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∴ The direction of precession is along \vec{B}_0
From eq. 7 :

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{g_e \mu_B}{\hbar} \vec{B}_0$$

We see that ω increases with increasing \vec{B}_0
Now check the units of ω :

$$\omega = \frac{\text{ratio}}{\hbar (J.s)} \cdot \frac{\mu_B}{T} \vec{B}_0 = \frac{1}{s}$$

$\vec{\omega}$ is called Larmor frequency

Example : find ω for $B_0 = 1 T$.

In which part of the electromagnetic spectrum is this frequency?

So the magnetic moments precess around the direction of the magnetic field with a frequency ω : the Larmor frequency.

Let us now see the effect of applying another magnetic field \vec{B}_1 , but this magnetic field is time-dependent and its direction in the x-y plane, i.e. it is perpendicular to the \hat{z} -direction (which is the direction of \vec{B}_0). See fig. 2