

7. CHARGED ROD (6 points) — *Jaan Kalda.*

A rod of mass m carries a charge q ; both the charge and the mass are homogeneously distributed over its entire length l . The system is in homogeneous magnetic field of strength B , parallel to the z -axis whereas the rod is in the x - y -plane. Neglect any forces except for the Lorentz force. One end of the rod is

painted red, and the other — blue.

i) (2 points) Consider the case when the rod rotates around its centre of mass. What should be the angular speed ω for the mechanical tension force at the centre of the rod to be zero?

ii) (4 points) Consider now a case when initially the blue end of the rod is at the origin ($x = y = 0$), and the red end at $x = l$. The blue end's initial speed is zero while the red end's speed is v , parallel to the y -axis. It turns out that after a certain time t , the red end passes through the origin. Find the smallest possible value for t and express the corresponding value of v in terms of m , q and l .