

# Phys 102 – Lecture 11

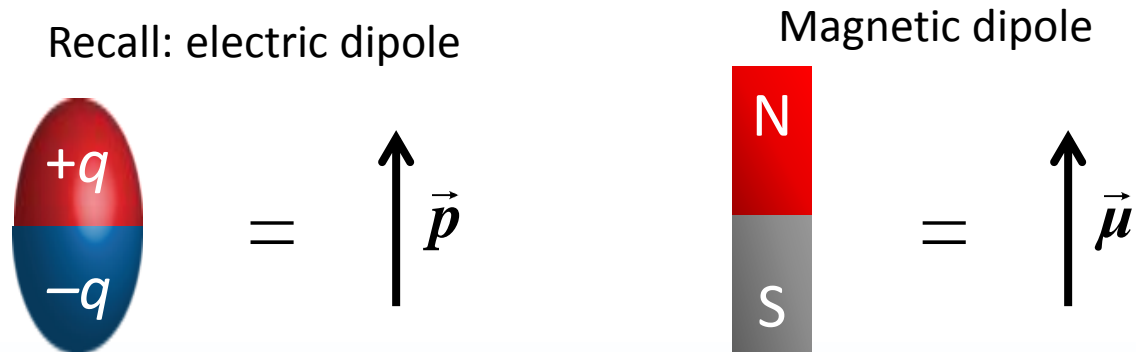
Magnetic dipoles & current loops

# *Today we will...*

- Learn how magnetic fields act on
  - Magnetic dipoles
  - Current loops
- Apply these concepts!
  - Magnetotactic bacteria
  - Principles behind NMR/MRI, EPR/ESR
  - Magnetic materials (paramagnets and ferromagnets)

# *Magnetic dipole & dipole moment*

A magnetic N and S pole make up a *magnetic dipole*



*Magnetic dipole moment* is analogous to electric dipole moment

Direction

Vector from S to N pole (by convention)

# Dipole in uniform field

Electric & magnetic dipole moments align parallel to field

Torque:  $\tau = pE \sin \theta$

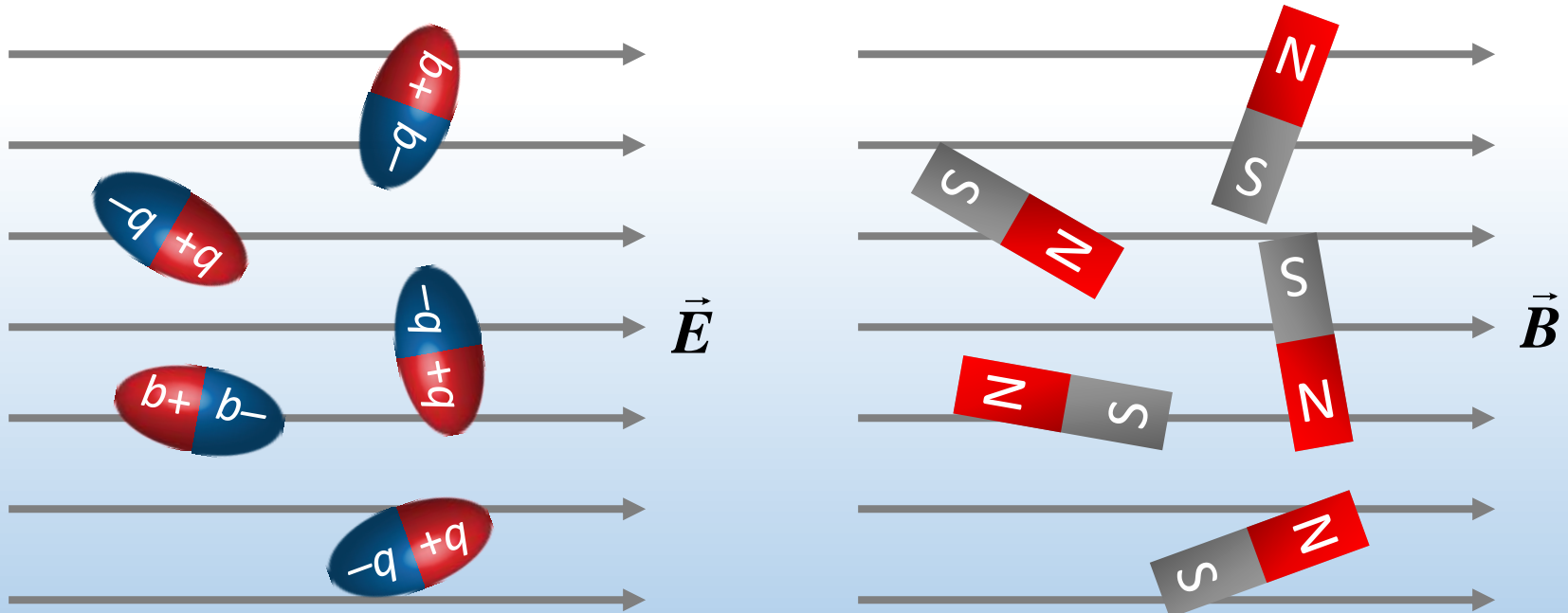
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$$\tau = \mu B \sin \varphi$$

Energy:  $U_{dip} = -pE \cos \theta$

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$$U_{dip} = -\mu B \cos \varphi$$



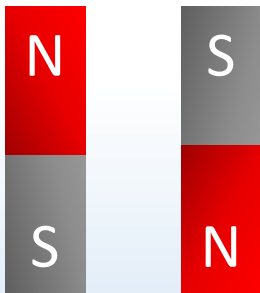
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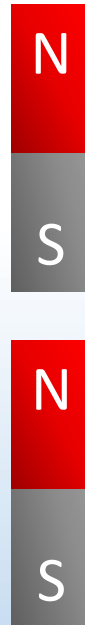
# ACT: CheckPoint 1.1

Which of the three configurations of magnetic dipoles shown below has the highest potential energy?

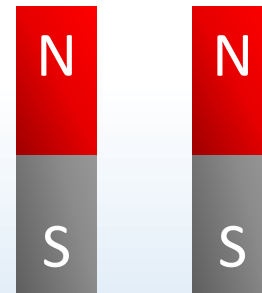
A.



B.



C.



# Calculation: magnetic bacteria

Magnetotactic bacteria grow a chain of magnets to align to the Earth's  $B$  field



*Magnetospirillum magnetotacticum*

Room temperature kinetic energy tends to randomizes orientation

$$K_{dip.} = 4 \times 10^{-21} J$$

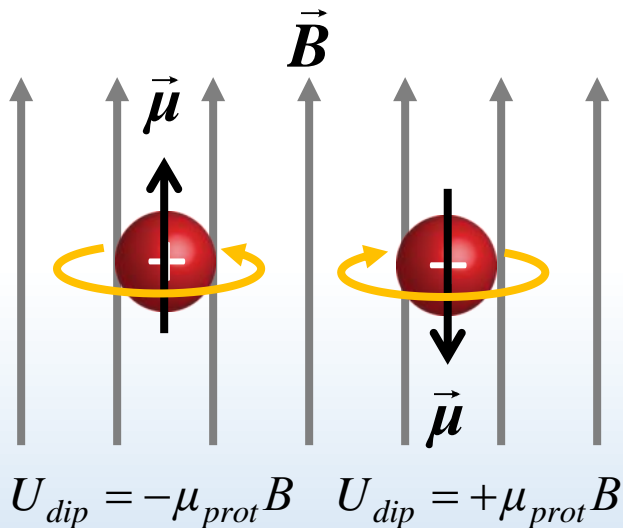
$$K_{dip.} + U_{dip.} \geq 0 \quad \text{Dipoles are randomized}$$

$$K_{dip.} + U_{dip.} < 0 \quad \text{Dipoles tend to be aligned}$$

Find minimum value of  $\mu$  such that cells align to the Earth's field

# Spin & magnetic fields

Electrons, protons, & neutrons (and many others) have an intrinsic property called “*spin*” which gives them a *magnetic dipole moment*



Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) / magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

Detects energy difference between nuclear spins (ex:  $^1\text{H}$ ) parallel and anti-parallel to  $B$  field

$$\mu_{prot} = 1.4 \times 10^{-26} \text{ J/T}$$

Electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) / electron spin resonance (ESR) applies same principle with electron spin

$$\mu_{elec} = 9.3 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}$$

# Magnetic force on current

Recall:  $B$  field exerts a force on a moving charge  $q$

Current  $I$  is flow of + charge

Magnitude

$$F = |q| v B \sin \theta = ILB \sin \theta$$

Angle between  $I$  and  $B$

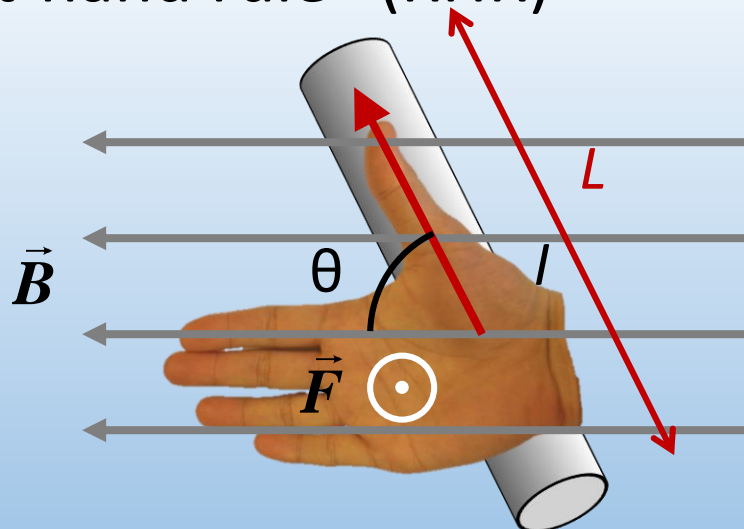
Current

Length of wire

$B$  field strength

Direction

“Right-hand rule” (RHR)

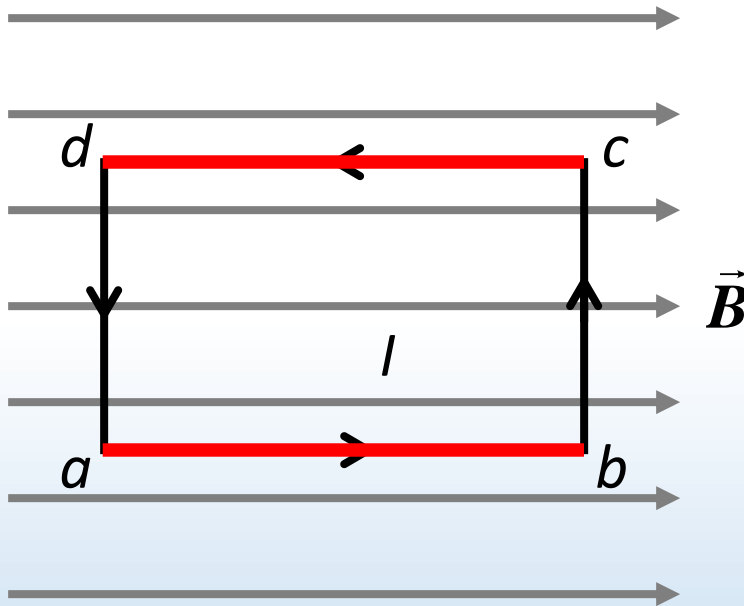


Thumb along  $I$   
Fingers along  $\vec{B}$   
 $\vec{F}$  on  $I$  is out of palm



# CheckPoint 2.1

A rectangular loop of wire is carrying current  $I$  as shown. There is a uniform magnetic field parallel to the sides  $a-b$  and  $c-d$ .



What is the direction of the force on section  $a-b$  of the wire?

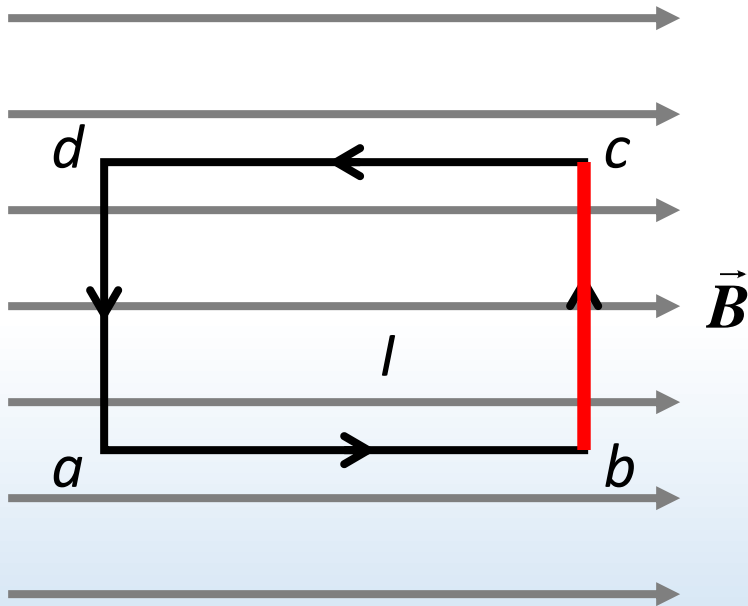
- A. force is zero
- B. out of the page
- C. into the page

...on section  $c-d$  of the wire?



# ACT: CheckPoint 2.2

A rectangular loop of wire is carrying current  $I$  as shown. There is a uniform magnetic field parallel to the sides  $a$ – $b$  and  $c$ – $d$ .



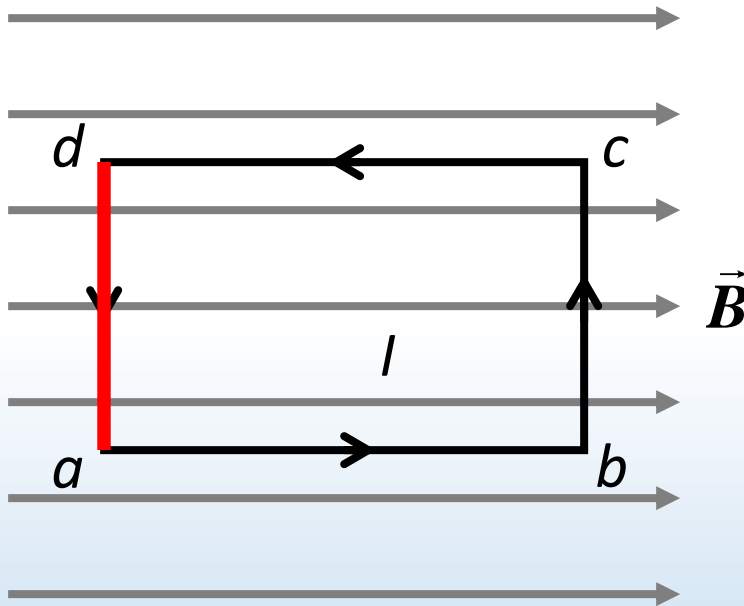
What is the direction of the force on section  $b$ – $c$  of the wire?

- A. force is zero
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- C. into the page



# ACT: Force on loop

A rectangular loop of wire is carrying current  $I$  as shown. There is a uniform magnetic field parallel to the sides  $a$ – $b$  and  $c$ – $d$ .

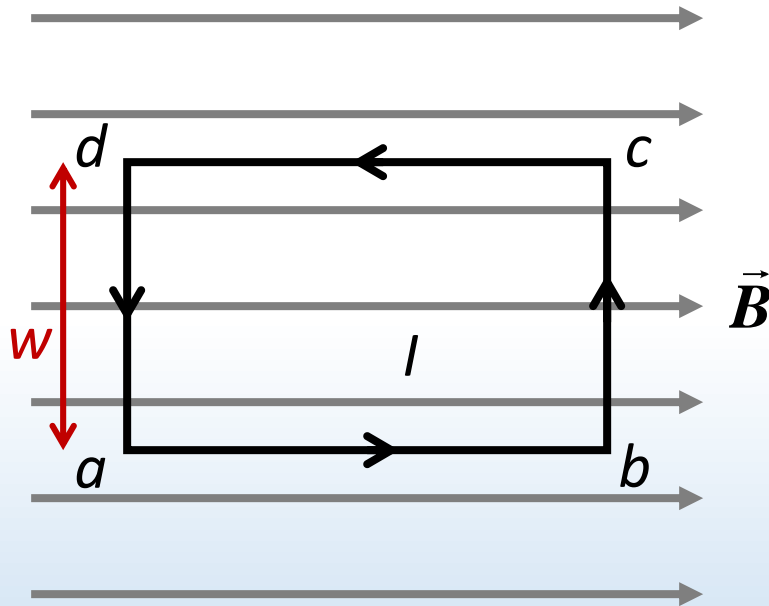


What is the direction of the force on section  $d$ – $a$  of the wire?

- A. force is zero
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- C. into the page

# CheckPoints 2.3 & 2.4

So, does the loop move?

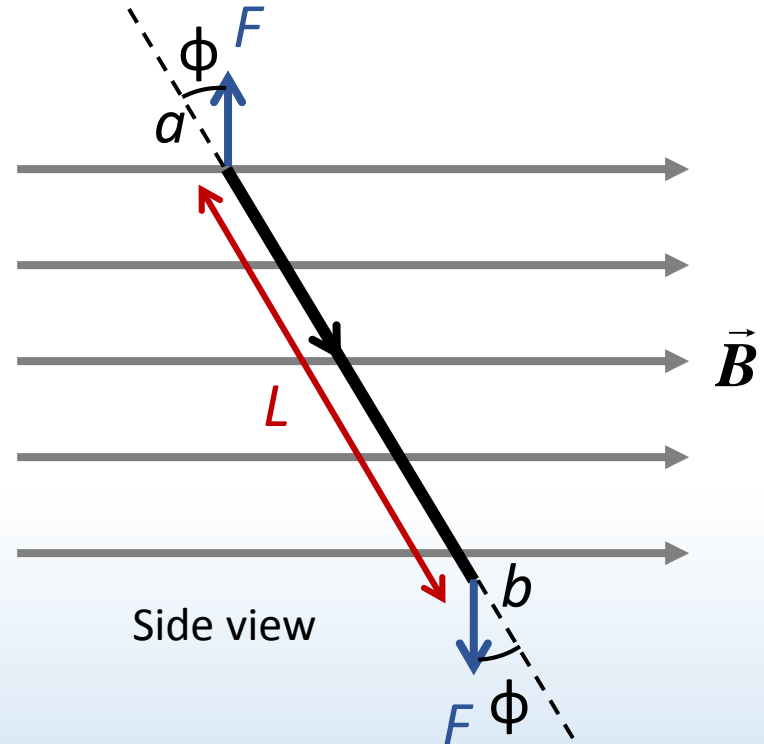
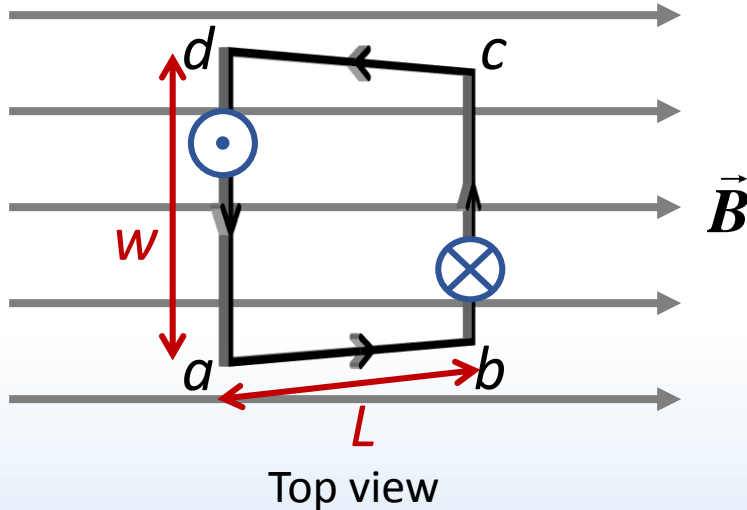


Compare magnitudes of forces:

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# Torque on current loop

Loop spins in  $B$  field



$B$  field generates a torque on the loop

$$\tau_{loop} = FL \sin \phi = IBwL \sin \phi$$

↑  
Loop area

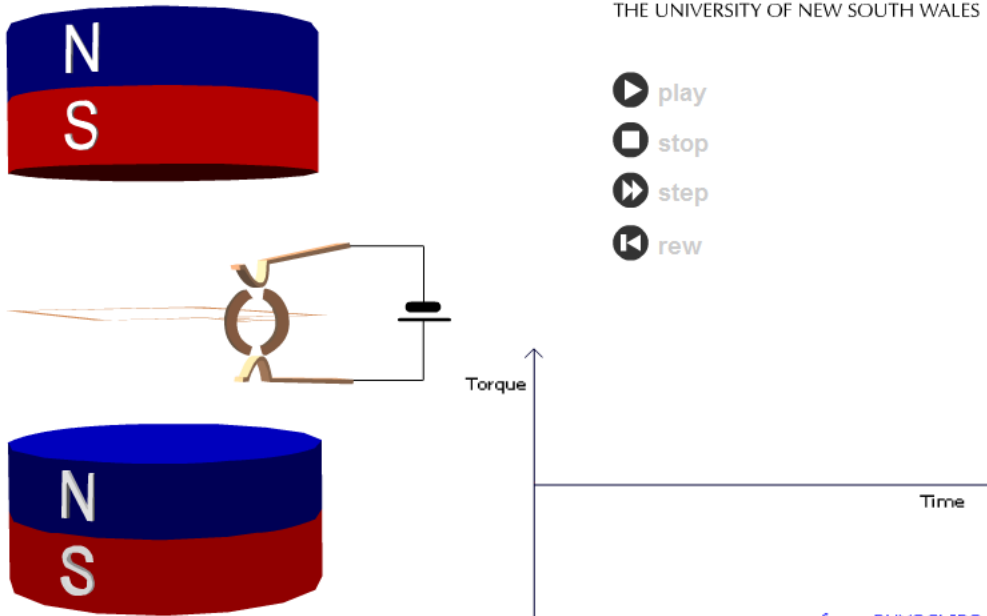
$$\tau_{loop} = IAB \sin \phi$$

# Electric motors

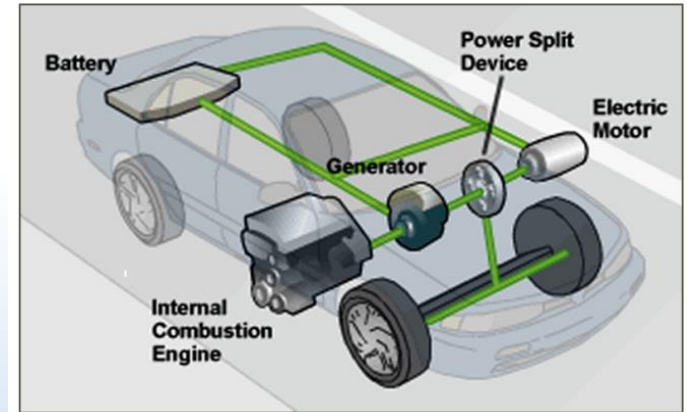
DC motors use a clever arrangement of current carrying coils and permanent magnets to turn a shaft:

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- ▶ play
- ◻ stop
- ▶ step
- ◀ rew



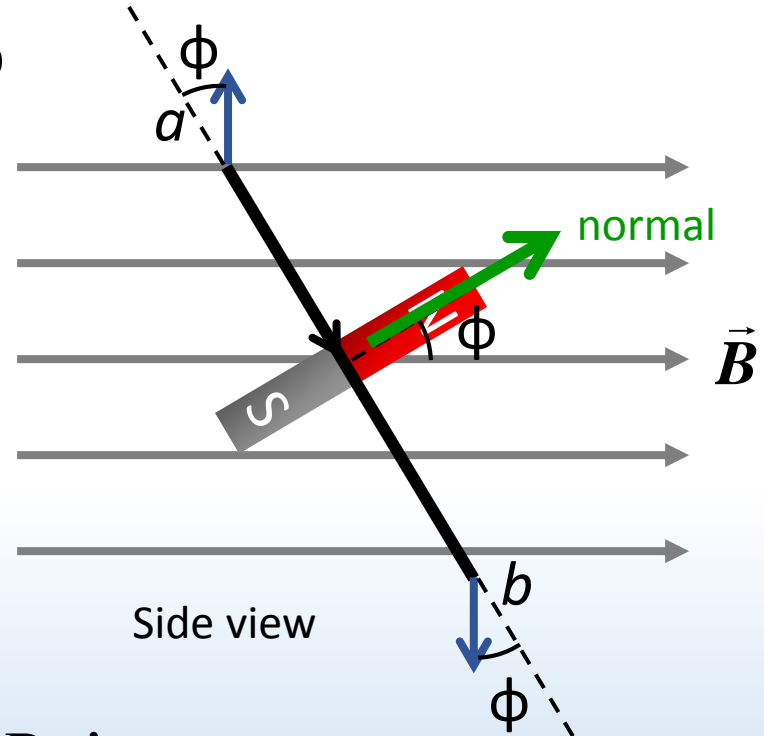
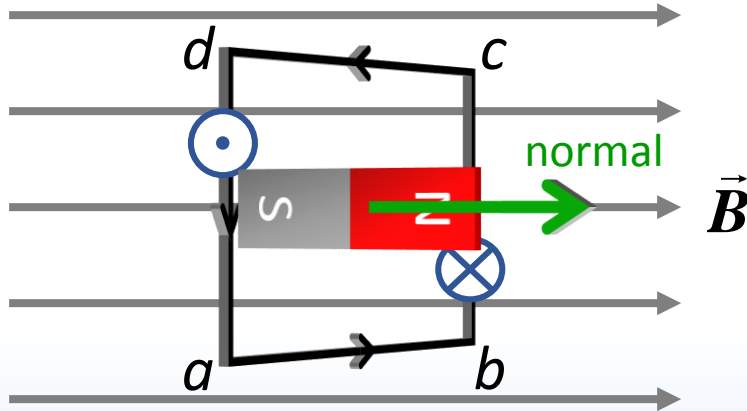
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# Current loop & magnetic dipole

$B$  field exerts torque on loop



$$\tau_{loop} = IAB \sin \phi = \mu B \sin \phi$$

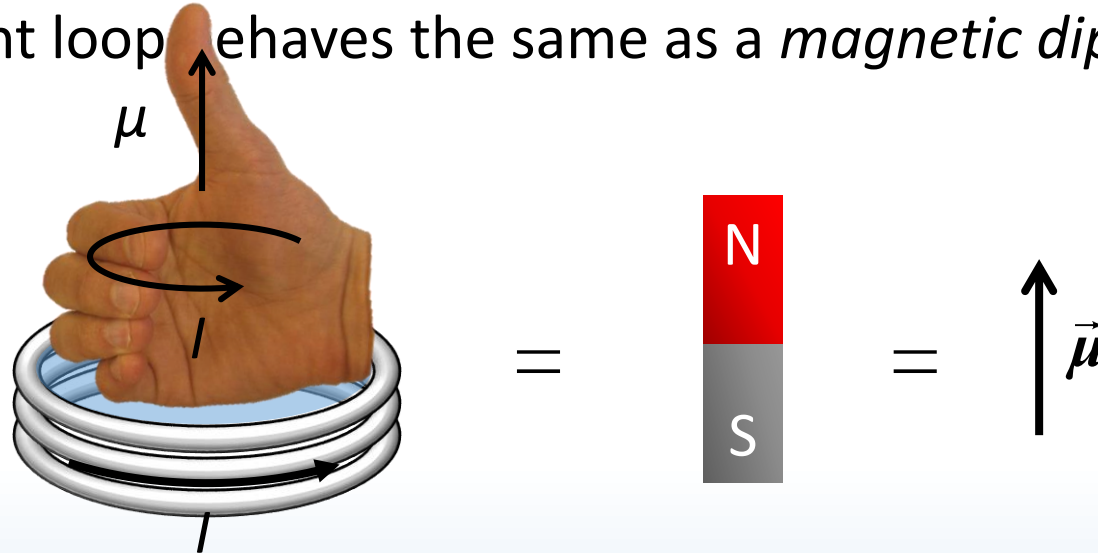
Current loop behaves the same as magnetic dipole  $\perp$  to loop plane

Convenient to define a normal vector  $\perp$  to loop plane,  $\parallel$  to dipole moment

Torque aligns normal vector  $\parallel$  to  $B$  field

# Magnetic dipole & current loop

A current loop behaves the same as a *magnetic dipole*



Equivalent magnetic dipole moment:

Magnitude

$$\mu = NIA$$

True for *flat* loop of *any* shape

For a loop with  $N$  turns of wire

Direction

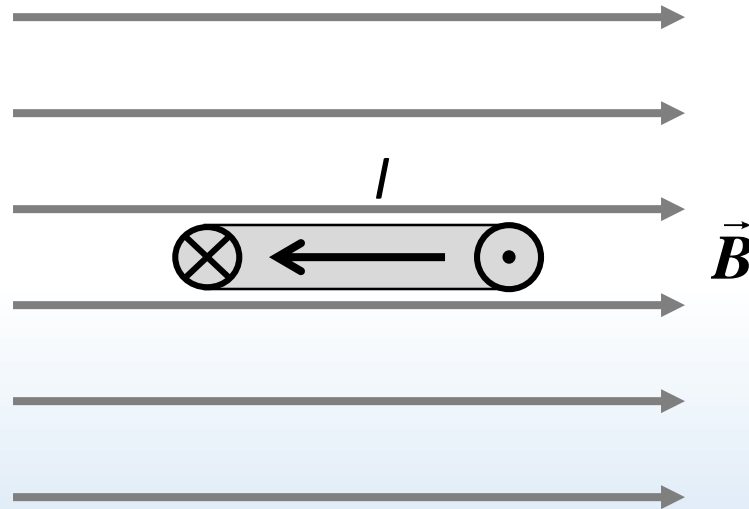
Another “right hand rule”: Curl fingers along  $I$   
 $\vec{\mu}$  along thumb





# ACT: Current loop practice

A loop is placed in a uniform  $B$  field. A current  $I$  flows around the loop as shown.



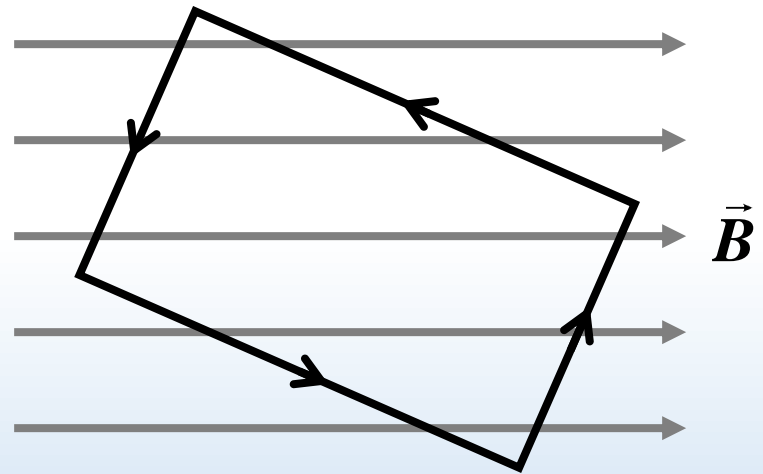
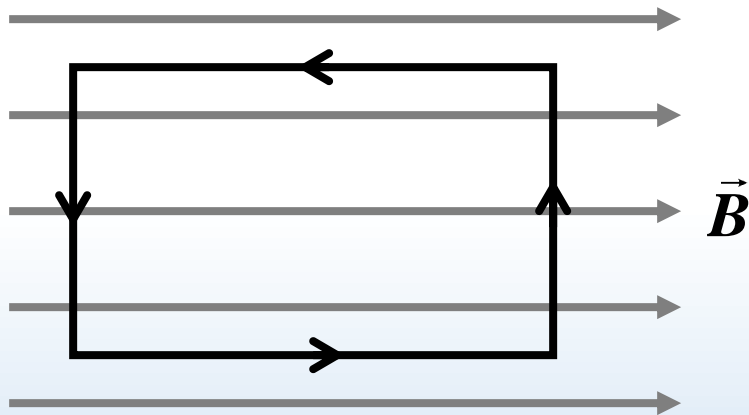
Which way does loop rotate?

- A. Clockwise
- B. Counterclockwise
- C. The loop does not rotate



# ACT: Torque on a loop

Compare the torque on loop 1 and 2, which have identical area  $A$ , and current  $I$ .

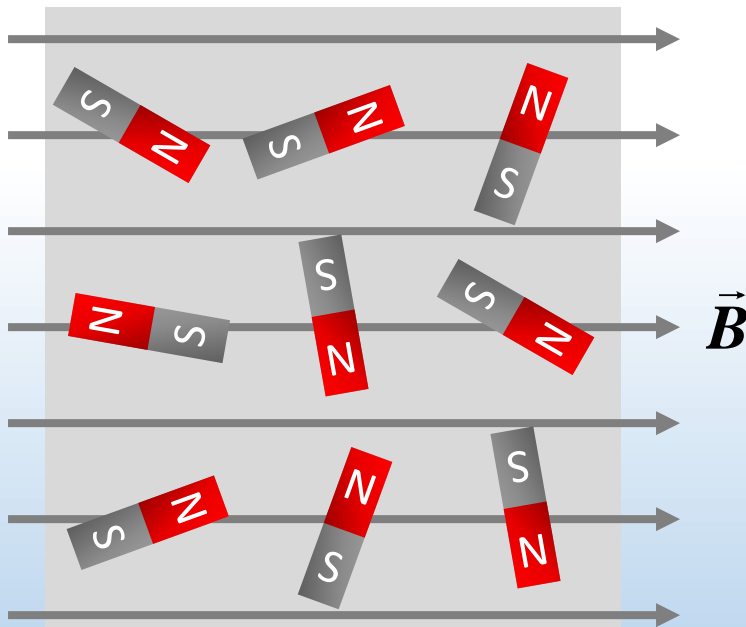


- A.  $\tau_1 > \tau_2$
- B.  $\tau_1 = \tau_2$
- C.  $\tau_1 < \tau_2$

# Para- & ferromagnetism

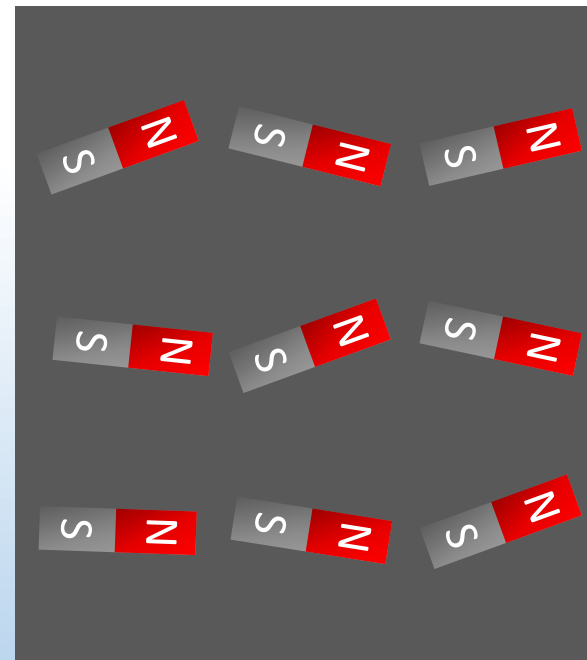
In some materials, unpaired electron (spin & orbit) give atoms net magnetic moment

In paramagnets, atomic dipoles are randomly oriented



Apply a  $B$  field and dipoles align!  
Material now behaves as a magnet

In ferromagnets, atomic dipoles interact and align together



Material is a permanent magnet



# ***ACT: Magnetic materials***

The N pole of a permanent magnet is brought near a *paramagnetic* ball bearing. What happens next?



- A. The ball moves toward the magnet
- B. The ball moves away from the magnet
- C. The ball does not move

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# Summary of today's lecture

- $B$  fields exert torque on magnetic dipoles

$$\tau_{dip} = \mu B \sin \varphi \quad U_{dip} = -\mu B \cos \varphi$$

- $B$  fields exert force on current-carrying wire

$$F_{wire} = ILB \sin \theta$$

- Current loops are equivalent to magnetic dipole

$$\mu = NIA$$

