

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

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

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## 1. THEORY IN SIMPLE WORDS (WITH VISUALS)

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### ⭐ 1.1 What Produces Magnetism?

Moving charges create magnetic fields.

**Visual (very important idea):**

Static charge → only electric field

Moving charge → electric + magnetic field

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### ⭐ 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.

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### ⭐ 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  $\rightarrow$  current

Fingers curl  $\rightarrow$  direction of  $\mathbf{B}$

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## (B) Circular Loop

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

Visual:

Loop (top view)

Field at center = perpendicular to plane

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## (C) Solenoid

$$B = \mu_0 nI$$

( $n$  = turns per unit length)

Visual:

||||| coil

Uniform field inside  $\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$

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## ★ 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

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## ★ 1.5 Force on a Current-Carrying Conductor

$$F = BIL \sin \theta$$

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## ★ 1.6 Lorentz Force

Total force = Electric + Magnetic

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

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

Particle moves in **circular path**.

Radius:

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

Time period:

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

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## ★ 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.

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## ★ 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 $\pi r$ with $R$
Solenoid	$B = \mu_0 nI$	No $R$ . No $\pi$ . 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	$r = mv/qB$	$m \uparrow \rightarrow r \uparrow ; B \uparrow \rightarrow r \downarrow$
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  $\rightarrow I$

Fingers  $\rightarrow B$

- ◆ For force on charge:

" $q v B \sin$ "  $\rightarrow$  "Quick Vibration By Sine."

- ◆ For radius in B-field:

"m over qB"

(Heavier → bigger circle)

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### 3. SOLVED NUMERICAL PROBLEMS (STEPWISE)

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#### ★ Type 1: Magnetic field due to straight wire

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

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

✓ Tip: Cancel  $\pi$  early.

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#### ★ Type 2: Force on moving charge

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

Find force.

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

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

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#### ★ 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.

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

## ★ 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.

$$F = BIL$$

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

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## 4. PAST-YEAR BOARD QUESTIONS (SOLVED)

(Generally repeated patterns from 2016–2024)

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### ✓ Q1

State Biot–Savart law and write expression for B due to small current element.

(Repeated many years)

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### ✓ Q2

Derive expression for magnetic field on axis of circular loop.

(Always 5–6 marks historically)

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### ✓ Q3

Explain cyclotron principle.

(3-mark conceptual)

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### ✓ Q4

Write Ampere's law. Use it to derive B inside a solenoid.

(VERY high-weightage)

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### ✓ Q5 (Numerical)

Find force on a charge or wire in magnetic field.

(Guaranteed 1 numerical every year)

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### ✓ 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)

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### ★ 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 ( $\theta$ )

Often students forget  $\sin\theta$ .

### ✓ Tip 3: $\mu_0$ 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).

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## 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** → → → outwards

### 👉 Visual 4: Solenoid

|||| → uniform arrows inside → →