

## MAGNETIC FIELD INTENSITY DUE TO AN INFINITE WIRE CARRYING A CURRENT

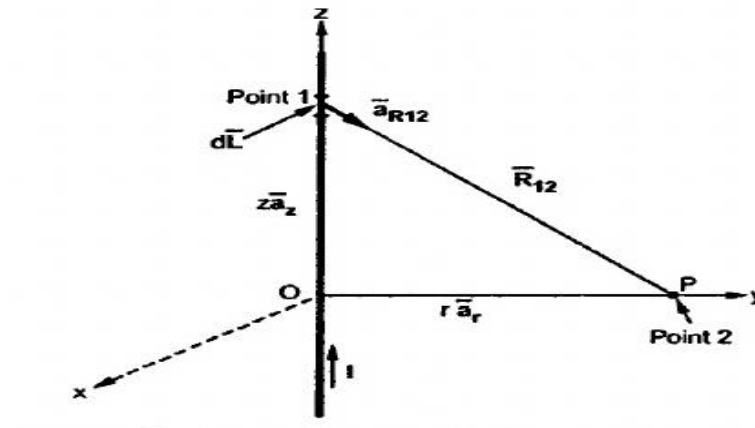


Fig5: H due to infinitely long straight conductor carrying current I

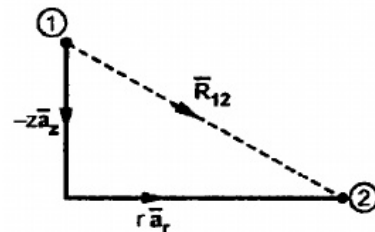
Consider a infinitely long straight conductor is placed along z axis.  
 The current passing through the conductor is a direct current of I Amp.  
 The field intensity H at a point P is also to be calculated which is at a distance r from the z-axis as shown in above fig.  
 Consider small differential element at point 1 along z- axis at a distance z from origin. I  
 $d\vec{l} = Idz\vec{a}_z$ .

The distance vector joining point 1 & point 2 is  $\vec{R}_{12}$  are

$$\vec{R}_{12} = -z \vec{a}_z + r \vec{a}_r$$

$$\vec{a}_{R_{12}} = \frac{\vec{R}_{12}}{|\vec{R}_{12}|} = \frac{r \vec{a}_r - z \vec{a}_z}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{l} \times \vec{R}_{12} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{a}_r & \vec{a}_\phi & \vec{a}_z \\ 0 & 0 & dz \\ r & 0 & -z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \vec{a}_r (0-0) - (-r dz) \vec{a}_\phi + \vec{a}_z (0-0) \\ &= r dz \vec{a}_\phi \end{aligned}$$



$R_{12}$  is neglected for convenience

$$I d\vec{l} \times \vec{a}_{R_{12}} = \frac{Ir dz \vec{a}_\phi}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}}$$

According to Biot-savart law

$$d\vec{H} = \frac{I d\vec{l} \times \vec{a}_{R_{12}}}{4\pi R_{12}^2} = \frac{Ir dz \vec{a}_\phi}{4\pi \sqrt{r^2 + z^2} (r^2 + z^2)} = \frac{Ir dz \vec{a}_\phi}{4\pi (r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

Thus the total field intensity  $\vec{H}$  can be obtained by integrating  $d\vec{H}$  over the entire length of the conductor.

$$\vec{H} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\vec{H} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{Ir dz \vec{a}_\phi}{4\pi (r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

Put  $z = r \tan \theta$ ,  $z^2 = r^2 \tan^2 \theta$

$dz = r \sec^2 \theta$ ,  $z = -\infty$ ,  $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$

$z = +\infty$ ,  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\vec{H} = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{Ir r \sec^2 \theta}{4\pi (r^2 + r^2 \tan^2 \theta)^{3/2}} d\theta \vec{a}_\phi$$

$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{H} &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{I r^2 \sec^2 \theta}{4\pi r^3 \sec^3 \theta} d\theta a\phi = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{I}{4\pi r \sec \theta} d\theta a\phi = \frac{I}{4\pi r} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos \theta d\theta a\phi \\ &= \frac{I}{4\pi r} [\sin \theta]_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} a\phi \\ &= \frac{I}{4\pi r} \left[ \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin \left( -\frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right] a\phi \\ \bar{H} &= \frac{I}{4\pi r} 2 a\phi = \frac{I}{2\pi r} a\phi \text{ A/m} \\ \bar{B} &= \mu H = \frac{\mu I}{2\pi r} a\phi \text{ wb/m}^2. \end{aligned}$$

### Magnetic field intensity due to finite wire carrying a current I

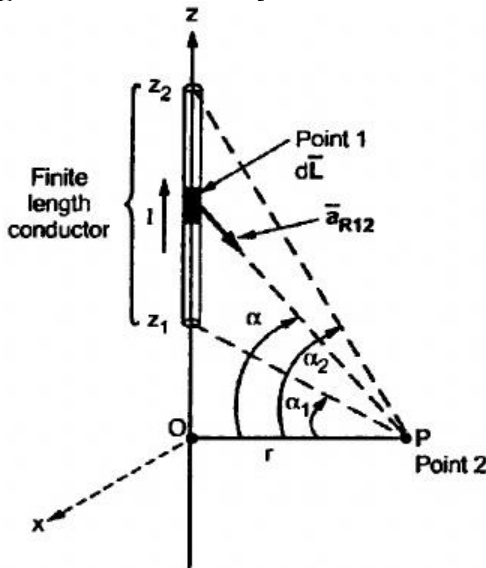


Fig 6: Magnetic field H due to finite conductor carrying current I

Consider a conductor of finite length placed along z-axis as shown in figure. It carries a direct current I. The perpendicular distance of point P from z axis is 'r'.

The conductor is placed such that its one end is at  $z=z_1$  while other at  $z=z_2$ . Consider a differential element  $d\bar{l}$  along z-axis at a distance z from origin.

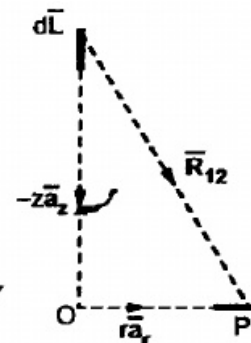
$$d\bar{l} = dz \bar{a}_z.$$

The unit vector in the direction joining differential element to point P is  $\bar{a}_{R_{12}}$  and can be expressed as,

$$\bar{a}_{R_{12}} = \frac{R_{12}}{|R_{12}|} = \frac{-z \bar{a}_z + r \bar{a}_r}{\sqrt{(-z)^2 + r^2}} = \frac{r \bar{a}_r - z \bar{a}_z}{\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}}$$

$$d\bar{l} \times \bar{a}_{R_{12}} = r dz \bar{a}_\phi$$

This is same as obtained in the infinite long conductors.



$$d\bar{l} \times \overline{R_{12}} = \begin{vmatrix} \overline{a\bar{r}} & \overline{a\bar{\phi}} & \overline{a\bar{z}} \\ 0 & 0 & dz \\ r & 0 & -z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \overline{a\bar{r}} (0-0) - (-r dz)\overline{a\bar{\phi}} + \overline{a\bar{z}} (0-0)$$

$$= r dz\overline{a\bar{\phi}}$$

$$I d\bar{l} \times \overline{aR_{12}} = \frac{I r dz a\bar{\phi}}{\sqrt{r^2+z^2}}$$

According to Biot-savart law dH at point P is,

$$dH = \frac{I d\bar{l} \times \overline{aR_{12}}}{4\pi R_{12}^2} = \frac{I r dz a\bar{\phi}}{4\pi \sqrt{r^2+z^2} (\sqrt{r^2+z^2})^2} = \frac{I r dz a\bar{\phi}}{4\pi (r^2+z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

The total H at P due to conductor of finite length can be obtained by integrating dH over  $z = z_1$  to  $z = z_2$

$$H = \int_{z_1}^{z_2} d\bar{H} = \int_{z_1}^{z_2} \frac{I r dz \overline{a\bar{\phi}}}{4\pi (r^2+z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\text{Put } z = r \tan \theta, \quad z^2 = r^2 \tan^2 \theta$$

$$dz = r \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\text{For } z = z_1 \quad z_1 = r \tan \alpha_1$$

$$\text{For } z = z_2 \quad z_2 = r \tan \alpha_2$$

$$\bar{H} = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{I r r \sec^2 \alpha d\alpha a\bar{\phi}}{4\pi (r^2 + r^2 \tan^2 \alpha)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{I r^2 \sec^2 \alpha d\alpha a\bar{\phi}}{4\pi r^3 [1 + \tan^2 \alpha]^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$= \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{I d\alpha a\bar{\phi}}{4\pi r \sec \alpha} = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{I \cos \theta d\theta a\bar{\phi}}{4\pi r}$$

$$\bar{H} \frac{1}{4\pi r} [\sin \alpha]_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2} a\bar{\phi} = \frac{I}{4\pi r} [\sin \alpha_2 - \sin \alpha_1] a\bar{\phi}$$

$$B = \mu \bar{H} = \frac{\mu I}{4\pi r} [\sin \alpha_2 - \sin \alpha_1] \overline{a\bar{\phi}} \text{ wb/m}^2$$

Note: While using the result if segment carrying current I is not along z-axis then the direction of  $\bar{H}$  not be in  $\overline{a\bar{\phi}}$ . It depends on in which plane segment carrying current is placed. The magnitude of H is  $\frac{1}{4\pi r} [\sin \alpha_2 - \sin \alpha_1]$  but direction is always normal to the plain containing the source and to be decided by right banded screw rule.