

1. Find the torque around the  $x$ -axis,  $\vec{\tau}$ , that the blue wire carrying a current  $I$  (see Fig. 1) experiences in the presence of a uniform magnetic field,  $\vec{B} = B_o \hat{j}$ .

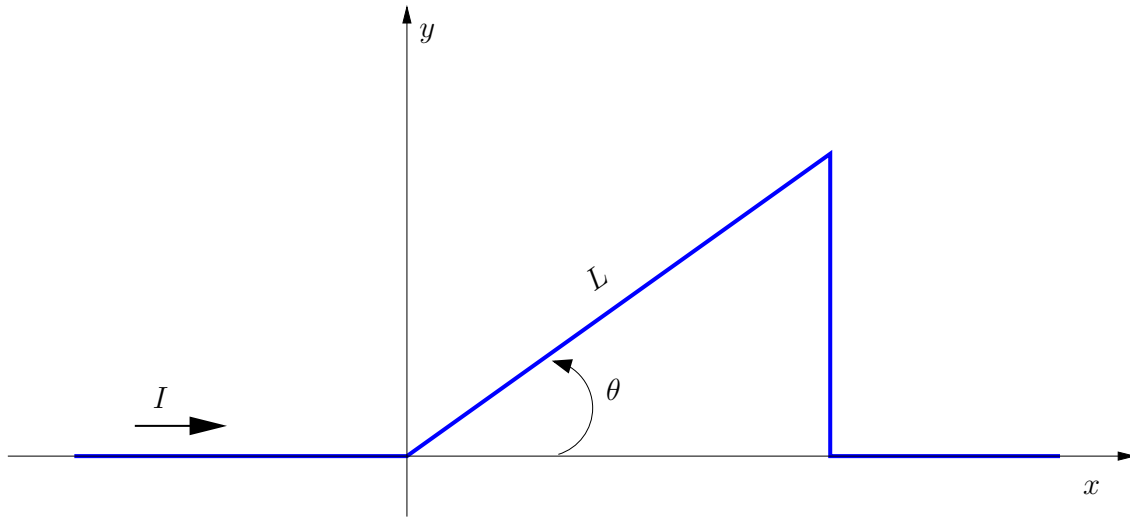


Figure 1: A wire carrying current  $I$  is shown in blue.  $L$  is the length of the “diagonal” part of the wire.

**Ans:**  $\vec{\tau} = \frac{IB_o L^2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)}{2} \hat{i}$

2. Find the net force on a wire bent into a semi-circle shape with radius  $R$  and carrying a current  $I$  (see Fig. 2) in the presence of a non-uniform magnetic field,  $\vec{B} = \arctan(\theta)z \hat{k}$ . Make sure you evaluate any integrals that may arise!

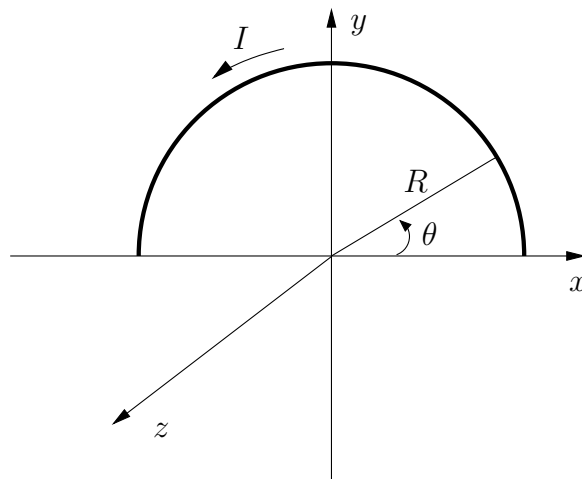


Figure 2: A semi-circular wire with radius  $R$  and current  $I$  lies in the  $z = 0$  plane.

**Ans:**  $\vec{F} = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$

3. Set up an expression for the net force on the wire (curve)  $y = f(x)$ , where  $x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$  lies in the  $z = 0$  plane and carries a current  $I$  (see Fig. 3). Assume that there is a non-uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B} = \vec{B}(x, y, z)$  in the region of space where the wire lies.

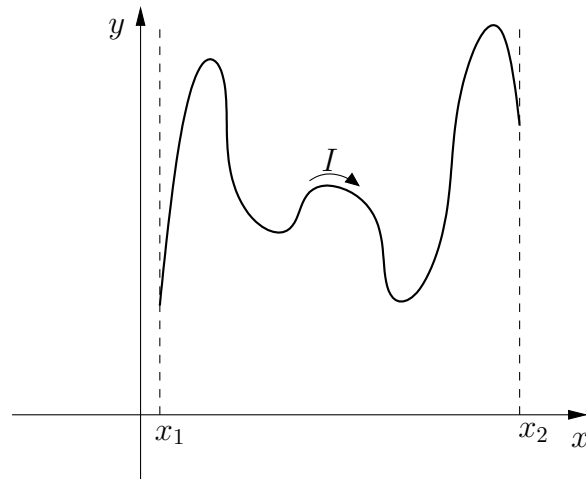


Figure 3: An arbitrary wire (curve),  $y = f(x)$ , carrying a current  $I$  (as indicated on the diagram) is shown.

**Ans:** 
$$\vec{F} = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} I [dx \hat{i} + f'(x) dx \hat{j}] \times \vec{B}(x, y = f(x), z = 0)$$

4. A particle with charge  $q$  is traveling with constant velocity  $\vec{v}$ , where  $v \ll c$  and  $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}$  is the speed of light (we will learn this later in the course). Write an expression for the magnetic field,  $\vec{B}$ , that the particle generates, in terms of the electric field  $\vec{E}$  and speed of light  $c$ .

**Ans:** 
$$\vec{B} = \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{E}}{c^2}$$

5. Helmholtz coil. **This problem is NOT on the quiz.**

(a) **Without using any symmetry arguments**, find the magnetic field anywhere on the  $z$ -axis.

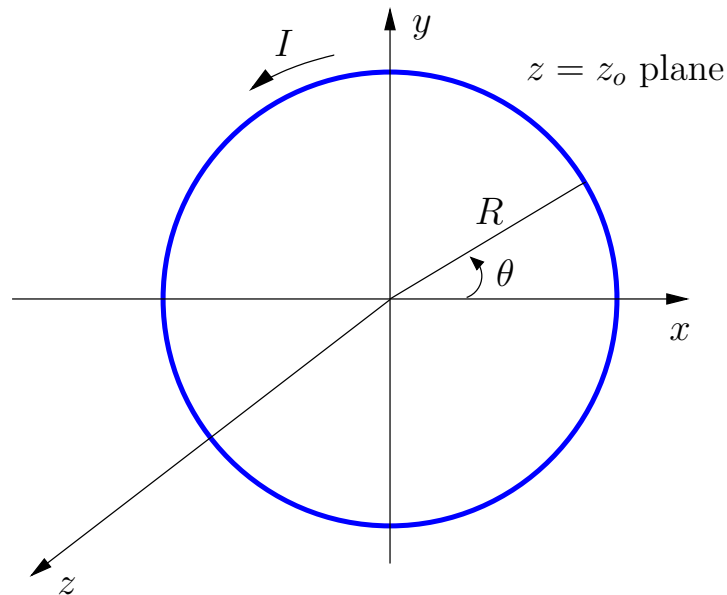


Figure 4: A circular wire with radius  $R$  and current  $I$  lies in the  $z = z_0$  plane.

**Ans:** 
$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I R^2}{2[R^2 + (z - z_0)^2]^{3/2}} \hat{k}$$

(b) Find the magnetic field due to two circular coils, each having a radius  $R$  and carrying current  $I$  in the same direction. Assume the center of the first circular coil is at  $(0, 0, 0)$  and the center of the second circular coil is at  $(0, 0, R)$ . Furthermore, assume that  $N_1$  is the number of wire loops in the first coil and  $N_2$  is the number of wire loops in the second coil.

**Ans:** 
$$\vec{B} = \frac{N_1 \mu_0 I R^2}{2[R^2 + z^2]^{3/2}} \hat{k} + \frac{N_2 \mu_0 I R^2}{2[R^2 + (z - R)^2]^{3/2}} \hat{k}$$