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## 12. Magnetic Field I

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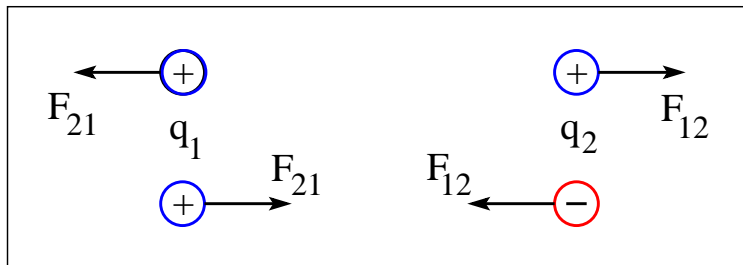
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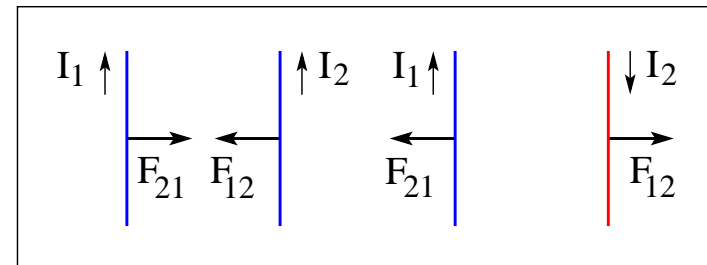
## Electricity

- Electric charges generate an electric field.
- The electric field exerts a force on other electric charges.



## Magnetism

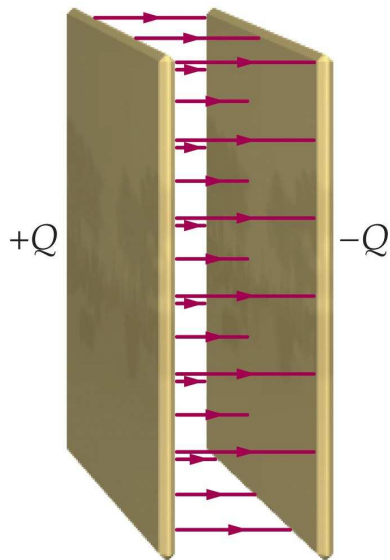
- Electric currents generate a magnetic field.
- The magnetic field exerts force on other electric currents.





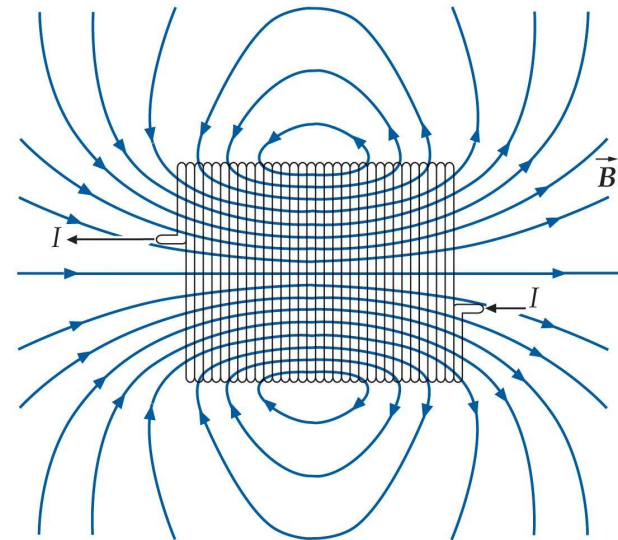
## Capacitor

The parallel-plate capacitor generates a near uniform electric field provided the linear dimensions of the plates are large compared to the distance between them.



## Solenoid

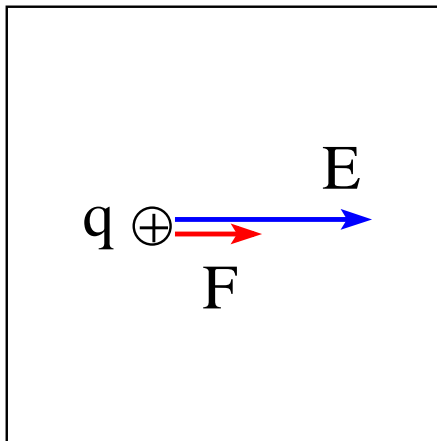
The solenoid (a tightly wound cylindrical coil) generates a near uniform magnetic field provided the length of the coil is large compared to its radius.





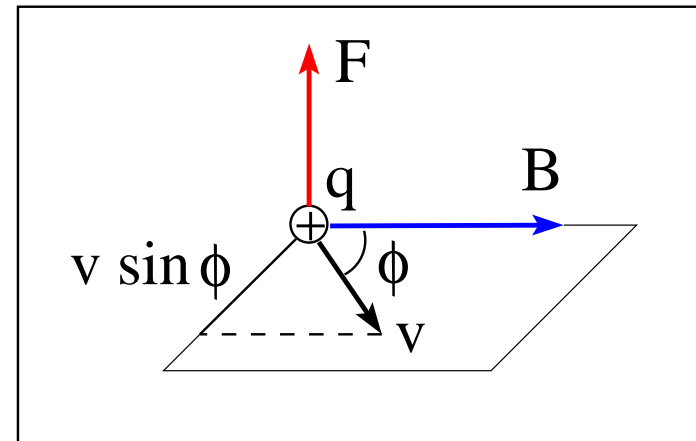
## Electric Force

- $\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$
- electric force is parallel to electric field
- SI unit of  $E$ :  $1\text{N/C}=1\text{V/m}$



## Magnetic Force

- $\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$ ,  $F = qvB \sin \phi$
- magnetic force is perpendicular to magnetic field
- SI unit of  $B$ :  $1\text{Ns/Cm}=1\text{T}$  (Tesla)
- $1\text{T}=10^4\text{G}$  (Gauss)

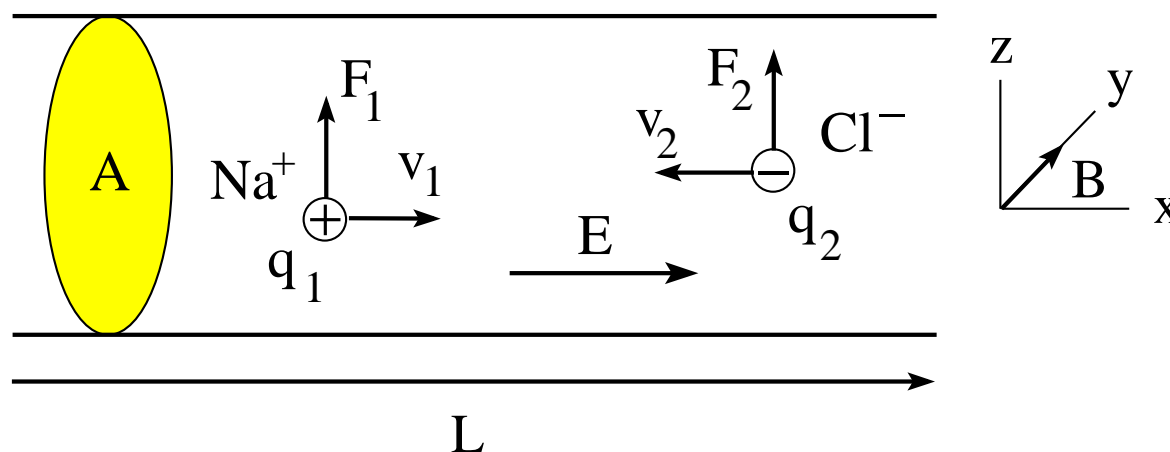


# Magnetic Force on Current-Carrying Conductor



Consider drift of  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions in a plastic pipe filled with salt water.

- $v_{1x} > 0$ ,  $v_{2x} < 0$ : drift velocities;  $q_1 > 0$ ,  $q_2 < 0$ : charge on ions
- $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ : number of charge carriers per unit volume

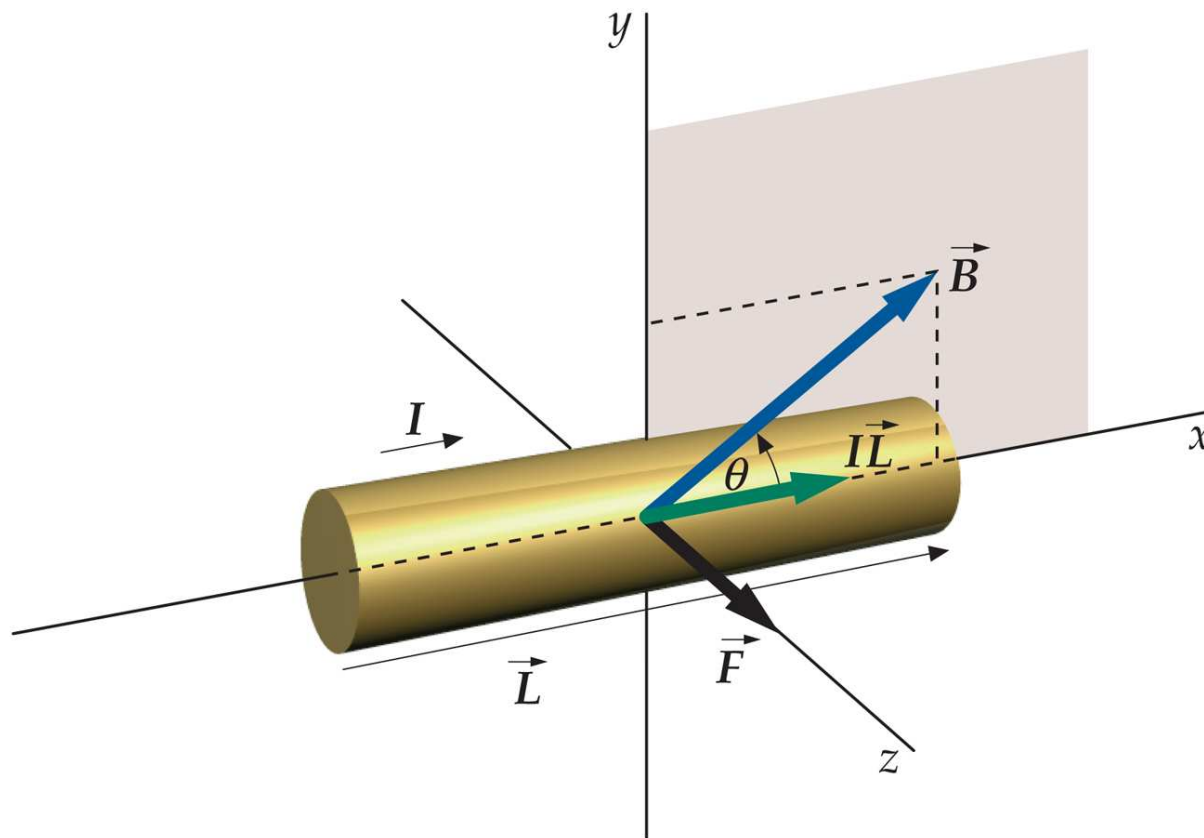


- Electric current through  $A$ :  $I = A(n_1q_1v_{1x} + n_2q_2v_{2x})$
- Force on  $\text{Na}^+$ :  $\vec{F}_1 = q_1\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{B} \Rightarrow F_{1z} = q_1v_{1x}B_y$
- Force on  $\text{Cl}^-$ :  $\vec{F}_2 = q_2\vec{v}_2 \times \vec{B} \Rightarrow F_{2z} = q_2v_{2x}B_y$
- Force on current-carrying pipe:  $F_z = (n_1q_1v_{1x} + n_2q_2v_{2x})ALB_y = ILB_y$
- Vector relation:  $\vec{F} = I\vec{L} \times \vec{B}$

# Direction of Magnetic Force



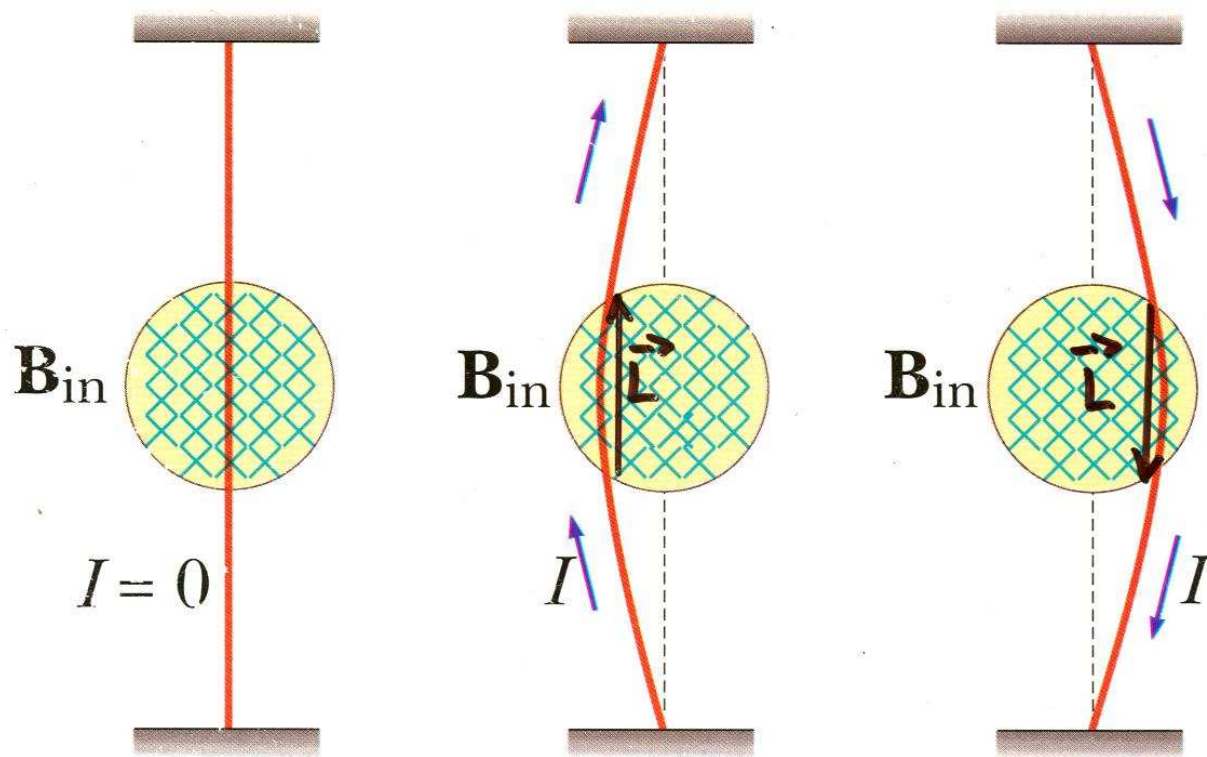
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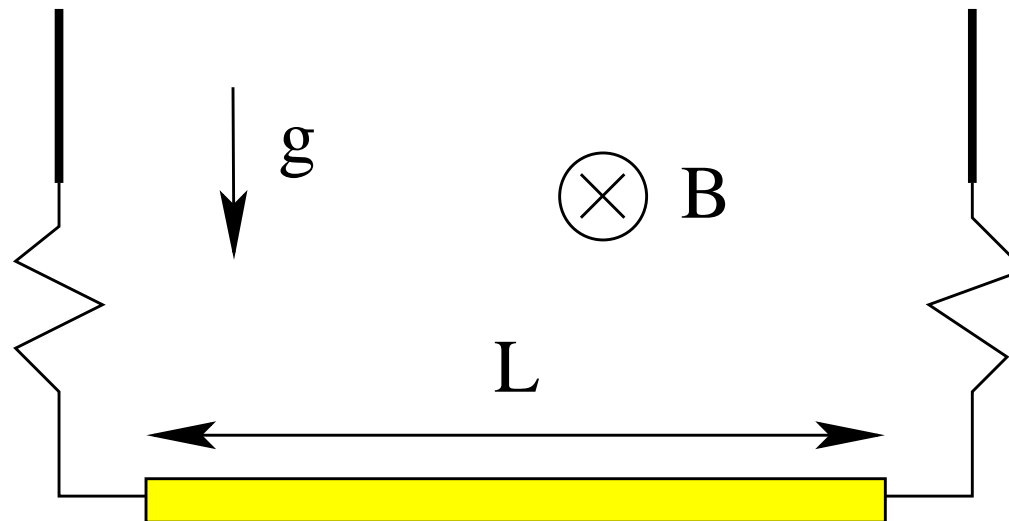


# Magnetic Force Application (1)



A wire of length  $L = 62\text{cm}$  and mass  $m = 13\text{g}$  is suspended by a pair of flexible leads in a uniform magnetic field  $B = 0.440\text{T}$  pointing in to the plane.

- What are the magnitude and direction of the current required to remove the tension in the supporting leads?





## Magnetic Force Application (2)

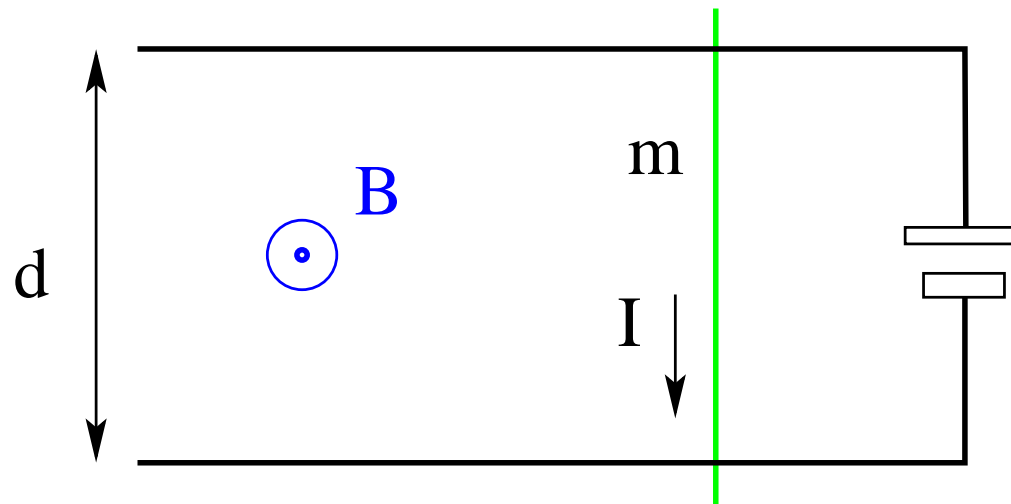


A metal wire of mass  $m = 1.5\text{kg}$  slides without friction on two horizontal rails spaced a distance  $d = 3\text{m}$  apart.

The track lies in a vertical uniform magnetic field of magnitude  $B = 24\text{mT}$  pointing out of the plane.

A constant current  $I = 12\text{A}$  flows from a battery along one rail, across the wire, and back down the other rail. The wire starts moving from rest at  $t = 0$ .

- Find the direction and magnitude of the velocity of the wire at time  $t = 5\text{s}$ .

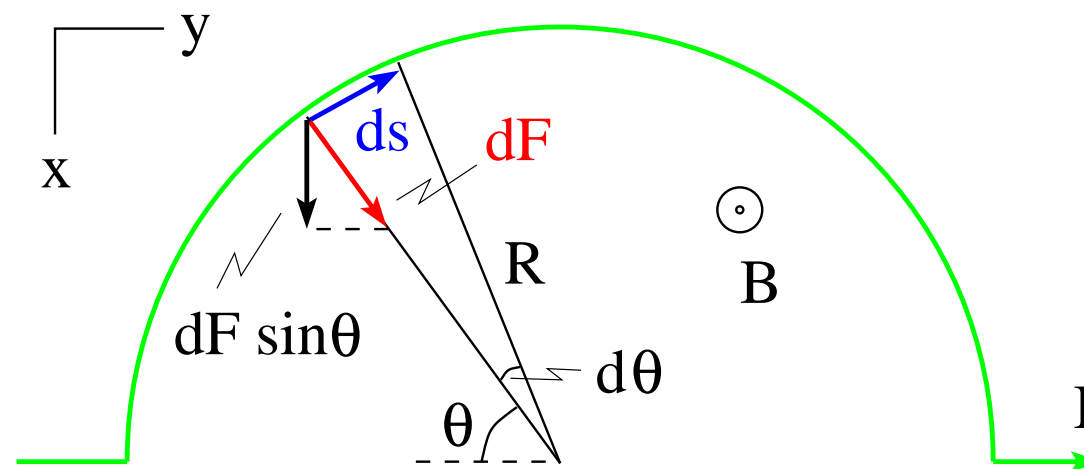


# Magnetic Force on Semicircular Current (1)



## Fancy solution:

- Uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  points out of the plane.
- Magnetic force on segment  $ds$ :  $dF = IBds = IBRd\theta$ .
- Integrate  $dF_x = dF \sin \theta$  and  $dF_y = dF \cos \theta$  along semicircle.
- $F_x = IBR \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta = 2IBR$ ,  $F_y = IBR \int_0^\pi \cos \theta d\theta = 0$ .

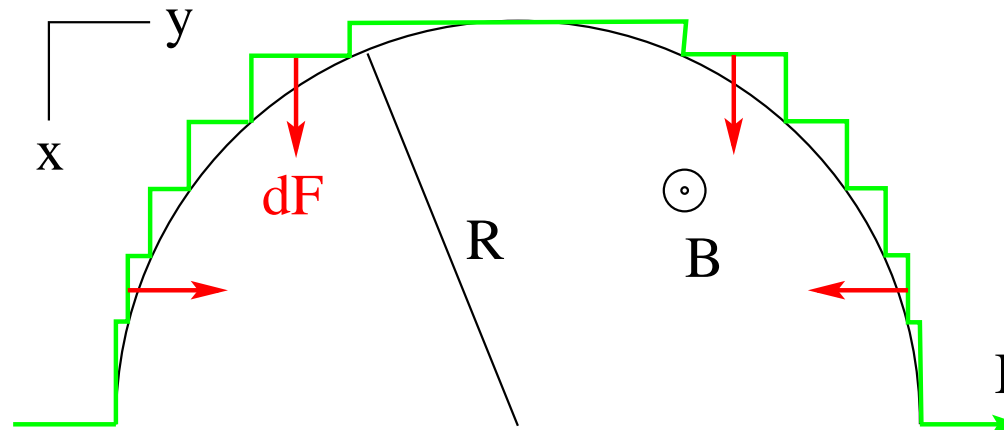


# Magnetic Force on Semicircular Current (2)



## Clever solution:

- Replace the semicircle by symmetric staircase of tiny wire segments.
- Half the vertical segments experience a force to the left, the other half a force to the right. The resultant horizontal force is zero.
- All horizontal segments experience a downward force. The total length is  $2R$ . The total downward force is  $2IBR$ .
- Making the segments infinitesimally small does not change the result.



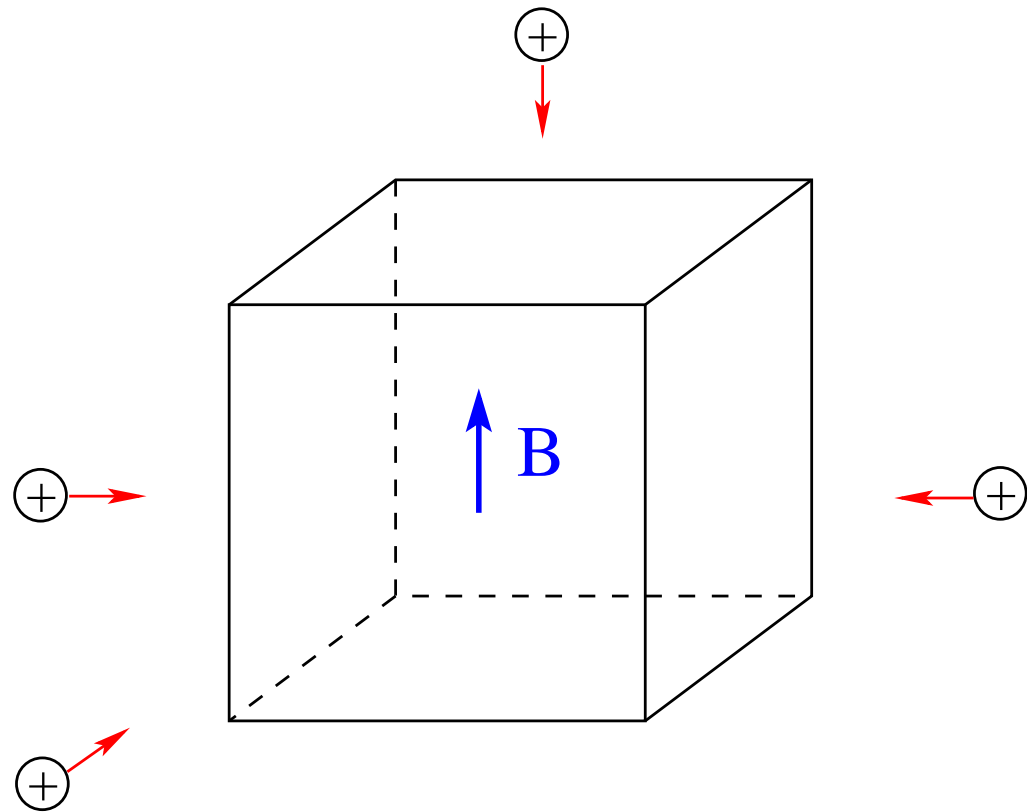
# Magnetic Force Application (5)



Inside the cube there is a magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  directed vertically up.

Find the direction of the magnetic force experienced by a proton entering the cube

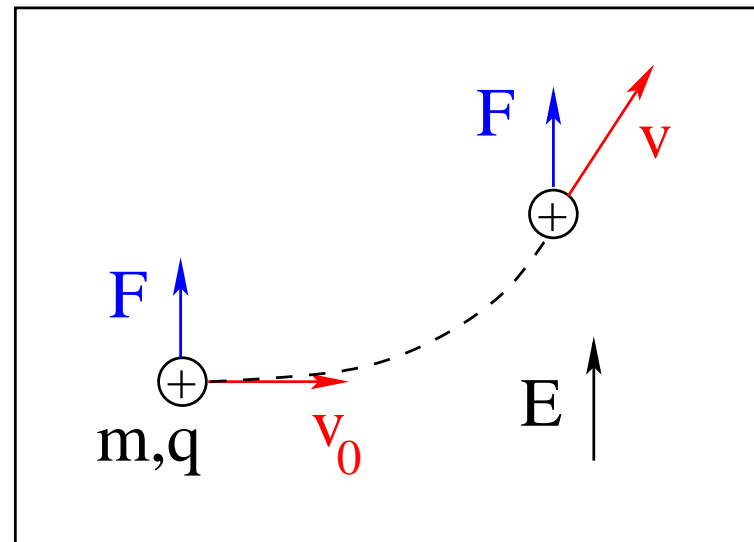
- (a) from the left,
- (b) from the front,
- (c) from the right,
- (d) from the top.



# Charged Particle Moving in Uniform Electric Field



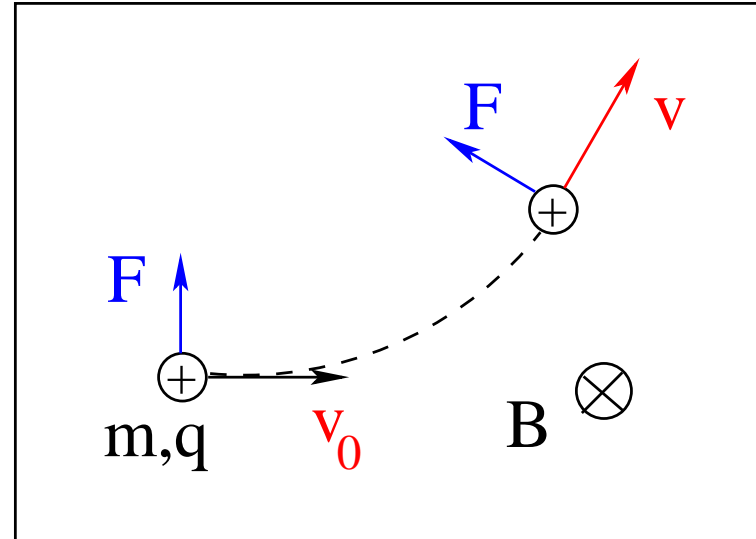
- Electric field  $\vec{E}$  is directed up.
- Electric force:  $\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$  (constant)
- Acceleration:  $\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}}{m} = \frac{q}{m}\vec{E} = \text{const.}$
- Horizontal motion:  $a_x = 0 \Rightarrow v_x(t) = v_0 \Rightarrow x(t) = v_0 t$
- Vertical motion:  $a_y = \frac{q}{m}E \Rightarrow v_y(t) = a_y t \Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{1}{2}a_y t^2$
- The path is parabolic:  $y = \left(\frac{qE}{2mv_0^2}\right)x^2$
- $\vec{F}$  changes direction and magnitude of  $\vec{v}$ .



# Charged Particle Moving in Uniform Magnetic Field



- Magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  is directed into plane.
- Magnetic force:  $\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$  (not constant)
- $\vec{F} \perp \vec{v} \Rightarrow \vec{F}$  changes direction of  $\vec{v}$  only  $\Rightarrow v = v_0$ .
- $\vec{F}$  is the centripetal force of motion along circular path.
- Radius:  $\frac{mv^2}{r} = qvB \Rightarrow r = \frac{mv}{qB}$
- Angular velocity:  $\omega = \frac{v}{r} = \frac{qB}{m}$
- Period:  $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi m}{qB}$



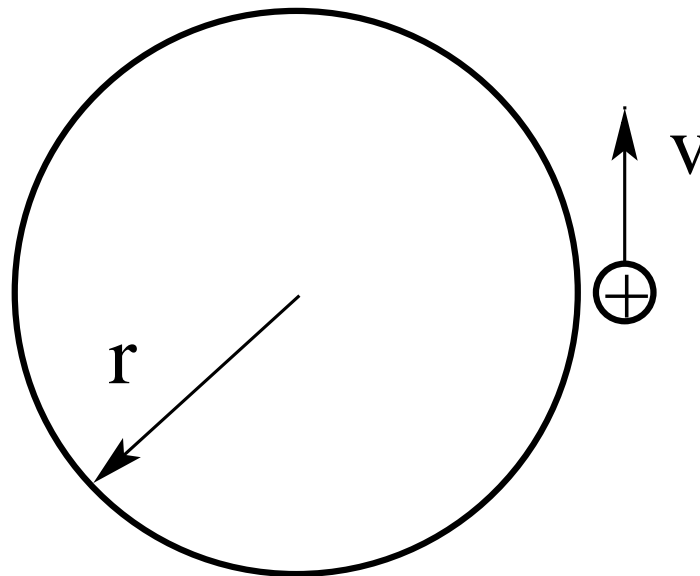
# Charged Particle in Circular Motion



A proton with speed  $v = 3.00 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$  orbits just outside a charged conducting sphere of radius  $r = 1.00 \text{ cm}$ .

- (a) Find the force  $F$  acting on the proton.
- (b) Find the charge per unit area  $\sigma$  on the surface of the sphere.
- (c) Find the total charge  $Q$  on the sphere.

Note: Charged particles in circular motion lose energy through radiation. This effect is ignored here.

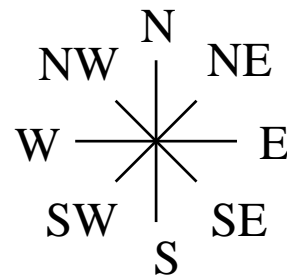
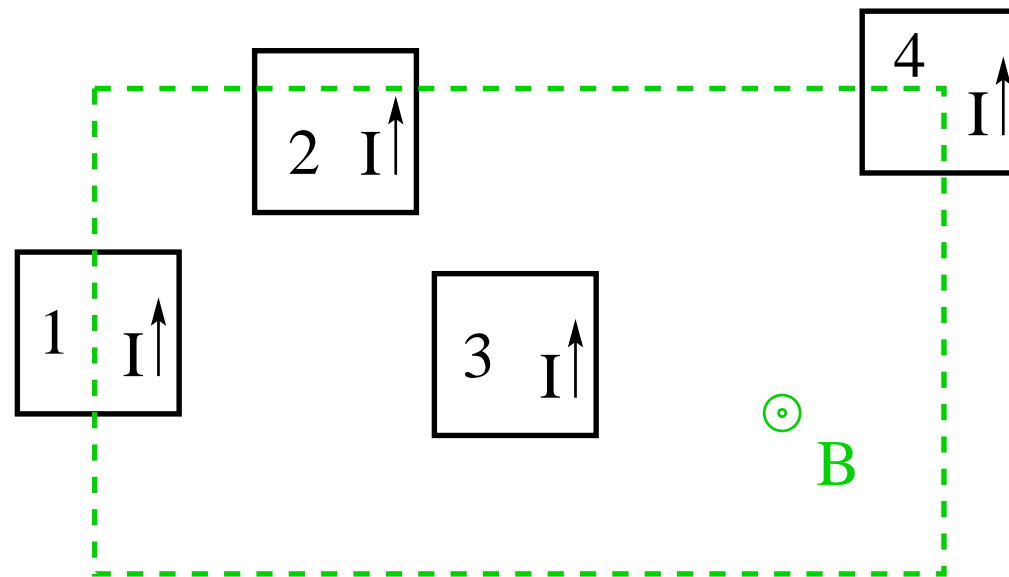


# Magnetic Force Application (3)



The dashed rectangle marks a region of uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  pointing out of the plane.

- Find the direction of the magnetic force acting on each loop with a ccw current  $I$ .





# Velocity Selector



A charged particle is moving horizontally into a region with “crossed” uniform fields:

- an electric field  $\vec{E}$  pointing down,
- a magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  pointing into the plane.

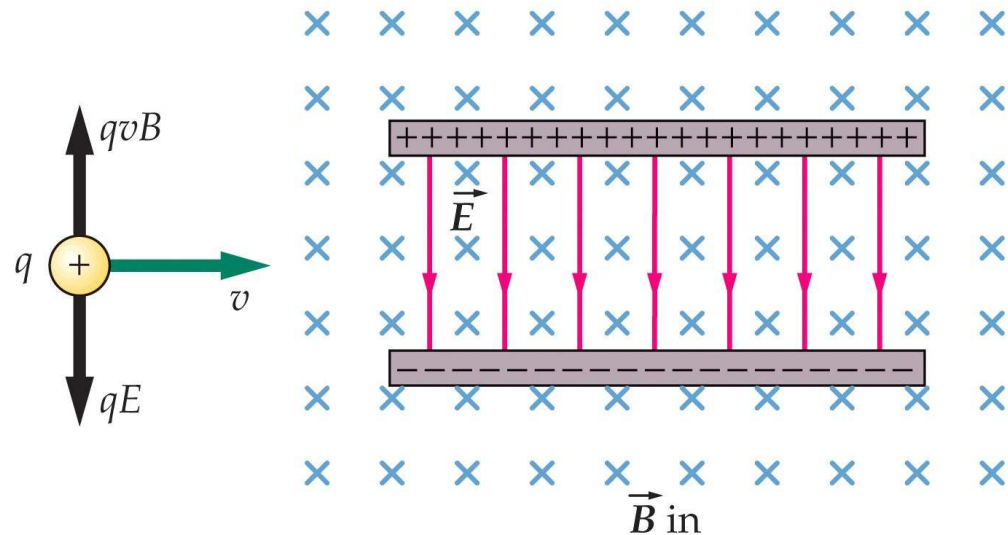
Forces experienced by particle:

- electric force  $F = qE$  pointing down,
- magnetic force  $F = qvB$  pointing up.

Forces in balance:  $qE = qvB$ .

Selected velocity:  $v = \frac{E}{B}$ .

Trajectories of particles with selected velocity are not bent.



# Measurement of $e/m$ for Electron



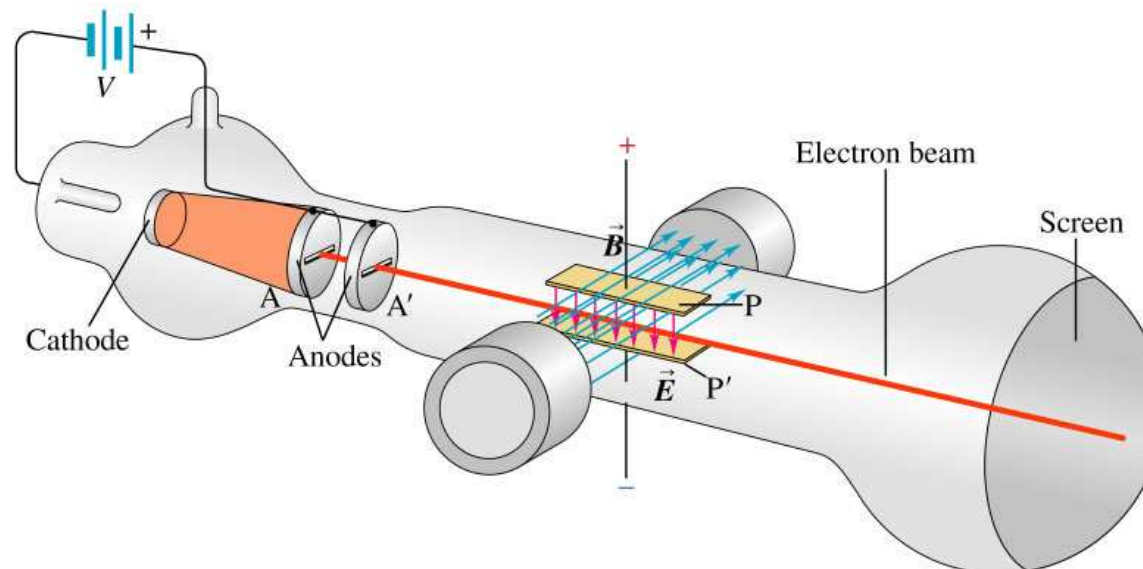
First experiment by J. J. Thomson (1897)

Method used here: velocity selector

$$\text{Equilibrium of forces: } eE = evB \Rightarrow v = \frac{E}{B}$$

$$\text{Work-energy relation: } eV = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{2eV}{m}}$$

$$\text{Eliminate } v: \frac{e}{m} = \frac{E^2}{2VB^2} \simeq 1.76 \times 10^{11} \text{ C/kg}$$



# Measurement of $e$ and $m$ for Electron



First experiment by R. Millikan (1913)

Method used here: balancing weight and electric force on oil drop

Radius of oil drop:  $r = 1.64\mu\text{m}$

Mass density of oil:  $\rho = 0.851\text{g/cm}^3$

Electric field:  $E = 1.92 \times 10^5\text{N/C}$

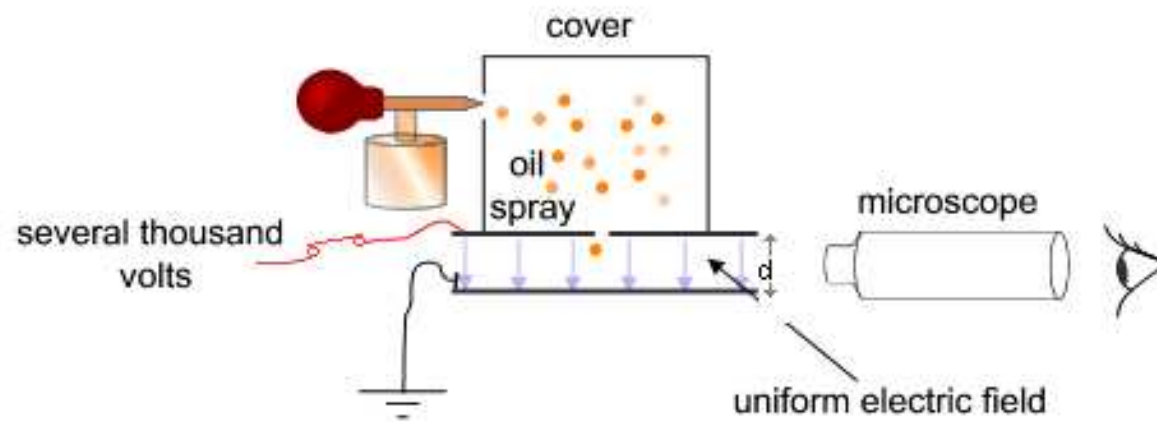
Mass of oil drop:  $m = \frac{4\pi}{3}r^3\rho = 1.57 \times 10^{-14}\text{kg}$

Equilibrium of forces:  $neE = mg$

Number of excess elementary charges (integer):  $n = 5$

Elementary charge:  $e = \frac{mg}{nE} \simeq 1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{C}$

Mass of electron:  $m \simeq 9.1 \times 10^{-31}\text{kg}$

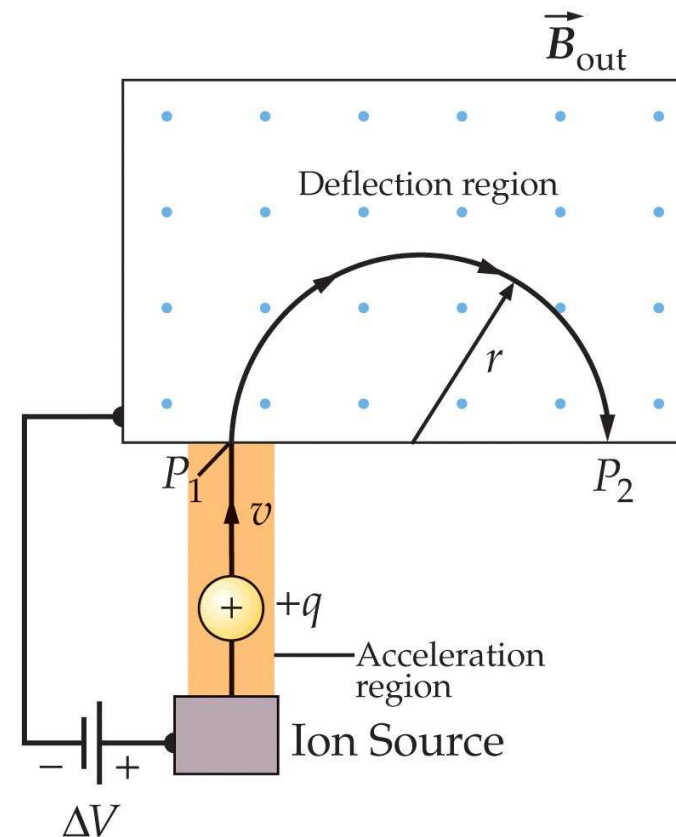


# Mass Spectrometer



Purpose: measuring masses of ions.

- Charged particle is accelerated by moving through potential difference  $|\Delta V|$ .
- Trajectory is then bent into semicircle of radius  $r$  by magnetic field  $\vec{B}$ .
- Kinetic energy:  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = q|\Delta V|$ .
- Radius of trajectory:  $r = \frac{mv}{qB}$ .
- Charge:  $q = e$
- Mass:  $m = \frac{eB^2r^2}{2|\Delta V|}$ .

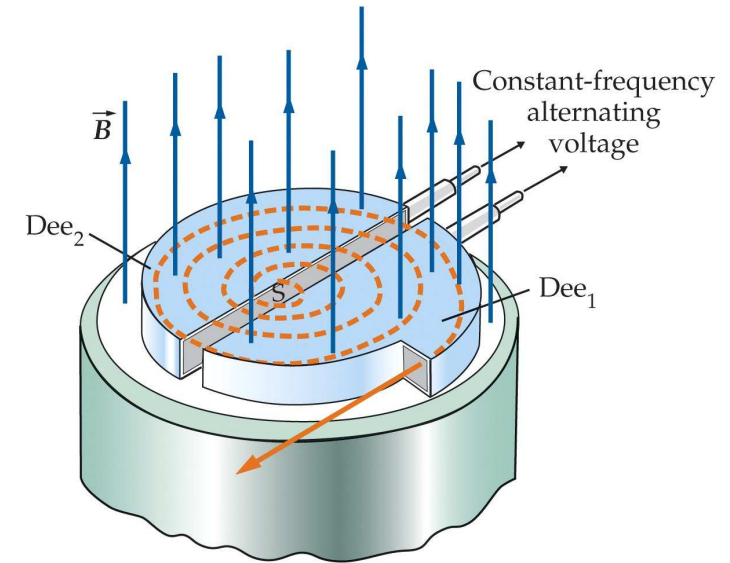


# Cyclotron



Purpose: accelerate charged particles to high energy.

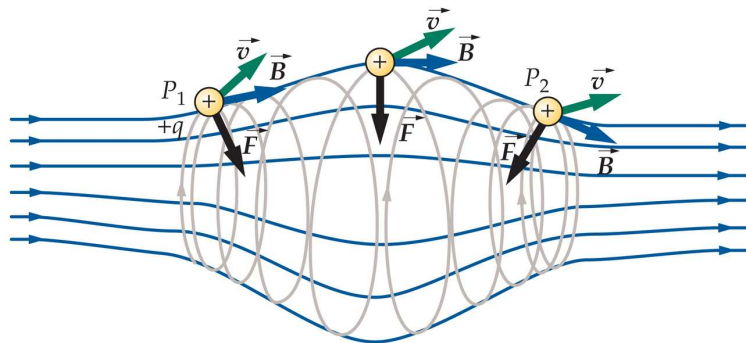
- Low-energy protons are injected at  $S$ .
- Path is bent by magnetic field  $\vec{B}$ .
- Proton is energized by alternating voltage  $\Delta V$  between  $Dee_1$  and  $Dee_2$ .
- Proton picks up energy  $\Delta K = e\Delta V$  during each half cycle.
- Path spirals out as velocity of particle increases:  
Radial distance is proportional to velocity:  $r = \frac{mv}{eB}$ .
- Duration of cycle stays independent of  $r$  or  $v$ :  
cyclotron period:  $T = \frac{2\pi m}{eB}$ .
- Cyclotron period is synchronized with alternation of accelerating voltage.
- High-energy protons exit at perimeter of  $\vec{B}$ -field region.



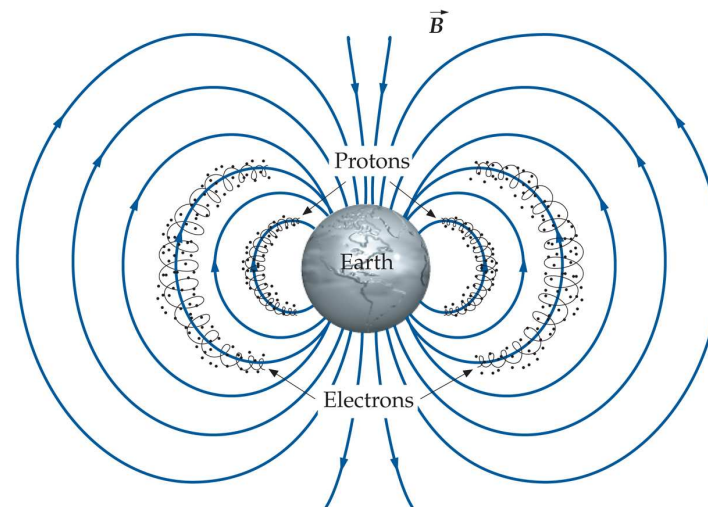
# Magnetic Bottles



Moving charged particle confined by inhomogeneous magnetic field.



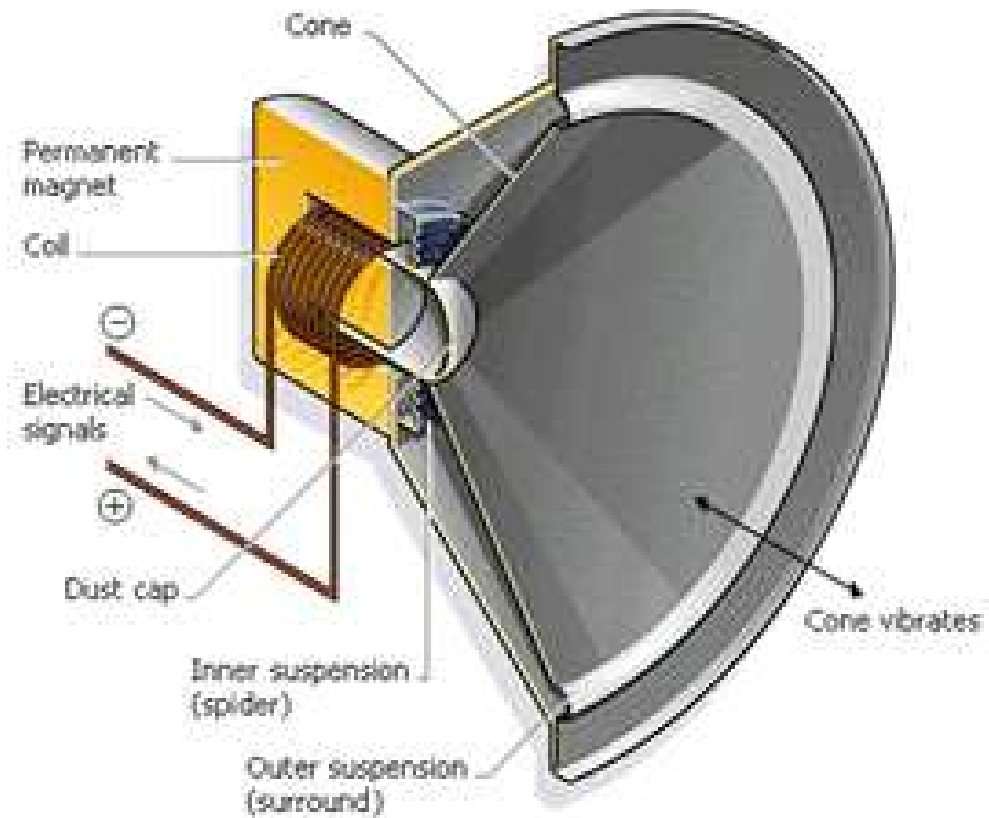
Van Allen belt: trapped protons and electrons in Earth's magnetic field.



# Loudspeaker



Conversion of electric signal into mechanical vibration.

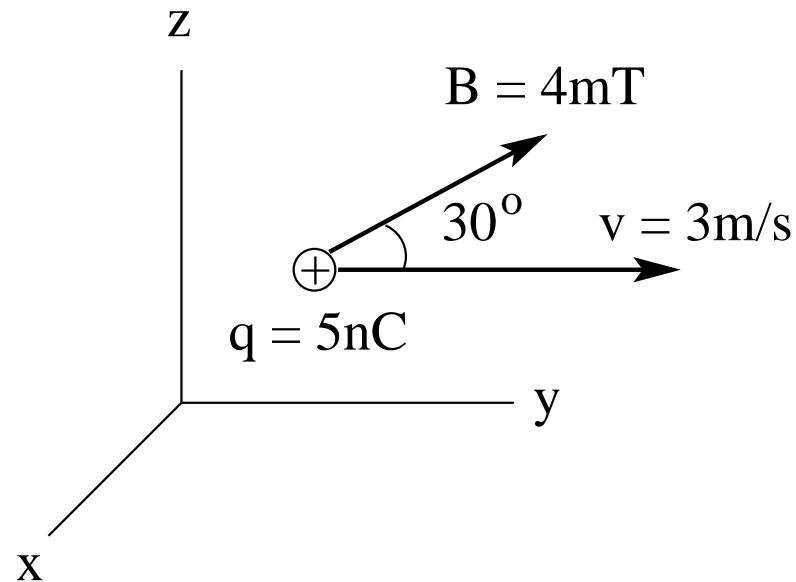


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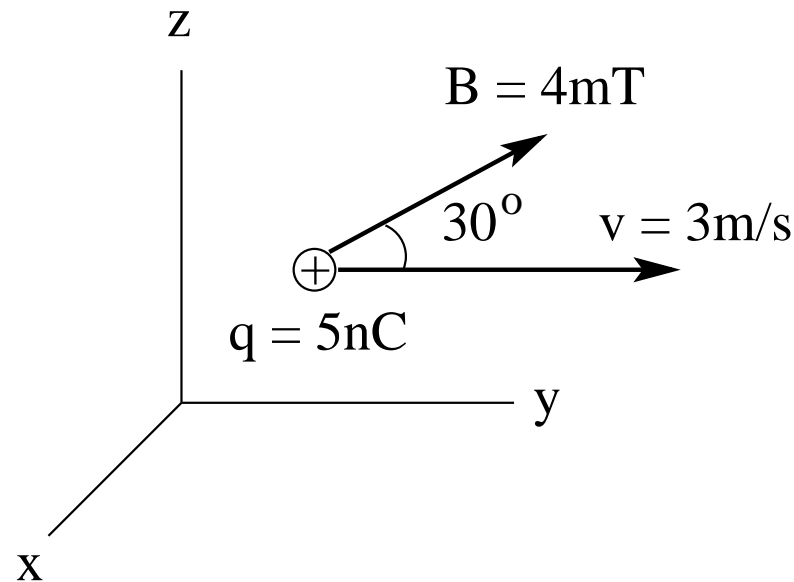


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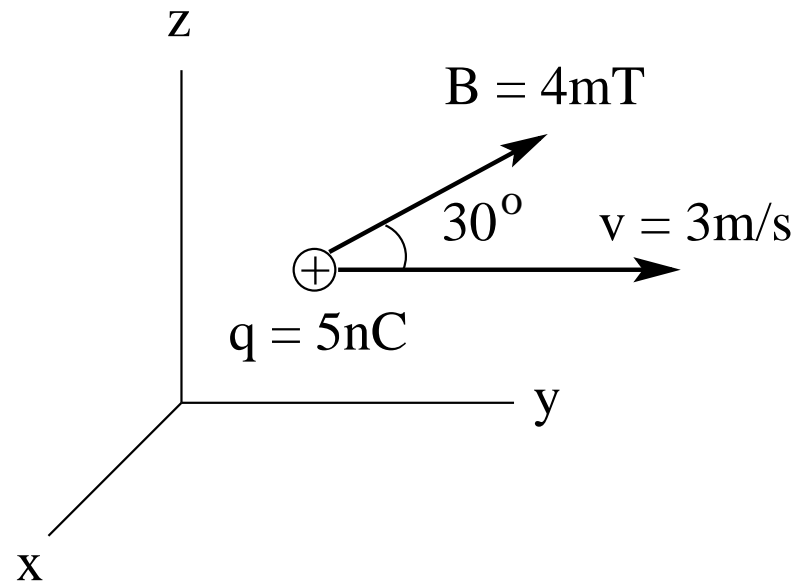
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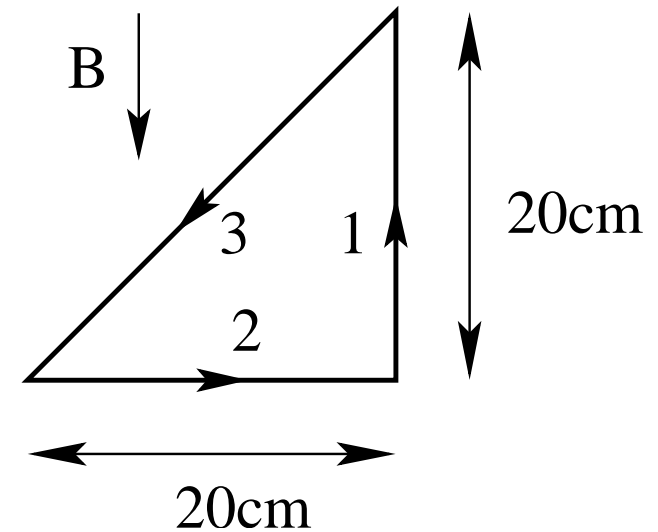
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- $F = qvB \sin 30^\circ = (5 \times 10^{-9}\text{C})(3\text{m/s})(4 \times 10^{-3}\text{T})(0.5) = 3 \times 10^{-11}\text{N}$ .

## Intermediate Exam II: Problem #4 (Spring '06)



A current loop in the form of a right triangle is placed in a uniform magnetic field of magnitude  $B = 30\text{mT}$  as shown. The current in the loop is  $I = 0.4\text{A}$  in the direction indicated.

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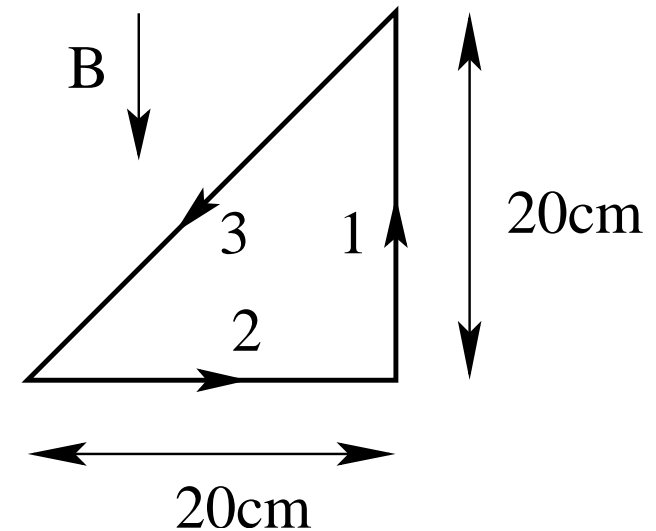


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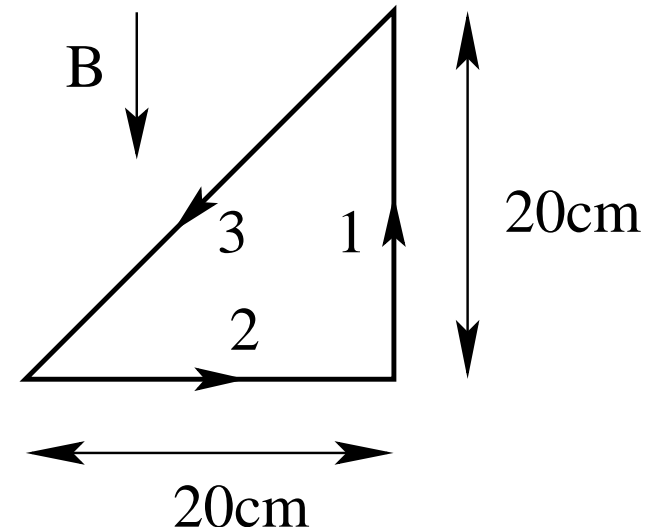
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- (b)  $F_2 = ILB = (0.4\text{A})(0.2\text{m})(30 \times 10^{-3}\text{T}) = 2.4 \times 10^{-3}\text{N}$ .  
Direction of  $\vec{F}_2$ :  $\otimes$  (into plane).

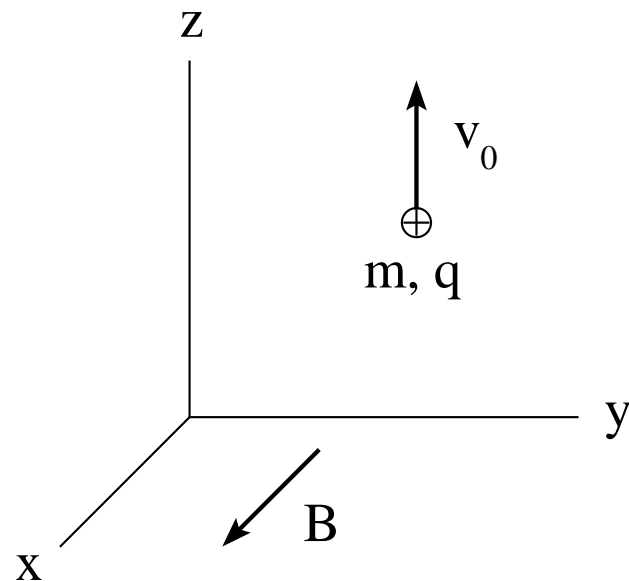
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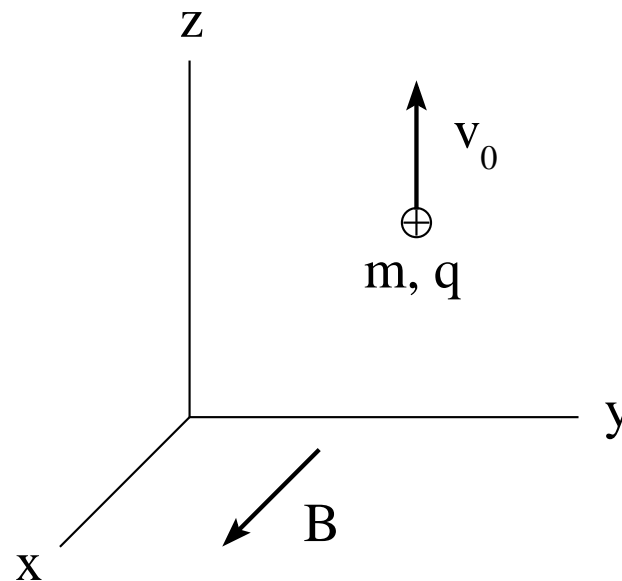
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**Solution:**

(a)  $F = qv_0B = 3.2 \times 10^{-18}\text{N}$ .



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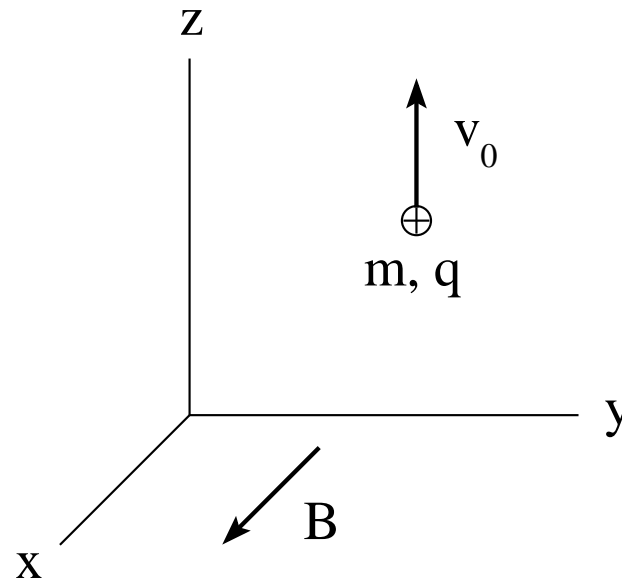
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**Solution:**

(a)  $F = qv_0B = 3.2 \times 10^{-18}\text{N}$ .

(b)  $\frac{mv_0^2}{r} = qv_0B \Rightarrow r = \frac{mv_0}{qB} = 8.35\text{mm}$ .





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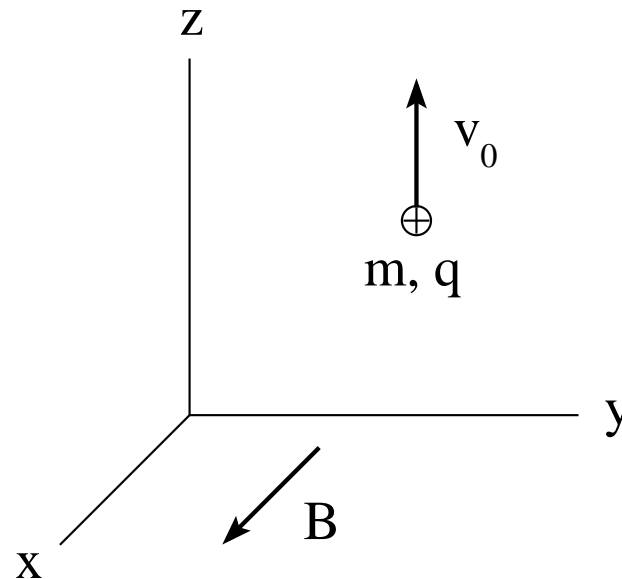
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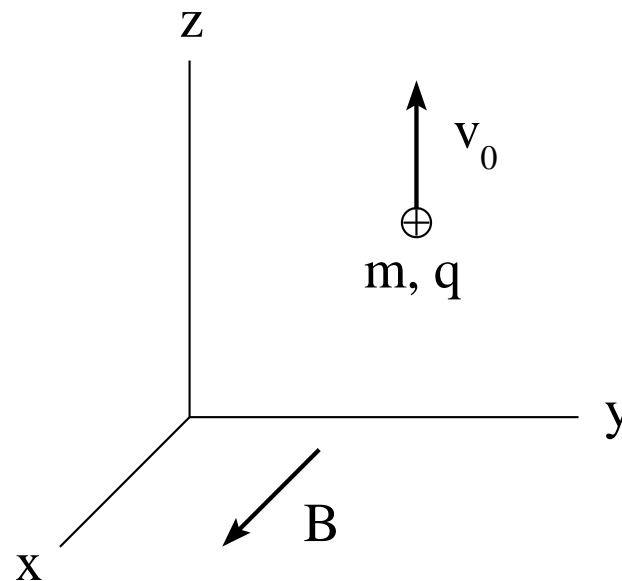
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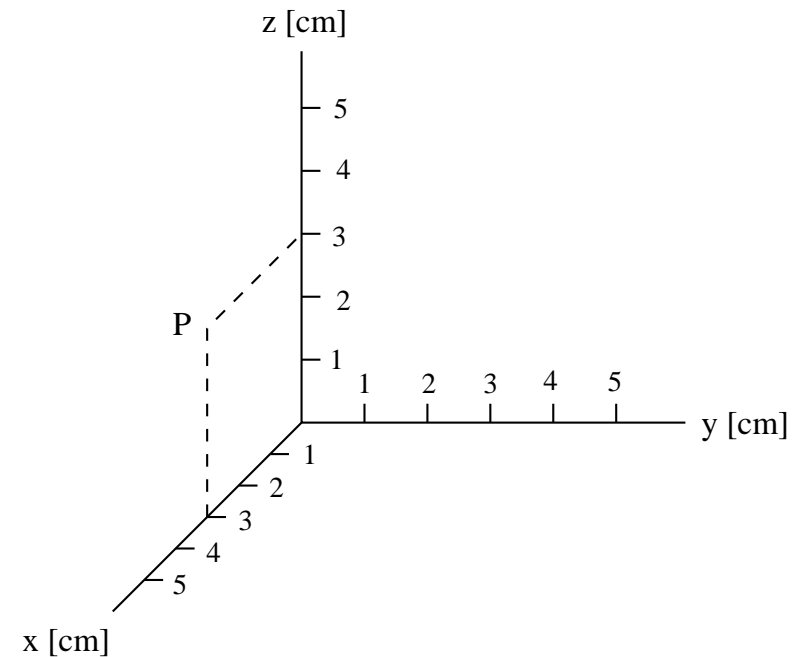


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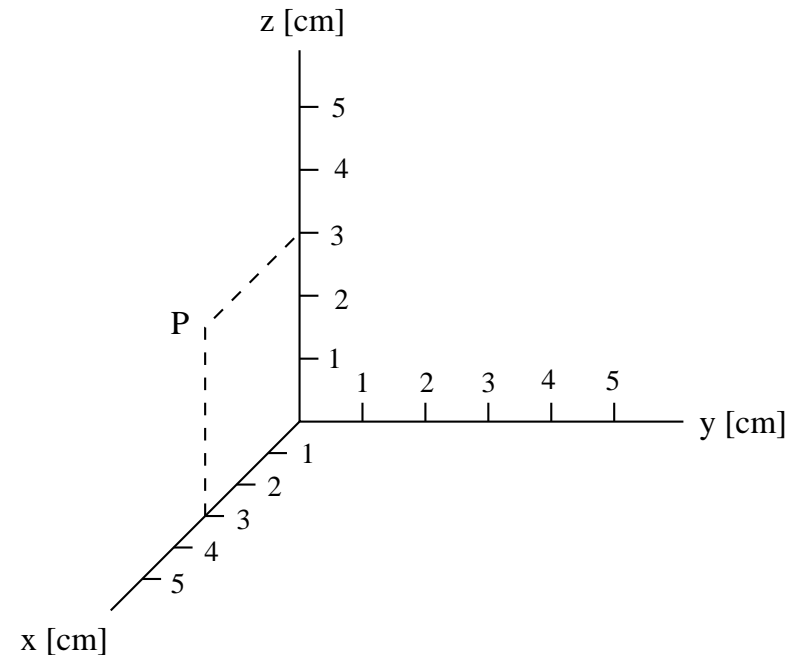


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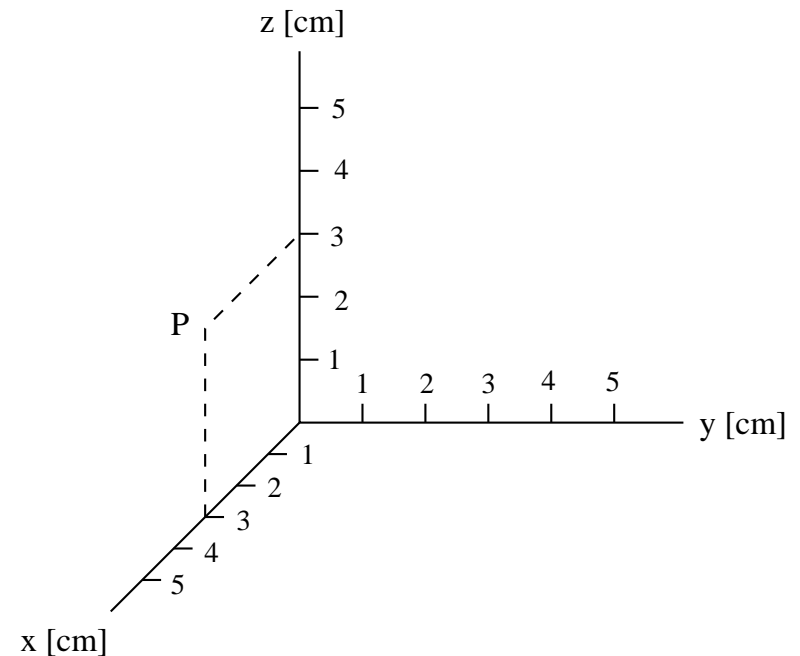
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