5^2} = \sqrt{73.25} \text{ m}$$

$$\vec{B}_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} q_1 \frac{\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{r}_1}{r_1^3} = \frac{2.5\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 7.0 & 0 & 24.0 \\ 2.0 & 3.5 & -1.0 \end{vmatrix}}{r_1^3} = \frac{2.5\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{(-84\hat{i} + 55\hat{j} + 24.5\hat{k})}{17.25\sqrt{17.25}} [T]$$

$$\vec{B}_2 = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} q_2 \frac{\vec{v}_2 \times \vec{r}_2}{r_2^3} = \frac{-2.5\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & -12 & -3 \\ 1 & -4 & 7.5 \end{vmatrix}}{r_2^3} = \frac{-2.5\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{(-102\hat{i} - 33\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})}{73.25\sqrt{73.25}} [T]$$

$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_1 + \vec{B}_2 \approx \frac{2.5\mu_0}{4\pi} (-1.00975\hat{i} + 0.82032\hat{j} + 0.34835\hat{k}) [T]$$

Problem 2. Current-carrying conductors

In order to conduct an experiment, Walter sets up three straight conductors carrying currents of I_1 , I_2 , and I_3 . The currents are arranged as shown in Fig. 1. Here, I_1 , I_2 , and I_3 are pointing orthogonal to the plane of the page, with I_1 and I_2 pointing into the page (in the $-z$ direction) and I_3 pointing out of the page (in the $+z$ direction). Let us place the current I_1 at the origin, current I_2 at $-d_1 \hat{y}$, current I_3 at $-d_2 \hat{x}$ and point P at $-d_1 \hat{y} - d_2 \hat{x}$.

Suppose that the current values of I_1 and I_2 were tuned such that $I_1 = I\sqrt{d_1^2 + d_2^2}$, $I_2 = Id_2$, and I_3 was a free parameter. Here, I is a convenient constant with units of A/m so that I_1 and I_2 have the correct units of amperes.

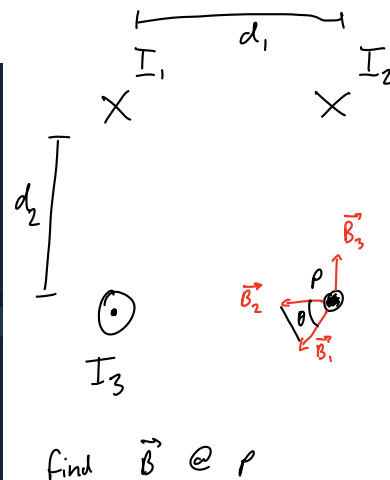
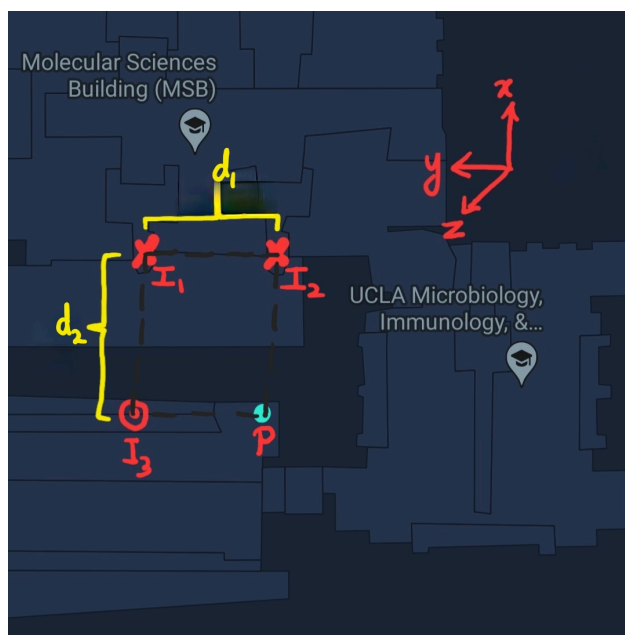


Figure 1: Current-carrying conductors

If the experiment requires a magnetic field with magnitude $|\mathbf{B}| = B_0$ at point P , what should be the magnitude of I_3 need to be?

$$\text{Ampere's Law: } |\vec{B}| = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi R} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\vec{B}_1| = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi \sqrt{d_1^2 + d_2^2}}, \quad |\vec{B}_2| = \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi d_2}, \quad |\vec{B}_3| = \frac{\mu_0 I_3}{2\pi d_1}$$

$$|\vec{B}| = |\vec{B}_1 + \vec{B}_2 + \vec{B}_3| = \sqrt{B_1^2 + B_2^2 + B_3^2} = B_0 \Rightarrow B_3 = \sqrt{B_0^2 - B_1^2 - B_2^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_3 = \frac{2\pi d_1}{\mu_0} \sqrt{B_0^2 - B_1^2 - B_2^2} \quad \text{s.t. } B_0 \text{ is a given constant, } B_1 = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi \sqrt{d_1^2 + d_2^2}}, \quad B_2 = \frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi d_2}$$

Problem 3. (Challenge Problem) Current-carrying conical loop

Consider the conical loop in the following image. Assuming the second configuration for simplicity of calculation, calculate the magnetic field at the four points P_1 , P_2 , P_3 (at a distance r from P_1), and P_4 (at a distance r from P_2). Let the current flowing through each ring be I and assume $r \gg L$ and $r \gg a, b$.

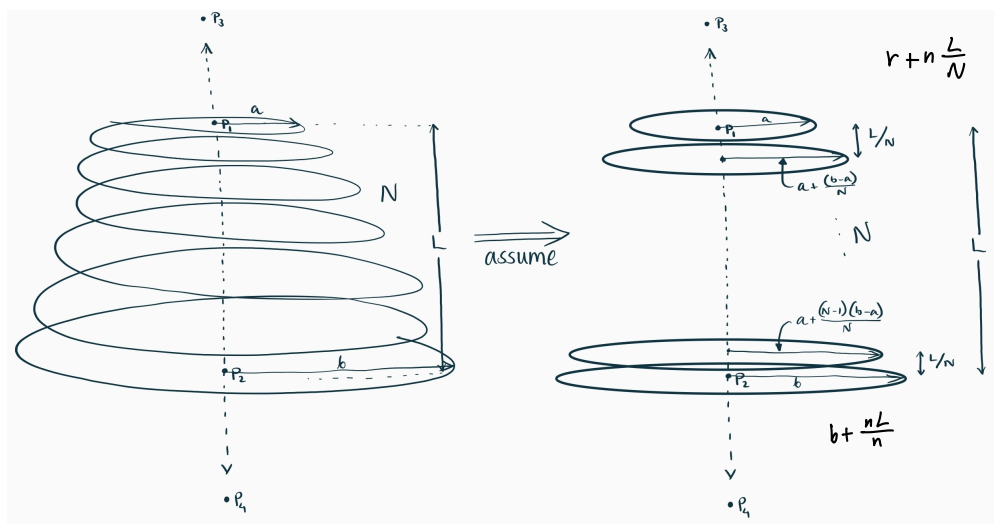


Figure 2: Current-carrying conical loop

P.S.: It will suffice to represent net magnetic field as a summation of terms for points P_1 and P_2 . Show entire calculation for points P_3 and P_4

Assuming \vec{I} flows counter-clockwise up the coil

$$B_R = \frac{\mu_0 I R^2}{2(R^2 + h^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_1 = B_2 = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{\mu_0 I}{2 \left[a + \frac{(N-n)(b-a)}{N} \right]}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_3 = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{\mu_0 I \left[a + \frac{(N-n)(b-a)}{N} \right]^2}{2 \left(\left[a + \frac{nL}{N} \right]^2 + \left[a + \frac{(N-n)(b-a)}{N} \right]^2 \right)^{3/2}}$$

$$B_4 = \sum_{n=N+1}^0 \frac{\mu_0 I \left[a + \frac{(N-n)(b-a)}{N} \right]^2}{2 \left(\left[b + \frac{nL}{N} \right]^2 + \left[a + \frac{(N-n)(b-a)}{N} \right]^2 \right)^{3/2}}$$