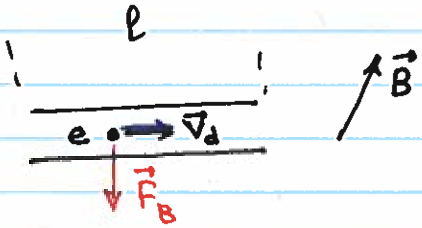
Magnetic force on a current-carrying conductor

Since electric current is a stream of moving charges, and magnetic field exerts a force on each, there will be a total force on the ~~s~~ whole wire



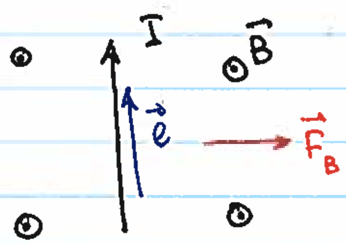
$$\vec F_{total} = N_{charges} \cdot e\,\vec v_d \times \vec B$$

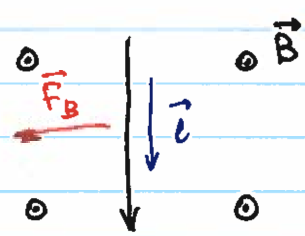
$$N_{charges} = n \cdot A \cdot \ell$$

ℓ ← length of the wire; A ← area of the wire; n ← charge density

$$\vec F = \underbrace{n A \ell \cdot e\, v_d}_{I} \times \vec B = I\, \vec \ell \times \vec B$$

$\vec \ell$ – vector length of the current-carrying wire, direction is along the current





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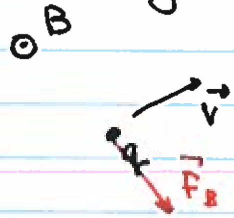
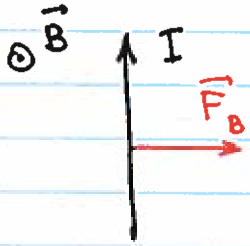


Moving charge $\vec F = q\,\vec v\times\vec B$

circular / spiral motion

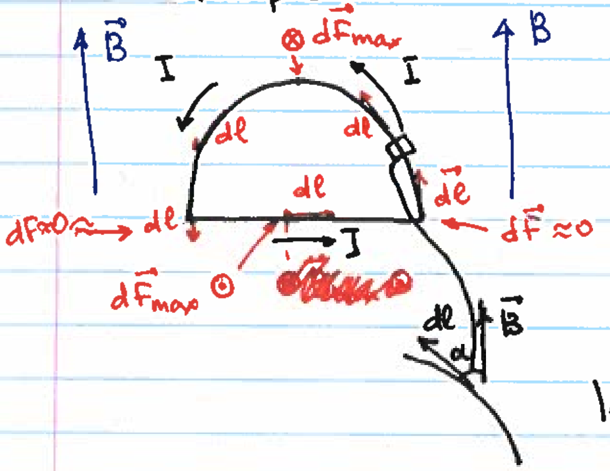


$\vec F_B = I\cdot\vec\ell\times\vec B$

ℓ – the length of the wire in the direction of the current

If the wire is curved $d\vec F_B = I\cdot d\vec\ell\times\vec B$

Example



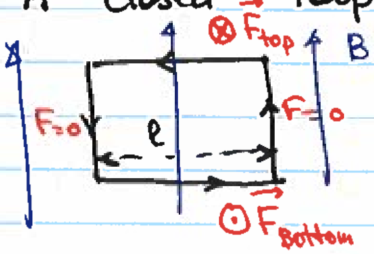
The magnetic force per unit length is strongest in the straight part and on top

$|dF_{max}| = I\,d\ell\cdot B$

It is zero near the bends $d\vec\ell \parallel \vec B$

$|d\vec F| = I\,d\ell\,B\sin\alpha < |d\vec F_{max}|$

A closed loop in a magnetic field

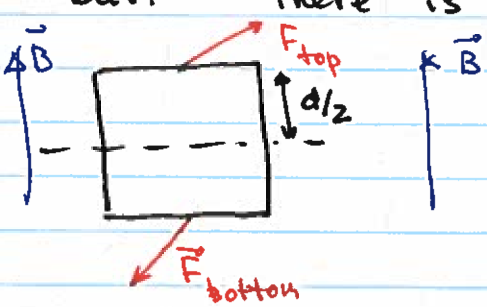


$|\vec F_{top}| = |\vec F_{bottom}| = \ell\cdot I\cdot B$

but in opposite directions

$F_{tot} = 0$, no net force

But! there is torque!



Each force tries to rotate the loop in the same direction

$$\tau = F_{top}\cdot\frac{d}{2} + F_{bottom}\,\frac{d}{2} =$$

$$= \ell I B\cdot d = I\underbrace{(\ell\cdot d)}_{\text{area}}\cdot B$$

One can show that for any shape of the flat current loop

$$\vec{\tau} = I \cdot \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$$

$\vec{\mu} = I \cdot \vec{A}$ magnetic moment for a current loop

$U_B = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$

Many atoms have internal magnetic moment due to electron(s) orbiting the nucleus. This magnetic moment tends to be proportional to the orbital angular momentum $\vec{L}$: $\vec{\mu} = g_L \vec{L}$

(names s-orbital – angular momentum 0
p-orbital — " — 1
d-orbital — " — 2 ...)

That is why atomic energies change in magnetic field

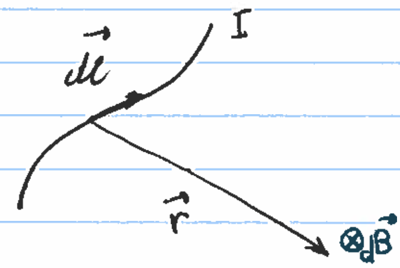
Elementary particles often have intrinsic magnetic moment — spin

The name "spin" comes from incorrect early hypothesis that electron and proton magnetic moment comes from their own rotation, but in reality spin origin is relativistic.

Sources of magnetic field

Magnetic field acts on moving charges and currents $\Longleftrightarrow$ Moving charges and electri currents produce magnetic field

Bio-Savart law



$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I \frac{d\vec{l} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$\boxed{\text{Magnetic field contribution of current element } d\vec{l}}$

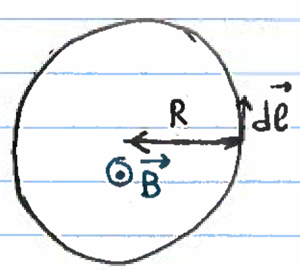
$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{T \cdot m}{A}$$

permeability of free space (a constant needed to connect randomly defined SI units)

$$\vec{B} = \int_{\substack{\text{along} \\ \text{the wire}}} d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \boxed{\int \frac{d\vec{l} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}}$$

Geometry of the wire

The calculations are the simplest in the plane of the current, since in this case $\vec{B}$ is perpendicular to this plane



$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I \frac{dl}{R^2} \cdot \hat{z} \text{ (out of the page)}$$

$$\vec{B} = \oint_{\text{along the loop}} d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} I \frac{1}{R^2} \underbrace{\oint dl}_{2\pi R} \hat{z}$$

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