



$$\sin \phi = \sin(180^\circ - \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(180^\circ - \phi) = \sin \phi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}}$$

BIOT-SAVART LAW
$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{l} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{|d\vec{l}| |\hat{r}| \sin(180^\circ - \phi)}{r^2}$$

WHERE $(180^\circ - \phi)$ IS THE ANGLE BETWEEN $d\vec{l}$ AND \hat{r} AND THE CROSS PRODUCT STATES $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (A)(B)\sin\theta$

NOTE THAT $|\hat{r}| = 1$ AS \hat{r} IS A UNIT VECTOR

$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$

$$\Rightarrow d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{dl}{r^2} \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \frac{x dl}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

WE NEED TO SUPERPOSE (SUM) ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO \vec{B} ALONG THE WIRE FROM $-a$ TO a

ALL $d\vec{l}$ CONTRIBUTIONS ALONG y

$$\vec{B} = \int_{y=-a}^{y=a} d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_{-a}^a \frac{x dy}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi x} \frac{a}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}}$$

(DIRECTION GIVEN BY RIGHT HAND RULE)

THE INTEGRATION STEP IS NOT OBVIOUS... SEE [IntegrationForBfieldDueToWire.pdf](#)

FOR MORE DETAILS

CLOSE TO A LONG WIRE $a \gg x$, SO $x^2 + a^2 \approx a^2$ AND $\frac{a}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} \approx 1$

THEN $\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi x}$ (DIRECTION GIVEN BY RIGHT-HAND RULE) WHERE x IS THE DIRECTION PERPENDICULAR TO THE WIRE