

Magnetostatics

Magnetostatics is the study of systems with constant current, so

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = 0 \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

Biot-Savart Law - The magnetic field at a point \vec{r} due to a distribution of current $\vec{J}(\vec{r}')$ is

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_V \frac{\vec{J}(\vec{r}') \times \hat{r}''}{(r'')^2} d\tau'$$

• $\vec{r}'' = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$ as before

• Permeability of Free Space

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

• Units of \vec{B}

$$1 \text{ Tesla} = 1 \text{ T} = \frac{1 \text{ Ns}}{\text{Am}} = \frac{\text{N}}{\text{Am}}$$

Other Forms

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_S \frac{\vec{K} \times \hat{r}''}{(r'')^2} da'$$

sheet
current

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_C \frac{\vec{I} \times \hat{r}''}{(r'')^2} dl'$$

linear or
curve
current

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{I d\vec{l}' \times \hat{r}''}{(r'')^2}$$

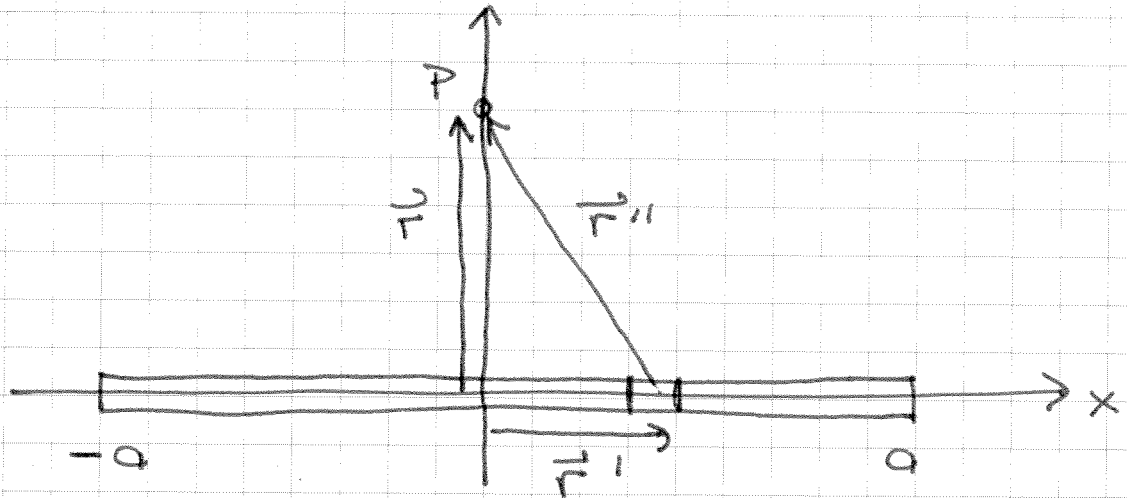
and very approximately if $v \ll c$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} q \frac{\vec{v} \times \hat{r}''}{(r'')^2}$$

for q moving at \vec{v}

\Rightarrow Note, not magnetostatic

Ex Compute field of straight wire segment from $-a$ to a along the x -axis carrying current I . Compute field at $\vec{r}_p = y\hat{y}$.



Source Point $\vec{r}' = (x', 0, 0)$

Field Point $\vec{r} = (0, y, 0)$

Displacement $\vec{r}'' = \vec{r} - \vec{r}' = (-x', y, 0)$

$$r'' = \sqrt{(x')^2 + y^2}$$

Biot-Savart Law

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

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_C \frac{d\vec{l}' \times \vec{r}''}{(r'')^3}$$

$$d\vec{J}' = dx' \hat{z}$$

$$d\vec{J}' \times \vec{r}' = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ dx' & 0 & 0 \\ -x' & y & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= y dx' \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_{-a}^a \frac{y \hat{z} dx'}{(x'^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

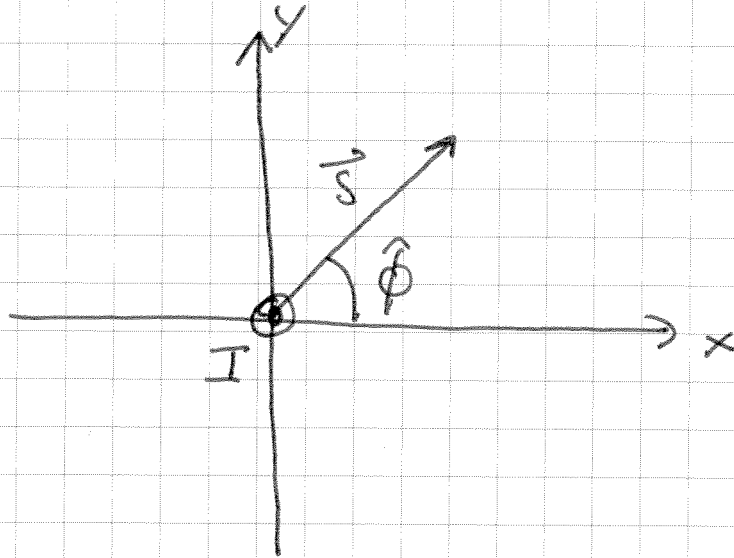
$$= \frac{\mu_0 I y \hat{z}}{4\pi} \int_{-a}^a \frac{dx'}{(x'^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi y} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{y^2 + a^2}} \right) \hat{z}$$

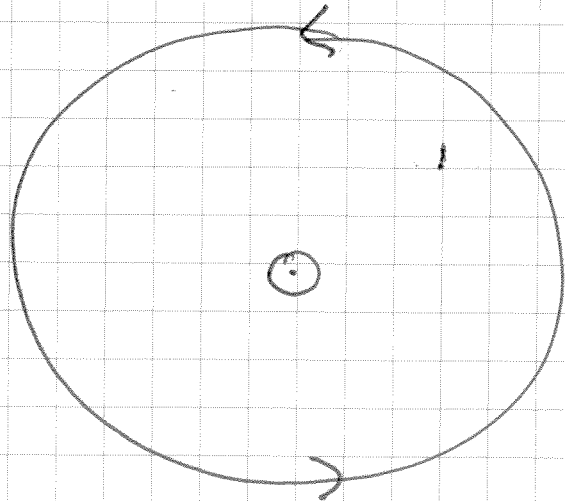
Ex Field of Infinite Wire

Let $a \rightarrow \alpha$, $\vec{B} \rightarrow \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \hat{z}$

More generally, if we let $\vec{I} = I \hat{z}$

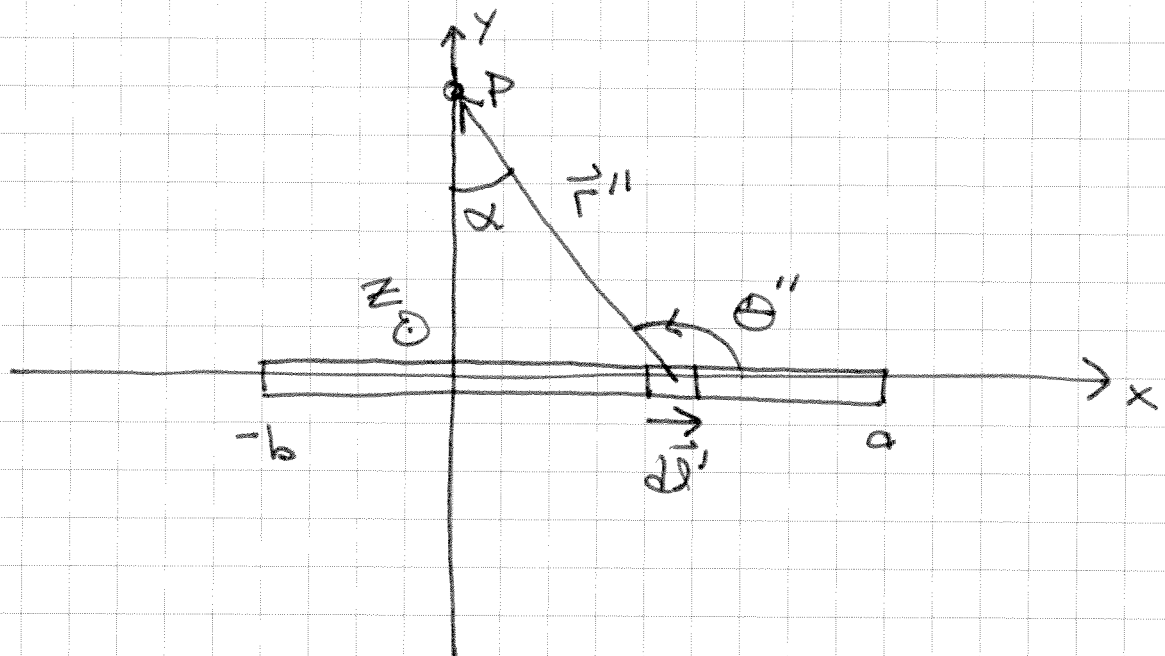


$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi s} \hat{\phi}$$



RHR for Wire - Grab the wire with your right hand with your thumb pointing in the direction of current. Your fingers curl in the direction of the field.

Ex Alternate solution for short wire



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

By Right Hand Rule, \vec{B} points out of page.

$$\vec{B} = |\vec{B}| \hat{z} = d\vec{B}$$

$$|\vec{B}| = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi r''^2} |d\vec{l}'| |\hat{r}''| = \frac{\mu_0 I dl' \sin \theta''}{4\pi r''^2}$$

$$\theta'' = \alpha + \pi/2$$

$$d\theta' = dx'$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{y}{r''} = \sin \theta''$$

$$r'' = \frac{y}{\sin \theta''}$$

$$|d\vec{B}| = \frac{\mu_0 I dx' \sin \theta''}{4\pi (y/\sin \theta'')^2} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi y^2} \sin^3 \theta'' dx'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \alpha &= \frac{x'}{r''} = \sin(\theta'' - \pi/2) \\ &= -\cos(\theta'') \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= -r'' \cos \theta'' = -y \frac{\cos \theta''}{\sin \theta''} \\ &= -y \cot \theta'' \end{aligned}$$

$$dx' = -y d(\cot \theta'') =$$

$$= y \csc^2 \theta'' d\theta'' = \frac{y d\theta''}{\sin^2 \theta''}$$

$$|d\vec{B}| = \left| \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi y} \sin \theta'' d\theta'' \right|$$

$$|\vec{B}| = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi y} \left| \int_{\theta''_b}^{\theta''_a} \sin \theta'' d\theta'' \right|$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi y} \left| -(\cos \theta''_a - \cos \theta''_b) \right|$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi y} \left| \cos \left(\alpha_b - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) - \cos \left(\alpha_a - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right|$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi y} \left| \sin \alpha_b - \sin \alpha_a \right|$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi y} (\sin \alpha_a - \sin \alpha_b) \hat{z}$$

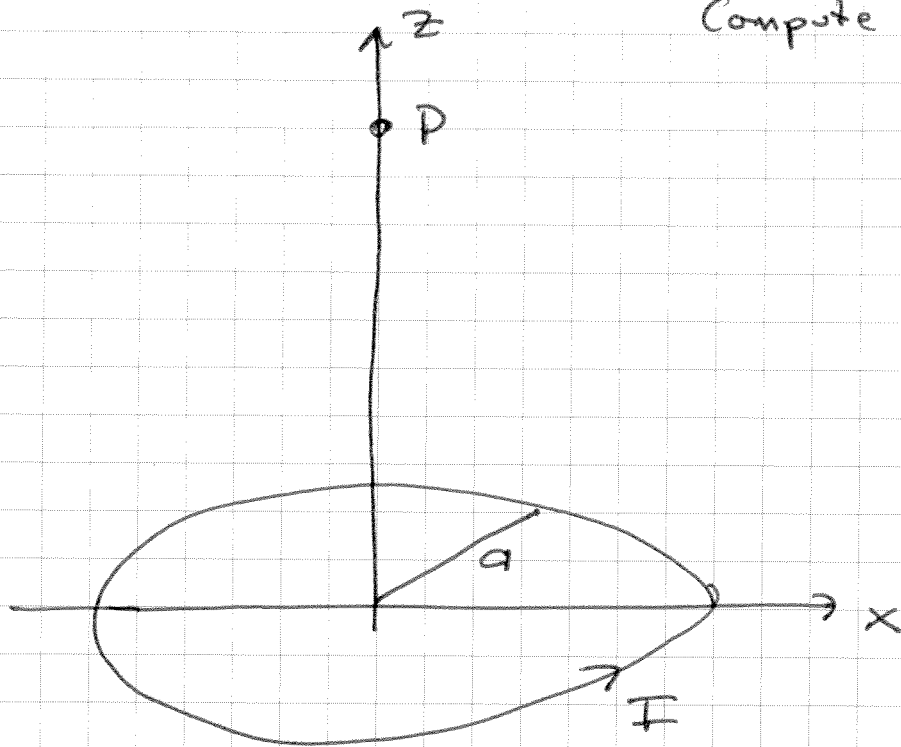
Picking the orientation α_a as positive and α_b as negative.

$$\text{Let } \alpha_a \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \alpha_b \rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\vec{B} \rightarrow \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi y} \hat{z} \quad \checkmark$$

Ex Ring of Current in x-y plane

Compute field on axis.



$$\vec{I} = I \hat{\phi}$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_C \frac{\vec{I}(\vec{r}') \times \hat{r}''}{(r'')^2} dl'$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_C \frac{d\vec{l}' \times \hat{r}''}{(r'')^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{I} &= I \hat{\tau} \\ d\vec{l}' &= \hat{\tau} dl \end{aligned}$$

$$d\vec{l}' = a d\phi \hat{\phi}'$$

Field Point $\vec{r} = (0, 0, z) = z \hat{z}$

Source Point $\vec{r}' = s' \hat{s}'$

Displacement Vector $\vec{r}'' = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$

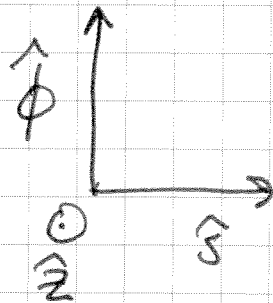
$$\vec{r}'' = z\hat{z} - s'\hat{s}' = z\hat{z} - a\hat{s}'$$

Length $r'' = \sqrt{a^2 + s'^2}$

$$d\vec{\phi}' \times \vec{r}'' = a d\phi' \hat{\phi}' \times (z\hat{z} - a\hat{s}')$$

$$= az d\phi' (\hat{\phi}' \times \hat{z}) - a^2 d\phi' (\hat{\phi}' \times \hat{s}')$$

Cylindrical Coordinates Right Handed Coordinate System



$$\hat{\phi} \times \hat{z} = \hat{s}$$

$$\hat{\phi} \times \hat{s} = -\hat{z}$$

$$d\vec{J}' \times \vec{r}'' = a^2 \hat{z} d\phi' + a z d\phi' \hat{s}'$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi' \hat{s}' a z}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \equiv I_1$$

$$+ \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\phi' a^2 \hat{z}}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \equiv I_2$$

First Integral

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{a z d\phi' \hat{s}'}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{a z}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi' \hat{s}'$$

$$= \frac{a z}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos\phi' \hat{x} + \sin\phi' \hat{y}) d\phi'$$

$$= 0$$

Second Integral

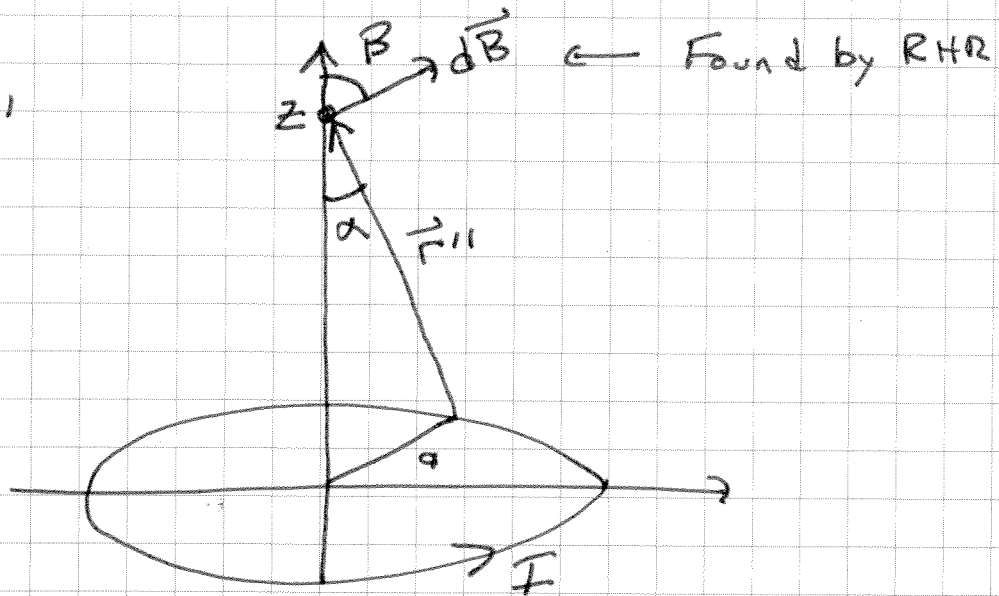
$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi' a^2 \hat{z}}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{a^2 \hat{z}}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi'$$

$$= \frac{2\pi a^2 \hat{z}}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

S_0

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{2\pi a^2 \hat{z}}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$
$$= \frac{\mu_0 I a^2}{2(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

Alternately,



$$\alpha + B + \pi/2 = \pi$$

$$B = \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{a}{r''}$$

By symmetry, only z component of \vec{B} survives

$$|d\vec{B}_z| = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{r'^2} \cos \beta$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{r'^2} \sin \alpha$$

Note, no $\sin \theta$ from cross-product because \vec{r}' and $d\vec{\varphi}'$ are \perp . $\Rightarrow \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$

$$\vec{B} = \hat{z} \int |dB_z| = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{\sin \alpha}{(r')^2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi$$

$$d\varphi = a d\phi$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{\sin \alpha}{(r')^2} 2\pi a \hat{z}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I a}{2} \frac{\sin \alpha}{r'} \hat{z}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I a^2}{2 r'^3} \hat{z} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2} \frac{a^2}{(z^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} \hat{z}$$