

Factors affecting Magnetic Field Strength around a straight conductor

The magnetic field around a straight conductor will be determined by:

- (i) current (I)
- (ii) magnetic permeability ( $\mu$ )
- (iii) perpendicular distance away from wire (r)

Mathematically this is called Biot's Law

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

B: Magnetic field Strength in Tesla (T)

$\mu$ : magnetic permeability (Tm/A)

I: current in Amperes (A)

r: perpendicular distance away from straight conductor in meters (m)

$$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T} \cdot \frac{\text{m}}{\text{A}}$$

If you read 643-644 do not despair, we are only dealing with the simplified version of Biot Law as found on the bottom of 644, and only for straight conductors.

*Assign read 639 - 641*

*do p. 663 #17, 18, 22*

*Assign Homework Set #10 Biot's Law*

P. 663  
#17

$$I = 12.5 \text{ A}$$

$$B = 3.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ T}$$

$$r = ?$$

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

$$3.1 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7}) 12.5}{2\pi r}$$

$$3.1 \times 10^{-5} \underline{r} = (2 \times 10^{-7})(12.5)$$

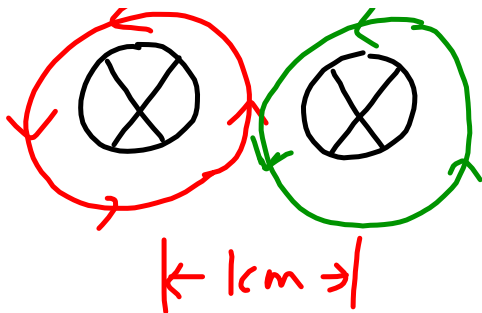
$$r = 0.08 \text{ m}$$

18.  $r = 12 \text{ m}$   
 $I = 4.5 \times 10^3 \text{ A}$   
 $B = ?$

$$B = \frac{\mu I}{2\pi r}$$

$$B = \frac{(\cancel{4\pi} \times 10^{-7})(4.5 \times 10^3)}{\cancel{2\pi} (12)}$$

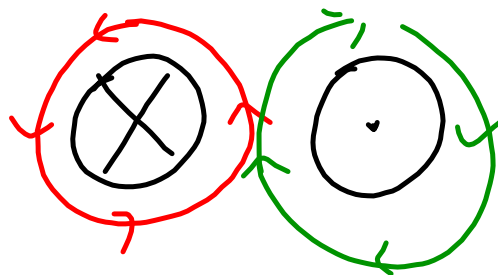
$$B = 0.000075 \text{ T}$$

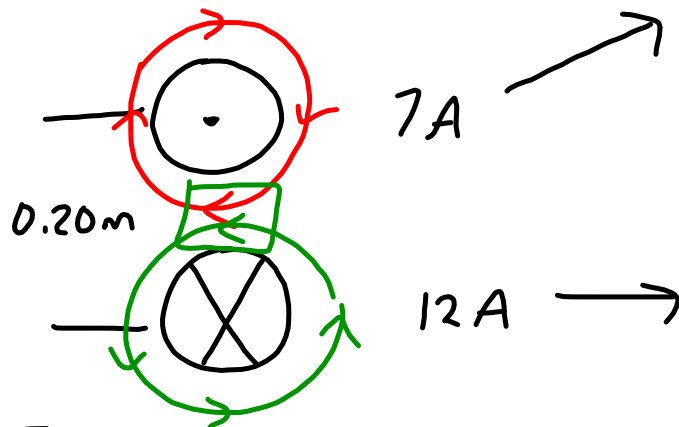
22. $I=10A$   
in both

What is  $B$  at the midpoint between the wires?

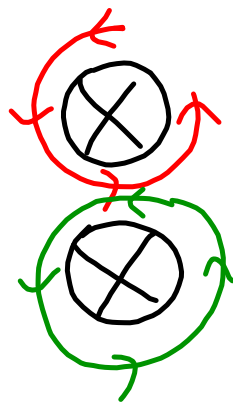
- (a) same size  $B$   
same dir.  $I$

b)





Find the mag.  
field strength at  
the mid-point.



$$(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ T})$$