

Midterm 2 for Algebra-Based Physics: Electricity and Magnetism

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1 Equations and constants

1. Kirchhoff's Rules: 1) $I_{in} + I_{out} = 0$ (Junction Rule) 2) $\sum_{loop} V_i = 0$ (Loop Rule)
2. Ohm's Law: $V = IR$
3. Power from current: $P = IV$
4. Voltage in an RC across the capacitor: $V(t) = \epsilon(1 - \exp(-t/\tau))$, where ϵ is the battery voltage and the time constant is $\tau = RC$.
5. Centripetal force: $F_C = mv^2/r$.
6. Magnetic torque: $\vec{\tau}_B = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$
7. Magnitude of torque: $|\vec{\tau}_B| = \mu B \sin \theta$
8. Magnetic dipole moment: $\vec{\mu} = I\vec{A}$ (the current times the area vector)
9. Magnetic field at the center of a current-carrying loop: $\vec{B} = (\mu_0 I)/(2R)\hat{z}$, if the current is in the x-y plane.
10. Magnetic field due to a **long straight wire** at a distance R: $B = (\mu_0 I)/(2\pi R)$, right-hand rule gives direction.
11. Ampere's Law: $\int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I_{enc}$ which is $BS = \mu_0 I_{enc}$ for simple cases where B is constant around the path.
12. Magnetic permeability: $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T m A}^{-1}$
13. The Hall Effect: $V_H = Blv$.
14. Charge of an electron/proton: $q_e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$.
15. Mass of proton: $1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$.

2 Exercises

1. Chapter 21: DC Circuits and Kirchhoff's Rules

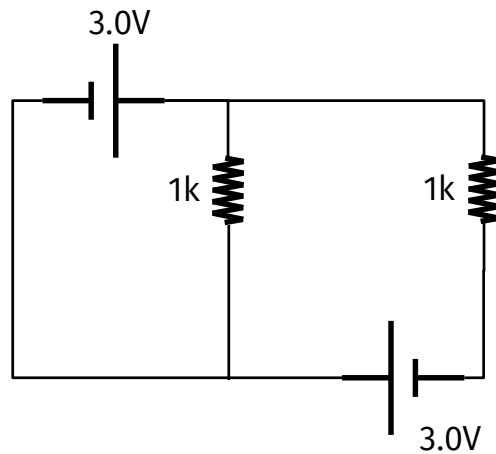


Figure 1: A circuit with three resistors powered by two voltages.

- (a) What are the currents flowing through each resistor in Fig. 1? *Hint: first define the current in each segment of the circuit. Then apply the junction rule once and the loop rule twice.*

- (b) An RC circuit has a time constant $\tau = 1$ ms. If the resistance is $R = 1$ k Ω , what is the value of the capacitor?

2. Chapter 22: Magnetic fields

- (a) What Hall voltage is produced by a 0.1 T field applied across a 5 mm diameter blood vessel when blood velocity is 90.0 cm/s?

- (b) (a) An iron ion with a mass of 9.28×10^{-26} kg travels at 2.00×10^6 m/s perpendicular to a 1.0 T magnetic field, which makes it move in a circular path. If it is singly-ionized, it has the charge of $q_e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C. (a) What is the radius of the circular path it traverses? (b) What would happen to the radius of the path if the B-field value was slowly increased?
- (c) Determine the direction of the Lorentz force in each of the following cases:
- B-field is to the right, velocity of positively charged particle is up:
 - B-field is out of the page, velocity of positively charged particle to the left:
 - B-field is to the right, velocity of negatively charged particle is down:
- (d) Determine the direction of the velocity of the charge in each of the following cases:
- B-field is to the right, force of positively charged particle is up:
 - B-field is out of the page, force of positively charged particle to the right:
 - B-field is down, force of negatively charged particle is out of page:
- (e) What is the (a) maximum torque on a 200-turn circular loop of wire with radius 4.0 cm that carries a 10.0-A current in a 0.5 T B-field? (b) What is the magnetic moment of this object?
- (f) Model an arch of electricity from a faulty transformer to the wooden pole holding it as a **long straight wire**. A typical current is 30.0 A. (a) Estimate the magnetic field 1 m from the arch of electricity. (b) How does the result compare to the magnetic field of the Earth at the ground (≈ 0.5 Gauss)?

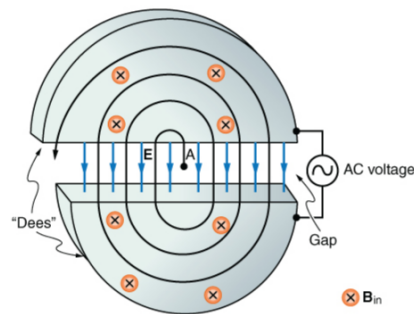


Figure 2: Each diagram depicts the force on a positively-charged particle in a B-field.

- (g) The period T of the circular orbit of a charged particle with mass m and charge q moving perpendicularly to a uniform magnetic field is $T = 2\pi m/(qB)$. (a) What is the frequency $f = T^{-1}$ at which protons circulate as shown in Fig. 2? Assume the B-field is 2.0 T and the charge and mass of protons are given in the equations list. (b) What is the frequency for alpha particles? (The mass of an alpha is 4 times the mass of a proton, and the charge is twice that of a proton - think of this as a scaling problem).