

## Lorentz Force

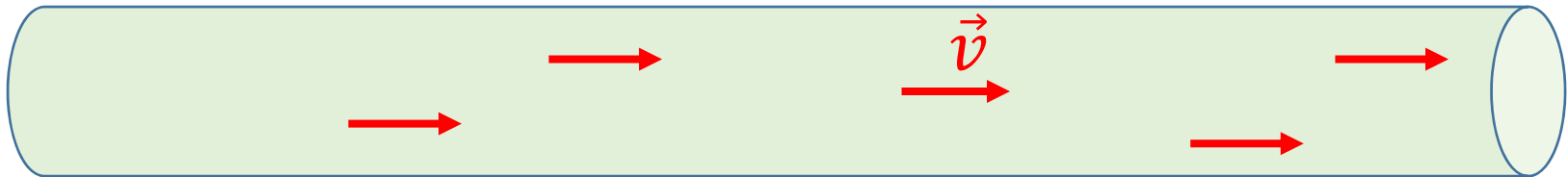
$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

- Electric force can accelerate objects by changing their speed and/or direction.
- Electric force can do work,  $W_E = \int q\vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$
- Magnetic force can only accelerate objects by changing their direction. (Acts perpendicular to velocity.)
- Magnetic force does not do work,

$$W_B = \int (q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{v} dt = 0 \text{ (where } \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{s}}{dt}\text{)}$$

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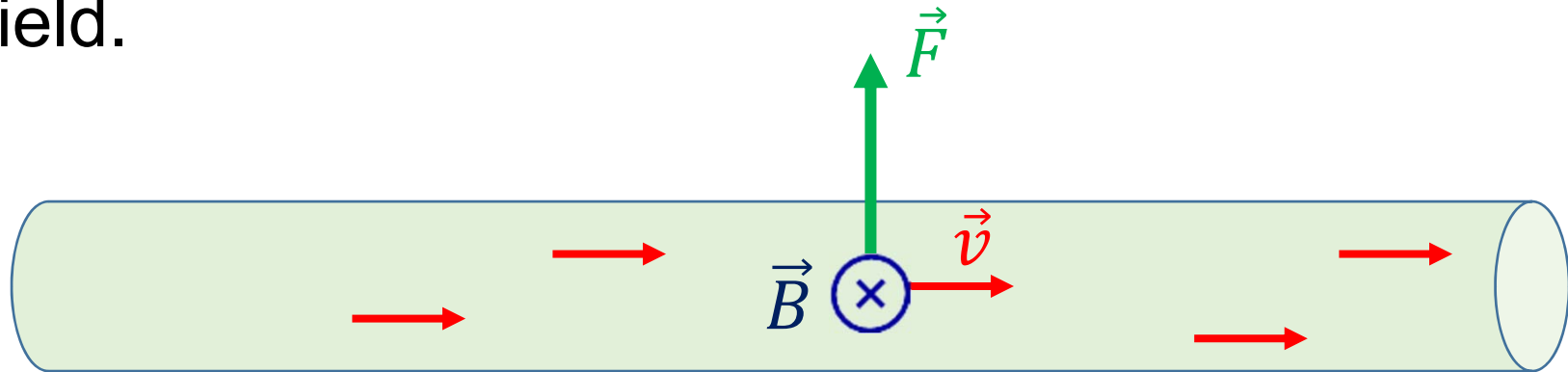
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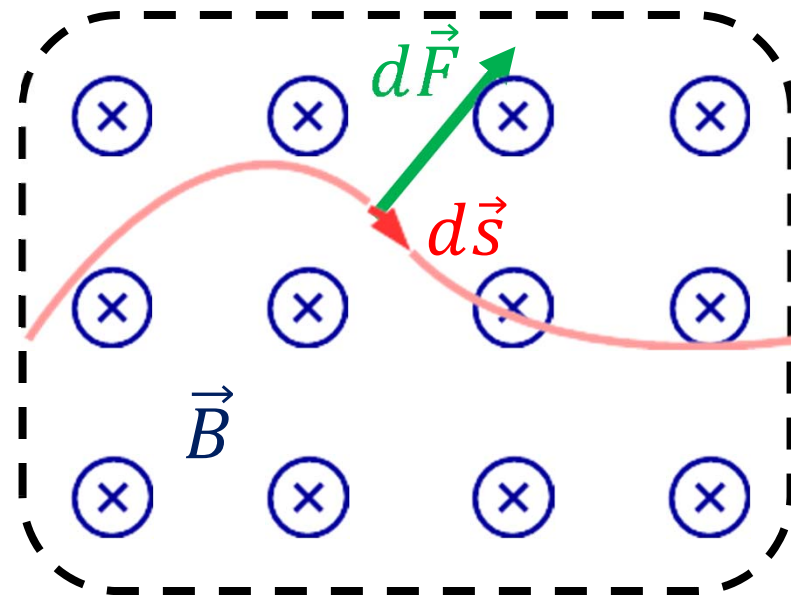
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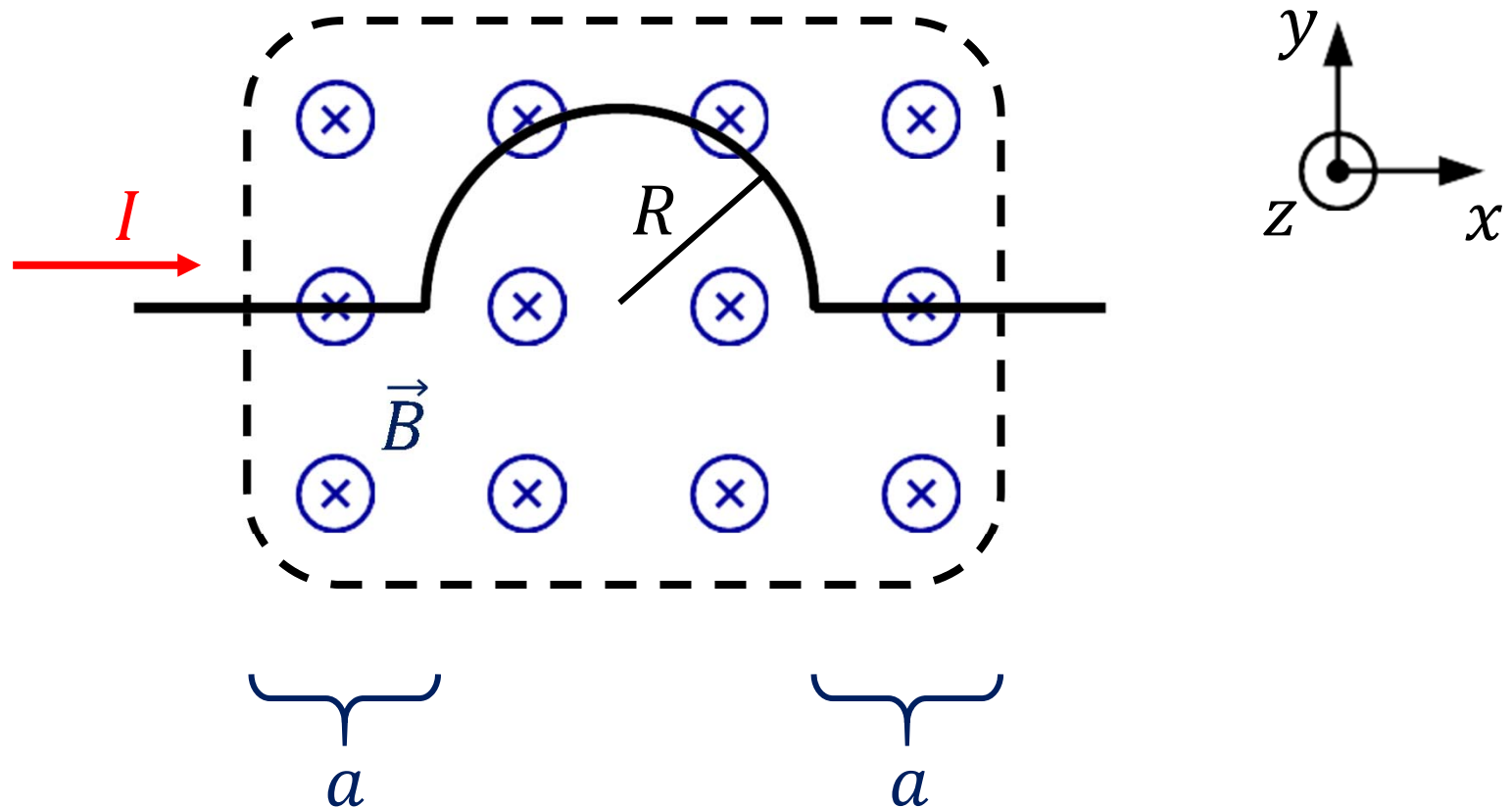
## Curved wires

$$\vec{F} = \int d\vec{F}$$

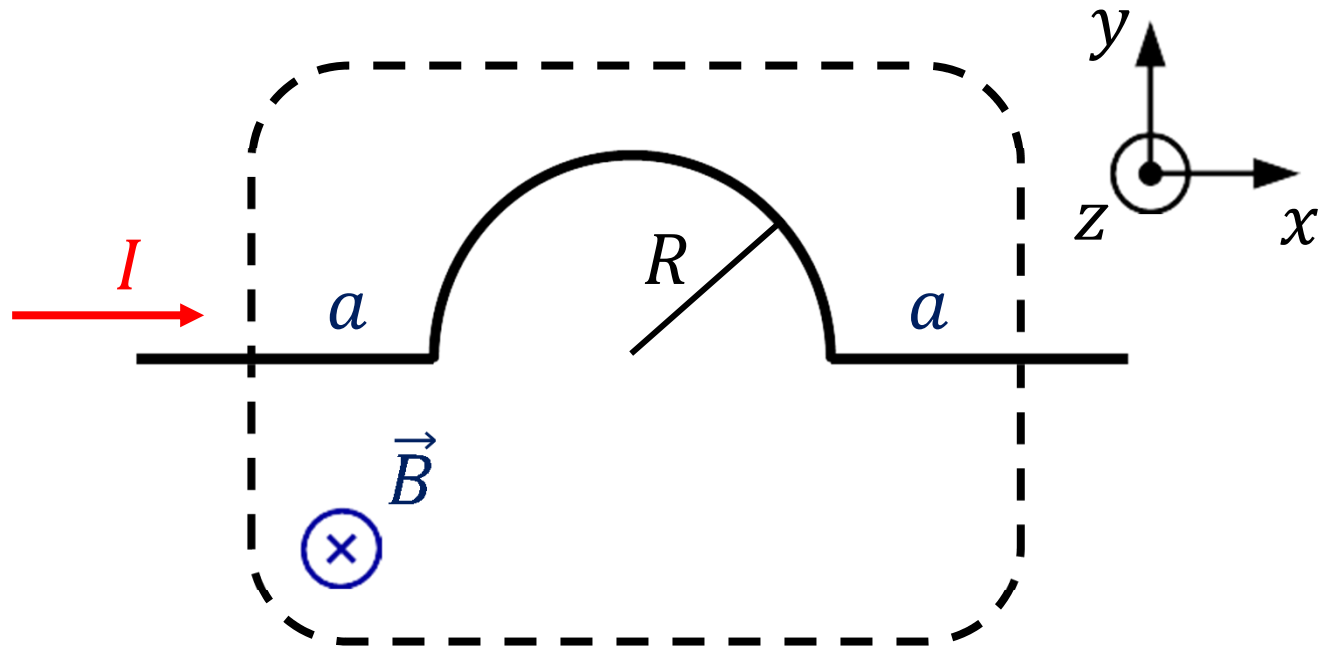
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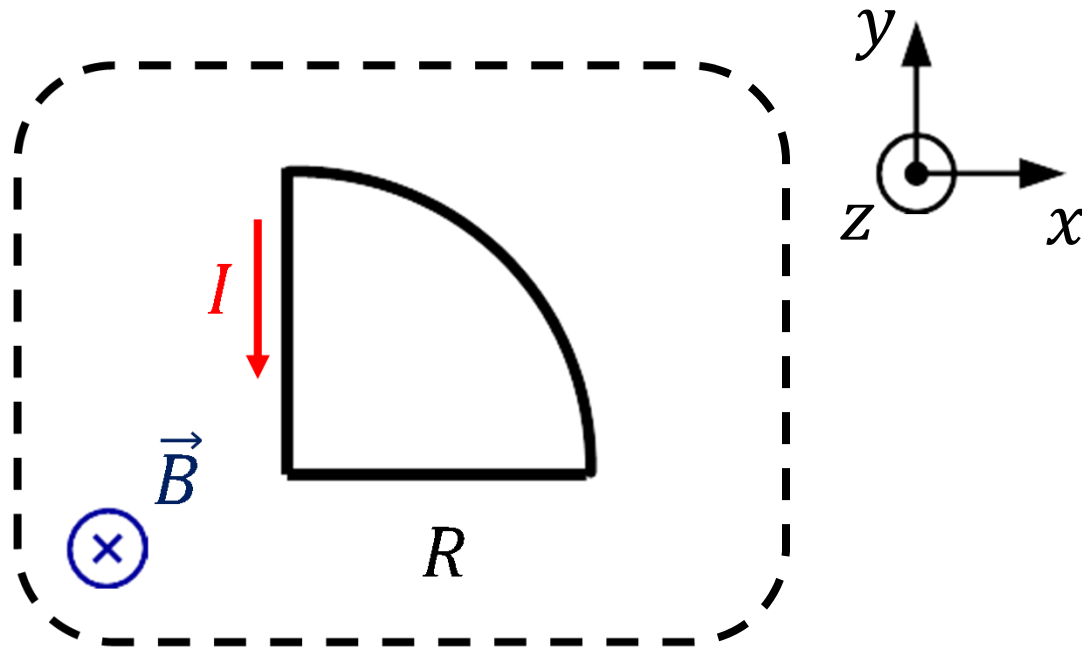
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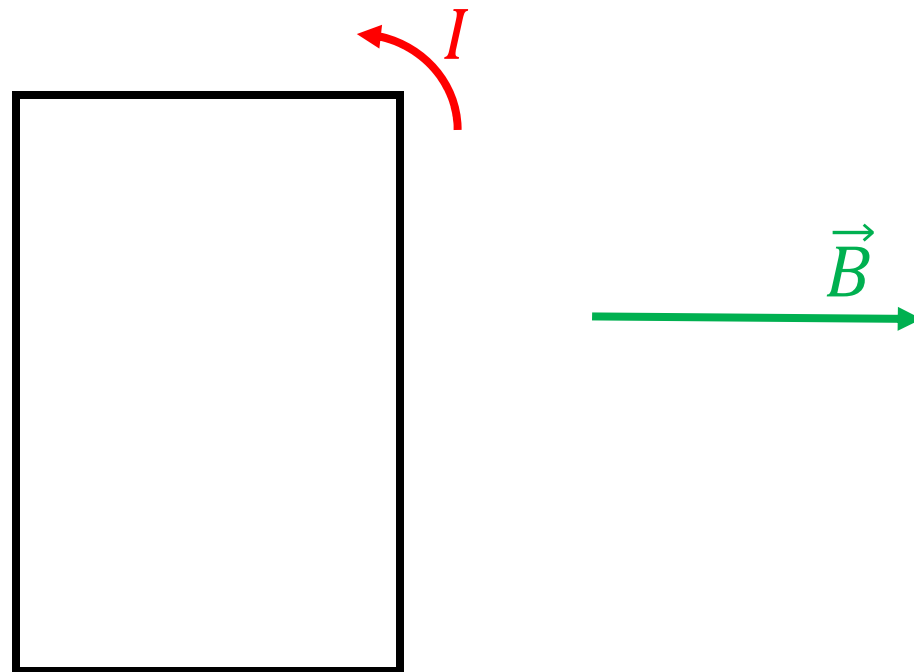


Example: A quarter of a circular loop of current-carrying wire is in a uniform magnetic field, as illustrated. Determine the net force on the wire.



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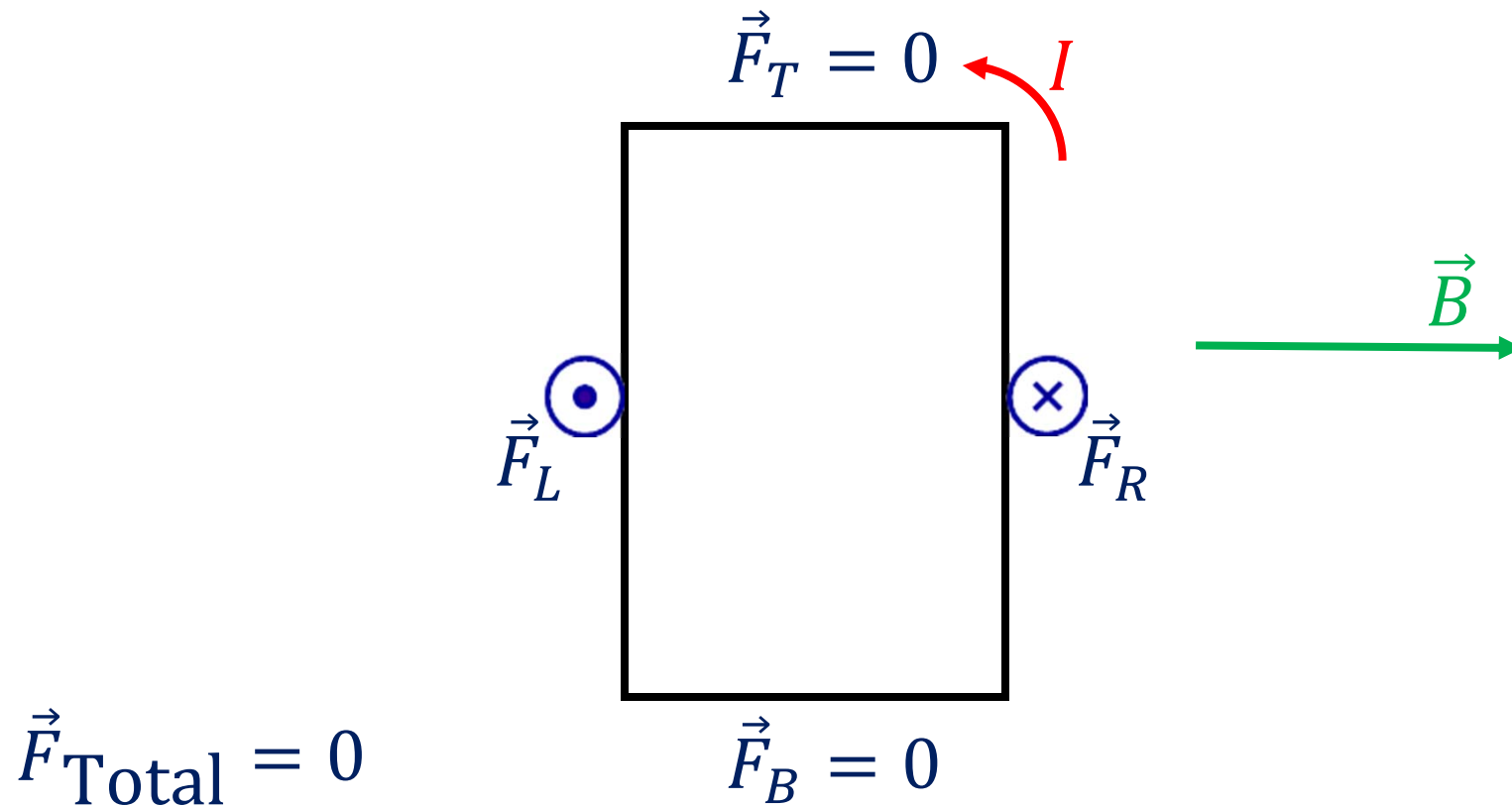
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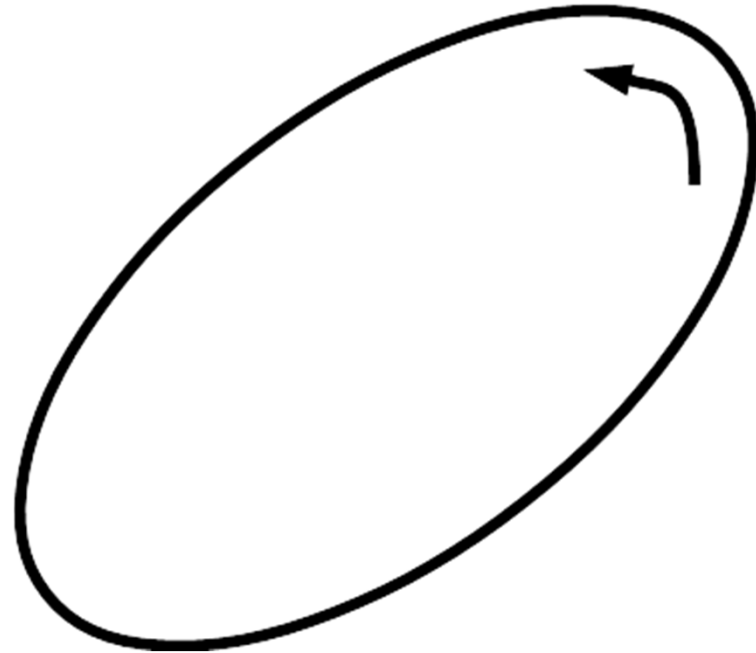
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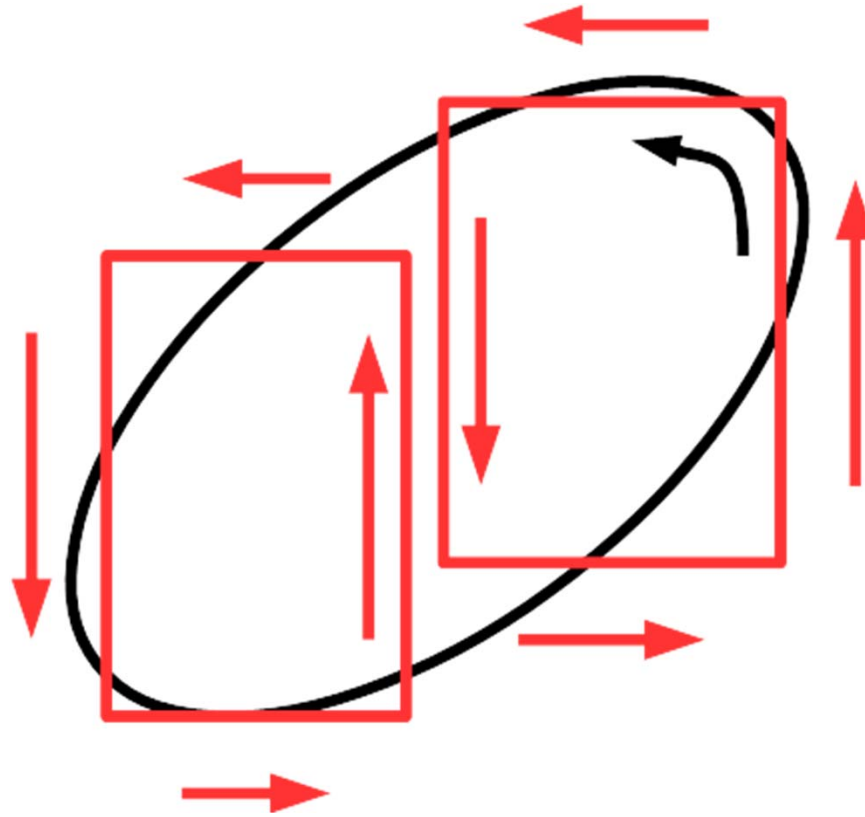
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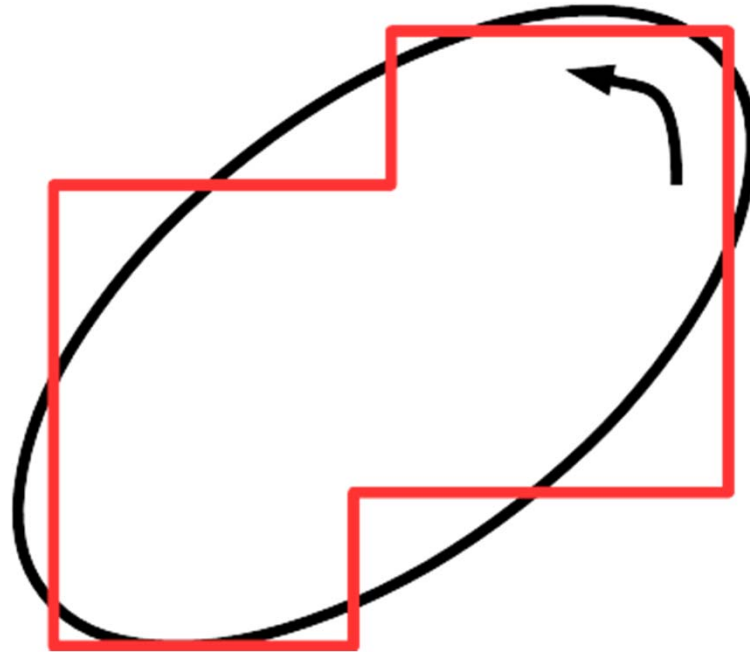
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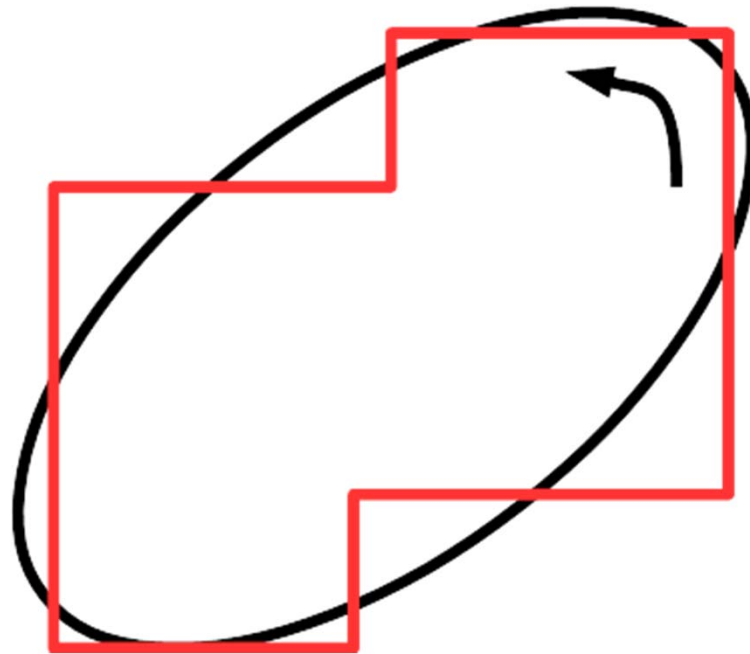
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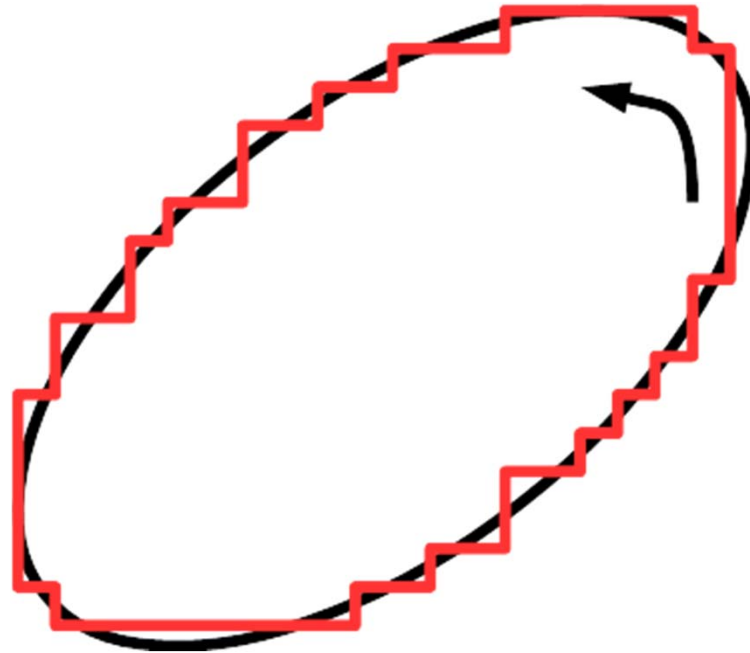
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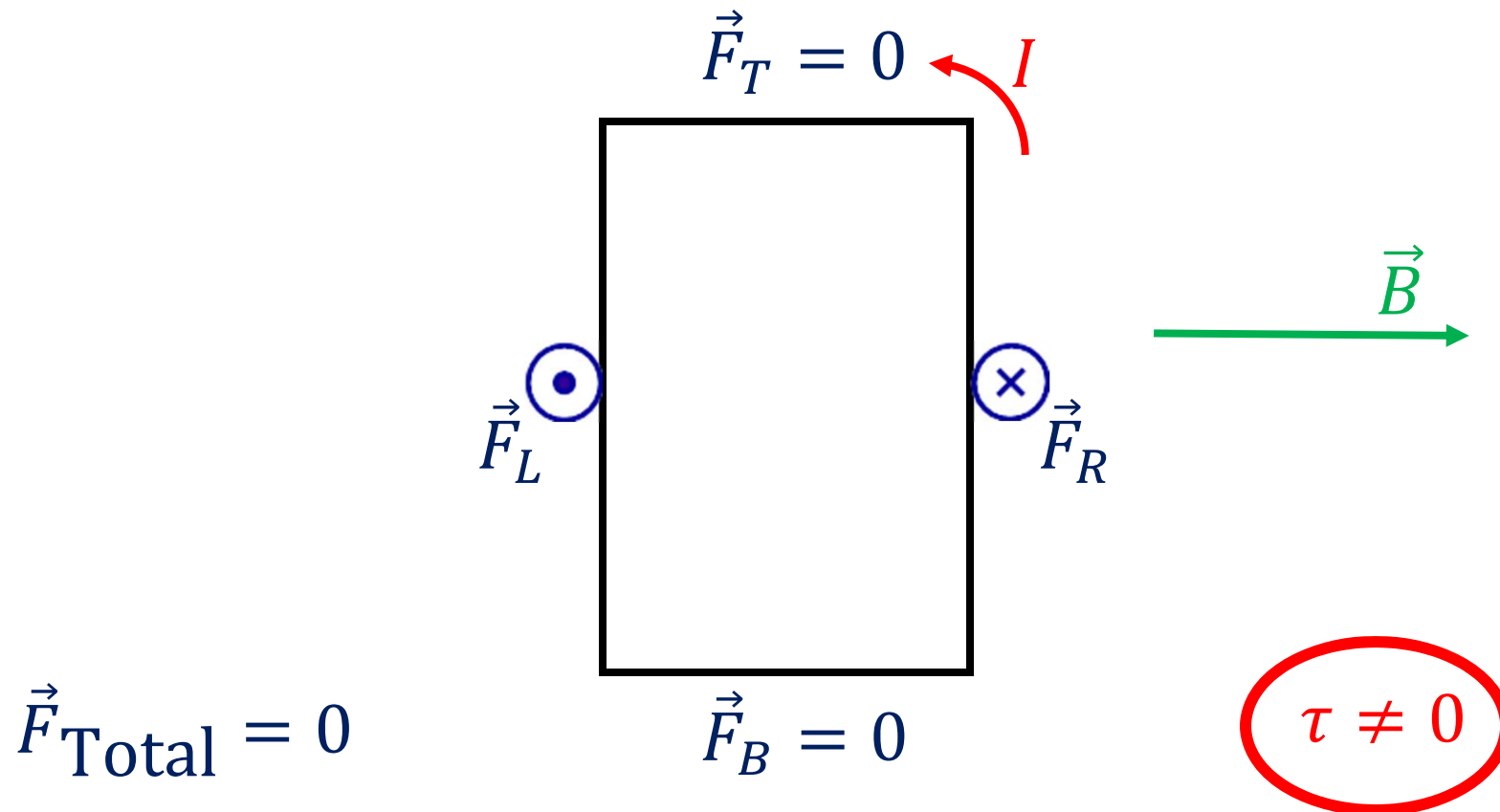
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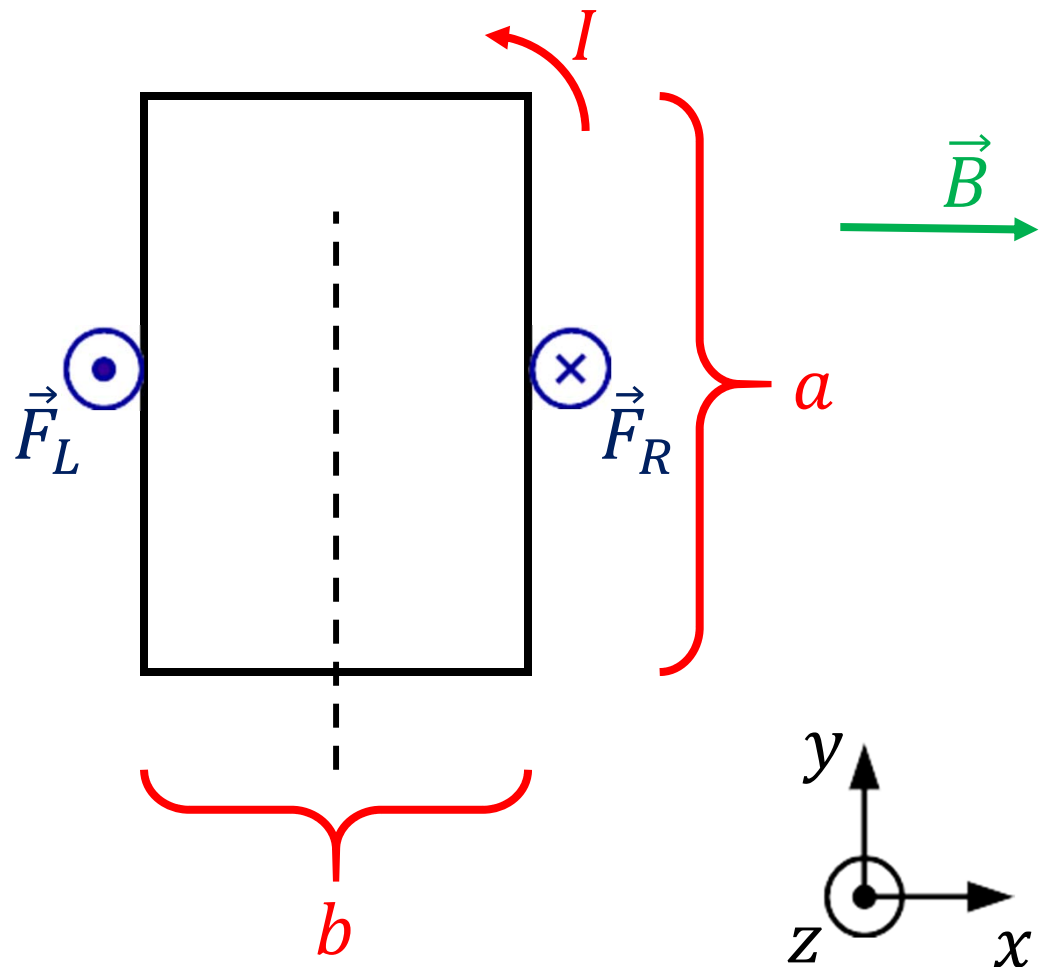
$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

$$\vec{\tau}_L = \frac{b}{2} (-\hat{i}) \times IaB\hat{k}$$

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$$\vec{\tau}_R = \frac{1}{2} IabB\hat{j}$$

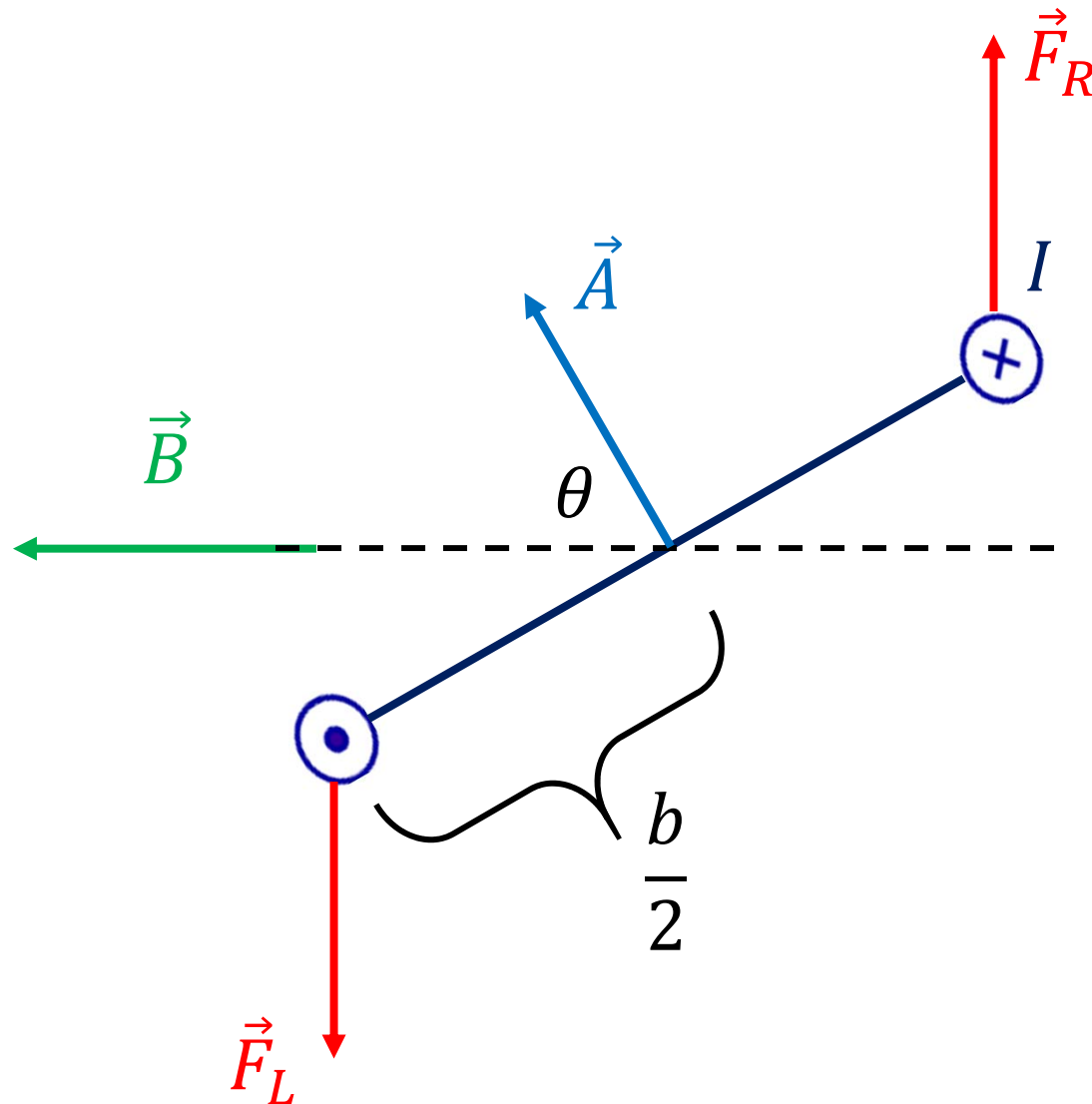
$$\vec{\tau}_{\text{Total}} = IAB\hat{j}$$





# Magnetic Torques on Current Loops

Field not necessarily in plane of loop



$$\tau_L = \frac{b}{2} \sin \theta I a B$$

$$\tau_R = \frac{b}{2} \sin \theta I a B$$

$$\tau_{\text{Total}} = I a b B \sin \theta$$

$$\vec{\tau} = I \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$$

## Magnetic Dipole Moment

$$\vec{\tau} = I\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$$

Can be written as

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$$

Where

$$\vec{\mu} = NI\vec{A}$$

( $N$  is the number of wire loops.)

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Recall electric dipoles.

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$$

$$U = -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}$$

Example: A magnetic dipole is in a uniform magnetic field. Under what conditions is (a) the torque a minimum, (b) the torque zero, (c) the potential energy a minimum, (d) the potential energy zero?

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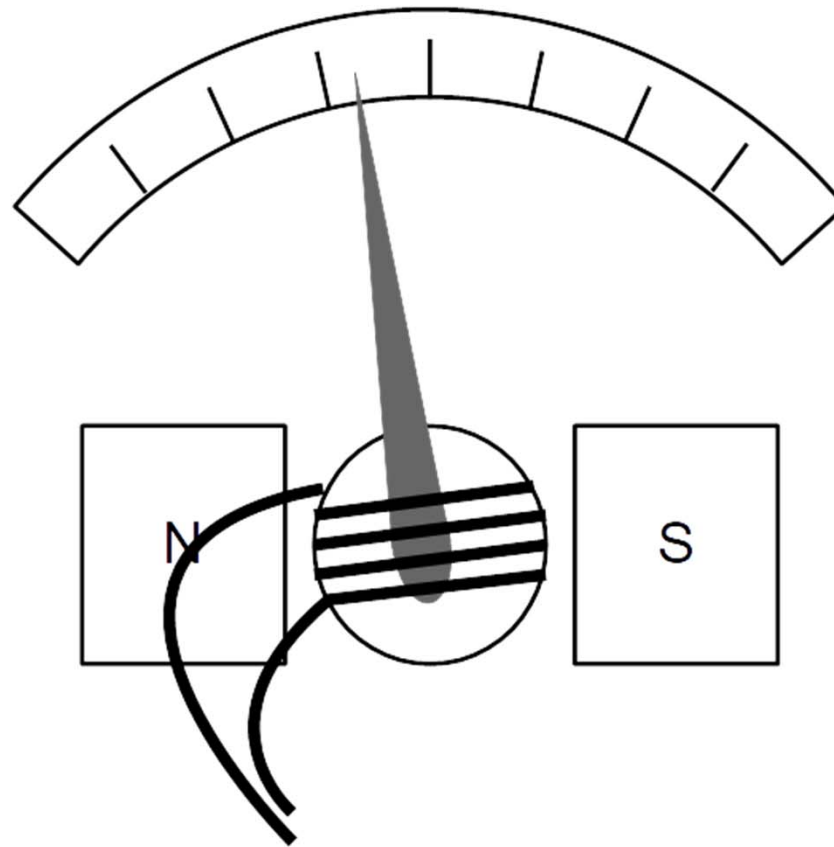
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## Galvanometer



What causes the forces on the needle?

Hyperphysics has nice interactive graphics showing how [dc](#) and [ac](#) motors work.

