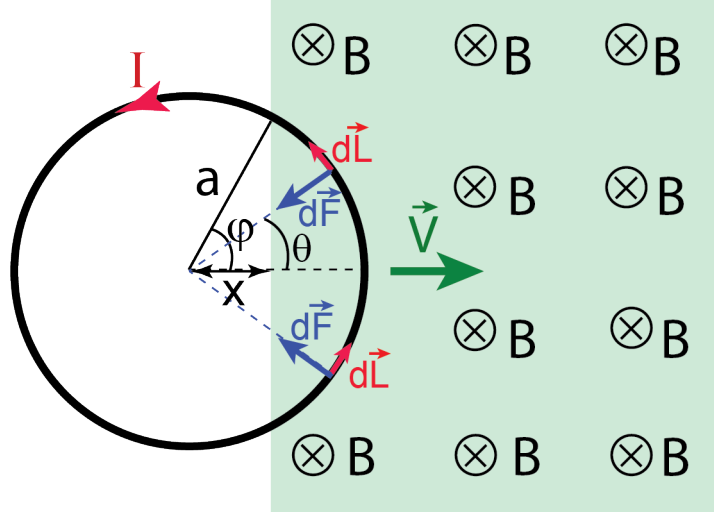


Consider an instant when the ring partially overlaps with the magnetic field region (see Figure). At this instant, the speed of the ring is  $V$ , and the center of the ring is at a distance  $x$  from the magnetic field region border ( $a < x < a$ ).



During time  $dt$  the ring will move distance  $Vdt$ . The flux of the magnetic field through the ring will

increase by  $d\Phi = BdA$  where  $dA$  is the area of the strip of the height  $2\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$  and width  $Vdt$ :

$$d\Phi = 2BV\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}dt$$

The magnitude of the EMF induced in the ring (Faraday's Law):

$$|\varepsilon| = \left| \frac{d\Phi}{dt} \right| = 2BV\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$$

The current in the ring (in counterclock direction) at this instant is:

$$I = \frac{\varepsilon}{R} = \frac{2BV}{R}\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$$

The magnitude of the force  $d\vec{F}$  on the current element  $d\vec{L}$  ( $dL = a \cdot d\theta$ ) in the magnetic field:

$$dF = |I d\vec{L} \times \vec{B}| = IBa d\theta$$

$d\vec{F}$  is directed towards the center of the circle. The “vertical” components of the forces on symmetrical ring elements cancel, and we are left with only “horizontal” components:

$$dF_x = dF \cdot \cos\theta = IBa \cos\theta d\theta$$

The net force on the ring is thus:

$$F = IBa \int_{-\varphi}^{\varphi} \cos\theta d\theta \text{ where } \varphi = \arcsin\left(\frac{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}{a}\right)$$

$$F = 2IBa \sin\varphi = 2IB\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$$

Since the current is  $I = \frac{2BV}{R}\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$  we have:

$$F = \frac{4B^2V}{R}(a^2 - x^2)$$

The direction of  $\vec{F}$  is opposite to  $\vec{V}$ . By Newton's Second Law:

$$M \frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{4B^2V}{R}(a^2 - x^2)$$

or

$$dV = -\frac{4B^2}{MR}(a^2 - x^2)Vdt$$

Since  $x$  decreases as the ring moves to the right  $dx = -Vdt$  and

$$dV = \frac{4B^2}{MR}(a^2 - x^2)dx$$

The change in the speed of the ring as it moves in the magnetic field entirely is:

$$\Delta V = \int_a^{-a} \frac{4B^2}{MR}(a^2 - x^2)dx = \frac{4B^2}{MR} \left( a^2x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right) \Big|_a^{-a} = -\frac{16B^2a^3}{3MR}$$