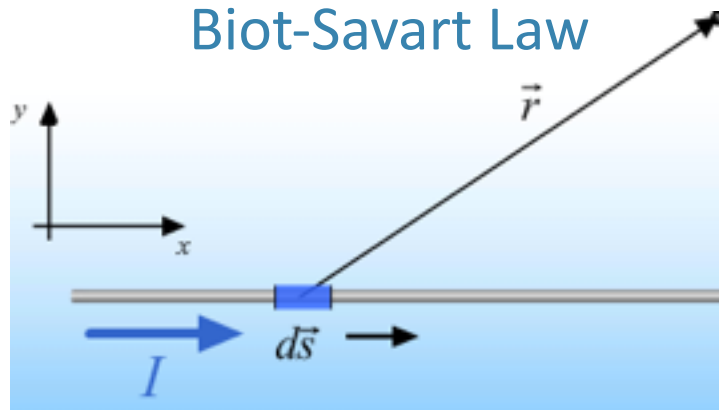


Electricity & Magnetism

Lecture 14

Today's Concept:

Biot-Savart Law



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

Your comments are important to somebody

Could you summarize all the right hand rules? why are there like 17 different right hand rules lol im lost help plz

I think I dislocated my wrist while trying to apply the right hand rule.

Shouldn't all current in a wire flow on the outside surface, and therefore the magnetic field inside it be zero?

I am about to cry after looking at the Biot-Savart law.

Magnetic video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRDVm5rn_2A

Biot-Savart Law:

What is it?

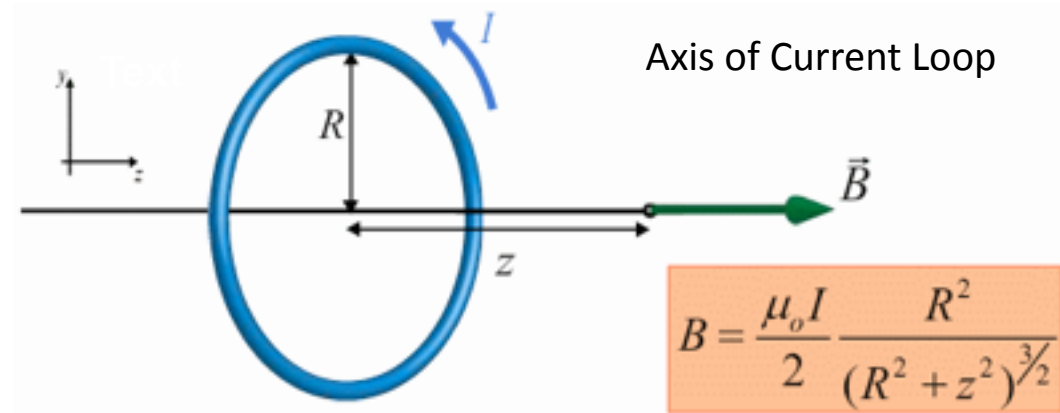
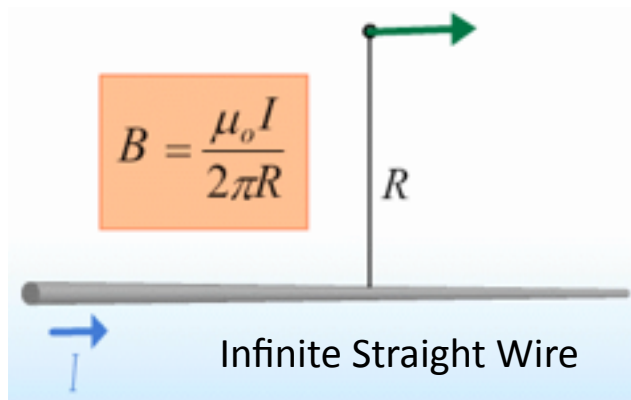
Fundamental law for determining the direction and magnitude of the magnetic field due to an element of current.

It is named for [Jean-Baptiste Biot](#) and [Felix Savart](#) who discovered this relationship in 1820.

We can use this law to calculate the magnetic field produced by ANY current distribution

BUT

Easy analytic calculations are possible only for a few distributions:

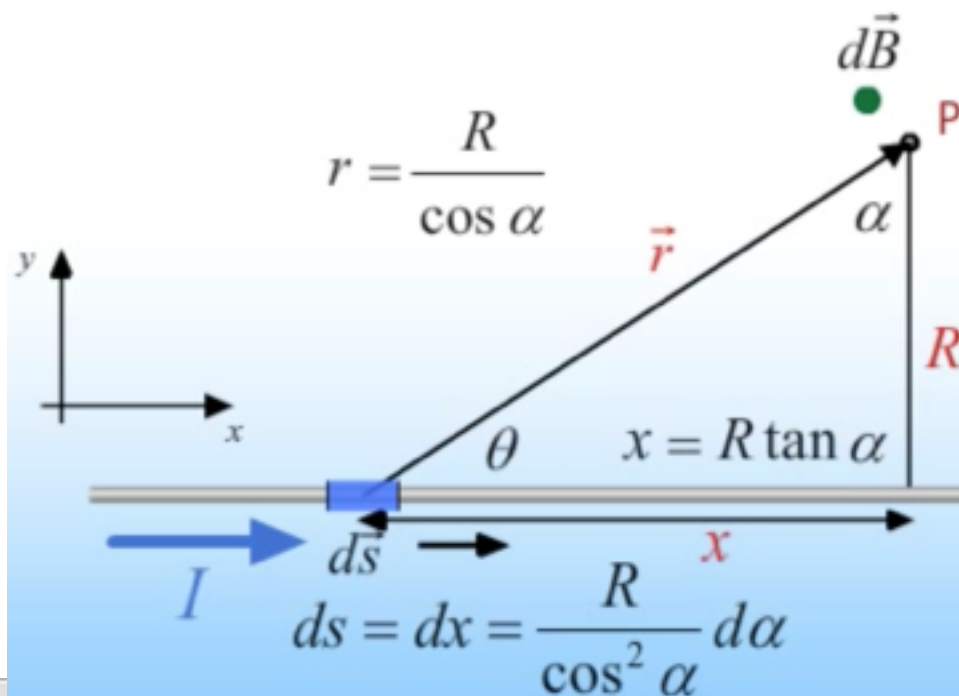


Plan for Today: Mainly use the results of these calculations!

GOOD NEWS: Remember Gauss' Law?
Allowed us to calculate E for symmetrical
charge distributions



NEXT TIME: Introduce **Ampère's Law** Allows
us to calculate B for symmetrical current
distributions



$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{B} &= \frac{\mu_o I}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2} \\
 &= \frac{\mu_o I}{4\pi} \int \frac{\sin \theta ds}{r^2} \hat{z} \\
 &= \frac{\mu_o I}{4\pi} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{+\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos \alpha}{r^2} \frac{R}{\cos^2 \alpha} d\alpha \hat{z} \\
 &= \frac{\mu_o I}{4\pi} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{+\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos \alpha}{\left(\frac{R}{\cos \alpha}\right)^2} \frac{R}{\cos^2 \alpha} d\alpha \hat{z} \\
 &= \frac{\mu_o I}{4\pi R} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{+\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos \alpha d\alpha \hat{z} \\
 &= \frac{\mu_o I}{2\pi R} \hat{z}
 \end{aligned}$$

B from Infinite Line of Current

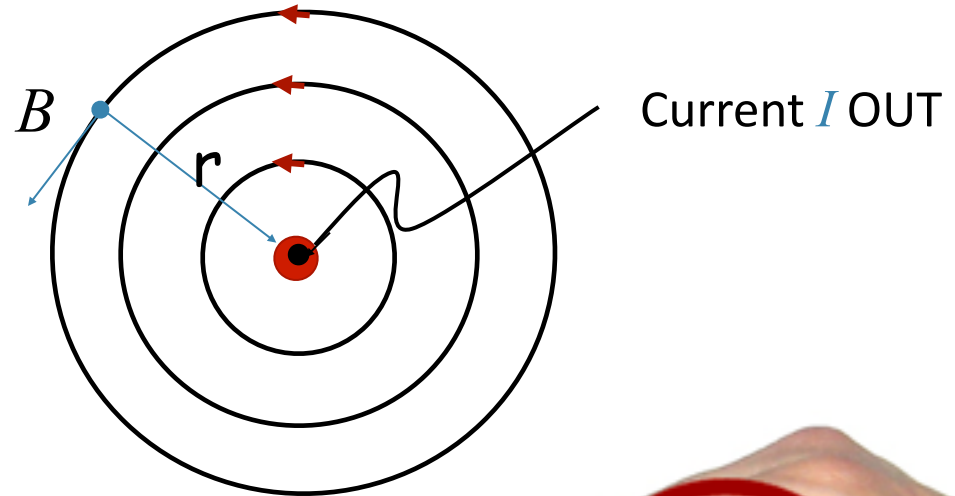
Integrating $d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$ gives result

Magnitude:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

r = distance from wire

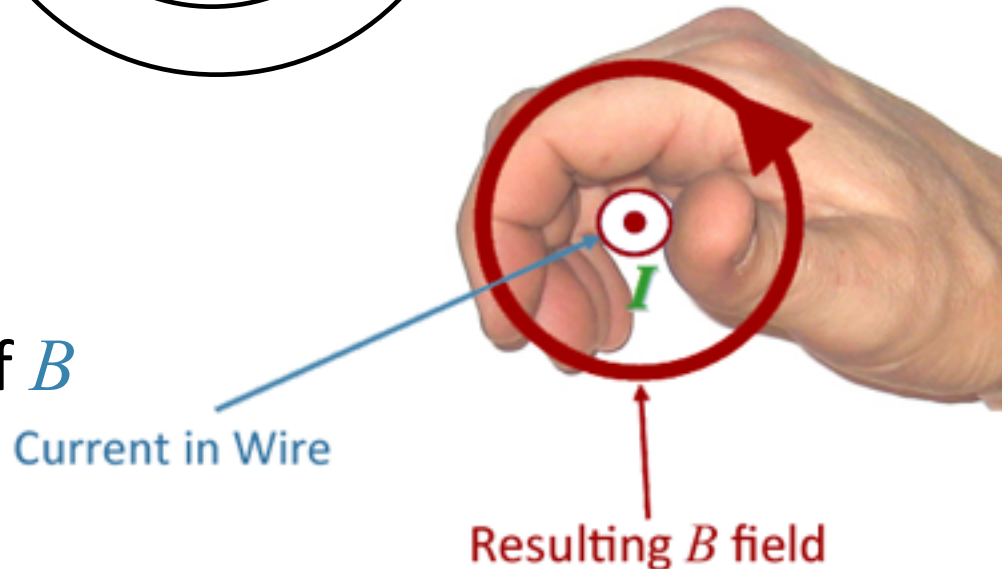
$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T} \cdot \text{m/A}$$



Direction:

Thumb: on I

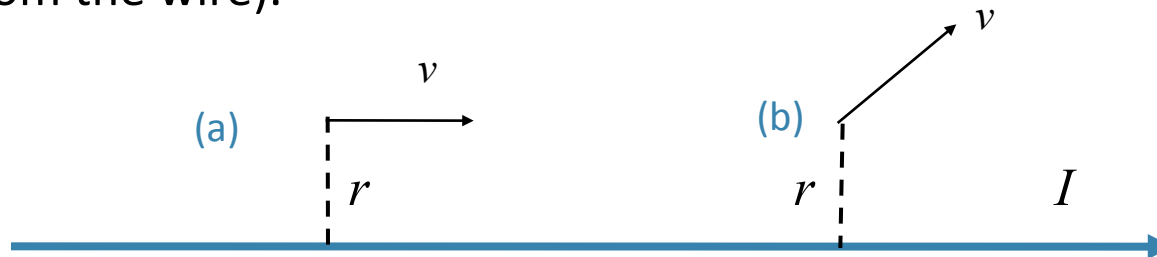
Fingers: curl in direction of B



Currents + Charges



A long straight wire is carrying current from left to right. Two identical charges are moving with equal speed. Compare the magnitude of the force on charge *a* moving directly to the right, to the magnitude of the force on charge *b* moving up and to the right at the instant shown (i.e. same distance from the wire).



A) $|F_a| > |F_b|$

B) $|F_a| = |F_b|$

C) $|F_a| < |F_b|$

Adding Magnetic Fields



Two long wires carry opposite current

P
•



What is the direction of the magnetic field above, and midway between the two wires carrying current – at the point marked “P”?

A) Left

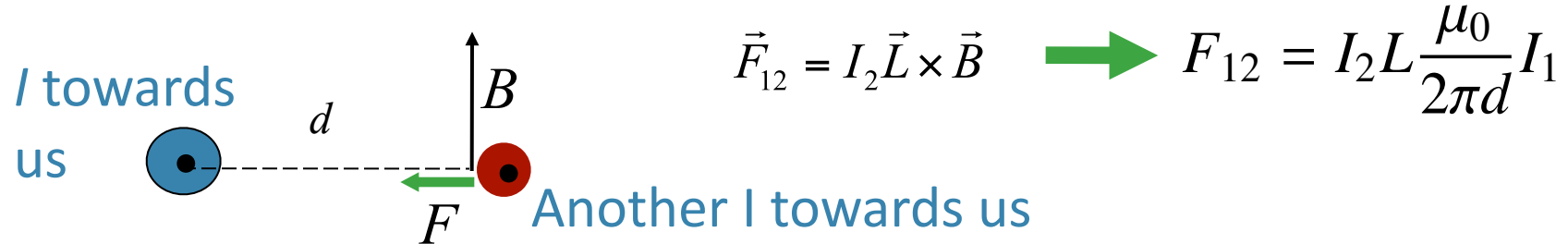
B) Right

C) Up

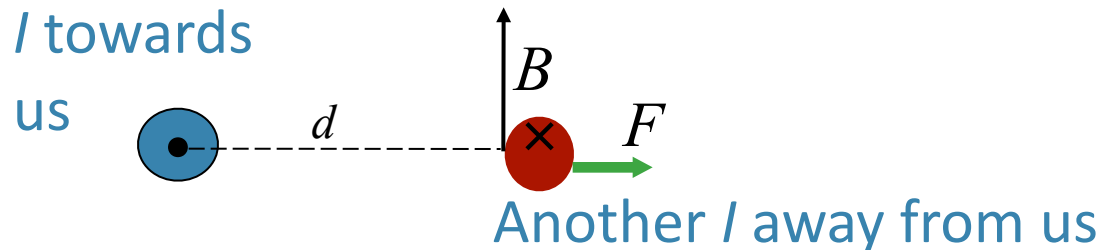
D) Down

E) Zero

Force Between Current-Carrying Wires



Conclusion: Currents in same direction attract!



Conclusion: Currents in opposite direction repel!

Checkpoint 2 & 4



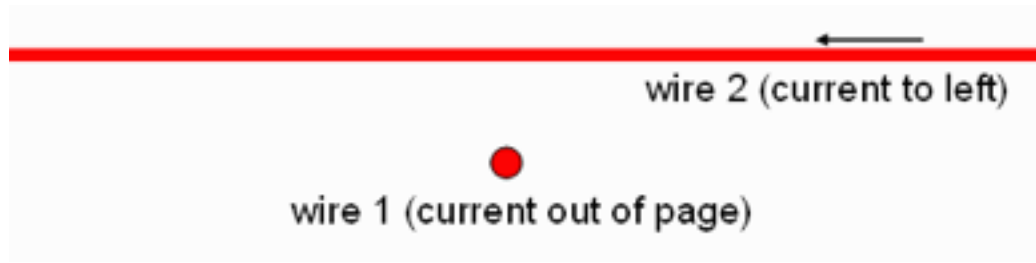
What is the direction of the force on wire 2 due to wire 1?

- A) Up B) Down C) Into Screen D) Out of screen E) Zero

What is the direction of the torque on wire 2 due to wire 1?

- A) Up B) Down C) Into Screen D) Out of screen E) Zero

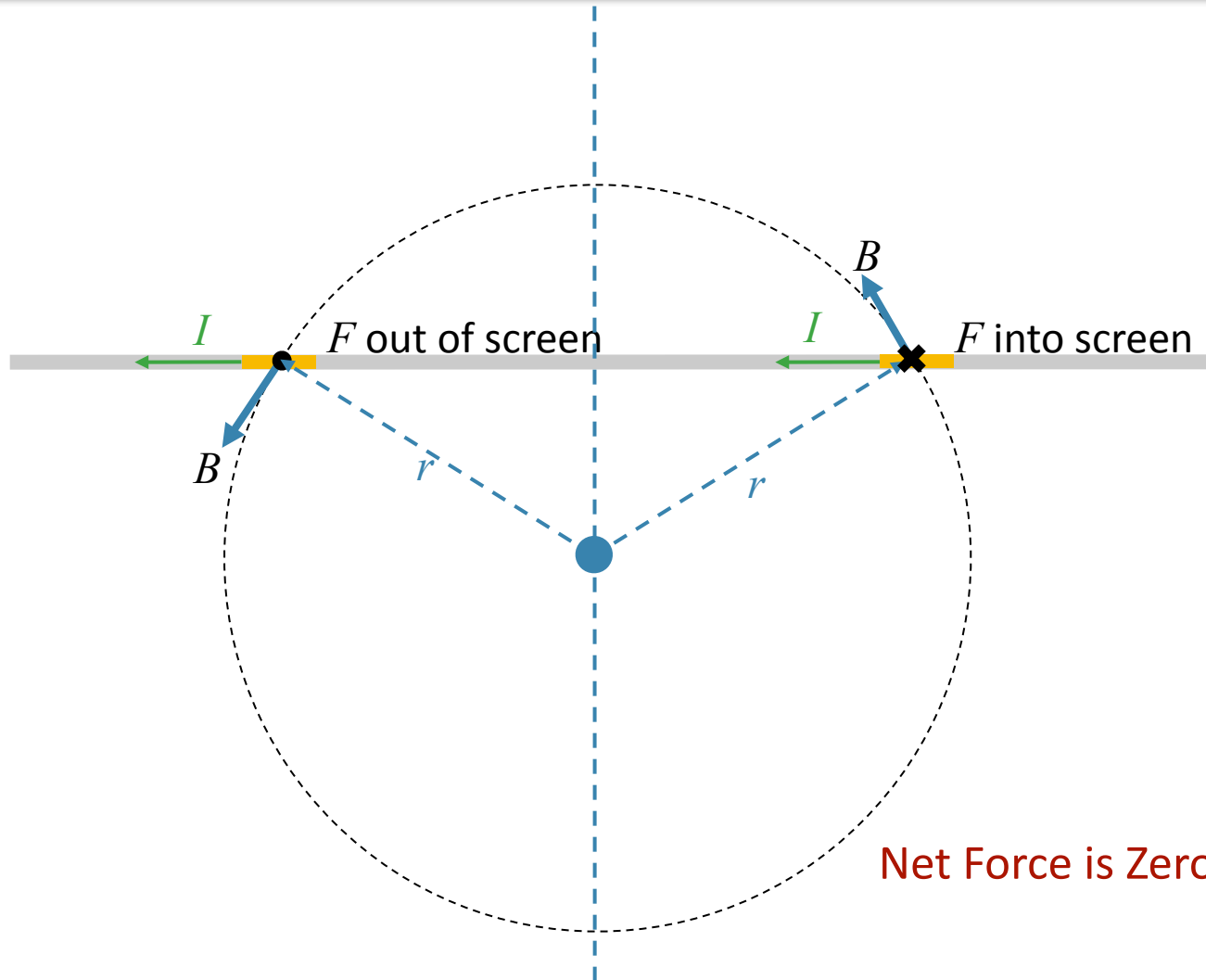
CheckPoint 7



What is the direction of the force on wire 2 due to wire 1?

- A) Up B) Down C) Into Screen D) Out of screen E) Zero

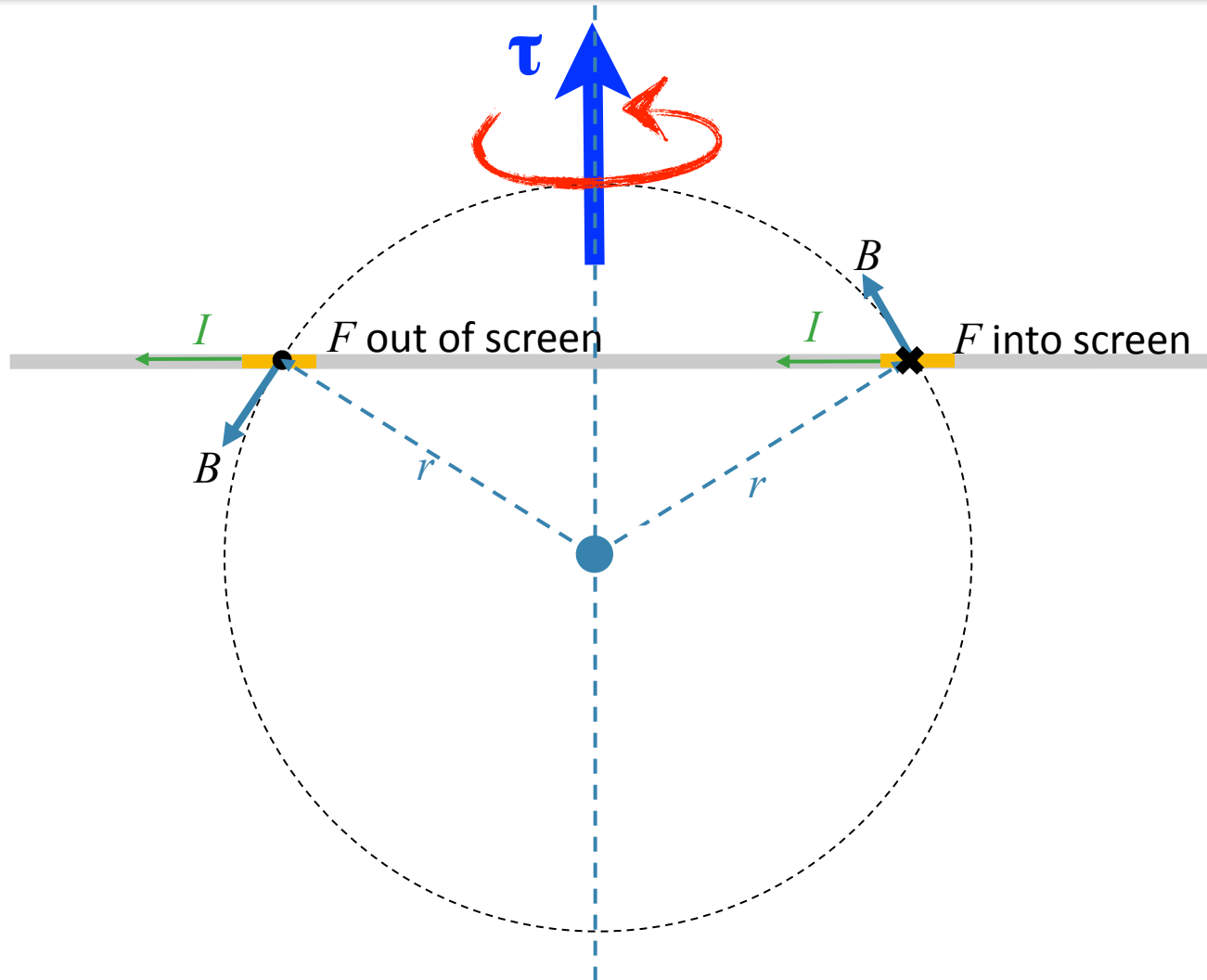
Consider Force on Symmetric Segments



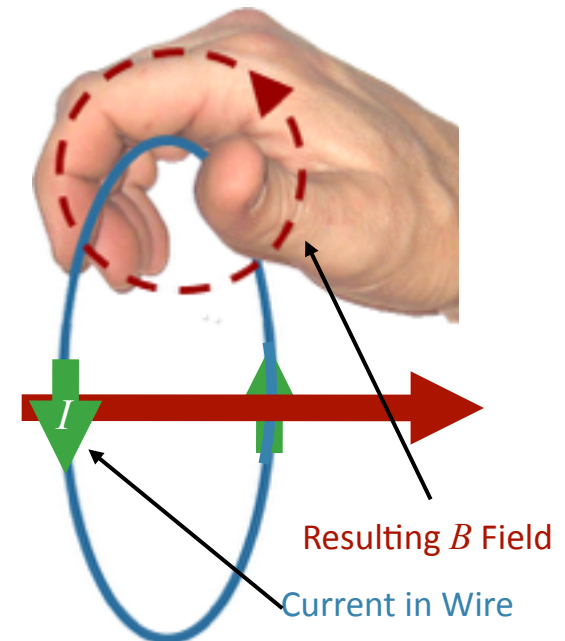
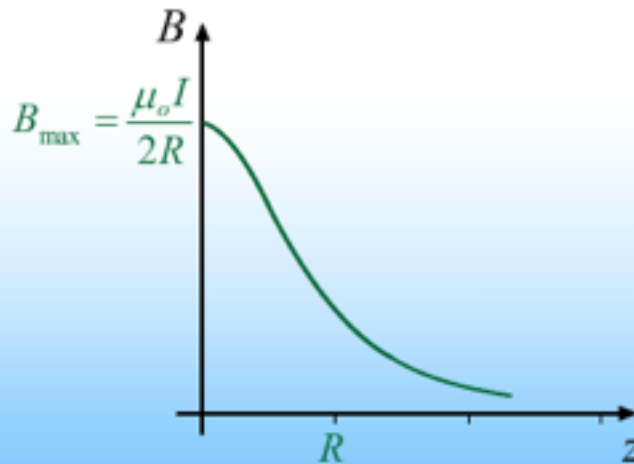
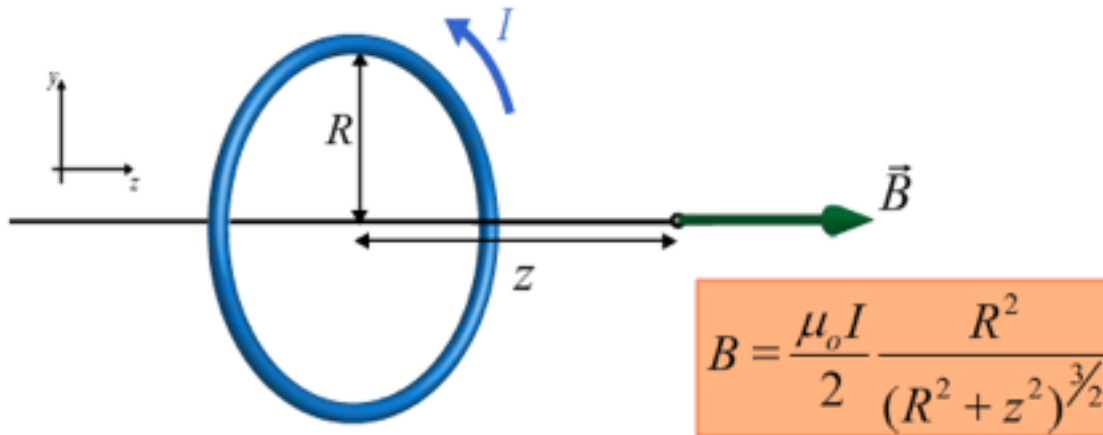
Net Force is Zero!

What about torque?

Consider Force on Symmetric Segments



B on axis from Current Loop



Two Current Loops

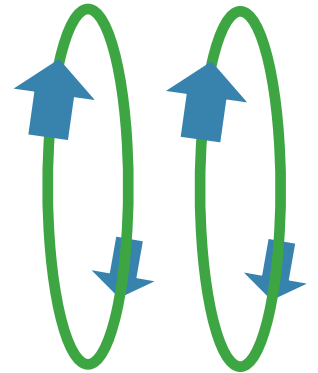


Two identical loops are hung next to each other. Current flows in the same direction in both.

The loops will:

A) Attract each other

B) Repel each other



Question

how many right hand rules do we have to remember in
this course
?

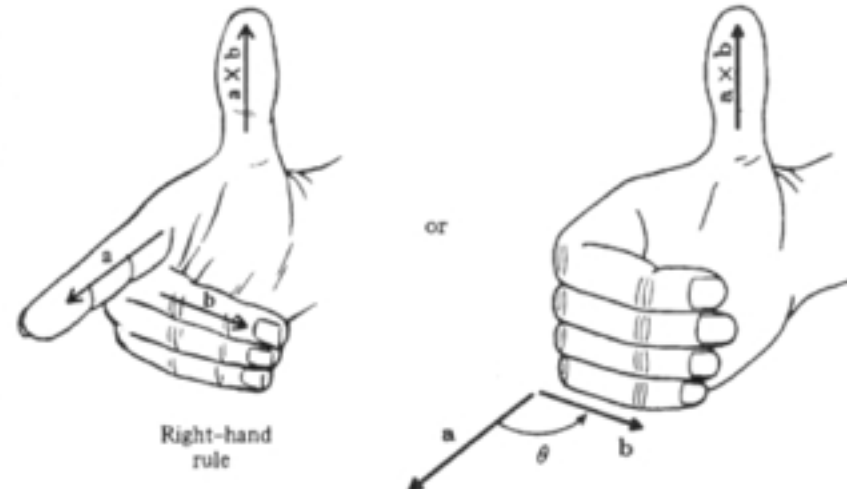
Right Hand Rule Review

1. ANY CROSS PRODUCT

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B} \quad \vec{F} = I\vec{L} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} \quad \vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$$

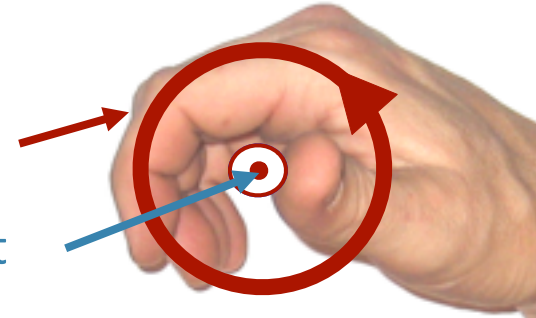
$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$



2. Direction of Magnetic Moment

Fingers: Current in Loop

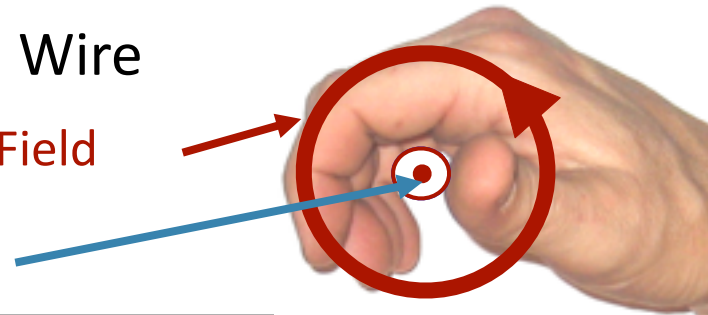
Thumb: Magnetic Moment



3. Direction of Magnetic Field from Wire

Fingers: Magnetic Field

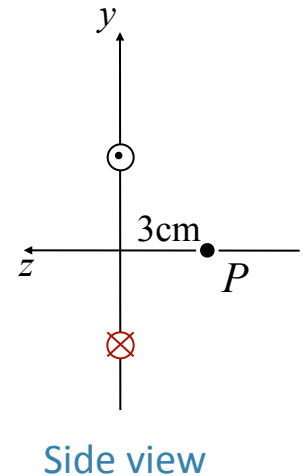
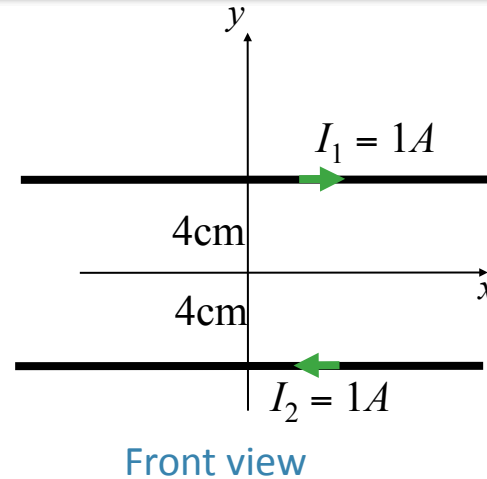
Thumb: Current



Calculation

Two parallel horizontal wires are located in the vertical (x,y) plane as shown. Each wire carries a current of $I = 1A$ flowing in the directions shown.

What is the B field at point P ?



Conceptual Analysis

Each wire creates a magnetic field at P

B from infinite wire: $B = \mu_0 I / 2\pi r$

Total magnetic field at P obtained from superposition

Strategic Analysis

Calculate B at P from each wire separately

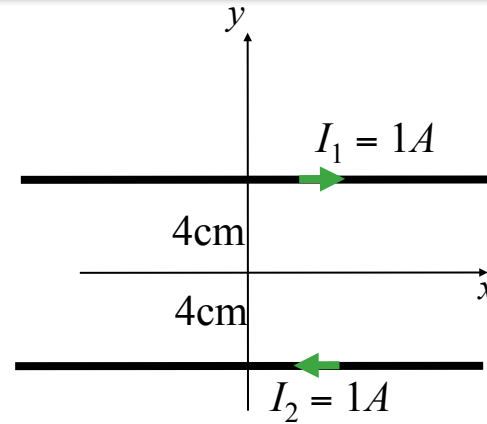
Total B = vector sum of individual B fields

Calculation

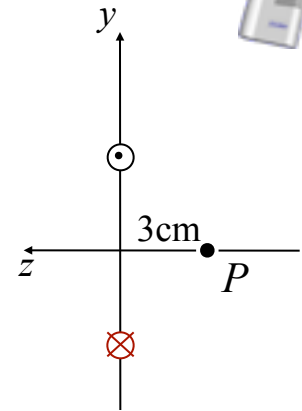


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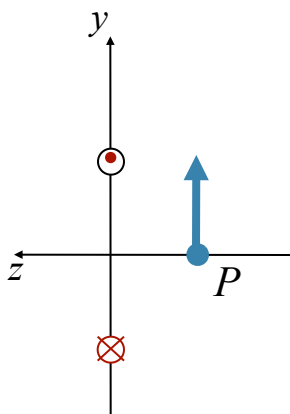


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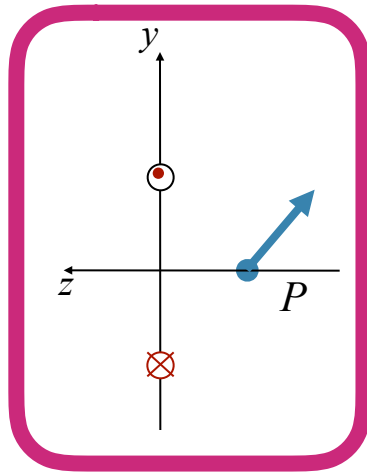


Side view

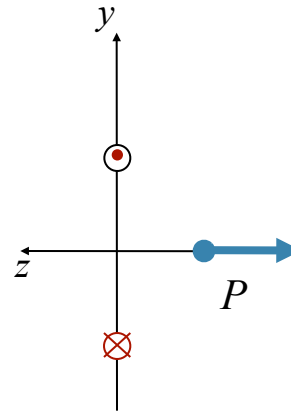
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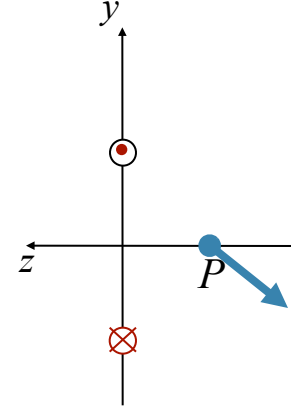
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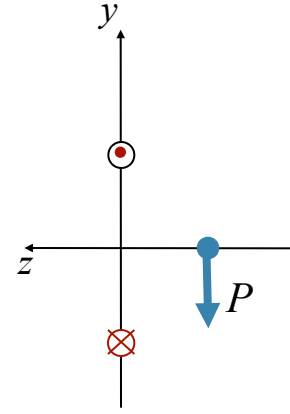
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C



D



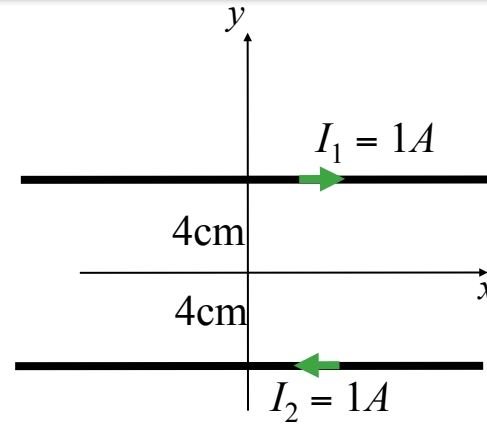
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Calculation

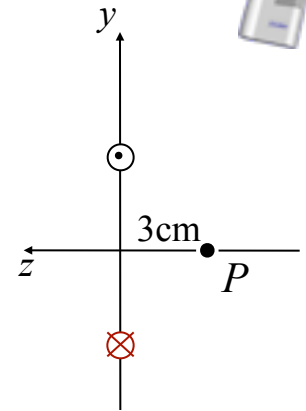


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What is the B field at point P ?

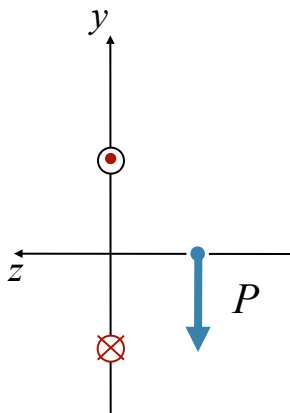


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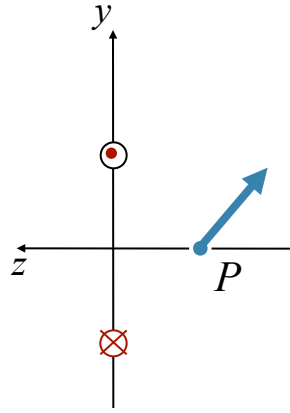


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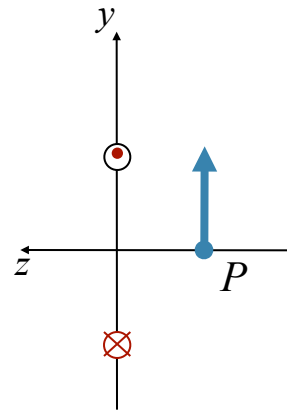
What is the direction of B at P produced by the **bottom** current I_2 ?



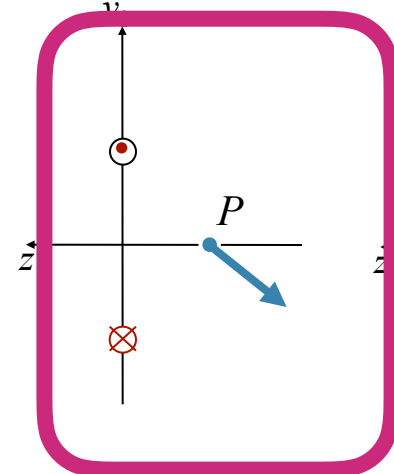
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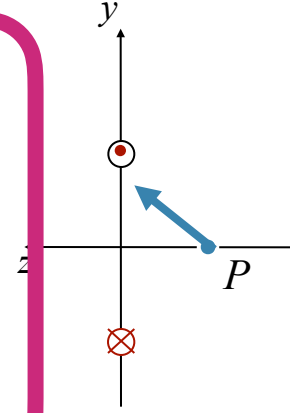
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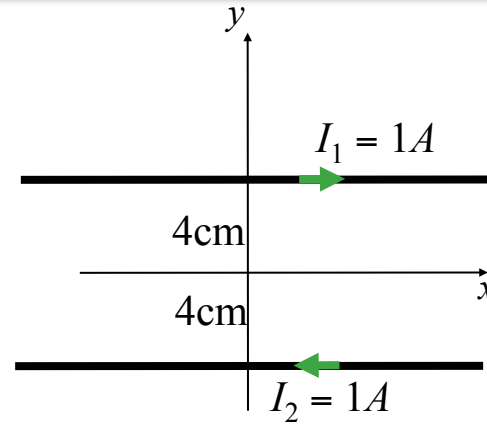


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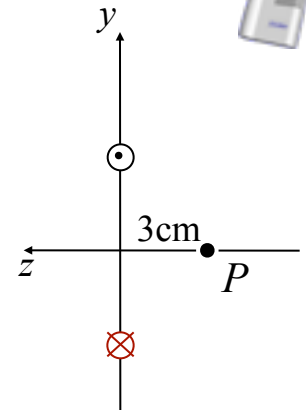
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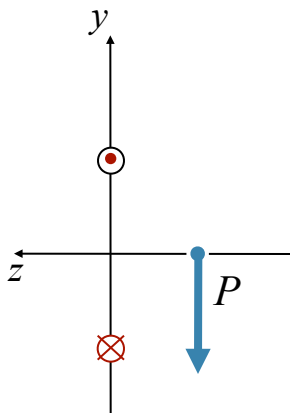
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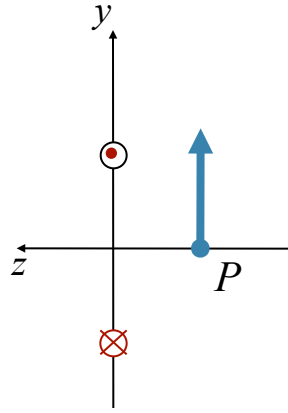
Side view

What is the B field at point P ?

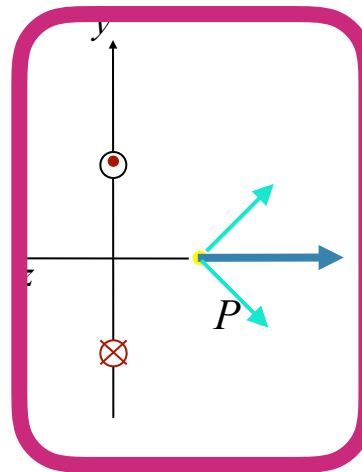
What is the direction of B at P ?



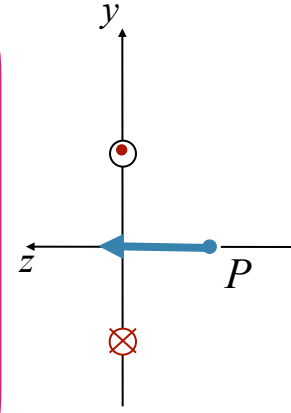
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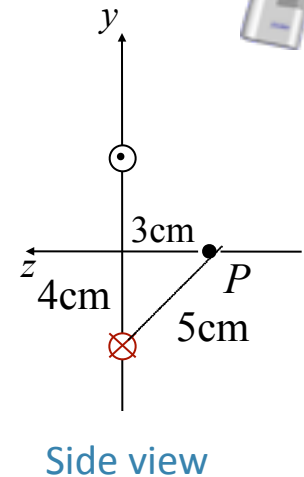
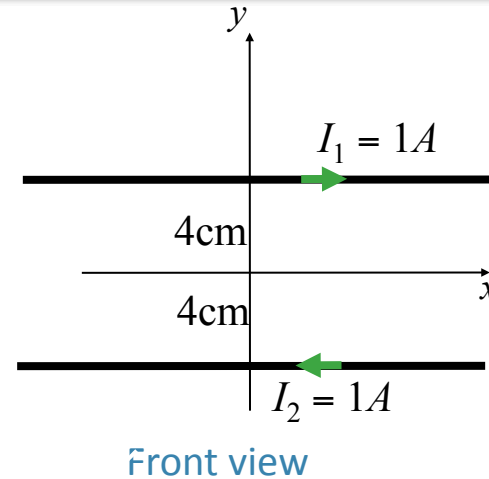
Calculation



Two parallel horizontal wires are located in the vertical (x,y) plane as shown. Each wire carries a current of $I = 1\text{ A}$ flowing in the directions shown.

What is the B field at point P ?

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$



What is the magnitude of B at P produced by the top current I_1 ?

$$(\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}\cdot\text{m/A})$$

A) $4.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}$

B) $5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}$

C) $6.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}$

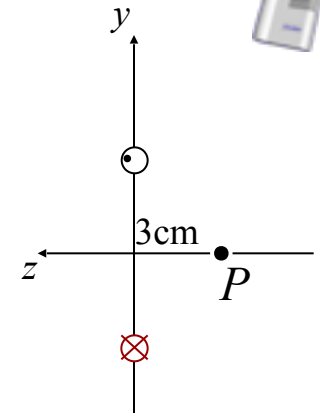
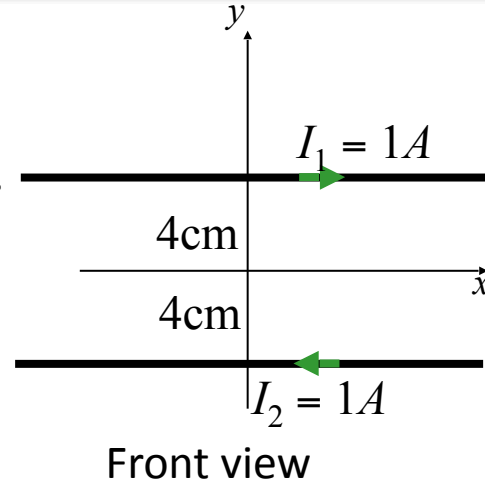
$$\frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} = 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}\cdot\text{m/A}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} = \frac{(2 \times 10^{-7})(1)}{5 \times 10^{-2}} = 4.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ T}$$

Calculation



Two parallel horizontal wires are located in the vertical (x,y) plane as shown. Each wire carries a current of $I = 1A$ flowing in the directions shown.



What is the B field at point P ?

$$B_{top} = 4 \times 10^{-6} T$$

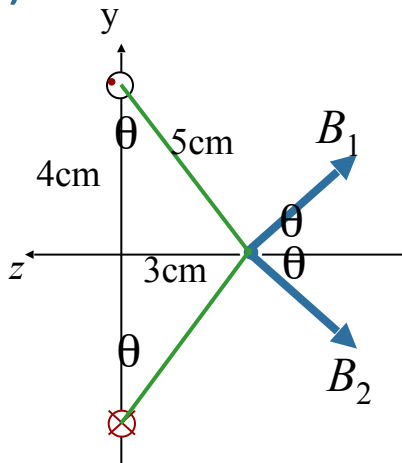
What is the magnitude of B at P ? ($\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} T - m/A$)

A) $3.2 \times 10^{-6} T$

B) $4.8 \times 10^{-6} T$

C) $6.4 \times 10^{-6} T$

D) $8.0 \times 10^{-6} T$



$$B_{1x} = B_1 \cos\theta$$

$$B_{2x} = B_2 \cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow B_x = 2B_1 \cos\theta = 2 \times 4 \times 10^{-6} \times \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) = 6.4 \times 10^{-6}$$