

1. When electric charge flows through a wire in a magnetic field, is the magnetic force exerted on the wire itself, or is it exerted on the moving electrons *in* the wire? Let's do an experiment to find out:
 - * a. Describe a procedure for injecting electrons into a vacuum. (See #1 on RS XII.)
 - * b. Describe how the point where the electrons hit a surface can be made visible. (See #4 on p. 104.)
 - * c. Use those tricks to find out if magnetic deflection of moving electrons is really possible. If it is, find out if the hand rule correctly predicts the *direction* of the force. Describe and illustrate your predictions, your experiment, and your observations. Remember to sketch the field lines in your illustration, and *explain how you determined the direction of the field*.
 - * d. State your conclusion clearly on a separate sheet of paper so you can submit it for credit again with page 127. *Please try not to confuse "force" with "field"*.
2. If a magnetic force can act on a moving charged particle in a vacuum, it should be possible to figure out the *strength* of such a force. In your opinion, what information will be needed in order to make that prediction? Think of at least two variables which this force must depend upon. Then use dimensional analysis to figure out what you can about the new force formula.
3. Let "N" represent the number of mobile electrons *in each meter of wire*.
Let "S" represent electron speed in the wire, and let "Q" represent the charge of an electron.
 - a. How can you use N and S to calculate the current in the wire, in electrons per sec? _____
 - b. How can that current be converted to coulombs per second? Please answer with an equation using only the symbols defined above: (See RS IX.) $I = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
4. If a wire with length "L" is in a magnetic field with strength "B", then the magnetic force exerted on that wire is given by equation #14 on RS XIV, which says: $F = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
5. Use equation 3b to eliminate the current from equation 4 to obtain a formula for the magnetic force on a moving *group* of electrons in the wire. **Force on group** = _____
-Have you defined each of your symbols clearly? _____
6. How is the number of electrons in that group related to the length of the wire? _____
-Which symbol defined above represents the proportionality constant in that relation? _____
(The units will tell you.) Conclusion: **The number of electrons in the group** = _____
7. If you know the total force on the *group* of particles (from #5), and you know *how many* particles are in the group (from # ___), then it's easy to create a general formula for the force exerted on each particle in the group: **Magnetic Force On One Particle** = _____ Do the units balance in this equation? _____ -Does it contradict 2 & 3? _____ This discovery is being saved in #___ on RS ____.
The symbols in this new equation are clearly defined in #___ above and also on RS ____.
- * 8. In 1c you tested a "hand rule" for predicting the direction of the *magnetic force on a particle* when you are given the directions of its *velocity* and the *magnetic field*. That rule is recorded in #___ on RS___. That rule can be modified to make it work for a *positively* charged particle. Using those *italicized* words, state the new rule clearly enough so that it can stand alone. *Keep a copy*.
9. Imagine a charged particle coasting through a magnetic field in a vacuum, with the particle's velocity perpendicular to the field:
 - a. Does the magnetic force do any work on the particle? _____ (See page 58 or #2 & #8 on RS VI.)
 - b. Does the kinetic energy change? _____ -Does 9b contradict 9a? _____
 - c. What kind of curve must the path of the particle be? _____ (See pages 72-73 or #6 on RS VII.)
 - d. Is the word "radius" useful in describing that kind of curve? _____
 - e. What information would a physicist need in order to predict the radius of the path taken by a charged particle moving through a magnetic field? (After reviewing #7, list the independent variables which the path radius must depend on.)
 - f. Is it possible to create a path radius formula using only those variables and dimensional analysis? *If so, show how*. If not, then what units must the missing quantity have?

