

🌟 MOVING CHARGES & MAGNETISM – FULL STUDY GUIDE (CLASS 12)

🎯 *Super simple → Visual → High-yield → Board-focused → Fun to learn!*

1. THEORY IN SIMPLE WORDS (WITH VISUALS)

★ 1.1 What Produces Magnetism?

Moving charges create magnetic fields.

Visual (very important idea):

Static charge → only electric field

Moving charge → electric + magnetic field

★ 1.2 Magnetic Field (B)

It is the region around moving charges or magnets where magnetic effects are felt.

Unit: Tesla (T)

Analogy:

Magnetic field = "wind" around a moving charge.

★ 1.3 Magnetic Field Due to a Current-Carrying Wire

(A) Straight Long Wire

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

Visual:

Wire ↑

Circular field lines around it:

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Right-Hand Thumb Rule:

Thumb → current

Fingers curl → direction of **B**

(B) Circular Loop

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2R}$$

Visual:

Loop (top view)

Field at center = perpendicular to plane

(C) Solenoid

$$B = \mu_0 n I$$

(n = turns per unit length)

Visual:

||||| coil

Uniform field inside → →

★ 1.4 Force on a Moving Charge

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

Magnitude:

$$F = qvB \sin \theta$$

Visual:

$v \perp B \rightarrow$ maximum force

$v \parallel B \rightarrow$ zero force

★ 1.5 Force on a Current-Carrying Conductor

$$F = BIL \sin \theta$$

★ 1.6 Lorentz Force

Total force = Electric + Magnetic

$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

★ 1.7 Motion of a Charged Particle in Uniform B-Field

Particle moves in circular path.

Radius:

$$r = \frac{mv}{qB}$$

Time period:

$$T = \frac{2\pi m}{qB}$$

★ 1.8 Ampere's Circuital Law

$$\oint B dl = \mu_0 I$$

Used for:

- Solenoid
 - Toroid
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★ 1.9 Biot–Savart Law

$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{Id\vec{l} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

Gives magnetic field due to small current element.

★ 1.10 Cyclotron

Device to accelerate charged particles using **electric force** (between Dee gaps) and **magnetic force** (inside Dees).

Cyclotron frequency:

$$f = \frac{qB}{2\pi m}$$

Visual:

Two D-shaped **chambers** (Dees)

Particle spirals outwards

2. KEY CONCEPTS & FORMULAS (REVISION TABLE)

Topic	Formula	Memory Trick
Long wire	$B = \mu_0 I / 2\pi r$	"Inversely with r"
Loop (center)	$B = \mu_0 I / 2R$	Replace πr with R
Solenoid	$B = \mu_0 n I$	No R. No π . Easy!
Force on charge	$F = qvB \sin \theta$	q v B "sin rule"
Force on wire	$F = BIL \sin \theta$	Replace qv with IL
Radius	$r = mv / qB$	m↑ → r↑ ; B↑ → r↓
Cyclotron freq	$f = qB / 2\pi m$	No radius involved
Ampere circuital	$\oint B dl = \mu_0 I$	Loop = current inside

MNEMONICS

◆ Right-Hand Rule: "Thumb is the current king!"

Thumb → I

Fingers → B

◆ For force on charge:

"q v B sin" → "Quick Vibration By Sine."

◆ For radius in B-field:

"m over qB"

(Heavier → bigger circle)

3. SOLVED NUMERICAL PROBLEMS (STEPWISE)

★ Type 1: Magnetic field due to straight wire

Q: A 10 A current flows through a long wire. Find B at 5 cm.

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \\ &= \frac{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 10}{2\pi \times 0.05} \\ B &= 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ T} \end{aligned}$$

✓ Tip: Cancel π early.

★ Type 2: Force on moving charge

Q: Charge = 2 μC , $v = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$, $B = 0.5 \text{ T}$, $\theta = 90^\circ$.
Find force.

$$\begin{aligned} F &= qvB \sin \theta \\ &= 2 \times 10^{-6} \times 2 \times 10^5 \times 0.5 \\ &= 0.2 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

✓ Common mistake: forgetting $\mu\text{C} \rightarrow \text{C}$.

★ Type 3: Radius of circular path

Q: Electron ($m = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$) enters perpendicular to $B = 0.2 \text{ T}$ at $v = 1 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$.
Find radius.

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{mv}{qB} \\ &= \frac{9.1 \times 10^{-31} \times 10^6}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 0.2} \\ r &= 0.028 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

★ Type 4: Force on wire

Q: A 0.5 m wire carries 4 A and is in a 0.3 T field at 90°. Find force.

$$F = BIL$$
$$= 0.3 \times 4 \times 0.5 = 0.6 \text{ N}$$

4. PAST-YEAR BOARD QUESTIONS (SOLVED)

(Generally repeated patterns from 2016–2024)

✓ Q1

State Biot–Savart law and write expression for B due to small current element.
(Repeated many years)

✓ Q2

Derive expression for magnetic field on axis of circular loop.
(Always 5–6 marks historically)

✓ Q3

Explain cyclotron principle.
(3-mark conceptual)

✓ Q4

Write Ampere’s law. Use it to derive B inside a solenoid.
(VERY high-weightage)

✓ Q5 (Numerical)

Find force on a charge or wire in magnetic field.
(Guaranteed 1 numerical every year)

✓ Q6

Draw diagrams of:

- Right-hand thumb rule
 - Field lines around a wire
 - Solenoid magnetic field
(Often asked for diagram marks)
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5. QUICK REVISION NOTES (1–2 PAGES)

★ Magnetic Field Basics

- Produced by moving charges
- Represented by field lines
- Direction via right-hand rule

★ Biot–Savart Law

- Field \propto current
- Field $\propto 1/r^2$
- Cross product involved

★ Wire / Loop / Solenoid

- Long wire: circular field
- Loop: straight at center
- Solenoid: uniform inside

★ Force on Charge / Wire

- Perpendicular \rightarrow maximum force
- Parallel \rightarrow zero force
- Direction via Fleming Left-Hand Rule (for wires)

★ Motion in B-field

- Charged particle \rightarrow circular motion
- $r = mv/qB$
- Time period depends only on m , q , B

★ Cyclotron

- Uses electric force (accelerates)
 - Uses magnetic force (bends path)
 - Frequency = constant
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6. PREDICTED / LIKELY QUESTIONS (2025 Boards)

Short Answer

- Define magnetic field, Lorentz force.
- State Biot–Savart law.
- State Ampere’s law.
- What is cyclotron frequency?
- Draw field due to wire/loop/solenoid.

Long Answer

- Derive B for circular loop.
- Derive B inside solenoid.
- Explain cyclotron with diagram.

Numerical

- Force on wire
 - Force on moving charge
 - Radius in magnetic field
 - B due to long wire
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7. EXAM TIPS & TRICKS

✓ Tip 1: Diagrams = free marks

Draw neat circles/loops with direction arrows.

✓ Tip 2: Check angle (θ)

Often students forget $\sin\theta$.

✓ Tip 3: μ_0 constant

$$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$$

Learn this by heart.

✓ Tip 4: For right-hand rule

Imagine holding the wire in your right hand.

✓ Tip 5: In circular motion problems

Use electron charge carefully (sign doesn't matter for radius).

8. VISUAL & KID-FRIENDLY MEMORY TRICKS

Visual 1: Wire & Field

Thumb ↑

Fingers **curl** ↻

Like hugging a pole.

Visual 2: Circular Path

Charge enters \perp B \rightarrow perfect circle

Visual 3: Cyclotron

Spiral $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$ outwards

Visual 4: Solenoid

|||| \rightarrow uniform arrows inside $\rightarrow \rightarrow$