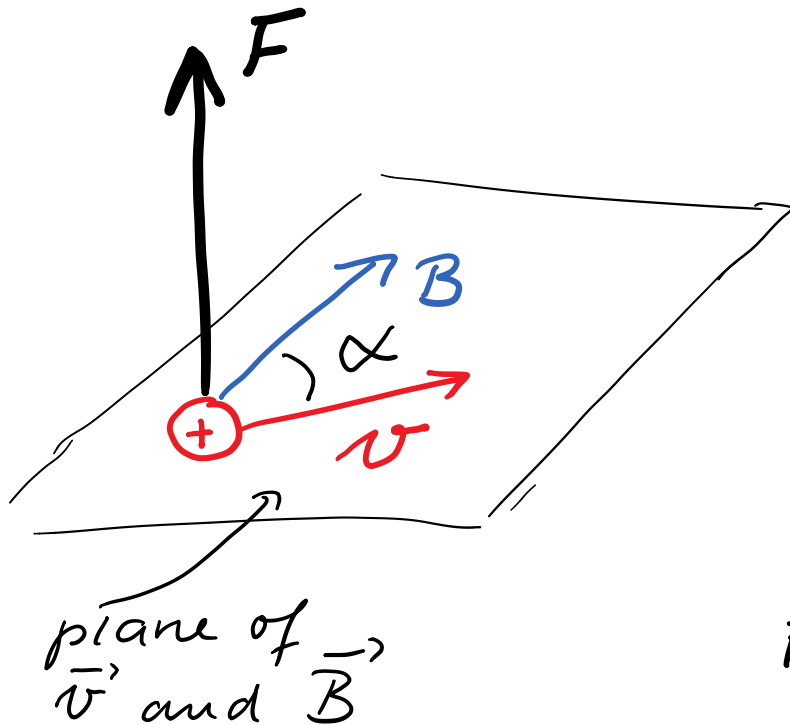


# Lecture 25: Magnetic force

- Force on moving charged particles
- Mass spectrometer

## Force on moving charges



Observe :

$$\vec{F} \perp \vec{v}$$

$$\vec{F} \perp \vec{B}$$

$$F = |q|vB \sin \alpha$$

$$\text{if } \vec{B} \parallel \vec{v} : F = 0$$

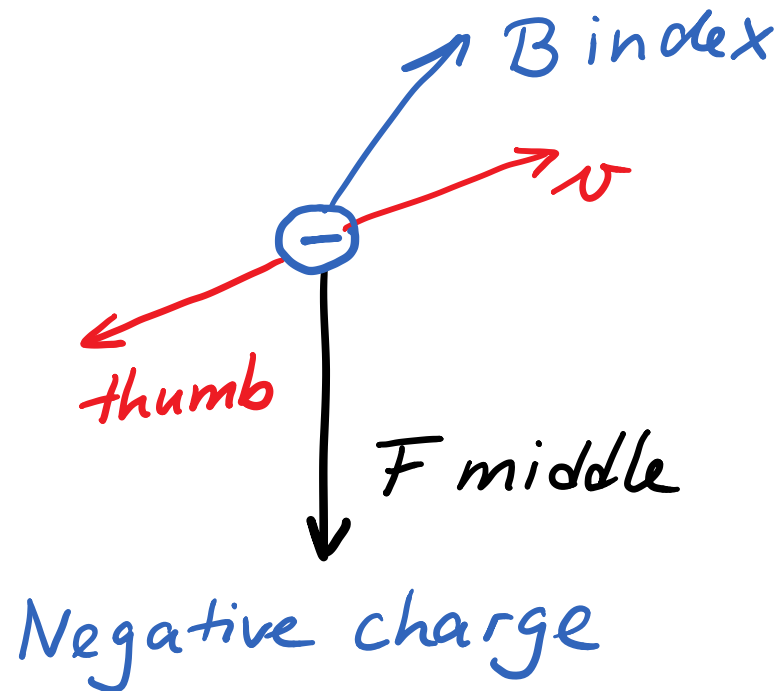
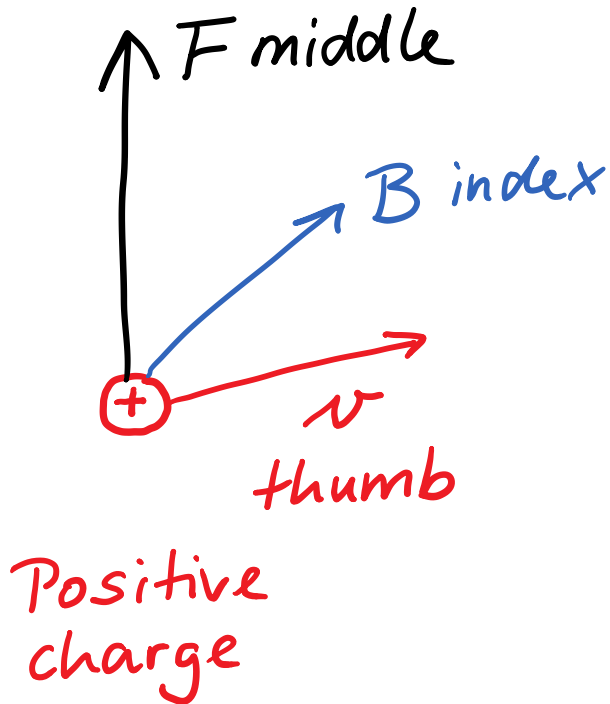
$$\text{if } v = 0 : F = 0$$

$$\text{if } \vec{B} \perp \vec{v} : F_{\max} = |q|vB$$

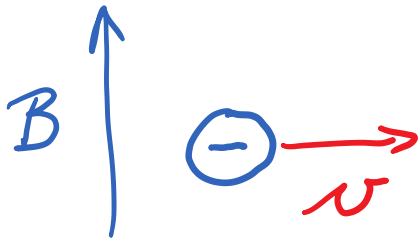
## Direction of force: right hand rule

Thumb =  $q\vec{v}$   
Index =  $\vec{B}$   
Middle =  $\vec{F}$

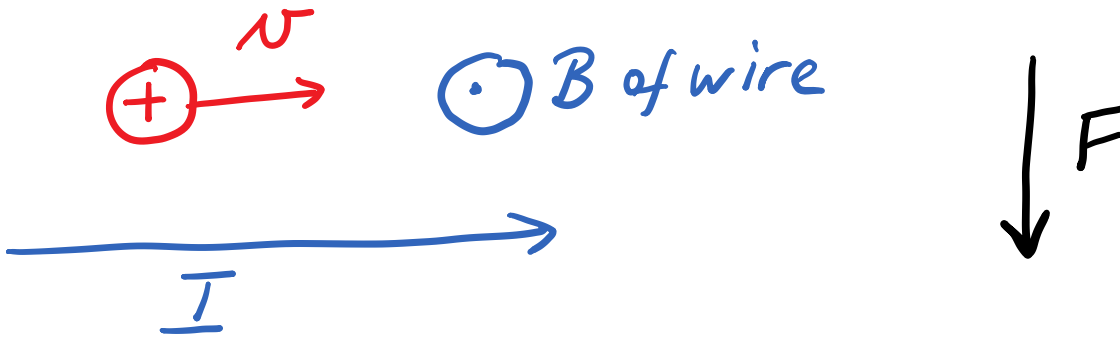
watch sign!



# Examples



$\otimes$   $\vec{F}$  into the board



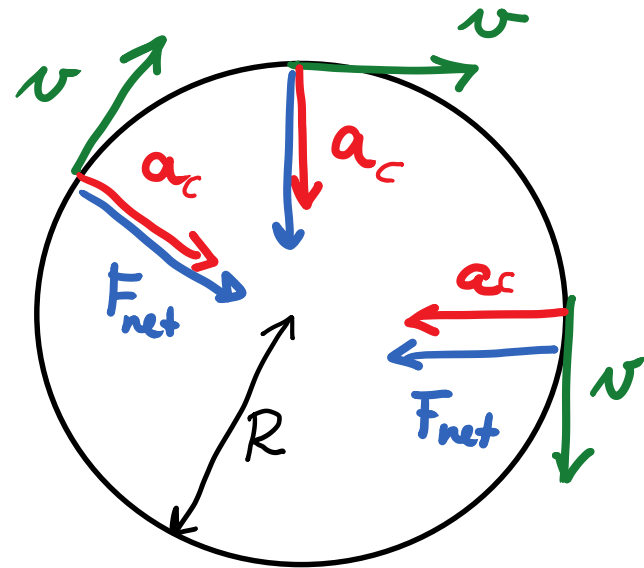
## Uniform circular motion

Motion in a circle with constant speed

**Caution:**

velocity is a **vector** and has magnitude and direction  
⇒ constant *speed* does not mean constant *velocity*. There will be acceleration!

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{R}$$



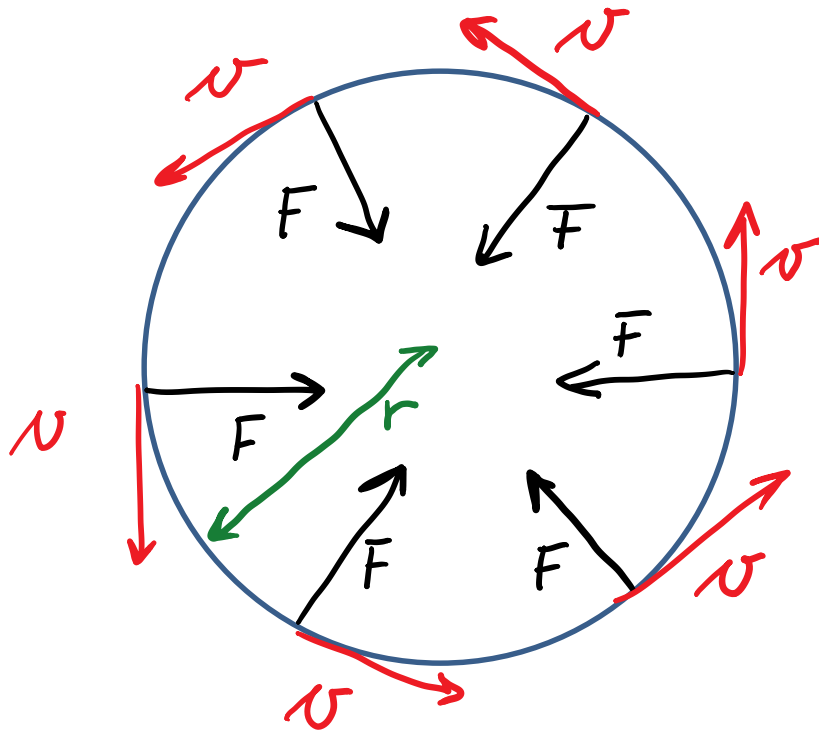
### Centripetal acceleration

Directed **towards center** of the circle

## Circular motion in uniform magnetic field

$\vec{F} \perp \vec{v} \Rightarrow$  changes direction

if  $B = \text{const.}$  and  $\vec{v} \perp \vec{B}$ : uniform circular motion at constant speed

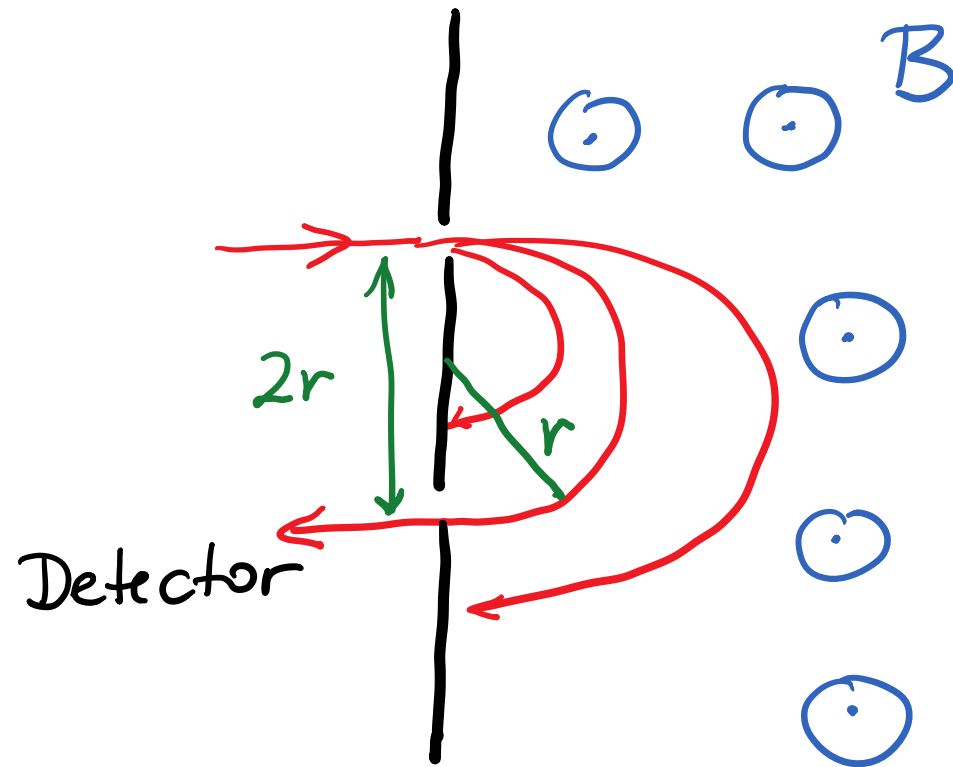


$$F = |q|vB \sin 90^\circ$$

$$F = ma_c = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$|q|vB = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

## Application: Mass Spectrometer



$$F = |q|vB = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$r = \frac{mv}{|q|B}$$

Ions of different masses  
follow paths of different radii