Electricity and Magnetism
Motion of Charges in Magnetic Fields

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Last time

- introduced magnetism
- magnetic field
- Earth's magnetic field
- force on a moving charge

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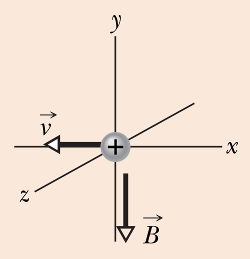

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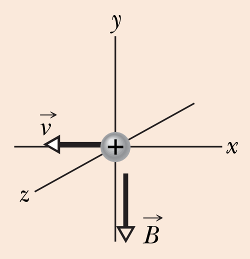

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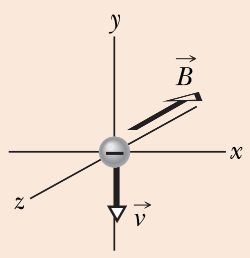

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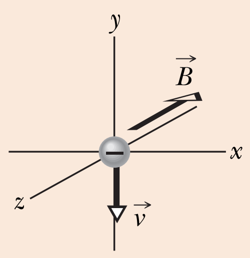

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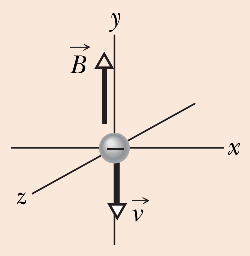

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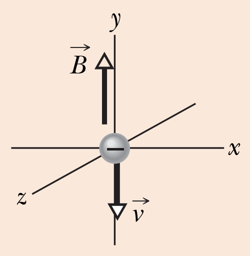

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Overview

- charged particles' motion in magnetic fields

Force on a Moving Charge

The force on a moving electric charge in a magnetic field:

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where **B is the magnetic field**, $\mathbf{v}$ is the velocity of the charge, and q is the electric charge.

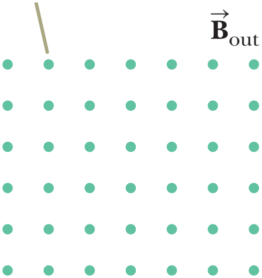
The magnitude of the force is given by:

$$F_B = q\,vB\sin\theta$$

if θ is the angle between the $\mathbf{v}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ vectors.

Magnetic field direction reminder

B points **out of** the page.



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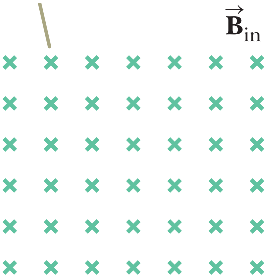

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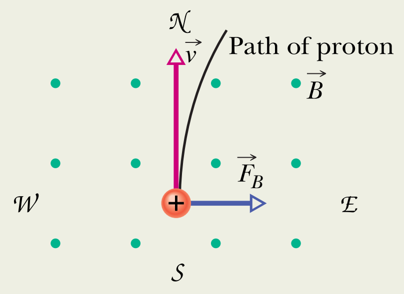
For example: here the dots indicate the field is directed upward out of the slide.



The force on the particle is $\perp$ to its velocity and the field.

[1]Figure from Halliday, Resnick, Walker, 9th ed.

Circular Motion of a Charge

If a charge enters a magnetic field with a velocity at right angles to the field, it will feel a force perpendicular to its velocity.

This will change its trajectory, but not its speed.
$\Rightarrow$ Uniform Circular Motion!

The radius of the circle will depend on 4 things:

- mass of the particle
- charge of the particle
- initial velocity
- strength of the field

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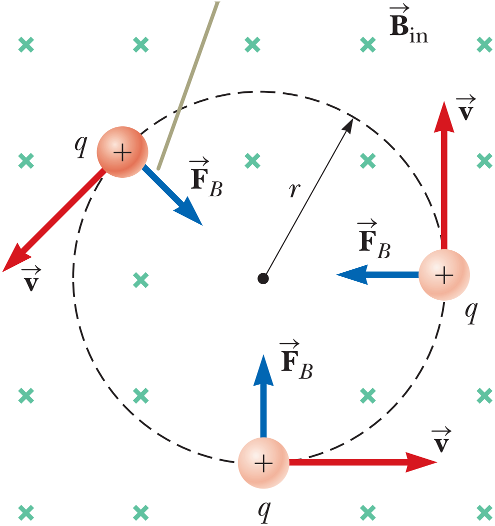

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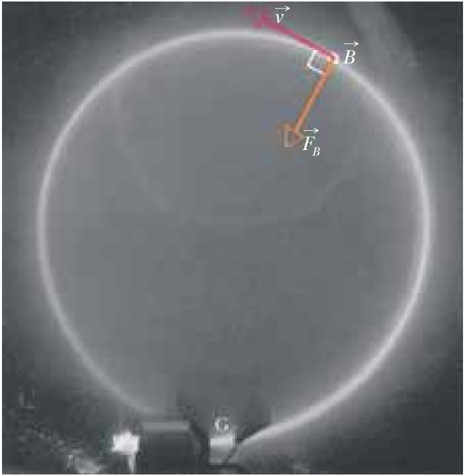
Electrons in a uniform magnetic field:



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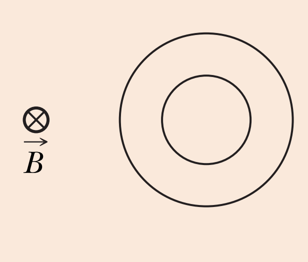

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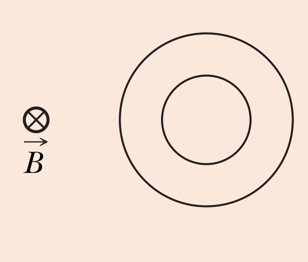

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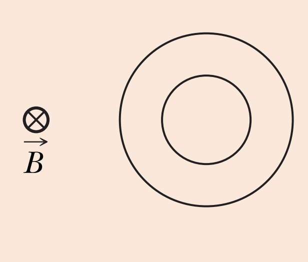

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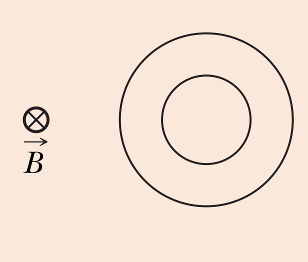

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Also, angular frequency

$$\omega = \frac{|q|B}{m}$$

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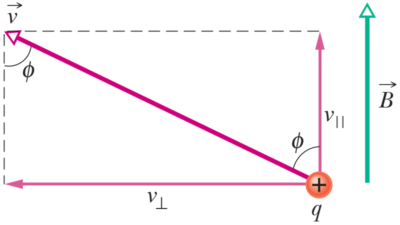

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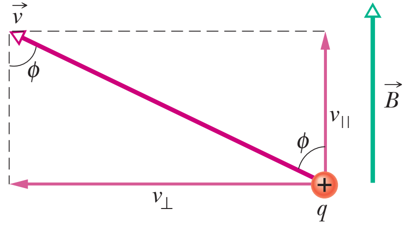

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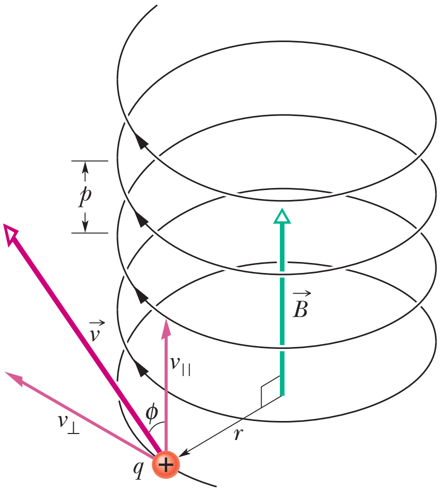

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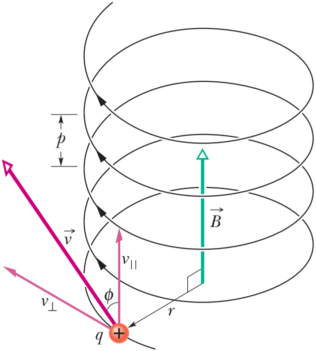


The pitch, p, of the helix is

$$p = v_{\|} T = \frac{2\pi v_{\|} m}{|q|B}$$

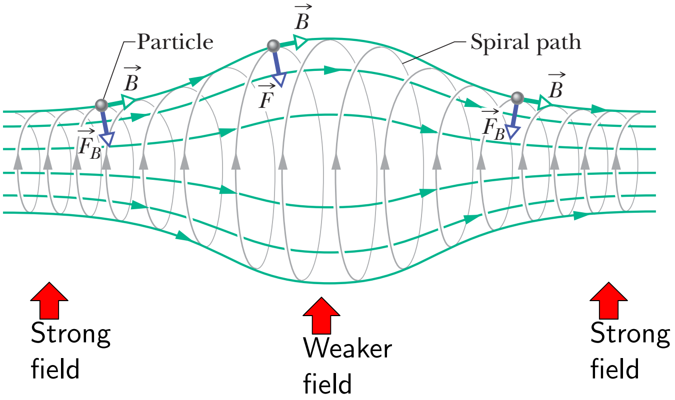
where T is the time period.

The radius is

$$r = \frac{m v_\perp}{|q|B}$$

using our equation from earlier.

Non-Uniform Fields: Magnetic Bottle



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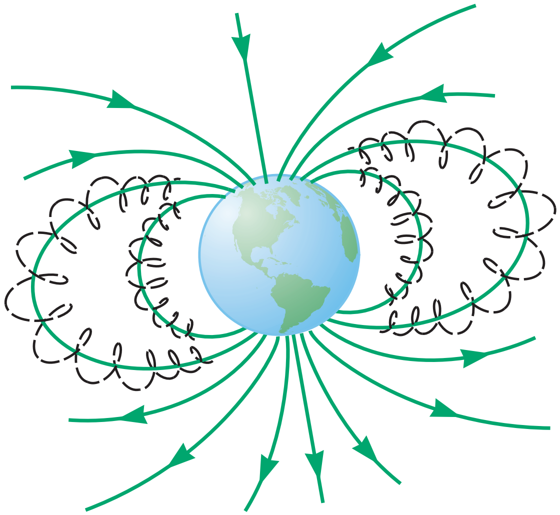
Earth's magnetic field acts as a magnetic bottle for cosmic rays.



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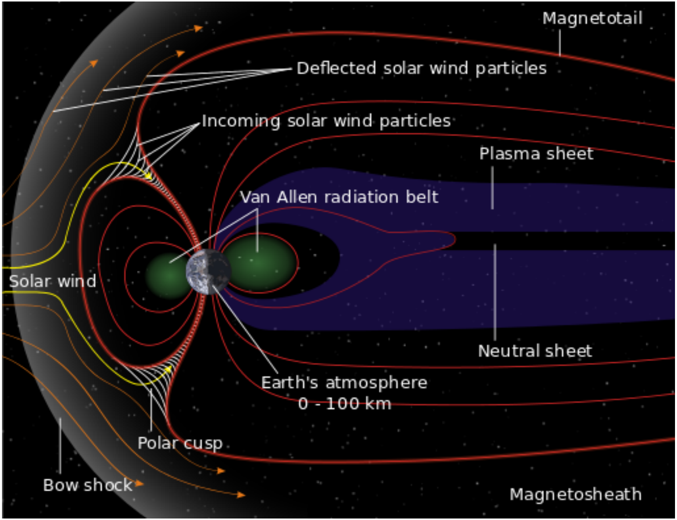

[1]Figure by NASA.

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The Lorentz Force

A charged particle can be affected by both electric and magnetic fields.

This means that the total force on a charge is the sum of the electric and magnetic forces:

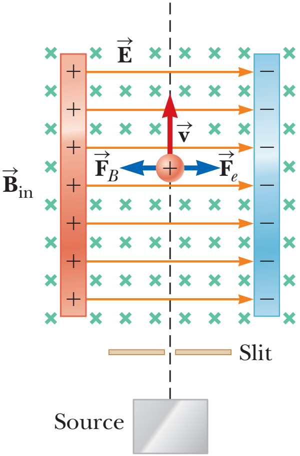
$$\mathbf{F} = q\,\mathbf{E} + q\,\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$

This total force is called the **Lorentz force**.

This can always be used to deduce the electromagnetic force on a charged particle in E- or B-fields.

Velocity Selector: Using both electric and magnetic fields

Charges are accelerated with and electric field then travel down a channel with uniform electric and magnetic fields.



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The particles only reach the end of the channel if $\mathbf{F} = 0$.

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so that means

$$q\mathbf{E} = -q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$

supposing $\mathbf{v}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ are perpendicular:

$$v = \frac{E}{B}$$

Summary

- magnetic field lines
- charged particles in crossed-fields
- properties of the electron

Homework Serway & Jewett:

- PREVIOUS: Ch 29, Obj Qs: 1, 3, 5; Conc. Qs: 1, 7; Problems: 1, 8, 9
- Ch 29, Obj Qs: 7; Problems: 13, 15, 23, 73, 80