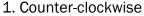
How to use the Right Hand Rule

Curl Right Hand Rule

- This method is best used for current flowing in wires
- Thumb in the direction of the current flow
- Rotate your fingers to determine the direct of the magnetic field

Example

A current runs through a straight wire from right to left. What direction would the magnetic field be?



2. Into the screen

3. Out of the screen

First finger

Direction of magnetic Field

> SeCond finger Direction of

induced Current

4. Right to left

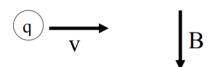
5. Left to right

Fleming's Right Hand Rule

- This method is best used when you have a dot product
- Put your thumb in the direction of the force
- Put your index in the direction of the magnetic field
- Put you middle finger in the direction of the induced current

Example

What direction is the force on a positive charge when entering a uniform B field in the direction indicated?



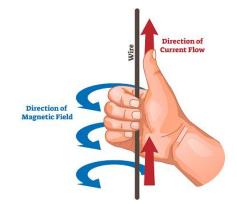
Remember to always use your right hand

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