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After this activity you should know: • Determine the magnetic force on a point charge moving in a magnetic field • Understand when a charge in a magnetic field will undergo circular motion, helical motion, or straight-line motion. • Be able to determine the radius of the orbit of a charge undergoing circular motion in a uniform magnetic field.

1. A charge q moves with velocity \vec{v} in a magnetic field \vec{B} . Write an expression for the magnetic force on the charge.

$$F = q\vec{v}B \sin(\theta)$$

$$F = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

2. The SI units for magnetic field is the tesla. Write a tesla in terms of coulombs, meters, kilograms, and seconds. Show work.

$$T = \frac{N}{C \cdot \frac{m}{s}} = \frac{kg \cdot s^3}{C \cdot m}$$

3. A point charge of $0.3 \mu C$ is moving in a uniform magnetic field $0.5 T \hat{k}$. What is the magnetic force on the charge when the charge's velocity is $\vec{v} = (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) m/s$?

$$0.3 \mu C \cdot 3 \times 10^{-7} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \times 10^{-7} \langle -1, 0, \frac{3}{2} \rangle$$

4. A positive point charge $+Q$ is moving to the left with speed v when an electromagnet is turned on generating a uniform magnetic field B to the right. $\theta = 180$ $\sin(\theta) = 0$

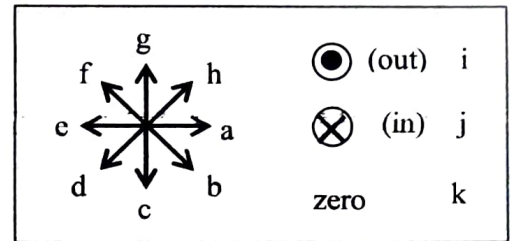
- a. What is the magnitude and direction of the magnetic force on the point charge at this point in time?



- b. What will happen to the charge? Assume no other forces. Choose one.

- The charge will continue moving in a straight line but will speed up.
- The charge will continue moving in a straight line but will slow down.
- ☒ The charge will continue moving in a straight line with the same speed.
- The charge will move in a clockwise circle when viewed from above the page.
- The charge will move in a counterclockwise circle when viewed from above the page.

5. The diagram shows a charge moving with velocity \vec{v} in the magnetic field \vec{B} directed as shown. Use the legend given to indicate the direction of the magnetic force on the charge if:



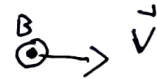
- a. The charge is positive:

$\vec{B} \times \vec{v}$

- b. The charge is negative:

$-\vec{B} \times \vec{v}$

6. A positive point charge $+Q$ is moving to the right with speed v when an electromagnet is turned on generating a uniform magnetic field of magnitude B pointing out of the page.



- a. What is the direction and magnitude of the magnetic force at this time?

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- b. What will happen to the charge? Assume no other forces.

- The charge will continue moving in a straight line but will speed up.
- The charge will continue moving in a straight line but will slow down.
- The charge will continue moving in a straight line with the same speed.
- ☒ The charge will move in a clockwise circle when viewed from above the page.
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7. A negative point charge $-Q$ with mass m initially moves with a speed v to the left in a uniform magnetic field of magnitude B which points out of the page.

- a. Determine the radius of the orbit in terms of Q , B , v and/or m . Hint: think about what you know about uniform circular motion from Physics 211.



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

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

$$= \frac{m v}{-Q B \sin(\theta)}$$

- b. Determine the period of the orbit in terms of Q , B and m . Hint: start by relating the period to the speed and the radius.

$$T = \frac{2\pi r}{v} = \frac{2\pi m}{-Q B \sin(\theta)} = \frac{2\pi m}{-Q B \sin(\theta)}$$

The fact that the cyclotron frequency is independent of radius was the basis for early particle accelerators called cyclotrons.