# Magnetic Fields and Forces 

## AP Physics B

## Facts about Magnetism



## Magnetic Field



A bar magnet has a magnetic field around it. This field is 3D in nature and often represented by lines LEAVING north and ENTERING south

To define a magnetic field you need to understand the MAGNITUDE and DIRECTION

We sometimes call the magnetic field a B-Field as the letter " B " is the SYMBOL for a magnetic field with the TESLA $(\mathrm{T})$ as the unit.

## Magnetic Force on a moving charge



If a MOVING CHARGE moves into a magnetic field it will experience a MAGNETIC FORCE. This deflection is 3D in nature.

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\begin{aligned}
\vec{F}_{B} & =q \vec{v} \otimes \vec{B} \\
F_{B} & =q v B \sin \theta
\end{aligned}
$$

The conditions for the force are:
-Must have a magnetic field present
-Charge must be moving
-Charge must be positive or negative
-Charge must be moving PERPENDICULAR to the field.

## Example

A proton moves with a speed of $1.0 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ through the Earth's magnetic field, which has a value of $55 \mu \mathrm{~T}$ at a particular location. When the proton moves eastward, the magnetic force is a maximum, and when it moves northward, no magnetic force acts upon it. What is the magnitude and direction of the magnetic force acting on the proton?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{B}=q v B, \theta=90, \sin 90=1 \\
& F_{B}=\left(1.6 \times 10^{-19}\right)\left(1.0 \times 10^{5}\right)\left(55 \times 10^{-6}\right) \\
& F_{B}=8.8 \times 10^{-19} \mathrm{~N}
\end{aligned}
$$

The direction cannot be determined precisely by the given information. Since no force acts on the proton when it moves northward (meaning the angle is equal to ZERO), we can infer that the magnetic field must either go northward or southward.

## Direction of the magnetic force?

 Right Hand Rule

Basically you hold your right hand flat with your thumb perpendicular to the rest of your fingers

To determine the DIRECTION of the force on a POSITIVE charge we use a special technique that helps us understand the 3D/perpendicular nature of magnetic fields.
(-) out of the page $\mathbf{X}=$ into the page
-The Fingers = Direction B-Field
-The Thumb = Direction of velocity
-The Palm = Direction of the Force

## Example

Determine the direction of the unknown variable for a proton moving in the field using the coordinate axis given


$B=-x$
$V=+y$
$F=+Z$

$\begin{array}{rl}\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X} & \\ \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X} & \\ \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X} & \\ \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X} & \mathrm{B}=-z \\ \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X} & \mathrm{v}=+\mathrm{y} \\ \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X} & \mathrm{F}=-\mathrm{x} \\ \mathbf{v} & \end{array}$

## Example

## Determine the direction of the unknown variable

 for an electron using the coordinate axis given.

$B=+x$
$\mathrm{V}=+\mathrm{y}$
F =+Z


$$
\begin{aligned}
& B=-z \\
& v=-x \\
& F=+y
\end{aligned}
$$

B

## Magnetic Force and Circular Motion



Suppose we have an electron traveling at a velocity, $\boldsymbol{v}$, entering a magnetic field, $\boldsymbol{B}$, directed into the page. What happens after the initial force acts on the charge?

## Magnetic Force and Circular Motion

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\begin{aligned}
& F_{B}=q v B, F_{\mathrm{F}}=\frac{m v^{2}}{r}, F_{B}=F_{\mathrm{c}} \\
& q v B=\frac{m v^{2}}{r} \\
& r=\frac{m v}{q B}
\end{aligned}
$$

There are many "other" types of forces that can be set equal to the magnetic force.

The magnetic force is equal to the centripetal force and thus can be used to solve for the circular path. Or, if the radius is known, could be used to solve for the MASS of the ion. This could be used to determine the material of the object.

$$
F_{B}=q v B
$$

$$
m g=q v B
$$

$$
m a=q v B
$$

## Example

A singly charged positive ion has a mass of $2.5 \times 10^{-26} \mathrm{~kg}$. After being accelerated through a potential difference of 250 V , the ion enters a magnetic field of 0.5 T , in a direction perpendicular to the field.
Calculate the radius of the path of the ion in the field.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& q=1.6 \times 10^{-19} C \\
& m=2.5 \times 10^{-26} \mathrm{~kg} \quad F_{B}=F_{c} \quad q v B=\frac{m v^{2}}{r} \quad r=\frac{m v}{q B} \quad \begin{array}{l}
\text { We need to } \\
\text { solve for the } \\
\text { velocity! }
\end{array} \\
& \Delta V=250 \mathrm{~V} \\
& B=0.5 T \\
& r=? \\
& \Delta V=\frac{W}{q}=\frac{\Delta K}{q}=\frac{1 / 2 m v^{2}}{q} \\
& v=\sqrt{\frac{2 \Delta V q}{m}}=\sqrt{\frac{2(250)\left(1.6 \times 10^{-19}\right)}{2.5 \times 10^{-26}}}=56,568 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Mass Spectrometers

Mass spectrometry is an analytical technique that identifies the chemical composition of a compound or sample based on the mass-to-charge ratio of charged particles. A sample undergoes chemical fragmentation, thereby forming charged particles (ions). The ratio of charge to mass of the particles is calculated by passing them through ELECTRIC and MAGNETIC fields in a mass spectrometer.


## M.S. - Area 1 - The Velocity Selector



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$$
\begin{array}{ll}
F_{B}=F_{E} & q v B=q E \\
E=v B & v=\frac{E}{B}
\end{array}
$$

When you inject the sample you want it to go STRAIGHT through the plates. Since you have an electric field you also need a magnetic field to apply a force in such a way as to CANCEL out the electric force caused by the electric field.

## M.S. - Area 2 - Detector Region

After leaving region 1 in a straight line, it enters region 2, which ONLY has a magnetic field. This field causes the ion to move in a circle separating the ions separate by mass. This is also where the charge to mass ratio can then by calculated. From that point, analyzing the data can lead to identifying unknown samples.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{B}=F_{c} \quad q v B=\frac{m v^{2}}{r} \\
& \frac{q}{m}=\frac{B v}{r}
\end{aligned}
$$



## Charges moving in a wire

Up to this point we have focused our attention on PARTICLES or CHARGES only. The charges could be moving together in a wire. Thus, if the wire had a CURRENT (moving charges), it too will experience a force when placed in a magnetic field.


You simply used the RIGHT HAND ONLY and the thumb will represent the direction of the CURRENT instead of the velocity.

## Charges moving in a wire

At this point it is VERY important that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{B}=q v(B) \sin \theta \times \frac{t}{t} \\
& F_{B}=\left(\frac{q}{t}\right)(v t) B \sin \theta \\
& F_{B}=I \Delta B \sin \theta
\end{aligned}
$$



Magnetic field (into the paper)

## Example



A 36-m length wire carries a current of 22 A running from right to left. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the magnetic force acting on the wire if it is placed in a magnetic field with a magnitude of $0.50 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~T}$ and directed up the page.
$F_{B}=I L B \sin \theta$
$F_{B}=(22)(36)\left(0.50 \times 10^{-4}\right) \sin 90$
$B=+y$
$\mathrm{I}=-\mathrm{X}$

$F_{B}=0.0396 \mathrm{~N}$
$F=-z$, into the page

## WHY does the wire move?

The real question is WHY does the wire move? It is easy to say the EXTERNAL field moved it. But how can an external magnetic field FORCE the wire to move in a certain direction?

THE WIRE ITSELF MUST BE MAGNETIC!!! In other words the wire has its own INTERNAL MAGNETIC FIELD that is attracted or repulsed by the EXTERNAL FIELD.


As it turns out, the wire's OWN internal magnetic field makes concentric circles round the wire.

## A current carrying wire's INTERNAL

 magnetic fieldTo figure out the DIRECTION of this INTERNAL field you use the right hand rule. You point your thumb in the direction of the current then CURL your fingers. Your fingers will point in the direction of the magnetic field


## The MAGNITUDE of the internal field

The magnetic field, $B$, is directly proportional to the current, I, and inversely proportional to the circumference.
$B \alpha I \quad B \alpha \frac{1}{2 \pi r}$
$B \alpha \frac{I}{2 \pi r}$
$\mu_{o}=$ constant of proportionality
$\mu_{\mathrm{o}}=$ vacuum permeability constant
$\mu_{\mathrm{o}}=4 \pi \times 10^{-7}\left(1.26 \times 10^{-6}\right) \frac{\mathrm{Tm}}{A}$


Current i

$$
B_{\text {internal }}=\frac{\mu_{o} I}{2 \pi r}
$$

## Example

A long, straight wires carries a current of 5.00 A . At one instant, a proton, 4 mm from the wire travels at $1500 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ parallel to the wire and in the same direction as the current. Find the magnitude and direction of the magnetic force acting on the proton due to the field caused by the current carrying wire.


$$
\begin{aligned}
& B=+Z \\
& v=+y \\
& F=-x
\end{aligned}
$$

