



Electromagnetics:  
Electromagnetic Field Theory

# Lorentz Force Law



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$$\vec{F} = Q\vec{E} + Q\vec{u} \times \vec{B}$$

Electrostatic Force

$$\vec{F}_e = Q\vec{E}$$

- Force  $\vec{F}_e$  in same direction as  $\vec{E}$ .
- Force is independent of velocity.
- Can change velocity of the charge.
- $\vec{F}_e$  is usually much greater than  $\vec{F}_m$  except at very high velocity.

Magnetostatic Force

$$\vec{F}_m = Q\vec{u} \times \vec{B}$$

- Force  $\vec{F}_m$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{B}$  and velocity  $\vec{u}$ .
- Force is only exerted on moving charges.
- Force is zero if velocity is in same direction as the magnetic flux.
- Cannot change kinetic energy of the charge (i.e.  $\vec{F}_m \cdot d\vec{\ell} = 0$ ).
- Magnetic field can only change the direction of velocity.

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Recall  $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$

$$\vec{F} = m \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = Q\vec{E} + Q\vec{u} \times \vec{B}$$

This equation is used to calculate total force on a charge as well as its position, velocity, and acceleration.

$\vec{x}(t) \equiv$  position

$\frac{d}{dt}\vec{x}(t) \equiv$  velocity

$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\vec{x}(t) \equiv$  acceleration

$\frac{d^3}{dt^3}\vec{x}(t) \equiv$  jerk

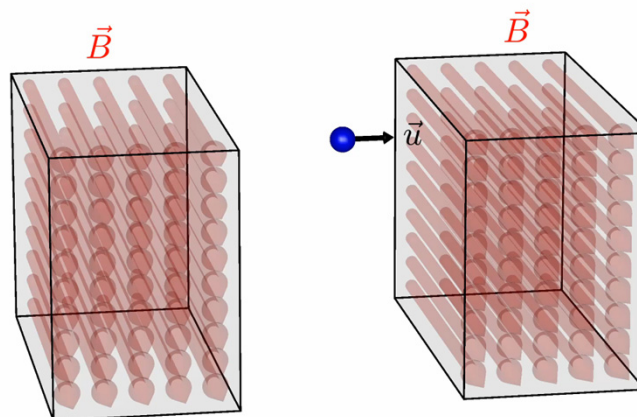
$\frac{d^4}{dt^4}\vec{x}(t) \equiv$  snap

$\frac{d^5}{dt^5}\vec{x}(t) \equiv$  crackle

$\frac{d^6}{dt^6}\vec{x}(t) \equiv$  pop

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## Animation of Magnetic Force



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