

## The Magnetic Forces

## القوى المغناطيسية

### 8.1 Introduction

The electric field causes a force to be exerted on a charge that may be either **stationary** or in **motion**; we will see that the steady magnetic field is capable of exerting a force only on a **moving** charge. This result appears reasonable; a magnetic field may be produced by moving charges and may exert forces on moving charges; a *magnetic field cannot arise from stationary charges and cannot exert any force on a stationary charge*

### 8.2 Force on a Moving Charge

### القوة على شحنة متحركة

In an electric field, the definition of the electric field intensity shows us that the force on a charged particle is

$$F = QE$$

The force is in the same direction as the electric field intensity (for a positive charge) and is directly proportional to both **E** and **Q**. If the charge is in motion, the force at any point in its trajectory is then given by equation above.

*A charged particle in motion in a magnetic field of flux density **B** is found experimentally to experience a force whose magnitude is proportional to the product of the magnitudes of the charge **Q**, its velocity **v**, and the flux density **B**, and to the sine of the angle between the vectors **v** and **B**.* The direction of the force is perpendicular to both **v** and **B** and is given by a unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$ . The force may therefore be expressed as

$$F = Qv \times B$$

Therefore, the direction of a particle in motion can be changed by a magnetic field. The magnitude of the velocity, **v**, and consequently the kinetic energy, will remain the same. This is in contrast to an electric field, where the force  $F=QE$  does work on the particle and therefore changes its kinetic energy.

The **force** on a **moving particle** arising from combined **electric** and **magnetic** fields is obtained easily by superposition

$$F = Q(E + v \times B)$$

This equation is known as the **Lorentz force equation**

**Example:** The point charge  $Q = 18\text{nC}$  has a velocity of  $5 \times 10^6$  m/s in the direction  $\mathbf{a}_v = 0.60\mathbf{a}_x + 0.75\mathbf{a}_y + 0.3\mathbf{a}_z$ . Calculate the magnitude of the force exerted on the charge by the field: (a)  $\mathbf{B} = -3\mathbf{a}_x + 4\mathbf{a}_y + 6\mathbf{a}_z$  mT; (b)  $\mathbf{E} = -3\mathbf{a}_x + 4\mathbf{a}_y + 6\mathbf{a}_z$  kV/m; (c)  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  acting together?

**Solution:**

(a)

$$F_m = Qv \times B = 18 * 10^{-9} * 5 * 10^6 \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ 0.6 & 0.75 & 0.3 \\ -3 & 4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} * 10^{-3}$$

$$= 9 * 10^5 (3.3\mathbf{a}_x - 4.5\mathbf{a}_y + 4.65\mathbf{a}_z) = 653.7 \mu\text{N}$$

(b)

$$F_e = QE = 18 * 10^{-9} (-3\mathbf{a}_x + 4\mathbf{a}_y + 6\mathbf{a}_z) * 10^3 = 140.5 \mu\text{N}$$

(c)

$$F = Q(E + v \times B) = 18 * 10^{-9} [-3\mathbf{a}_x + 4\mathbf{a}_y + 6\mathbf{a}_z + 5(3.3\mathbf{a}_x - 4.5\mathbf{a}_y + 4.65\mathbf{a}_z)]$$

$$F = 18 * 10^{-9} (13.5\mathbf{a}_x - 18.5\mathbf{a}_y + 29.25\mathbf{a}_z) = 668.6 \mu\text{N}$$

### 8.3 Magnetic Force on a Current Element

A frequently encountered situation is that of a current-carrying conductor in an external magnetic field. Since  $= \frac{dQ}{dt}$ , the differential force equation may be written

$$dF = dQ(v \times B) = Idt(v \times B) = I(dL \times B)$$

$$F = I \oint B \times dL$$

where  $dL = v dt$  is the elementary length in the direction of the conventional current

If the conductor is straight and the field is constant along it, the differential force may be integrated to give

$$F = IL \times B = ILB \sin \theta$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between the vectors representing the direction of the current flow and the direction of the magnetic flux density

**Example:** Find the **force** on a **straight conductor** of length 0.30 m carrying a current of 5.0 A in the  $-\mathbf{a}_z$  direction, where the field is  $B = 3.5 \times 10^{-3}(\mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y)$  T?

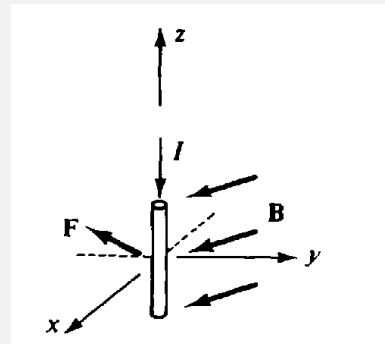
**Solution:**

$$F = IL \times B$$

$$F = 5[-0.3\mathbf{a}_z \times 3.5 \times 10^{-3}(\mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y)]$$

$$F = 5.25(-\mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_y) \text{ mN}$$

$$F = 7.42 \text{ mN}$$



**Example:** a square loop of wire in the  $z = 0$  plane carrying 2 mA in the field of an infinite filament on the  $y$  axis, as shown. Find the total force on the loop?

**Solution:**

$$H = \frac{I}{2\pi} \left( \frac{-za_x + xa_z}{z^2 + y^2} \right)$$

$$H = \frac{I}{2\pi x} \mathbf{a}_z = \frac{15}{2\pi x} \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$B = \mu H = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{15}{2\pi x} \mathbf{a}_z$$

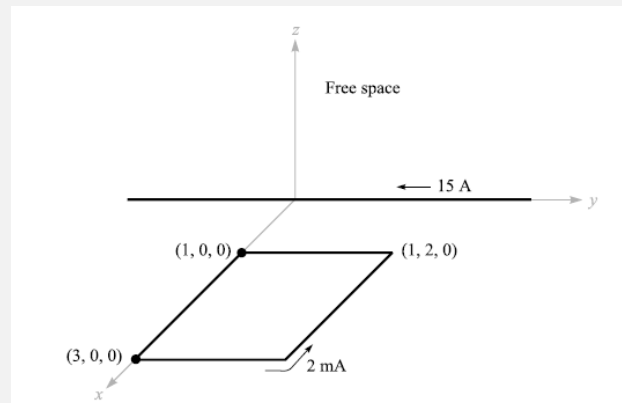
$$B = \frac{3 \times 10^{-6}}{x} \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$F = I \oint B \times dL$$

$$F = -6 \times 10^{-9} \left[ \int_{x=1}^3 \frac{1}{x} \mathbf{a}_z \times dx \mathbf{a}_x + \int_{y=0}^2 \frac{1}{x} \mathbf{a}_z \times dy \mathbf{a}_y + \int_{y=0}^2 \frac{1}{x} \mathbf{a}_z \times dx \mathbf{a}_x + \int_{y=2}^0 \frac{1}{x} \mathbf{a}_z \times dy \mathbf{a}_y \right]$$

$$F = -6 \times 10^{-9} \left[ [\ln x]_1^3 \mathbf{a}_y - \frac{1}{3} [y]_0^2 \mathbf{a}_x + [\ln x]_3^1 \mathbf{a}_y - [y]_2^0 \mathbf{a}_x \right]$$

$$F = -6 \times 10^{-9} \left[ \frac{-2}{3} \mathbf{a}_x + 2 \mathbf{a}_x \right] = -8 \mathbf{a}_x \text{ nN}$$



**Example:** Find the forces per unit length on two long, straight, parallel conductors if each carries a current of 10 A in the same direction and the separation distance is 0.2 m?

**Solution:**

$$H_1 = \frac{I_1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{-y a_x + x a_y}{y^2 + x^2} \right)$$

$$H_1 = \frac{-I_1}{2\pi y} a_x = \frac{-10}{2\pi(0.2)} a_x$$

$$H_1 = \frac{-25}{\pi} a_x$$

$$B_1 = \mu H_1 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{-25}{\pi} a_x$$

$$B_1 = -10^{-5} a_x$$

$$F_2 = I_2 L_2 \times B_1$$

$$= 10(L a_z \times -10^{-5} a_x)$$

$$\frac{F_2}{L} = -10^{-4} a_y$$

$$H_2 = \frac{I_2}{2\pi} \left( \frac{-(y - y_0) a_x + (x - x_0) a_y}{(y - y_0)^2 + (x - x_0)^2} \right)$$

$$H_2 = \frac{-I_2}{2\pi(y - y_0)} a_x = \frac{-10}{2\pi(0 - 0.2)} a_x$$

$$H_2 = \frac{25}{\pi} a_x$$

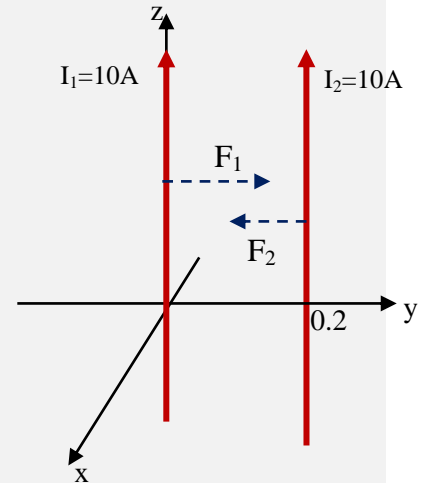
$$B_2 = \mu H_2 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{25}{\pi} a_x$$

$$B_2 = 10^{-5} a_x$$

$$F_1 = I_1 L_1 \times B_2$$

$$= 10(L a_z \times 10^{-5} a_x)$$

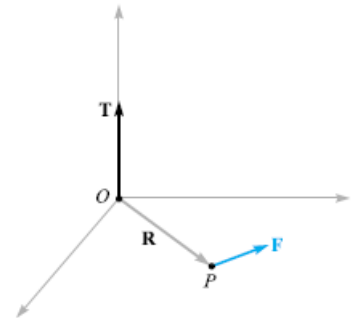
$$\frac{F_1}{L} = 10^{-4} a_y$$



## 8.4 Torque

The moment of a force or torque about a specified point is the cross product of the lever arm about that point and the force. The lever arm,  $r$ , is directed from the point about which the torque is to be obtained to the point of application of the force. In Fig. 10-5 the force at  $P$  has a torque about  $O$  given by

$$T = r \times F$$



**Example:** A conductor located at  $x = 0.4\text{m}$ ,  $y = 0$  and  $0 < z < 2.0\text{ m}$  carries a current of  $5.0\text{ A}$  in the  $\mathbf{a}_z$  direction. Along the length of the conductor  $B = 2.5\mathbf{a}_x\text{ T}$ . Find the torque about the  $z$  axis?

**Solution:**

$$F = IL \times B = 5(2\mathbf{a}_z \times 2.5\mathbf{a}_x) = 25\mathbf{a}_y\text{ N}$$

$$T = r \times F = 0.4\mathbf{a}_x \times 25\mathbf{a}_y = 10\mathbf{a}_z\text{ N.m}$$

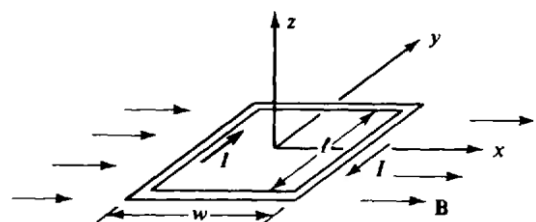
## 8.5 Magnetic Moment of a Planar Coil

Consider the single-turn coil in the  $z = 0$  plane shown in Fig. below, of width  $w$  in the  $x$  direction and length  $l$  along  $y$ . The field  $B$  is uniform and in the  $+x$  direction. Only the  $\pm y$  directed currents give rise to forces. For the side on the left,

$$F = I(L\mathbf{a}_y \times B\mathbf{a}_x) = -BIL\mathbf{a}_z$$

and for the side on the right,

$$F = BIL\mathbf{a}_z$$



The torque about the y axis from the left current element requires a lever arm  $r = -(w/2)\mathbf{a}_x$ ; the sign will change for the lever arm to the right current element. The torque from both elements is

$$T = r \times F = \left(\frac{-w}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_x \times -BIL\mathbf{a}_z + \left(\frac{w}{2}\right) \mathbf{a}_x \times BIL\mathbf{a}_z = BILw(-\mathbf{a}_y)$$

$$T = BIA(-\mathbf{a}_y)$$

where A is the area of the coil. It can be shown that this expression for the torque holds for a flat coil of arbitrary shape

The **magnetic moment**  $\mathbf{m}$  of a planar current loop is defined as  $IA\mathbf{a}_N$ , where the unit normal  $\mathbf{a}_N$  is determined by the right-hand rule. It is seen that the torque on a planar coil is related to the applied field by

$$T = \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$\mathbf{m} = IA \mathbf{a}_N$$

**Example:** The rectangular coil in Figure below is in a field  $\mathbf{B} = 0.05 \frac{(\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y)}{\sqrt{2}} T$  (a) Find the torque about the z axis when the coil is in the position shown and carries a current of 5.0 A (b) Find the torque if the coil turns through  $45^\circ$ ?

**Solution:**

(a)

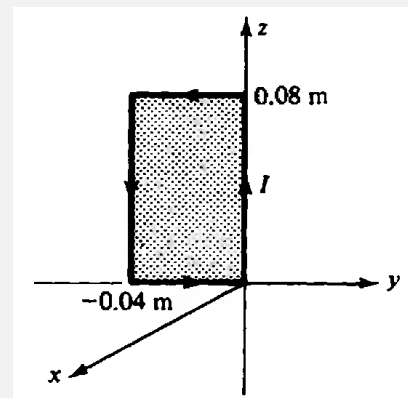
$$\mathbf{m} = IA \mathbf{a}_N = 5 * 0.08 * 0.04 \mathbf{a}_x = 0.016 \mathbf{a}_x$$

$$T = \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B} = 0.016 \mathbf{a}_x \times 0.05 \frac{(\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y)}{\sqrt{2}} = 5.66 * 10^{-4} \mathbf{a}_z$$

(b)

If the coil turns through  $45^\circ$  the direction of  $\mathbf{m}$  will be:  $\frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$T = \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B} = 0.016 \frac{\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y}{\sqrt{2}} \times 0.05 \frac{(\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y)}{\sqrt{2}} = 0$$

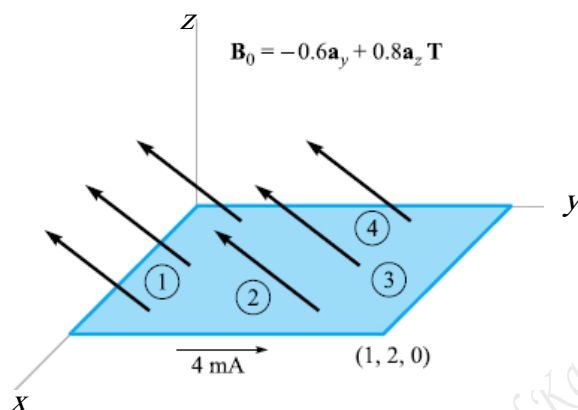


## Homework

**Q1:** A point charge for which  $Q = 2 \times 10^{-16} \text{ C}$  is moving in the combined fields  $E = 100\mathbf{a}_x - 200\mathbf{a}_y + 300\mathbf{a}_z \text{ V/m}$  and  $B = -3\mathbf{a}_x + 2\mathbf{a}_y - \mathbf{a}_z \text{ mT}$ . If the charge velocity  $\mathbf{v} = (2\mathbf{a}_x - 3\mathbf{a}_y - 4\mathbf{a}_z) 10^5 \text{ m/s}$ , find the unit vector showing the direction in which the charge is accelerating?

**Ans:**  $0.7\mathbf{a}_x + 0.7\mathbf{a}_y - 0.12\mathbf{a}_z$

**Q2:** Consider the rectangular loop shown in Figure below. Calculate the torque?



**Ans:**  $4.8\mathbf{a}_x \text{ mN.m}$

**Q3:** A conducting filamentary triangle joins points  $A(3, 1, 1)$ ,  $B(5, 4, 2)$ , and  $C(1, 2, 4)$ . The segment  $AB$  carries a current of  $0.2 \text{ A}$  in the  $\mathbf{a}_{AB}$  direction. There is present a magnetic field  $\mathbf{B} = 0.2\mathbf{a}_x - 0.1\mathbf{a}_y + 0.3\mathbf{a}_z \text{ T}$ . Find: (a) the force on segment  $BC$ ; (b) the force on the triangular loop; (c) the torque on the loop about an origin at  $A$ ; (d) the torque on the loop about an origin at  $C$ .

**Ans:**  $-0.08\mathbf{a}_x + 0.32\mathbf{a}_y + 0.16\mathbf{a}_z \text{ N}$ ;  $\mathbf{0}$ ;  $-0.16\mathbf{a}_x - 0.08\mathbf{a}_y + 0.08\mathbf{a}_z \text{ N.m}$ ;  $-0.16\mathbf{a}_x - 0.08\mathbf{a}_y + 0.08\mathbf{a}_z \text{ N.m}$

**Q4:** A circular current loop of radius  $\rho$  and current  $I$  lies in the  $z = 0$  plane. Find the Torque which results if the current is in the  $\mathbf{a}_\phi$  direction and there is a uniform field  $B = B_0 (\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y) / \sqrt{2}$

**Ans:**  $\pi \rho^2 B_0 I / \sqrt{2} \mathbf{a}_y$