

Ampere's Law

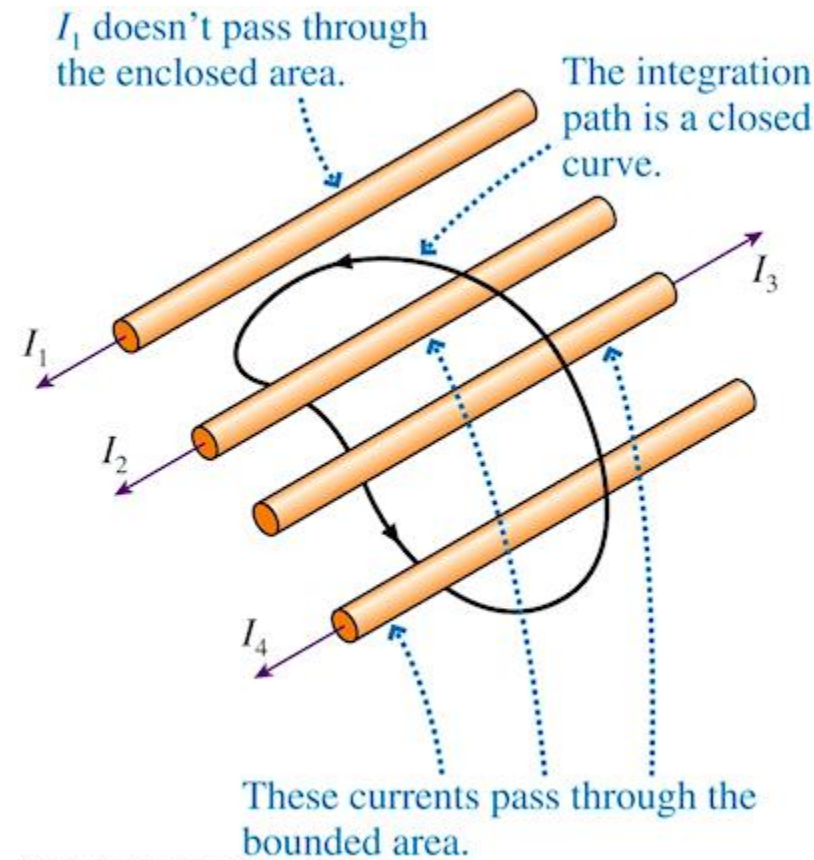
Consider an arbitrary closed loop (for instance, a circle). Ampere's Law states that the integral of magnetic field along that loop is proportional to the total current enclosed by it:

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 \sum_{\text{inside the loop}} I$$

Note that the integral contains "dot" product that depends on the angle between vector \vec{B} and the local direction of the integration path:

$$\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = |\vec{B}| |d\vec{l}| \cos \alpha$$

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



Using Ampere's Law: Infinite Wire

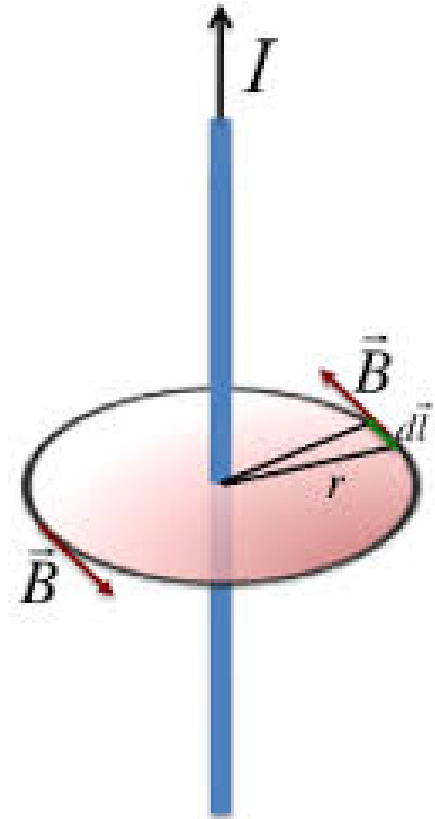
Consider a straight infinite wire carrying current I . As an integration loop we choose a circle of radius r around the wire. At any point of the loop, B is constant and directed along the path, therefore $\cos(\alpha)=1$.

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = 2\pi r B$$

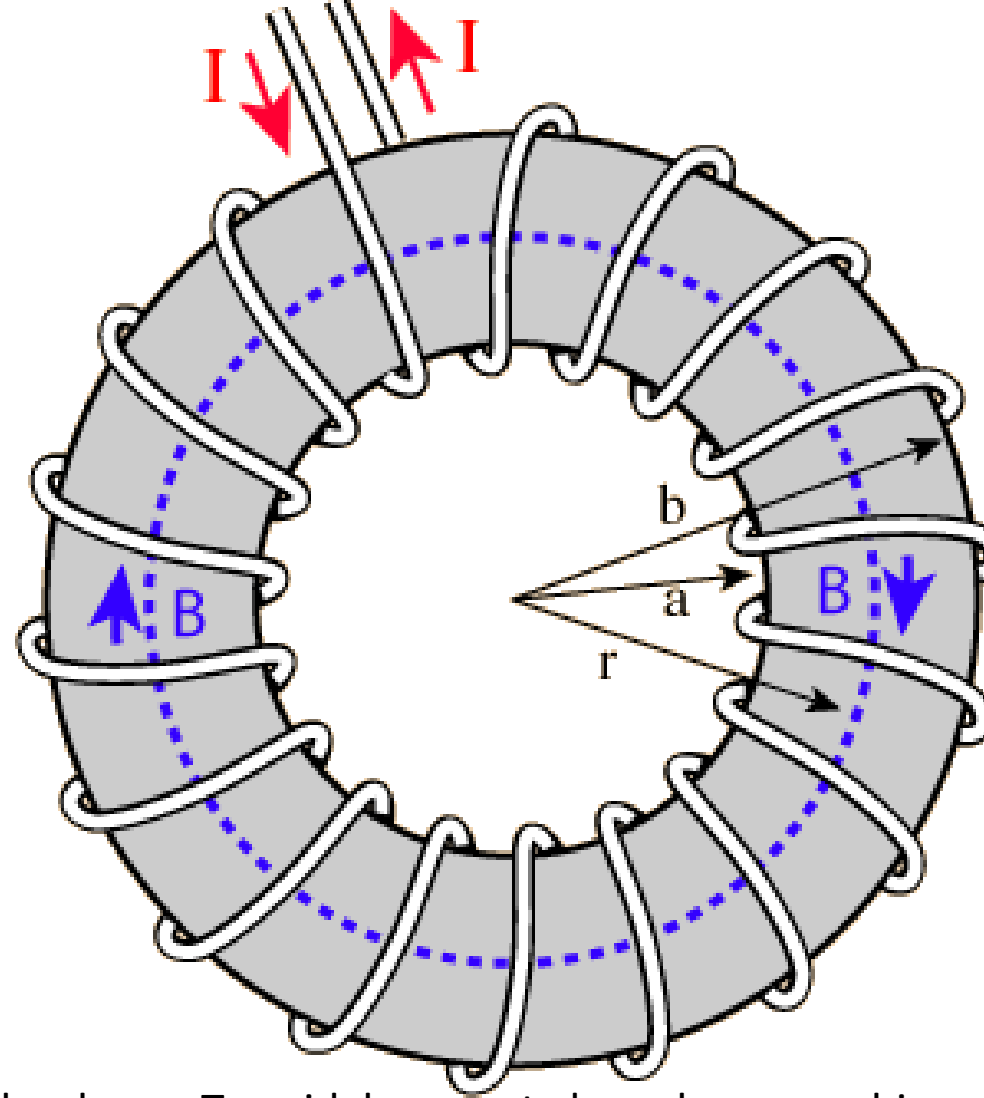
By using Ampere's Law, we obtain:

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

Direction of B is determined by the right hand rule.



Homework



Problem

Torus is a mathematical term for a bagel- like shape. Torroidal magnets have been used in tape recorders, and other devices. Find the magnetic field B inside of the toroidal magnet, near its centerline that has a shape of a circle of radius r (shown in the Figure as blue dashed line)). The wire makes N turns around the torus, and the current is I .

How many turns do you need to produce 1 T magnetic field in a torus of radius $r=30$ cm, if current is $I=1$ A?