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Essential idea: The effect scientists call magnetism arises when one charge moves in the vicinity of another moving charge.

Nature of science: Models and visualization: Magnetic field lines provide a powerful visualization of a magnetic field. Historically, the field lines helped scientists and engineers to understand a link that begins with the influence of one moving charge on another and leads onto relativity.

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Understandings:

- Magnetic fields
- Magnetic force

Applications and skills:

- Determining the direction of force on a charge moving in a magnetic field
- Determining the direction of force on a current-carrying conductor in a magnetic field
- Sketching and interpreting magnetic field patterns
- Determining the direction of the magnetic field based on current direction
- Solving problems involving magnetic forces, fields, current and charges

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Guidance:
- Magnetic field patterns will be restricted to long straight conductors, solenoids, and bar magnets

Data booklet reference:
- $F = qvB \sin \theta$
- $F = BIL \sin \theta$

International-mindedness:
- The investigation of magnetism is one of the oldest studies by man and was used extensively by voyagers in the Mediterranean and beyond thousands of years ago

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Theory of knowledge:

- Field patterns provide a visualization of a complex phenomenon, essential to an understanding of this topic. Why might it be useful to regard knowledge in a similar way, using the metaphor of knowledge as a map – a simplified representation of reality?

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Utilization:

- Only comparatively recently has the magnetic compass been superseded by different technologies after hundreds of years of our dependence on it
- Modern medical scanners rely heavily on the strong, uniform magnetic fields produced by devices that utilize superconductors
- Particle accelerators such as the Large Hadron Collider at CERN rely on a variety of precise magnets for aligning the particle beams

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Aims:

- **Aim 2 and 9:** visualizations frequently provide us with insights into the action of magnetic fields, however the visualizations themselves have their own limitations
- **Aim 7:** computer-based simulations enable the visualization of electro-magnetic fields in three-dimensional space

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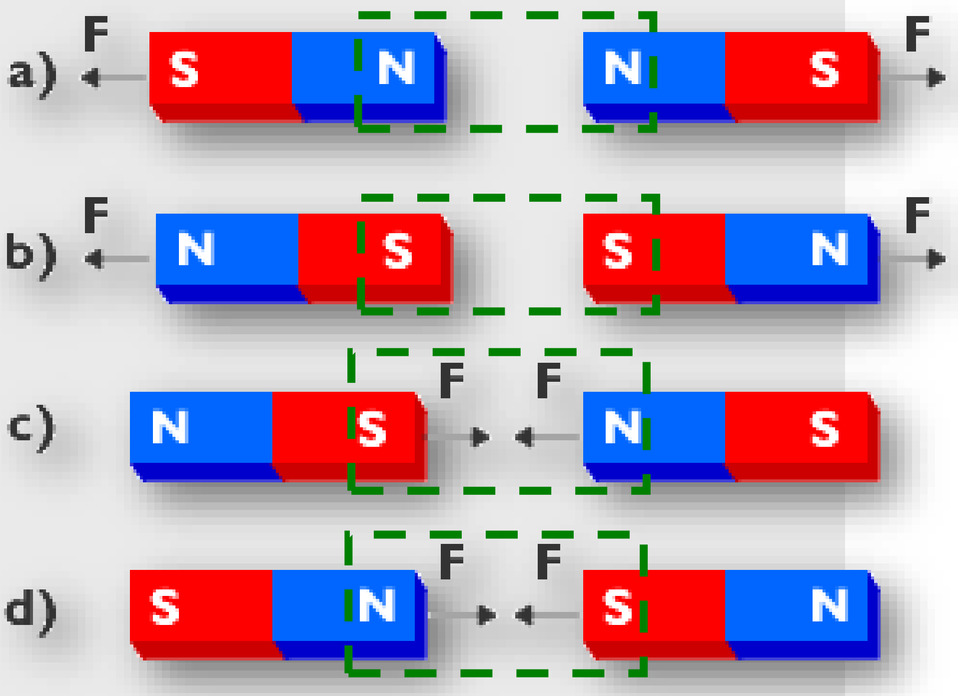
Magnetic force

- The **magnetic force** can be demonstrated using two bar magnets, which are metallic bars that have north and south poles:
- From a) and b) we see that like poles repel.
- From c) and d) we see that unlike poles attract.
- Both statements together are called the **pole law**.
- Note the similarity with the charge law.



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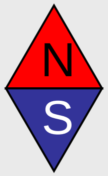
Magnetic field

- Because of their historical use for navigation, magnetic poles of detection devices are defined like this:
- The pole labeled "North" is really the north-<u>seeking</u> pole.
- The pole labeled "South" is really the south-<u>seeking</u> pole.



From the pole law we see that the north geographic pole is actually a south magnetic pole!

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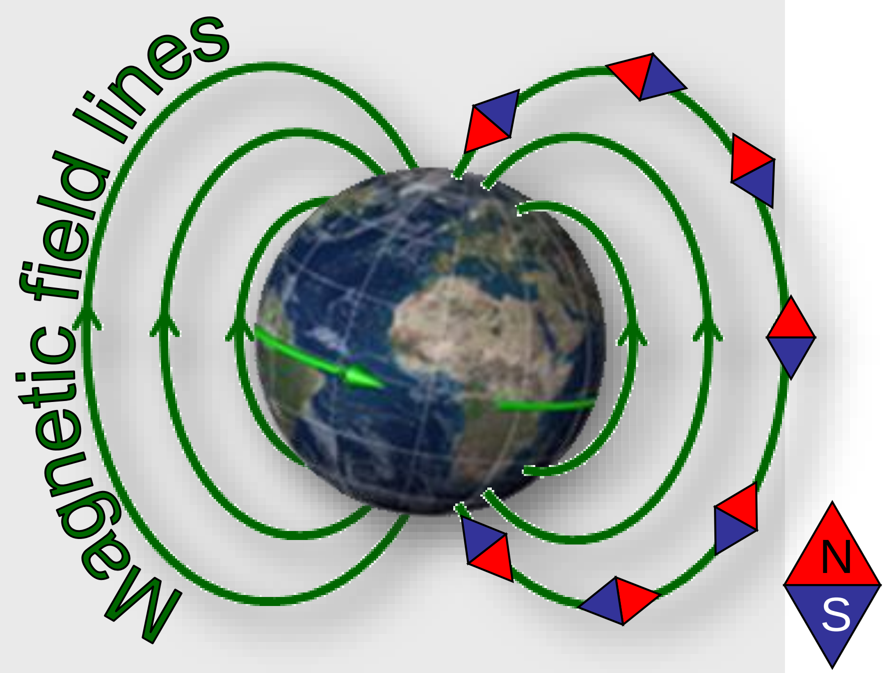
Magnetic field

- When we say "north-seeking" we mean that the north pole of a hanging, balanced magnet will tend to point toward the north <u>geographic</u> pole of the earth.
- We call the lines along which the magnets align themselves the **magnetic field lines**.
- The symbol **B** is used to represent the **magnetic flux density** and is measured in Tesla (T).
- Note that **B** is a vector since it has direction.



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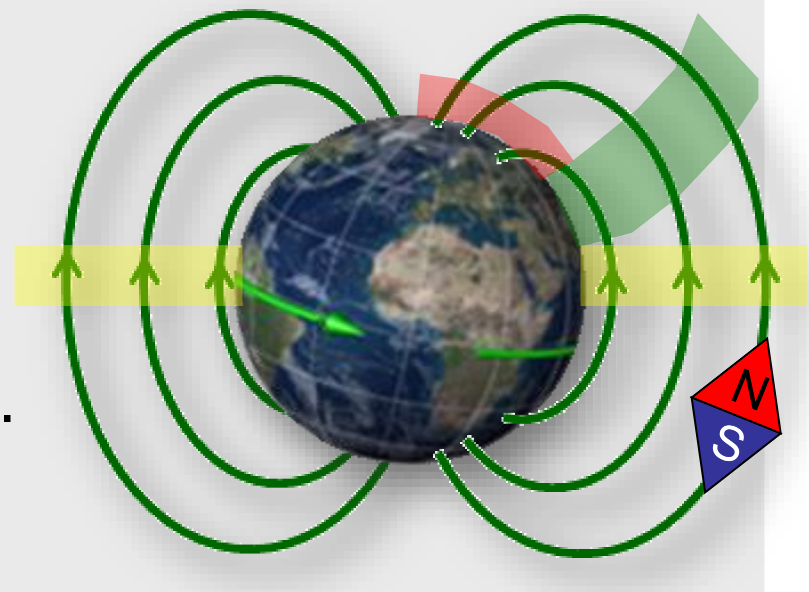
Magnetic field

- By convention, the direction of the magnetic field lines is the direction a north-seeking pole would point if placed within the field:
- Just as in any field, the strength of the B-field is proportional to the density of the field lines.
- At either pole of the earth the B-field is thus the greatest.



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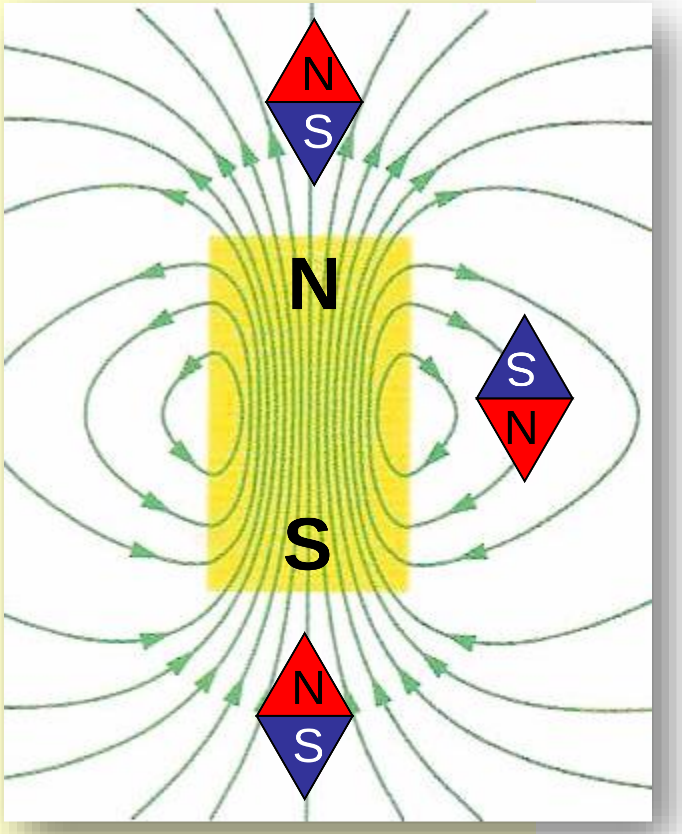
EXAMPLE: A bar magnet is a piece of ferrous metal which has a north and a south pole. Looking at the B-field about such a magnet, determine the north and the south poles.



SOLUTION:

- By convention, the direction of the magnetic field lines is the direction a north-seeking pole would point if placed within the field.
- The poles are as shown. Why?
- By the pole law (S) is attracted to (N), and (N) is attracted to (S).

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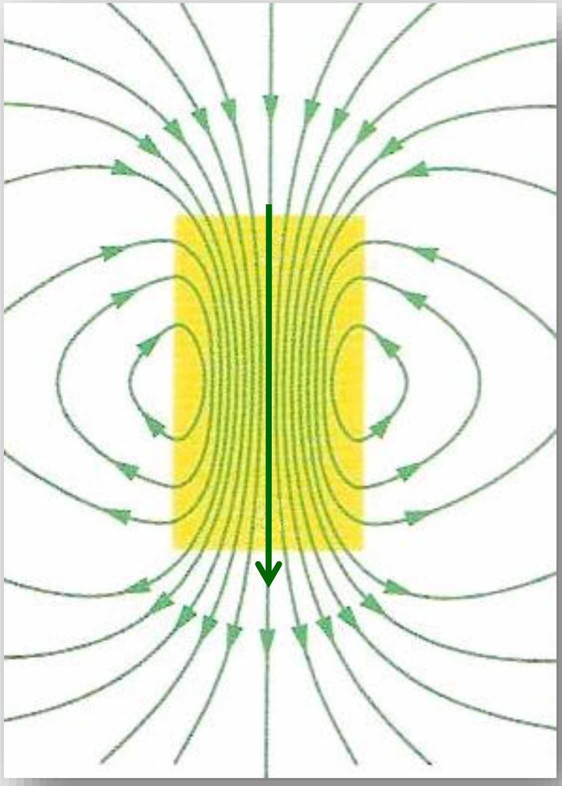
- A bar magnet is a **magnetic dipole** because it has two poles, N and S.
- Compare the field lines of the magnetic dipole with the electric dipole, which also has two poles, (+) and (-).
- Externally, they are identical. How do they differ internally?



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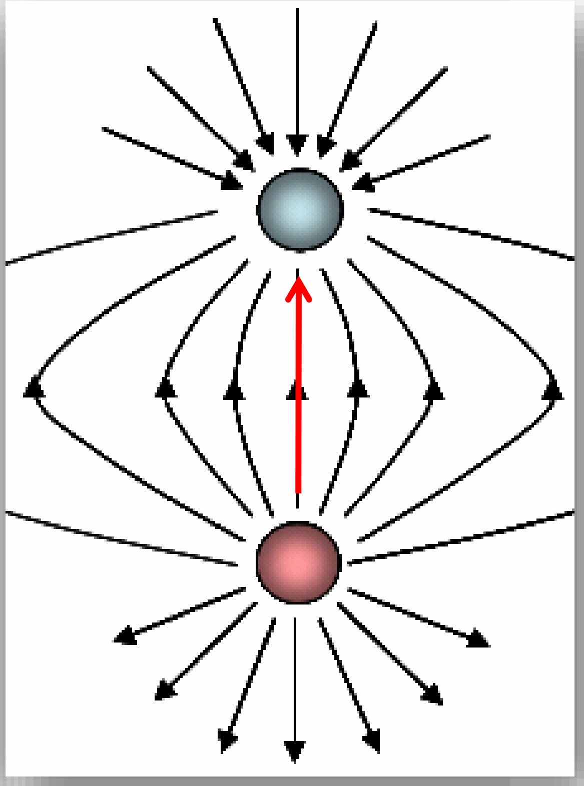

electric dipole

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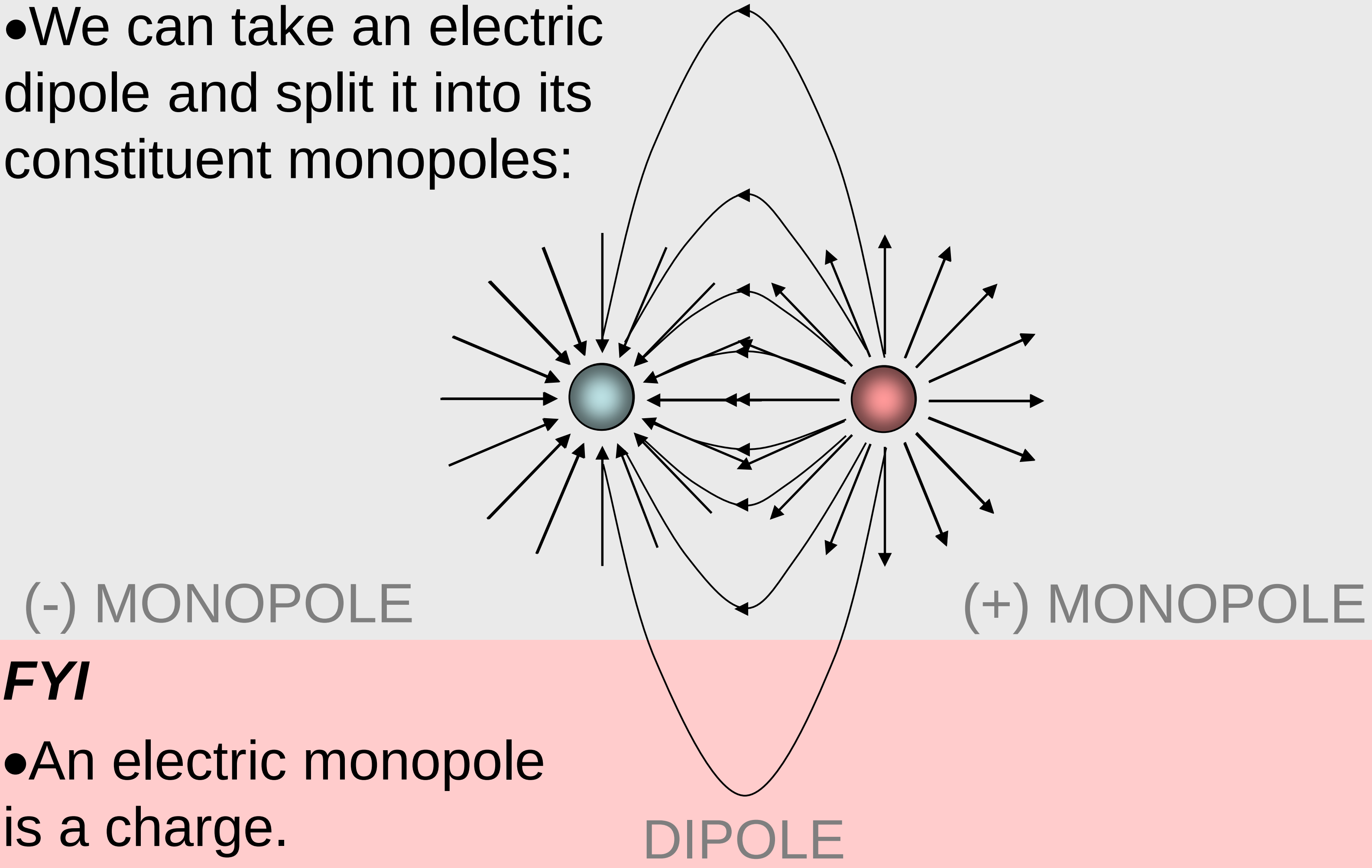
- We can take an electric dipole and split it into its constituent monopoles:



FYI

- An electric monopole is a charge.

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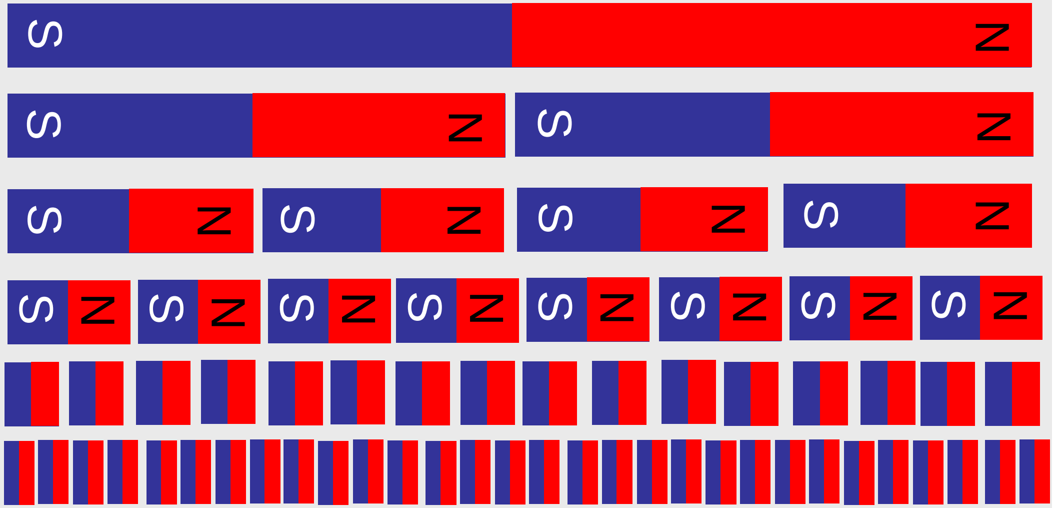
- Now we ask, can we do the same thing to a magnetic dipole?

Can we split a magnet and isolate the poles?



FYI

- The answer is: No.
- To date no one has succeeded in isolating a magnetic monopole.
- Become rich and famous: Discover or create one!

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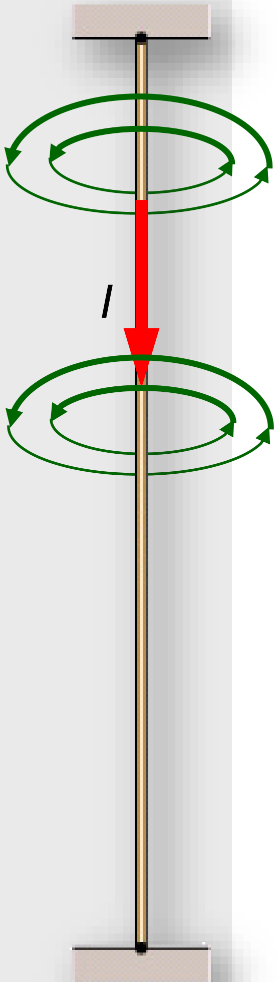
Magnetic field caused by a current



- Consider a current-carrying wire as shown.
- If we place compasses around the wire we discover that a magnetic field is produced which is tangent to a circle surrounding the wire.
- This is a strange phenomenon: Namely, the magnetic field lines do not originate on the wire. **They encircle it**. They have no beginning, and no end.
- Furthermore, if we reverse the direction of the current, the magnetic field lines will also reverse their directions.

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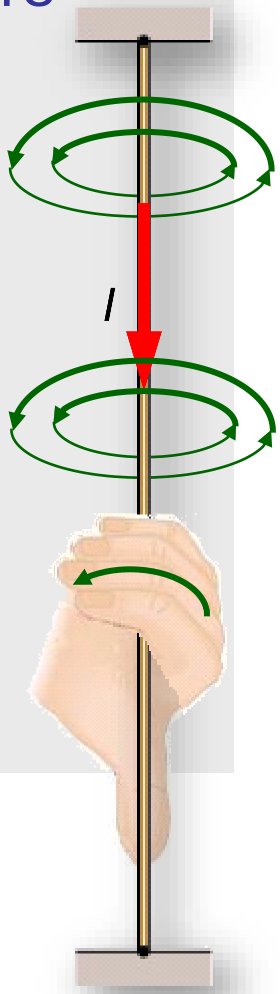
Determining magnetic field direction – straight wire

- There is a "right hand rule" for a current carrying wire which helps us remember the direction of the B-field.
- Imagine grasping the wire with your right hand in such a way that your extended thumb points in the direction of the current.
- Then your fingers will wrap around the wire in the same direction as the B-field lines.



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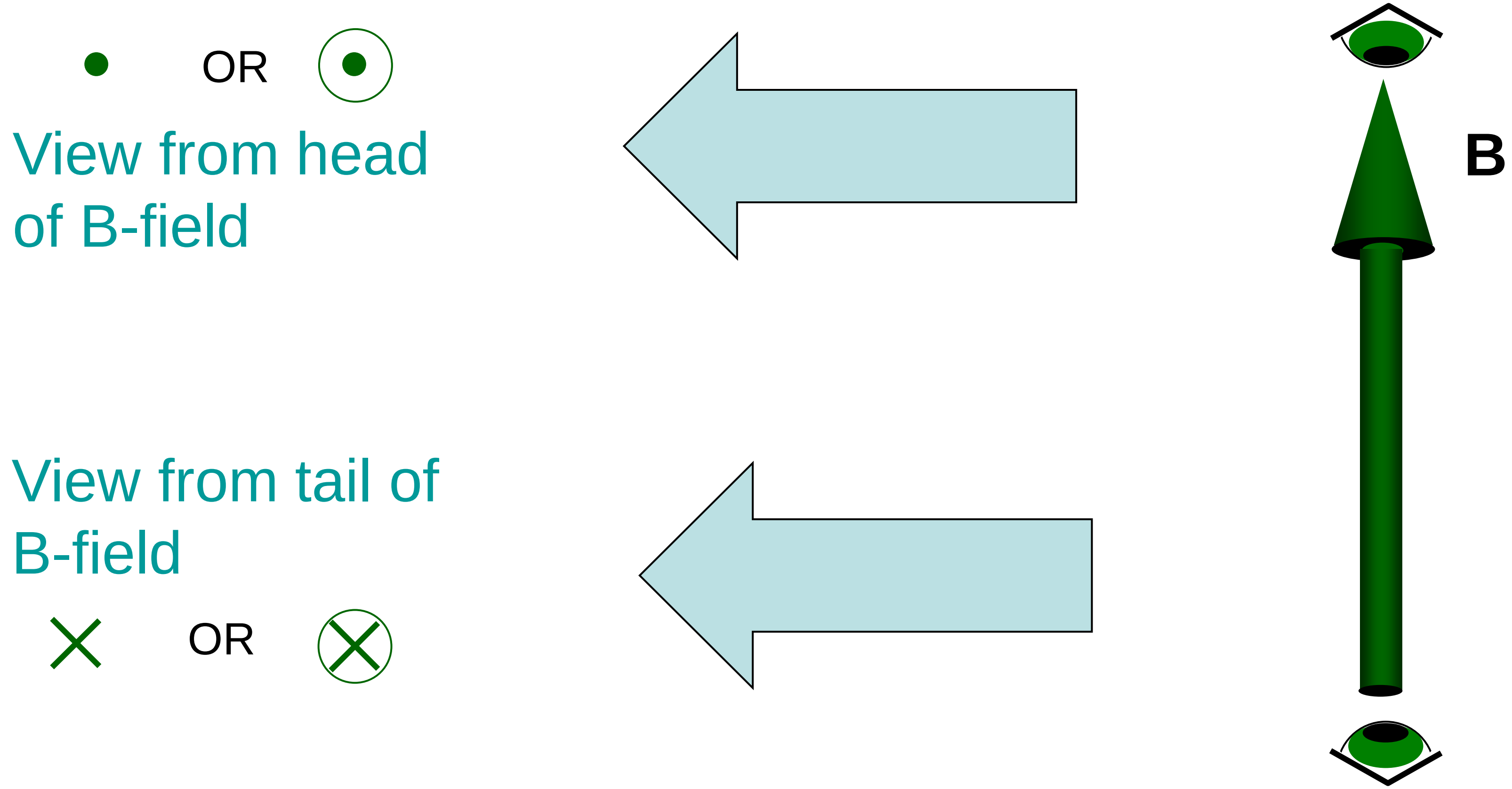
- There are sketching conventions for drawing B-fields. They are as follows…



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Determining magnetic field direction – straight wire

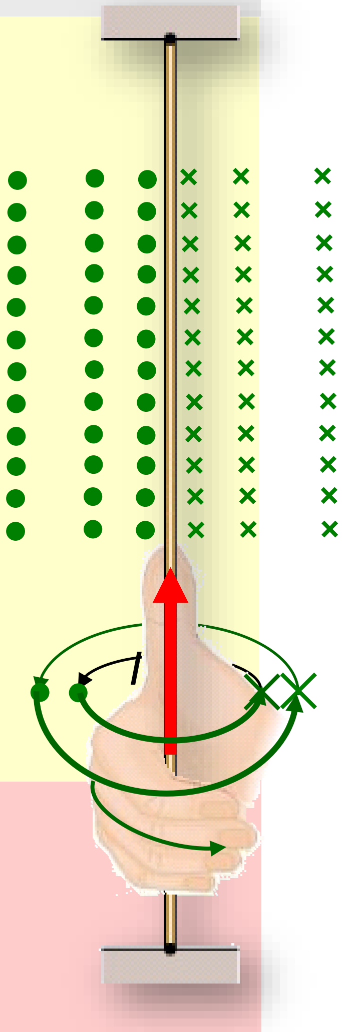
EXAMPLE: Using the drawing conventions just shown, sketch in the B-field for the current-carrying wire shown here.

SOLUTION:

- Use the right hand rule to determine the direction, then sketch in the field symbols.
- Note that on right the side of the wire the B-field enters the slide.
- On the left side the B-field exits the slide.

FYI

- The field gets weaker the farther you are from the wire. How can you tell from the picture?



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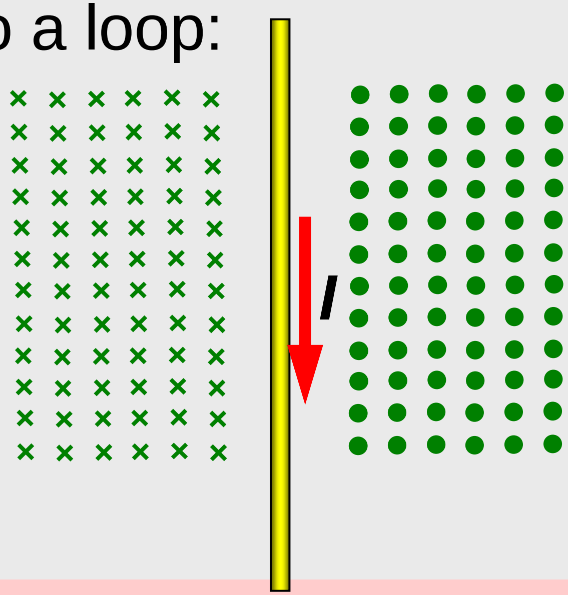
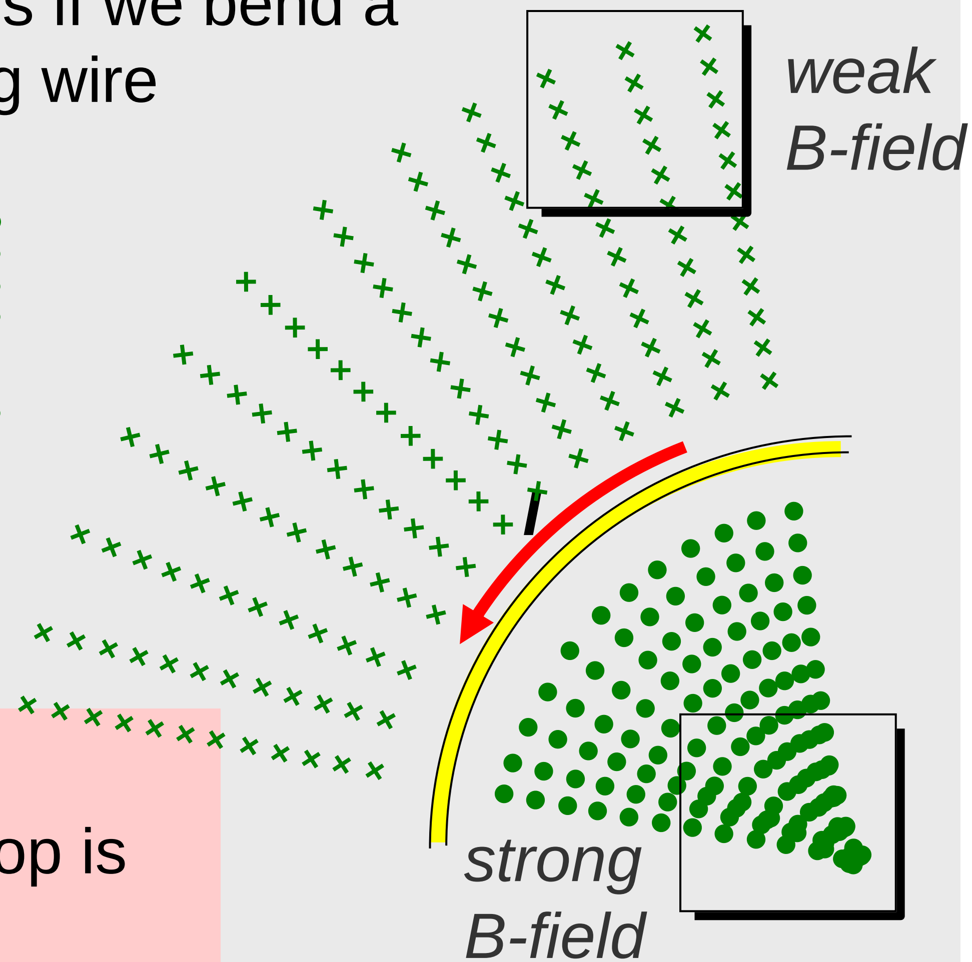
- Observe what happens if we bend a straight current-carrying wire into a loop:





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- The B-field inside a loop is stronger than outside.

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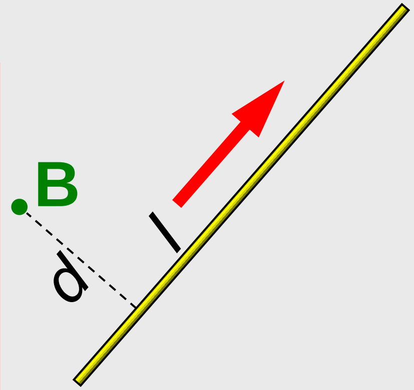
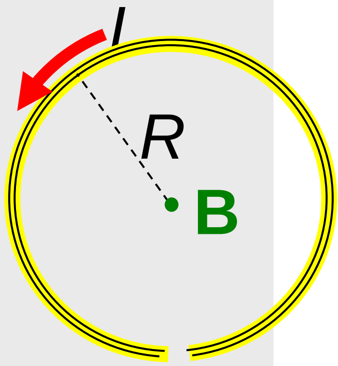
- This level of physics does not require you to derive the following two formulas. They are presented to show how the B-field strength increases for a loop.

$B = \mu_0 I / (2\pi d)$	Magnetic field strength a distance *d* from a current-carrying wire
$B = \mu_0 I / (2R)$	Magnetic field strength in the center of a current-carrying loop of radius *R*

FYI • $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}\ \mathrm{T\ m\ A^{-1}}$ is the **permeability of free space**.

• $\varepsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}\ \mathrm{C^2\ N^{-1}\ m^{-2}}$ is the **permittivity of free space**.





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PRACTICE: Find the magnetic flux density 1.0 cm from a straight wire carrying a current of 25 A.

SOLUTION: Magnetic flux density is just B.

- Use $B = \mu_0 I / (2\pi d)$ where d = 1.0 cm = 0.010 m.

  $B = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 25 / [2\pi \times 0.010] = 5.0 \times 10^{-4}$ T.

PRACTICE: Find the B-field strength at the center of a 1.0 cm radius loop of wire carrying a current of 25 A.

SOLUTION:

- Use $B = \mu_0 I / (2R)$ where R = 1.0 cm = 0.010 m.

  $B = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 25 / [2 \times 0.010] = 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$ T.

π times stronger!

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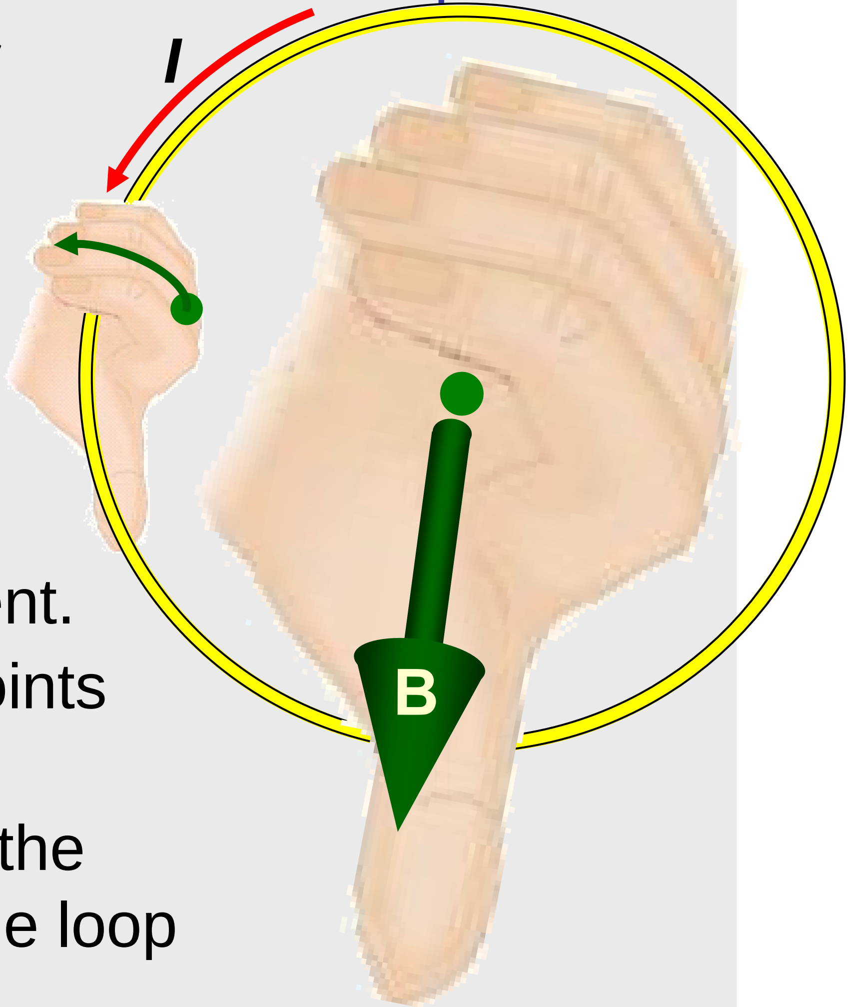
Determining magnetic field direction – wire loop



- There is a "right hand rule" for a current carrying loop which helps us remember the direction of the B-field.
- Imagine placing the heel of your right hand on the loop in such a way that your fingers curl in the direction of the current.
- Then your extended thumb points in the direction of the B-field.
- Of course, you could just use the straight-wire RHR and grasp the loop itself, if you like.

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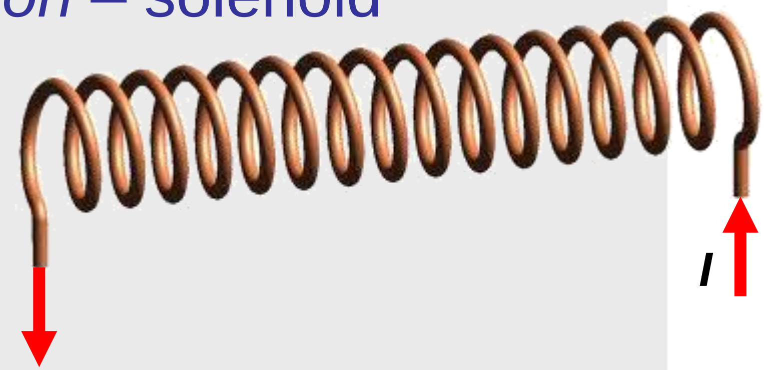
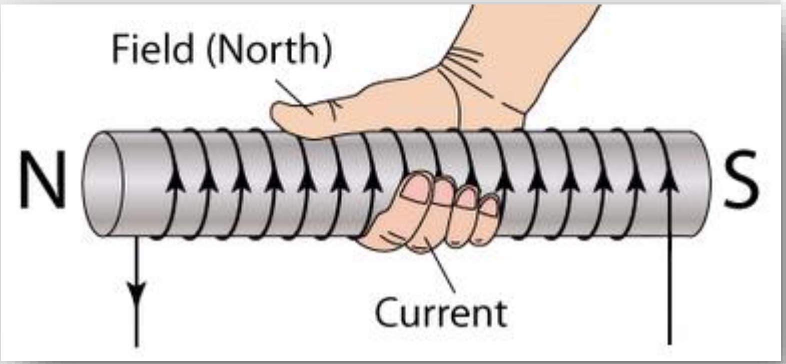
Determining magnetic field direction – solenoid



- A **solenoid** is just a series of loops stretched out as shown.
- There is a RHR for solenoids.
- With your right hand, grasp the solenoid in such a way that your fingers curl around it in the direction of the current-carrying loops.
- Then your extended thumb points in the direction of the B-field.
- Of course, you could just use the loop RHR and grasp the end loop itself, if you like.
- Quit the laughing.



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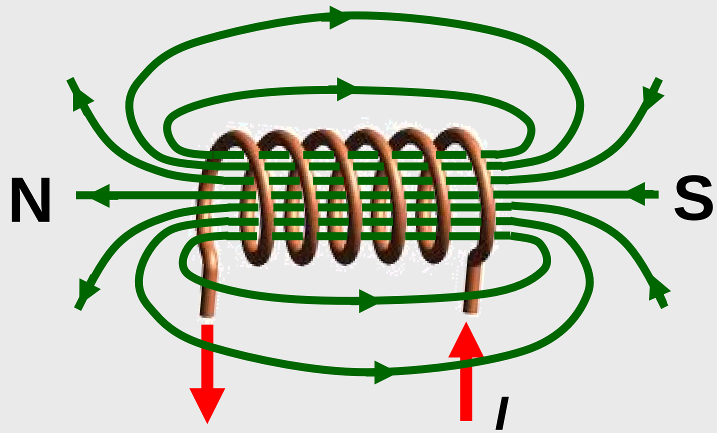
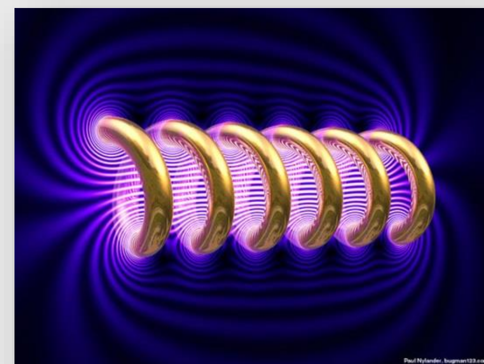
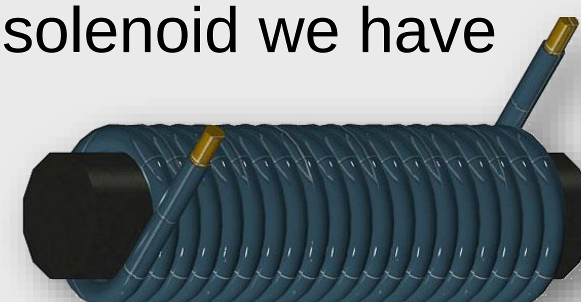
- The B-field looks like this around a solenoid:





- Note the concentration of the B-field lines inside the solenoid, and the micro-loops close to the wires.
- If we place an iron core inside the solenoid we have what is called an electromagnet.
- The ferrous core enhances the strength of the B-field.



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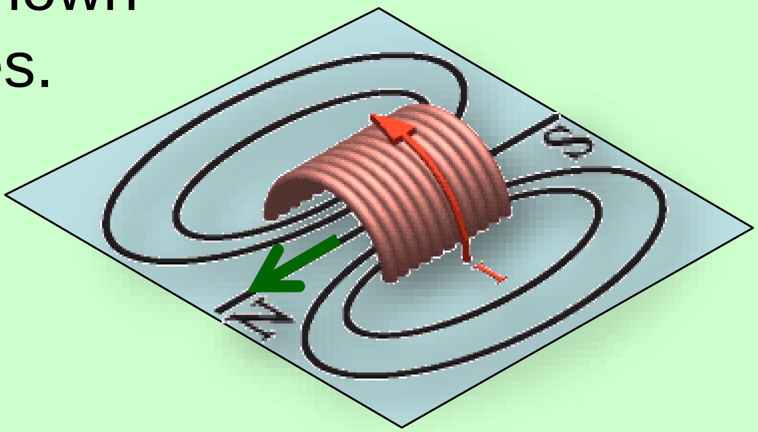
PRACTICE: In the solenoid shown label the north and south poles.



SOLUTION: Use the RHR for solenoids.

- Grasp the solenoid with your right hand in such a way that your fingers curl in the direction of the current.
- Your extended thumb points in the direction of the B-field which points the same way a north pole does.

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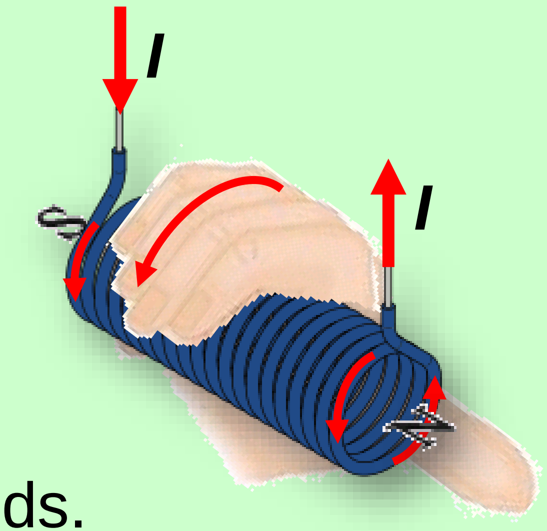
PRACTICE: The north and south poles are labeled in the solenoid. Sketch in the current, both entering and leaving the solenoid.



SOLUTION: Use the RHR for solenoids.

- Grasp the solenoid with your right hand in such a way that your extended thumb points in the direction of the north pole.
- Your curled fingers point in the direction of the current through the loops of the solenoid.

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Determining the force on a charge moving in a B-field

- Since a moving charge produces a magnetic field it should come as no surprise that a moving charge placed in an external magnetic field will feel a magnetic force. (Because of the pole law).
- Furthermore, a stationary charge in a magnetic field will feel no magnetic force because the charge will not have its own magnetic field.
- In fact, the force F felt by a charge q traveling at velocity v through a B-field of strength B is given by

$F = qvB \sin\theta$	where θ is the angle between **v** and **B**	Force on q due to presence of B

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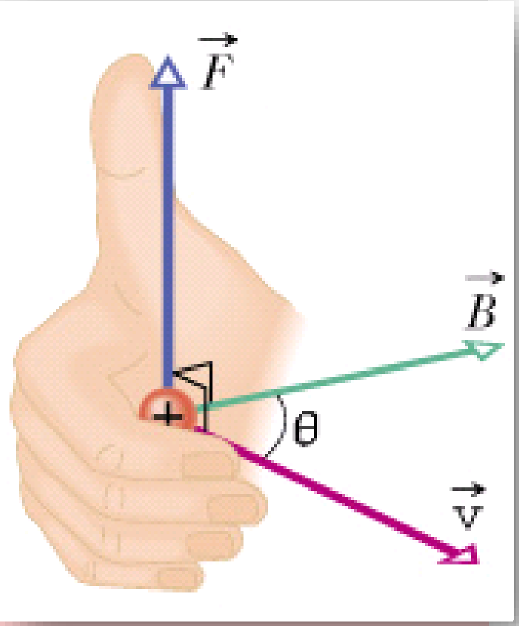
- The direction of *F* is given by another right hand rule.
- Place the heel of your right hand in the plane containing **v** and **B** so that your curled fingertips touch **v** first:
- Your extended thumb points in the direction of the force on a (+) charge.



FYI

- **F** is perpendicular to **v** and **B** and is thus perpendicular to the plane of **v** and **B**.
- **F** is in the **opposite direction** for a (-) charge.

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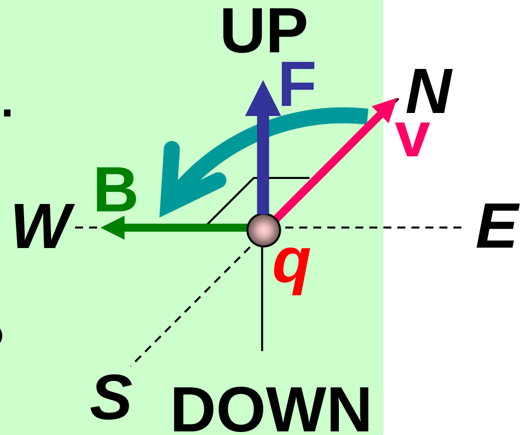
PRACTICE: A 25 μC charge traveling at 150 m s^{-1} to the north enters a uniform B-field having a strength of 0.050 T and pointing to the west.



(a) What will be the magnitude of the magnetic force acting on the charge?

(b) Which way will the charge be deflected?

SOLUTION: How about making a sketch:

(a) $F = qvB \sin\theta$ (where in this case $\theta = 90°$)

$F = (25\times10^{-6})(150)(0.050) \sin 90°$

$F = 1.9\times10^{-4}$ N.

(b) Use the RHR for charges. Note *q* will deflect upward. upward.

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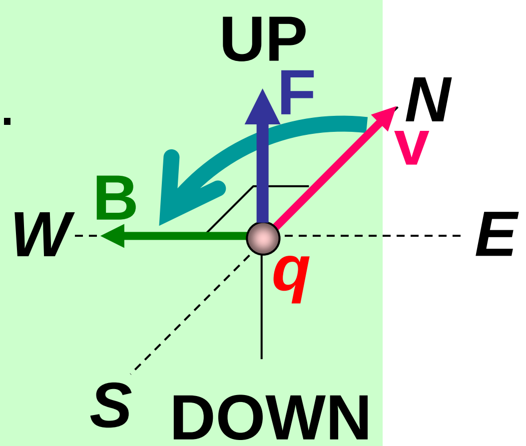
(c) Explain why the magnetic force can not change the magnitude of the velocity of the charge while it is being deflected.



SOLUTION:

•Since **F** is perpendicular to **v** only **v**'s direction will change, not its magnitude.

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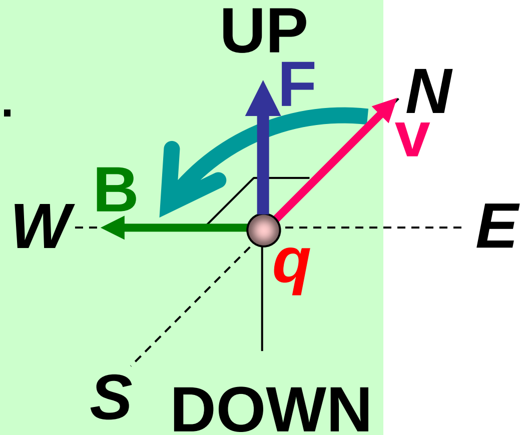

(d) How do you know that the charge will be in uniform circular motion?

SOLUTION:

- As stated in the last problem *v* is constant.
- Since *q* and *v* and *B* are constant, so is F.
- Since *F* is constant, so is *a*.
- A constant acceleration perpendicular to the charge's velocity is the definition of UCM. We will learn about UCM in detail in Topic 6.

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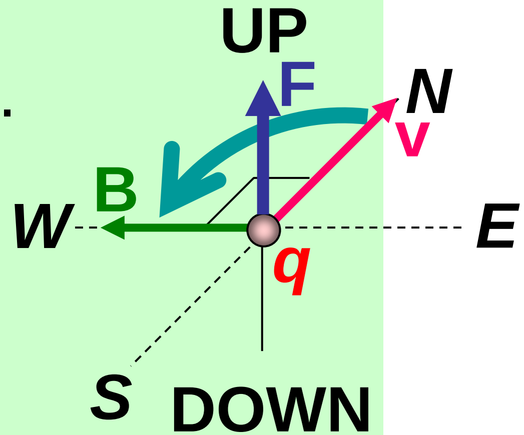

(e) If the charge has a mass of 2.5×10^{-5} kg, what will be the radius of its circular motion?

SOLUTION:

- In (a) we found that $F = 1.9 \times 10^{-4}$ N.
- Then $a = F / m = 1.9 \times 10^{-4} / 2.5 \times 10^{-5} = 7.6$ m s^{-2}.
- From (d) we know the charge is in UCM.
- Thus $a = v^2 / r$ so that

$$r = v^2 / a = 150^2 / 7.6 = 3000 \text{ m.}$$ (2961)

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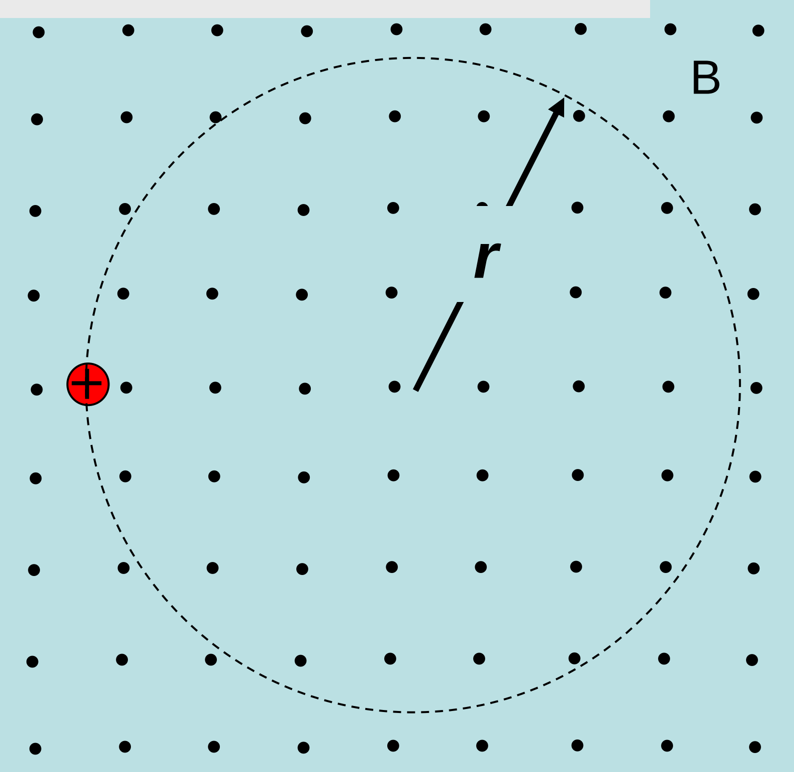

PRACTICE: Consider a charge q traveling at velocity v in the magnetic field B shown here. Show that $r = mv / qB$.

SOLUTION: •Since **v** is in the blue plane and **B** points out toward you, **v**⊥**B** and sin 90° = 1.

•Thus $F = qvB$.

•But $F = ma$ so that $qvB = ma$.

•Since the charge is in UCM then $a = v^2 / r$.

•Thus $qvB = mv^2 / r$.

•Finally $r = mv^2 / qvB = mv / qB$.

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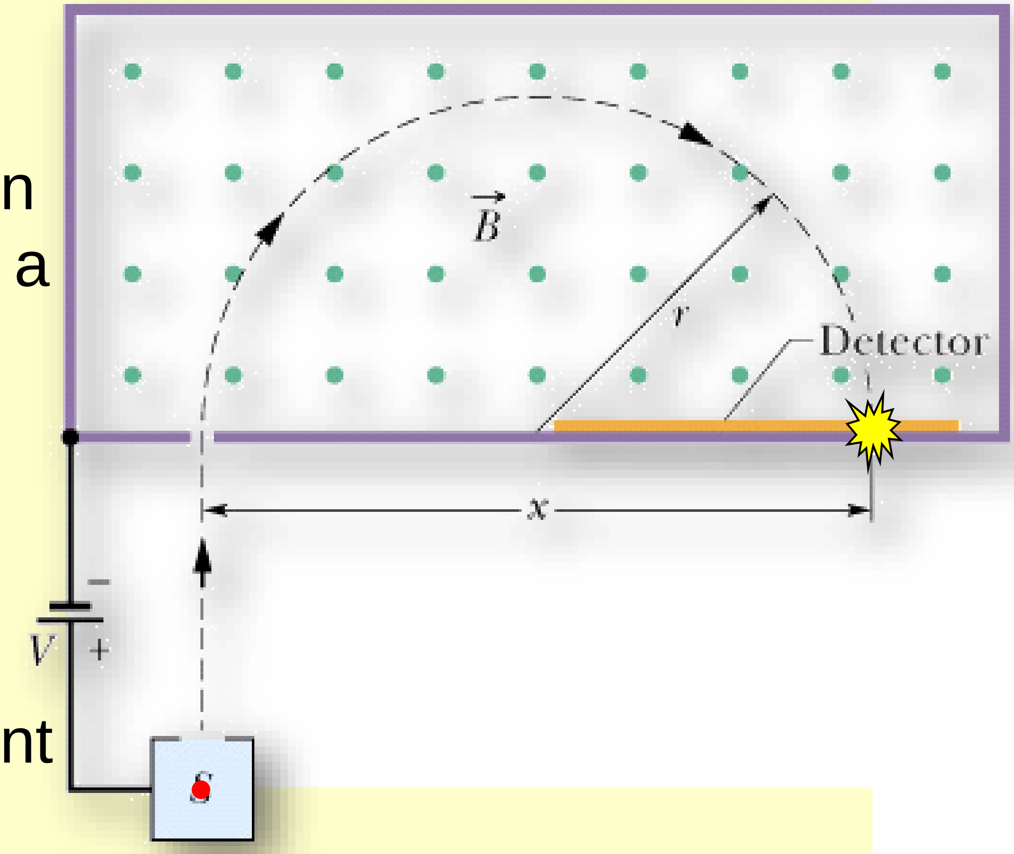
EXAMPLE: The tendency of a moving charge to follow a curved trajectory in a magnetic field is used in a **mass spectrometer**.

- An unknown element is ionized, and accelerated by an applied voltage in the chamber *S*.
- It strikes a phosphorescent screen and flashes.



- By measuring *x*, one can determine the mass of the ion, and hence the unknown element.

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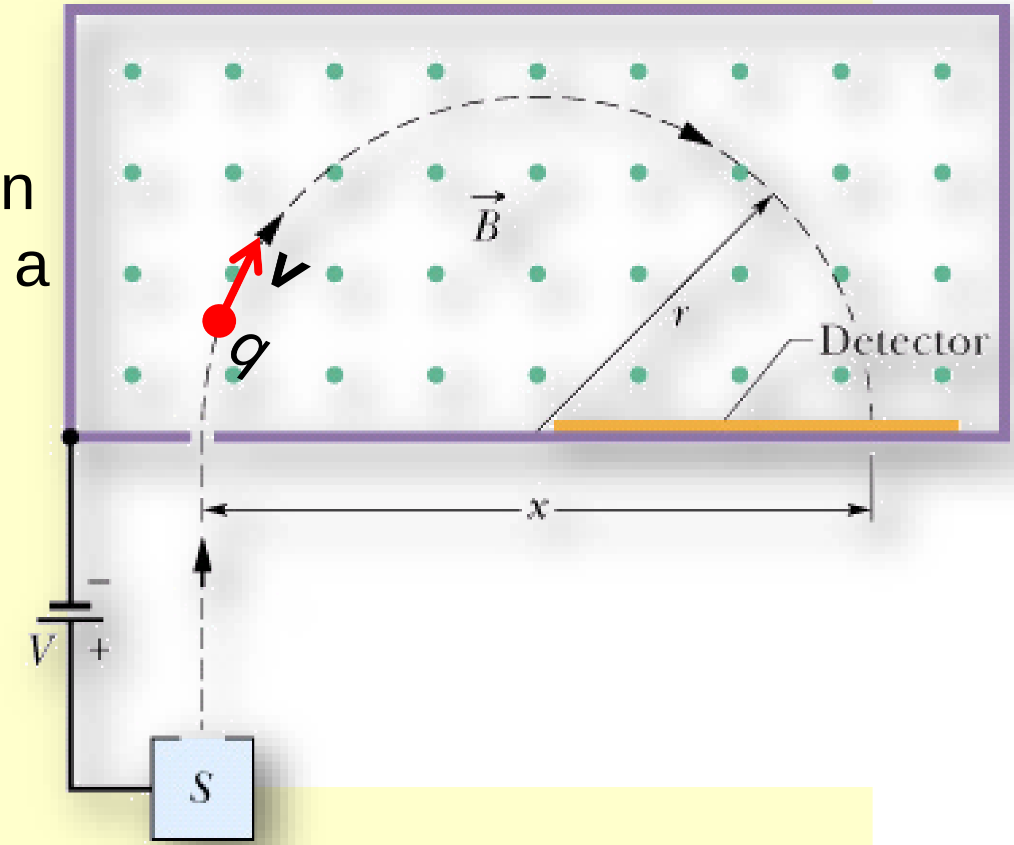
EXAMPLE: The tendency of a moving charge to follow a curved trajectory in a magnetic field is used in a **mass spectrometer**.

Show that $m = xqB / 2v$.



SOLUTION:

- From the previous slide $r = mv / qB$.
- Thus $m = rqB / v$.
- But from the picture we see that $r = x / 2$.
- Thus $m = rqB / v = xqB / 2v$.

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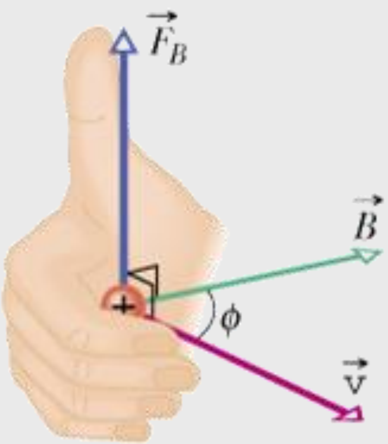
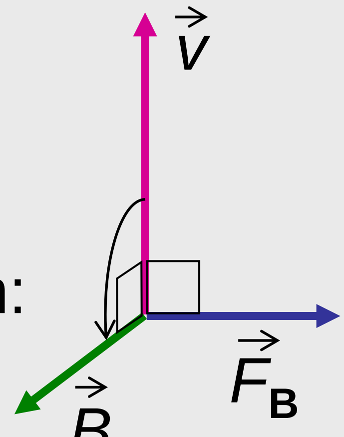
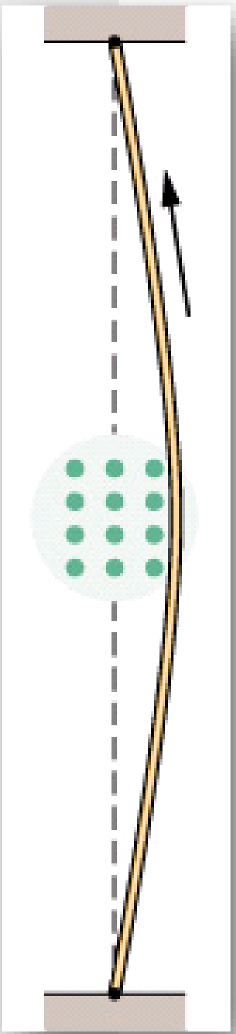
Force on a current-carrying conductor in a B-field

- We already know the effect of a magnetic field on a moving charge.
- It stands to reason that a wire carrying a current in a magnetic field will also feel a force, because current is moving charge.
- A wire with no current feels no magnetic force:
- But a wire with a current will be deflected by a magnetic force as shown:
- Knowing the RHR for a charge is all you need to determine the direction of the force in the wire.







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Force on a current-carrying conductor in a B-field

- We now know the direction of the magnetic force acting on a current-carrying wire if it is in a magnetic field.
- The magnitude of the magnetic force F acting on a wire of length L and carrying a current of I in a magnetic field B is given by this formula:

$F = BIL \sin\theta$	where θ is the angle between **I** and **B**	Force on wire of length L due to B

FYI

- Note that the direction of I is also the direction of q as it flows through the wire.

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EXAMPLE: Beginning with the formula $F = qvB \sin\theta$ show that $F = BIL \sin\theta$.

SOLUTION:

$F = qvB \sin\theta$	(given)
$F = q(L / t)B \sin\theta$	(v = *distance / time*)
$F = (q / t)LB \sin\theta$	(just move the t)
$F = ILB \sin\theta$	(I = *charge / time*)
$F = BIL \sin\theta$	(*commutative property*)

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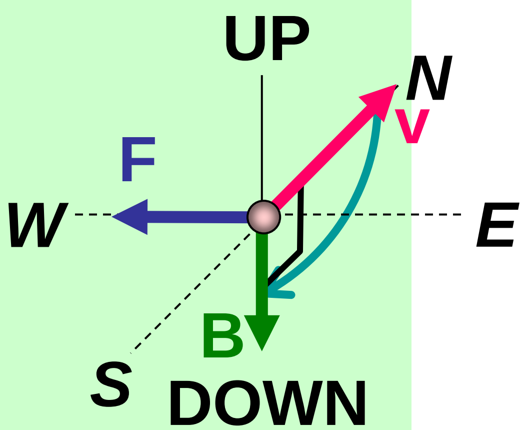
PRACTICE: A 25-m long piece of wire carrying a 15 A current to the north is immersed in a magnetic flux density of 0.076 T which points downward.

Find the magnitude and direction of the magnetic force acting on the wire.



SOLUTION: A sketch helps…

- $F = BIL \sin \theta$.
- The angle between I and B is $\theta = 90°$.
- $F = (0.076)(15)(25) \sin 90° = 29$ N.
- The direction comes from the RHR for charges:
- The direction is WEST.

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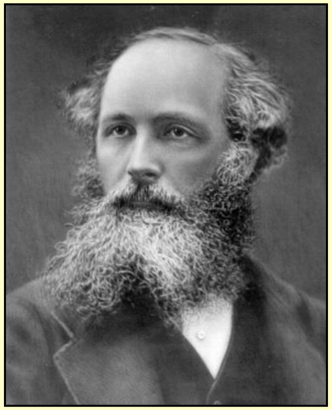
EXAMPLE: James Clerk Maxwell developed the theory that showed that the electric field and the magnetic field were manifestations of a single force called the **electromagnetic force**. Both the electromagnetic force and the gravitational force travel as waves through space at the speed of light. Compare and contrast the two waves.

SOLUTION:



- The effect of an electromagnetic disturbance on an object is to move it around in time with the wave, as shown:

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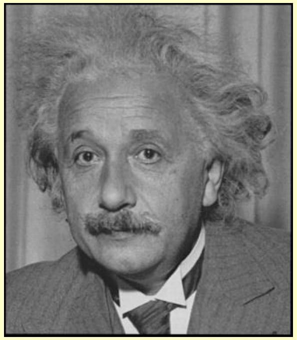
SOLUTION:

- The effect of a gravitational disturbance on an object is to stretch and shrink it in time with the wave.



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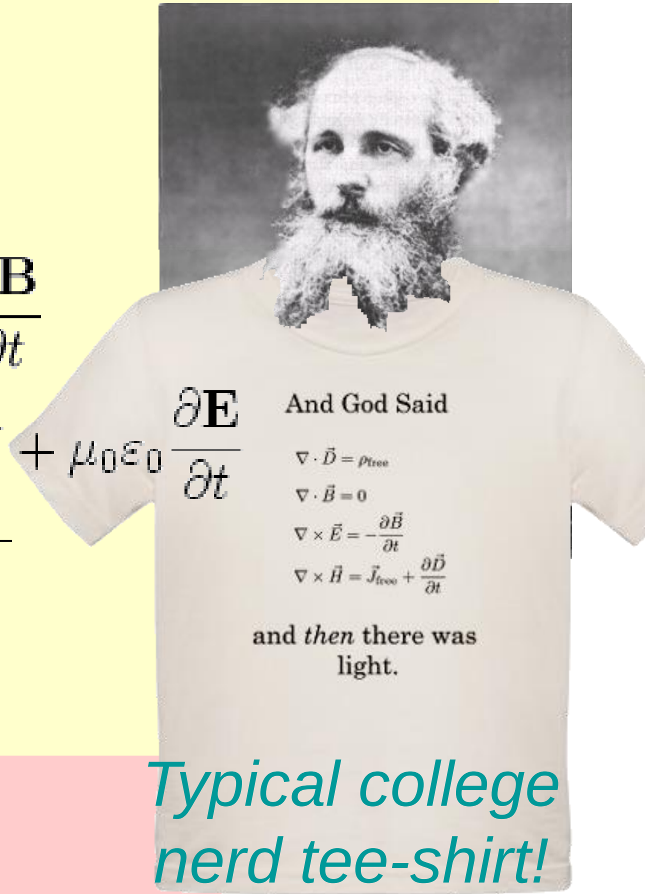
EXAMPLE: Find the value of $1/\sqrt{\varepsilon_0\mu_0}$.

SOLUTION:

- The permittivity of free space is $\varepsilon_0 = 8.85\times10^{-12}$.
- The permeability of free space is $\mu_0 = 4\pi\times10^{-7}$.
- Then

$$1/\sqrt{\varepsilon_0\mu_0} = 1/\sqrt{8.85\times10^{-12}\times4\pi\times10^{-7}}$$
$$= 2.9986\times10^{8}\ \text{ms}^{-1}.$$

$$\nabla\cdot\mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0}$$
$$\nabla\cdot\mathbf{B} = 0$$
$$\nabla\times\mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial\mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$
$$\nabla\times\mathbf{B} = \mu_0\mathbf{J} + \mu_0\varepsilon_0\frac{\partial\mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$



Typical college nerd tee-shirt!

FYI

- Thus $c = 1/\sqrt{\varepsilon_0\mu_0}$.

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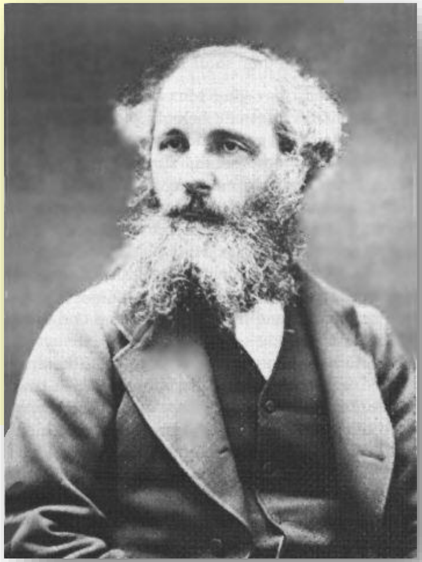
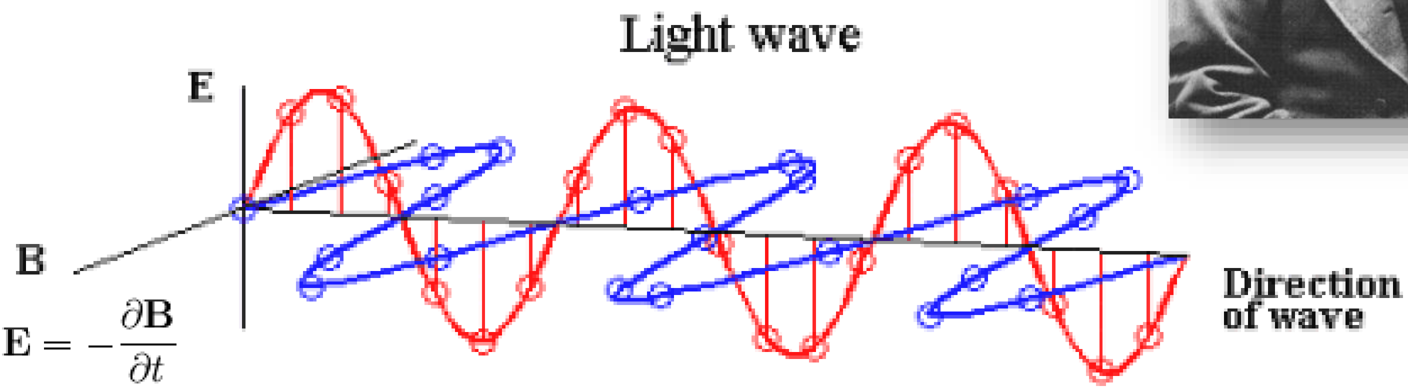
EXAMPLE: How are the electric field and the magnetic field related in electromagnetic radiation (light)?

SOLUTION: Observe the animation:

- They are perpendicular, and they are in phase.





$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

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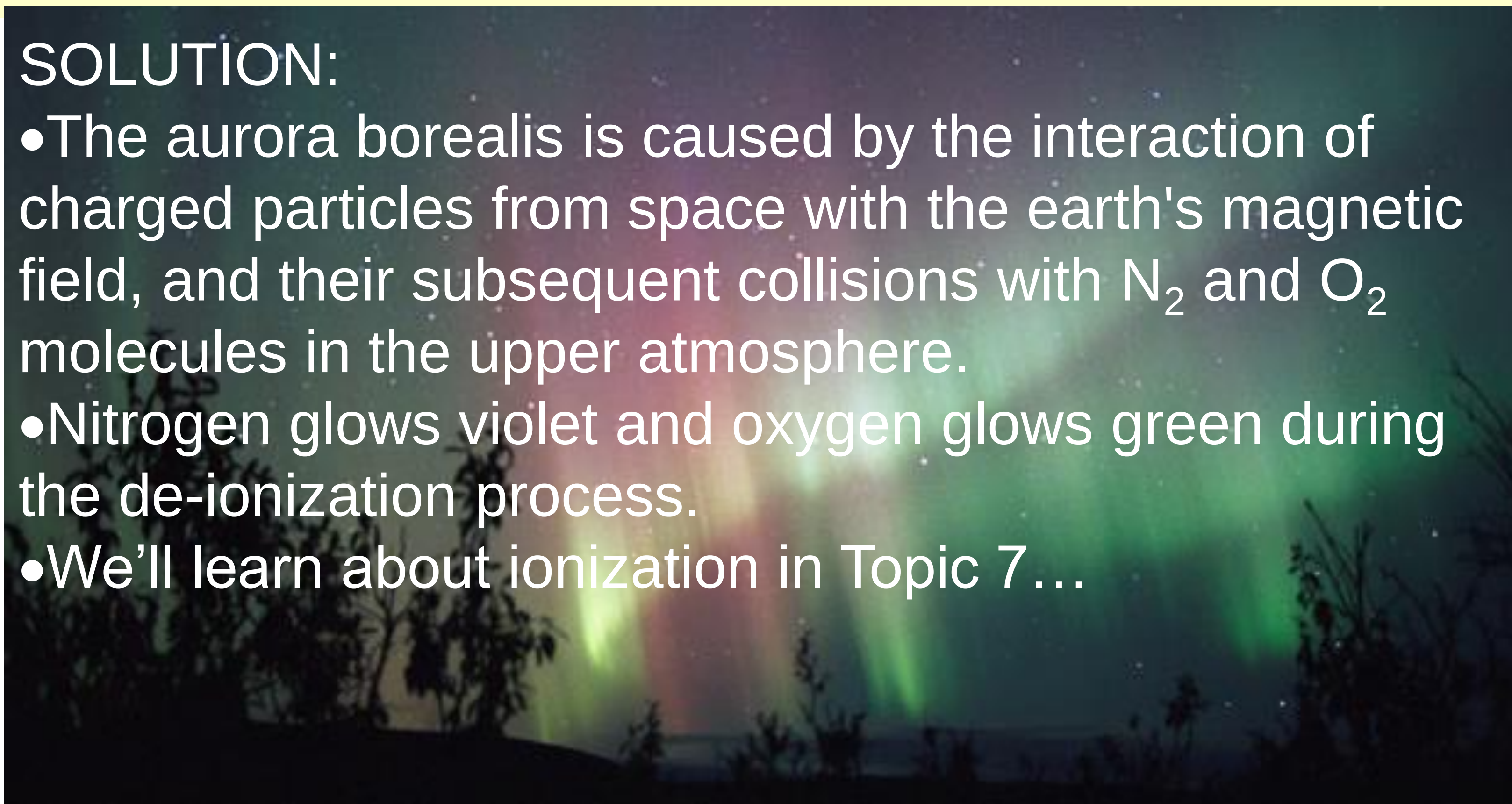
EXAMPLE: Explain the colors of the Aurora Borealis, or northern lights.



SOLUTION:

- The aurora borealis is caused by the interaction of charged particles from space with the earth's magnetic field, and their subsequent collisions with N_2 and O_2 molecules in the upper atmosphere.
- Nitrogen glows violet and oxygen glows green during the de-ionization process.
- We'll learn about ionization in Topic 7…

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EXAMPLE: Explain the source of the charged particles causing the Aurora Borealis.

SOLUTION:

- Solar flares send a flux of charged particles as far as Earth.
- These particles are funneled into the atmosphere by Earth's magnetic field.

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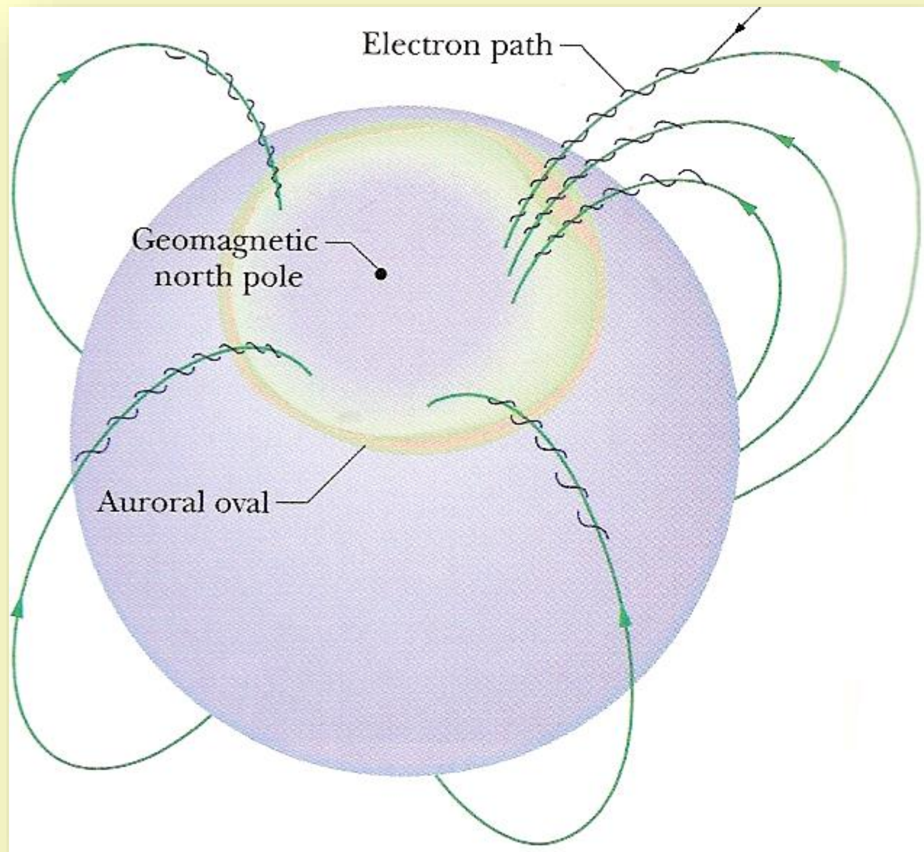
EXAMPLE: Explain why the Aurora Borealis occurs near the north pole.

SOLUTION:

- Because the charged particles are moving, the earth's magnetic field causes a force on them that brings them spiraling into the upper atmosphere where they ionize oxygen and nitrogen molecules.



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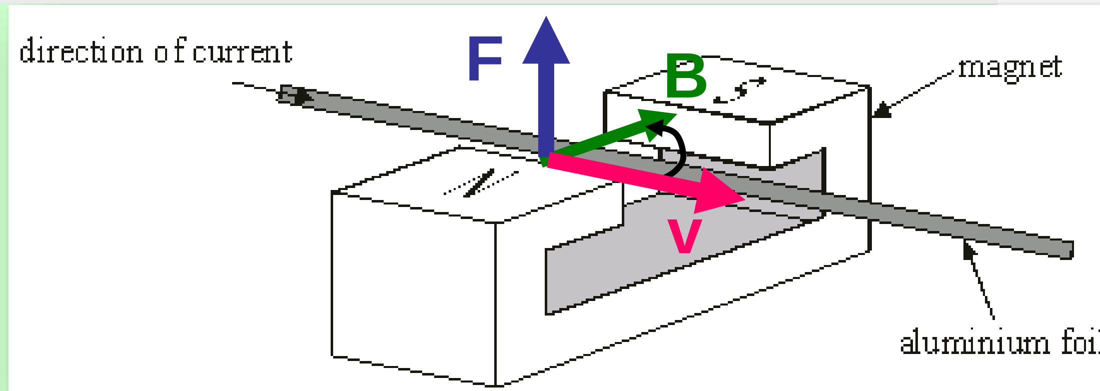
PRACTICE: A piece of aluminum foil is held between the two poles of a strong magnet as shown.



When a current passes through the foil in the direction shown, which way will the foil be deflected?

A. Vertically downwards

B. Vertically upwards

C. Towards the North pole of the magnet

D. Towards the South pole of the magnet

SOLUTION:

- Sketch in **B** and **v**:
- Use the RHR for a moving charge in a B-field.

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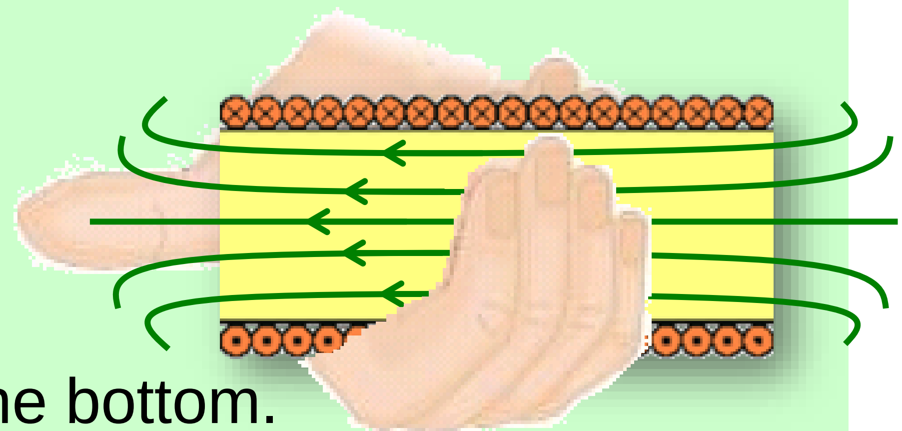
PRACTICE: The diagram shows a cross-section of a current-carrying solenoid. The current enters the paper at the top of the solenoid, and leaves it at the bottom.



(a) Sketch in the magnetic field lines inside and just outside of each end of the solenoid.

SOLUTION:

- Using the RHR for solenoids, grasp it with the right hand so your fingers point in the direction of the current.
- Extended thumb gives direction of B-field.

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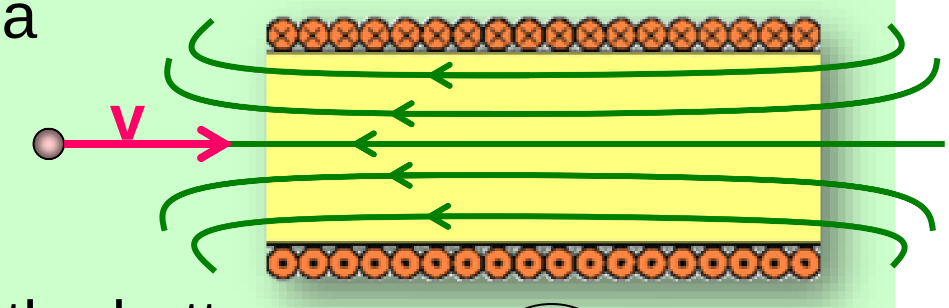

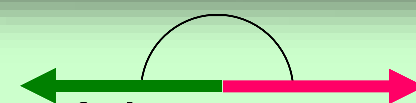

(b) A positive charge enters the inside of the vacuum-filled solenoid from the left as shown. Find the direction of the magnetic force acting on the charge.

SOLUTION:

- From the picture we see that $\theta = 180°$.
- Then $F = qvB \sin\theta = qvB \sin 180° = 0$ N.

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You can also use Newton's 3rd law for the second force.

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PRACTICE: Two current-carrying parallel wires are kept in position by a card with two holes in it as shown.

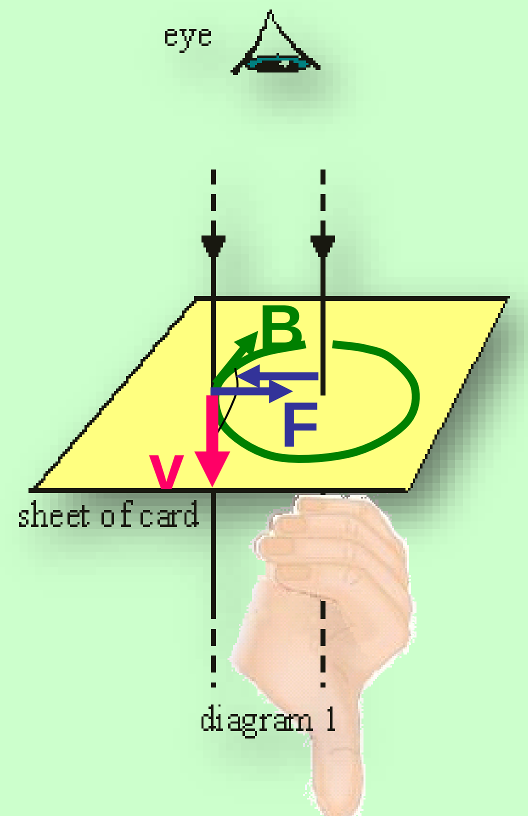
(a) In diagram 1, sketch in the force acting on each wire.

SOLUTION: •From the RHR for wires, the magnetic field from the right wire looks like this:

•The velocity of the charges in the left wire looks like this:

•Thus the force on the left wire looks like this:

•Repeat for the force on the right wire:



Why are the circles <u>not</u> equally spaced about each wire?

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(b) In diagram 2, sketch the magnetic field lines in the card produced by the two wires.

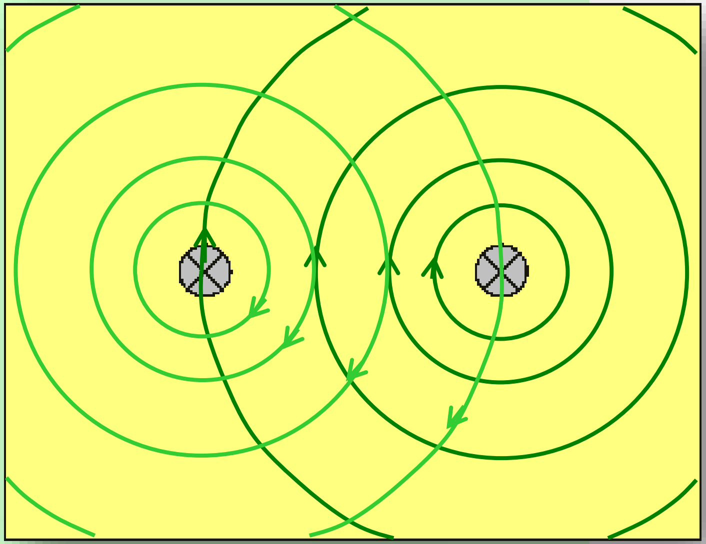

diagram 2

SOLUTION:

•From the RHR the field lines look like this (as seen on the previous problem):

FYI •Sometimes it might help to look ahead on a problem. This diagram could certainly assist you in solving part (a).

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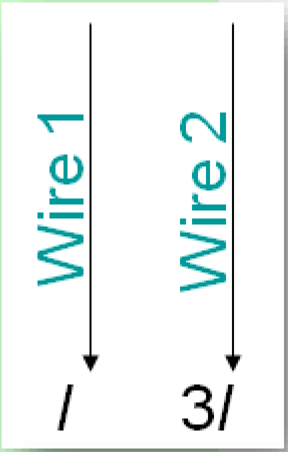
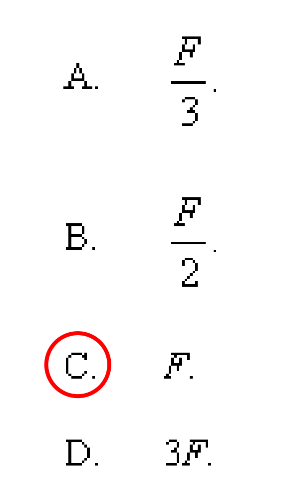
PRACTICE: Two parallel wires are shown with the given currents in the given directions. The force on Wire 2 due to the current in Wire 1 is *F*. Find the force in Wire 1 due to the current in Wire 2 in terms of *F*.





SOLUTION:

- Recall Newton's 3rd law.
- The force on Wire 1 and the force on Wire 2 are an action-reaction pair.
- But action-reaction pairs have equal magnitude (and opposite direction).
- Thus Wire 1 feels the exact same force *F*!

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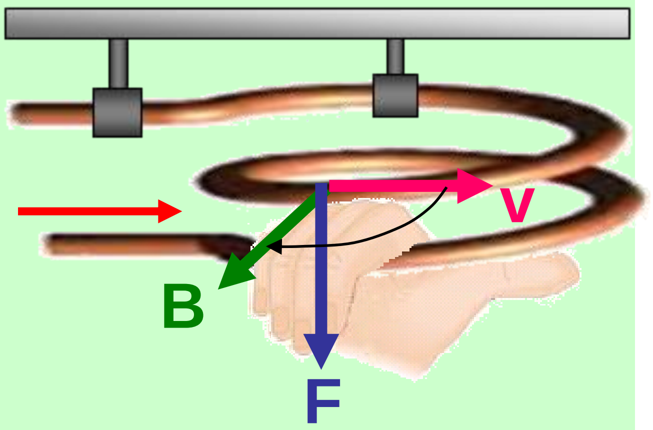
PRACTICE: A very flexible wire is formed into exactly two loops. The top loop is firmly anchored to a support, and cannot move.



Explain why, when a current is passed through the wire, the loops get closer together.

SOLUTION: Use the RHR for straight wire.

- Assume the current enters at the bottom.
- Use RHR on bottom loop to get **B** for top loop:
- But **v** of the charge in top loop is as shown:
- Then **F** on the top loop is as shown:

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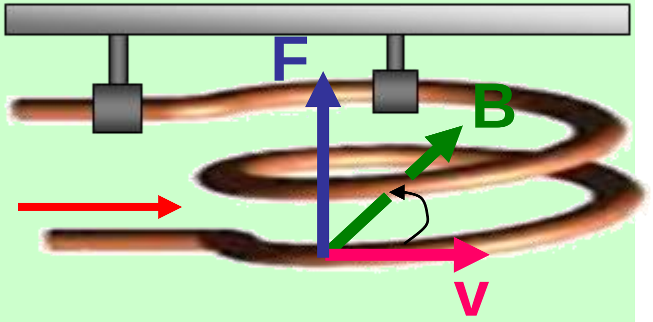

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- Use the RHR on the top loop for **B** at the bottom loop:
- But **v** of the charge in bottom loop is as shown:
- Then **F** on the bottom loop is as shown:
- Both **F'**s cause the loop separation to decrease.