Lorentz Force

The force exerted by the magnetic flux density $\bf B$ on a single charge q:

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{m}} = q\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}$$

- The force is at right angles to **u** and **B**
- The magnitude is $quB\sin\theta$

The magnetic force does no work

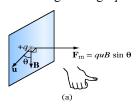
$$dW = \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{m}} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = (\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{m}} \cdot \mathbf{u}) dt = 0$$

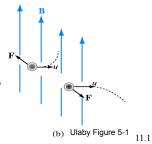
The total force is given by

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_{e} + \mathbf{F}_{m} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B})$$



This force is called the Lorentz force!





Magnetic Forces

Comparison of Electric and Magnetic Forces

Electric Field	Magnetic Field
Force is in the field direction	• Force is orthogonal to the field
Field exerts a force that does not depend on charge's speed	• Field exerts a force that is proportional to the charge's speed
Electric field does work on charges	Magnetic field does no work on charges



Example: Uniform Motion in a Magnetic Field

Question: A charge is moving in a uniform magnetic field $\mathbf{B} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} B$. Show that the charges move in a spiral

Answer: The equations of motion are

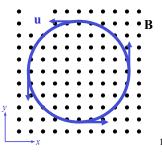
$$F_x = m \frac{du_x}{dt} = qu_y B$$
, $F_y = m \frac{du_y}{dt} = -qu_x B$, $F_z = m \frac{du_z}{dt} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow u_x = u_{\perp 0} \sin \left(\frac{qB}{m} t + \phi_0 \right),$$

$$u_y = u_{\perp 0} \cos \left(\frac{qB}{m} t + \phi_0 \right),$$







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Magnetic Forces

Example: Uniform Motion in a Magnetic Field

Answer (continued): After further integration, we find

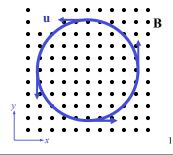
$$x=x_0-\frac{m}{qB}u_{\perp 0}\cos\left(\frac{qB}{m}t+\phi_0\right),\quad y=y_0+\frac{m}{qB}u_{\perp 0}\sin\left(\frac{qB}{m}t+\phi_0\right),\quad z=z_0+u_{z0}t$$

which is indeed a spiral. This motion is called *cyclotron motion*.

The rotation frequency is independent of the velocity!

By accelerating the charges, using a periodically-varying electric field, it is possible to obtain very high energies.





Current-Carrying Wire

A current I flowing in a wire segment of length $d\mathbf{l}$ experiences a force

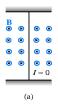
$$d\mathbf{F}_{m} = dQ\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B} = (\rho_{V}\mathbf{u} Adl) \times \mathbf{B} = (\rho_{V}u Adl) \times \mathbf{B} = I dl \times \mathbf{B}$$

- In (a), there is no force
- In (b), the force is to the left
- In (c), the force is to the right

Over a closed loop, we have

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{m}} = I\left(\oint_{C} d\mathbf{l}\right) \times \mathbf{B}$$

The force on a closed loop in a constant magnetic field is zero









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Magnetic Forces

Magnetic Torque

A force **F** exerted on a moment arm **d** exerts a torque **T**, $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{d} \times \mathbf{F}$

Electric motors operate using the torques exerted by magnetic fields

Magnetic field in the plane of a current loop: Arms 1 and 3 of the loop experience forces

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = I(-\hat{\mathbf{y}}b) \times (\hat{\mathbf{x}}B) = \hat{\mathbf{z}}IbB,$$

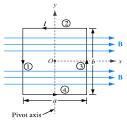
$$\mathbf{F}_3 = I(\hat{\mathbf{y}}b) \times (\hat{\mathbf{x}}B) = -\hat{\mathbf{z}}IbB$$

The resulting torque is

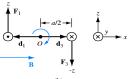
$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{d}_1 \times \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{d}_3 \times \mathbf{F}_3$$



 $= \left(-\hat{\mathbf{x}}\frac{a}{2}\right) \times \left(\hat{\mathbf{z}}IbB\right) + \left(\hat{\mathbf{x}}\frac{a}{2}\right) \times \left(-\hat{\mathbf{z}}IbB\right)$ $= \hat{\mathbf{y}}IabB = \hat{\mathbf{y}}IAB \quad (A = \text{area of loop})$



(a) Ulaby Figure 5-6



Magnetic Torque

More generally,

$$\mathbf{T} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} I A B \sin \theta = I A \hat{\mathbf{n}} \times \mathbf{B}$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ is the surface normal
— using the right-hand rule

With N turns, this expression becomes

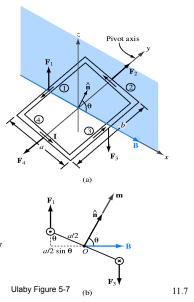
$$T = m \times B$$
 with $m = \hat{n} NIA$

m = the magnetic moment

Since current flows in loops, the magnetic

moment is a fundamental quantity

analogous to electric dipoles



Biot-Savart Law

Magnetic analogue to Coulomb's law

Since magnetic field are generated by currents, it is bit more complicated...

$$d\mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \frac{d\mathbf{l} \times \hat{\mathbf{R}}}{R^2} \implies \mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \int_{l} \frac{d\mathbf{l} \times \hat{\mathbf{R}}}{R^2}$$

NOTE: There is no such thing as a "point current"

— The Biot-Savart law only exists in continuous form

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Surface and Volume Distributions

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{S} \frac{\mathbf{J}_{S} \times \hat{\mathbf{R}}}{R^{2}} ds, \quad \text{(surface current)}$$

Ulaby Figure 5-8 $P \otimes d\mathbf{H}$ ($d\mathbf{H}$ into the page)



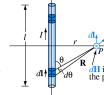
 $\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{V} \frac{\mathbf{J} \times \hat{\mathbf{R}}}{R^2} dV \quad \text{(volume current)}$

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Magnetic Fields and Forces

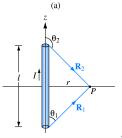
Magnetic Field of a Linear Conductor: Ulaby and Ravaoli, Ex. 5-2

Question: A linear conductor of length l and carrying a current I is placed along the z-axis. What is the magnetic flux density \mathbf{B} at a point P at a distance r in the x-y plane in free space?



Answer: We have $d\mathbf{l} \times \hat{\mathbf{R}} = dz(\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \hat{\mathbf{R}}) = \hat{\mathbf{\varphi}} \sin \theta dz$ and $R = r \csc \theta$, $z = -r \cot \theta$, $dz = r \csc^2 \theta d\theta$ so that

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \int_{z=-l/2}^{z=l/2} \frac{d\mathbf{l} \times \hat{\mathbf{R}}}{R^2} = \hat{\mathbf{\phi}} \frac{I}{4\pi r} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \sin\theta d\theta$$
$$= \hat{\mathbf{\phi}} \frac{I}{4\pi r} (\cos\theta_1 - \cos\theta_2)$$



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$$\cos \theta_1 = -\cos \theta_2 = \frac{l/2}{\sqrt{r^2 + (l/2)^2}}$$

Ulaby Figure 5-10 (b)

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Magetic Fields and Forces

Magnetic Field of a Linear Conductor: Ulaby and Ravaoli, Ex. 5-2

Answer (continued): We conclude

$$\mathbf{B}=\mu_0\mathbf{H}=\hat{\mathbf{\phi}}\frac{\mu_0Il}{2\pi r\sqrt{4r^2+l^2}}$$

When $l \gg r$, we have

$$\mathbf{B} = \hat{\mathbf{\phi}} \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

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NOTE: From the result for segments of length l, we can build up arbitrary curves.



th l, R_2 R_1 R_2 R_1 Ulaby Figure 5-10 (b)

Magnetic Fields and Forces

Magnetic Field of a Circular Loop: Ulaby and Ravaioli, Ex. 5-4

Question: A circular loop of radius *a* on the *x-y* plane is carrying a current *I*. Determine the magnetic

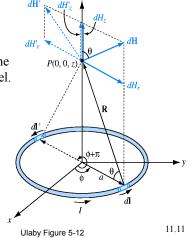
field **H** along the z-axis.

Answer: A current segment $d\mathbf{l}$ creates a magnetic field in both the z- and r-directions. The z-components add, while the r-components cancel. We have

$$dH_z = dH \cos \theta = \frac{I \cos \theta}{4\pi (a^2 + z^2)} dl$$

$$= \frac{I}{4\pi (a^2 + z^2)} \frac{a}{(a^2 + z^2)^{1/2}} dl$$

$$= \frac{Ia}{4\pi (a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} dl$$



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Magnetic Field of a Circular Loop: Ulaby and Ravaioli Ex. 5-4

Answer (continued): Integrating over the loop, we obtain

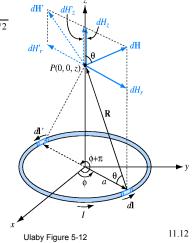
$$\mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{Ia}{4\pi (a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \oint dl = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{Ia^2}{2(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

When z is large, this becomes:

$$\mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{I a^2}{2 |z|^3} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{m}{2\pi |z|^3}$$

where m is the magnetic moment





Magnetic Fields and Forces

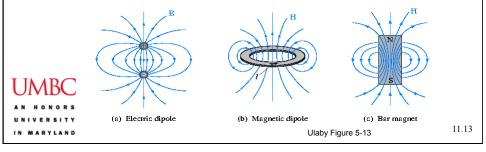
Magnetic Dipole Field:

More generally, we have far away from a current loop at $P(R, \theta, \phi)$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{m}{4\pi R^3} \Big(\hat{\mathbf{R}} 2 \cos \theta + \hat{\mathbf{\theta}} \sin \theta \Big)$$

This expression is analogous to what we found for the electric dipole.

Near to the dipole, the fields do not look the same.



Magnetic Fields and Forces

Force between two conductors

Since conductors create fields, one conductor will exert a force on another

The field **R**, due to the current L at the location of current L is given by

— The field
$$\mathbf{B}_1$$
 due to the current I_1 at the location of current I_2 is given by

$$\mathbf{B}_1 = -\hat{\mathbf{x}} \, \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi d}$$

so that the force on a wire of length l is

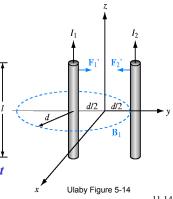
$$\mathbf{F}_2 = I_2 l \,\,\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \mathbf{B}_1 = -\hat{\mathbf{y}} \,\frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2 l}{2\pi d}$$

and the force per unit length is

$$\mathbf{F}_{2}' = \frac{\mathbf{F}_{2}}{l} = -\hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\mu_{0} I_{1} I_{2}}{2\pi d}$$



From Newton's second law, the force exerted by wire 2 on wire 1 must be equal and opposite!

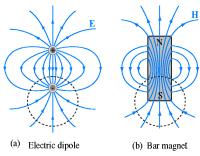


Integral Form of Magnetostatic Equations

Gauss's Law for Magnetism

 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \iff \oint_{S} \mathbf{B} \cdot ds = 0$, where S is any closed surface

- There is no magnetic charge
- Magnetic flux lines always form continuous closed loops
- You cannot have an isolated north pole or south pole in a magnet
 - The flux entering a region surrounding a charge in an electric dipole is non-zerio
 - The flux entering a region surrounding a pole in a magnetic dipole (bar magnet)





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Integral Form of Magnetostatic Equations

Ampere's Law

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} \iff \oint_C \mathbf{H} \cdot dl = I$$
, where

- C is any closed contour
- I is the current flowing through any surface that is attached to C

Why emphasize any?

In three dimensions:

- The volume surrounded by a closed surface S is unambiguous
- The surface S attached to a closed contour C is ambiguous (There are many of them)



Integral Form of Magnetostatic Equations

Ampere's Law

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J} \iff \oint_C \mathbf{H} \cdot dl = I$$
, where

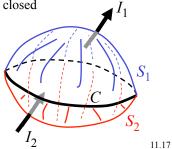
- C is any closed contour
- I is the current flowing through any surface that is attached to C

Some consequences:

- Current cannot be created or destroyed $(I_1 = I_2)$
- The sum of the currents flowing into any closed surface is zero ... which in turn implies:

Kirchhoff's Current Law: The sum of the currents flowing into any node is zero.

> — To prove the theorem, you surround node by an arbitrary closed surface.



Ampere's Law

In situations with high symmetry, one can calculate the field

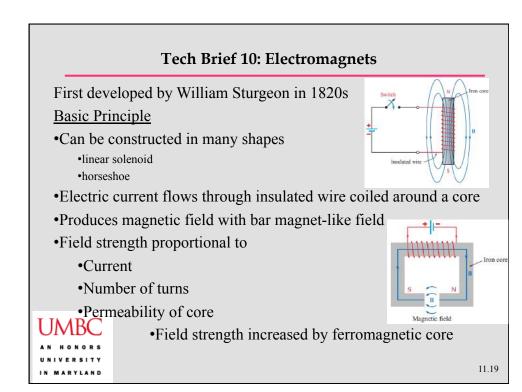
- current line
- · current sheet

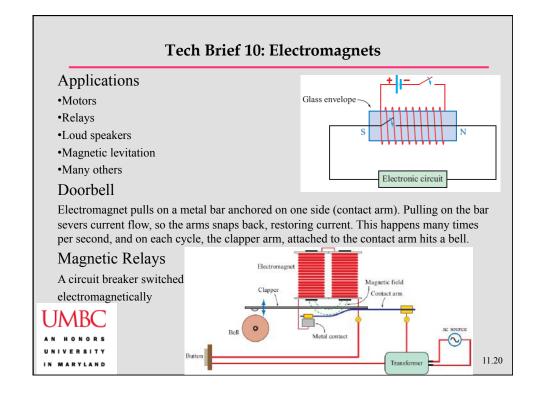
This is analogous to using Gauss's law in electrostatics, but there is no magnetic charge

Again, as in the case of electrostatics:

An even more important application of the integral formulation in today's world is to serve as the starting point for numerical approaches!



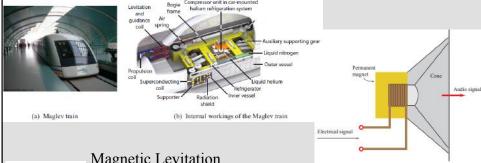




Tech Brief 10: Electromagnets

Loudspeaker

Uses a combination of stationary permanent magnet and a movable electromagnet. Cone attached to electromagnet moves in response to electrical signal. Cone movement creates sound waves with same spectral content as electrical signal



Magnetic Levitation

Maglev trains achieve speeds as high as 500 km/hr because there is no friction between the train and the track. The train carries superconducting electromagnets that induce currents in coils built into the guide rails alongside the train. The magnetic interaction both levitates and propels the train along the track.

Vector Potential

In electrostatics, we have

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V, \quad V = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon} \int_{v'} \frac{\rho_{\mathrm{V}}}{R'} dv'$$

In magnetostatics, we have

$$\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{v'} \frac{\mathbf{J}}{R'} dv'$$

The constraint $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ is automatically satisfied since $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{C}) = 0$ for any vector C.

The vector potential — because it is a vector — is less useful than the scalar potential for doing calculations.

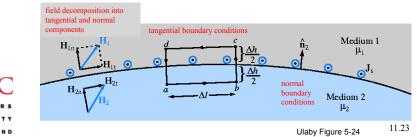


Boundary Conditions

Normal boundary conditions:

In electrostatics: $\oint_{S} \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = Q \implies D_{1n} - D_{2n} = \rho_{S}$

In magnetostatics: $\oint_{S} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0 \implies B_{1n} - B_{2n} = 0, \quad \mu_1 H_{1n} - \mu_2 H_{2n} = 0$



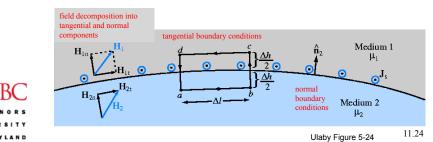
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Boundary Conditions

Tangential boundary conditions:

In electrostatics: $\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0 \implies E_{1t} - E_{2t} = 0$

In magnetostatics: $\oint_C \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I \implies H_{1t} - H_{2t} = J_S, \quad \frac{B_{1t}}{\mu_1} - \frac{B_{2t}}{\mu_2} = J_S$



Boundary Conditions

Summary of electric and magnetic boundary conditions

	electric boundary conditions	magnetic boundary conditions
normal conditions	$D_{1n} - D_{2n} = \rho_{S}$	$B_{1n} - B_{2n} = 0$
tangential conditions	$E_{1t} - E_{2t} = 0$	$H_{1t} - H_{2t} = J_{S}$



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Inductance

Solenoids

Inductors typically use *solenoids* that have many circular loops; using many loops increases the inductance. When tightly wound — the usual case — the field resembles the field of a bar magnet

Solenoid parameters:

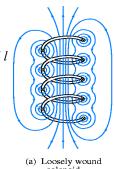
N = total number of turns

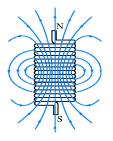
l = total length

n = turns per unit length = N / l

a = solenoid radius

I = current







(a) Loosely wound solenoid

(b) Tightly wound solenoid

Ulaby Figure 5-25

Inductance

Solenoids

We recall that the field on the z-axis of a loop is $\mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{I'a^2}{2(a^2+z^2)^{3/2}}$ An incremental length dz has n dz turns

and a current I' = In dz

Its contribution to the flux density is

$$d\mathbf{B} = \mu d\mathbf{H} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\mu n I a^2}{2(a^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} dz$$

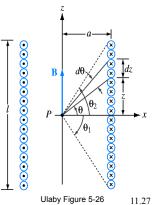
Integrating, we obtain

$$\mathbf{B} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\mu nI}{2} \left(\sin \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \right)$$

which for a long solenoid becomes

 $\mathbf{B} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}\mu nI = \hat{\mathbf{z}}\mu \frac{N}{l}I$

In this context, "long" means $l/a \gg 1$



[See slide 11.11]

Inductance

Self-Inductance (= The usual inductance)

We define the magnetic flux "linking" (passing through) a surface as

$$\Phi = \int_{S} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

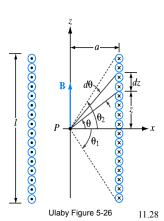
In a solenoid, which has an approximately constant magnetic field,

$$\Phi = \int_{S} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left(\mu \frac{N}{l} I \right) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} \, ds = \mu \frac{N}{l} I S$$

The magnetic flux linkage Λ in an N-loop structure is defined as

$$\Lambda = N\Phi$$
 (in general)

=
$$\mu \frac{N^2}{l} IS$$
 (for a solenoid)



Inductance

The inductance is defined as

$$L = \Lambda / I$$
 (in general) = $\mu \frac{N^2}{I} S$ (for a solenoid)

= Φ / I (for two-conductor structures in transmission lines)

Coaxial cable

$$\mathbf{B} = \hat{\mathbf{\varphi}} \frac{\mu I}{2\pi r}$$

Hence, the flux through S is

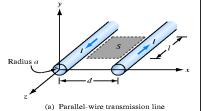
$$\Phi = l \int_{a}^{b} B \, dr = l \int_{a}^{b} \frac{\mu I}{2\pi r} \, dr = \frac{\mu I l}{2\pi} \ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)$$

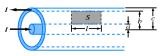
We conclude



$$L' = \frac{L}{l} = \frac{\Phi}{Il} = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

Note: $L'C' = \mu \varepsilon$. This result is general!





(b) Coaxial transmission line Ulaby Figure 5-27

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Magnetic Energy

From circuit theory

The voltage across an inductor: v = L dI/dt

The power expended: p = IV

The energy stored is thus: $W_{\rm m} = \int p \, dt = \int I'V' \, dt = L \int_0^I I' \, dI' = \frac{1}{2}LI^2$

Applying this expression to a solenoid

$$W_{\rm m} = \frac{1}{2}LI^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\mu \frac{N^2}{l}S\right) \left(\frac{Bl}{\mu N}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}\frac{B^2}{\mu}(lS) = \frac{1}{2}\mu H^2 v$$

More generally, $W_{\rm m} = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \mu H^2 dv = \int_V w_{\rm m} dv$ where $w_{\rm m} = \frac{1}{2} \mu H^2$ is the energy density



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volume

High-Voltage Transmission Lines: Health Issues

High-voltage transmission lines carry three-phase voltages. The voltage between lines is typically $V_{LL} = 765 \text{ kV}$. What is the voltage at a man's head, standing below?

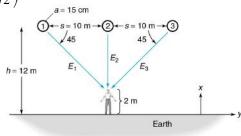
We have $V = 765 \text{ kV} = (\rho_l / 2\pi\epsilon_0) \ln(10/0.15)$, so that $\rho_l = 10.1 \,\mu\text{C/m}$

that
$$E_1 = \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(10)^2 + (10)^2}} \left(-\frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = -\hat{\mathbf{x}} 9.1 \text{ kV/m} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} 9.1 \text{ kV/m}$$

$$= 15 \text{ cm}$$

$$E_2 = -\hat{\mathbf{x}} 18.2 \text{ kV/m}$$

$$E_3 = -\hat{\mathbf{x}} \, 9.1 \, \text{kV/m} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} \, 9.1 \, \text{kV/m}$$



Paul Figure 3-49

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Applications (Paul)

High-Voltage Transmission Lines: Health Issues

The fields are all 120° out of phase, so that

$$E = |E_1 + E_2 \exp(-j2\pi/3) + E_3 \exp(j2\pi/3)| = 18.2 \text{ kV/m}$$

This is strong enough to make a fluorescent light bulb glow!

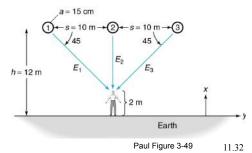
A similar calculation shows that $B = 21.4 \mu$ T = half earth's field at surface

What are the health risks? Is there a resonance in the brain at 60 Hz?

Studies are ambiguous...

You should avoid exposure to large fields!





Electrostatic Discharge

Voltages of about 3 kV can lead to electrostatic discharge (air breakdown)

— This can be a serious problem with computer equipment

Poor conductors (good dielectrics) accumulate charge

 including dry human skin; hence we ground our hands when working sensitive equipment

Some materials give up electrons easily: air, human skin Some materials accept electrons easily: teflon, silicon

A rough estimate: The capacitance of sphere of radius a is $C = 4\pi\varepsilon_0 a$. Taking a for the human body as 1 m, we find C = 100 pF. With only 1 μ C on the body, we find V = 10 kV. That is enough to cause discharges!



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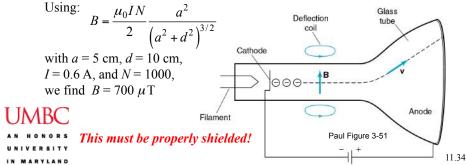
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Interference

Video displays and power wires are a major source of interference

Traditional video displays work by boiling electrons off a cathode, accelerating them in an electric field, deflecting them in a magnetic field, and having them hit a phosphorescent material on the anode.

Magnetic fields can be quite large relative to the Earth's field (50 μ T)



Parasitic Effects

Since charges and currents are linked, you cannot have capacitance without inductance — and vice versa!

The inductance and capacitance of two well-separated wires of length l are

$$C = \frac{\pi \varepsilon_0 l}{\ln(s/a)}, \quad L = \frac{\mu_0 l}{\pi} \ln(s/a)$$

where s = wire separation, a = wire radii

As leads to another capacitor, they create a parasitic inductance and the equivalent circuit shown

Example: l = 0.5 in, s = 0.25 in, a = 16 mils, C = 1000 pF. We find $L_{\text{lead}} = 14 \text{ nH}$ and

$$C_{\text{lead}} = 0.1 \text{ pF (negligible)}$$

We have $f_0 = 40 \text{ MHz}$

Paul Figure 3-53

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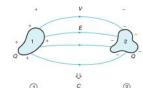
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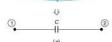
Above this frequency, the capacitor becomes an inductor

Electrostatic Shielding

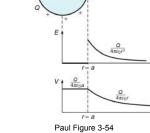
Inside a conducting surface (Faraday cage), the voltage is fixed and the field is zero.

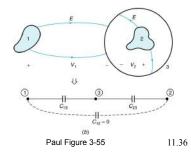
The bodies of airplanes and cars make decent Faraday cages.











Electric Generator

When wires turn, positive and negative charges experience opposite forces, leading to current flow and an effective EMF = electromotive force

$$V = -\int \mathbf{E}' \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$
$$= \left(\frac{w\omega}{2}\right) B \sin(\omega t) (2l) = \omega B A \sin(\omega t)$$

where $\omega = \text{rotation frequency}$

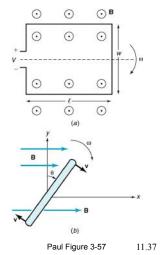
 $u = w \omega/2 = \text{rotation velocity}$

A = wl = area enclosed by current loop

This is how electrical generators work!



Mechanical energy is converted into electrical energy



Applications (Paul)

Electric Motor

We have already shown that the torque T is given by

$$T = \frac{IBA}{2}\cos\theta$$

Allowing B to vary periodically,

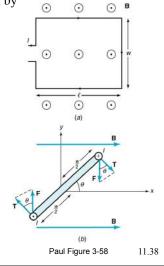
$$B = B_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

we can make the wires turn in one direction

This is how electrical motors work!

Electrical energy is converted into mechanical energy





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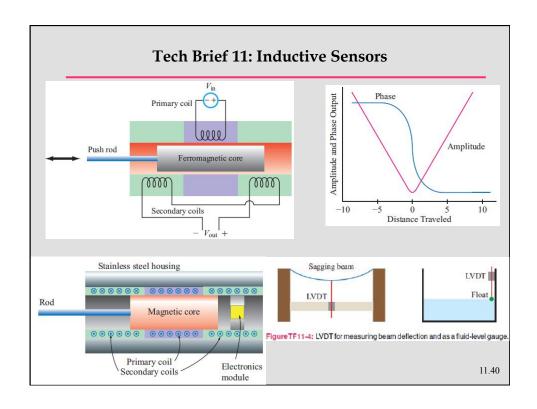
Basic principle: magnetic coupling between different coils Applications

- •Position/displacement measurement
- •Proximity detection
- •Other related applications

Linear Variable Differential Transformer (LVDT)

- •Primary core connected to AC source (1-10 kHz typical)
- ·Pair of secondary coils
- •All coils share a common ferromagnetic core
- •Secondary coils are connected in opposition, so when core is in center, there is zero output
- •When core is not in center, output voltage is nonzero, indicating position of core
- •Core attached to outside by a nonmagnetic rod
- •Approximately linear relationship between output voltage amplitude and displacement over a wide range



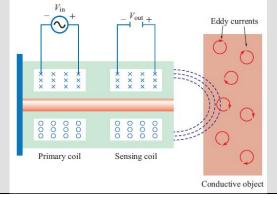


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Eddy Current Proximity Sensor

- •Sensitive indicator of a conductor
- •When an object is in front of the secondary coil, the magnetic field of the coil produces eddy (circular currents in the object.
- •Eddy currents generate magnetic fields of their own opposing the field in the coil.
- •Reduction in flux in coil decreases output voltage
- •Magnitude of voltage change depends on object's conductive properties and distance from

sensor



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Assignment

Reading: Ulaby and Ravaioli, Chapter 6

Problem Set 6: Some notes.

- There are 7 problems. As always, YOU MUST SHOW YOUR WORK TO GET FULL CREDIT!
- Please watch significant digits.
- Get started early!

