

## CONCEPT: FORCE ON MOVING CHARGES AND THE RIGHT-HAND-RULE

- A charge moving through an existing Magnetic Field FEELS a Magnetic FORCE:

- MAGNITUDE → \_\_\_\_\_

- AKA Lorentz \_\_\_\_\_.

- Angle  $\theta$  is between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- UNIT of B-Field is TESLA (  $1 \text{ T} = 1 \text{ N} / \text{A m}$  )

EXAMPLE 1: When a 2 C charge moves perpendicular to a constant magnetic field with 3 m/s, it feels a force of 4 N. What must the magnitude of the magnetic field be?

- ALL DIRECTIONS in Magnetism problems will come from variations of the RIGHT HAND RULE (RHR).

- WARNING: Different versions → Pick one and stick with it. If different from mine or your professor, double-check!

- In 2D, we have Up/Down and Left/Right. In 3D, we need 2 more:

(1) AWAY from you = [ INTO / OUT OF ] the page/plane → Symbol:

(2) TOWARDS you = [ INTO / OUT OF ] the page/plane → Symbol:



- Fingers = \_\_\_\_\_

- Thumb = \_\_\_\_\_

- Palm = \_\_\_\_\_

- RHR works for POSITIVE charges. For NEGATIVE charges, we use the LEFT Hand (same rule, different hand).

EXAMPLE 2: Find the direction of the Magnetic Force on a moving charge in each of the following situations:

(a) proton moving left in a B-Field pointing up

(b) electron moving down in a B-Field pointing out of page

(c) electron moving down in a B-Field pointing left

(d) proton moving into the page in a B-Field pointing right

### **EXAMPLE: FORCE ON CHARGE MOVING AT AN ANGLE**

What is the magnitude and direction of the magnetic force on a  $+3\text{ C}$  charge moving at  $4\text{ m/s}$  when it first enters a  $5\text{ T}$  magnetic field that is directed along the positive  $x$ -axis if the charge is initially moving:

**(a)** in the positive  $y$  axis

**(b)** in the negative  $x$  axis

**(c)** in a direction that makes  $30^\circ$  with the  $+y$  axis