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① Magnetostatics is governed by the equations

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0$$

② For an infinitely long wire of negligible thickness we have

$$\vec{j}(\vec{r}) = \hat{z} I \delta(x) \delta(y)$$

③ The magnetic field is determined using

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \vec{j}(\vec{r}') \times \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz' \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx' \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy' \hat{z} I \delta(x) \delta(y) \times \frac{(x-x')\hat{i} + (y-y')\hat{j} + (z-z')\hat{z}}{[\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + (z-z')^2}]^3}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz' \frac{x\hat{j} - y\hat{i}}{[x^2 + y^2 + (z-z')^2]^{3/2}}$$

④ Let  $x^2 + y^2 = \rho^2$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}}{\rho}$$

$$\hat{\phi} = \frac{x\hat{j} - y\hat{i}}{\rho}$$

Thus,

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \rho \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz' \frac{1}{[\rho^2 + (z-z')^2]^{3/2}}$$

⑤ Substituting

$$z' - z = \rho \tan \theta$$

$$dz' = \rho \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \rho \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\rho \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\rho^3 \sec^3 \theta}$$

$$= \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi \rho} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi \rho} \underbrace{\left[ \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right]}_{=2}$$

$$= \hat{\phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi \rho}$$