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MAGNETIC FIELD DUE TO A
CURRENT IN A LONG STRAIGHT
WIRES

a) The magnetic field induction (B) at a point of distance h from a straight wire of finite length is given by

$$B = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[\frac{I}{h} (\sin \phi_1 + \sin \phi_2) \right] \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

b) For infinitely long straight wire we have $\phi_1 = 90^\circ$ and $\phi_2 = 90^\circ$,

therefore

$$B = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \left[\frac{2I}{h} \right] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



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Here, I is in ampere, distance h is in metre, and magnetic field induction B is in Tesla or Weber/m².

c) In C.G.S system the above formula are expressed as follows:

i) For a long wire of finite length

$$B = \frac{I}{h} (\sin \phi_1 + \sin \phi_2)$$

ii) For a wire of infinite length

$$B = \frac{2I}{h} \quad (\because \phi_1 = \phi_2 = 90^\circ)$$



Here I is in ampere, distance h is in cm, and B is in Gauss or Maxwell/cm².