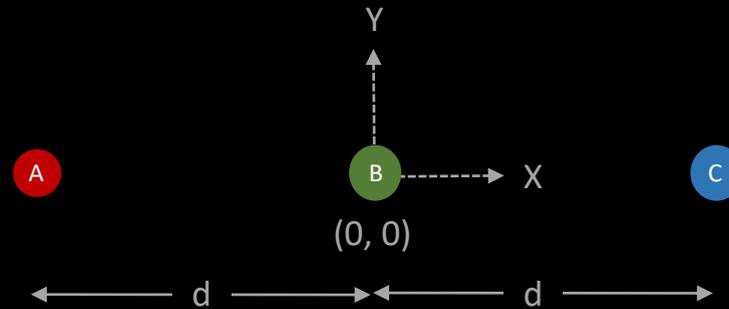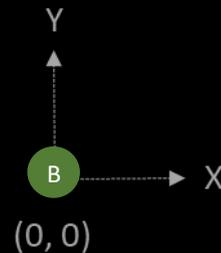# Calculating 3Φ T-Line Magnetic Fields
(Horizontal Configuration)

consider a 3Φ circuit with infinity long straight conductors

choose origin of coordinate system at center of B phase conductor
Let the spacing between the conductors = d

first we will consider the center B phase conductor
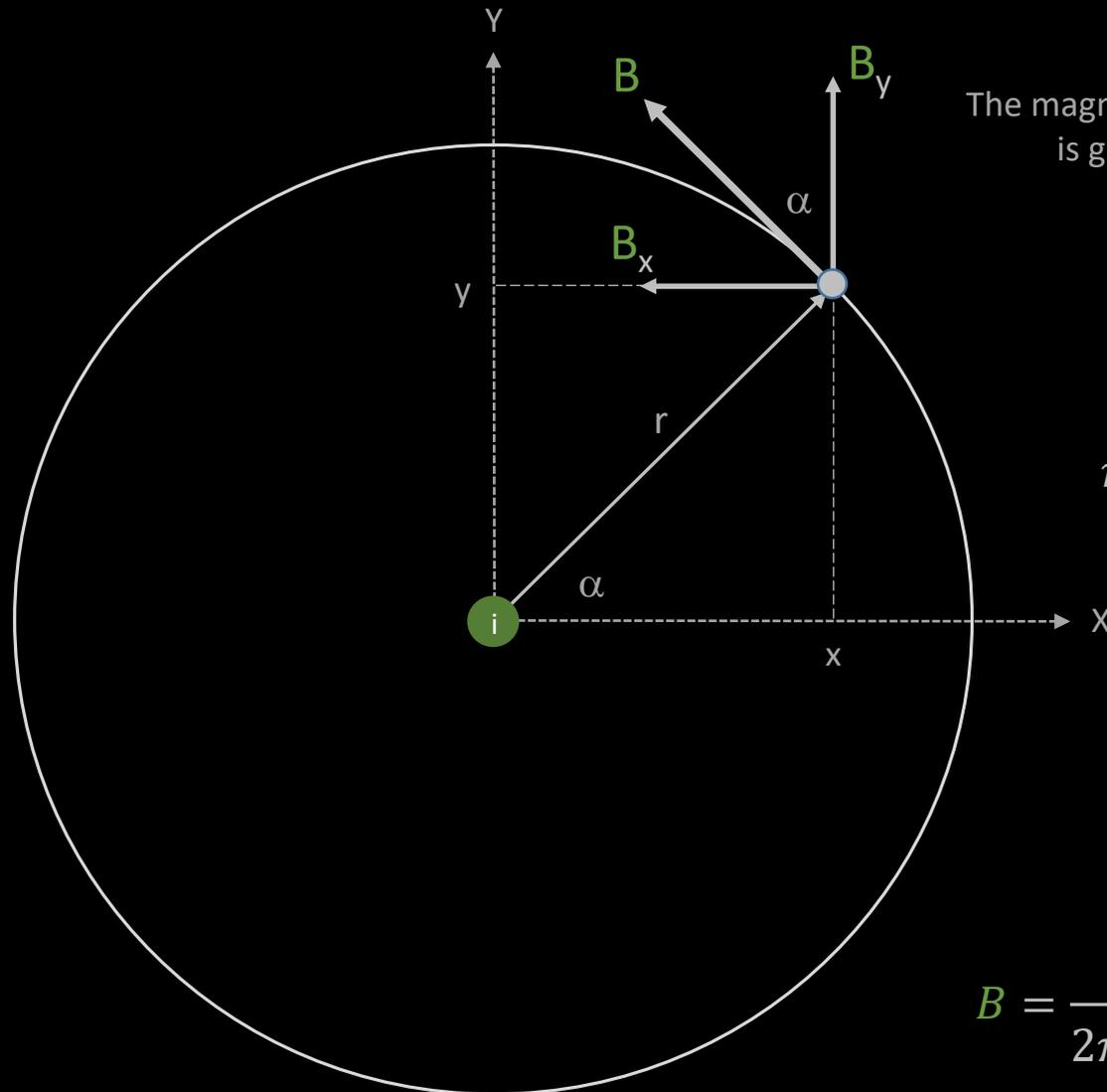then continue with A and C phase using superposition

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Let the instantaneous current flowing in the conductor = i
where positive current is "out" of the page
consider the magnetic field at some arbitrary
point = (x, y) that is a distance r away from the conductor

Permeability of Free Space (air)

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{H}{m}$$

$$\mu_0 = 3.83023 \times 10^{-7} \frac{H}{ft}$$

The magnitude of the magnetic field
is given by Ampere's law

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi r}$$

calculate r

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i_B}{2\pi\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

Note: when the current is negative or "into" the page, the B field will point in the opposite direction

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Next we want to know the horizontal and vertical components of B

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$B_x = \frac{-\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\sin\alpha$$

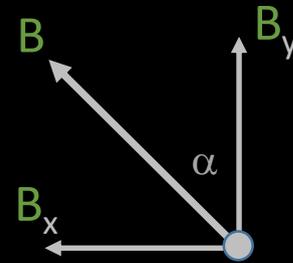$$B_y = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\cos\alpha$$

$where$:

$$\sin\alpha = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$\therefore$

$$B_x = \frac{-\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$B_y = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$finally$:

$$B_x = \frac{-\mu_0 i y}{2\pi(x^2 + y^2)}$$

$$B_y = \frac{\mu_0 i x}{2\pi(x^2 + y^2)}$$

Since this calculation was for the center B phase...
modify the notation slightly:

$$B_{Bx} = \frac{-\mu_0 i_B y}{2\pi(x^2 + y^2)}$$

$$B_{By} = \frac{\mu_0 i_B x}{2\pi(x^2 + y^2)}$$

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Now let's repeat for the far right or C phase

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi r} \qquad r = \sqrt{(x-d)^2 + y^2}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{(x-d)^2 + y^2}}$$

$$B_x = \frac{-\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{(x-d)^2 + y^2}} \sin\theta$$

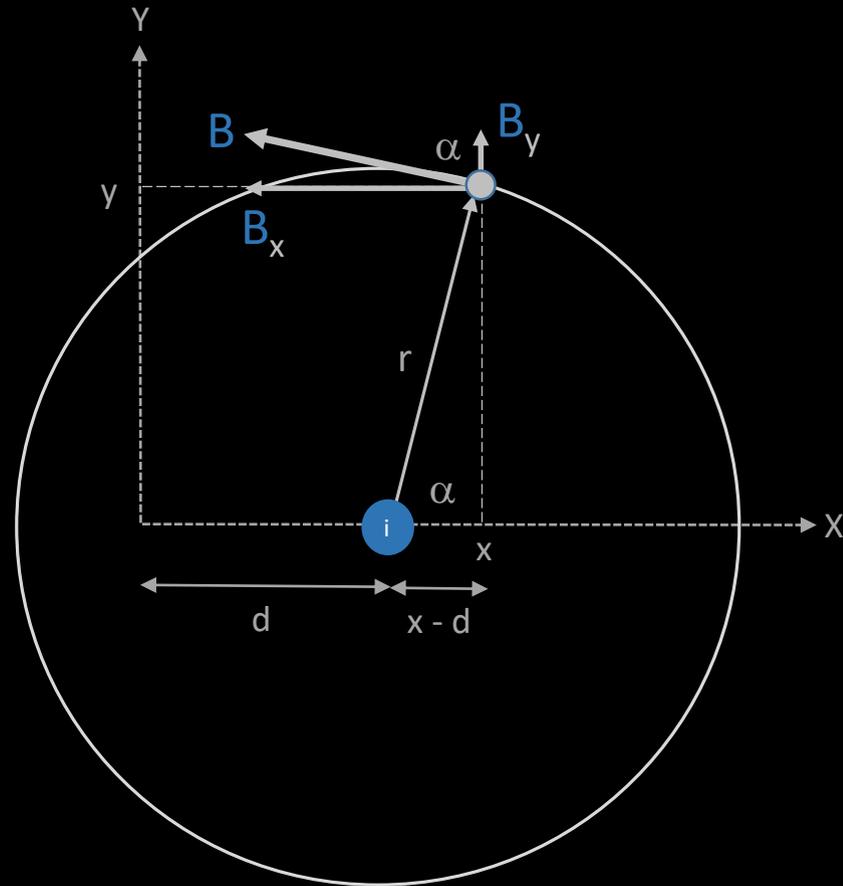$$B_y = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{(x-d)^2 + y^2}} \cos\theta$$

$where:$

$$\sin\alpha = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{(x-d)^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{x-d}{r} = \frac{x-d}{\sqrt{(x-d)^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\therefore$$

$$B_x = \frac{-\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{(x-d)^2 + y^2}} \frac{y}{\sqrt{(x-d)^2 + y^2}}$$

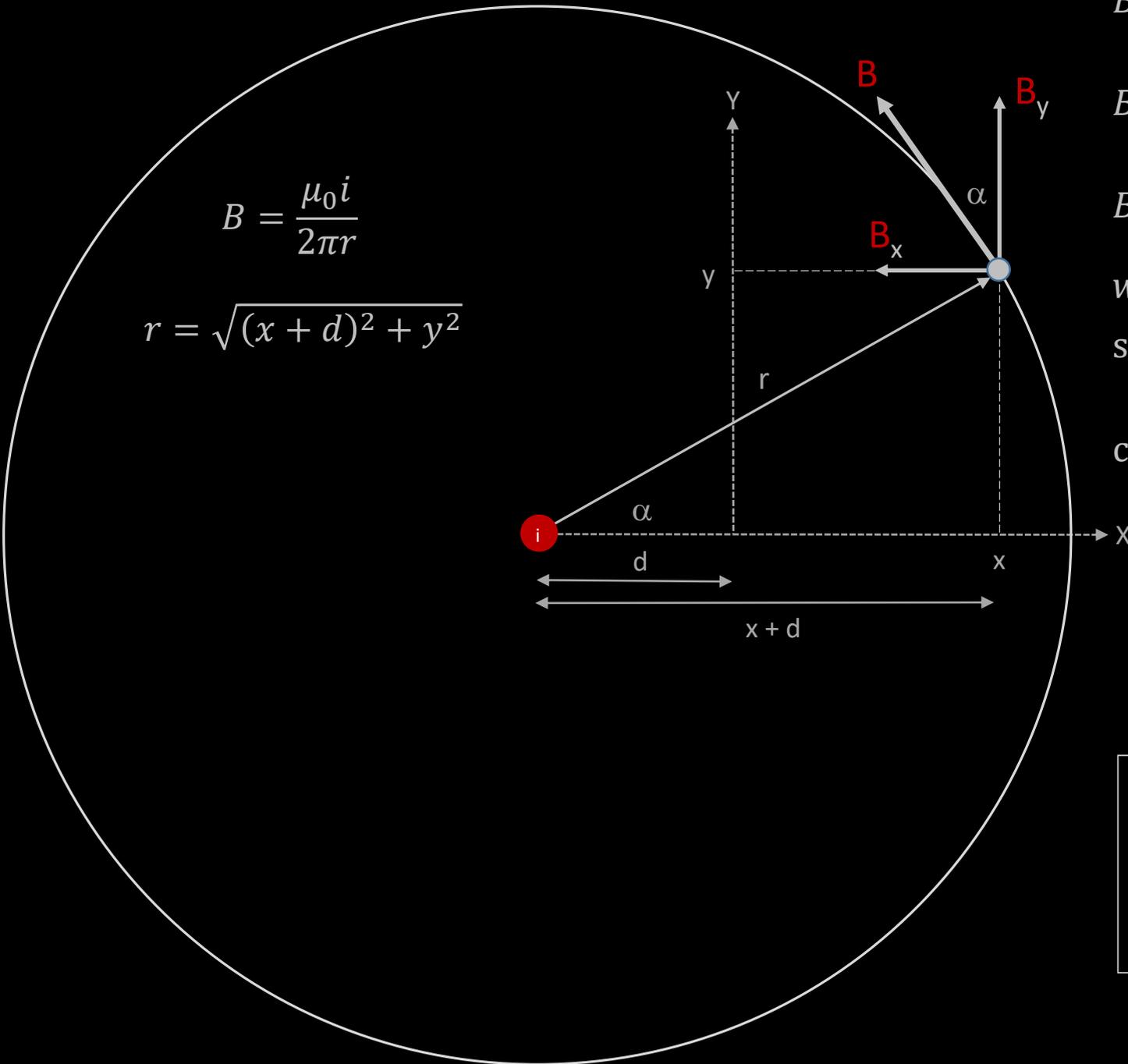$$B_y = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{(x-d)^2 + y^2}} \frac{x-d}{\sqrt{(x-d)^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} B_{Cx} &= \frac{-\mu_0 i_C y}{2\pi\left((x-d)^2 + y^2\right)} \\ B_{Cy} &= \frac{\mu_0 i_C (x-d)}{2\pi\left((x-d)^2 + y^2\right)} \end{aligned}}$$

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Finally... repeat for the far left or A phase

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{(x+d)^2 + y^2}}$$

$$B_x = \frac{-\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{(x+d)^2 + y^2}} \sin\alpha$$

$$B_y = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi\sqrt{(x+d)^2 + y^2}} \cos\alpha$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi r}$$

$$r = \sqrt{(x+d)^2 + y^2}$$

$where:$

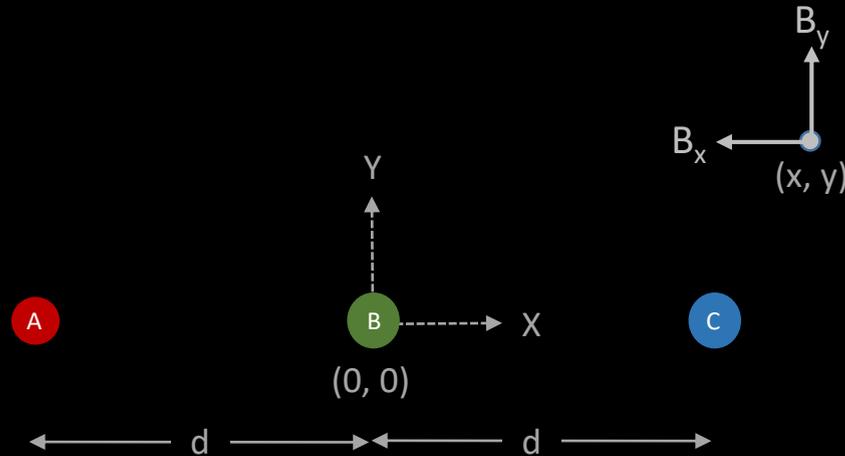$$\sin\alpha = \frac{y}{r} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{(x+d)^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{x+d}{r} = \frac{x+d}{\sqrt{(x+d)^2 + y^2}}$$

$$B_{Ax} = \frac{-\mu_0 i_A y}{2\pi\left((x+d)^2 + y^2\right)}$$

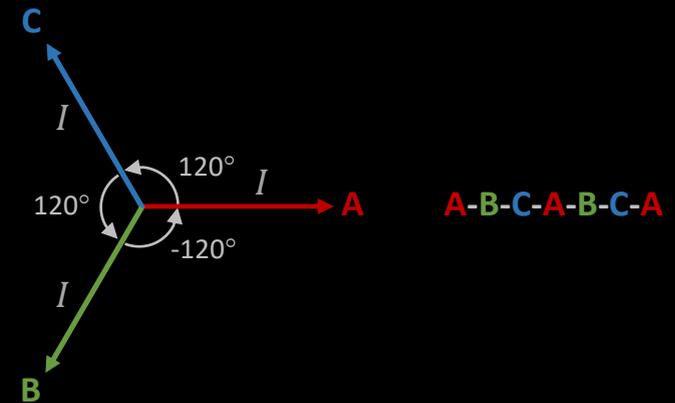$$B_{Ay} = \frac{\mu_0 i_A (x+d)}{2\pi\left((x+d)^2 + y^2\right)}$$

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so far we have the B field at any arbitrary point at single instant in time...

B_y

B_x

(x, y)

Y

A   B --------→ X   C

(0, 0)

←——— d ———→←——— d ———→

Substitute the Time Dependent AC Current for each Phase

for a balanced 3Φ system in positive sequence...
all three phases have the same RMS current amplitude = I
rotating counter clockwise
and are out of phase by 120°

C

I

120° I

120°   A   A-B-C-A-B-C-A

-120°

I

B

$i_A = I\cos(\omega t)$ $i_A = I\cos(\theta)$
$i_B = I\cos(\omega t - 120°)$ $i_B = I\cos(\theta - 120°)$
$i_C = I\cos(\omega t + 120°)$ $i_C = I\cos(\theta + 120°)$
$\omega = 2\pi f$ $\theta = \omega t$

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substitute alternating phase currents and simplify

$$i_A = I\cos(\theta) \qquad i_B = I\cos(\theta - 120°) \qquad i_C = I\cos(\theta + 120°)$$

Horizontal Components

$$B_{Ax} = \frac{-\mu_0 y i_A}{2\pi((x+d)^2 + y^2)} = \frac{-\mu_0 y I \cos(\theta)}{2\pi((x+d)^2 + y^2)} = -\left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{y\cos(\theta)}{(x+d)^2 + y^2}$$

$$B_{Bx} = \frac{-\mu_0 y i_B}{2\pi(x^2 + y^2)} = \frac{-\mu_0 y I \cos(\theta - 120°)}{2\pi(x^2 + y^2)} = -\left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{y\cos(\theta - 120°)}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$B_{Cx} = \frac{-\mu_0 y i_C}{2\pi((x-d)^2 + y^2)} = \frac{-\mu_0 y I \cos(\theta + 120°)}{2\pi((x-d)^2 + y^2)} = -\left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{y\cos(\theta + 120°)}{(x-d)^2 + y^2}$$
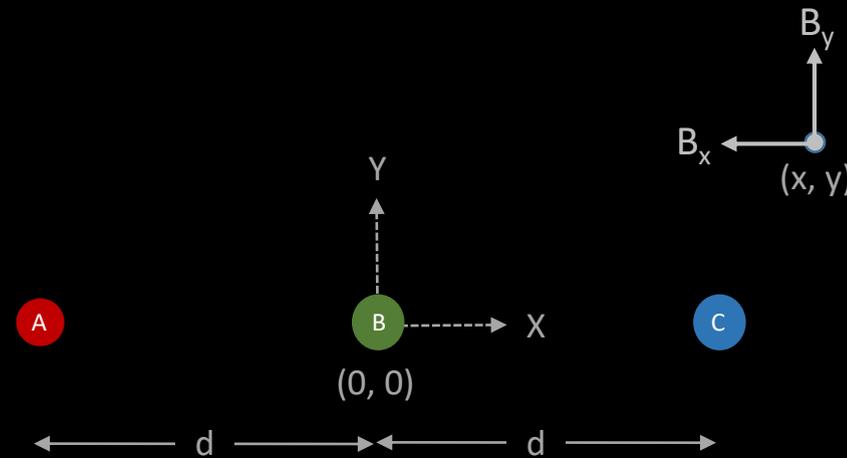
Vertical Components

$$B_{Ay} = \frac{\mu_0 (x+d) i_A}{2\pi((x+d)^2 + y^2)} = \frac{\mu_0 (x+d) I \cos(\theta)}{2\pi((x+d)^2 + y^2)} = \left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{(x+d)\cos(\theta)}{(x+d)^2 + y^2}$$

$$B_{By} = \frac{\mu_0 x i_B}{2\pi(x^2 + y^2)} = \frac{\mu_0 x I \cos(\theta - 120°)}{2\pi(x^2 + y^2)} = \left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{x\cos(\theta - 120°)}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$B_{Cy} = \frac{\mu_0 (x-d) i_C}{2\pi((x-d)^2 + y^2)} = \frac{\mu_0 (x-d) I \cos(\theta + 120°)}{2\pi((x-d)^2 + y^2)} = \left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{(x-d)\cos(\theta + 120°)}{(x-d)^2 + y^2}$$

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Now add A B C phase contributions together to get total B field at any point (x, y) and any time

$$B_{Ax} = -\left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{y\cos(\theta)}{(x+d)^2 + y^2}$$

$$B_{Bx} = -\left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{y\cos(\theta - 120°)}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$B_{Cx} = -\left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{y\cos(\theta + 120°)}{(x-d)^2 + y^2}$$

$$B_{Ay} = \left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{(x+d)\cos(\theta)}{(x+d)^2 + y^2}$$

$$B_{By} = \left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{x\cos(\theta - 120°)}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$B_{Cy} = \left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{(x-d)\cos(\theta + 120°)}{(x-d)^2 + y^2}$$

$$B_x = B_{Ax} + B_{Bx} + B_{Cx}$$

$$B_x = -\left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{y\cos(\theta)}{(x+d)^2 + y^2} - \left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{y\cos(\theta - 120°)}{x^2 + y^2} - \left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{y\cos(\theta + 120°)}{(x-d)^2 + y^2}$$

$$B_y = B_{Ay} + B_{By} + B_{Cy}$$

$$B_y = \left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{(x+d)\cos(\theta)}{(x+d)^2 + y^2} + \left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{x\cos(\theta - 120°)}{x^2 + y^2} + \left[\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\right]\frac{(x-d)\cos(\theta + 120°)}{(x-d)^2 + y^2}$$
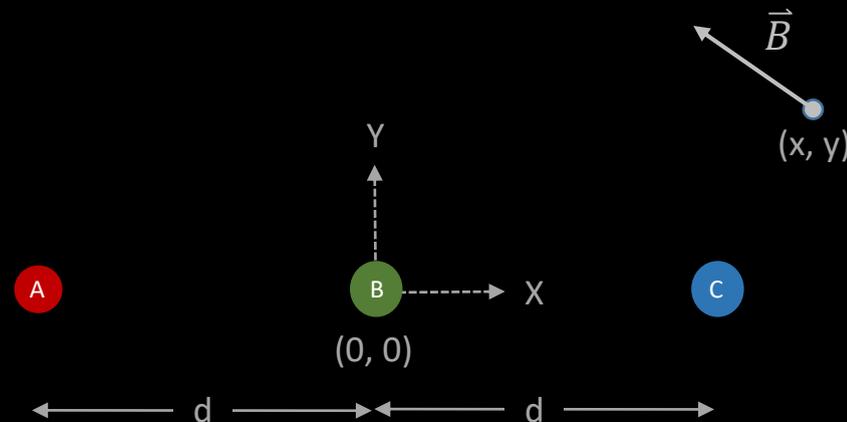
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Simplify

$$B_x = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\left[\frac{y\cos(\theta)}{(x+d)^2+y^2} + \frac{y\cos(\theta-120°)}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{y\cos(\theta+120°)}{(x-d)^2+y^2}\right]$$

$$B_y = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\left[\frac{(x+d)\cos(\theta)}{(x+d)^2+y^2} + \frac{x\cos(\theta-120°)}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{(x-d)\cos(\theta+120°)}{(x-d)^2+y^2}\right]$$
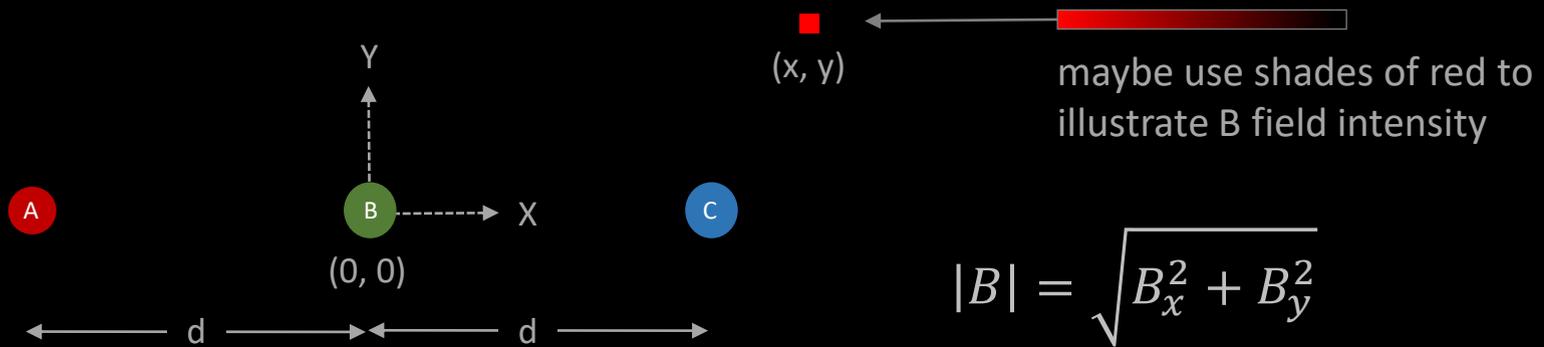
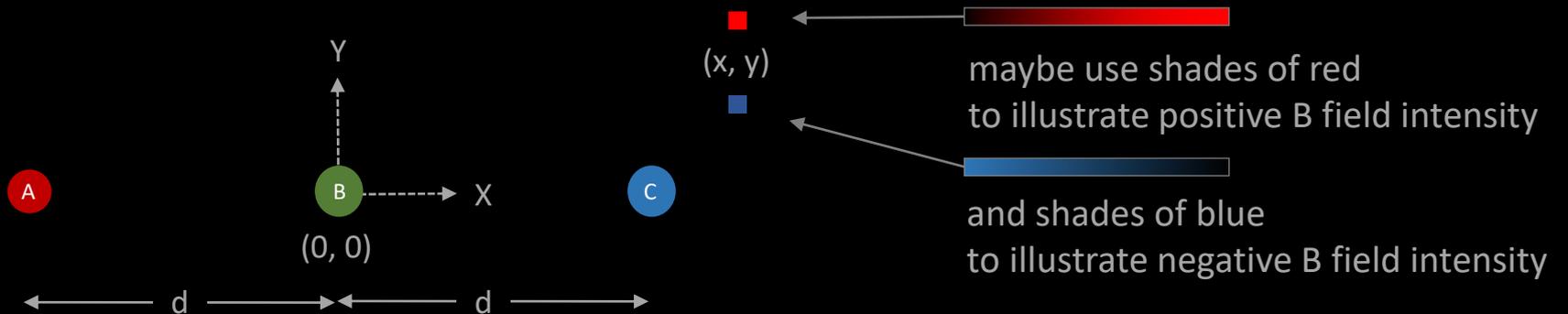$$\vec{B} = B_x\hat{x} + B_y\hat{y}$$

You could plot the B field vectors for any number of points in space for any instant in time.
The length of the vector would indicate the magnetic field magnitude.
The direction of the vector would indicate if the field is positive or negative.
This method of illustrating fields is not very exciting…. Let's consider another way

Animating 3Φ T-Line Magnetic Fields

For this exercise we would like to animate the magnitude of the B field = $|B|$

Y

(x, y)

maybe use shades of red to illustrate B field intensity

A   B -------> X   C

(0, 0)

$$|B| = \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2}$$

<----- d -----><----- d ----->

The above method would be a good start but it would not give an indication of the polarity or direction of the field.
We want to illustrate positive field intensity with one color and negative field intensity with another color

Y

(x, y)

maybe use shades of red
to illustrate positive B field intensity

and shades of blue
to illustrate negative B field intensity

A   B -------> X   C

(0, 0)

<----- d -----><----- d ----->

It would seem that we have all the information we need to determine the polarity, But …
Ampere's law assumes you know the current direction, then …
use the right-hand rule to get the B field direction.
That works great if you have only one conductor.
We need to:
  1) find the contribution (with sign) from each phase
  2) use superposition to add up the contributions
  3) determine if the net contribution is positive or negative

Returning to the previous derivation…
and using the center B phase conductor as and example:
We could use product of the magnitude of B and ± 1
(depending on current direction) to determine the
contribution of the B field to polarity or direction.

we can get ± 1 with $\frac{i_B}{|i_B|}$

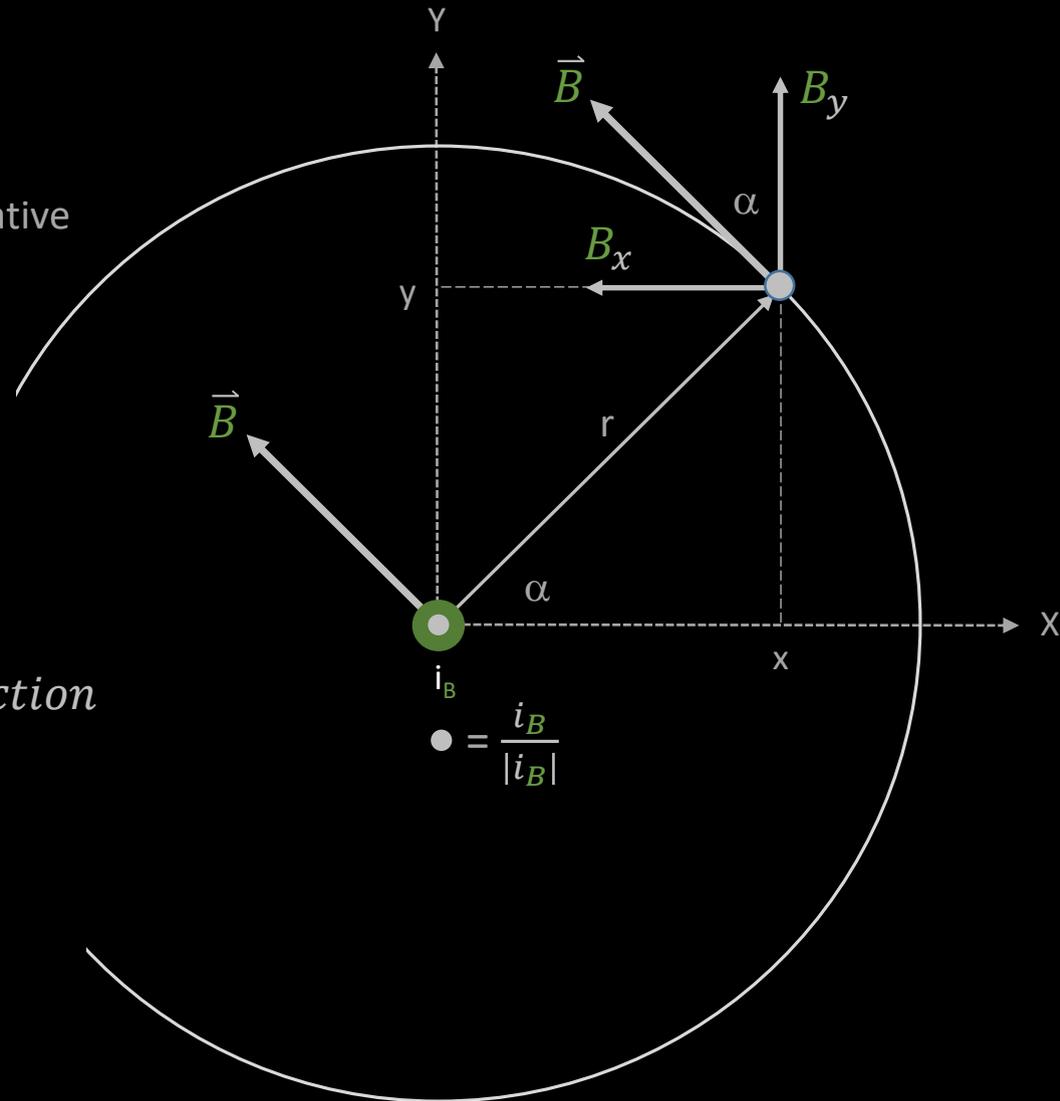$let\ \delta_B = contribution\ of\ \vec{B}\ to\ polarity\ or\ direction$

$\therefore\ \delta_B = |\vec{B}|\frac{i_B}{|i_B|}$

Since this calculation was for the center B phase…
modify the notation slightly:

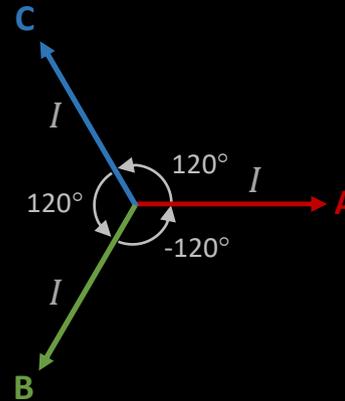$$\delta_B = |\vec{B}_B|\frac{i_B}{|i_B|}$$

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continue with the sign or polarity of A and C phase

$$i_A = I\cos(\theta)$$
$$i_B = I\cos(\theta - 120°)$$
$$i_C = I\cos(\theta + 120°)$$

substituting ABC alternating phase currents...

$$\delta_A = \left|\vec{B}_A\right|\frac{i_A}{|i_A|} = \left|\vec{B}_A\right|\frac{I\cos(\theta)}{|I\cos(\theta)|} = \left|\vec{B}_A\right|\frac{\cos(\theta)}{|\cos(\theta)|}$$

$$\delta_B = \left|\vec{B}_B\right|\frac{i_B}{|i_B|} = \left|\vec{B}_B\right|\frac{I\cos(\theta - 120°)}{|I\cos(\theta - 120°)|} = \left|\vec{B}_B\right|\frac{\cos(\theta - 120°)}{|\cos(\theta - 120°)|}$$

$$\delta_C = \left|\vec{B}_C\right|\frac{i_C}{|i_C|} = \left|\vec{B}_C\right|\frac{I\cos(\theta + 120°)}{|I\cos(\theta + 120°)|} = \left|\vec{B}_C\right|\frac{\cos(\theta + 120°)}{|\cos(\theta + 120°)|}$$

$$\delta_A = \left|\vec{B}_A\right|\frac{\cos(\theta)}{|\cos(\theta)|} \qquad \delta_B = \left|\vec{B}_B\right|\frac{\cos(\theta - 120°)}{|\cos(\theta - 120°)|} \qquad \delta_C = \left|\vec{B}_C\right|\frac{\cos(\theta + 120°)}{|\cos(\theta + 120°)|}$$

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get the total contribution to the B field

$$\delta_A = |\vec{B}_A| \frac{\cos(\theta)}{|\cos(\theta)|} \qquad \delta_B = |\vec{B}_B| \frac{\cos(\theta - 120°)}{|\cos(\theta - 120°)|} \qquad \delta_C = |\vec{B}_C| \frac{\cos(\theta + 120°)}{|\cos(\theta + 120°)|}$$

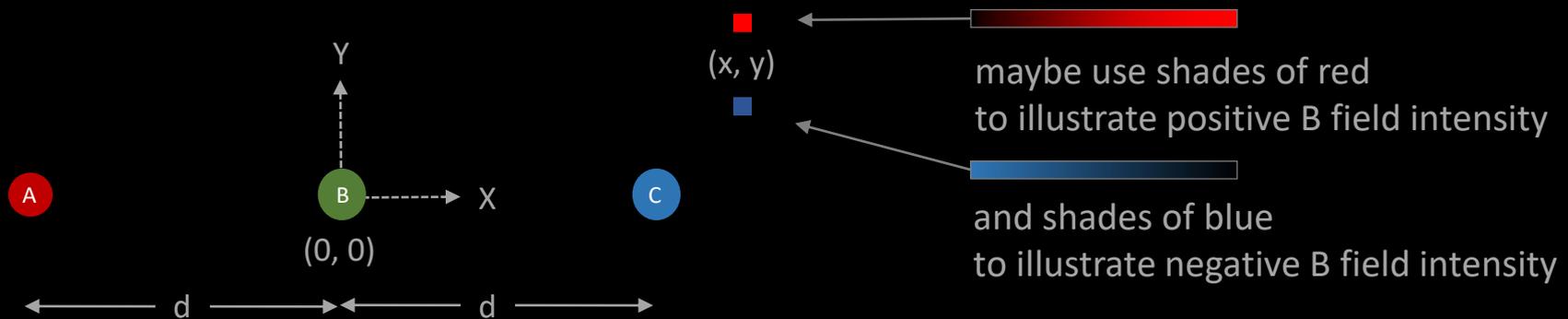total contribution to the resulting $\vec{B}$ field $= \delta_A + \delta_B + \delta_C$

but we are only interested in the sign (± 1) of the total contribution

the sign (± 1) of the total contributionto the resulting $\vec{B}$ field $= \dfrac{\delta_A + \delta_B + \delta_C}{|\delta_A + \delta_B + \delta_C|}$

now we can add the polarity or direction to the magnitude of the B field

$$|\vec{B}| = \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2} \qquad \vec{B}_{polarity} = \frac{\delta_A + \delta_B + \delta_C}{|\delta_A + \delta_B + \delta_C|}$$

we can now plot $B(x, y, d, \theta) = \dfrac{\delta_A + \delta_B + \delta_C}{|\delta_A + \delta_B + \delta_C|} \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2}$

Y

(x, y)

maybe use shades of red
to illustrate positive B field intensity

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and shades of blue
to illustrate negative B field intensity

(0, 0)

<-- d --><-- d -->

$$B = \frac{\delta_A + \delta_B + \delta_C}{|\delta_A + \delta_B + \delta_C|} \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2}$$

Summary So Far

$$B_x = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\left[\underbrace{\frac{y\cos(\theta)}{(x+d)^2+y^2}}_{B_{Ax}} + \underbrace{\frac{y\cos(\theta-120°)}{x^2+y^2}}_{B_{Bx}} + \underbrace{\frac{y\cos(\theta+120°)}{(x-d)^2+y^2}}_{B_{Cx}}\right]$$

drop and normalize

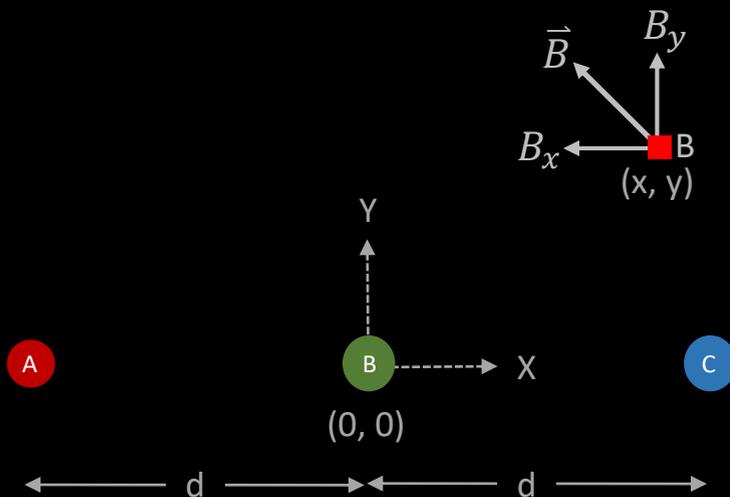$$B_y = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi}\left[\underbrace{\frac{(x+d)\cos(\theta)}{(x+d)^2+y^2}}_{B_{Ay}} + \underbrace{\frac{x\cos(\theta-120°)}{x^2+y^2}}_{B_{By}} + \underbrace{\frac{(x-d)\cos(\theta+120°)}{(x-d)^2+y^2}}_{B_{Cy}}\right]$$

$$|\vec{B_A}| = \sqrt{B_{Ax}^2 + B_{Ay}^2} \qquad |\vec{B_B}| = \sqrt{B_{Bx}^2 + B_{By}^2} \qquad |\vec{B_C}| = \sqrt{B_{Cx}^2 + B_{Cy}^2}$$

$$\delta_A = |\vec{B_A}|\frac{\cos(\theta)}{|\cos(\theta)|} \qquad \delta_B = |\vec{B_B}|\frac{\cos(\theta-120°)}{|\cos(\theta-120°)|} \qquad \delta_C = |\vec{B_C}|\frac{\cos(\theta+120°)}{|\cos(\theta+120°)|}$$

$$\boxed{B = \frac{\delta_A + \delta_B + \delta_C}{|\delta_A + \delta_B + \delta_C|}\frac{\sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2}}{B_{Base}}}$$

now lets find the "Base" to normalize on

Animating 3Φ T-Line Magnetic Fields
find the maximum B field for normalizing

consider A phase:
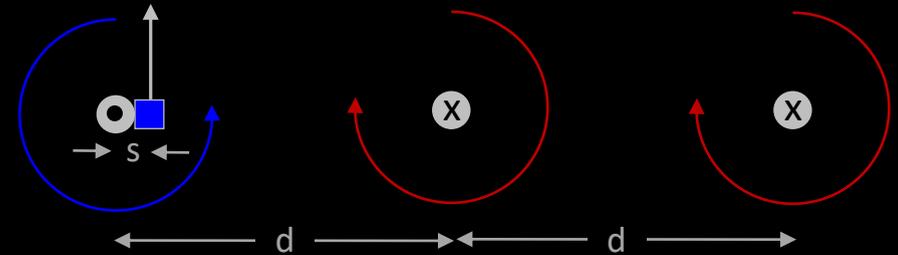assume theta = 0° (max A phase current)
x = -d at the center of the A phase conductor
take a very small step in the x direction (y=0)
(on the order of conductor radius, only inches!)
call this very small step = s
the x coordinate of interest is x = -d + s

$$B_x = -\left[\frac{y\cos(\theta)}{(x+d)^2+y^2} + \frac{y\cos(\theta-120°)}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{y\cos(\theta+120°)}{(x-d)^2+y^2}\right]$$

$$B_x = -\left[\frac{0\cos(0°)}{(-d+s+d)^2} + \frac{0\cos(-120°)}{(-d+s)^2} + \frac{0\cos(120°)}{(-d+s-d)^2}\right]$$

$$B_x = 0.0$$

$$B_y = \left[\frac{(x+d)\cos(\theta)}{(x+d)^2+y^2} + \frac{x\cos(\theta-120°)}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{(x-d)\cos(\theta+120°)}{(x-d)^2+y^2}\right]$$

$$B_y = \left[\frac{(-d+s+d)\cos(0°)}{(-d+s+d)^2} + \frac{(-d+s)\cos(-120°)}{(-d+s)^2} + \frac{(-d+s-d)\cos(120°)}{(-d+s-d)^2}\right]$$

$$B_y = \left[\frac{s}{s^2} + \frac{-0.5(-d+s)}{(-d+s)^2} + \frac{-0.5(-2d+s)}{(-2d+s)^2}\right]$$

$$B_y = \left[\frac{1}{s} + \frac{-0.5}{-d+s} + \frac{-0.5}{-2d+s}\right]$$

$$B_y = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{2(d-s)} + \frac{1}{2(2d-s)}$$

$$B_x^2 = 0.0$$

$$B_y^2 = \left[\frac{1}{d+s} - \frac{1}{2s} - \frac{1}{2(d-s)}\right]^2$$

$$|B|_{max} = \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2} = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{2(d-s)} + \frac{1}{2(2d-s)}$$

"Base" magnetic field for normalizing $\longrightarrow$

$$\boxed{B_{Base} = |B|_{max} = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{2(d-s)} + \frac{1}{2(2d-s)}}$$

pseudo code for animating T-Line Magnetic Fields

```
d = 20.0                                    # define conductor spacing
Bbase = f(d,s)                              # calculate the max field (for normalizing)

for angle in range(0,361)                   # loop current angles (phase A is reference)
    for x in range(-60,60,0.2)              # loop x coordinates from -3*d to 3*d in steps of d/100
        for y in range(-60,60,0.2)          # loop y coordinates from -3*d to 3*d in steps of d/100
            angle_a = angle                 # get phase A angle (phase A is reference)
            angle_b = angle_a-120           # get phase B angle
            angle_c = angle_a+120           # get phase C angle
            Bax = f(x,y,d,angle_a)          # calculate A phase field in x direction
            Bbx = f(x,y,d,angle_b)          # calculate B phase field in x direction
            Bcx = f(x,y,d,angle_c)          # calculate C phase field in x direction
            Bay = f(x,y,d,angle)            # calculate A phase field in y direction
            Bby = f(x,y,d,angle_b)          # calculate B phase field in y direction
            Bcy = f(x,y,d,angle_c)          # calculate C phase field in y direction
            |Ba| = pow(Bax²+Bay²,0.5)       # calculate magnitude A phase field
            |Bb| = pow(Bbx²+Bby²,0.5)       # calculate magnitude B phase field
            |Bc| = pow(Bcx²+Bcy²,0.5)       # calculate magnitude C phase field
            da = |Ba|*cos(angle_a)/abs(cos(angle_a))  # calculate A phase contribution
            db = |Bb|*cos(angle_b)/abs(cos(angle_b))  # calculate B phase contribution
            dc = |Bc|*cos(angle_c)/abs(cos(angle_c))  # calculate C phase contribution
            polarity = (da+db+dc)/abs(da+db+dc)  # get the sign of the magnetic field
            Bx = Bax+Bbx+Bcx                # get net field in x direction
            By = Bay+Bby+Bcy                # get net field in y direction
            |B| = pow(Bx²+By²,0.5)          # get magnitude of net field
            B = polarity*|B|/Bbase          # report normalized field magnitude, with sign


            # this nested loop will give you the field at one (x,y) coordinate at one current angle
            # we recommend looking into matplotlib and seaborn for generating xy grid and using heatmaps
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