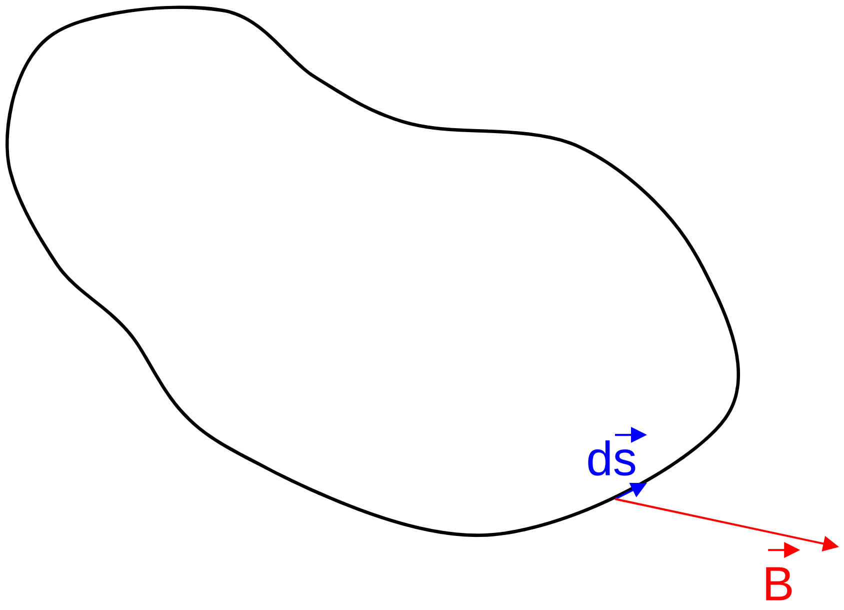
Class 33. Ampere's Law

Path Integral of Magnetic Field



Path Integral:

$$\oint \vec{B}\cdot d\vec{s}$$

Do you remember:

$$\oint \vec{E}\cdot d\vec{s} = ?$$ (for stationary case)

Gauss's Law (Maxwell's first equation)

From Class 6

For *any* closed surface,

$$\varepsilon_0 \Phi_E = q_{in} \quad \text{or} \quad \varepsilon_0 \oiint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = q_{in}$$

Two types of problems that involve Gauss's Law:

1. Give you left hand side (i.e. flux through a given surface), calculate the right hand side (i.e. charge enclosed by that surface).

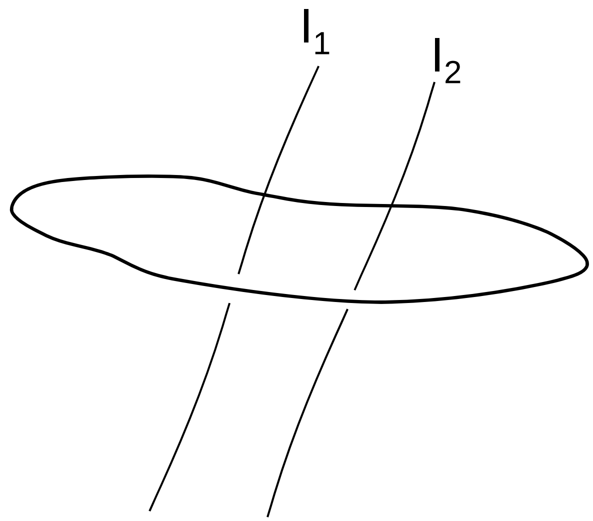
2. Give you right hand side (i.e. a charge distribution) , calculate the left hand side (i.e. flux and the electric field).

Ampere's Law (Maxwell's third equation - partial)

For *any* closed loop,

$$\oint \vec{B}\cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 \, I_{in}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ TmA}^{-1}$$



Two types of problems that involve Ampere's Law:

1. Give you left hand side (i.e. line integral of a given loop), calculate the right hand side (i.e. current enclosed by that loop).

2. Give you right hand side (i.e. current) , calculate the left hand side (i.e. the line integral and the magnetic field).

Calculating Magnetic Field Using Ampere's Law

1. By symmetry argument, construct a loop so that the path integral $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$ can be easily calculated. In most cases when Ampere's Law is applicable,

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = BL$$

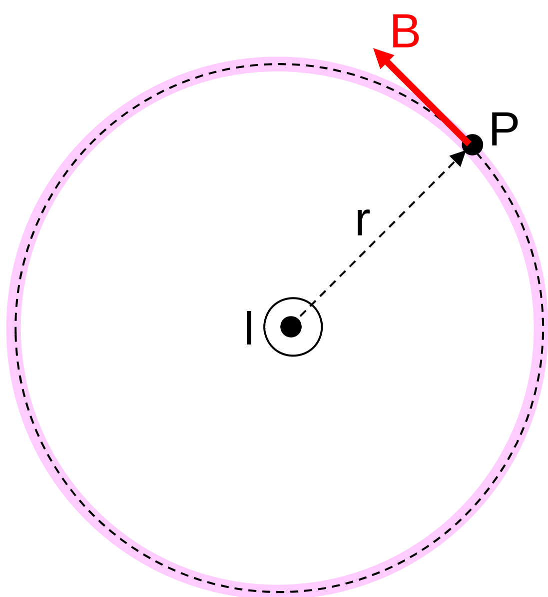
where L is the length of the loop.

2. You can then apply Ampere's Law and solve for B:

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I_{in} \Rightarrow BL = \mu_0 I_{in} \Rightarrow B = \frac{\mu_0 I_{in}}{L}$$

3. Two common cases when Ampere's Law can be used to calculate magnetic field: infinite long wire and infinite long solenoid / toroid.

Magnetic field due to a long wire



Want to calculate the magnetic field B at point P.

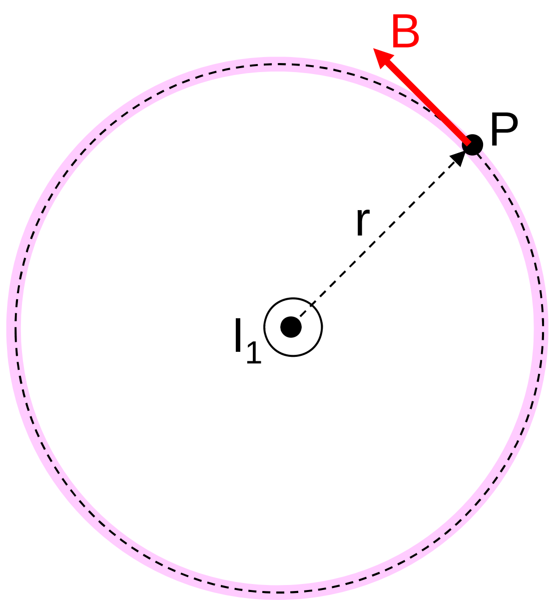
By symmetry argument, B is in the plane of the paper (infinite long wire), has the same magnitude for all points on the dotted circular loop (azimuthal symmetry), and tangent to the circular loop (so cos θ=1).

$$\therefore \oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = B \cdot 2\pi\, r$$

Ampere's Law: $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0\, I \Rightarrow \; B \cdot 2\pi\, r = \mu_0\, I$

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

Magnetic Force Between Two Parallel Long Wires



Magnetic field at point P due to I_1:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi r}$$

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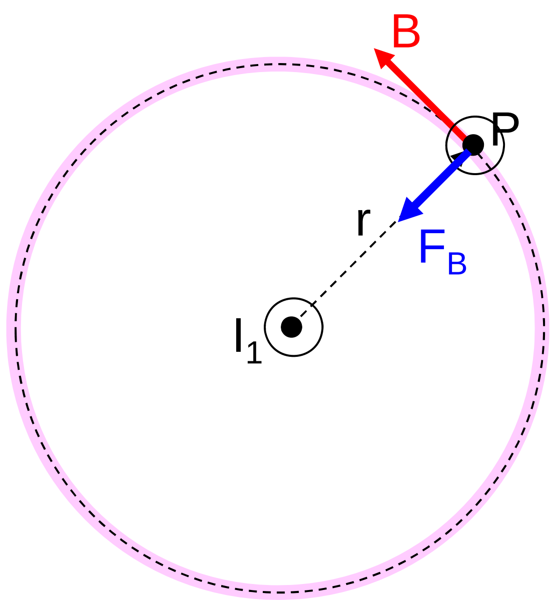

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$$\vec{F}_B = I_2 \vec{L} \times \vec{B} \;\Rightarrow\; F_B = I_2 BL \sin 90^o = I_2 BL$$

$$\Rightarrow\; F_B = I_2 L \cdot \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi \, r}$$

$$\Rightarrow\; \frac{F_B}{L} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{2\pi \, r}$$

Force is attractive if the two currents are in the same direction, repulsive if the two currents are in opposite direction.