CHAPTER 30

Sources of the Magnetic Field



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A cardiac catheterization laboratory stands ready to receive a patient suffering from atrial fibrillation. The large white objects on either side of the operating table are strong magnets that place the patient in a magnetic field. The electrophysiologist performing a catheter ablation procedure sits at a computer in the room to the left. With guidance from the magnetic field, he or she uses a joystick and other controls to thread the magnetically sensitive tip of a cardiac catheter through blood vessels and into the chambers of the heart. (© Courtesy of Stereotaxis, Inc.)

In Chapter 29, we discussed the magnetic force exerted on a charged particle moving in a magnetic field. To complete the description of the magnetic interaction, this chapter explores the origin of the magnetic field, moving charges. We begin by showing how to use the law of Biot and Savart to calculate the magnetic field produced at some point in space by a small current element. This formalism is then used to calculate the total magnetic field due to various current distributions. Next, we show how to determine the force between two current-carrying conductors, leading to the definition of the ampere. We also introduce Ampère's law, which is useful in calculating the magnetic field of a highly symmetric configuration carrying a steady current.

This chapter is also concerned with the complex processes that occur in magnetic materials. All magnetic effects in matter can be explained on the basis of atomic magnetic moments, which arise both from the orbital motion of electrons and from an intrinsic property of electrons known as spin.

30.1 The Biot–Savart Law

Shortly after Oersted's discovery in 1819 that a compass needle is deflected by a current-carrying conductor, 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. From their experimental results, Biot and Savart arrived at a mathematical expression that gives the magnetic field at some point in space

in terms of the current that produces the field. That expression is based on the following experimental observations for the magnetic field $d\vec{B}$ at a point *P* associated with a length element $d\vec{s}$ of a wire carrying a steady current *I* (Fig. 30.1):

- The vector $d\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ is perpendicular both to $d\vec{\mathbf{s}}$ (which points in the direction of the current) and to the unit vector $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ directed from $d\vec{\mathbf{s}}$ toward *P*.
- The magnitude of $d\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ is inversely proportional to r^2 , where *r* is the distance from $d\vec{\mathbf{s}}$ to *P*.
- The magnitude of $d\vec{B}$ is proportional to the current *I* and to the magnitude ds of the length element $d\vec{s}$.
- The magnitude of $d\mathbf{\vec{B}}$ is proportional to $\sin \theta$, where θ is the angle between the vectors $d\mathbf{\vec{s}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$.

These observations are summarized in the mathematical expression known today as the **Biot–Savart law:**

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

where μ_0 is a constant called the **permeability of free space**:

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

Notice that the field $d\mathbf{B}$ in Equation 30.1 is the field created at a point by the current in only a small length element $d\mathbf{\vec{s}}$ of the conductor. To find the *total* magnetic field $\mathbf{\vec{B}}$ created at some point by a current of finite size, we must sum up contributions from all current elements $I d\mathbf{\vec{s}}$ that make up the current. That is, we must evaluate $\mathbf{\vec{B}}$ by integrating Equation 30.1:

$$\vec{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\vec{\mathbf{s}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$$
(30.3)

where the integral is taken over the entire current distribution. This expression must be handled with special care because the integrand is a cross product and therefore a vector quantity. We shall see one case of such an integration in Example 30.1.

Although the Biot–Savart law was discussed for a current-carrying wire, it is also valid for a current consisting of charges flowing through space such as the particle beam in an accelerator. In that case, $d\vec{s}$ represents the length of a small segment of space in which the charges flow.

Interesting similarities and differences exist between Equation 30.1 for the magnetic field due to a current element and Equation 23.9 for the electric field due to a point charge. The magnitude of the magnetic field varies as the inverse square of the distance from the source, as does the electric field due to a point charge. The directions of the two fields are quite different, however. The electric field created by a point charge is radial, but the magnetic field created by a current element is perpendicular to both the length element $d\vec{s}$ and the unit vector $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ as described by the cross product in Equation 30.1. Hence, if the conductor lies in the plane of the page as shown in Figure 30.1, $d\vec{B}$ points out of the page at *P* and into the page at *P'*.

Another difference between electric and magnetic fields is related to the source of the field. An electric field is established by an isolated electric charge. The Biot–Savart law gives the magnetic field of an isolated current element at some point, but such an isolated current element cannot exist the way an isolated electric charge can. A current element *must* be part of an extended current distribution because a complete circuit is needed for charges to flow. Therefore,

Pitfall Prevention 30.1

The Biot–Savart Law The magnetic field described by the Biot– Savart law is the field *due to* a given current-carrying conductor. Do not confuse this field with any *external* field that may be applied to the conductor from some other source.

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Figure 30.1 The magnetic field $d\vec{B}$ at a point due to the current *I* through a length element $d\vec{s}$ is given by the Biot–Savart law.

Equation 30.3.

• from greatest to least.



Figure 30.2 (Quick Quiz 30.1) Where is the magnetic field due to the current element the greatest?

Magnetic Field Surrounding a Thin, Straight Conductor

the Biot-Savart law (Eq. 30.1) is only the first step in a calculation of a magnetic

field; it must be followed by an integration over the current distribution as in

shown in Figure 30.2. Rank the points A, B, and C in terms of magnitude of the

magnetic field that is due to the current in just the length element $d\vec{s}$ shown

Q uick Quiz 30.1 Consider the magnetic field due to the current in the wire

Consider a thin, straight wire of finite length carrying a constant current I and placed along the x axis as shown in Figure 30.3. Determine the magnitude and direction of the magnetic field at point P due to this current.

SOLUTION

Example 30.1

Conceptualize From the Biot–Savart law, we expect that the magnitude of the field is proportional to the current in the wire and decreases as the distance *a* from the wire to point *P* increases. We also expect the field to depend on the angles θ_1 and θ_2 in Figure 30.3b. We place the origin at *O* and let point *P* be along the positive *y* axis, with $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ being a unit vector pointing out of the page.

Categorize We are asked to find the magnetic field due to a simple current distribution, so this example is a typical problem for which the Biot–Savart law is appropriate. We must find the field contribution from a small element of current and then integrate over the current distribution.

Analyze Let's start by considering a length element $d\vec{s}$ located a distance r from P. The direction of the magnetic field at point P due to the current in this element is out of the page because $d\vec{s} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}$ is out of the page. In fact, because *all* the current elements $I d\vec{s}$ lie in the plane



Figure 30.3 (Example 30.1) (a) A thin, straight wire carrying a current *I*. (b) The angles θ_1 and θ_2 used for determining the net field.

of the page, they all produce a magnetic field directed out of the page at point *P*. Therefore, the direction of the magnetic field at point *P* is out of the page and we need only find the magnitude of the field.

Evaluate the cross product in the Biot–Savart law:

Substitute into Equation 30.1:

From the geometry in Figure 30.3a, express r in terms of θ :

Notice that $\tan \theta = -x/a$ from the right triangle in Figure 30.3a (the negative sign is necessary because $d\vec{s}$ is located at a negative value of *x*) and solve for *x*:

Find the differential *dx*:

Substitute Equations (2) and (3) into the expression for the *z* component of the field from Equation (1):

$$d\vec{\mathbf{s}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}} = |d\vec{\mathbf{s}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}| \hat{\mathbf{k}} = \left[dx \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) \right] \hat{\mathbf{k}} = (dx \cos\theta) \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

(1)
$$d\vec{\mathbf{B}} = (dB) \hat{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{dx \cos\theta}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

(2)
$$r = \frac{a}{\cos\theta}$$

$$x = -a \tan \theta$$

(3)
$$dx = -a \sec^2 \theta \ d\theta = -\frac{a \ d\theta}{\cos^2 \theta}$$

(4) $dB = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \left(\frac{a \ d\theta}{\cos^2 \theta}\right) \left(\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{a^2}\right) \cos \theta = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi a} \cos \theta \ d\theta$

30.1 continued

Integrate Equation (4) over all length elements on the wire, where the subtending angles range from θ_1 to θ_2 as defined in Figure 30.3b:

Finalize We can use this result to find the magnitude of the magnetic field of *any* straight current-carrying wire if we know the geometry and hence the angles θ_1 and θ_2 . Consider the special case of an infinitely long, straight wire. If the wire in Figure 30.3b becomes infinitely long, we see that $\theta_1 = \pi/2$ and $\theta_2 = -\pi/2$ for length elements ranging between positions $x = -\infty$ and $x = +\infty$. Because $(\sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_2) = [\sin \pi/2 - \sin (-\pi/2)] = 2$, Equation 30.4 becomes

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

 $B = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi a} \int_{\theta}^{\theta_2} \cos \theta \ d\theta = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi a} (\sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_2)$

Equations 30.4 and 30.5 both show that the magnitude of the magnetic field is proportional to the current and decreases with increasing distance from the wire, as expected. Equation 30.5 has the same mathematical form as the expression for the magnitude of the electric field due to a long charged wire (see Eq. 24.7).

Example 30.2 Magnetic Field Due to a Curved Wire Segment

Calculate the magnetic field at point O for the current-carrying wire segment shown in Figure 30.4. The wire consists of two straight portions and a circular arc of radius a, which subtends an angle θ .

SOLUTION

Conceptualize The magnetic field at *O* due to the current in the straight segments *AA'* and *CC'* is zero because $d\vec{s}$ is parallel to $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ along these paths, which means that $d\vec{s} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}} = 0$ for these paths. Therefore, we expect the magnetic field at *O* to be due only to the current in the curved portion of the wire.

Categorize Because we can ignore segments *AA*' and *CC*', this example is categorized as an application of the Biot–Savart law to the curved wire segment *AC*.

Analyze Each length element $d\vec{s}$ along path *AC* is at the same distance *a* from *O*, and the current in each contributes a field element $d\vec{B}$ directed into the page at *O*. Furthermore, at every point on *AC*, $d\vec{s}$ is perpendicular to $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$; hence, $|d\vec{s} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}| = ds$.

From Equation 30.1, find the magnitude of the field at *O* due to the current in an element of length *ds*:

Integrate this expression over the curved path *AC*, noting that *I* and *a* are constants:

From the geometry, note that $s = a\theta$ and substitute:

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I\,ds}{a^2}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi a^2} \int ds = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi a^2} s$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi a^2} (a\theta) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi a} \theta$$
(30.6)

Finalize Equation 30.6 gives the magnitude of the magnetic field at *O*. The direction of \vec{B} is into the page at *O* because $d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}$ is into the page for every length element.

WHAT IF? What if you were asked to find the magnetic field at the center of a circular wire loop of radius *R* that carries a current *I*? Can this question be answered at this point in our understanding of the source of magnetic fields?



Figure 30.4 (Example 30.2) The

length of the curved segment AC is s.

(30.4)

30.2 continued

Answer Yes, it can. The straight wires in Figure 30.4 do not contribute to the magnetic field. The only contribution is from the curved segment. As the angle θ increases, the curved segment becomes a full circle when $\theta = 2\pi$. Therefore, you can find the magnetic field at the center of a wire loop by letting $\theta = 2\pi$ in Equation 30.6:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi a} 2\pi = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2a}$$

This result is a limiting case of a more general result discussed in Example 30.3.

Example 30.3 Magnetic Field on the Axis of a Circular Current Loop

Consider a circular wire loop of radius *a* located in the yz plane and carrying a steady current *I* as in Figure 30.5. Calculate the magnetic field at an axial point *P* a distance *x* from the center of the loop.

SOLUTION

Conceptualize Compare this problem to Example 23.8 for the electric field due to a ring of charge. Figure 30.5 shows the magnetic field contribution $d \vec{\mathbf{B}}$ at *P* due to a single current element at the top of the ring. This field vector can be resolved into components dB_x parallel to the axis of the ring and dB_{\perp} perpendicular to the axis. Think about the magnetic field contributions from a current element at the bottom of the loop. Because of the symmetry of the situation, the perpendicular components of the field due to elements at the top and bottom of the ring cancel. This cancellation



Figure 30.5 (Example 30.3) Geometry for calculating the magnetic field at a point *P* lying on the axis of a current loop. By symmetry, the total field $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ is along this axis.

occurs for all pairs of segments around the ring, so we can ignore the perpendicular component of the field and focus solely on the parallel components, which simply add.

Categorize We are asked to find the magnetic field due to a simple current distribution, so this example is a typical problem for which the Biot–Savart law is appropriate.

Analyze In this situation, every length element $d\vec{s}$ is perpendicular to the vector $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ at the location of the element. Therefore, for any element, $|d\vec{s} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}| = (ds)(1) \sin 90^\circ = ds$. Furthermore, all length elements around the loop are at the same distance *r* from *P*, where $r^2 = a^2 + x^2$.

Use Equation 30.1 to find the magnitude of $d\vec{B}$ due to the current in any length element $d\vec{s}$:

Find the *x* component of the field element:

Integrate over the entire loop:

From the geometry, evaluate $\cos \theta$:

Substitute this expression for $\cos \theta$ into the integral and note that *x* and *a* are both constant:

Integrate around the loop:

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{|d\vec{s} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}|}{r^2} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{ds}{(a^2 + x^2)}$$

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{|d\vec{s} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}|}{r^2} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{ds}{(a^2 + x^2)}$$

$$dB_x = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{ds}{(a^2 + x^2)} \cos \theta$$

$$B_x = \oint dB_x = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \oint \frac{ds \cos \theta}{a^2 + x^2}$$

$$\cos \theta$$

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$$\cos \theta = \frac{a}{(a^2 + x^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$B_x = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \oint \frac{ds}{a^2 + x^2} \left[\frac{a}{(a^2 + x^2)^{1/2}}\right] = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{a}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} \oint ds$$

$$B_x = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{a}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} (2\pi a) = \frac{\mu_0 I a^2}{2(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$(30.7)$$

30.3 continued

Finalize To find the magnetic field at the center of the loop, set x = 0 in Equation 30.7. At this special point,

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2a} \quad (\text{at } x = 0) \tag{30.8}$$

which is consistent with the result of the What If? feature of Example 30.2.

The pattern of magnetic field lines for a circular current loop is shown in Figure 30.6a. For clarity, the lines are drawn for only the plane that contains the axis of the loop. The field-line pattern is axially symmetric and looks like the pattern around a bar magnet, which is shown in Figure 30.6b.

WHAT IF? What if we consider points on the *x* axis very far from the loop? How does the magnetic field behave at these distant points?

Answer In this case, in which x >> a, we can neglect the term a^2 in the denominator of Equation 30.7 and obtain

$$B \approx \frac{\mu_0 I a^2}{2x^3}$$
 (for $x >> a$) (30.9)

Figure 30.6 (Example 30.3) (a) Magnetic field lines surrounding a current loop. (b) Magnetic field lines surrounding a bar magnet. Notice the similarity between this line pattern and that of a current loop.

The magnitude of the magnetic moment μ of the loop is defined as the product of current and loop area (see Eq. 29.15): $\mu = I(\pi a^2)$ for our circular loop. We can express Equation 30.9 as

$$B \approx \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\mu}{x^3} \tag{30.10}$$

This result is similar in form to the expression for the electric field due to an electric dipole, $E = k_e(p/y^3)$ (see Example 23.6), where p = 2aq is the electric dipole moment as defined in Equation 26.16.

30.2 The Magnetic Force Between Two Parallel Conductors

In Chapter 29, we described the magnetic force that acts on a current-carrying conductor placed in an external magnetic field. Because a current in a conductor sets up its own magnetic field, it is easy to understand that two current-carrying conductors exert magnetic forces on each other. One wire establishes the magnetic field and the other wire is modeled as a collection of particles in a magnetic field. Such forces between wires can be used as the basis for defining the ampere and the coulomb.

Consider two long, straight, parallel wires separated by a distance *a* and carrying currents I_1 and I_2 in the same direction as in Figure 30.7. Let's determine the force exerted on one wire due to the magnetic field set up by the other wire. Wire 2, which carries a current I_2 and is identified arbitrarily as the source wire, creates a magnetic field $\vec{\mathbf{B}}_2$ at the location of wire 1, the test wire. The magnitude of this magnetic field is the same at all points on wire 1. The direction of $\vec{\mathbf{B}}_2$ is perpendicular to wire 1 as shown in Figure 30.7. According to Equation 29.10, the magnetic force on a length ℓ of wire 1 is $\vec{\mathbf{F}}_1 = I_1 \vec{\ell} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}}_2$. Because $\vec{\ell}$ is perpendicular to $\vec{\mathbf{B}}_2$ in this situation, the magnitude of $\vec{\mathbf{F}}_1$ is $F_1 = I_1 \ell B_2$. Because the magnitude of $\vec{\mathbf{B}}_2$ is given by Equation 30.5,

$$F_1 = I_1 \ell B_2 = I_1 \ell \left(\frac{\mu_0 I_2}{2\pi a}\right) = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{2\pi a} \ell$$
(30.11)

The direction of $\vec{\mathbf{F}}_1$ is toward wire 2 because $\vec{\ell} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}}_2$ is in that direction. When the field set up at wire 2 by wire 1 is calculated, the force $\vec{\mathbf{F}}_2$ acting on wire 2 is found to be equal in magnitude and opposite in direction to $\vec{\mathbf{F}}_1$, which is what we expect because Newton's third law must be obeyed. When the currents are in opposite directions (that is, when one of the currents is reversed in Fig. 30.7), the forces



Figure 30.7 Two parallel wires that each carry a steady current exert a magnetic force on each other. The force is attractive if the currents are parallel (as shown) and repulsive if the currents are antiparallel.

are reversed and the wires repel each other. Hence, parallel conductors carrying currents in the *same* direction *attract* each other, and parallel conductors carrying currents in *opposite* directions *repel* each other.

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 . We can rewrite this magnitude in terms of the force per unit length:

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

The force between two parallel wires is used to define the **ampere** as follows:

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 2×10^{-7} N/m, the current in each wire is defined to be 1 A.

The value 2×10^{-7} N/m is obtained from Equation 30.12 with $I_1 = I_2 = 1$ A and a = 1 m. Because this definition is based on a force, a mechanical measurement can be used to standardize the ampere. For instance, the National Institute of Standards and Technology uses an instrument called a *current balance* for primary current measurements. The results are then used to standardize other, more conventional instruments such as ammeters.

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.

In deriving Equations 30.11 and 30.12, we assumed both wires are long compared with their separation distance. In fact, only one wire needs to be long. The equations accurately describe the forces exerted on each other by a long wire and a straight, parallel wire of limited length ℓ .

uick Quiz 30.2 A loose spiral spring carrying no current is hung from a ceiling.
 When a switch is thrown so that a current exists in the spring, do the coils

• (a) move closer together, (b) move farther apart, or (c) not move at all?

Example 30.4

Suspending a Wire AM

Two infinitely long, parallel wires are lying on the ground a distance a = 1.00 cm apart as shown in Figure 30.8a. A third wire, of length L = 10.0 m and mass 400 g, carries a current of $I_1 = 100$ A and is levitated above the first two wires, at a horizontal position midway between them. The infinitely long wires carry equal currents I_2 in the same direction, but in the direction opposite that in the levitated wire. What current must the infinitely long wires carry so that the three wires form an equilateral triangle?

SOLUTION

Conceptualize Because the current in the short wire is opposite those in the long wires, the short wire is repelled from both of the others. Imagine the currents in the long wires in Figure 30.8a are increased. The repulsive force



Figure 30.8 (Example 30.4) (a) Two current-carrying wires lie on the ground and suspend a third wire in the air by magnetic forces. (b) End view. In the situation described in the example, the three wires form an equilateral triangle. The two magnetic forces on the levitated wire are $\vec{\mathbf{F}}_{B,L}$, the force due to the left-hand wire on the ground, and $\vec{\mathbf{F}}_{B,R}$, the force due to the right-hand wire. The gravitational force $\vec{\mathbf{F}}_{g}$ on the levitated wire is also shown.

becomes stronger, and the levitated wire rises to the point at which the wire is once again levitated in equilibrium at a higher position. Figure 30.8b shows the desired situation with the three wires forming an equilateral triangle.

Categorize Because the levitated wire is subject to forces but does not accelerate, it is modeled as a *particle in equilibrium*.

30.4 continued

Analyze The horizontal components of the magnetic forces on the levitated wire cancel. The vertical components are both positive and add together. Choose the *z* axis to be upward through the top wire in Figure 30.8b and in the plane of the page.

Find the total magnetic force in the upward direction on the levitated wire:

Find the gravitational force on the levitated wire:

Apply the particle in equilibrium model by adding the forces and setting the net force equal to zero:

Solve for the current in the wires on the ground:

Substitute numerical values:

 $\vec{\mathbf{F}}_{B} = 2\left(\frac{\mu_{0}I_{1}I_{2}}{2\pi a}\ell\right)\cos\theta\,\hat{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\mu_{0}I_{1}I_{2}}{\pi a}\ell\cos\theta\,\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ $\vec{\mathbf{F}}_{g} = -mg\hat{\mathbf{k}}$

$$\sum \vec{\mathbf{F}} = \vec{\mathbf{F}}_B + \vec{\mathbf{F}}_g = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{\pi a} \,\ell \,\cos\theta \,\hat{\mathbf{k}} - mg \hat{\mathbf{k}} = 0$$

$$I_{2} = \frac{mg\pi a}{\mu_{0}I_{1}\ell\cos\theta}$$

$$I_{2} = \frac{(0.400 \text{ kg})(9.80 \text{ m/s}^{2})\pi(0.010 \text{ 0 m})}{(4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T} \cdot \text{m/A})(100 \text{ A})(10.0 \text{ m})\cos 30.0^{\circ}}$$

Finalize The currents in all wires are on the order of 10^2 A. Such large currents would require specialized equipment. Therefore, this situation would be difficult to establish in practice. Is the equilibrium of wire 1 stable or unstable?

30.3 Ampère's Law

Looking back, we can see that the result of Example 30.1 is important because a current in the form of a long, straight wire occurs often. Figure 30.9 is a perspective view of the magnetic field surrounding a long, straight, current-carrying wire. Because of the wire's symmetry, the magnetic field lines are circles concentric with the wire and lie in planes perpendicular to the wire. The magnitude of \vec{B} is constant on any circle of radius *a* and is given by Equation 30.5. A convenient rule for determining the direction of \vec{B} is to grasp the wire with the right hand, positioning the thumb along the direction of the current. The four fingers wrap in the direction of the magnetic field.

Figure 30.9 also shows that the magnetic field line has no beginning and no end. Rather, it forms a closed loop. That is a major difference between magnetic field lines and electric field lines, which begin on positive charges and end on negative charges. We will explore this feature of magnetic field lines further in Section 30.5.

Oersted's 1819 discovery about deflected compass needles demonstrates that a current-carrying conductor produces a magnetic field. Figure 30.10a (page 912) shows how this effect can be demonstrated in the classroom. Several compass needles are placed in a horizontal plane near a long, vertical wire. When no current is present in the wire, all the needles point in the same direction (that of the horizontal component of the Earth's magnetic field) as expected. When the wire carries a strong, steady current, the needles all deflect in a direction tangent to the circle as in Figure 30.10b. These observations demonstrate that the direction of the magnetic field produced by the current in the wire is consistent with the right-hand rule described in Figure 30.9. When the current is reversed, the needles in Figure 30.10b also reverse.

Now let's evaluate the product $\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$ for a small length element $d\vec{s}$ on the circular path defined by the compass needles and sum the products for all elements



Figure 30.9 The right-hand rule for determining the direction of the magnetic field surrounding a long, straight wire carrying a current. Notice that the magnetic field lines form circles around the wire.



Andre-Marie Ampère

French Physicist (1775–1836) Ampère is credited with the discovery of electromagnetism, which is the relationship between electric currents and magnetic fields. Ampère's genius, particularly in mathematics, became evident by the time he was 12 years old; his personal life, however, was filled with tragedy. His father, a wealthy city official, was guillotined during the French Revolution, and his wife died young, in 1803. Ampère died at the age of 61 of pneumonia.

Pitfall Prevention 30.2

Avoiding Problems with

Signs When using Ampère's law, apply the following right-hand rule. Point your thumb in the direction of the current through the amperian loop. Your curled fingers then point in the direction that you should integrate when traversing the loop to avoid having to define the current as negative.

Ampère's law 🕨



Figure 30.10 (a) and (b) Compasses show the effects of the current in a nearby wire. (c) Circular magnetic field lines surrounding a current-carrying conductor, displayed with iron filings.

over the closed circular path.¹ Along this path, the vectors $d\vec{s}$ and \vec{B} are parallel at each point (see Fig. 30.10b), so $\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = B \, ds$. Furthermore, the magnitude of \vec{B} is constant on this circle and is given by Equation 30.5. Therefore, the sum of the products *B* ds over the closed path, which is equivalent to the line integral of $\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$, is

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

where $\oint ds = 2\pi r$ is the circumference of the circular path of radius *r*. Although this result was calculated for the special case of a circular path surrounding a wire of infinite length, it holds for a closed path of *any* shape (an *amperian loop*) surrounding a current that exists in an unbroken circuit. The general case, known as **Ampère's law**, can be stated as follows:

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

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = \mu_0 I \tag{30.13}$$

Ampère'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.



Figure 30.11 (Quick Quiz 30.3) Four closed paths around three current-carrying wires.



Quick Quiz 30.4 Rank the magnitudes of $\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}}$ for the closed paths *a* through $\dot{\mathbf{b}}$ *d* in Figure 30.12 from greatest to least.



Figure 30.12 (Quick Quiz 30.4) Several closed paths near a single current-carrying wire.

Example 30.5

The Magnetic Field Created by a Long Current-Carrying Wire

A long, straight wire of radius *R* carries a steady current *I* that is uniformly distributed through the cross section of the wire (Fig. 30.13). Calculate the magnetic field a distance *r* from the center of the wire in the regions $r \ge R$ and r < R.

SOLUTION

Conceptualize Study Figure 30.13 to understand the structure of the wire and the current in the wire. The current creates magnetic fields everywhere, both inside and outside the wire. Based on our discussions about long, straight wires, we expect the magnetic field lines to be circles centered on the central axis of the wire.

Categorize Because the wire has a high degree of symmetry, we categorize this example as an Ampère's law problem. For the $r \ge R$ case, we should arrive at the same result as was obtained in Example 30.1, where we applied the Biot–Savart law to the same situation.

Analyze For the magnetic field exterior to the wire, let us choose for our path of integration circle 1 in Figure 30.13. From symmetry, \vec{B} must be constant in magnitude and parallel to $d\vec{s}$ at every point on this circle.

Note that the total current passing through the plane of the circle is *I* and apply Ampère's law:

Solve for *B*:

 $B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \quad \text{(for } r \ge R\text{)} \tag{30.14}$

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

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.

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

Set the ratio of the current I' enclosed by circle 2 to the entire current I equal to the ratio of the area πr^2 enclosed by circle 2 to the cross-sectional area πR^2 of the wire:

Solve for *I*':

Apply Ampère's law to circle 2:

Solve for *B*:

$$I' = \frac{r^2}{R^2} I$$

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = B(2\pi r) = \mu_0 I' = \mu_0 \left(\frac{r^2}{R^2}I\right)$$

$$B = \left(\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi R^2}\right) r \quad \text{(for } r < R\text{)} \quad (30.15)$$



Figure 30.13 (Example 30.5) A long, straight wire of radius *R* carrying a steady current *I* uniformly distributed across the cross section of the wire. The magnetic field at any point can be calculated from Ampère's law using a circular path of radius *r*, concentric with the wire.

30.5 continued

Finalize The magnetic field exterior to the wire is identical in form to Equation 30.5. As is often the case in highly symmetric situations, it is much easier to use Ampère's law than the Biot–Savart law (Example 30.1). The magnetic field interior to the wire is similar in form to the expression for the electric field inside a uniformly charged sphere (see Example 24.3). The magnitude of the magnetic field versus r for this configuration is plotted in Figure 30.14. Inside the

Figure 30.14 (Example 30.5) Magnitude of the magnetic field versus *r* for the wire shown in Figure 30.13. The field is proportional to *r* inside the wire and varies as 1/routside the wire.



wire, $B \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow 0$. Furthermore, Equations 30.14 and 30.15 give the same value of the magnetic field at r = R, demonstrating that the magnetic field is continuous at the surface of the wire.

Example 30.6 The Magnetic Field Created by a Toroid

A device called a *toroid* (Fig. 30.15) is often used to create an almost uniform magnetic field in some enclosed area. The device consists of a conducting wire wrapped around a ring (a *torus*) made of a nonconducting material. For a toroid having N closely spaced turns of wire, calculate the magnetic field in the region occupied by the torus, a distance r from the center.

SOLUTION

Conceptualize Study Figure 30.15 carefully to understand how the wire is wrapped around the torus. The torus could be a solid material or it could be air, with a stiff wire wrapped into the shape shown in Figure 30.15 to form an empty toroid. Imagine each turn of the wire to be a circular loop as in Example 30.3. The magnetic field at the center of the loop is perpendicular to the plane of the loop. Therefore, the magnetic field lines of the collection of loops will form circles within the toroid such as suggested by loop 1 in Figure 30.15.

Categorize Because the toroid has a high degree of symmetry, we categorize this example as an Ampère's law problem.

Analyze Consider the circular amperian loop (loop 1) of radius r in the plane of Figure 30.15. By symmetry, the magnitude of the field is



Figure 30.15 (Example 30.6) A toroid consisting of many turns of wire. If the turns are closely spaced, the magnetic field in the interior of the toroid is tangent to the dashed circle (loop 1) and varies as 1/r. The dimension *a* is the cross-sectional radius of the torus. The field outside the toroid is very small and can be described by using the amperian loop (loop 2) at the right side, perpendicular to the page.

constant on this circle and tangent to it, so $\vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = B \, ds$. Furthermore, the wire passes through the loop N times, so the total current through the loop is NI.

Apply Ampère's law to loop 1:

Solve for *B*:

Finalize This result shows that *B* varies as 1/r and hence is *nonuniform* in the region occupied by the torus. If, however, *r* is very large compared with the cross-sectional radius *a* of the torus, the field is approximately uniform inside the torus.

For an ideal toroid, in which the turns are closely spaced, the external magnetic field is close to zero, but it is not exactly zero. In Figure 30.15, imagine the radius r

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = B \oint ds = B(2\pi r) = \mu_0 NI$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2\pi r}$$
(30.16)

of amperian loop 1 to be either smaller than *b* or larger than *c*. In either case, the loop encloses zero net current, so $\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$. You might think this result proves that $\vec{B} = 0$, but it does not. Consider the amperian loop (loop 2) on the right side of the toroid in Figure 30.15. The plane of this loop is perpendicular to the page, and the toroid passes through the loop. As charges enter the toroid as indicated by the current directions in Figure 30.15,

30.6 continued

they work their way counterclockwise around the toroid. Therefore, there is a counterclockwise current around the toroid, so that a current passes through amperian loop 2! This current is small, but not zero. As a result, the toroid acts as a current loop and produces a weak external field of the form shown in Figure 30.6. The reason $\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = 0$ for amperian loop 1 of radius r < b or r > c is that the field lines are perpendicular to $d\vec{\mathbf{s}}$, not because $\vec{\mathbf{B}} = 0$.

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. When the turns are closely spaced, each can be approximated as a circular loop; the net magnetic field is the vector sum of the fields resulting from all the turns.

Figure 30.16 shows the magnetic field lines surrounding a loosely wound solenoid. 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 strong and almost uniform.

If the turns are closely spaced and the solenoid is of finite length, the external magnetic field lines are as shown in Figure 30.17a. This field line distribution is similar to that surrounding a bar magnet (Fig. 30.17b). Hence, one end of the solenoid behaves like the north pole of a magnet and the opposite end behaves like the south pole. As the length of the solenoid increases, the interior field becomes more uniform and the exterior field becomes weaker. An *ideal solenoid* is approached when the turns are closely spaced and the length is much greater than the radius of the turns. Figure 30.18 (page 916) shows a longitudinal cross section of part of such a solenoid carrying a current *I*. In this case, the external field is close to zero and the interior field is uniform over a great volume.

Consider the amperian loop (loop 1) perpendicular to the page in Figure 30.18 (page 916), surrounding the ideal solenoid. This loop encloses a small



Figure 30.16 The magnetic field lines for a loosely wound solenoid.



Figure 30.17 (a) Magnetic field lines for a tightly wound solenoid of finite length, carrying a steady current. The field in the interior space is strong and nearly uniform. (b) The magnetic field pattern of a bar magnet, displayed with small iron filings on a sheet of paper.

Ampère's law applied to the rectangular dashed path can be used to calculate the magnitude of the interior field.



Ampère's law applied to the circular path whose plane is perpendicular to the page can be used to show that there is a weak field outside the solenoid.

Figure 30.18 Cross-sectional view of an ideal solenoid, where the interior magnetic field is uniform and the exterior field is close to zero.

> Magnetic field inside a solenoid

current as the charges in the wire move coil by coil along the length of the solenoid. Therefore, there is a nonzero magnetic field outside the solenoid. It is a weak field, with circular field lines, like those due to a line of current as in Figure 30.9. For an ideal solenoid, this weak field is the only field external to the solenoid.

We can use Ampère's law to obtain a quantitative expression for the interior magnetic field in an ideal solenoid. Because the solenoid is ideal, $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ in the interior space is uniform and parallel to the axis and the magnetic field lines in the exterior space form circles around the solenoid. The planes of these circles are perpendicular to the page. Consider the rectangular path (loop 2) of length ℓ and width w shown in Figure 30.18. Let's apply Ampère's law to this path by evaluating the integral of $\vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{s}$ over each side of the rectangle. The contribution along side 3 is zero because the external magnetic field lines are perpendicular to the path in this region. The contributions from sides 2 and 4 are both zero, again because $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ is perpendicular to $d\vec{s}$ along these paths, both inside and outside the solenoid. Side 1 gives a contribution to the integral because along this path $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ is uniform and parallel to $d\vec{s}$. The integral over the closed rectangular path is therefore

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = \int_{\text{path 1}} \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = B \int_{\text{path 1}} ds = B\ell$$

The right side of Ampère's law involves the total current I through the area bounded by the path of integration. In this case, the total current through the rectangular path equals the current through each turn multiplied by the number of turns. If N is the number of turns in the length ℓ , the total current through the rectangle is *NI*. Therefore, Ampère's law applied to this path gives

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = B\ell = \mu_0 NI$$

$$B = \mu_0 \frac{N}{\ell} I = \mu_0 nI$$
(30.17)

where $n = N/\ell$ is the number of turns per unit length.

We also could obtain this result by reconsidering the magnetic field of a toroid (see Example 30.6). If the radius r of the torus in Figure 30.15 containing N turns is much greater than the toroid's cross-sectional radius a, a short section of the toroid approximates a solenoid for which $n = N/2\pi r$. In this limit, Equation 30.16 agrees with Equation 30.17.

Equation 30.17 is valid only for points near the center (that is, far from the ends) of a very long solenoid. As you might expect, the field near each end is smaller than the value given by Equation 30.17. As the length of a solenoid increases, the magnitude of the field at the end approaches half the magnitude at the center (see Problem 69).

uick Quiz 30.5 Consider a solenoid that is very long compared with its radius.
Of the following choices, what is the most effective way to increase the magnetic field in the interior of the solenoid? (a) double its length, keeping the number of turns per unit length constant (b) reduce its radius by half, keeping the number of turns per unit length constant (c) overwrap the entire solenoid with an

additional layer of current-carrying wire

30.5 Gauss's Law in Magnetism

The flux associated with a magnetic field is defined in a manner similar to that used to define electric flux (see Eq. 24.3). Consider an element of area dA on an

arbitrarily shaped surface as shown in Figure 30.19. If the magnetic field at this element is $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$, the magnetic flux through the element is $\vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}}$, where $d\vec{\mathbf{A}}$ is a vector that is perpendicular to the surface and has a magnitude equal to the area dA. Therefore, the total magnetic flux Φ_B through the surface is

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

Consider the special case of a plane of area *A* in a uniform field $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ that makes an angle θ with $d\vec{\mathbf{A}}$. The magnetic flux through the plane in this case is

$$\Phi_{B} = BA\cos\theta \tag{30.19}$$

If the magnetic field is parallel to the plane as in Figure 30.20a, then $\theta = 90^{\circ}$ and the flux through the plane is zero. If the field is perpendicular to the plane as in Figure 30.20b, then $\theta = 0$ and the flux through the plane is *BA* (the maximum value).

The unit of magnetic flux is $T \cdot m^2$, which is defined as a *weber* (Wb); 1 Wb = $1 T \cdot m^2$.



Definition of magnetic flux



Figure 30.19 The magnetic flux through an area element dA is $\vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = B \, dA \cos \theta$, where $d\vec{\mathbf{A}}$ is a vector perpendicular to the surface.

Figure 30.20 Magnetic flux through a plane lying in a magnetic field.

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Example 30.7

Magnetic Flux Through a Rectangular Loop

A rectangular loop of width a and length b is located near a long wire carrying a current I (Fig. 30.21). The distance between the wire and the closest side of the loop is c. The wire is parallel to the long side of the loop. Find the total magnetic flux through the loop due to the current in the wire.

SOLUTION

Conceptualize As we saw in Section 30.3, the magnetic field lines due to the wire will be circles, many of which will pass through the rectangular loop. We know that the magnetic field is a function of distance r from a long

wire. Therefore, the magnetic field varies over the area of the rectangular loop.

Categorize Because the magnetic field varies over the area of the loop, we must integrate over this area to find the total flux. That identifies this as an analysis problem.

Analyze Noting that $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ is parallel to $d\vec{\mathbf{A}}$ at any point within the loop, find the magnetic flux through the rectangular area using Equation 30.18 and incorporate Equation 30.14 for the magnetic field:

Figure 30.21 (Example 30.7) The magnetic field due to the wire carrying a current *I* is not uniform over the rectangular loop.

$$\Phi_{B} = \int \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = \int B \, dA = \int \frac{\mu_{0}I}{2\pi r} \, dA$$

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Express the area element (the tan strip in Fig. 30.21) as dA = b dr and substitute:

Integrate from r = c to r = a + c:

Finalize Notice how the flux depends on the size of the loop. Increasing either *a* or *b* increases the flux as expected. If *c* becomes large such that the loop is very far from the wire, the flux approaches zero, also as expected. If *c* goes to zero, the flux becomes infinite. In principle, this infinite value occurs because the field becomes infinite at r = 0 (assuming an infinitesimally thin wire). That will not happen in reality because the thickness of the wire prevents the left edge of the loop from reaching r = 0.

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 behavior exists because electric field lines originate and terminate on electric charges.

 $\Phi_B = \left(\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} b \, dr = \frac{\mu_0 I b}{2\pi} \right) \left(\frac{dr}{r} \right)$

 $\Phi_B = \frac{\mu_0 I b}{2\pi} \int_{a+c}^{a+c} \frac{dr}{r} = \frac{\mu_0 I b}{2\pi} \ln r \bigg|_{a+c}^{a+c}$

 $=\frac{\mu_0 I b}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{a+c}{c}\right) = \frac{\mu_0 I b}{2\pi} \ln\left(1+\frac{a}{c}\right)$

The situation is quite different for magnetic fields, which are continuous and form closed loops. In other words, as illustrated by the magnetic field lines of a current in Figure 30.9 and of a bar magnet in Figure 30.22, magnetic field lines do not begin or end at any point. For any closed surface such as the one outlined by the dashed line in Figure 30.22, the number of lines entering the surface equals the number leaving the surface; therefore, the net magnetic flux is zero. In contrast, for a closed surface surrounding one charge of an electric dipole (Fig. 30.23), the net electric flux is not zero.

Gauss's law in magnetism states that



Figure 30.22 The magnetic field lines of a bar magnet form closed loops. (The dashed line represents the intersection of a closed surface with the page.)

Figure 30.23 The electric field lines surrounding an electric dipole begin on the positive charge and terminate on the negative charge.

This statement represents that isolated magnetic poles (monopoles) have never been detected and perhaps do not exist. Nonetheless, scientists continue the search because certain theories that are otherwise successful in explaining fundamental physical behavior suggest the possible existence of magnetic monopoles.

30.6 Magnetism in Matter

The magnetic field produced by a current in a coil of wire gives us a hint as to what causes certain materials to exhibit strong magnetic properties. Earlier we found that a solenoid like the one shown in Figure 30.17a has a north pole and a south pole. In general, *any* current loop has a magnetic field and therefore has a magnetic dipole moment, including the atomic-level current loops described in some models of the atom.

The Magnetic Moments of Atoms

Let's begin our discussion with a classical model of the atom in which electrons move in circular orbits around the much more massive nucleus. In this model, an orbiting electron constitutes a tiny current loop (because it is a moving charge), and the magnetic moment of the electron is associated with this orbital motion. Although this model has many deficiencies, some of its predictions are in good agreement with the correct theory, which is expressed in terms of quantum physics.

In our classical model, we assume an electron is a particle in uniform circular motion: it moves with constant speed v in a circular orbit of radius r about the nucleus as in Figure 30.24. The current *I* associated with this orbiting electron is its charge e divided by its period *T*. Using Equation 4.15 from the particle in uniform circular motion model, $T = 2\pi r/v$, gives

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

The magnitude of the magnetic moment associated with this current loop is given by $\mu = IA$, where $A = \pi r^2$ is the area enclosed by the orbit. Therefore,

$$\mu = IA = \left(\frac{ev}{2\pi r}\right)\pi r^2 = \frac{1}{2}evr$$
(30.21)

Because the magnitude of the orbital angular momentum of the electron is given by $L = m_v vr$ (Eq. 11.12 with $\phi = 90^\circ$), the magnetic moment can be written as

$$\mu = \left(\frac{e}{2m_e}\right)L \tag{30.22}$$

This result demonstrates that the magnetic moment of the electron is proportional to its orbital angular momentum. Because the electron is negatively charged, the vectors $\vec{\mu}$ and \vec{L} point in *opposite* directions. Both vectors are perpendicular to the plane of the orbit as indicated in Figure 30.24.

A fundamental outcome of quantum physics is that orbital angular momentum is quantized and is equal to multiples of $\hbar = h/2\pi = 1.05 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$, where *h* is Planck's constant (see Chapter 40). The smallest nonzero value of the electron's magnetic moment resulting from its orbital motion is

$$\mu = \sqrt{2} \, \frac{e}{2m_e} \, \hbar \tag{30.23}$$

We shall see in Chapter 42 how expressions such as Equation 30.23 arise.

Because all substances contain electrons, you may wonder why most substances are not magnetic. The main reason is that, in most substances, the magnetic The electron has an angular momentum $\vec{\mathbf{L}}$ in one direction and a magnetic moment $\vec{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$ in the opposite direction.



Figure 30.24 An electron moving in the direction of the gray arrow in a circular orbit of radius *r*. Because the electron carries a negative charge, the direction of the current due to its motion about the nucleus is opposite the direction of that motion.

Orbital magnetic moment

Pitfall Prevention 30.3

The Electron Does Not Spin The electron is *not* physically spinning. It has an intrinsic angular momentum *as if it were spinning*, but the notion of rotation for a point particle is meaningless. Rotation applies only to a *rigid object*, with an extent in space, as in Chapter 10. Spin angular momentum is actually a relativistic effect.



Figure 30.25 Classical model of a spinning electron. We can adopt this model to remind ourselves that electrons have an intrinsic angular momentum. The model should not be pushed too far, however; it gives an incorrect magnitude for the magnetic moment, incorrect quantum numbers, and too many degrees of freedom.

Table 30.1MagneticMoments of Some Atomsand Ions

Atom or Ion	Magnetic Moment (10 ⁻²⁴ J/T)
Н	9.27
Не	0
Ne	0
Ce^{3+}	19.8
Yb ³⁺	37.1

moment of one electron in an atom is canceled by that of another electron orbiting in the opposite direction. The net result is that, for most materials, the magnetic effect produced by the orbital motion of the electrons is either zero or very small.

In addition to its orbital magnetic moment, an electron (as well as protons, neutrons, and other particles) has an intrinsic property called **spin** that also contributes to its magnetic moment. Classically, the electron might be viewed as spinning about its axis as shown in Figure 30.25, but you should be very careful with the classical interpretation. The magnitude of the angular momentum \vec{S} associated with spin is on the same order of magnitude as the magnitude of the angular momentum \vec{L} due to the orbital motion. The magnitude of the spin angular momentum of an electron predicted by quantum theory is

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hbar$$

The magnetic moment characteristically associated with the spin of an electron has the value

$$\mu_{\rm spin} = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} \tag{30.24}$$

This combination of constants is called the **Bohr magneton** $\mu_{\rm B}$:

$$u_{\rm B} = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_{\rm e}} = 9.27 \times 10^{-24} \,{\rm J/T} \tag{30.25}$$

Therefore, atomic magnetic moments can be expressed as multiples of the Bohr magneton. (Note that $1 \text{ J/T} = 1 \text{ A} \cdot \text{m}^2$.)

In atoms containing many electrons, the electrons usually pair up with their spins opposite each other; therefore, the spin magnetic moments cancel. Atoms containing an odd number of electrons, however, must have at least one unpaired electron and therefore some spin magnetic moment. The total magnetic moment of an atom is the vector sum of the orbital and spin magnetic moments, and a few examples are given in Table 30.1. Notice that helium and neon have zero moments because their individual spin and orbital moments cancel.

The nucleus of an atom also has a magnetic moment associated with its constituent protons and neutrons. The magnetic moment of a proton or neutron, however, is much smaller than that of an electron and can usually be neglected. We can understand this smaller value by inspecting Equation 30.25 and replacing the mass of the electron with the mass of a proton or a neutron. Because the masses of the proton and neutron are much greater than that of the electron, their magnetic moments are on the order of 10^3 times smaller than that of the electron.

Ferromagnetism

A small number of crystalline substances exhibit strong magnetic effects called **ferromagnetism.** Some examples of ferromagnetic substances are iron, cobalt, nickel, gadolinium, and dysprosium. These substances contain permanent atomic magnetic moments that tend to align parallel to each other even in a weak external magnetic field. Once the moments are aligned, the substance remains magnetized after the external field is removed. This permanent alignment is due to a strong coupling between neighboring moments, a coupling that can be understood only in quantum-mechanical terms.

All ferromagnetic materials are made up of microscopic regions called **domains**, regions within which all magnetic moments are aligned. These domains have volumes of about 10^{-12} to 10^{-8} m³ and contain 10^{17} to 10^{21} atoms. The boundaries between the various domains having different orientations are called **domain walls**. In an unmagnetized sample, the magnetic moments in the domains are randomly

oriented so that the net magnetic moment is zero as in Figure 30.26a. When the sample is placed in an external magnetic field \vec{B} , the size of those domains with magnetic moments aligned with the field grows, which results in a magnetized sample as in Figure 30.26b. As the external field becomes very strong as in Figure 30.26c, the domains in which the magnetic moments are not aligned with the field become very small. When the external field is removed, the sample may retain a net magnetization in the direction of the original field. At ordinary temperatures, thermal agitation is not sufficient to disrupt this preferred orientation of magnetic moments.

When the temperature of a ferromagnetic substance reaches or exceeds a critical temperature called the **Curie temperature**, the substance loses its residual magnetization. Below the Curie temperature, the magnetic moments are aligned and the substance is ferromagnetic. Above the Curie temperature, the thermal agitation is great enough to cause a random orientation of the moments and the substance becomes paramagnetic. Curie temperatures for several ferromagnetic substances are given in Table 30.2.

Paramagnetism

Paramagnetic substances have a weak magnetism resulting from the presence of atoms (or ions) that have permanent magnetic moments. These moments interact only weakly with one another and are randomly oriented in the absence of an external magnetic field. When a paramagnetic substance is placed in an external magnetic field, its atomic moments tend to line up with the field. This alignment process, however, must compete with thermal motion, which tends to randomize the magnetic moment orientations.

Diamagnetism

When an external magnetic field is applied to a diamagnetic substance, a weak magnetic moment is induced in the direction opposite the applied field, causing diamagnetic substances to be weakly repelled by a magnet. Although diamagnetism is present in all matter, its effects are much smaller than those of paramagnetism or ferromagnetism and are evident only when those other effects do not exist.

We can attain some understanding of diamagnetism by considering a classical model of two atomic electrons orbiting the nucleus in opposite directions but with the same speed. The electrons remain in their circular orbits because of the attractive electrostatic force exerted by the positively charged nucleus. Because the magnetic moments of the two electrons are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction, they cancel each other and the magnetic moment of the atom is zero. When an external magnetic field is applied, the electrons experience an additional magnetic force to increase the orbital speed of the electron whose magnetic moment is antiparallel to the field and to decrease the speed of the electron whose magnetic moment is parallel to the field. As a result, the two magnetic moment so the electrons of the electrons no longer cancel and the substance acquires a net magnetic moment that is opposite the applied field.

Table 30.2	Curie Temperatures
for Several Ferromagnetic Substances	
Substance	T _{Curie} (K)
Iron	1 043
Cobalt	1 394
Nickel	631
Gadolinium	317
Fe _o O _o	893

In an unmagnetized substance, the atomic magnetic dipoles are randomly oriented.



When an external field \vec{B} is applied, the domains with components of magnetic moment in the same direction as \vec{B} grow larger, giving the sample a net magnetization.



As the field is made even stronger, the domains with magnetic moment vectors not aligned with the external field become very small.



Figure 30.26 Orientation of magnetic dipoles before and after a magnetic field is applied to a ferromagnetic substance.

In the Meissner effect, the small magnet at the top induces currents in the superconducting disk below, which is cooled to -321° F (77 K). The currents create a repulsive magnetic force on the magnet causing it to levitate above the superconducting disk.



Figure 30.27 An illustration of the Meissner effect, shown by this magnet suspended above a cooled ceramic superconductor disk, has become our most visual image of high-temperature superconductivity. Superconductivity is the loss of all resistance to electrical current and is a key to more-efficient energy use.



(Left) Paramagnetism. (*Right*) Diamagnetism: a frog is levitated in a 16-T magnetic field at the Nijmegen High Field Magnet Laboratory in the Netherlands.

As you recall from Chapter 27, a superconductor is a substance in which the electrical resistance is zero below some critical temperature. Certain types of superconductors also exhibit perfect diamagnetism in the superconducting state. As a result, an applied magnetic field is expelled by the superconductor so that the field is zero in its interior. This phenomenon is known as the **Meissner effect**. If a permanent magnet is brought near a superconductor, the two objects repel each other. This repulsion is illustrated in Figure 30.27, which shows a small permanent magnet levitated above a superconductor maintained at 77 K.

Summary

Definition

The **magnetic flux** Φ_B through a surface is defined by the surface integral

$$\Phi_{B} \equiv \left(\vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}} \right)$$

(30.18)

Concepts and Principles

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

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

where μ_0 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 $d\vec{s}$ toward point *P*. We find the total field at *P* by integrating this expression over the entire current distribution.

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 $\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$ around any closed path equals $\mu_0 I$, where *I* is the total steady current through any surface bounded by the closed path:

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} = \mu_0 I \qquad (30.13)$$

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

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$
(30.14)

The field lines are circles concentric with the wire.

The magnitudes of the fields inside a toroid and solenoid are

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

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

where N is the total number of turns.

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

$$\oint \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{A}} = 0 \qquad \textbf{(30.20)}$$

Substances can be classified into one of three categories that describe their magnetic behavior. **Diamagnetic** substances are those in which the magnetic moment is weak and opposite the applied magnetic field. **Paramagnetic** substances are those in which the magnetic moment is weak and in the same direction as the applied magnetic field. In **ferromagnetic** substances, interactions between atoms cause magnetic moments to align and create a strong magnetization that remains after the external field is removed.

Objective Questions

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- (i) What happens to the magnitude of the magnetic field inside a long solenoid if the current is doubled?

 (a) It becomes four times larger.
 (b) It becomes twice as large.
 (c) It is unchanged.
 (d) It becomes one-half as large.
 (e) It becomes one-fourth as large.
 (ii) What happens to the field if instead the length of the solenoid is doubled, with the number of turns remaining the same? Choose from the same possibilities as in part (i).
 (iii) What happens to the field if the number of turns is doubled, with the length remaining the same? Choose from the same possibilities as in part (i).
 (iv) What happens to the field if the same? Choose from the same possibilities as in part (i).
- **2.** In Figure 30.7, assume $I_1 = 2.00$ A and $I_2 = 6.00$ A. What is the relationship between the magnitude F_1 of the force exerted on wire 1 and the magnitude F_2 of the force exerted on wire 2? (a) $F_1 = 6F_2$ (b) $F_1 = 3F_2$ (c) $F_1 = F_2$ (d) $F_1 = \frac{1}{3}F_2$ (e) $F_1 = \frac{1}{6}F_2$
- **3.** Answer each question yes or no. (a) Is it possible for each of three stationary charged particles to exert a force of attraction on the other two? (b) Is it possible for each of three stationary charged particles to repel both of the other particles? (c) Is it possible for each of three current-carrying metal wires to attract the other two wires? (d) Is it possible for each of three current-carrying metal wires to repel the other two wires? André-Marie Ampère's experiments on electromagnetism are models of logical precision and included observation of the phenomena referred to in this question.
- **4.** Two long, parallel wires each carry the same current I in the same direction (Fig. OQ30.4). Is the total magnetic

field at the point *P* midway between the wires (a) zero, (b) directed into the page, (c) directed out of the page, (d) directed to the left, or (e) directed to the right?





5. Two long, straight wires cross each other at a right angle, and each carries the same current I (Fig. OQ30.5). Which of the following statements is true regarding the total magnetic field due to the two wires at the various points in the figure? More than one statement may be correct. (a) The field is strongest at points B and D. (b) The field is strongest at points A and C. (c) The field is out of the page at point B and



Figure 0030.5

into the page at point D. (d) The field is out of the page at point C and out of the page at point D. (e) The field has the same magnitude at all four points.

- 6. A long, vertical, metallic wire carries downward electric current. (i) What is the direction of the magnetic field it creates at a point 2 cm horizontally east of the center of the wire? (a) north (b) south (c) east (d) west (e) up (ii) What would be the direction of the field if the current consisted of positive charges moving downward instead of electrons moving upward? Choose from the same possibilities as in part (i).
- 7. Suppose you are facing a tall makeup mirror on a vertical wall. Fluorescent tubes framing the mirror carry a clockwise electric current. (i) What is the direction of the magnetic field created by that current at the center of the mirror? (a) left (b) right (c) horizontally toward you (d) horizontally away from you (e) no direction because the field has zero magnitude (ii) What is the direction of the field the current creates at a point on the wall outside the frame to the right? Choose from the same possibilities as in part (i).
- 8. A long, straight wire carries a current I (Fig. OQ30.8). Which of the following statements is true regarding the magnetic field due to the wire? More than one statement may be correct. (a) The magnitude is proportional to I/r, and the direction is out of the page at P. (b) The magnitude is proportional to I/r^2 , and the direction is out of the page at P. (c) The magnitude is proportional to I/r^2 , and the direction is into the page at P. (d) The magnitude is proportional to I/r^2 , and the direction is into the page at P. (e) The magnitude is proportional to I/r^2 , and the direction is into the page at P. (b) The magnitude is proportional to I/r^2 , and the direction is into the page at P. (c) The magnitude is proportional to I/r^2 , and the direction is into the page at P. (e) The magnitude is proportional to I/r^2 .



Figure 0030.8

9. Two long, parallel wires carry currents of 20.0 A and 10.0 A in opposite directions (Fig. OQ30.9). Which of the following statements is true? More than one state-



Figure 0030.9 Objective Questions 9 and 10.

Conceptual Questions

ment may be correct. (a) In region I, the magnetic field is into the page and is never zero. (b) In region II, the field is into the page and can be zero. (c) In region III, it is possible for the field to be zero. (d) In region I, the magnetic field is out of the page and is never zero. (e) There are no points where the field is zero.

- 10. Consider the two parallel wires carrying currents in opposite directions in Figure OQ30.9. Due to the magnetic interaction between the wires, does the lower wire experience a magnetic force that is (a) upward, (b) downward, (c) to the left, (d) to the right, or (e) into the paper?
- **11.** What creates a magnetic field? More than one answer may be correct. (a) a stationary object with electric charge (b) a moving object with electric charge (c) a stationary conductor carrying electric current (d) a difference in electric potential (e) a charged capacitor disconnected from a battery and at rest *Note:* In Chapter 34, we will see that a changing electric field also creates a magnetic field.
- **12.** A long solenoid with closely spaced turns carries electric current. Does each turn of wire exert (a) an attractive force on the next adjacent turn, (b) a repulsive force on the next adjacent turn, (c) zero force on the next adjacent turn, or (d) either an attractive or a repulsive force on the next turn, depending on the direction of current in the solenoid?
- 13. A uniform magnetic field is directed along the *x* axis. For what orientation of a flat, rectangular coil is the flux through the rectangle a maximum? (a) It is a maximum in the *xy* plane. (b) It is a maximum in the *xz* plane. (c) It is a maximum in the *yz* plane. (d) The flux has the same nonzero value for all these orientations. (e) The flux is zero in all cases.
- 14. Rank the magnitudes of the following magnetic fields from largest to smallest, noting any cases of equality. (a) the field 2 cm away from a long, straight wire carrying a current of 3 A (b) the field at the center of a flat, compact, circular coil, 2 cm in radius, with 10 turns, carrying a current of 0.3 A (c) the field at the center of a solenoid 2 cm in radius and 200 cm long, with 1 000 turns, carrying a current of 0.3 A (d) the field at the center of a long, straight, metal bar, 2 cm in radius, carrying a current of 300 A (e) a field of 1 mT
- 15. Solenoid A has length L and N turns, solenoid B has length 2L and N turns, and solenoid C has length L/2 and 2N turns. If each solenoid carries the same current, rank the magnitudes of the magnetic fields in the centers of the solenoids from largest to smallest.



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- form? Explain.
- **2.** One pole of a magnet attracts a nail. Will the other pole of the magnet attract the nail? Explain. Also explain how a magnet sticks to a refrigerator door.
- 3. Compare Ampère's law with the Biot–Savart law. Which is more generally useful for calculating \vec{B} for a current-carrying conductor?
- **4.** A hollow copper tube carries a current along its length. Why is B = 0 inside the tube? Is *B* nonzero outside the tube?

- **5.** Imagine you have a compass whose needle can rotate vertically as well as horizontally. Which way would the compass needle point if you were at the Earth's north magnetic pole?
- **6.** Is Ampère's law valid for all closed paths surrounding a conductor? Why is it not useful for calculating \vec{B} for all such paths?
- **7.** A magnet attracts a piece of iron. The iron can then attract another piece of iron. On the basis of domain alignment, explain what happens in each piece of iron.
- **8.** Why does hitting a magnet with a hammer cause the magnetism to be reduced?
- **9.** The quantity $\int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$ in Ampère's law is called *magnetic circulation*. Figures 30.10 and 30.13 show paths around which the magnetic circulation is evaluated. Each of these paths encloses an area. What is the magnetic flux through each area? Explain your answer.
- 10. Figure CQ30.10 shows four permanent magnets, each having a hole through its center. Notice that the blue and yellow magnets are levitated above the red ones.(a) How does this levitation occur? (b) What purpose do the rods serve? (c) What can you say about the poles of the magnets from this observation? (d) If the blue magnet were inverted, what do you suppose would happen?



Figure CQ30.10

- **11.** Explain why two parallel wires carrying currents in opposite directions repel each other.
- **12.** Consider a magnetic field that is uniform in direction throughout a certain volume. (a) Can the field be uniform in magnitude? (b) Must it be uniform in magnitude? Give evidence for your answers.

Problems



Section 30.1 The Biot–Savart Law

1. Review. In studies of the possibility of migrating birds using the Earth's magnetic field for navigation, birds have been fitted with coils as "caps" and "collars" as shown in Figure P30.1. (a) If the identical coils have radii of 1.20 cm and are 2.20 cm apart, with 50 turns of wire apiece, what current should they both carry to produce a magnetic field of 4.50×10^{-5} T halfway between them? (b) If the resistance of each coil is 210 Ω , what voltage should the battery supplying each coil have? (c) What power is delivered to each coil?



Figure P30.1

2. In each of parts (a) through (c) of Figure P30.2, find the direction of the current in the wire that would produce a magnetic field directed as shown.



Figure P30.2

3. Calculate the magnitude of the magnetic field at a **w** point 25.0 cm from a long, thin conductor carrying a current of 2.00 A.

- 4. In 1962, measurements of the magnetic field of a large tornado were made at the Geophysical Observatory in Tulsa, Oklahoma. If the magnitude of the tornado's field was $B = 1.50 \times 10^{-8}$ T pointing north when the tornado was 9.00 km east of the observatory, what current was carried up or down the funnel of the tornado? Model the vortex as a long, straight wire carrying a current.
- 5. (a) A conducting loop in the shape of a square of M edge length $\ell = 0.400$ m carries a current I = 10.0 A as shown in Figure P30.5. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the magnetic field at the center of the square. (b) What If? If this conductor is reshaped to form a circular loop and carries the same current, what is the value of the magnetic field at the center?



Figure P30.5

- 6. In Niels Bohr's 1913 model of the hydrogen atom,
 W an electron circles the proton at a distance of 5.29 × 10⁻¹¹ m with a speed of 2.19 × 10⁶ m/s. Compute the magnitude of the magnetic field this motion produces at the location of the proton.
- 7. A conductor consists of a circular loop of radius R = 15.0 cm and two long, straight sections as shown in Figure P30.7. The wire lies in the plane of the paper and carries a current I = 1.00 A. Find the magnetic field at the center of the loop.



Figure P30.7 Problems 7 and 8.

- 8. A conductor consists of a circular loop of radius *R* and two long, straight sections as shown in Figure P30.7. The wire lies in the plane of the paper and carries a current *I*. (a) What is the direction of the magnetic field at the center of the loop? (b) Find an expression for the magnitude of the magnetic field at the center of the loop.
- 9. Two long, straight, parallel wires carry currents that are directed perpendicular to the page as shown in Figure P30.9. Wire 1 carries a current I_1 into the page (in the negative z direction) and passes through the x axis at x = +a. Wire 2 passes through the x axis at x = -2a and carries an unknown cur-

rent I_2 . The total magnetic field at the origin due to the current-carrying wires has the magnitude $2\mu_0 I_1/(2\pi a)$. The current I_2 can have either of two possible values. (a) Find the value of I_2 with the smaller magnitude, stating it in terms of I_1 and giving its direction. (b) Find the other possible value of I_2 .





10. An infinitely long wire carrying a current *I* is bent at a right angle as shown in Figure P30.10. Determine the magnetic field at point *P*, located a distance *x* from the corner of the wire.



Figure P30.10

11. A long, straight wire carries a current *I*. A right-angle bend is made in the middle of the wire. The bend forms an arc of a circle of radius *r* as shown in Figure P30.11. Determine the magnetic field at point *P*, the center of the arc.



Figure P30.11

- 12. Consider a flat, circular current loop of radius R carrying a current I. Choose the x axis to be along the axis of the loop, with the origin at the loop's center. Plot a graph of the ratio of the magnitude of the magnetic field at coordinate x to that at the origin for x = 0 to x = 5R. It may be helpful to use a programmable calculator or a computer to solve this problem.
- 13. A current path shaped as shown in Figure P30.13 produces a magnetic field at *P*, the center of the arc. If the arc subtends an angle of $\theta = 30.0^{\circ}$ and the radius of the arc is 0.600 m, what are the magnitude and



Figure P30.13

direction of the field produced at P if the current is 3.00 A?

- 14. One long wire carries current 30.0 A to the left along
 Ami the *x* axis. A second long wire carries current 50.0 A to
 M the right along the line (y = 0.280 m, z = 0). (a) Where in the plane of the two wires is the total magnetic field equal to zero? (b) A particle with a charge of -2.00 μC is moving with a velocity of 150î Mm/s along the line (y = 0.100 m, z = 0). Calculate the vector magnetic force acting on the particle. (c) What If? A uniform electric field is applied to allow this particle to pass through this region undeflected. Calculate the required vector electric field.
- 15. Three long, parallel conductors each carry a current of *I* = 2.00 A. Figure P30.15 is an end view of the conductors, with each current coming out of the page. Taking *a* = 1.00 cm, determine the magnitude and direction of the magnetic field at (a) point *A*, (b) point *B*, and (c) point *C*.



Figure P30.15

- 16. In a long, straight, vertical lightning stroke, electrons move downward and positive ions move upward and constitute a current of magnitude 20.0 kA. At a location 50.0 m east of the middle of the stroke, a free electron drifts through the air toward the west with a speed of 300 m/s. (a) Make a sketch showing the various vectors involved. Ignore the effect of the Earth's magnetic field. (b) Find the vector force the lightning stroke exerts on the electron. (c) Find the radius of the electron's path. (d) Is it a good approximation to model the electron as moving in a uniform field? Explain your answer. (e) If it does not collide with any obstacles, how many revolutions will the electron complete during the 60.0-μs duration of the lightning stroke?
- **17.** Determine the magnetic field (in terms of *I*, *a*, and *d*) at the origin due to the current loop in Figure P30.17. The loop extends to infinity above the figure.





19. The two wires shown in Figure P30.19 are separated by d = 10.0 cm and carry currents of I = 5.00 A in opposite directions. Find the magnitude and direction of the net magnetic field (a) at a point midway between the wires; (b) at point P_1 , 10.0 cm to the right of the wire on the right; and (c) at point P_2 , 2d = 20.0 cm to the left of the wire on the left.



Figure P30.19

20. Two long, parallel wires carry currents of I₁ = 3.00 A and I₂ = 5.00 A in the directions indicated in Figure P30.20. (a) Find the magnitude and direction of the magnetic field at a point midway between the wires. (b) Find the magnitude and direction of the magnetic field at point *P*, located d = 20.0 cm above the wire carrying the 5.00-A current.



Section 30.2 The Magnetic Force Between Two Parallel Conductors

- 21. Two long, parallel conductors, separated by 10.0 cm,
- **W** carry currents in the same direction. The first wire carries a current $I_1 = 5.00$ A, and the second carries $I_2 = 8.00$ A. (a) What is the magnitude of the magnetic field created by I_1 at the location of I_2 ? (b) What is the force per unit length exerted by I_1 on I_2 ? (c) What is the magnitude of the magnetic field created by I_2 at the location of I_1 ? (d) What is the force per length exerted by I_2 on I_1 ?
- **22.** Two parallel wires separated by 4.00 cm repel each other with a force per unit length of 2.00×10^{-4} N/m. The current in one wire is 5.00 A. (a) Find the current in the other wire. (b) Are the currents in the same

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direction or in opposite directions? (c) What would happen if the direction of one current were reversed and doubled?

- **23.** Two parallel wires are separated by 6.00 cm, each carrying 3.00 A of current in the same direction. (a) What is the magnitude of the force per unit length between the wires? (b) Is the force attractive or repulsive?
- 24. Two long wires hang vertically. Wire 1 carries an upward current of 1.50 A. Wire 2, 20.0 cm to the right of wire 1, carries a downward current of 4.00 A. A third wire, wire 3, is to be hung vertically and located such that when it carries a certain current, each wire experiences no net force. (a) Is this situation possible? Is it possible in more than one way? Describe (b) the position of wire 3 and (c) the magnitude and direction of the current in wire 3.
- **25.** In Figure P30.25, the current in the long, straight wire is $I_1 = 5.00$ A and the wire lies in the plane of the rectangular loop, which carries a current $I_2 = 10.0$ A. The dimensions in the figure are c = 0.100 m, a = 0.150 m, and $\ell = 0.450$ m. Find the magnitude and direction of the net force exerted on the loop by the magnetic field created by the wire.



Figure P30.25 Problems 25 and 26.

- **26.** In Figure P30.25, the current in the long, straight wire is I_1 and the wire lies in the plane of a rectangular loop, which carries a current I_2 . The loop is of length ℓ and width *a*. Its left end is a distance *c* from the wire. Find the magnitude and direction of the net force exerted on the loop by the magnetic field created by the wire.
- 27. Two long, parallel wires are attracted to each other by a force per unit length of $320 \ \mu$ N/m. One wire carries a current of 20.0 A to the right and is located along the line y = 0.500 m. The second wire lies along the *x* axis. Determine the value of *y* for the line in the plane of the two wires along which the total magnetic field is zero.
- **28.** Why is the following situation impossible? Two parallel copper conductors each have length $\ell = 0.500$ m and radius $r = 250 \ \mu\text{m}$. They carry currents I = 10.0 A in opposite directions and repel each other with a magnetic force $F_B = 1.00$ N.

29. The unit of magnetic flux is named for Wilhelm Weber.AMI A practical-size unit of magnetic field is named for Johann Karl Friedrich Gauss. Along with their indi-

vidual accomplishments, Weber and Gauss built a telegraph in 1833 that consisted of a battery and switch, at one end of a transmission line 3 km long, operating an electromagnet at the other end. Suppose their transmission line was as diagrammed in Figure P30.29. Two long, parallel wires, each having a mass per unit length of 40.0 g/m, are supported in a horizontal plane by strings $\ell = 6.00$ cm long. When both wires carry the same current I, the wires repel each other so that the angle between the supporting strings is $\theta = 16.0^{\circ}$. (a) Are the currents in the same direction or in opposite directions? (b) Find the magnitude of the current. (c) If this transmission line were taken to Mars, would the current required to separate the wires by the same angle be larger or smaller than that required on the Earth? Why?



Figure P30.29

Section 30.3 Ampère's Law

- **30.** Niobium metal becomes a superconductor when cooled below 9 K. Its superconductivity is destroyed when the surface magnetic field exceeds 0.100 T. In the absence of any external magnetic field, determine the maximum current a 2.00-mm-diameter niobium wire can carry and remain superconducting.
- [31.] Figure P30.31 is a cross-sectional view of a coaxial w cable. The center conductor is surrounded by a rubber layer, an outer conductor, and another rubber layer. In a particular application, the current in the inner conductor is I₁ = 1.00 A out of the page and the current in the outer conductor is I₂ = 3.00 A into the page. Assuming the distance d = 1.00 mm, determine the magnitude and direction of the magnetic field at (a) point a and (b) point b.





- **33.** A long, straight wire lies on a horizontal table and carries a current of 1.20 μ A. In a vacuum, a proton moves parallel to the wire (opposite the current) with a constant speed of 2.30 × 10⁴ m/s at a distance *d* above the wire. Ignoring the magnetic field due to the Earth, determine the value of *d*.
- **34.** An infinite sheet of current lying in the *yz* plane carries a surface current of linear density J_s . The current is in the positive *z* direction, and J_s represents the current per unit length measured along the *y* axis. Figure P30.34 is an edge view of the sheet. Prove that the magnetic field near the sheet is parallel to the sheet and perpendicular to the current direction, with magnitude $\mu_0 J_s/2$.



Figure P30.34

- 35. The magnetic field 40.0 cm away from a long, straight
 w wire carrying current 2.00 A is 1.00 μT. (a) At what distance is it 0.100 μT? (b) What If? At one instant, the two conductors in a long household extension cord carry equal 2.00-A currents in opposite directions. The two wires are 3.00 mm apart. Find the magnetic field 40.0 cm away from the middle of the straight cord, in the plane of the two wires. (c) At what distance is it one-tenth as large? (d) The center wire in a coaxial cable carries current 2.00 A in one direction, and the sheath around it carries current 2.00 A in the opposite direction. What magnetic field does the cable create at points outside the cable?
- **36.** A packed bundle of 100 long, straight, insulated wires forms a cylinder of radius R = 0.500 cm. If each wire carries 2.00 A, what are (a) the magnitude and (b) the direction of the magnetic force per unit length acting on a wire located 0.200 cm from the center of the bundle? (c) **What If?** Would a wire on the outer edge of the bundle experience a force greater or smaller than the value calculated in parts (a) and (b)? Give a qualitative argument for your answer.
- **37.** The magnetic field created by a large current passing through plasma (ionized gas) can force current-carrying particles together. This *pinch effect* has been used in designing fusion reactors. It can be demonstrated by making an empty aluminum can carry a large current parallel to its axis. Let *R* represent the radius of the can and *I* the current, uniformly distributed over the can's curved wall. Determine the magnetic field (a) just inside the wall and (b) just outside. (c) Determine the pressure on the wall.

38. A long, cylindrical conductor of radius *R* carries a current *I* as shown in Figure P30.38. The current density *J*, however, is not uniform over the cross section of the conductor but rather is a function of the radius according to J = br, where *b* is a constant. Find an expression for the magnetic field magnitude *B* (a) at a distance $r_1 < R$ and (b) at a distance $r_2 > R$, measured from the center of the conductor.



Figure P30.38

39. Four long, parallel conductors carry equal currents of M I = 5.00 A. Figure P30.39 is an end view of the conductors. The current direction is into the page at points A and B and out of the page at points C and D. Calculate (a) the magnitude and (b) the direction of the magnetic field at point P, located at the center of the square of edge length ℓ = 0.200 m.



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Section 30.4 The Magnetic Field of a Solenoid

- **40.** A certain superconducting magnet in the form of a solenoid of length 0.500 m can generate a magnetic field of 9.00 T in its core when its coils carry a current of 75.0 A. Find the number of turns in the solenoid.
- A long solenoid that has 1 000 turns uniformly dis M tributed over a length of 0.400 m produces a magnetic field of magnitude 1.00 × 10⁻⁴ T at its center. What current is required in the windings for that to occur?
- **42.** You are given a certain volume of copper from which you can make copper wire. To insulate the wire, you can have as much enamel as you like. You will use the wire to make a tightly wound solenoid 20 cm long having the greatest possible magnetic field at the center and using a power supply that can deliver a current of 5 A. The solenoid can be wrapped with wire in one or more layers. (a) Should you make the wire long and thin or shorter and thick? Explain. (b) Should you make the radius of the solenoid small or large? Explain.

43. A single-turn square loop of wire, 2.00 cm on each edge,

W carries a clockwise current of 0.200 A. The loop is inside a solenoid, with the plane of the loop perpendicular to the magnetic field of the solenoid. The solenoid has 30.0 turns/cm and carries a clockwise current of 15.0 A. Find (a) the force on each side of the loop and (b) the torque acting on the loop.

- **44.** A solenoid 10.0 cm in diameter and 75.0 cm long is made from copper wire of diameter 0.100 cm, with very thin insulation. The wire is wound onto a cardboard tube in a single layer, with adjacent turns touching each other. What power must be delivered to the solenoid if it is to produce a field of 8.00 mT at its center?
- 45. It is desired to construct a solenoid that will have a resistance of 5.00 Ω (at 20.0°C) and produce a magnetic field of 4.00 × 10⁻² T at its center when it carries a current of 4.00 A. The solenoid is to be constructed from copper wire having a diameter of 0.500 mm. If the radius of the solenoid is to be 1.00 cm, determine (a) the number of turns of wire needed and (b) the required length of the solenoid.

Section 30.5 Gauss's Law in Magnetism

46. Consider the hemispherical closed surface in Figure P30.46. The hemisphere is in a uniform magnetic field that makes an angle θ with the vertical. Calculate the magnetic flux through (a) the flat surface S₁ and (b) the hemispherical surface S₂.



Figure P30.46

47. A cube of edge length $\ell = 2.50$ cm is positioned as shown in Figure P30.47. A uniform magnetic field given by $\vec{\mathbf{B}} = (5\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 4\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{k}})$ T exists throughout the region. (a) Calculate the magnetic flux through the shaded face. (b) What is the total flux through the six faces?



Figure P30.47

48. A solenoid of radius r = 1.25 cm and length $\ell = 30.0$ cm **W** has 300 turns and carries 12.0 A. (a) Calculate the flux through the surface of a disk-shaped area of radius R = 5.00 cm that is positioned perpendicular to and centered on the axis of the solenoid as shown in Figure P30.48a. (b) Figure P30.48b shows an enlarged end view of the same solenoid. Calculate the flux through the tan area, which is an annulus with an inner radius of a = 0.400 cm and an outer radius of b = 0.800 cm.



Section 30.6 Magnetism in Matter

- 49. The magnetic moment of the Earth is approximately
 M 8.00 × 10²² A ⋅ m². Imagine that the planetary magnetic field were caused by the complete magnetization of a huge iron deposit with density 7 900 kg/m³ and approximately 8.50 × 10²⁸ iron atoms/m³.
 (a) How many unpaired electrons, each with a magnetic moment of 9.27 × 10⁻²⁴ A ⋅ m², would participate?
 (b) At two unpaired electrons per iron atom, how many kilograms of iron would be present in the deposit?
- 50. At saturation, when nearly all the atoms have their magnetic moments aligned, the magnetic field is equal to the permeability constant μ_0 multiplied by the magnetic moment per unit volume. In a sample of iron, where the number density of atoms is approximately 8.50×10^{28} atoms/m³, the magnetic field can reach 2.00 T. If each electron contributes a magnetic moment of $9.27 \times 10^{-24} \text{ A} \cdot \text{m}^2$ (1 Bohr magneton), how many electrons per atom contribute to the saturated field of iron?

Additional Problems

- **51.** A 30.0-turn solenoid of length 6.00 cm produces a magnetic field of magnitude 2.00 mT at its center. Find the current in the solenoid.
- 52. A wire carries a 7.00-A current along the *x* axis, and **M** another wire carries a 6.00-A current along the *y* axis, as shown in Figure P30.52. What is the magnetic field at point *P*, located at x = 4.00 m, y = 3.00 m?



Figure P30.52

- 53. Suppose you install a compass on the center of a car's dashboard. (a) Assuming the dashboard is made mostly of plastic, compute an order-of-magnitude estimate for the magnetic field at this location produced by the current when you switch on the car's headlights. (b) How does this estimate compare with the Earth's magnetic field?
- 54. Why is the following situation impossible? The magnitude of the Earth's magnetic field at either pole is approximately 7.00×10^{-5} T. Suppose the field fades away to zero before its next reversal. Several scientists propose plans for artificially generating a replacement magnetic field to assist with devices that depend on the presence of the field. The plan that is selected is to lay a copper wire around the equator and supply it with a current that would generate a magnetic field of magnitude 7.00×10^{-5} T at the poles. (Ignore magnetization of any materials inside the Earth.) The plan is implemented and is highly successful.
- 55. A nonconducting ring of radius 10.0 cm is uniformly M charged with a total positive charge 10.0 μ C. The ring rotates at a constant angular speed 20.0 rad/s about an axis through its center, perpendicular to the plane of the ring. What is the magnitude of the magnetic field on the axis of the ring 5.00 cm from its center?
- 56. A nonconducting ring of radius *R* is uniformly charged with a total positive charge *q*. The ring rotates at a constant angular speed ω about an axis through its center, perpendicular to the plane of the ring. What is the magnitude of the magnetic field on the axis of the ring a distance $\frac{1}{2}R$ from its center?
- 57. A very long, thin strip of metal of width *w* carries a current *I* along its length as shown in Figure P30.57. The current is distributed uniformly across the width of the strip. Find the magnetic field at point *P* in the diagram. Point *P* is in the plane of the strip at distance *b* away from its edge.



Figure P30.57

58. A circular coil of five turns and a diameter of 30.0 cm is oriented in a vertical plane with its axis perpendicular to the horizontal component of the Earth's magnetic field. A horizontal compass placed at the coil's center is made to deflect 45.0° from magnetic north by a current of 0.600 A in the coil. (a) What is the horizontal component of the Earth's magnetic field? (b) The current in the coil is switched off. A "dip

needle" is a magnetic compass mounted so that it can rotate in a vertical north–south plane. At this location, a dip needle makes an angle of 13.0° from the vertical. What is the total magnitude of the Earth's magnetic field at this location?

- **59.** A very large parallel-plate capacitor has uniform charge per unit area $+\sigma$ on the upper plate and $-\sigma$ on the lower plate. The plates are horizontal, and both move horizontally with speed v to the right. (a) What is the magnetic field between the plates? (b) What is the magnetic field just above or just below the plates? (c) What are the magnitude and direction of the magnetic force per unit area on the upper plate? (d) At what extrapolated speed v will the magnetic force on a plate balance the electric force on the plate? *Suggestion:* Use Ampere's law and choose a path that closes between the plates of the capacitor.
- 60. Two circular coils of radius *R*, each with *N* turns, are perpendicular to a common axis. The coil centers are a distance *R* apart. Each coil carries a steady current *I* in the same direction as shown in Figure P30.60. (a) Show that the magnetic field on the axis at a distance *x* from the center of one coil is

$$B = \frac{N\mu_0 IR^2}{2} \left[\frac{1}{(R^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{(2R^2 + x^2 - 2Rx)^{3/2}} \right]$$

(b) Show that dB/dx and d^2B/dx^2 are both zero at the point midway between the coils. We may then conclude that the magnetic field in the region midway between the coils is uniform. Coils in this configuration are called *Helmholtz coils*.



Figure P30.60 Problems 60 and 61.

- 61. Two identical, flat, circular coils of wire each have 100 turns and radius R = 0.500 m. The coils are arranged as a set of Helmholtz coils so that the separation distance between the coils is equal to the radius of the coils (see Fig. P30.60). Each coil carries current I = 10.0 A. Determine the magnitude of the magnetic field at a point on the common axis of the coils and halfway between them.
- 62. Two circular loops are parallel, coaxial, and almost in AMT contact, with their centers 1.00 mm apart (Fig. P30.62, page 932). Each loop is 10.0 cm in radius. The top loop carries a clockwise current of I = 140 A. The bottom loop carries a counterclockwise current of I = 140 A. (a) Calculate the magnetic force exerted by the bottom loop on the top loop. (b) Suppose a student thinks the first step in solving part (a) is to use Equation 30.7 to find the magnetic field created by one of the loops.

How would you argue for or against this idea? (c) The upper loop has a mass of 0.021 0 kg. Calculate its acceleration, assuming the only forces acting on it are the force in part (a) and the gravitational force.



Figure P30.62

63. Two long, straight wires cross each other perpendicularly as shown in Figure P30.63. The wires are thin so that they are effectively in the same plane but do not touch. Find the magnetic field at a point 30.0 cm above the point of intersection of the wires along the *z* axis; that is, 30.0 cm out of the page, toward you.



Figure P30.63

64. Two coplanar and concentric circular loops of wire carry currents of $I_1 = 5.00$ A and $I_2 = 3.00$ A in opposite directions as in Figure P30.64. If $r_1 = 12.0$ cm and $r_2 = 9.00$ cm, what are (a) the magnitude and (b) the direction of the net magnetic field at the center of the two loops? (c) Let r_1 remain fixed at 12.0 cm and let r_2 be a variable. Determine the value of r_2 such that the net field at the center of the loops is zero.



Figure P30.64

65. As seen in previous chapters, any object with electric charge, stationary or moving, other than the charged object that created the field, experiences a force in an electric field. Also, any object with electric charge, stationary or moving, can create an electric field (Chapter 23). Similarly, an electric current or a moving electric charge, other than the current or charge that created the field, experiences a force in a magnetic field (Chapter 29), and an electric current cre-

ates a magnetic field (Section 30.1). (a) To understand how a moving charge can also create a magnetic field, consider a particle with charge q moving with velocity $\vec{\mathbf{v}}$. Define the position vector $\vec{\mathbf{r}} = r\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ leading from the particle to some location. Show that the magnetic field at that location is

$$\vec{\mathbf{B}} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \; \frac{q \vec{\mathbf{v}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$$

(b) Find the magnitude of the magnetic field 1.00 mm to the side of a proton moving at 2.00×10^7 m/s. (c) Find the magnetic force on a second proton at this point, moving with the same speed in the opposite direction. (d) Find the electric force on the second proton.

66. Review. Rail guns have been suggested for launch-AMT ing projectiles into space without chemical rockets. GP A tabletop model rail gun (Fig. P30.66) consists of two long, parallel, horizontal rails $\ell = 3.50$ cm apart, bridged by a bar of mass m = 3.00 g that is free to slide without friction. The rails and bar have low electric resistance, and the current is limited to a constant I = 24.0 A by a power supply that is far to the left of the figure, so it has no magnetic effect on the bar. Figure P30.66 shows the bar at rest at the midpoint of the rails at the moment the current is established. We wish to find the speed with which the bar leaves the rails after being released from the midpoint of the rails. (a) Find the magnitude of the magnetic field at a distance of 1.75 cm from a single long wire carrying a current of 2.40 A. (b) For purposes of evaluating the magnetic field, model the rails as infinitely long. Using the result of part (a), find the magnitude and direction of the magnetic field at the midpoint of the bar. (c) Argue that this value of the field will be the same at all positions of the bar to the right of the midpoint of the rails. At other points along the bar, the field is in the same direction as at the midpoint, but is larger in magnitude. Assume the average effective magnetic field along the bar is five times larger than the field at the midpoint. With this assumption, find (d) the magnitude and (e) the direction of the force on the bar. (f) Is the bar properly modeled as a particle under constant acceleration? (g) Find the velocity of the bar after it has traveled a distance d = 130 cm to the end of the rails.



67. Fifty turns of insulated wire 0.100 cm in diameter are tightly wound to form a flat spiral. The spiral fills a disk surrounding a circle of radius 5.00 cm and extending to a radius 10.00 cm at the outer edge. Assume the wire carries a current *I* at the center of its cross section. Approximate each turn of wire as a circle. Then a loop

of current exists at radius 5.05 cm, another at 5.15 cm, and so on. Numerically calculate the magnetic field at the center of the coil.

68. An infinitely long, straight wire carrying a current I_1 is partially surrounded by a loop as shown in Figure P30.68. The loop has a length *L* and radius *R*, and it carries a current I_2 . The axis of the loop coincides with the wire. Calculate the magnetic force exerted on the loop.



Figure P30.68

Challenge Problems

- **69.** Consider a solenoid of length ℓ and radius *a* containing *N* closely spaced turns and carrying a steady current *I*. (a) In terms of these parameters, find the magnetic field at a point along the axis as a function of position *x* from the end of the solenoid. (b) Show that as ℓ becomes very long, *B* approaches $\mu_0 NI/2\ell$ at each end of the solenoid.
- **70.** We have seen that a long solenoid produces a uniform magnetic field directed along the axis of a cylindrical region. To produce a uniform magnetic field directed parallel to a *diameter* of a cylindrical region, however, one can use the *saddle coils* illustrated in Figure P30.70. The loops are wrapped over a long, somewhat flattened tube. Figure P30.70a shows one wrapping of wire around the tube. This wrapping is continued in this manner until the visible side has many long sections of wire carrying current to the left in Figure P30.70a and the back side has many lengths carrying current to



the right. The end view of the tube in Figure P30.70b shows these wires and the currents they carry. By wrapping the wires carefully, the distribution of wires can take the shape suggested in the end view such that the overall current distribution is approximately the superposition of two overlapping, circular cylinders of radius R (shown by the dashed lines) with uniformly distributed current, one toward you and one away from you. The current density *J* is the same for each cylinder. The center of one cylinder is described by a position vector $\vec{\mathbf{d}}$ relative to the center of the other cylinder. Prove that the magnetic field inside the hollow tube is $\mu_0 Jd/2$ downward. *Suggestion:* The use of vector methods simplifies the calculation.

71. A thin copper bar of length $\ell = 10.0$ cm is supported horizontally by two (nonmagnetic) contacts at its ends. The bar carries a current of $I_1 = 100$ A in the negative x direction as shown in Figure P30.71. At a distance h = 0.500 cm below one end of the bar, a long, straight wire carries a current of $I_2 = 200$ A in the positive z direction. Determine the magnetic force exerted on the bar.



72. In Figure P30.72, both currents in the infinitely long wires are 8.00 A in the negative x direction. The wires are separated by the distance 2a = 6.00 cm. (a) Sketch the magnetic field pattern in the yz plane. (b) What is the value of the magnetic field at the origin? (c) At (y = 0, z → ∞)? (d) Find the magnetic field at points along the z axis as a function of z. (e) At what distance d along the positive z axis is the magnetic field a maximum? (f) What is this maximum value?



Figure P30.72

73. A wire carrying a current *I* is bent into the shape of an exponential spiral, $r = e^{\theta}$, from $\theta = 0$ to $\theta = 2\pi$ as suggested in Figure P30.73 (page 934). To complete a loop, the ends of the spiral are connected by a straight wire along the *x* axis. (a) The angle β between a radial

line and its tangent line at any point on a curve $r = f(\theta)$ is related to the function by

$$\tan\beta = \frac{r}{dr/d\theta}$$

Use this fact to show that $\beta = \pi/4$. (b) Find the magnetic field at the origin.



74. A sphere of radius *R* has a uniform volume charge density ρ . When the sphere rotates as a rigid object with angular speed ω about an axis through its center (Fig. P30.74), determine (a) the magnetic field at the center of the sphere and (b) the magnetic moment of the sphere.





75. A long, cylindrical conductor of radius

a has two cylindrical cavities each of diameter *a* through its entire length as shown in the end view of Figure P30.75. A current *I* is directed out of the page and is uniform through a cross section of the conducting material. Find the magnitude and direction of the magnetic field in terms of μ_0 , *I*, *r*, and *a* at (a) point P_1 and (b) point P_2 .



76. A wire is formed into the shape of a square of edge length L (Fig. P30.76). Show that when the current in the loop is I, the magnetic field at point P a distance x from the center of the square along its axis is



Figure P30.76

77. The magnitude of the force on a magnetic dipole *μ* aligned with a nonuniform magnetic field in the positive *x* direction is F_x = |*μ*| dB/dx. Suppose two flat loops of wire each have radius *R* and carry a current *I*. (a) The loops are parallel to each other and share the same axis. They are separated by a variable distance x >> R. Show that the magnetic force between them varies as 1/x⁴. (b) Find the magnitude of this force, taking I = 10.0 A, R = 0.500 cm, and x = 5.00 cm.