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## Effects of Magnetic Fields

- Forces
- Torques

### Force on a moving charge

- Force is perpendicular to  $\vec{v}$
- Force is perpendicular to  $\vec{B}$
- Depends on angle between  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{B}$ 
  - Weak when  $\vec{v}$  "near"  $\vec{B}$
  - Strong when  $\vec{v}$  perpendicular to  $\vec{B}$
- Strongest Force:

$$F = qvB \quad (\text{if } v \perp B)$$

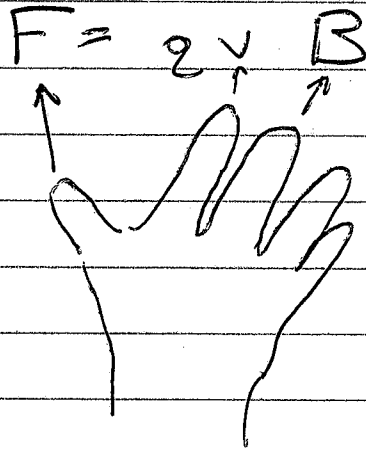
- Force in other cases

$$F = qvB \sin \theta$$

↖ Between  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{B}$

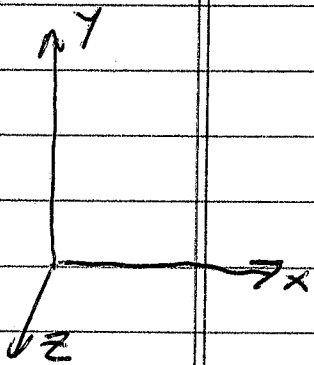
- Direction by Right-hand-rule

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- Index Finger points along  $\vec{v}$
- Middle Finger bent inward along  $\vec{B}$
- Thumb extends in dir of  $\vec{F}$  (on  $\oplus$ )

### Describing Directions



$\pm x$

$\pm y$

$\pm z$

Right/left

Up/down

Out of page/Into Page

$\rightarrow / \leftarrow$

$\uparrow / \downarrow$

$\odot / \times$   
Toward / Away

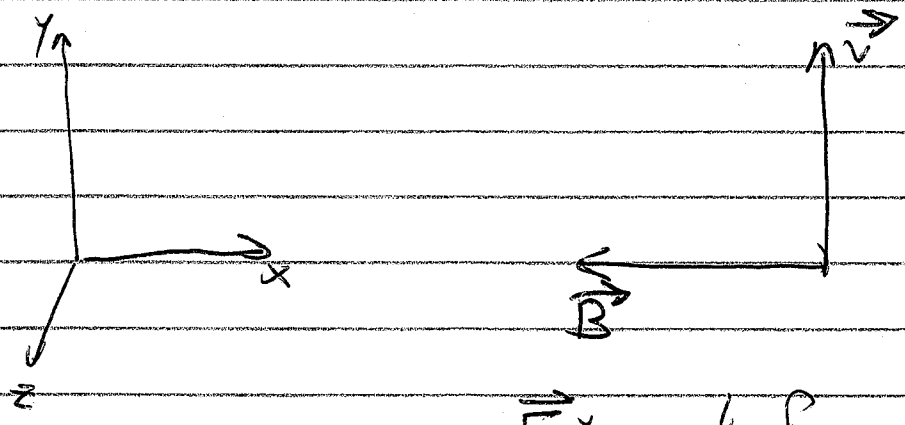
~~E~~ E/W

N/S

Up/Down

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Ex: A  $\oplus$  charge is moving in  $+\hat{y}$ .  
It goes into a mag field pointing in  $-\hat{x}$ .  
What dir is the force?



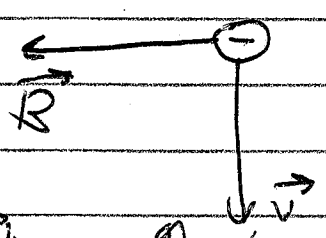
$\vec{F}$  is out of page =  $+\hat{z}$

Ex:  $\oplus$  charge moving in  $+\hat{y}$ .  
How could the Force point in  $-\hat{x}$ ?

$\vec{B}$  could point into page =  $-\hat{z}$

If the charge is  $\ominus$ , the force flips opposite to your thumb.

Ex:  $\ominus$  charge moving in  $-\hat{y}$   
 $\vec{B}$  points in  $-\hat{x}$



Thumb points "in"  
 $q$  is  $\ominus$ , so  
Force is "out"

If  $\vec{B}$  points Left,  $\oplus \uparrow$  has same force as  $\ominus \downarrow$ . Both are  $I \uparrow$ .

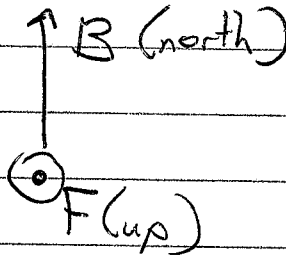
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## Force on a current

• Maximum  $F = I l B$  (when  $I \perp B$ )

↑      ↑      ↙  
Thumb   Pointer   middle

Ex:  $B$  points North.  
Want to levitate a wire.  
→ The magnetic force is up. (not North)



Quick Conclusions:

- Current can't be up/down  
(Force is  $\perp$  to motion of charges).
- Current can't be N/S  
(Force is tiny when motion "near"  $B$ )
- Choose from East/West.