

# Magnetic Forces and Motion

## Understanding Griffiths Example 5.2 %

Let's write velocity vector as  $\vec{v} = (\dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z})$  where  $\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$ , etc.

We have  $\vec{E} = E \hat{z}$  and  $\vec{B} = B \hat{x}$

$$\text{So, } \vec{v} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \dot{x} & \dot{y} & \dot{z} \\ B & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{x}(\dot{y} \cdot 0 - \dot{z} \cdot 0) - \hat{y}(\dot{x} \cdot 0 - \dot{z} B) + \hat{z}(\dot{x} \cdot 0 - \dot{y} B)$$
$$= \dot{z} B \hat{y} - \dot{y} B \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{F} = m \vec{a} = Q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$m(\ddot{x} \hat{x} + \ddot{y} \hat{y} + \ddot{z} \hat{z}) = Q(E \hat{z} + \dot{z} B \hat{y} - \dot{y} B \hat{z})$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{x}: \quad \ddot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x} = \text{const} \rightarrow x(t) = \dot{x}(0) \cdot t + x_0$$

$$\hat{y}: \quad m \ddot{y} = Q \dot{z} B$$

$$\hat{z}: \quad m \ddot{z} = Q(E - \dot{y} B)$$

$$\text{Set } \omega = \frac{QB}{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{y} = \omega \dot{z} \quad \text{and} \quad \ddot{z} = \omega \left( \frac{E}{B} - \dot{y} \right)$$

differentiated ↓

$$\ddot{y} = \omega \dot{z} \quad \xleftarrow{\text{insert}} \quad \ddot{z} = \omega \left( \frac{E}{B} - \dot{y} \right)$$

integrate ↓

$$\int \ddot{y} dt = \int \omega \left( \frac{E}{B} - \dot{y} \right) dt \Rightarrow \dot{y} = \omega^2 \frac{E}{B} t - \omega^2 y + C_0$$

↑  
constant  
of integration

$\ddot{y} = -\omega^2 y + \omega^2 \frac{E}{B} t + c_0$  has a homogeneous plus a particular solution:  $y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$  where

the general solution for  $y_h$  is  $y_h(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t)$

For the particular solution, we can use method of undetermined coefficients:  $y_p = a_1 t + a_2$ .

Putting into the differential equation:

$$\ddot{y}_h + \ddot{y}_p = -\omega^2 (y_h + y_p) + \omega^2 \frac{E}{B} t + c_0. \quad \text{Using}$$

$$\ddot{y}_h = -\omega^2 y_h \quad \text{and} \quad \ddot{y}_p = 0, \quad \text{we get}$$

$$0 = \omega^2 \frac{E}{B} t + c_0 - \omega^2 (a_1 t + a_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 \frac{E}{B} t = \omega^2 a_1 t \Rightarrow a_1 = \frac{E}{B}$$

$$\text{and } c_0 = \omega^2 a_2 \Rightarrow a_2 = \frac{c_0}{\omega^2} \equiv c_3$$

$$\text{Therefore, } y_p(t) = \frac{E}{B} t + c_3$$

$$\text{The full solution is: } y(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t) + \frac{E}{B} t + c_3$$

$$\text{Now, let's do } z \text{ part: } \ddot{z} = \omega \left( \frac{E}{B} - \dot{y} \right)$$

$$\dot{y} = -\omega c_1 \sin(\omega t) + c_2 \omega \cos(\omega t) + \frac{E}{B} \quad \uparrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{z} = \omega^2 c_1 \sin(\omega t) - \omega^2 c_2 \cos(\omega t)$$

$$\text{integrate } \hookrightarrow \int \ddot{z} dt = \dot{z} = \int [\omega^2 c_1 \sin(\omega t) - \omega^2 c_2 \cos(\omega t)] dt$$
$$= -\omega c_1 \cos(\omega t) - \omega c_2 \sin(\omega t) + c_5$$

integrate one more time :

$$\int \dot{z} dt = \int [-\omega c_1 \cos(\omega t) - \omega c_2 \sin(\omega t) + c_5] dt$$

$$z(t) = -c_1 \sin(\omega t) + c_2 \cos(\omega t) + c_5 t + c_4$$

Check for consistency with  $\ddot{y} = \omega \dot{z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{y} &= -\omega^2 c_1 \cos(\omega t) - \omega^2 c_2 \sin(\omega t) \\ \omega \dot{z} &= \omega (-\omega c_1 \cos(\omega t) - \omega c_2 \sin(\omega t) + c_5) \end{aligned} \quad \leftarrow \text{equal}$$

For them to be equal :  $c_5 = 0$

$$\text{So } y(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t) + \frac{E}{B} t + c_3$$

$$z(t) = c_2 \cos(\omega t) - c_1 \sin(\omega t) + c_4$$

where  $\omega = \frac{QB}{m}$  and  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  are determined by initial conditions.



① Initial conditions: at  $t=0$   
 $y_0=0, z_0=0, \dot{y}_0=v_0, \dot{z}_0=0$

$$y(0) = c_1 \cos 0 + c_2 \sin 0 + \frac{E}{B} \cdot 0 + c_3 = c_1 + c_3 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{y}(0) = -\omega c_1 \sin 0 + \omega c_2 \cos 0 + \frac{E}{B} = \omega c_2 + \frac{E}{B} = v_0 \quad (2)$$

$$z(0) = c_2 \cos 0 - c_1 \sin 0 + c_4 = c_2 + c_4 = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\dot{z}(0) = -\omega c_2 \sin 0 - \omega c_1 \cos 0 = -\omega c_1 = 0 \quad (4)$$

(4) gives  $c_1 = 0$ . Then using (1), we get  $c_3 = 0$ .

(2) gives  $c_2 = \frac{1}{\omega} (v_0 - \frac{E}{B})$ . Then using (3), we get  $c_4 = \frac{1}{\omega} (\frac{E}{B} - v_0)$

Now we have,

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\omega} (v_0 - \frac{E}{B}) \sin(\omega t) + \frac{E}{B} t \quad \text{and}$$

$$z(t) = \frac{1}{\omega} (v_0 - \frac{E}{B}) \cos(\omega t) + \frac{1}{\omega} (\frac{E}{B} - v_0)$$

To get a straight-line trajectory,  $\sin$  &  $\cos$  terms should vanish.

So,  $\boxed{v_0 = \frac{E}{B}}$  in which case we have  $y(t) = \frac{E}{B} t$  and  $z(t) = 0$

"PHY 184 argument": constant speed linear motion  $\rightarrow a=0 \rightarrow \vec{F}_{\text{net}}=0$

$$\vec{F} = Q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = 0 \rightarrow \vec{E} = -\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

$$E \hat{z} = -(\dot{z} B \hat{y} + \dot{y} B \hat{z})$$

implies  $\dot{z}=0$  and  $E = \dot{y} B \rightarrow \dot{y} = E/B$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v} = \frac{E}{B} \hat{y} = v_0 \hat{y}$$

② For a parallel plate capacitor:  $E = \frac{\Delta V}{d}$

$$E = \frac{2 \text{ kV}}{2 \text{ cm}} = \frac{2 \times 10^3 \text{ V}}{2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}} = 10^5 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$$

$$v = \frac{c}{3} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{3} = 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$B = \frac{E}{v} = \frac{10^5 \text{ V/m}}{10^8 \text{ m/s}} = 10^{-3} \text{ T} = 1 \text{ mT}$$

$|\vec{B}_{\text{earth}}| \approx 50 \text{ mT}$  or about 5% of  $B$ .

Reasonable to neglect  $B_{\text{earth}}$ .

③ If there is no  $E$ -field, the charged particle will start to move in a circular orbit.

magnetic force = centripetal force

$$qvB = \frac{mv^2}{R} \rightarrow \frac{q}{m} = \frac{v}{RB} \text{ and if } v = \frac{E}{B},$$

$$\text{then } \boxed{\frac{q}{m} = \frac{E}{RB^2}}$$

④ Starting from the trajectory equations found using the initial conditions:

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\omega} \left( v_0 - \frac{E}{B} \right) \sin(\omega t) + \frac{E}{B} t \quad \text{and}$$

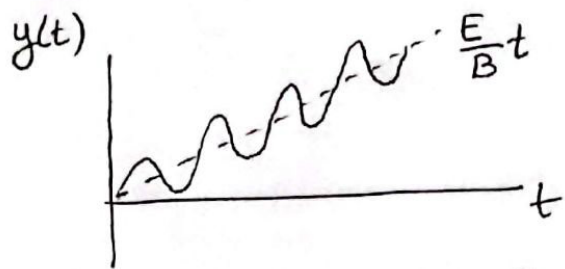
$$z(t) = \frac{1}{\omega} \left( v_0 - \frac{E}{B} \right) \cos(\omega t) + \frac{1}{\omega} \left( \frac{E}{B} - v_0 \right)$$

$$\text{Let } v_0 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{E}{B}.$$

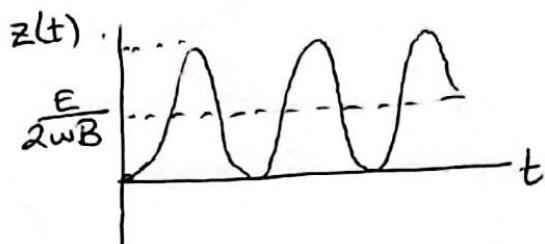
$$\text{Then } y(t) = -\frac{E}{2\omega B} \sin \omega t + \frac{E}{B} t \quad *$$

$$z(t) = -\frac{E}{2\omega B} \cos \omega t + \frac{E}{2\omega B} \quad **$$

So  $y(t)$  oscillates around the line  $\frac{E}{B}t$



$z(t)$  oscillates around  $\frac{E}{2\omega B}$



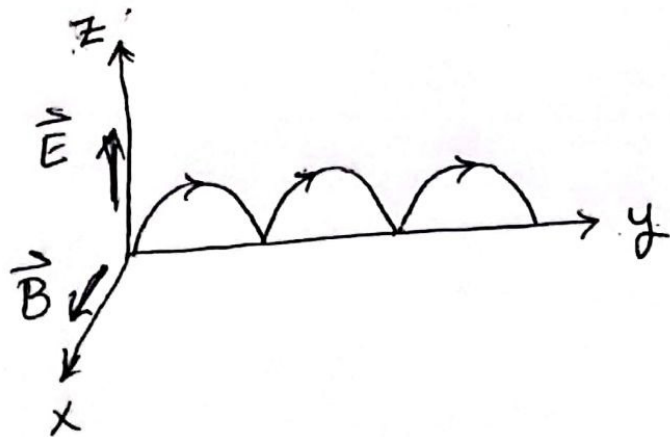
Let's re-write equations \* and \*\* on the previous page as

$$y(t) - \frac{E}{B}t = -\frac{E}{2\omega B} \sin(\omega t) \quad \text{and} \quad z(t) - \frac{E}{2\omega B} = -\frac{E}{2\omega B} \cos(\omega t)$$

Squaring both and adding and using  $\sin^2(\omega t) + \cos^2(\omega t) = 1$ , we get

$$\left(y(t) - \frac{E}{B}t\right)^2 + \left(z(t) - \frac{E}{2\omega B}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{E}{2\omega B}\right)^2$$

This is the formula of a circle of radius  $\frac{E}{2\omega B}$  whose center is at  $(0, \frac{E}{B}t, \frac{E}{2\omega B})$ . Note that the  $y$ -component of the circle travels at constant speed  $\frac{E}{B}$ . This is a cycloid



The kinetic energy  $K = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$

$$\dot{y}(t) = -\frac{E}{2B} \cos(\omega t) + \frac{E}{B}$$

$$\dot{z}(t) = \frac{E}{2B} \sin(\omega t)$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2} m \left( \underbrace{\frac{E^2}{4B^2} \cos^2(\omega t)} - \frac{E^2}{B^2} \cos(\omega t) + \frac{E^2}{B^2} + \underbrace{\frac{E^2}{4B^2} \sin^2(\omega t)} \right)$$

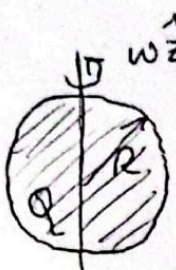
$$= \frac{1}{2} m \left( \frac{5E^2}{4B^2} - \frac{E^2}{B^2} \cos(\omega t) \right) = \frac{1}{2} m \frac{E^2}{B^2} \left( \frac{5}{4} - \cos(\omega t) \right)$$

Time dependent !

Energy must be exchanged with the field .

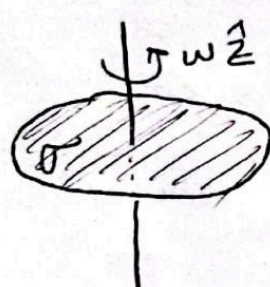


## Current Densities

①   $\rho = \frac{Q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3}$   $\vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} = \omega \hat{z} \times r \hat{r} = \omega r \underbrace{\hat{z} \times \hat{r}}_{\sin\theta \hat{\phi}} \text{ in sph. coord.}$

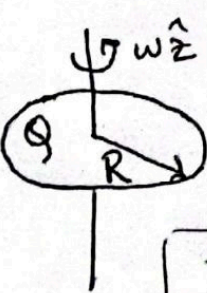
$$\boxed{\vec{J} = \rho \vec{v} = \frac{Q}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} \omega r \sin\theta \hat{\phi}}$$

in spherical coordinates

②   $\vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} = \omega \hat{z} \times s \hat{s} = \omega s \underbrace{\hat{z} \times \hat{s}}_{\hat{\phi}} \text{ in cyl. coord.}$

$$\boxed{\vec{K} = \sigma \vec{v} = \sigma \omega s \hat{\phi}}$$

For the volume charge density, the current is constrained to xy-plane at  $z=0$ .  $\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{J} = \sigma \omega s \delta(z) \hat{\phi}}$

③   $\lambda = \frac{Q}{2\pi R}$   $\vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} = \omega \hat{z} \times R \hat{s} = \omega R \hat{\phi} \text{ in cylindrical coordinates}$

$$\boxed{\vec{I} = \lambda \vec{v} = \frac{Q}{2\pi R} \omega R \hat{\phi} = \frac{Q\omega}{2\pi} \hat{\phi}}$$

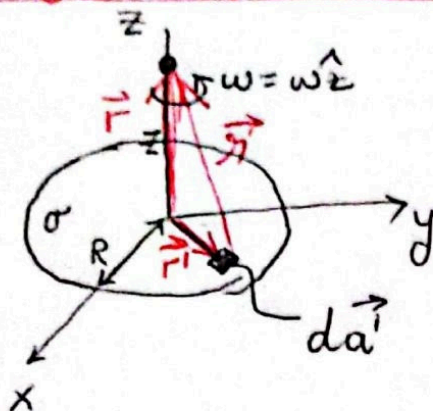
The current is constrained to  $z=0$  and  $s=R$ , so

$$\boxed{\vec{J} = \frac{\omega Q}{2\pi} \delta(s-R) \delta(z) \hat{\phi}}$$



# Magnetic field of distributed currents

①



$$\vec{r} = z \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{r}' = s' \hat{s}$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}' = z \hat{z} - s' \hat{s}$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{z \hat{z} - s' \hat{s}}{\sqrt{z^2 + s'^2}}$$

$$da' = s' ds' d\phi'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{K} \times \vec{r} &= \sigma \omega s' \hat{\phi} \times (z \hat{z} - s' \hat{s}) = \sigma \omega s' z \underbrace{\hat{\phi} \times \hat{z}}_{\hat{s}} - \sigma \omega s'^2 \underbrace{\hat{\phi} \times \hat{s}}_{-\hat{z}} \\ &= \sigma \omega s' z \hat{s} + \sigma \omega s'^2 \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_S \frac{\vec{K}(\vec{r}') \times \vec{r}}{r^3} da' = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_S \frac{\sigma \omega s' z \hat{s} + \sigma \omega s'^2 \hat{z}}{(z^2 + s'^2)^{3/2}} s' ds' d\phi'$$

Using  $\hat{s} = \cos\phi \hat{x} + \sin\phi \hat{y}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{x-component: } B_x &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_S \frac{\sigma \omega s'^2 z \cos\phi'}{(z^2 + s'^2)^{3/2}} ds' d\phi' = 0 \\ &\text{because } \int_0^{2\pi} \cos\phi' d\phi' = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{y-component: } B_y &= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_S \frac{\sigma \omega s'^2 z \sin\phi'}{(z^2 + s'^2)^{3/2}} ds' d\phi' = 0 \\ &\text{because } \int_0^{2\pi} \sin\phi' d\phi' = 0 \end{aligned}$$

z-component:  $B_z = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_0^R \underbrace{\frac{\sigma \omega s'^3}{(z^2 + s'^2)^{3/2}}}_{\sigma \omega \frac{2z^2 + s'^2}{\sqrt{z^2 + s'^2}} \bigg|_{s=0}^R} ds' \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi'}_{2\pi}$

$$B_z = \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega}{2} \left[ \frac{R^2 + 2z^2}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} - \frac{2z^2}{|z|} \right]$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega}{2} \left[ \frac{R^2 + 2z^2}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} - \frac{2z^2}{|z|} \right] \hat{z}$$

For upper half of plane  $z > 0$ :  $\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega}{2} \left[ \frac{R^2 + 2z^2}{\sqrt{R^2 + z^2}} - 2z \right] \hat{z}$

② Unit check:

$$[\mu_0] = \left[ \frac{N}{A^2} = \frac{kg \cdot m}{A^2 \cdot s^2} \right] \quad [\sigma] = \frac{C}{m^2} \quad [\omega] = \frac{1}{s} \quad [\hat{z}] = m$$

All:  $\frac{kg \cdot m}{A^2 \cdot s^2} \cdot \frac{C}{m^2} \cdot \frac{1}{s} \cdot m = \frac{kg}{C \cdot s} = T = [B] \quad \checkmark$

$\downarrow$   
 $(C/s)^2$

As  $R \rightarrow 0$ ,  $B \rightarrow 0$  no disk

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega}{2} \left[ \frac{0 + 2z^2}{\sqrt{0^2 + z^2}} - 2z \right] = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

As  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ ,  $B \rightarrow 0$  no spin

$$B \propto \omega \rightarrow 0 \quad \checkmark$$

As  $z \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $R/z \ll 1$ . Let's re-write B as

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega}{2} \left[ \frac{R^2 z^3 (1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{z^2})}{z^3 (1 + \frac{R^2}{z^2})^{3/2}} - 2z \right]$$

$$\mu_0 \sigma \omega z \left[ \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{z^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{z^2} + \frac{3}{8} \frac{R^4}{z^4} - \dots\right) - 1 \right]$$

$$= \mu_0 \sigma \omega z \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{z^2} + \frac{3}{8} \frac{R^4}{z^4} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{z^2} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{R^4}{z^4} + \frac{3}{16} \frac{R^6}{z^6} - 1 \right]$$

$$= \mu_0 \sigma \omega z \left( \frac{1}{8} \frac{R^4}{z^4} + \dots \right) \approx \frac{\mu_0 \sigma \omega z R^4}{8} \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots$$