

# WJEC A-Level Physics

## 4.4 Magnetic Fields

### Flashcards

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The magnetic force is always perpendicular to the velocity of the particle, so they end up being forced in a circular orbit. The particles undergo centripetal acceleration, with the centripetal force being the magnetic force.



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**Thumb - Thrust/Force**

**First finger - Field (Magnetic)**

**Second finger - Current**



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Flux density measured in Tesla (T) or Webers/meters<sup>2</sup> (Wb/m<sup>2</sup>), is the flux per metre<sup>2</sup>.



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What is the equation for the force felt by a moving charge in a magnetic field?



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$$F = BQv \sin\theta$$



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Perpendicular to its motion, causing it to move in a circular motion.



# Which fields do cyclotrons use?

- A. Electric field
- B. Magnetic field
- C. Gravitational field
- D. Both Electric and Magnetic





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D. An electric field and a magnetic field.



Define magnetic field.



## Define magnetic field.

A region of space in which moving charged particles are subject to a magnetic force.

This force is caused by the interaction of two magnetic fields (there is a field around the moving charged particles which interacts with the existing magnetic field they are passing through).



# What is a magnetic field line?



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The path which a north pole would take when placed in a magnetic field.

Field lines go from north to south.



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You can place iron filings on a piece of paper and then put the magnet on the paper and the filings will align to the field.

You can also use a plotting compass and place it in various positions around the magnet, before marking the direction of the needle at each point and connecting them.



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It is represented by how close together the field lines are – the closer they are, the stronger the field. (It is the **density** of the field lines, which is why **magnetic flux density** and **Magnetic Field strength** are interchangeable)



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The force per unit current per unit length on a current-carrying conductor placed in a magnetic field perpendicular to the field lines. (Magnetic flux per unit area)



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Tesla (T)

$$1 \text{ T} = 1 \text{ N m}^{-1} \text{ A}^{-1}$$



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$$F = BIL\sin\theta$$

F = Magnetic force (N)

B = Magnetic flux density (T)

I = Current in the conductor (A)

L = Length of conductor in the field (m)

$\theta$  = Angle between the field lines and the conductor  
( $^{\circ}$  or rad)



# What is the Hall voltage?



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When a magnetic field,  $B$ , is applied to a conductor carrying a current  $I$ , perpendicular to the field direction, a Hall voltage appears perpendicular to the  $B$  and  $I$  directions.



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$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi a}$$

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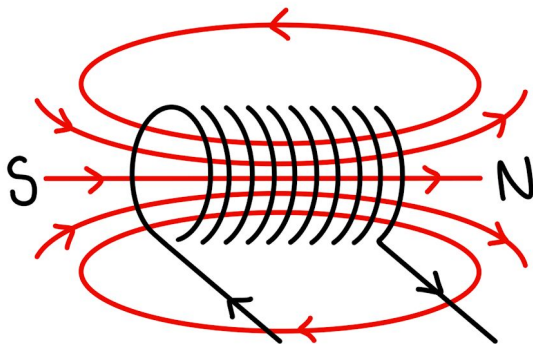


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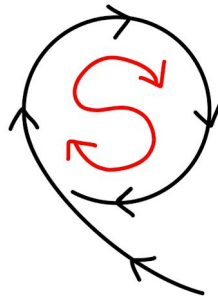


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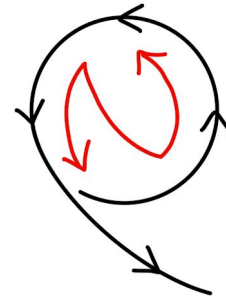
Where the current is going **anticlockwise** around the coil is the north pole. At the south pole, the current goes clockwise. The shape of the field is then similar to a bar magnet. A good way to remember it is by the shapes of the letters:



South pole:  
current is clockwise



North pole:  
current is anticlockwise



What increases the field strength in a solenoid?





What increases the field strength in a solenoid?

Adding an iron core.

