Lorentz Force

Magnetic field **B** acts on a charge **q** moving at velocity **v** with the force known as Lorentz force:

F = qvB

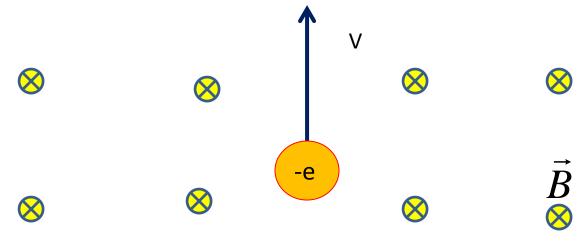
• Lorentz force is always directed perpendicular to direction of motion and to the magnetic field, and to the velocity.

• Direction of force for positive charge is given by the right hand rule:



Homework

Magnetic field B is directed perpendicular to the plane of the figure, pointing away from you (this is shown by 'dart' symbol (as shown:



- a) Which way the acceleration is originally directed?
- b) Will the speed decrease/increase/stay the same in presence of magnetic field?
- c) Sketch the trajectory of the electron, including direction of its motion.
- d) Find the time after which the electron will return to the starting point.

 For doing this part you will need to refresh your memory about centripetal acceleration.