

Lesson 7.3- Magnetic Force on a Charge

Unit 7: Magnetism

[Charge in Magnetic Field Sim](#) and [one in 3D](#)

Learning Intentions:

- ❖ I can use right-hand and left-hand rules to predict the direction of force and motion of charged particles in a magnetic field.
- ❖ I can calculate the magnetic force on a moving charge.
- ❖ I can explain and calculate how charged particles move in circular paths by connecting magnetic force to centripetal force.

Magnetic Force and Magnetic Field Strength:

A moving charged particle that enters a **magnetic** field at any direction other than **parallel** will experience a **force** ($\vec{F}_B$)

Magnetic force depends on:

- Q – charge, Q (C)
- v – Particle Velocity, v (m/s)
- B – Magnetic field strength (T)

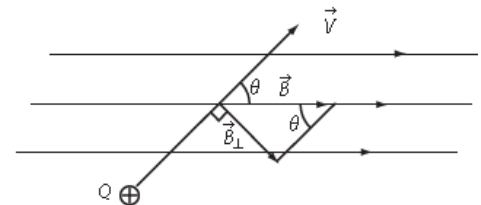
*Only consider $\vec{B} \perp$ to $\vec{v}$

$$\vec{F} = \vec{B}Q\vec{v}\sin\theta$$

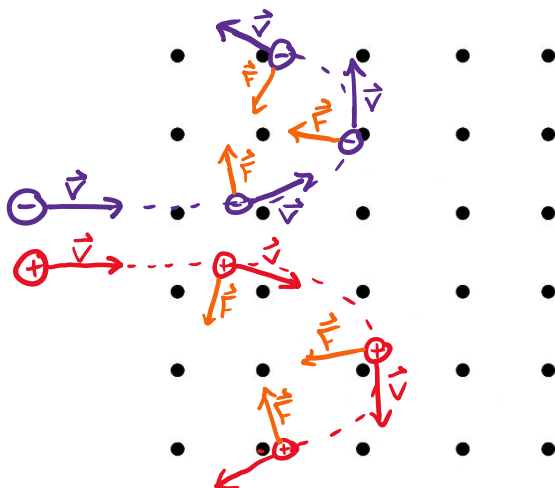
Since $\vec{F} \propto Q$ and $\vec{F} \propto \vec{v}$, $\vec{F} \propto Q\vec{v}$

$$\therefore \frac{F}{Q\vec{v}} = 1 \frac{N}{C \frac{m}{s}} = 1 \frac{N}{A \cdot m} = 1T (\vec{B})$$

$$\vec{F} = \vec{B}Q\vec{v}$$



Charged Particles in a Magnetic Field (use sim)



Similar to the charge in a **wire** causing force, but since the charge is free to move, its **direction** constantly **changes**; therefore, so does the **force** vector.

Result: the particle moves in a **circular** path

Rules:

(+) charge: use 2nd right-hand rule with thumb pointing with velocity

(-) charge: Left-handed version of the (+) charge rule

Example 1: A proton with speed 3.0×10^5 m/s in a magnetic field experiences a force of 8.0×10^{-14} N west when moving downward. What is the magnitude and direction of the magnetic field?

$$\vec{F} = \vec{B}Q\vec{v}$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\vec{F}}{Q\vec{v}} = \frac{(8.0 \times 10^{-14})}{(1.6 \times 10^{-19})(3.0 \times 10^5)}$$

$$= 1.67 \text{ T } \odot$$

Describing the Circular Path of a Charge in a Magnetic Field:

* Recall forces that produce circular motion are types of centripetal forces.

$$F_B = F_c$$

$$\vec{B}Q\vec{v} = \frac{m\vec{v}^2}{r}$$

$$r = \frac{m\vec{v}}{\vec{B}Q}$$

Example 2: A proton travelling at 1.2×10^6 m/s enters a 0.60 T field at a right angle. Find the radius of the path and draw it below.



$$\vec{F}_B = \vec{F}_c$$

$$\vec{B}Q\vec{v} = \frac{m\vec{v}^2}{r}$$

$$r = \frac{m\vec{v}}{\vec{B}Q}$$

$$r = \frac{(1.67 \times 10^{-27})(1.2 \times 10^6)}{(1.6 \times 10^{-19})(0.6)}$$

$$r = 0.021 \text{ m}$$