

24. We label these wires 1 through 5, left to right, and use Eq. 30-15 (divided by length). Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}_1 &= \frac{\mu_0 i^2}{2\pi} \left( \frac{1}{d} + \frac{1}{2d} + \frac{1}{3d} + \frac{1}{4d} \right) \hat{j} = \frac{25\mu_0 i^2}{24\pi d} \hat{j} \\ &= \frac{(13)(4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}\cdot\text{m/A})(3.00 \text{ A})^2(1.00 \text{ m})\hat{j}}{24\pi(8.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})} \\ &= 4.69 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N/m } \hat{j} ;\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = \frac{\mu_0 i^2}{2\pi} \left( \frac{1}{2d} + \frac{1}{3d} \right) \hat{j} = \frac{5\mu_0 i^2}{12\pi d} \hat{j} = 1.88 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N/m } \hat{j} ;$$

$F_3 = 0$  (because of symmetry);  $\vec{F}_4 = -\vec{F}_2$ ; and  $\vec{F}_5 = -\vec{F}_1$ .