

75. We take the current ( $i = 50$  A) to flow in the  $+x$  direction, and the electron to be at a point  $P$  which is  $r = 0.050$  m above the wire (where “up” is the  $+y$  direction). Thus, the field produced by the current points in the  $+z$  direction at  $P$ . Then, combining Eq. 30-6 with Eq. 29-2, we obtain  $\vec{F}_e = (-e\mu_0 i/2\pi r)(\vec{v} \times \hat{k})$ .

- (a) The electron is moving down:  $\vec{v} = -v\hat{j}$  (where  $v = 1.0 \times 10^7$  m/s is the speed) so

$$\vec{F}_e = \frac{-e\mu_0 i v}{2\pi r} (-\hat{i}) = 3.2 \times 10^{-16} \text{ N } \hat{i} .$$

- (b) In this case, the electron is moving in the same direction as the current:  $\vec{v} = v\hat{i}$  so

$$\vec{F}_e = \frac{-e\mu_0 i v}{2\pi r} (-\hat{j}) = 3.2 \times 10^{-16} \text{ N } \hat{j} .$$

- (c) Now,  $\vec{v} = \pm v\hat{k}$  so  $\vec{F}_e \propto \hat{k} \times \hat{k} = 0$ .