

- 4 A proton of mass m and charge $+q$ is travelling through a vacuum in a straight line with speed v . It enters a region of uniform magnetic field of magnetic flux density B , as shown in Fig. 4.1.

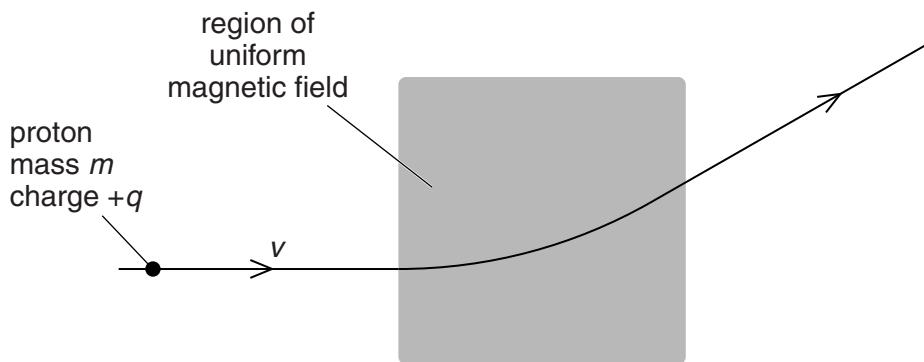


Fig. 4.1

The magnetic field is normal to the direction of motion of the proton.

- (a) Explain why the path of the proton in the magnetic field is an arc of a circle.

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- (b) The angular speed of the proton in the magnetic field is ω . Derive an expression for ω in terms of B , q and m .

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