

Solenoids



Infinite Solenoid

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{B} &= \mu_0 I n \\ &= \mu_0 I \frac{N}{L}\end{aligned}$$

coil density

of loops

given length

inside
points along axis

$$\vec{B} = 0 \text{ outside}$$

Good approximation at center
of a long solenoid

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If solenoid is wrapped around
a ferromagnet with permeability μ
then $B = \mu I n$ inside

$$\text{Iron } \mu \approx 5000 \mu_0$$

eg. $N = 11 \text{ coils in } 1 \text{ cm}$

$$n = \frac{11}{\text{cm}} \times \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{\text{m}} = 1100/\text{m}$$

$$I = 0.3 \text{ A}$$

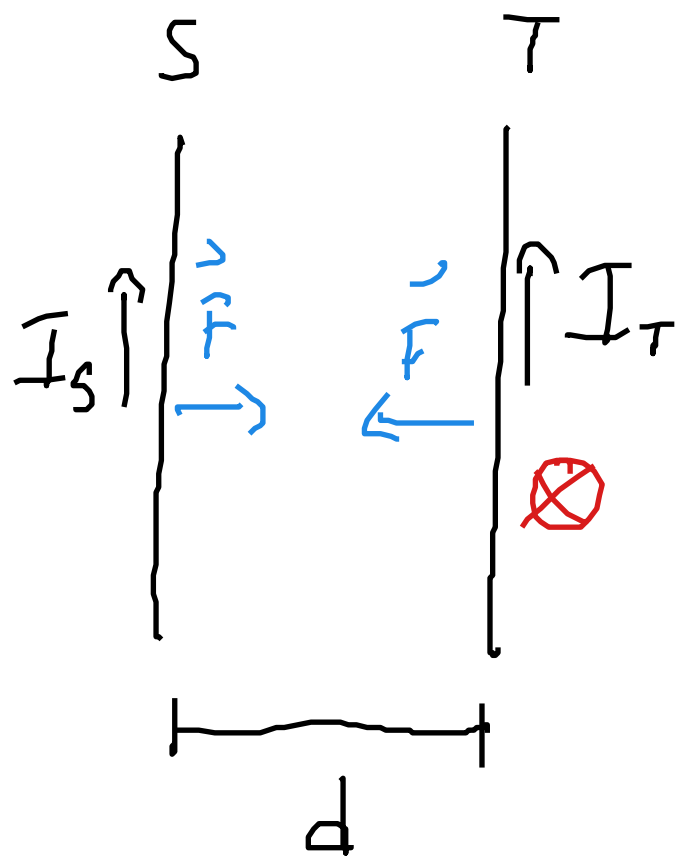
$$B = (4\pi \times 10^{-7}) (0.3) (1100)$$
$$= 0.4 \text{ mT}$$

Compare
Earth: $50 \mu\text{T}$

With an iron core

$$B = 5000 \times 0.4 \text{ mT} \\ = 2 \text{ T}$$

Two wires parallel to each other,



- S creates a magnetic field at T

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi d} \otimes$$

- T feels a force based on $\vec{B}$
- $$\vec{F} = I \vec{L} \times \vec{B} = I_t L \frac{\mu_0 I_s}{2\pi d} \leftarrow$$

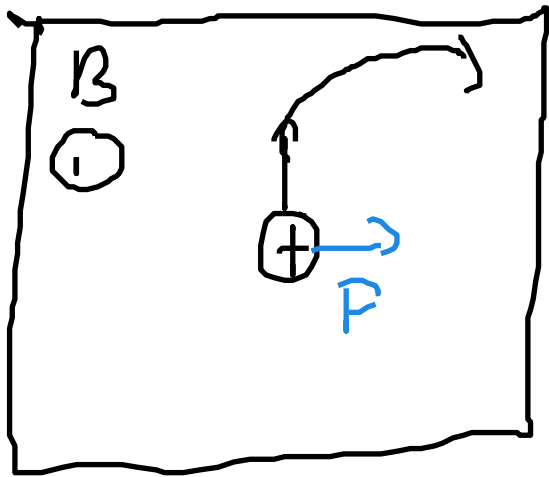
$$|\vec{F}| = \frac{\mu_0 I_s I_t}{2\pi d} L$$

$$\frac{|F|}{L} = \frac{\mu_0 I_s I_t}{2\pi d} \quad \text{force per length}$$

this formula is used
to define the ampere.

which is why μ_0
is exactly $4\pi \times 10^{-7}$

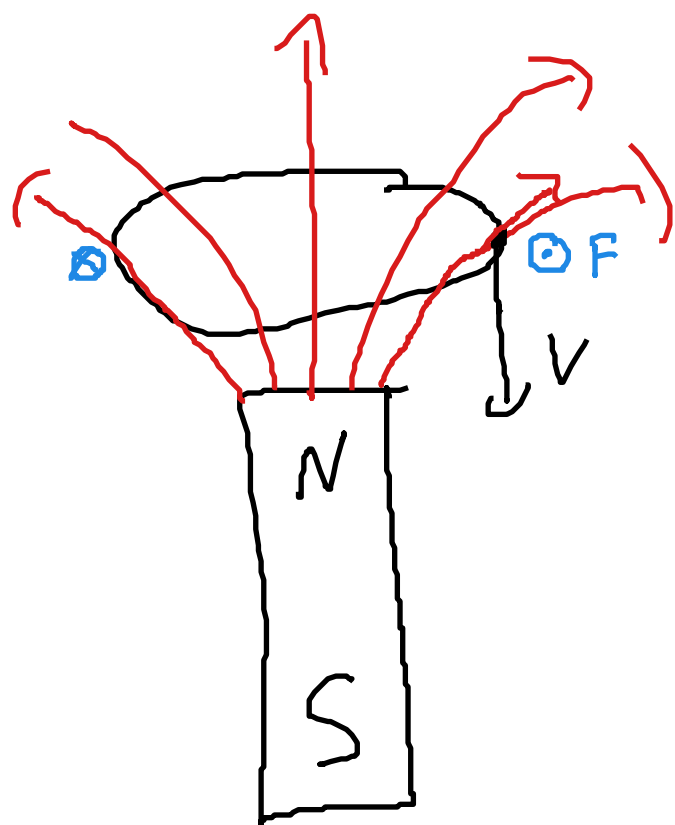
Going back for a moment



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

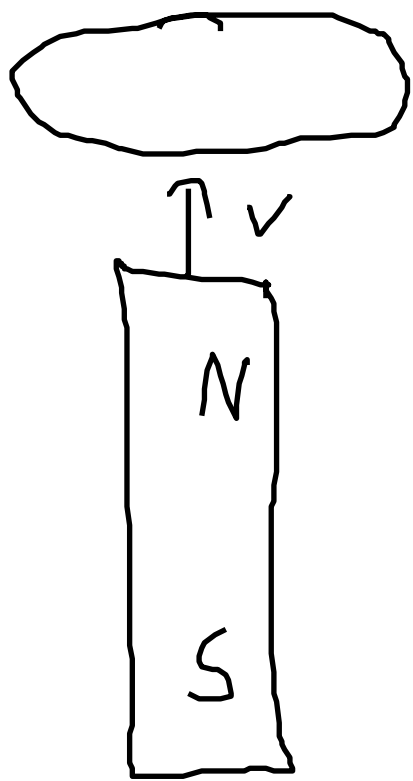
Clockwise motion

do not use
here! circle-line RHR



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

The charge carriers
are pushed around
the loop, creating
an induced current



Does a current
flow or not?

Galilean invariance -
this is same picture
so yes

$F = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$: loop isn't moving
so no