

## Sources of Magnetic Fields: Ampere's Law

Today's Reading Assignment Course Notes: Sections 9.3-9.4, 9.6

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## Last Time: Creating Magnetic Fields: Biot-Savart

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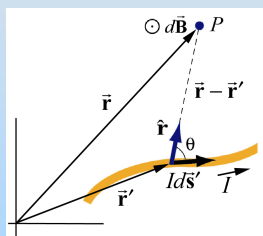
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## The Biot-Savart Law

Current element of length  $d\vec{s}$  carrying current  $I$  produces a magnetic field at the point  $P$ :



$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{\text{wire}} \frac{I d\vec{s}' \times (\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$$

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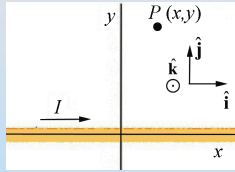
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## The Biot-Savart Law: Infinite Wire

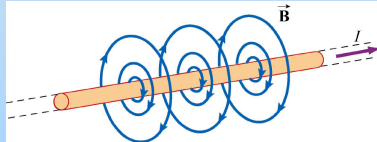


Magnetic Field of an Infinite Wire Carrying Current  $I$  from Biot-Savart:

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi y} \hat{k}$$

See W06D3 Problem Solving

<http://web.mit.edu/8.02/www/materials/ProblemSolving/solution05.pdf>



More generally:

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

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Maxwell Equation: Ampere's Law

$$\oint_{\text{closed path}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 \iint_{\text{open surface}} \vec{J} \cdot \hat{n} da$$

Open surface is bounded by closed path

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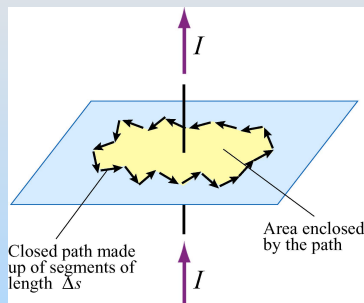
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## Ampere's Law: The Idea



In order to have a B field around a loop, there must be current punching through the loop

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## Concept Question: Line Integral

The integral expression

$$\oint_{\text{closed path}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

1. is equal to the magnetic work done around a closed path.
2. is an infinite sum of the product of the tangent component of the magnetic field along a small element of the closed path with a small element of the path up to a choice of plus or minus sign.
3. is always zero.
4. is equal to the magnetic potential energy between two points.
5. None of the above.

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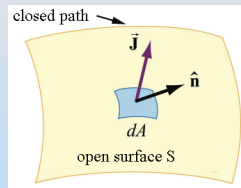
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## Current Enclosed

$\vec{J}$  Current density

$$I_{\text{enc}} = \iint_{\text{open surface } S} \vec{J} \cdot \hat{n} dA$$



Current enclosed is the flux of the current density through an open surface S bounded by the closed path. Because the unit normal to an open surface is not uniquely defined this expression is unique up to a plus or minus sign.

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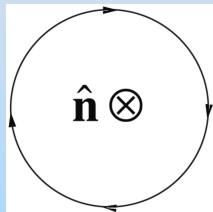
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## Sign Conventions: Right Hand Rule

$$\oint_{\text{closed path}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 \iint_{\text{open surface}} \vec{J} \cdot \hat{n} da$$



Integration direction clockwise for line integral requires that unit normal points into page for open surface integral

Current positive into page, negative out of page

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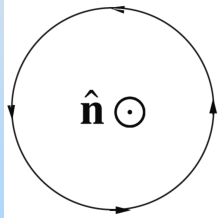
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## Sign Conventions: Right Hand Rule

$$\oint_{\text{closed path}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 \iint_{\text{open surface}} \vec{J} \cdot \hat{n} da$$



Integration direction  
counterclockwise for line  
integral requires that unit  
normal points out of  
page for open surface  
integral

Current positive out of  
page, negative into page

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## Concept Questions: Ampere's Law

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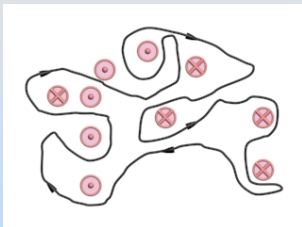
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## Concept Question: Ampere's Law



Integrating  $B$  around the loop shown gives us:

1. a positive number
2. a negative number
3. zero

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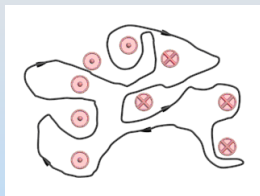
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## Concept Question: Ampere's Law



Integrating  $B$  around the loop in the clockwise direction shown gives us:

1. a positive number
2. a negative number
3. zero

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## Applying Ampere's Law

1. Identify regions in which to calculate  $B$  field.
2. Choose Amperian closed path such that by symmetry  $B$  is 0 or constant magnitude on the closed path!
3. Calculate  $\oint_{\text{oriented closed path}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \begin{cases} "B \text{ times length}" \\ \text{or "zero"} \end{cases}$
4. Calculate current enclosed:  $I_{\text{enc}} = \mu_0 \iint_{\text{open surface}} \vec{J} \cdot \hat{n} da$
5. Apply Ampere's Law to solve for  $B$ : check signs

$$\oint_{\text{closed path}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 \iint_{\text{open surface}} \vec{J} \cdot \hat{n} da$$

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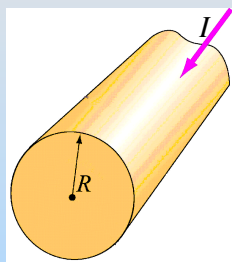
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## Infinite Wire



A cylindrical conductor has radius  $R$  and a uniform current density with total current  $I$ . we shall find the direction and magnitude of the magnetic field for the two regions:

- (1) outside wire ( $r \geq R$ )
- (2) inside wire ( $r < R$ )

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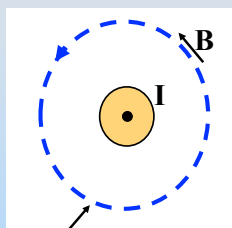
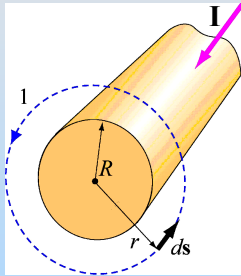
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## Worked Example: Ampere's Law Infinite Wire



Amperian Closed Path:  
B is Constant & Parallel  
Current penetrates surface

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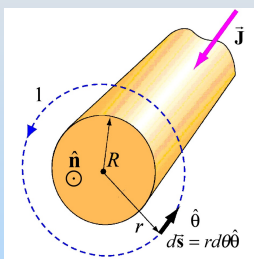
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## Example: Infinite Wire



Region 1: Outside wire ( $r \geq R$ )

Cylindrical symmetry  $\rightarrow$

Amperian Circle

B-field counterclockwise

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

$$= \mu_0 I_{enc} = \mu_0 I$$

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

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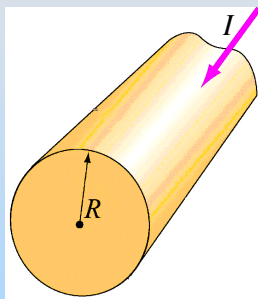
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## Group Problem: Magnetic Field Inside Wire



We just found  $B(r > R)$

Now you find  $B(r < R)$

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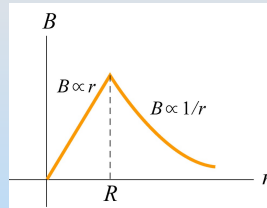
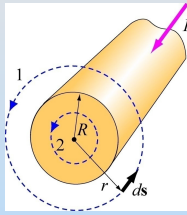
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## Infinite Wire: Plot of B vs. r



$$B_{in} = \frac{\mu_0 I r}{2\pi R^2} \quad B_{out} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

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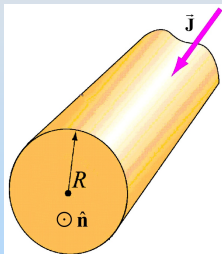
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## Group Problem: Non-Uniform Cylindrical Wire



A cylindrical conductor has radius  $R$  and a non-uniform current density with total current:

$$\vec{J} = J_0 \frac{R}{r} \hat{n}$$

Find  $B$  everywhere

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## Other Geometries

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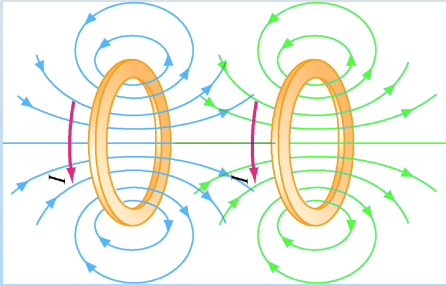
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### Two Loops



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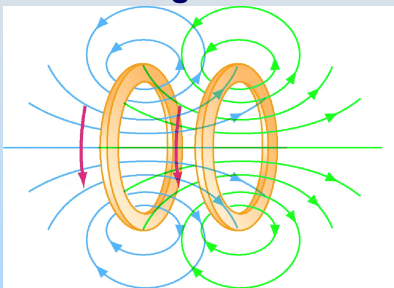
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### Two Loops Moved Closer Together



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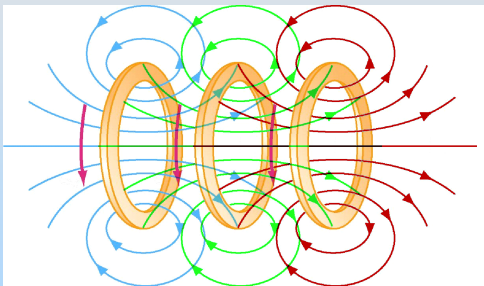
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### Multiple Wire Loops



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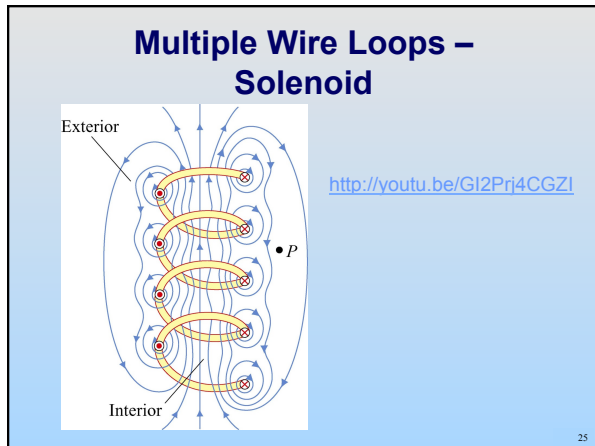
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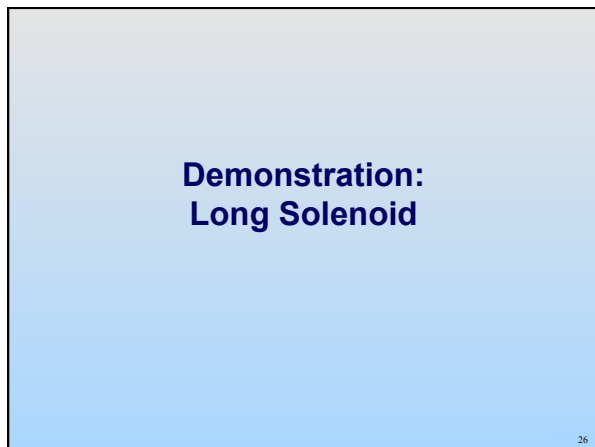
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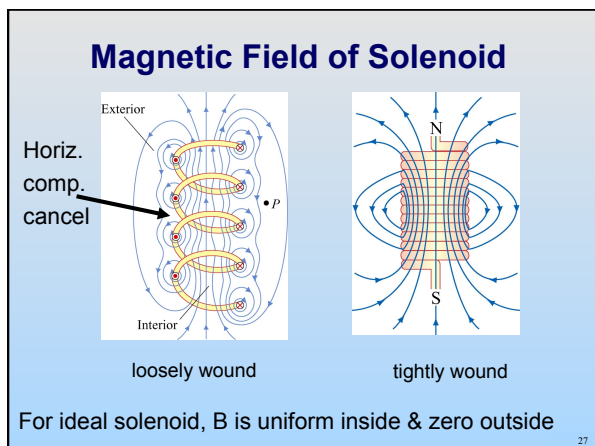
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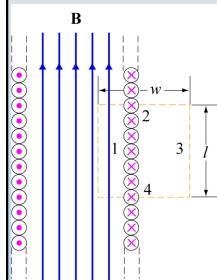
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## Magnetic Field of Ideal Solenoid



Using Ampere's law: Think!

$$\begin{cases} \vec{B} \perp d\vec{s} \text{ along sides 2 and 4} \\ \vec{B} = 0 \text{ along side 3} \end{cases}$$

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_1 \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_2 \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_3 \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} + \int_4 \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$= Bl + 0 + 0 + 0$$

$$I_{enc} = nI \quad n: \# \text{ of turns per unit length}$$

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

$$n = N / L : \# \text{ turns/unit length}$$

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

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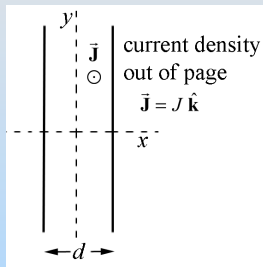
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## Group Problem: Current Sheet



A sheet of current (infinite in the  $y$  &  $z$  directions, of thickness  $d$  in the  $x$  direction) carries a uniform current density:

$$\vec{J} = J\hat{k}$$

Find the direction and magnitude of  $B$  as a function of  $x$ .

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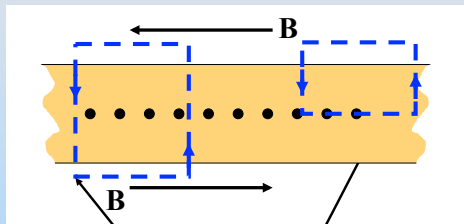
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## Ampere's Law: Infinite Current Sheet



Amperian Loops:

$B$  is Constant & Parallel OR Perpendicular OR Zero  
 $I$  Penetrates

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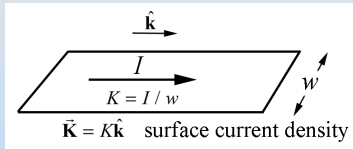
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## Surface Current Density



A very thin sheet of current of width  $w$  carrying a current  $I$  in the positive  $z$ -direction has a surface current density

$$\vec{K} = K\hat{k} \quad K = I/w$$

For sheet of thickness  $d$ , width  $w$ , and current  $I$

$$I = Jdw = Kw \Rightarrow J = K/d$$

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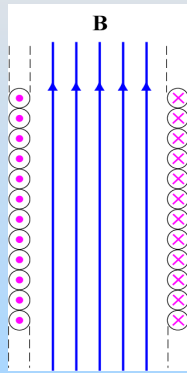
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## Solenoid is Two Current Sheets



Consider two sheets each of thickness  $d$  with current density  $J$ . Then surface current per unit length

$$K = Jd = nI$$

Use either Ampere's Law or superposition principle

$$B = \mu_0 K = \mu_0 Jd = \mu_0 nI$$

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## Biot-Savart vs. Ampere

Biot-Savart Law	$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$	general current source ex: finite wire wire loop
Ampere's law	$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I_{enc}$	symmetric current source ex: infinite wire infinite current sheet

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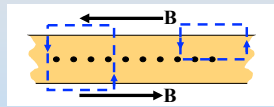
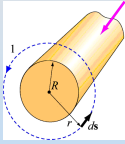
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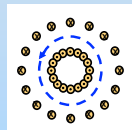
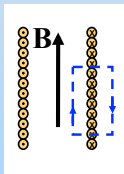
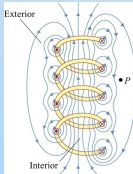
**Ampere's Law:**  $\oint_{\text{closed path}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 \iint_{\text{open surface}} \vec{J} \cdot \hat{n} da$

Long  
Circular  
Symmetry



(Infinite) Current Sheet

Solenoid  
=  
2 Current  
Sheets



Torus

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