

# Ampere's Law

- in electrostatics

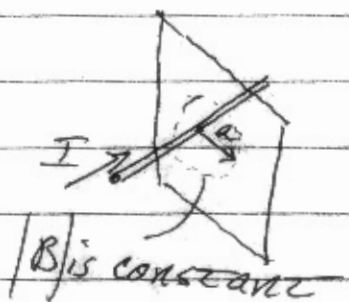
Coulomb's Law → calculate  $\vec{E}$  field from point charges

→ for highly symmetric cases, can solve with Gauss' Law more easily

→ by analogy: Coulomb's !! Biot-Savart as Gauss !! ?

- Consider a wire

- lines of  $B$  form circles around a wire



$$B \propto I, B \propto a^{-1}$$

- we want a relationship between  $\vec{B}$  &  $I$  easy to determine for certain easy shapes

path integral around wire

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} \text{ for wire} = B ds \text{ since } \vec{B} \parallel d\vec{s}$$

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \oint B ds = B \oint ds = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi a} (2\pi a)$$

↘ constant on our chosen path

$$\boxed{\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I}$$

(generally applicable)

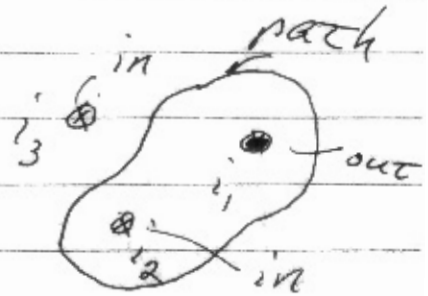
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So,  $\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$  around any closed path is proportional to the current passing thru the surface bounded by the closed path.

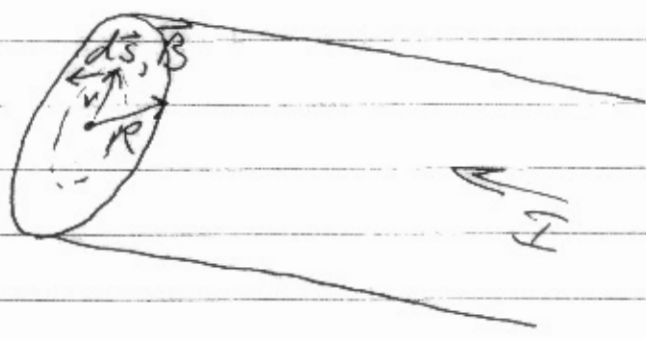
- Like w/ Gauss's Law, we only are concerned with sources of field (current-carrying wires) inside path

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 i_{in}$$
$$= \mu_0 (i_1 - i_2)$$

net current



- of course, this path + scenario is not symmetric enough to proceed further



$d\vec{s} \parallel \vec{B}$  (symmetry)

What is  $B$  for  $r < R$ ?

→ current,  $i$ , thru surface scales as area of surface:

$$i = \frac{\pi r^2}{\pi R^2} I$$

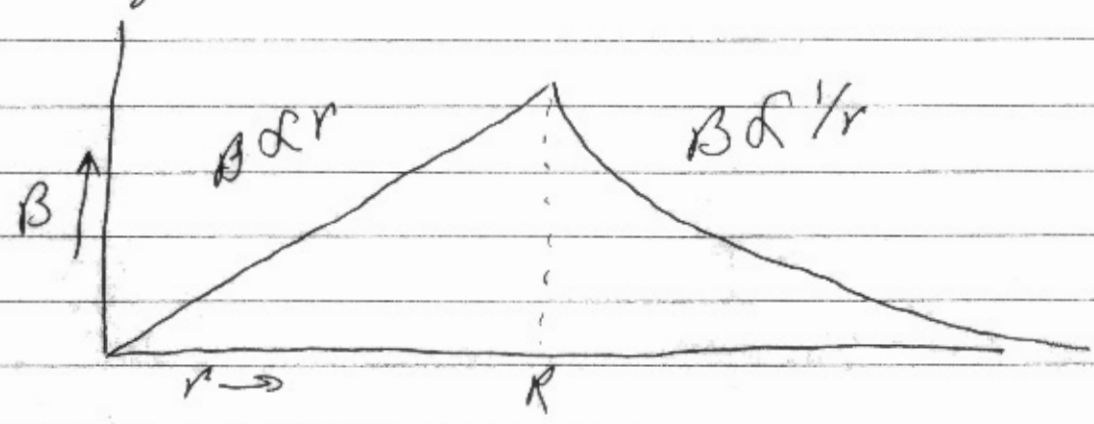
From Ampere's Law:

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 i$$

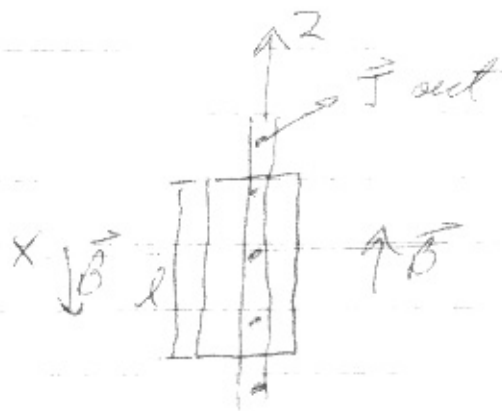
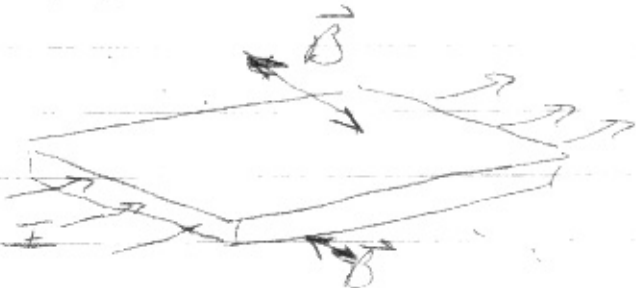
$$B (2\pi r) = \mu_0 \left( \frac{r^2}{R^2} I \right)$$

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

so  $B$ -field scales as  $r$ . in this region



# Infinite Current Sheet



→ rectangular path

→ 2 horiz. sides of length  $w$

→ no contrib. since  $\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$

→ direction of field needs to be  $\parallel$  to sheet

→ can't penetrate sheet or violate Biot-Savart

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I = \mu_0 J l$$

$$2Bl = \mu_0 J l$$

$$B = \mu_0 J / 2$$

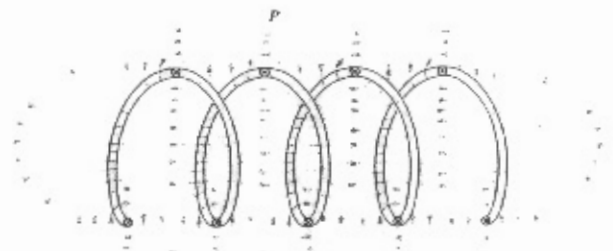
current in plane of rectangle

→ so does not depend on distance

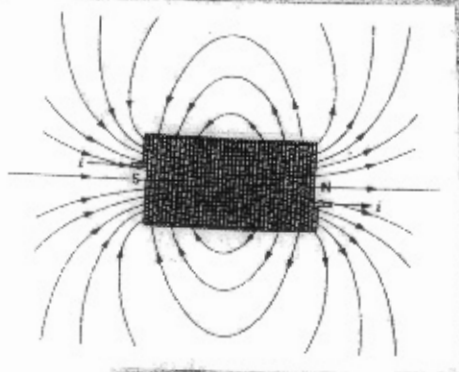
(analogous to  $E = \sigma / 2\epsilon_0$ )

# Solenoids + Toroids

solenoid: a long wire wound in a close-packed helix and carrying current  $I$ .

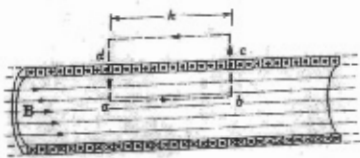


→ when wires close, acts almost like a sheet of current



→ ideal case:  $l \gg ch \gg$  diameter  $r$

pick paths // or  $\perp$  to  $\vec{B}$



$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_a^b \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_b^c \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_c^d \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_d^a \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

Since  $h \gg l_{\text{wire}} \rightarrow i = i_0 n h$

$n = \# \text{ turns / length}$

As a result

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_a^b \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = Bh = \mu_0 i$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 (i_0 n) l}{l}$$

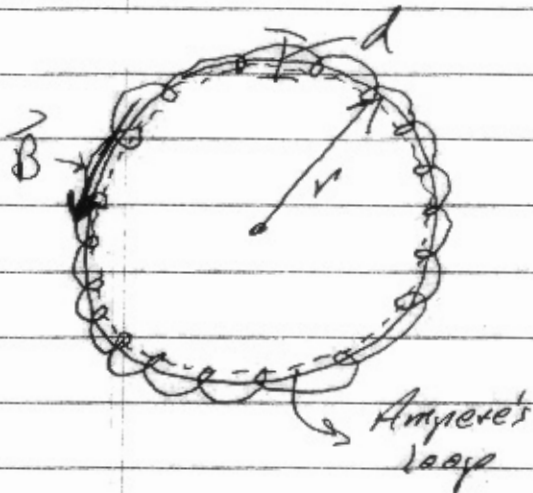
B for a solenoid

$$B = \mu_0 i_0 n$$

So we have a uniform B-field inside the solenoid.

→ not a bad approximation for actual solenoids near axis

Toroid: like a solenoid bent closed to a donut shape.



Using Ampere's Law:

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 i$$

$$B(2\pi r) = \mu_0 i_0 N \quad \text{# turns total}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i_0 N}{2\pi r}$$

So B is not constant

(note: tokamak)



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## Magnetic moment of atoms

$e^-$  in a current loop around atoms. The current

$$I = \frac{e}{T} = \frac{e\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{e\nu}{2\pi r}$$

time interval

magnetic moment,  $\mu = IA$

$$\mu = \frac{e\nu}{2\pi r} (\pi r^2) = \frac{1}{2} e\nu r$$

$$= \frac{e}{2m_e} L \quad \text{where } L \text{ is orbital ang. momentum of 'e'}$$

( $L = m_e \nu r$ )

→ permanent magnetic moment,  
para + ferro magnetic  
materials

→ not diamagnetic materials