

70. We note that the distance from each wire to  $P$  is  $r = d/\sqrt{2} = 0.071$  m. In both parts, the current is  $i = 100$  A.

- (a) With the currents parallel, application of the right-hand rule (to determine each of their contributions to the field at  $P$ ) reveals that the vertical components cancel and the horizontal components add – yielding the result:

$$B = 2 \left( \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi r} \right) \cos 45^\circ = 4.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ T} .$$

and directed leftward in the figure.

- (b) Now, with the currents antiparallel, application of the right-hand rule shows that the horizontal components cancel and the vertical components add. Thus,

$$B = 2 \left( \frac{\mu_0 i}{2\pi r} \right) \sin 45^\circ = 4.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ T} .$$

and directed upward in the figure.