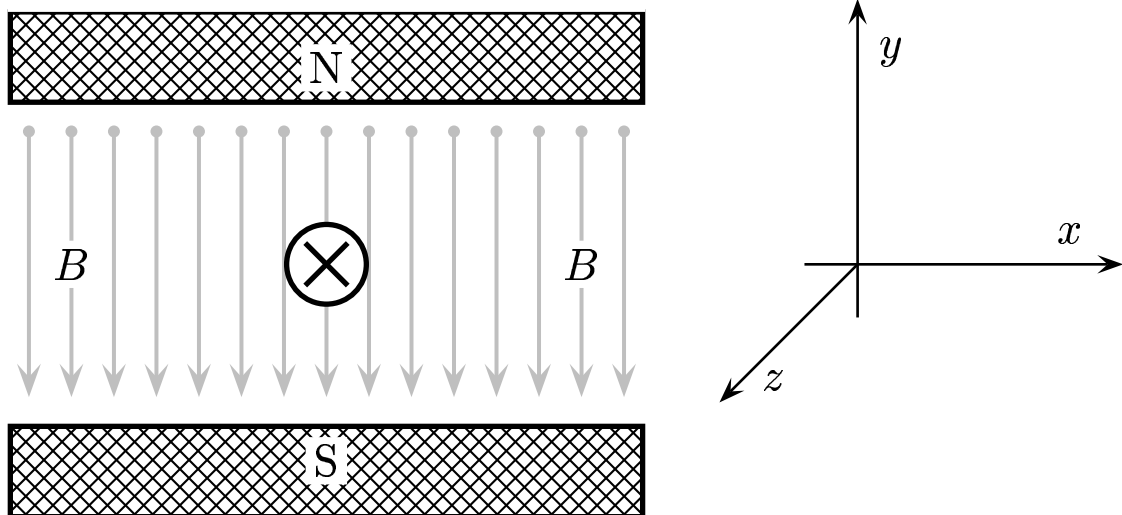


Given: An external magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  which is downward  $\downarrow$ ,  $(-\hat{j})$ .  
 A current  $I$  which flows into the page  $\otimes$ ,  $(-\hat{k})$ .



Determine the direction of force.

- A) The direction of force is  $+\hat{i}$ .
- B) The direction of force is  $-\hat{i}$ .
- C) The direction of force is  $+\hat{j}$ .
- D) The direction of force is  $-\hat{j}$ .

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Here we want to determine the direction of cross-product  $\Delta\vec{F} = I \Delta\vec{\ell} \times$   
**B.** From the directions given, we have  $(-\hat{k}) \times (-\hat{j}) = -\hat{i}$ .  
 Answer **B**.