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## Electric and magnetic field vectors conceptual question masteringphysics

INTRO: Figure 1 Figure 2 Figure 4 Figure 3 all questions will refer to the following answer choice: a)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  b)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  c)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  d)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  e)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  f)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  g)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  h)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  i)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  j)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  k)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  l)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  m)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  n)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  o)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  p)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  q)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  r)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  s)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  t)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  u)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  v)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  w)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  x)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  y)  $+x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  z)  $+x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$

Part A: The electrical and magnetic field vectors at a certain point in time and space are illustrated. Based on this information, in what direction does the electromagnetic wave spread? SOLUTION: work backwards again but pay attention to angles ~ thumb is E, the middle is v, points of  $45^\circ$  between  $+x$  &  $-z$ , or option g) Academia.edu use cookies to customize content, customize ads and improve the user experience. By using our site, you agree to our collection of information through the use of cookies. To learn more, please view our Privacy Policy.

Part B: The electrical and magnetic field vectors at a certain point in time and space are illustrated. Based on this information, in what direction does the electromagnetic wave spread? Clue 1. Right rule for electromagnetic wave speed: In an electromagnetic wave, the electrical and magnetic field vectors are perpendicular to each other. The wave propagates in a direction perpendicular to both field vectors. Because the two field vectors define a two-dimensional plane, there are two distinct directions that are perpendicular to the plane. The right-hand rule specifies in which of these directions the wave travels. To use the right rule, do the following: 1. Point your fingers on your right hand in the direction of the electric field vector. 2. Rotate your hand until you can curl your fingers in the direction of the magnetic field vector. The direction of your thumb is then the direction of the speed of the electromagnetic wave. If the electrical and magnetic field vectors at a specific point in time and space are as shown below, applying the right rule should result in the thumb pointing downwards, in the  $-y$  direction. Therefore, the speed of the electromagnetic wave is in  $-y$  direction. ANSWER:  $-y$

Part C: The magnetic field vector and the propagation direction of an electromagnetic wave are illustrated. Based on this information, in what direction does the electromagnetic wave propagate? ANSWER: Correct

Part D: The electric field vector and the propagation direction of an electromagnetic wave are illustrated. (is in XZ plane and makes a  $45^\circ$  angle with the x-axis.) Based on this information, in what direction does the magnetic field vector point? Clue 1. Working backwards with the right rule: Since the speed of the scale is given, the orientation of your right thumb is known. Place your right thumb along the  $+x$  axis to inform the youth of the electric field the vector must be in yz plane. Since the electric field must also be perpendicular to the magnetic field, and be curlable into the magnetic field, only one option remains for the alignment of the electric field vector. ANSWER: Correct

Part E: The electrical and magnetic field vectors at a certain point in time and space are illustrated. Based on this information, in what direction does the electromagnetic wave spread? Clue 1. Working backwards with the right rule: Since the speed of the scale is given, the orientation of your right thumb is known. Place your right thumb along the  $+z$  axis should inform the youth on the magnetic field the vector must be in the xz plane. With your fingers in the direction of the electric field, there is only one orientation of the magnetic field that your fingers can curl in.  $+x - x + y - y + z - z$  in a  $+45^\circ$  angle in the xz plane.