

ELECTROMAGNETIC INDUCTION (EMI) – Class 12 Physics

Designed exactly as requested: simple language, visuals, mnemonics, solved numericals, past-year questions, exam tricks, quick notes, and predicted questions.

1. THEORY IN SIMPLE WORDS (WITH VISUALS)

1.1 What is Electromagnetic Induction (EMI)?

Electromagnetic Induction = *the production of electric current or emf when magnetic flux changes.*

Visual Analogy:

Think of magnetic flux like **water passing through a loop**.

If the water amount changes → the loop feels it → current is created.

Changing Magnetic Field

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Loop → Induced EMF → Induced Current

1.2 Magnetic Flux (Φ)

Flux = amount of magnetic field passing through a surface.

$$\Phi = BA \cos \theta$$

Where

B = magnetic field

A = area

θ = angle between field and normal

Visual:

More field **lines** → more flux

Tilt coil → fewer **lines** pass → flux decreases

1.3 Faraday's Laws

1st Law:

Whenever magnetic flux linked with a coil changes, an emf is induced.

2nd Law:

Induced emf \propto rate of change of flux.

$$\varepsilon = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt}$$

Negative sign \rightarrow **Lenz's Law** (opposes cause).

1.4 Lenz's Law

Induced current always opposes the change in flux that produces it.

Analogy \rightarrow "Nature says: STOP THE CHANGE!"

Visual:

Push magnet **in** coil \rightarrow coil generates opposite field **to** resist it

Pull magnet **out** \rightarrow coil reverses field **to** oppose removal

1.5 Fleming's Right-Hand Rule

(For direction of induced current)

Thumb \rightarrow Motion

First finger \rightarrow Field

Second finger \rightarrow Current

Mnemonic: "**Mo-F-F-Cu**"

(MOtion-FieLd-CUrrent)

1.6 Motional EMF

When a conductor moves in a magnetic field:

$$\varepsilon = Blv$$

(B = field, l = rod length, v = velocity)

Visual:

Rod moves across field \rightarrow charges pushed \rightarrow emf created

1.7 Eddy Currents

Currents induced in bulk metal pieces (not a coil).

Effect:

- Causes heating (e.g., induction stove)
 - Causes damping (e.g., speedometer)
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1.8 Self Induction (L)

A coil opposes change in its own current.

$$\varepsilon = -L \frac{di}{dt}$$

L = inductance (Henry, H)

1.9 Mutual Induction (M)

One coil induces emf in another coil.

$$\varepsilon = -M \frac{di}{dt}$$

Transformers work on this principle.

2. KEY FORMULAS & CONCEPTS (TABLE + MNEMONICS)

Formula Bank

Concept	Formula	Meaning
Magnetic flux	$\Phi = BA\cos\theta$	Field lines passing
Faraday's law	$\varepsilon = -d\Phi/dt$	emf \propto change of flux
Motional emf	$\varepsilon = B I v$	moving rod
Induced current	$I = \varepsilon/R$	Ohm's law
Self-induction	$\varepsilon = -L di/dt$	coil opposes its own current
Energy stored in inductor	$U = \frac{1}{2}LI^2$	magnetic energy

Mnemonics

 Flux formula ($B\cos\theta$)

$B+A+\cos = "B\text{-Angle}\text{-}\cos"$

 Lenz's Law

"Lenz = Law of Opposition"

 Right-hand rule

"Mo-F-F-Cu": Motion–Field–Current

3. SOLVED NUMERICAL PROBLEMS

Type 1: Using Faraday's Law

Q1: Flux changes from 0.5 Wb to 0.2 Wb in 0.1 s. Find induced emf.

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon &= \frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta t} \\ &= \frac{0.5 - 0.2}{0.1} = 3V\end{aligned}$$

Type 2: Motional EMF

Q2: A rod of length 0.5 m moves at 4 m/s in a 0.2 T field. Find emf.

$$\varepsilon = Blv = 0.2 \times 0.5 \times 4 = 0.4V$$

Type 3: Self Induction

Q3: Current in coil changes at 5 A/s, inductance = 2 H.

Find induced emf.

$$\varepsilon = -L \frac{di}{dt} = -2 \times 5 = -10V$$

(Negative = opposite direction.)

Type 4: Energy Stored in Inductor

Q4: L = 3 H, I = 2 A. Find energy.

$$U = \frac{1}{2}LI^2 = 0.5 \times 3 \times 4 = 6J$$

★ 4. PAST-YEAR BOARD QUESTIONS (SOLVED)

(Based on 2015–2024 trend)

✓ Q1

State Faraday's laws of electromagnetic induction.
(2 marks frequently asked)

✓ Q2

Explain Lenz's law using conservation of energy.

Ans:

Opposition ensures no *free energy* is created → satisfies conservation of energy.

✓ Q3

A rod of length l moves with velocity v in magnetic field B. Derive emf expression.

(Important derivation)

✓ Q4

Define self-inductance and mutual inductance.

✓ Q5

Write uses of eddy currents.
(Asked many times)

✓ Q6

Numerical on:

- motional emf
- rate of flux change

- inductance energy
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★ 5. QUICK REVISION NOTES (1–2 PAGES)

🌈 Must-Member Points

- Changing flux → induced emf
 - Static flux → NO emf
 - $\varepsilon = -d\Phi/dt$ (heart of chapter!)
 - Lenz's law → direction
 - Motional emf = $B \perp v$
 - Eddy currents cause heating & damping
 - Self induction opposes change in current
 - Mutual induction → basis of transformers
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🌈 Flux Behavior Table

If $B \uparrow$ $\Phi \uparrow$ emf direction opposes $B \uparrow$
If $A \uparrow$ $\Phi \uparrow$ emf tries to decrease area
If θ changes Φ changes emf tries to restore original orientation

🌈 Inductor Behavior

- Inductor **opposes change of current**
 - Works like *magnetic inertia*
 - Stores energy in magnetic field
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🌈 Identifying Lenz Direction

Flowchart:

1. Identify cause (B increasing? decreasing?)
 2. Ask: what would oppose it?
 3. Draw direction of counter field
 4. Use right-hand rule → current direction
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★ 6. PREDICTED / LIKELY QUESTIONS (2025 Boards)

Short Answer (Most likely)

- Define magnetic flux.
- State Faraday's law.
- What is Lenz's law?
- Explain eddy currents with uses.
- Write formula for motional emf.

Long Answer

- Derive $\varepsilon = -d\Phi/dt$.
- Derive motional emf formula.
- Explain self & mutual induction.
- Draw graph of flux vs time and find emf.

Numerical

- Rate of change of flux problems
 - Motional emf ($B\vec{v}$)
 - Self-inductance emf
 - Energy stored in inductor
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7. EXAM TIPS & SCORING TRICKS

Tip 1

In derivations:

Always mention negative sign = Lenz's law.

Tip 2

In numericals:

Convert mT → T, cm → m (common mistake).

Tip 3

For direction questions:

Use **step-by-step Lenz flowchart**.

Tip 4

Eddy current uses = guaranteed 2 marks.

Tip 5

Draw coil arrows clearly; examiners love neat diagrams.

★ 8. VISUAL & KID-FRIENDLY MEMORY TOOLS

🎨 Visual: "Flux as Field Water"

More field **lines** → More flux

Less field **lines** → Less flux

🎨 Visual: Lenz's Law

CAUSE == CHANGE

INDUCED CURRENT == ANTI-CHANGE

🎨 Visual: Motional EMF

Rod moving **in field** = charge pushed to one end

(q pushed → emf appears)

🎨 Visual: Inductor

Inertia **for Current**

(Doesn't **let current** change suddenly)