## Concept Question: Cross Product

What is the direction of $A \times B$ given the following two vectors?

1. up

2. down
3. left
4. right
5. into page
6. out of page
7. Cross product is zero (so no direction)

# Concept Question Answer: Cross Product 

Answer: 5. A x B points into the page


B
Using your right hand, thumb along A, fingers along $B$, palm into page

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What is the direction of $A \times B$ given the following two vectors?

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B
2. down
3. left
4. right
5. into page
6. out of page
7. Cross product is zero (so no direction)

Concept Question Answer: Cross Product
Answer: 6. A x B points out of the page


B

Using your right hand, thumb along A, fingers along $B$, palm out of page

Also note from before, one vector flipped so result does too

# Concept Question: Hall Effect 

 A conducting slab has current to the right. A B field is applied out of the page. Due to magnetic forces on the charge carriers, the bottom of the slab is at a higher electric potential than the top of the slab.

On the basis of this experiment, the sign of the charge carriers carrying the current in the slab is:

1. Positive
2. Negative
3. Cannot be determined
4. I don't know

# Concept Question Answer: Hall Effect 

Answer: 1. Here the charge carriers are positive


Look at the force on the carriers. If positive, they are flowing to the right, and $F$ will be down. If negative they are flowing to the left and F will be down (don't forget the sign of q!) So either way the force is down. But we know that the result is a higher potential at the bottom - positive charges are moving down. So the carriers are positive

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