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Magnetic Fields Due to Currents

Chapter 30

Review – Chap. 29

- Force on a charged particle due to a magnetic field is

$$\vec{F}_B = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

- Charged particles moving with $v \perp$ to a B field move in a **circular path** with radius, r

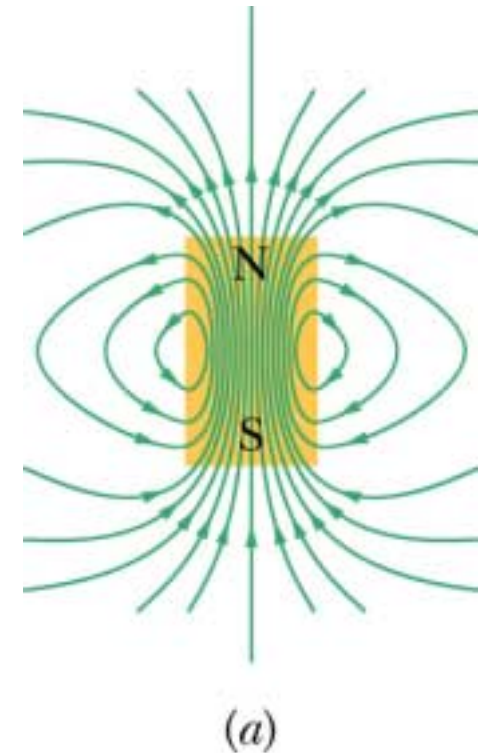
$$r = \frac{mv}{qB}$$

- Force on a current carrying wire due to a magnetic field is

$$\vec{F}_B = i\vec{L} \times \vec{B}$$

Review

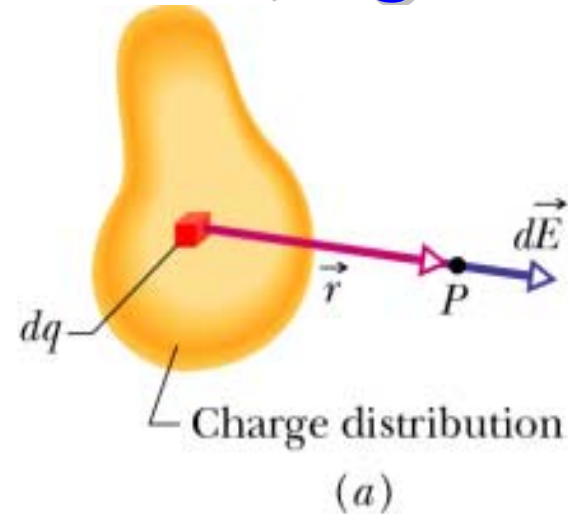
- Set up a B field in two ways:
- Intrinsic magnetic field
 - Magnetic field of electrons in a material add together to give a net magnetic field around the material – i.e. permanent magnet
- Electrically charged particles which are moving – i.e. current in a wire



B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-1)

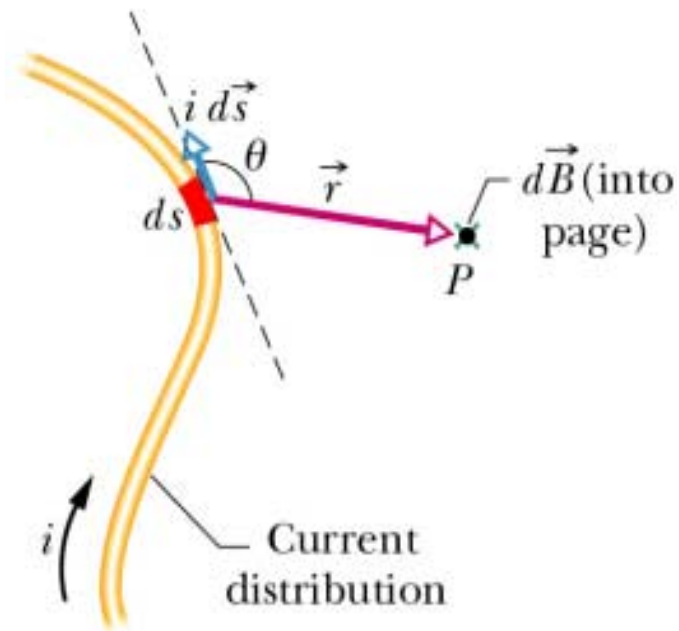
- E field produced by a distribution of charges

$$dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{dq}{r^2}$$



- B field produced by distribution of currents

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{i ds \sin \theta}{r^2}$$



B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-1b)

$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{i d\vec{s} \sin \theta}{r^2}$$

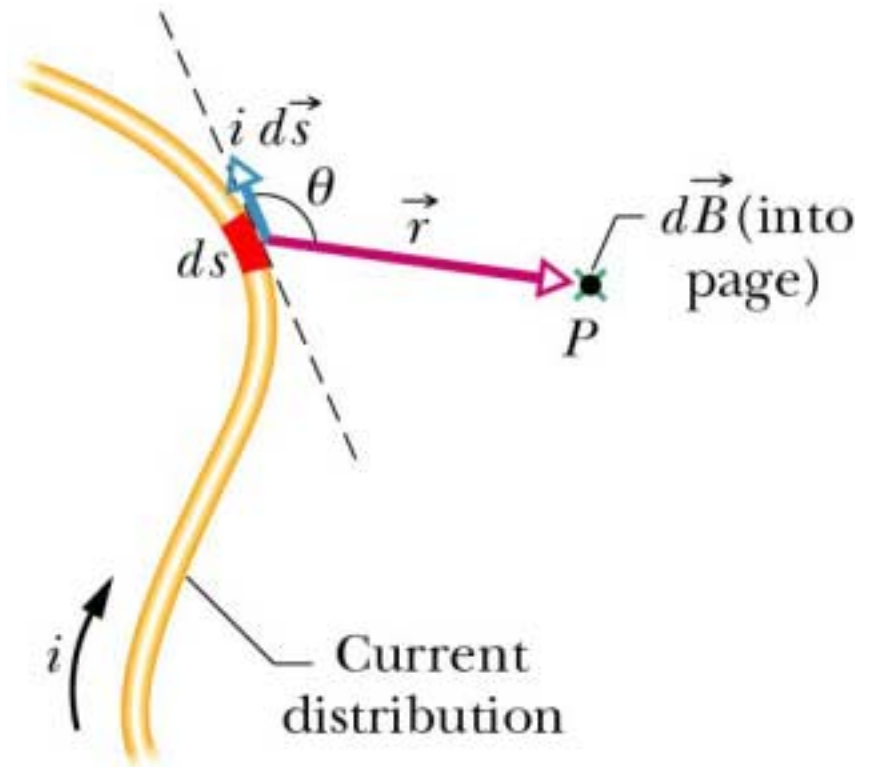
- Current-length element,

$$i d\vec{s}$$

is product of a scalar and a **vector**.

- Find net B field by integrating.
- A new constant - Permeability constant, μ_0

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



B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-1b)

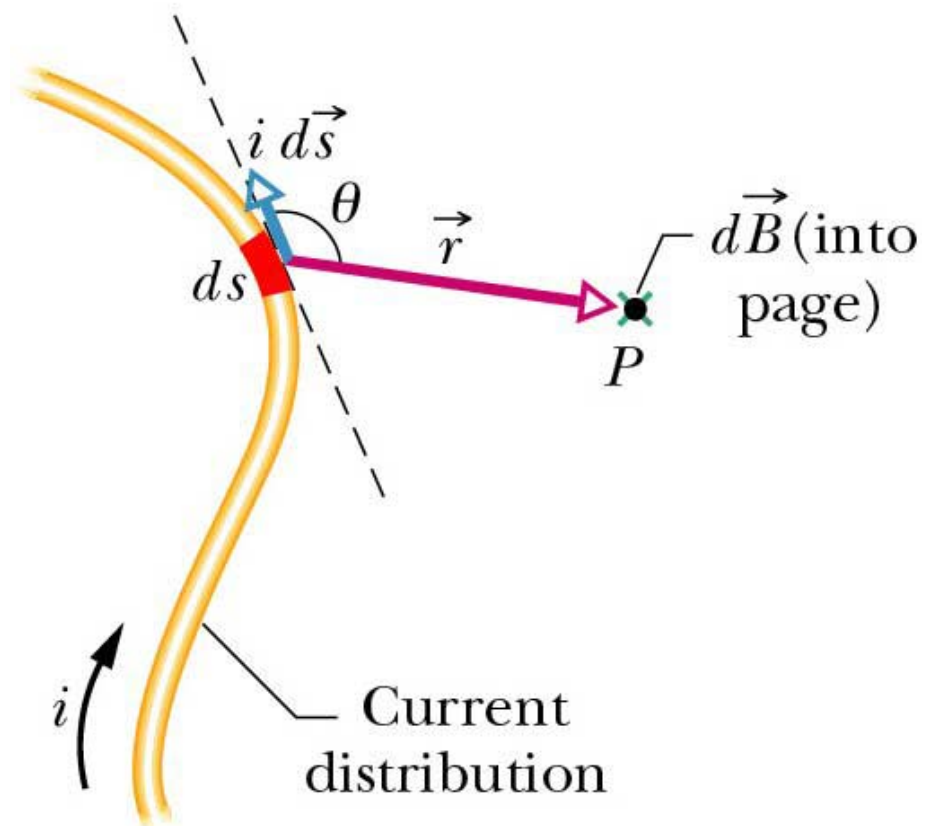
$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{i ds \sin \theta}{r^2}$$

- Rewrite in vector form

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

$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{i d\vec{s} \times \vec{r}}{r^3}$$

- Known as the **Biot-Savart Law**

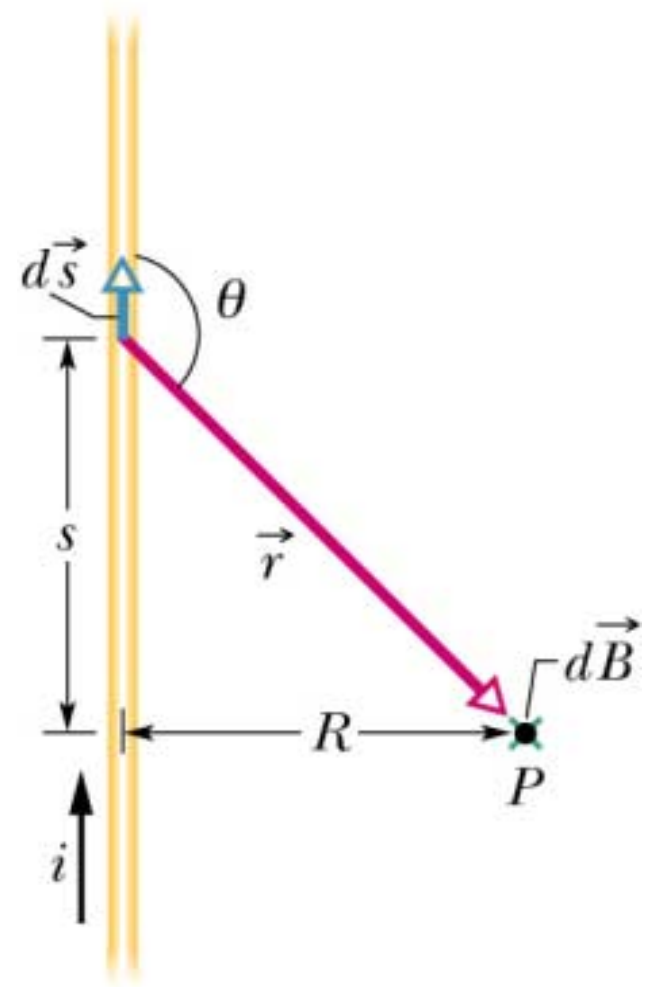


B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-5)

- Use Biot-Savart Law to calculate B field produced by an infinitely long straight wire with current, i

$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{id\vec{s} \times \vec{r}}{r^3}$$

- Direction of $d\vec{B}$ at point P is into the page for all ds from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$



B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-5)

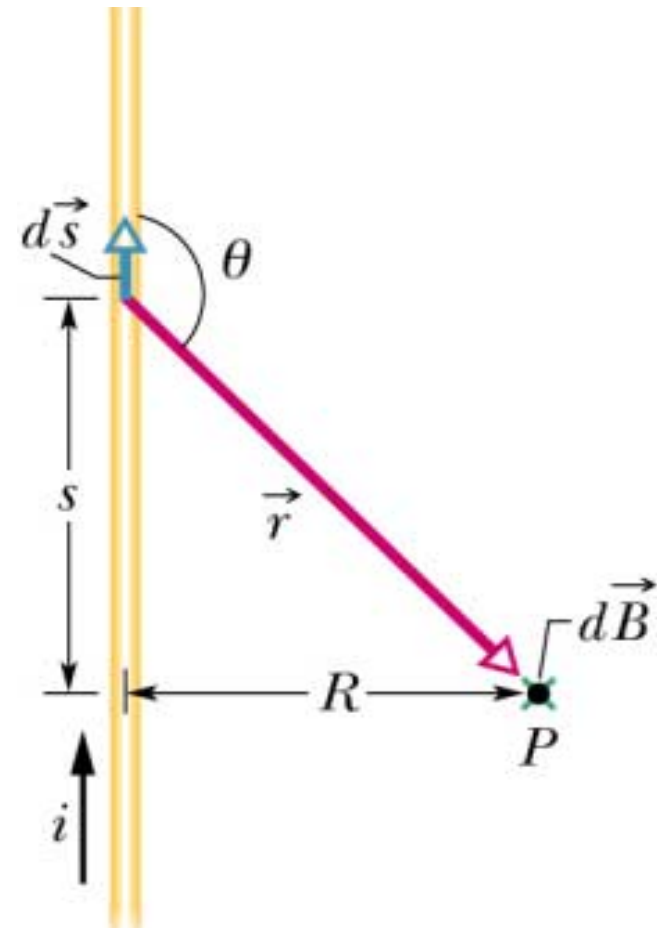
$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{i ds \sin \theta}{r^2}$$

Find total B field by integrating from 0 to $+\infty$ and multiplying by 2

$$B = 2 \int_0^{\infty} dB = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} ds = \frac{\mu_0 i I}{2\pi}$$

Where

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} ds$$



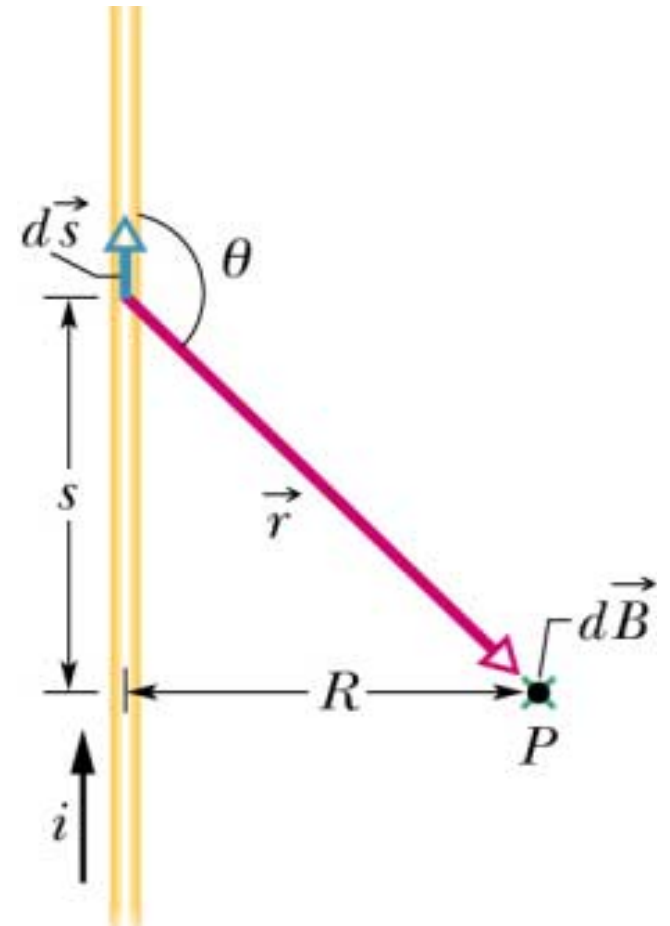
B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-5)

- Variables r , s and θ are related by

$$r = \sqrt{s^2 + R^2}$$

$$\sin \theta = \sin(\pi - \theta) = \frac{R}{r}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{R}{\sqrt{s^2 + R^2}}$$



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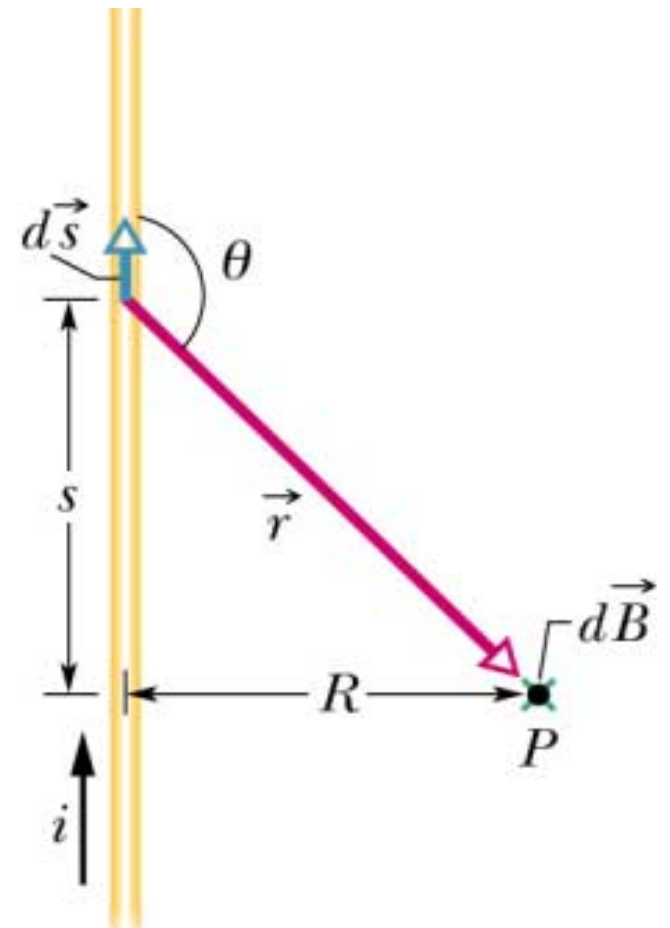
- Substituting

$$\sin \theta = \frac{R}{\sqrt{s^2 + R^2}}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} ds = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{R ds}{(s^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

- Using the integral relation

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + a^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{x}{a^2(x^2 + a^2)^{1/2}}$$



B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-5)

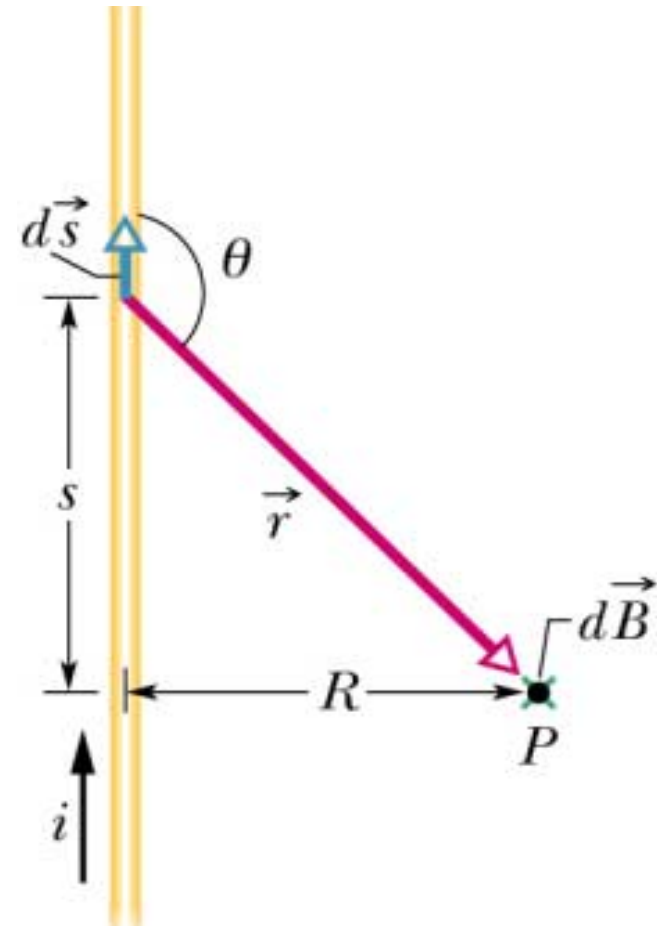
- Evaluating the integral gives

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i R}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{(s^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi R} \left[\frac{s}{\sqrt{s^2 + R^2}} \right]_0^\infty$$

- For a distance R from a long straight wire

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi R}$$



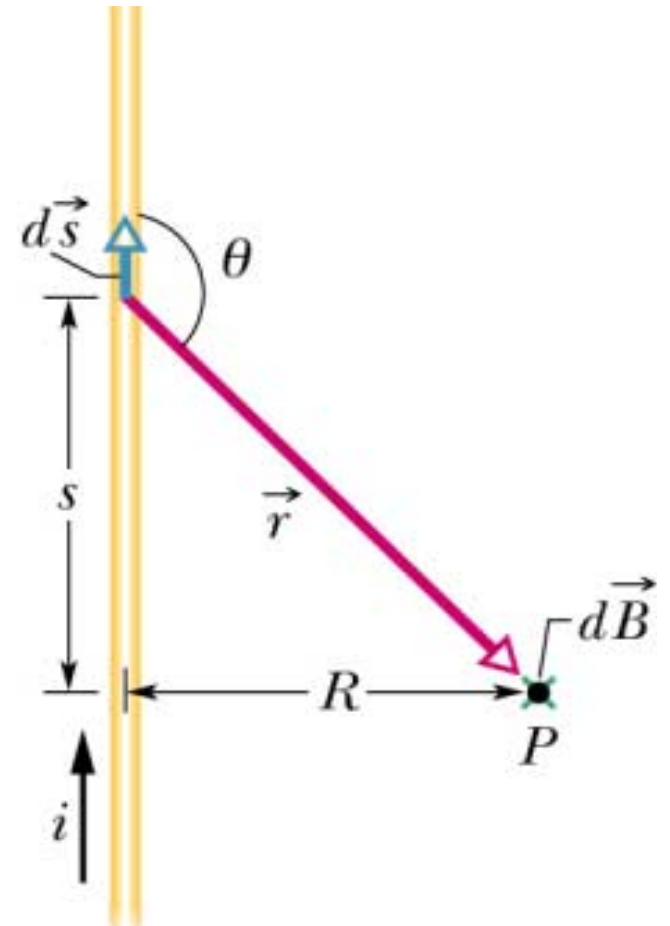
B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-5)

- Evaluating the integral gives

$$I = \frac{1}{R}$$

- Thus for a distance R from a long straight wire

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi R}$$

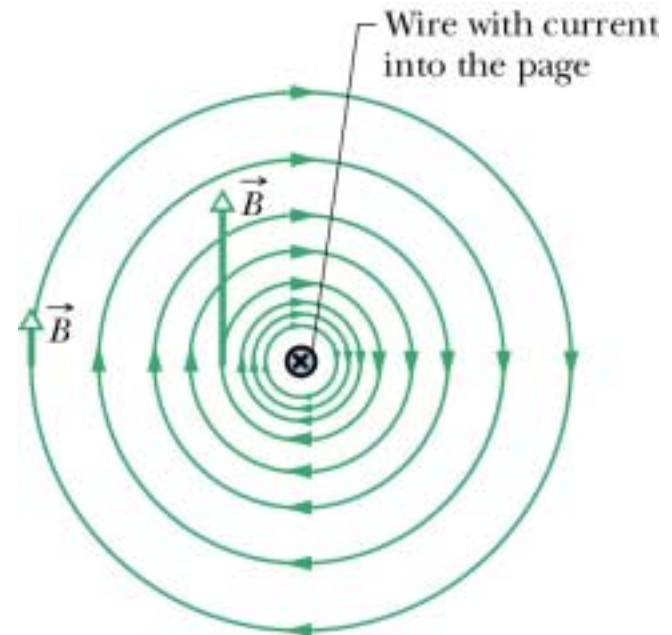
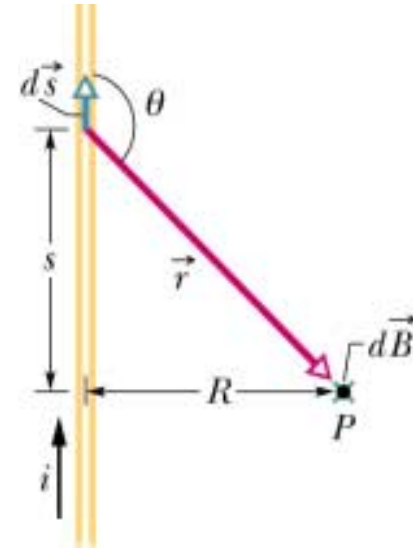


B Fields from Currents (Figs. 30-2,5)

- Notice B field only depends on current, i , and \perp distance R from wire

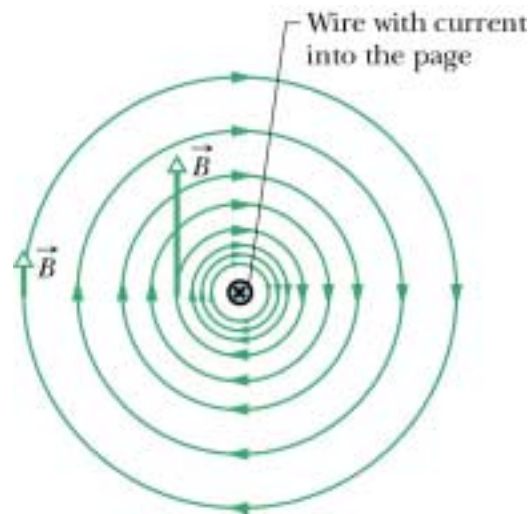
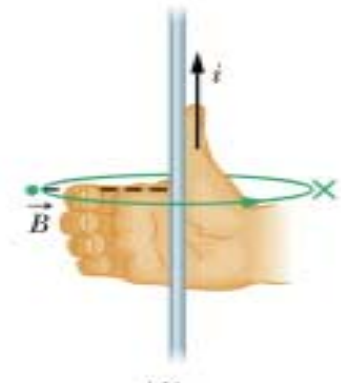
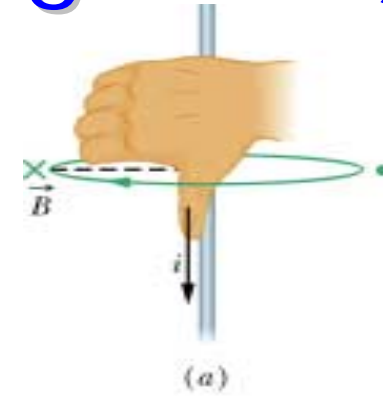
$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi R}$$

- B field forms concentric rings
- Magnitude of B decreases with distance as $1/R$ (so spacing of the lines decreases)



B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-5)

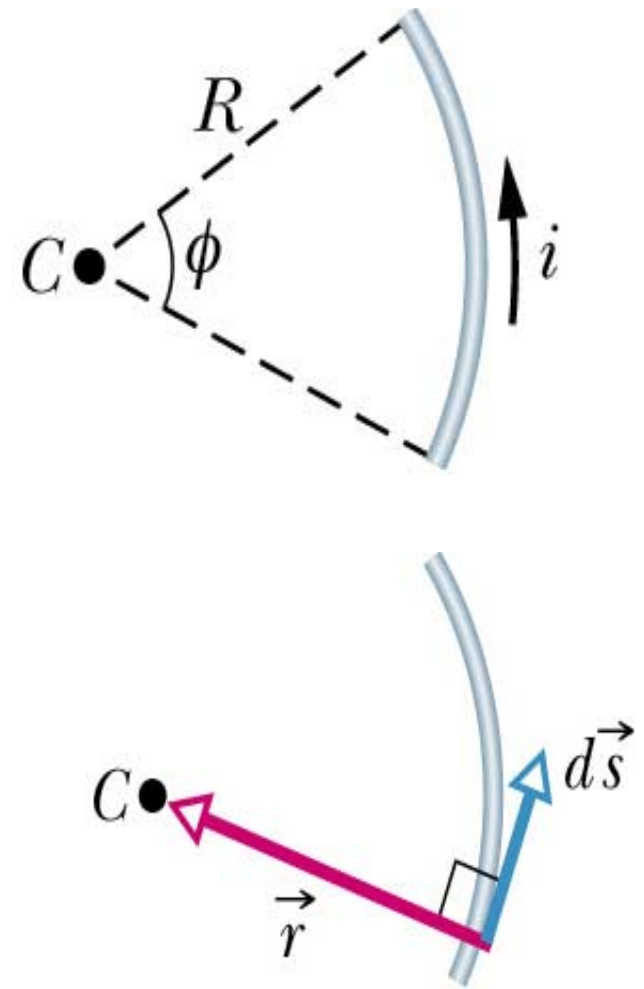
- New use for **right-hand rule**
- Point thumb in direction of current flow
- Fingers will curl in the direction of the magnetic field lines due to current
- B field is tangent to magnetic field line



B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-6)

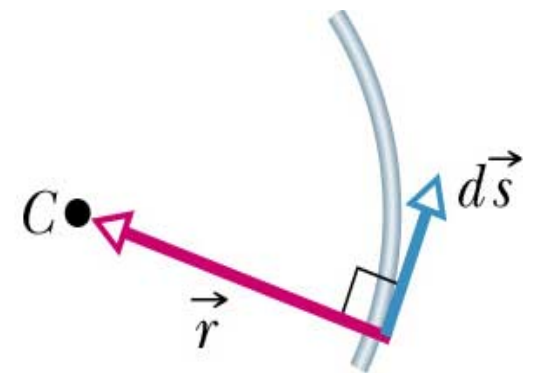
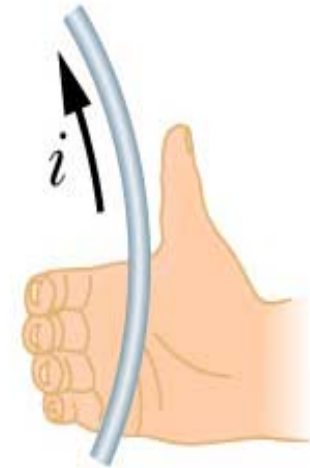
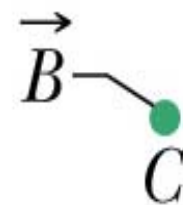
- What is B field due to circular arc of wire?
- Simplify problem by finding B at center of arc, point C
- Using Biot-Savart and the fact that r and ds are \perp ($\theta=90^\circ$)

$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{i ds \sin \theta}{r^2} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{i ds}{R^2}$$



B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-6)

- Use right-hand rule to find direction of B field at C
- Every ds gives dB directed out of page so get net B by integrating over whole arc



$$B = \int dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{i ds}{R^2} = \frac{\mu_0 i}{4\pi R^2} \int ds$$

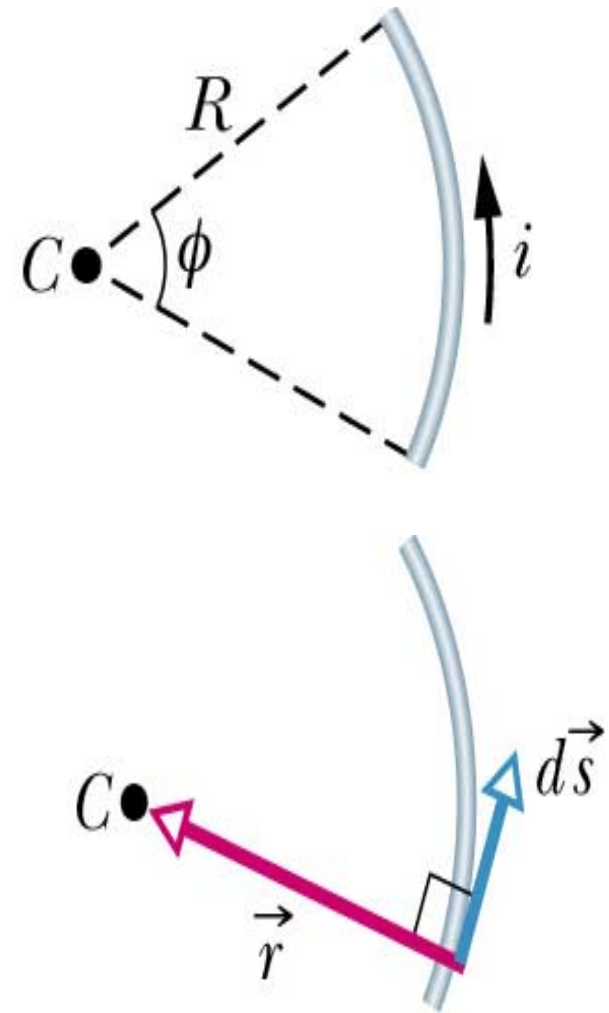
B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-6)

$$\int ds = s$$

- Where s is the arc length related to the angle in radians by

$$\frac{s}{2\pi R} = \frac{\phi}{2\pi}$$

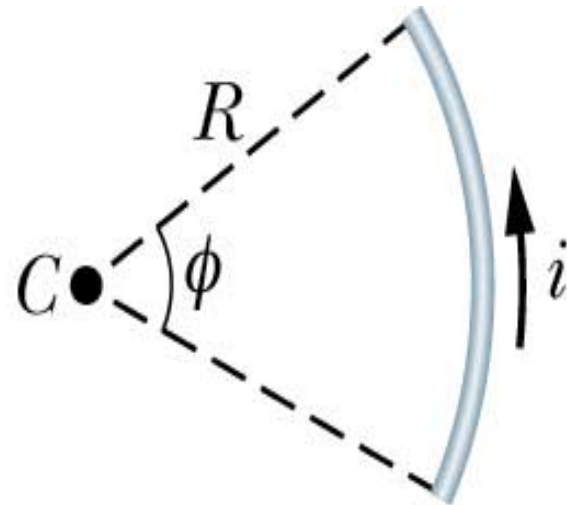
- Thus $\int ds = \phi R$



B Fields from Currents (Fig. 30-6)

- B field at the center of an arc is

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i \phi}{4\pi R}$$



- Express ϕ in radians **not** in degrees
- For a complete loop ($\phi = 2\pi$) then B is

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2R}$$