

# Magnetism and the Right Hand Rule

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# Magnetic Domains



**Domains Before  
Magnetization**

In order for a material with domains to become magnetic, the domains have to be aligned by an external magnetic field.



**Domains After  
Magnetization**

If enough of a materials domains become aligned, the material forms a magnetic dipole and becomes a permanent magnet

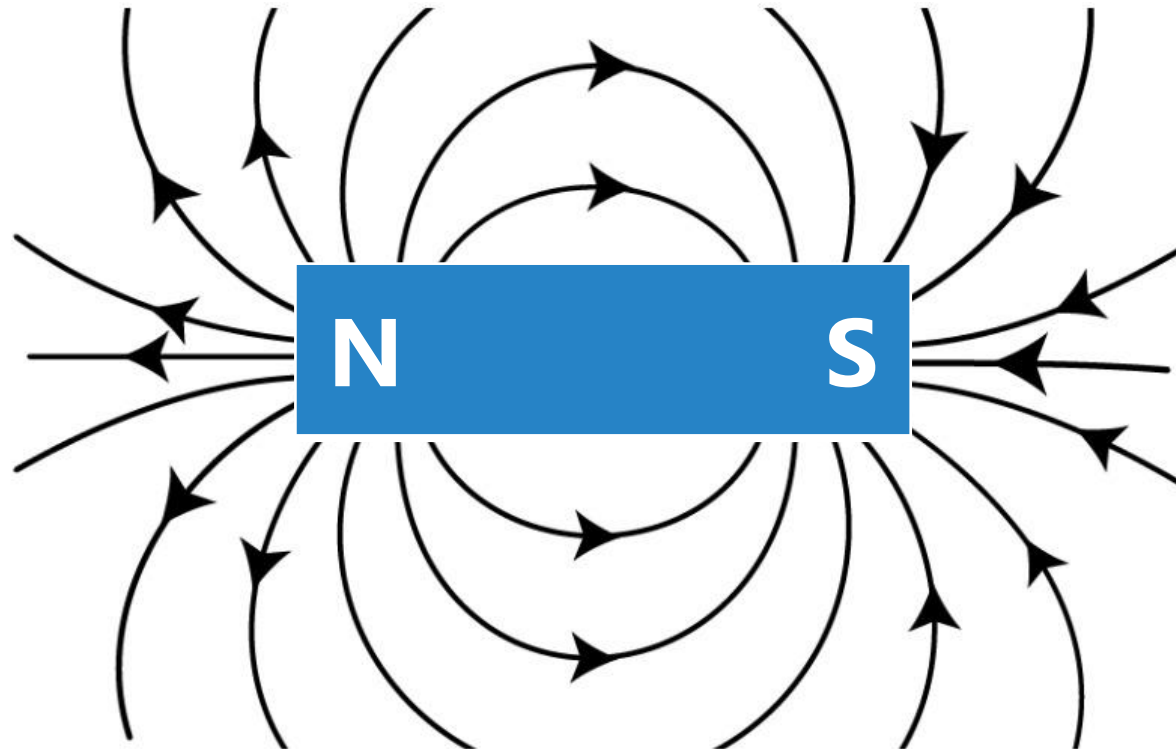
# Cutting Magnets in Half

Poles cannot be isolated – a magnet cannot be broken to get a separate north and south pole. Instead, it creates two magnets, each with a north and south pole



# Review: Magnetic Fields

Magnetic field lines point from North to South



A compass would align with these field lines

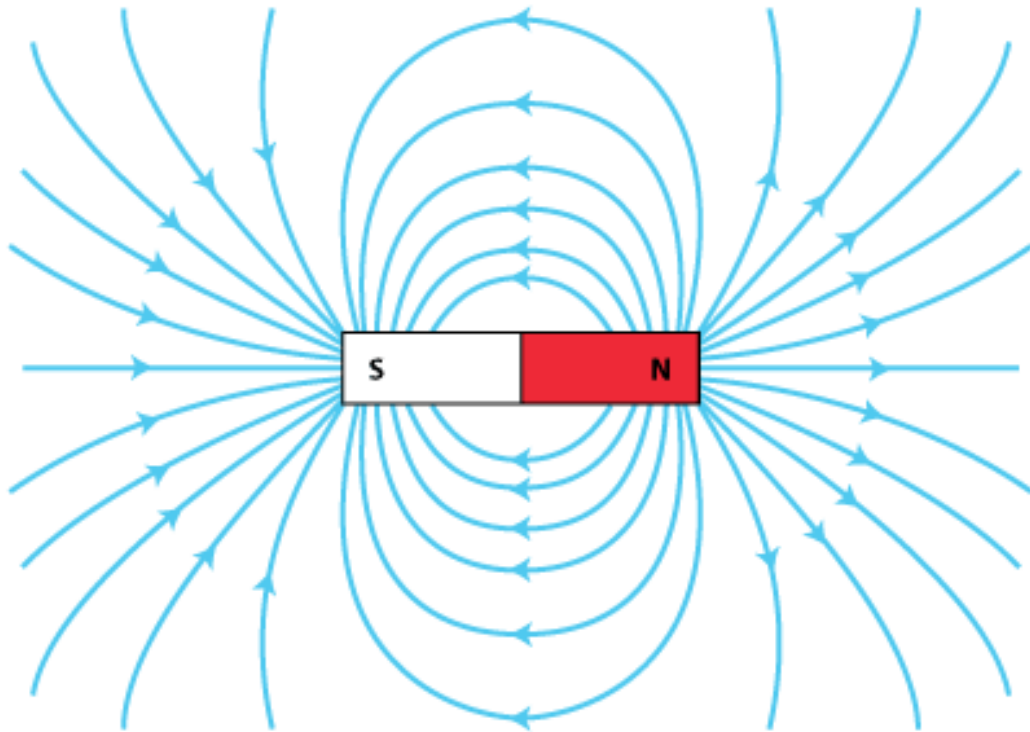
# Review: Magnetic Fields

A horseshoe magnet is just a bent bar magnet. The rules for magnetic fields still apply.



# B-Field

$B \rightarrow$



Units

# Introducing... Current

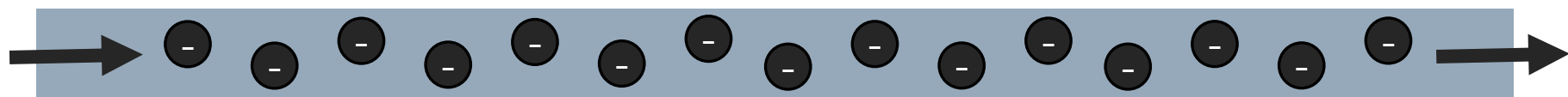
The rate at which charges move through a conductor

Symbol:

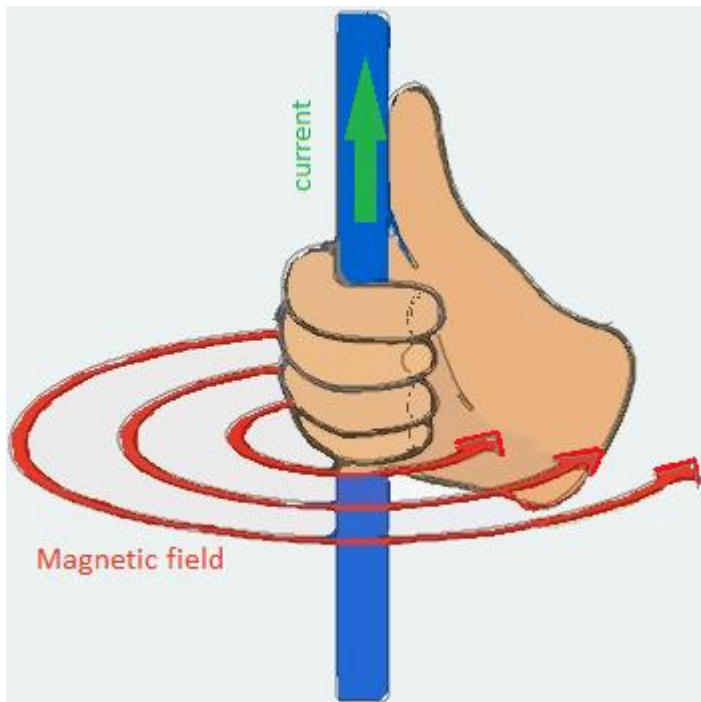
Unit:

$$I = \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta t}$$

Current is defined as the direction of positive flow



# Right Hand Rule #1



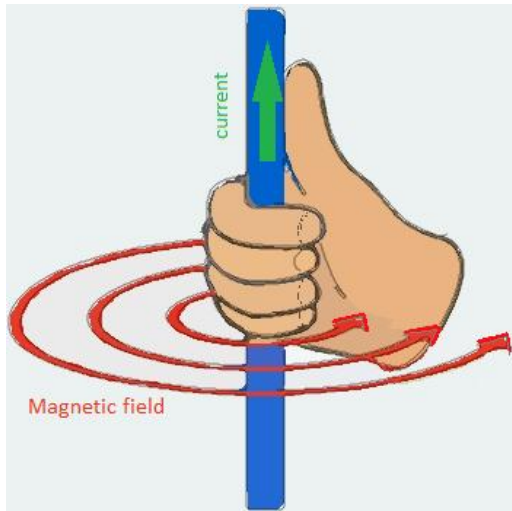
When current flows through a wire, a magnet is produced wrapping around that current-carrying wire

The direction of the magnetic field produced can be predicted by the "**Right Hand Rule**"

**Thumb** points in direction of the **current**

**Fingers** point in direction of the **field lines**

# Drawing in 3D



It can be hard to translate a 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension into a 2-dimensional diagram so there are some conventions to help us out



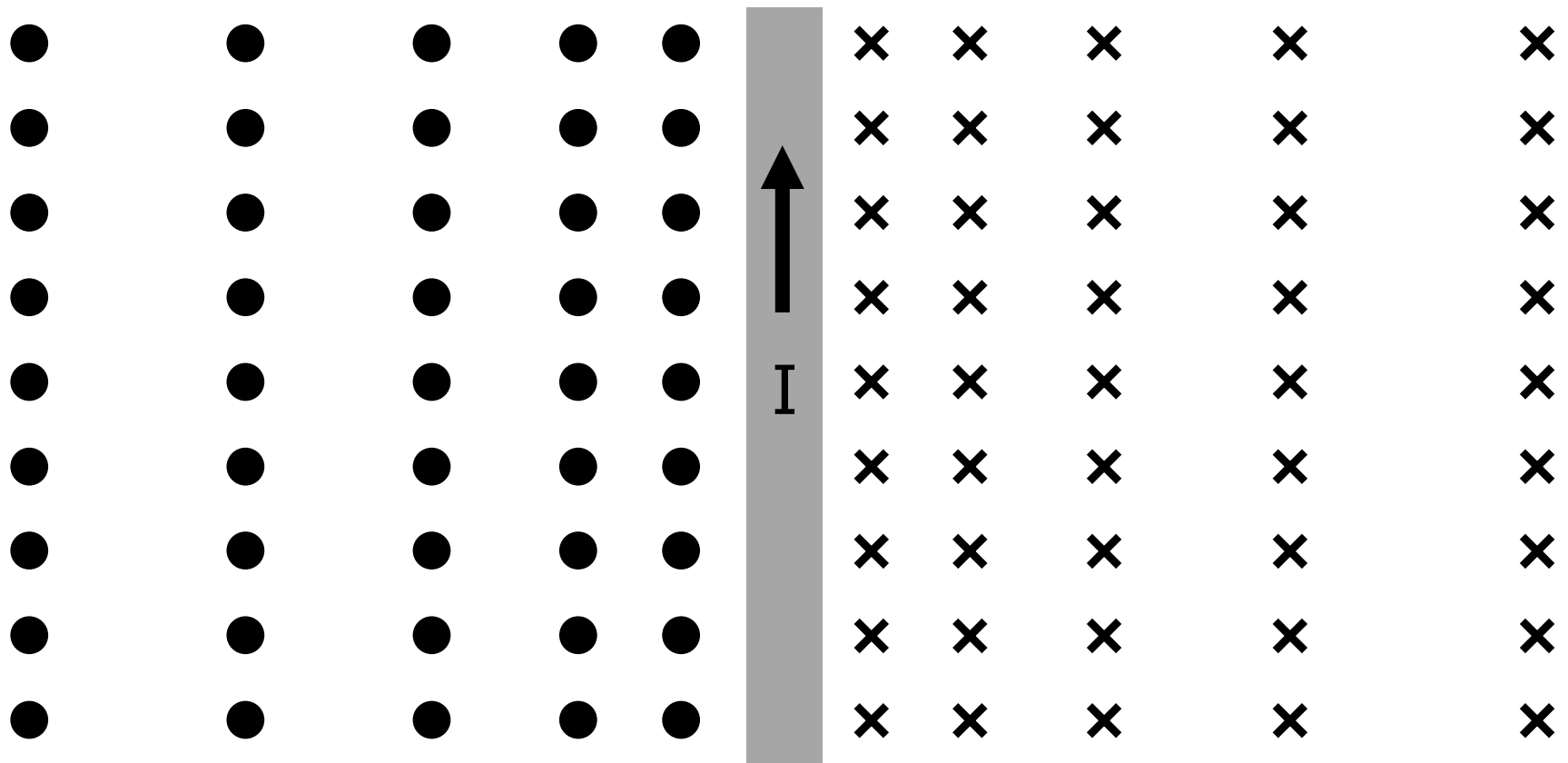
How do you represent a direction that's perpendicular to the paper?

Into the paper

Out of the paper

# Drawing in 3D

Where is Magnetic Flux Density the highest?



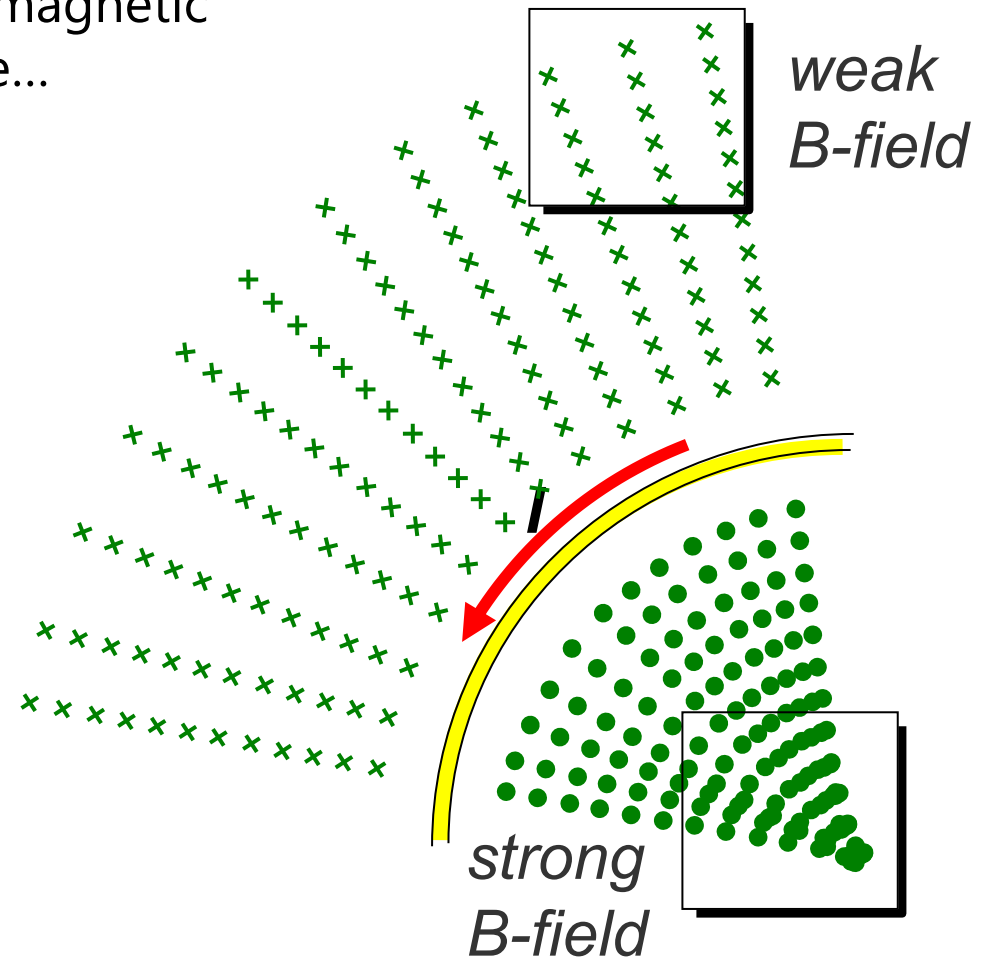
# Right Hand Rule #1

Draw in the magnetic field lines around these current carrying wires

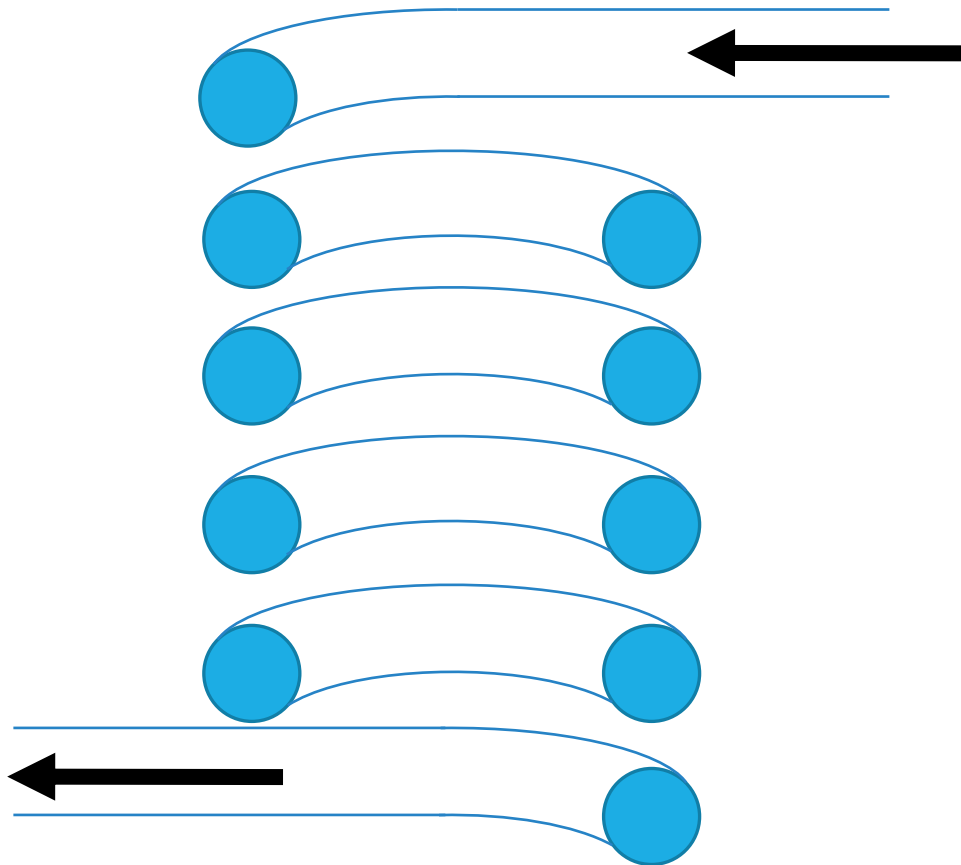
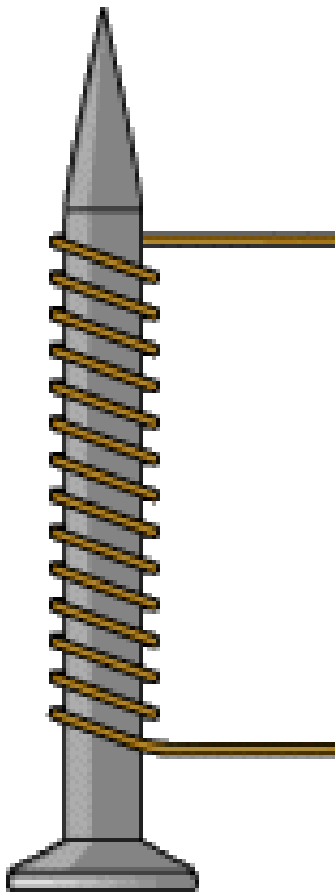


# Looped Wire

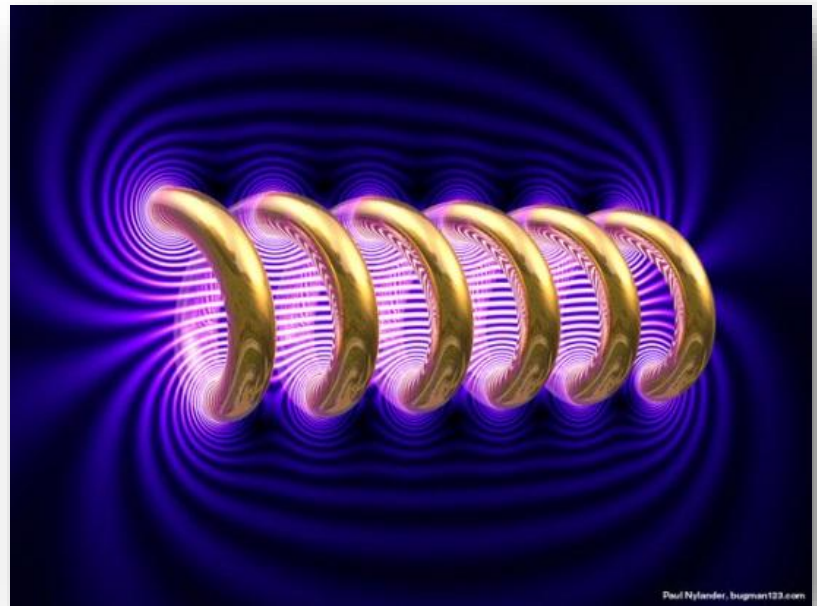
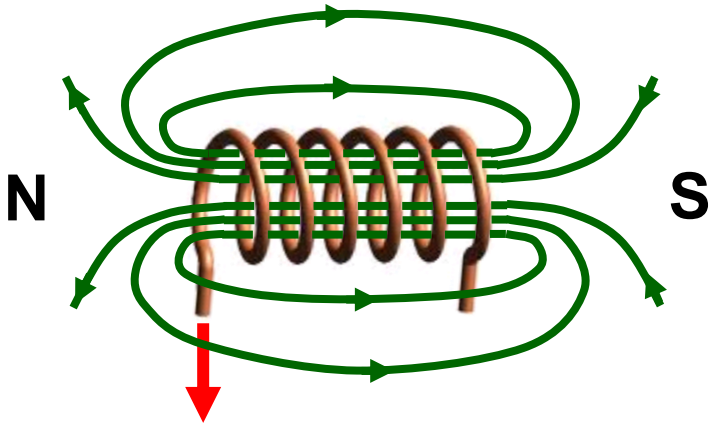
A wire in a loop has a stronger magnetic field inside the loop than outside...



# Creating an electromagnet



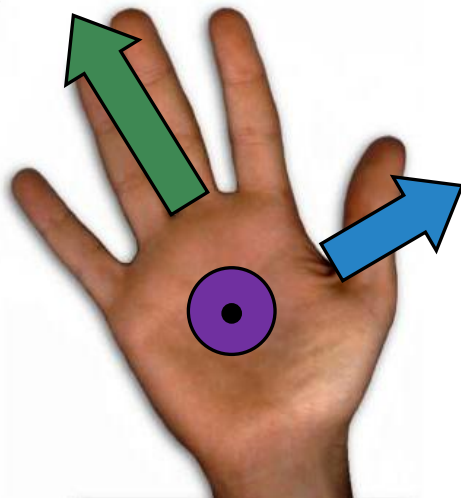
# Magnetic Field



# Electromagnet Applications



# Right Hand Rule #2



**Thumb** points in direction of the **current**

**Fingers** point in direction of the **field lines**

**Palm** points in direction of the **force**

How do you represent a direction that's perpendicular to the paper?

Into the paper

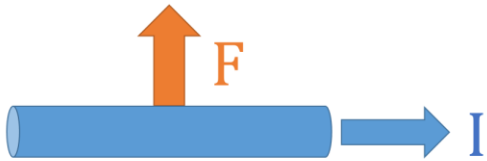


Out of the paper

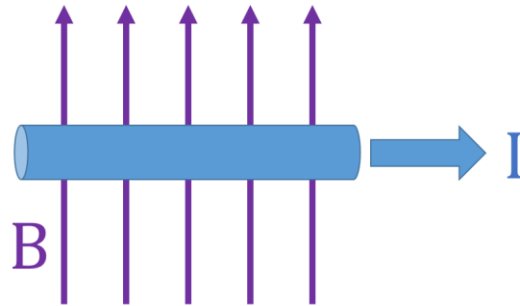


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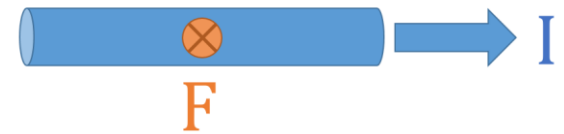
Draw in the magnetic field (B)



Draw in the force (F)

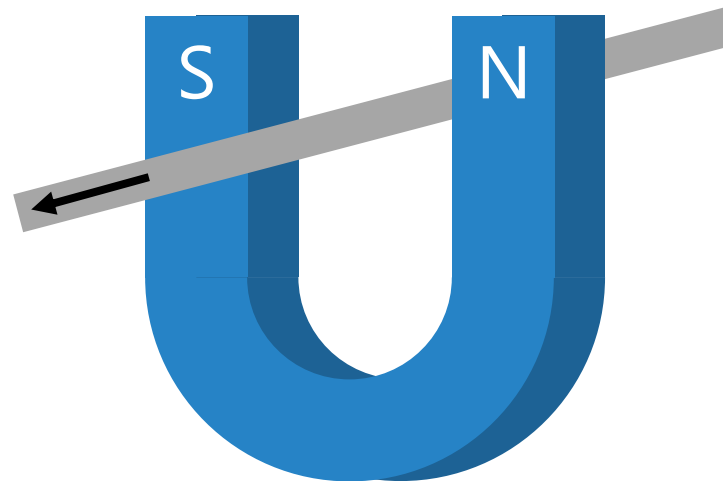
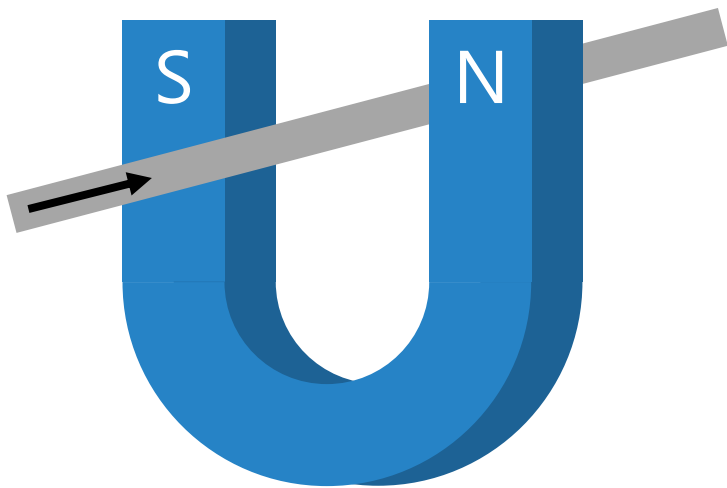


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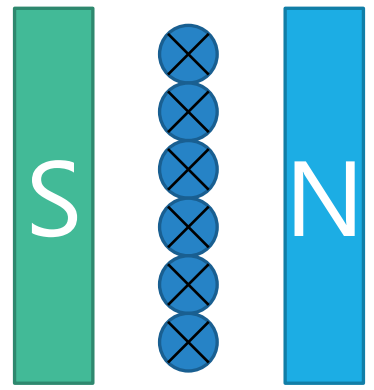
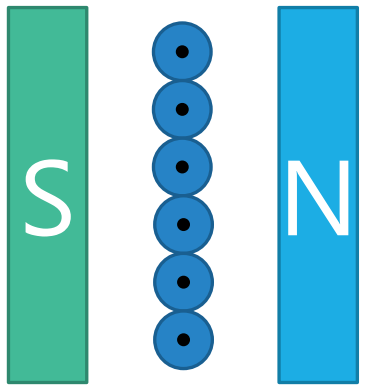
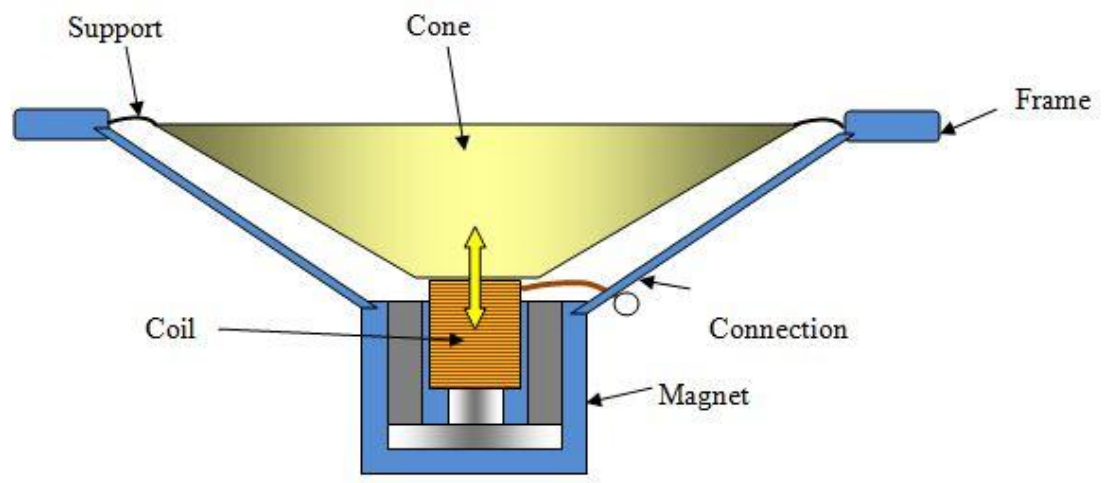


# Right Hand Rule #2

A current-carrying wire is placed in a magnetic field and the magnetic field exerts a force on the wire

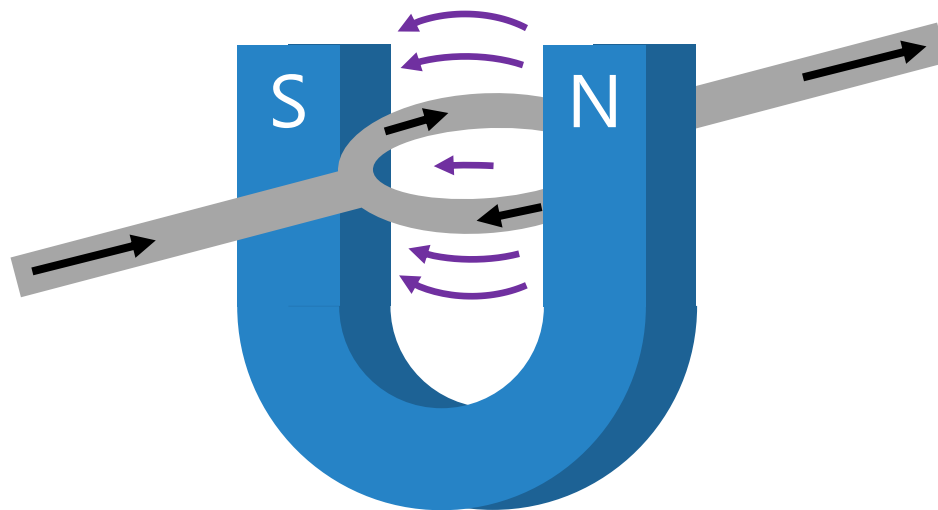


# Speakers



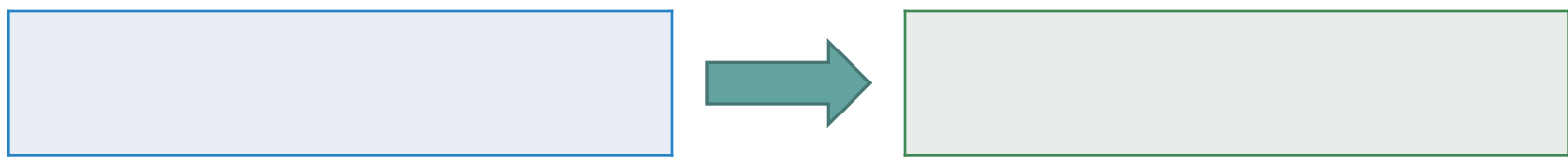
# Designing a Motor

When electric current is passed through a magnetic field, you get \_\_\_\_\_

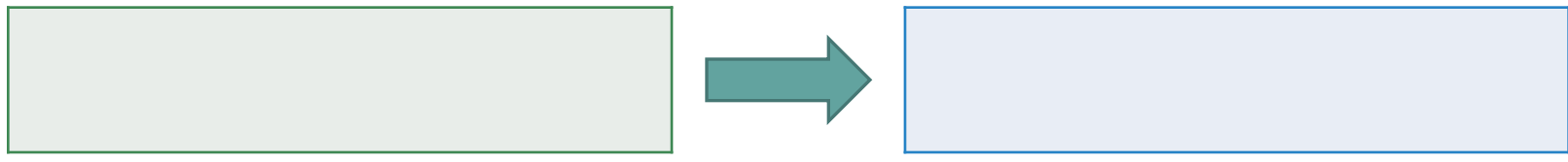


# Motors vs Generators

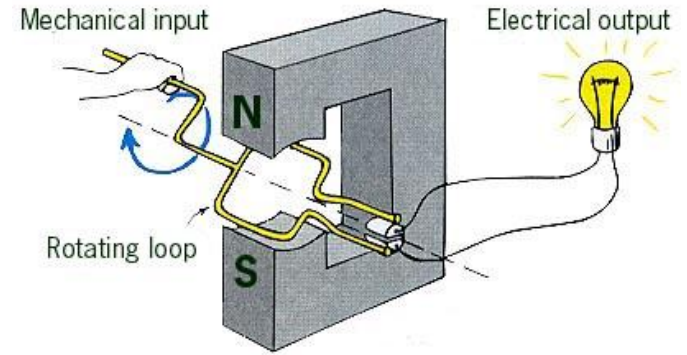
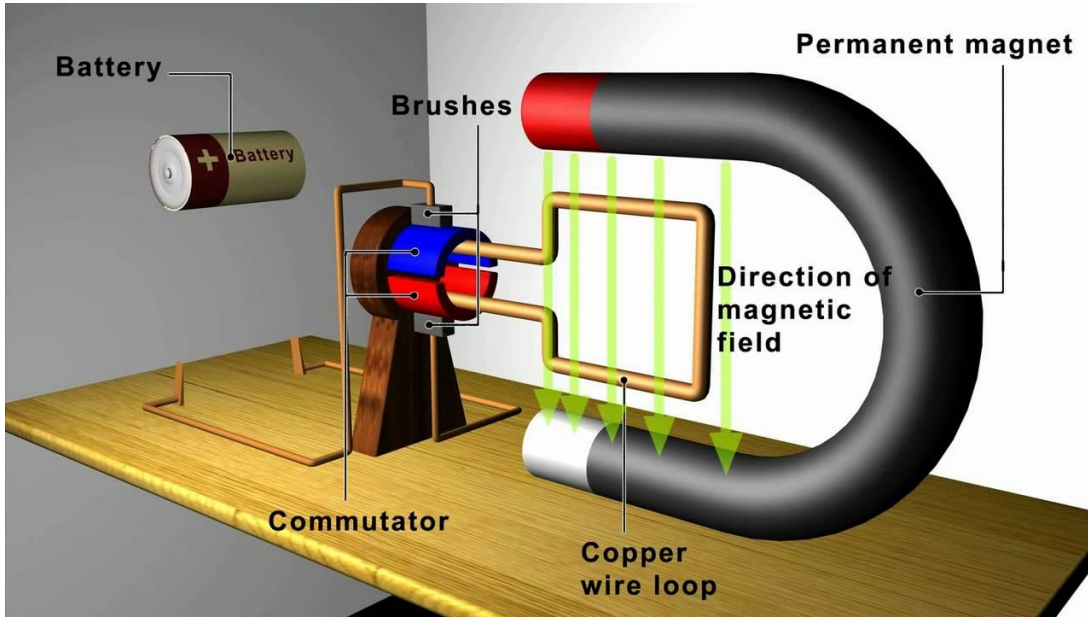
**Electric Motors** convert



**Electric Generators** convert

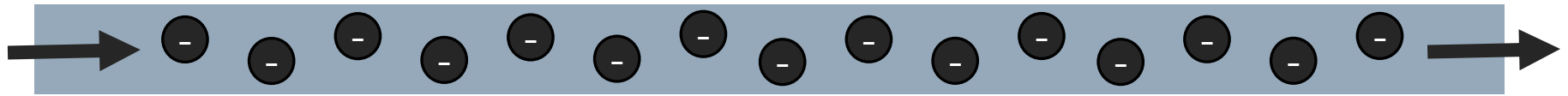


# Examples



# Particles Moving Across Fields

**Remember:** Current is defined as the direction of positive flow

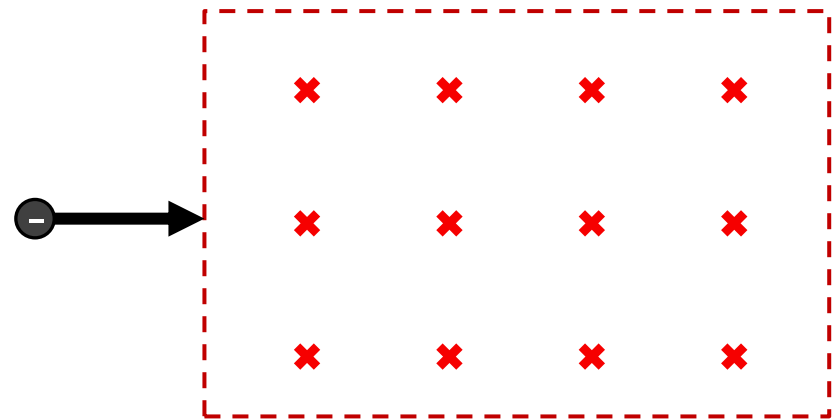
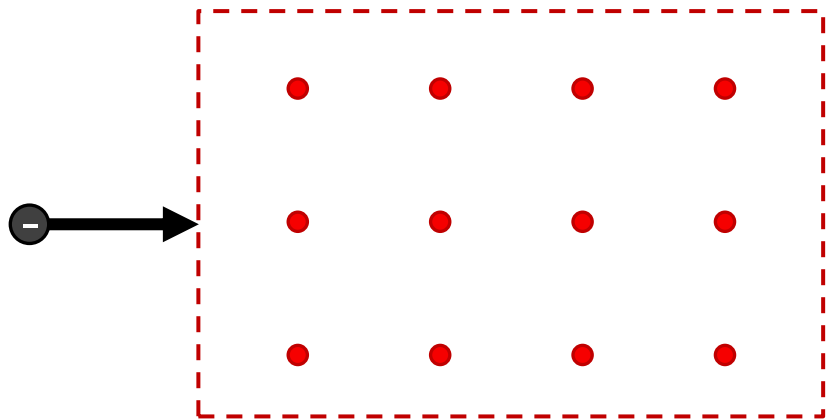
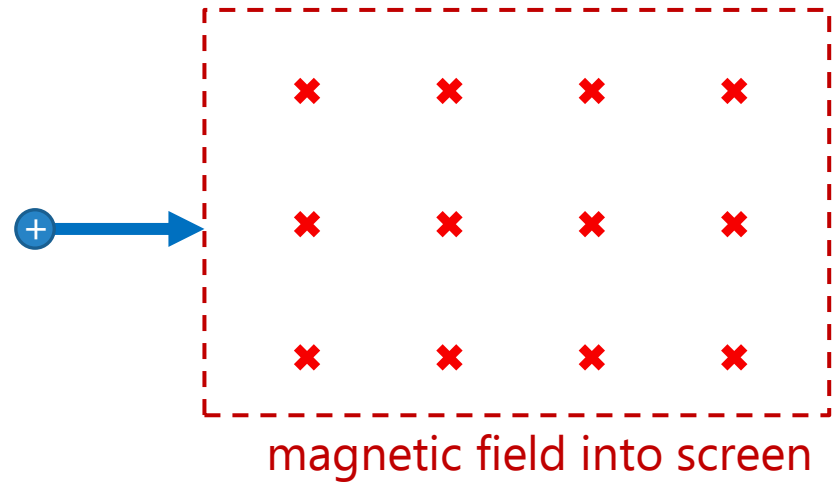
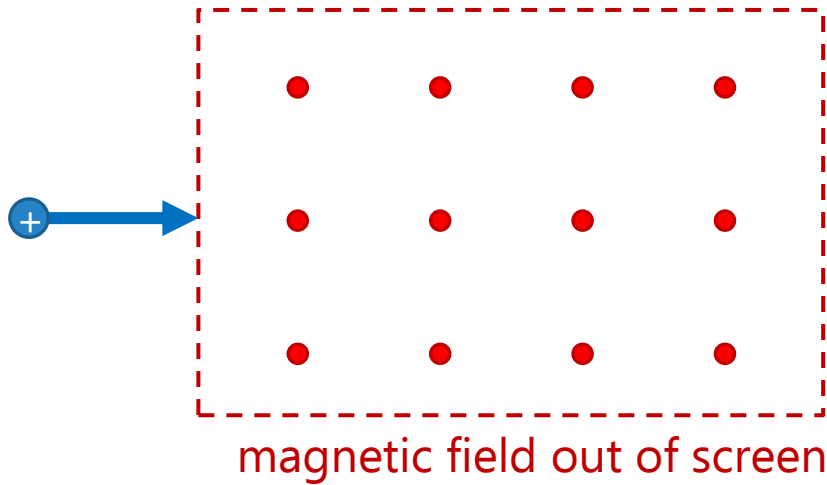


What if it's just one particle moving?

**Thumb** points in direction of the **current**  
**Fingers** point in direction of the **field lines**  
**Palm** points in direction of the **force**



# Particles Moving Across Fields



# Lesson Takeaways

- I can describe how permanent magnets are created by aligned magnetic domains
- I can indicate a vector that is pointing into or out of the page
- I can use the right-hand rule to draw the magnetic field around a current carrying wire
- I can use the right-hand rule to predict the forces on a current carrying wire in a magnetic field
- I can predict the trajectory of a charged particle moving through a magnetic field at different speeds