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## CHAPTER 30 SOURCES OF THE MAGNETIC FIELD

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## 30.1THE BIOT-SAVART LAW

Jean-Baptiste Biot (1774–1862) and Félix Savart (1791–1841) performed quantitative experiments on the force exerted by an electric current on a nearby magnet.



Properties of the magnetic field created by an electric current

The magnetic field dB at a point due to the current *I* through a length element ds is given by the Biot–Savart law. The direction of the field is out of the page at *P* and into the page at *P*'

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These observations are summarized in the mathematical formula known today as the **Biot-Savart law:** 

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I\,d\mathbf{s} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2} \tag{30.1}$$

where  $\mu_0$  is a constant called the **permeability of free space**:

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \,\mathrm{T \cdot m/A} \tag{30.2}$$

To find the total magnetic field B created at some point by a current of finite size, we must sum up contributions from all current elements *Ids that make up the current. That is, we* must evaluate B by integrating Equation 30.1

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_o}{4\pi} \int \frac{Id\mathbf{s} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$$
$$\therefore \mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_o I}{2\pi a}$$





The right-hand rule for determining the direction of the magnetic field surrounding a long, straight wire carrying a current. Note that the magnetic field lines form circles around the wire.



**Example** A vertical electric wire in the wall of a building carries a current of 25 A upward. What is the magnetic field at a point 10 cm due north of this wire?

Let's make north be to the left in this picture, and up be up.

According to the right hand rule, the magnetic field is to the west, coming out of the plane of the "paper."

To calculate the magnitude, B:

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

$$B = \frac{4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{2\pi} \frac{(25)}{(0.1)} = 5 \times 10^{-5} T$$



# 30.2 THE MAGNETIC FORCE BETWEEN TWO PARALLEL CONDUCTORS

Consider two long, straight, parallel wires separated by a distance *a* and carrying currents  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  in the same direction

We can determine the force exerted on one wire due to the magnetic field set up by the other wire.



$$F_1 = I_1 \ell B_2 = I_1 \ell \left(\frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi a}\right) = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{2\pi a} \ell$$

RHR-Fingers along B Thumb along v Palm shows F

parallel conductors carrying currents in the same direction attract each other, and parallel conductors carrying currents in opposite directions repel each other. 7



Because the magnitudes of the forces are the same on both wires, we denote the magnitude of the magnetic force between the wires as simply  $F_B$ .

Force per unit length:

## $\frac{F_B}{I} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{2\pi a}$ **Definition of the Ampere**

When the magnitude of the force per unit length between two long parallel wires that carry identical currents and are separated by 1 m is  $2 \times 10^{-7}$  N/m, the current in each wire is defined to be 1 A

## **Definition of the Coulomb**

- The SI unit of charge, the **coulomb**, is defined in terms of the ampere
- When a conductor carries a steady current of 1 A, the quantity of charge that flows through a cross section of the conductor in 1 s is 1 C

### example

Two very long straight, parallel wires have currents *I* running through them as shown in the figure. The force on wire 2 due to wire 1 is:



## 30.3 AMPERE'S LAW

Because the compass needles point in the direction of B, we conclude that the lines of B form circles around the wire,

the magnitude of B is the same everywhere on a circular path centered on the wire and lying in a plane perpendicular to the wire. By varying the current and distance *a from the wire, we find that B is proportional to the current and inversely* proportional to the distance from the wire,



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#### Ampère's law

The line integral of  $\mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$  around any closed path equals  $\mu_0 I$ , where I is the total continuous current passing through any surface bounded by the closed path.

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 I \tag{30.13}$$

Ampere's law describes the creation of magnetic fields by all continuous current configurations, but at our mathematical level it is useful only for calculating the magnetic field of current configurations having a high degree of symmetry. Its use is similar to that of Gauss's law in calculating electric fields for highly symmetric charge distributions.

If your path includes more than one source of current, add all the currents (with correct sign).

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot \vec{ds} = \mu_0 (I_1 - I_2)$$





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$$\sum_{\text{path}} \mathbf{B} \bullet \mathbf{ds} = 2\mu_0 I$$

$$\sum_{\text{path}} \mathbf{B} \bullet \mathbf{ds} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{B}$$

What is the total current through the area bounded by the closed curve?

### 1A into the page



### Example:

The total current through the area bounded by the closed curve is 2 A. What are the size and direction of  $I_3$ ?

 $I_3 = 3A$  into the page



Use Ampere's Law to find B near a very long, straight wire. B is independent of position along the wire and only depends on the distance from the wire (symmetry).



By symmetry  $\theta = 0$ 

$$\int B \cdot \vec{ds} = \int B \, ds = B \int ds = B(2\pi r) = \mu_0 i$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{i}{r}$$
Suppose i = 10 A  
r = 10 cm  

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{N}{A^2}$$

 $B = 2 \times 10^{-7} \times 10 \times 10^{-1}$  $B = 2 \times 10^{-7}$  T

#### **EXAMPLE 30.4** The Magnetic Field Created by a Long Current-Carrying Wire

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Let us choose for our path of integration circle 1 in Figure ...From symmetry, B must be constant in magnitude and parallel to *ds at every* point on this circle. Because the total current passing through the plane of the circle is  $I_o$ , *Ampère's law gives* 

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = B \oint ds = B(2\pi r) = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 I_0$$
$$B = \frac{\boldsymbol{\mu}_0 I_0}{2\pi r} \quad \text{(for } r \ge R\text{)}$$

Now consider the interior of the wire, where r < R. Here the current *I* passing through the plane of circle 2 is less than the total current  $I_0$ . Because the current is uniform over the cross-section of the wire, the fraction of the current enclosed by circle 2 must equal the ratio of the area  $r^2$  enclosed by circle 2 to the cross-sectional area  $R^2$  of the wire:

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### 30.4 THE MAGNETIC FIELD OF A SOLENOID

➤ A solenoid is a long wire wound in the form of a helix. With this configuration, a reasonably uniform magnetic field can be produced in the space surrounded by the turns of wire—which we shall call the *interior of the solenoid—when the solenoid* carries a current.

➤ the field lines in the interior are nearly parallel to one another, are uniformly distributed, and are close together, indicating that the field in this space is uniform and strong.

 $\succ$  The field lines between current elements on two adjacent turns tend to cancel each other because the field vectors from the two elements are in opposite directions.

> The field at exterior points such as *P* is weak because the field due to current elements on the right-hand portion of a turn tends to cancel the field due to current elements on the left-hand portion.

\* The magnetic field lines for a loosely wound solenoid.



Magnetic field lines for a tightly wound solenoid of finite length, carrying a steady current

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![](_page_19_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_19_Figure_4.jpeg)

The magnetic field pattern of a bar magnet, displayed with small iron filings on a sheet of paper.

An *ideal solenoid is approached* when the turns are closely spaced and the length is much greater than the radius of the turns. In this case, the external field is zero, and the interior field is uniform over a great volume.

![](_page_20_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_20_Figure_2.jpeg)

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Because the solenoid is ideal, B in the interior space is uniform and parallel to the axis, and B in the exterior space is zero.

Consider the rectangular p width w shown in Figure Ampere's law to this path integral of B.ds over each sid

$$\vec{B} \cdot \vec{ds} = \int_1 \vec{B} \cdot \vec{ds} + \int_2 \vec{B} \cdot \vec{ds} + \int_3 \vec{B} \cdot \vec{ds} + \int_4 \vec{B} \cdot \vec{ds}$$

n=

$$\int \vec{B} \cdot \vec{ds} = Bl + 0 + 0 + 0 = \mu_0 I_{en}$$

$$Bl = \mu_0 NI$$

$$n = \frac{N}{l}$$
N is the number enclosed by our

N IS The n enclosed

bath of length and  
a.... We can apply  
h by evaluating the  
de of the rectangle.  

$$\vec{As} + \int_{3} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{ds} + \int_{4} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{ds}$$
  
 $= \mu_{0} I_{enclosed}$   
umber of turns  
by our surface  
N/L is the number of turns per unit length

$$B = \mu_0 \frac{N}{l}I = \mu_0 nI$$

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$$\mathsf{B} = \ \mathsf{\mu}_0 \ \frac{\mathsf{N}}{\ell} \ \mathsf{I}$$

$$B = \left(4\pi \times 10^{-7} \ \frac{T \cdot m}{A}\right) \frac{(400)}{(0.1 m)} \ (2 A)$$

$$B = 0.01 T$$

A solenoid 20 cm long and 4 cm in diameter is wounded with a total of 200 turns of wire. The solenoid is aligned with its axis parallel to the earth's magnetic field which is  $3\times10^{-5}$  T in magnitude. What should the current in the solenoid be in order for its field to exactly cancel the earth's field inside the solenoid?

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Solution: Since  $\ell = 0.2$  m and N=200 turns, **B=N**<sub>µ<sub>o</sub></sub>I/ $\ell$ 

 $I=B\ell/\mu_o N=(3x10^{-5}T)(0.2)/(4\pi x10^{-7}Tm/A)(200)=0.024 A=24 mA$ 

The solenoid diameter has no significance except as a check that the solenoid is long relative to its diameter.

## example

A 0.1 T magnetic field is required. A student makes a solenoid of length 10.0 cm. Calculate how many turns are required if the wire is to carry 10.0 A.

![](_page_26_Figure_2.jpeg)

## 30.5 MAGNETIC FLUX

<u>Magnetic Flux,</u>  $\Phi$ : The number of magnetic (flux) field lines which pass

through a given cross-sectional area A Consider the special case of a plane of area *A* in a uniform field *B* that makes

an angle  $\theta$  with dA. The magnetic flux through the plane in this case is

$$\Phi = \int \vec{B} \cdot \vec{dA}$$

for constant B and A

 $\Phi = \mathbf{BAcos}\,\theta$ 

<u>Units:</u>

 $\Phi$  webers

B Tesla

A area m<sup>2</sup>

 $\theta$  angle formed between B and the normal to the loop (area vector A)

The <u>area vector A</u> is perpendicular to the surface A and has a magnitude equal to the area A.

![](_page_27_Picture_15.jpeg)

# Hint: $\theta$ is the angle formed between B and the normal to the loop.

When B is along the plane of the loop?

 $\Phi = B A \cos \theta \qquad \Theta = 90^{0}$   $\Phi = 0$   $\Phi = 0$ 

When B is perpendicular to the loop?

![](_page_28_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_28_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_29_Picture_0.jpeg)

## Which has the largest magnetic flux?

![](_page_29_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_30_Picture_0.jpeg)

In Chapter 24 we found that the electric flux through a closed surface surrounding a net charge is proportional to that charge (Gauss's law). In other words, the number of electric field lines leaving the surface depends only on the net charge within it. This property is based on the fact that electric field lines originate and terminate on electric charges.

![](_page_30_Figure_2.jpeg)

The situation is quite different for magnetic fields, which are continuous and form closed loops

Gauss's law in magnetism states that

the net magnetic flux through any closed surface is always zero:

 $\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$ 

![](_page_31_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_31_Picture_1.jpeg)

### SUMMARY

The **Biot-Savart law** says that the magnetic field  $d\mathbf{B}$  at a point *P* due to a length element  $d\mathbf{s}$  that carries a steady current *I* is

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\boldsymbol{\mu}_0}{4\pi} \frac{I\,d\mathbf{s} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2} \tag{30.1}$$

where  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T} \cdot \text{m/A}$  is the **permeability of free space**, *r* is the distance from the element to the point *P*, and  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  is a unit vector pointing from *ds* to point *P*. We find the total field at *P* by integrating this expression over the entire current distribution.

The magnetic field at a distance a from a long, straight wire carrying an electric current I is

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi a} \tag{30.5}$$

The field lines are circles concentric with the wire.

The magnetic force per unit length between two parallel wires separated by a distance a and carrying currents  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  has a magnitude

$$\frac{F_B}{\ell} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{2\pi a}$$
(30.12)

The force is attractive if the currents are in the same direction and repulsive if they are in opposite directions.

**Ampère's law** says that the line integral of  $\mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$  around any closed path equals  $\mu_0 I$ , where I is the total steady current passing through any surface bounded by the closed path:

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 I \tag{30.13}$$

Using Ampère's law, one finds that the fields inside a toroid and solenoid are

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2\pi r} \qquad \text{(toroid)} \tag{30.16}$$

$$B = \mu_0 \frac{N}{\ell} I = \mu_0 n I \quad \text{(solenoid)} \quad (30.17)$$

where N is the total number of turns.

The **magnetic flux**  $\Phi_B$  through a surface is defined by the surface integral

$$\Phi_B \equiv \int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$
(30.18)

**Gauss's law of magnetism** states that the net magnetic flux through any closed surface is zero.

![](_page_35_Figure_0.jpeg)

long straight wire

use Ampere's law (or note the lack of N)

center of N loops of radius a

probably not a starting equation

solenoid, length I, N turns

field inside a solenoid is constant

solenoid, n turns per unit length

field inside a solenoid is constant

toroid, N loops

field inside a toroid depends on position (r)