## physics helpline

## Learn basic concepts of physics through problem solving

Q- A charged particle with initial velocity  $v_0 = 3 \times 10^6$  m/s in the positive *x*-direction enters a region of depth  $d_1 = 1.1$  m that has a uniform magnetic field B = 0.011 T in the positive *z*direction (out of the page). The magnetic field is zero elsewhere. The particle leaves the magnetic field region with a velocity vector at an angle  $\theta = 12^\circ$  with respect to the *x*-axis.

(a) What is the magnitude  $v_0$ ' of the particle's velocity when it exits the magnetic field region?

As the magnetic force on a moving charge particle is always perpendicular to the direction of motion, the kinetic energy and hence the magnitude of velocity does not change and hence

 $v_0' = v_0 = 3*10^6 \text{ m/s}$ 

(b) What is the radius of curvature R of the particle's trajectory when in the region of the magnetic field?

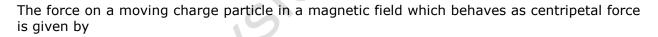
From the geometry of the diagram the radius of curvature of the path R is given by

 $R \sin\theta = d_1$ 

Or  $R = d_1/\sin\theta = 1.1/\sin 12^0 = 5.29 \text{ m}$ 

R = 5.29 m

(c) Calculate the ratio q/m of the charge to the mass of the particle. Be sure to include the correct algebraic sign in your answer.



 $B q v = mv^2/R$ 

Gives  $q/m = v/BR = 3*10^{6}/(0.011*5.29) = 5.16*10^{7} C/Kg$ 

As using Fleming's left hand rule, the direction of the force on a positive charge in above situation should be to the negative y direction but the force here is in positive y direction, hence the charge on the particle must be **negative** and thus

 $q/m = -5.16*10^7 \text{ C/kg}$ 

(d) Calculate the displacement  $d_2$  in the y-direction of the particle from its original trajectory at the point where the particle exits the magnetic field region.

The displacement d<sub>2</sub> in y direction is given by

 $d_2 = R - R \cos\theta = R(1 - \cos\theta) = 5.29(1 - \cos 12^{0}) = 0.116 m$  $d_2 = 0.116 m$ 

