# Topic 14: Magnetism

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# An Electromagnet

A popular experiment in magnetism in elementary schools:

- Wrap a copper wire around an iron nail/screw
- Connect the ends of the wire to a battery
- When the circuit is closed, the nail becomes magnetized, picks up small paper clips
- As soon as the current stops, the nail stops being magnetic
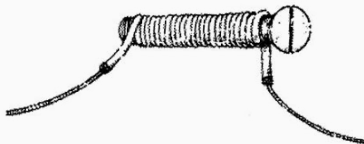
# Magnetism

# Review of Magnetic Field

- Magnetism is generated by moving charged particles, e.g. a single charge carrier, or an electric current
- It can also be generated by permanent magnets, or Earth
- Magnetism affects other *moving* charged particles
- The vector field is called the **magnetic field**
- Magnetic field has unit **tesla**
- Magnetic field lines have no ends—they always run in a loop

# Magnetic Field Generated by a Moving Point Charge
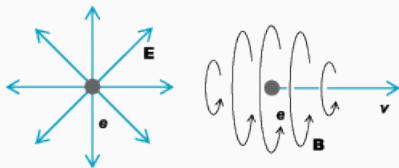


A charged object generates an electric field **E**. When it's moving, it also generates a magnetic field **B**, given by:

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q\mathbf{v} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$$

(The direction of **B** can be obtained by applying the *right hand rule* if you are not confident with cross products.)

# Magnetic Field Generated by a Moving Point Charge

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{q\mathbf{v} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$$

| Quantity | Symbol | SI Unit |
|---|---|---|
| Magnetic field | $\mathbf{B}$ | T |
| Charge | $q$ | C |
| Velocity of the charge | $\mathbf{v}$ | m/s |
| Distance from the moving charge | $r$ | m |
| Radial outward unit vector from the charge | $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ | no units |
| Permeability of free space | $\mu_0$ | $T \cdot m/A$ |

$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \ T \cdot m/A$ is a universal constant called the **permeability of free space** (or **vacuum permeability**). It measures how easily a space can become magnetized.

## Magnetic Generated By a Current
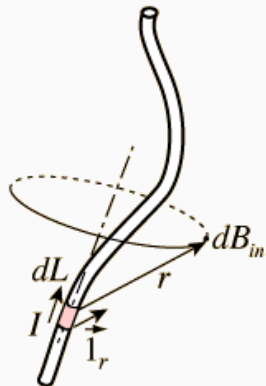


An electric current is really many charges particles moving along a wire; each charge creating its own magnetic field. The total magnetic field in the wire is the integral of the contribution ($d\mathbf{B}$) of the current ($I$) from each infinitesimal sections ($d\mathbf{L}$) of the wire, given by the **Biot-Savart law**:

$$d\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{I d\mathbf{L} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{r^2}$$

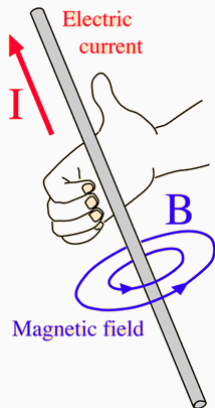The magnetic field in the diagram goes *into* the page

# Magnetic Field Generated By an Infinitely Long Wire



Electric current

$I$

$B$

Magnetic field

For an *infinitely-long straight* wire, the Biot-Savart law simplifies to:

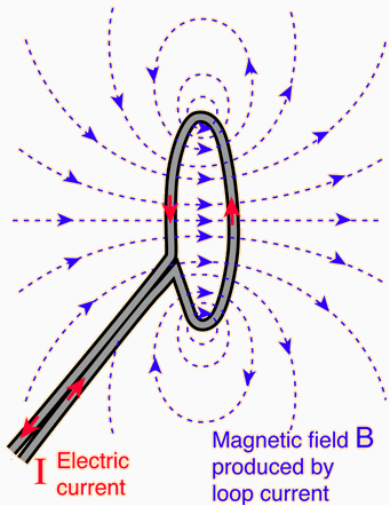$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 (\mathbf{I} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}})}{2\pi r} \quad \text{or} \quad B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

The magnitude and direction current "vector" $\mathbf{I}$ is straightforward

| Quantity | Symbol | SI Unit |
|---|---|---|
| Magnetic field | $\mathbf{B}$ | T |
| Current | $\mathbf{I}$ | A |
| Radial direction from the wire | $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ | (no units) |
| Radial distance from the wire | $r$ | m |

# Current-Carrying Wire Loop



Magnetic field **B** produced by loop current

I Electric current

When we shape the current-carrying wire into a loop, we can (again) use the Biot-Savart law to find the magnetic field away from it.

One loop isn't very interesting (except when you're integrating Biot-Savart law) but what if we have many loops

# Wounding Wires Into a Coil

- A **solenoid** is when you wound a wire into a coil
- You create a magnet very similar to a bar magnet, with an effective north pole and a south pole
- Magnetic field inside the solenoid is uniform
- Magnetic field strength can be increased by the addition of an iron core
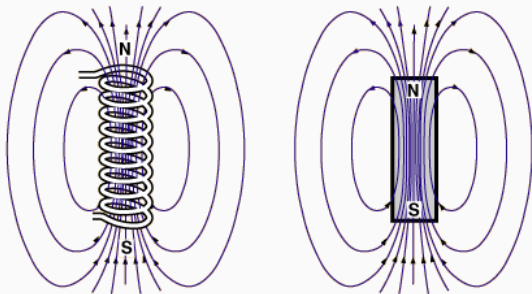
# A Practical Solenoid

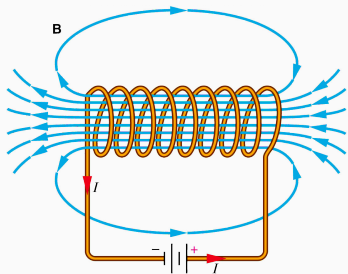A practical solenoid usually has hundreds or thousands of turns:



This "air core" coil is used for high school and university experiments. It has approximately 600 turns of copper wire wound around a plastic core.

# Magnetic Field Inside a Solenoid

The magnetic field **inside** a solenoid is uniform, with its strength given by:

$$B = \frac{\mu N I}{\ell}$$

Direction of **B** determined by **right hand rule**



| Quantity | Symbol | SI Unit |
|---|---|---|
| Magnetic field intensity | $B$ | T |
| Number of coils | $N$ | |
| Length of the solenoid | $\ell$ | m |
| Current | $I$ | A |
| Effective permeability | $\mu$ | $T \cdot m/A$ |

# Permanent Magnets

Permanent magnets is also based on the motion of charges. This is the "non-technical" version...
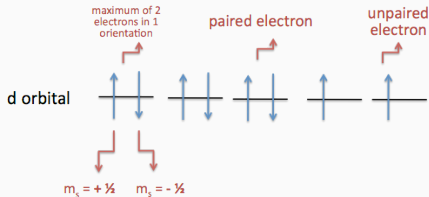
1. Electrons inside an atom *spin*. A spinning electron therefore has an angular momentum, and generates its own tiny magnetic field.
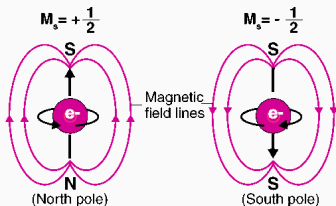


However, in most full "shells", the spin of these electrons are paired, so the magnetic fields cancel each other.

2. The orbits of electrons are not always filled, therefore some atoms do create some (very small) magnetic field.



The atoms that have unpaired electrons are called **paramagnetic** because they are attracted to magnets; atoms that have no unpaired electrons are called **diamagnetic**.

## Permanent Magnets

3. While many atoms exhibit paramagnetism, they do not make good magnets, because the atoms are most often arranged in a way where the magnetic fields cancel. This is callled **ferrimagnetism**:



Ferrimagnetic

When they do not cancel, then they can become magnets. This is called **ferromagnetism**:
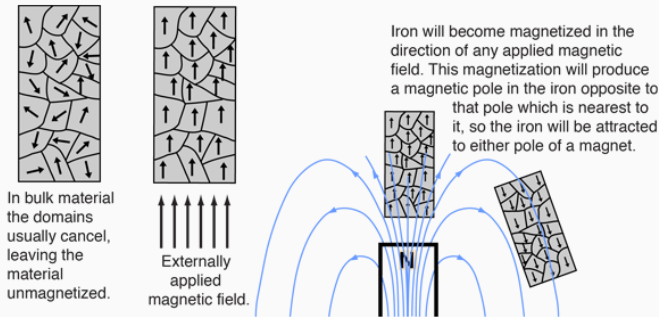


Ferromagnetic

Transitional elements such as iron, nickel and cobalt, and their alloys will exhibit ferromagnetism.

# Permanent Magnets

4.  The atoms in these ferromagnetic materials are arranged in "domains" wher their magnetic moment is aligned. In the presence of a strong external magnetic field, these domains will line up, creating a magnet.



In bulk material the domains usually cancel, leaving the material unmagnetized.

Externally applied magnetic field.

Iron will become magnetized in the direction of any applied magnetic field. This magnetization will produce a magnetic pole in the iron opposite to that pole which is nearest to it, so the iron will be attracted to either pole of a magnet.

# Earth

Earth is also a "permanent" magnet, with the *magnetic south pole* located near the geographic north pole, and the *magnetic north pole* located near the geographic south pole. The poles are tilted by $\approx 11°$ from the spin axis.
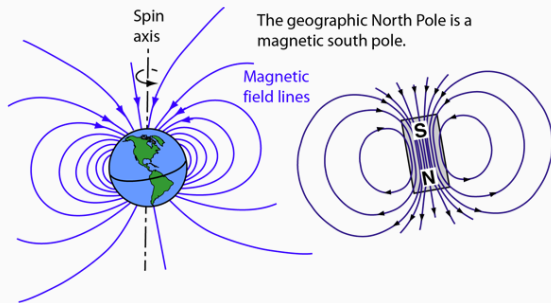


The exact nature of Earth's magnetic field is not known, although it may be related to "generator effect" from Earth's rotation, circulating the outer-core fluid around.

# Magnetic Force

# So What Does the Magnetic Field Do?

### Gravitational Field $g$

- Generated by massive objects
- Affects massive objects

### Electric Field $E$

- Generated by charged particles
- Affects charged particles

### Magnetic Field $B$

- Generated by *moving* charged particles
- Affects moving charged particles

## Lorentz Force Law

Since a moving charge or current create both electric and magnetic fields, another moving charge is therefore affected by both **E** and **B**. The total effect is given by the **Lorentz force law**:

$$\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

$\mathbf{F}_q = q\mathbf{E}$ is the electrostatic force, and $\mathbf{F}_M = q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$ is the magnetic force.

| Quantity | Symbol | SI Unit |
|---|---|---|
| Total force on the moving charge | **F** | N |
| Charge | $q$ | C |
| Velocity of the charge | **v** | m/s |
| Magnetic field | **B** | T |
| Electric field | **E** | N/C |

# Force on a Current-Carrying Conductor in a Magnetic Field

Likewise, **B** exerts a force on another current-carrying conductor.

$$F_M = \mathbf{I}\ell \times \mathbf{B}$$

| Quantity | Symbol | SI Unit |
|---|---|---|
| Magnetic force on the conductor | $\mathbf{F}_M$ | N |
| Electric current in the conductor | **I** | A |
| Length of the conductor | $\ell$ | m |
| Magnetic field | **B** | T |

# Magnetic Force on Two Current-Carrying Wires

Two parallel current-carrying wires of length $L$ are at a distance $r$ apart. Magnetic field at wire 2 from current $I_1$ has constant strength along the wire, given by:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I_1}{2\pi r}$$

The force of $B$ on $I_2$ is:

$$F = I_2 L B = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2 L}{2\pi r} \quad \rightarrow \quad \boxed{\frac{F}{L} = \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{2\pi r}}$$

$I_1$ also exerts the same force on $I_2$, pulling the wires toward each other. (We should expect this because of the third law of motion.)

**$I_1$** Electric current

**$I_2$**

$r$

$B$

$F$ $F$

$I$

**B** Magnetic field

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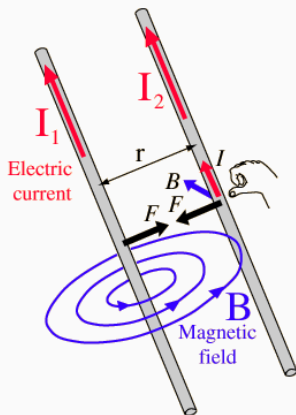
## Circular Motion Caused by a Magnetic Field

When a charged particle enters a magnetic field at right angle...

- Magnetic force $F_M$ perpendicular to both velocity $v$ and magnetic field $B$.
- Results in circular motion
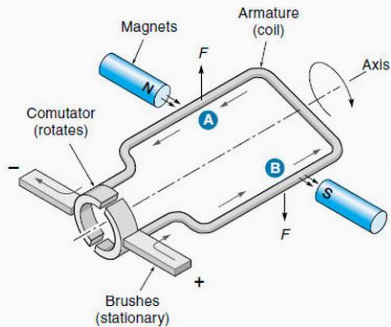
Centripetal force $F_c$ is provided by the magnetic force $F_M$. Equating the two expressions:

$$\frac{mv^2}{r} = qvB$$

We can solve for *r* get the radius for a charge with a known mass, or solve for mass *m* of a charged particle based on its radius:

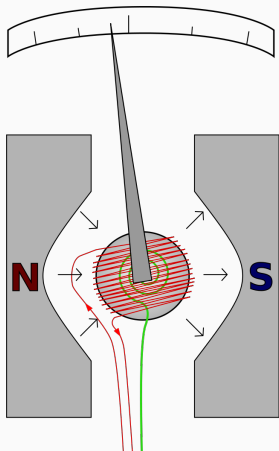$$r = \frac{mv}{qB} \qquad m = \frac{qrB}{v}$$

# DC Motor



- When a current runs through the magnetic field formed by the magnets (called **field magnets** or **stators**), a force is applied to the wire, causing the motor to turn
- The brushes are connected to a DC power source
- The commutators switch current direction every 180° to keep it turning
- The armature will have hundreds or thousands of coils

# Galvanometer



Analog **voltmeters** and **ammeters** are based on a **galvanometer** which uses the magnetic force acting on a current.

- Current flows through the coil (red)
- External magnetic field applies a force on the wire
- The coil rotates
- The torque exerted on the coil is balanced by the restoring spring (green)

# Faraday's Law

## Magnetic Flux

**Question:** If a current-carrying wire can generate a magnetic field, can a magnetic field affect the current in a wire?

**Answer:** Yes, sort of...

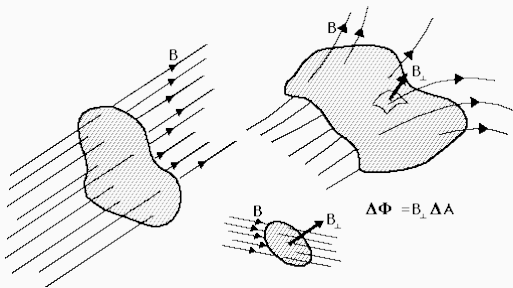To understand how to *induce* a current by a magnetic field, we need to look at "fluxes".

## Magnetic Flux



The strict mathematical definition (i.e. using calculus) of **magnetic flux** is defined as:

$$\Phi_M = \int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$

where **B** is the magnetic field, and $d\mathbf{A}$ is the infinitesimal area pointing *outward*. For a uniform magnetic field, this is simplied to (no calculus!):

$$\Phi_M = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

## Magnetic Flux Over a Closed Surface

The unit for magnetic flux is a "weber" (Wb), in honor of German physicist Wilhelm Weber, who invented the electromagnetic telegraph with Carl Gauss:

$$1\,\text{Wb} = 1\,\text{T} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

The magnetic flux over a closed surface is always zero, indicating that magnetic field lines can neither have beginnings nor ends.

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = 0$$

# Changing Magnetic Flux

Changes to magnetic flux can be due to a number of reasons:

1. **Changing magnetic field**...if the magnetic field is created by a time-dependent source (e.g. alternating current)
2. **Changing orientation of magnetic field** because the surface area is moving relative to the magnetic field.
3. **Changing area** the surface area from which the flux is calculated is changing.

## When Magnetic Flux is Changing

- When the magnetic flux $\Phi_M$ is changing, an electromotive force (*emf*, $\mathcal{E}$) is created in the wire.
- Unlike in a circuit, where the *emf* is concentrated at the terminals of the battery, the induced *emf* is spread across the entire wire.
- Since *emf* is work per unit charge, that means that there is an electric field inside the wire to move the charges.

# Faraday's Law

Faraday's law states that the rate of change of magnetic flux produces an electromotive force:

$$\overline{\mathcal{E}} = -\frac{\Delta \Phi_M}{\Delta t}$$

The negative sign highlighted in red is the result of Lenz's law, which is related to the conservation energy
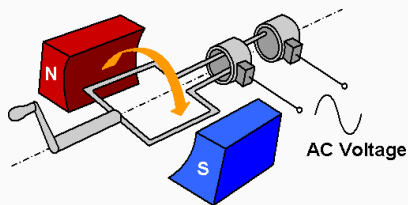
# AC Generators

A simple AC (alternating current) generator makes use of the fact that a coil rotating against a fixed magnetic field has a changing flux.



AC Voltage
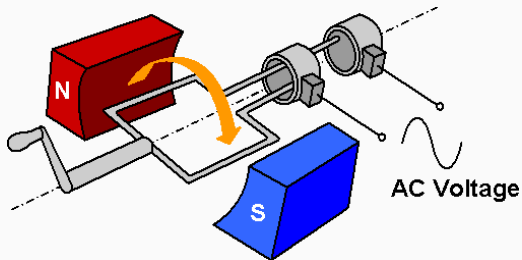
Let's say the permanent magnets produce a uniform magnetic field $B$, and the coil between them has $N$ turns, and an area $A$. Now let's say that the coil is rotating with an angular frequency $\omega$.

AC Voltage

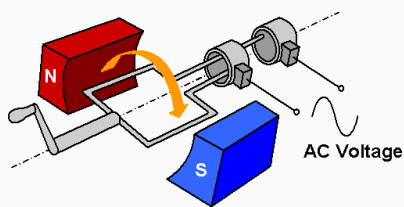When the coil is turning at a constant rate $\omega$, the angle between the coil and the magnetic field is:

$$\theta = \omega t + \theta_0$$

where $\theta_0$ is the initial angle (not very important conceptually). The magnetic flux through the coil is:

$$\Phi_M = NBA \cos \theta$$
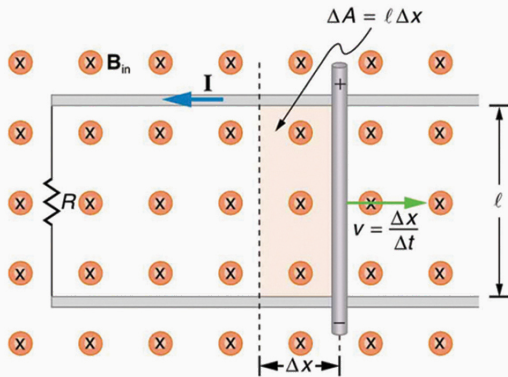
$$= NBA \cos(\omega t + \theta_0)$$

as the coil turns.

AC Voltage

The electromotive force *emf* produced is therefore the rate of change of the magnetic flux:

$$\mathcal{E} = \underbrace{NBA\omega}_{\mathcal{E}_0} \sin(\omega t + \delta)$$
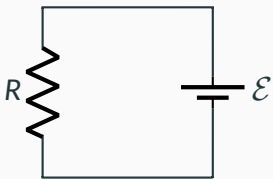
## Motional EMF



When sliding the rod to the right with speed $v$, the magnetic flux through the loop (and its rate of change) is:

$$\Phi_M = BA = B\ell x$$
$$\mathcal{E} = B\ell v$$

We can use the Lorentz force law on the charges on the rod to find the direction of the current $I$.

## Motional EMF



- An equivalent circuit is shown on the left
- The amount of current can be found using Ohm's law: $V = IR$
- Note that the "motional emf" produced is spread over the entire circuit
  - In constrast, in a voltaic cell (or battery), the *emf* is concentrated between the two terminals.

# Lenz's Law

## Lenz's Law

Something very interesting happens when the current starts running on the wire.
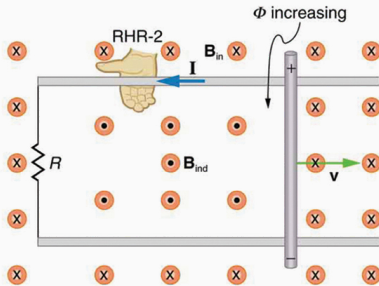


It produces an "induced magnetic field" out of the page, in the opposite direction as the field that generated the current in the first place.

# Lenz's Law

> **LENZ'S LAW**
> The induced *emf* and induced current are in such are direction as to oppose the change that produces them

So basically, the conservation of energy