

e.g. 28-6. Uniform current in a cylindrical long wire.

Current density: (current per unit ^{cross-sectional} area).

Ampere's law: $\sum \vec{B} \cdot \Delta \vec{\ell} = \mu_0 I_{\text{encl.}}$

a). outside. $r > R$.

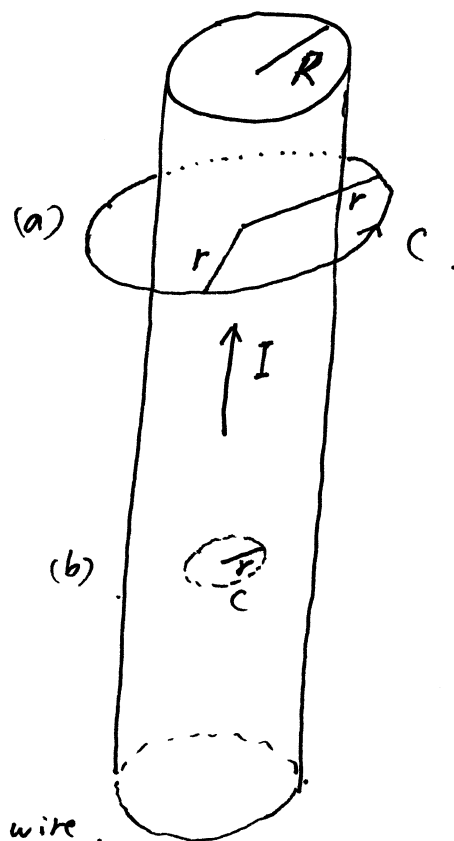
choose a closed path C — circle.

at any point on C : $\vec{B} \parallel \Delta \vec{\ell}$
 $B = \text{const.}$

$$\therefore \sum \vec{B} \cdot \Delta \vec{\ell} = \sum B \Delta \ell = B \sum \Delta \ell = B \cdot 2\pi r.$$

$$B \cdot 2\pi r = \mu_0 I_{\text{encl.}} = \mu_0 I.$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \quad \text{— same as a thin wire.}$$



b). Inside.

$$\sum \vec{B} \cdot \Delta \vec{\ell} = \mu_0 I_{\text{encl.}}$$

$$B \cdot 2\pi r = \mu_0 \left(\frac{I}{\pi R^2} \right) \cdot \pi r^2.$$

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

Direction of $\vec{B}$: RHR.

c). plug in numbers

current density: $\frac{I}{\pi R^2}$.
 (current per unit cross-sectional area)

