

Electromagnetism Notes

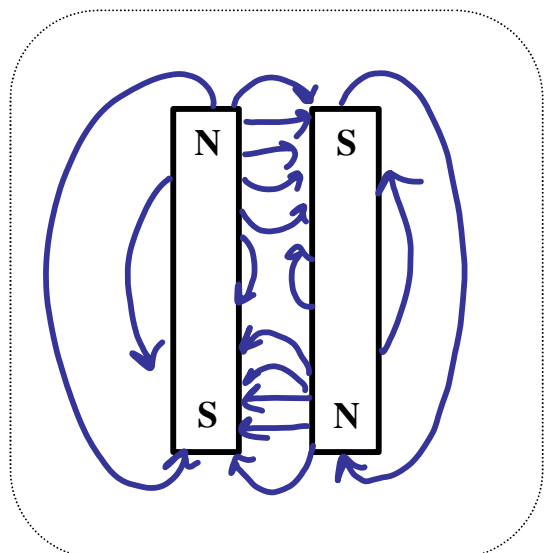
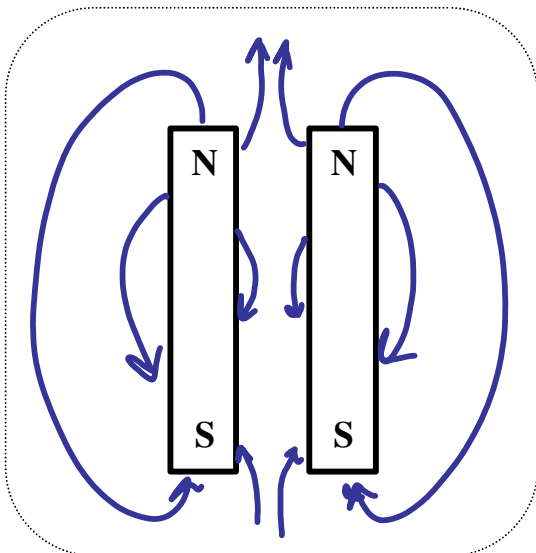
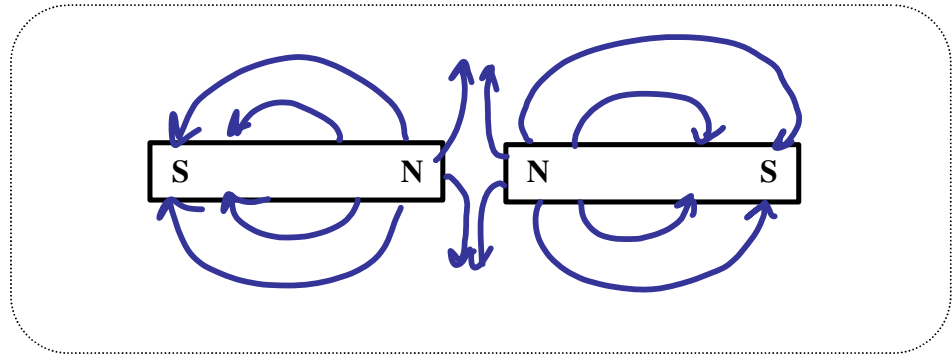
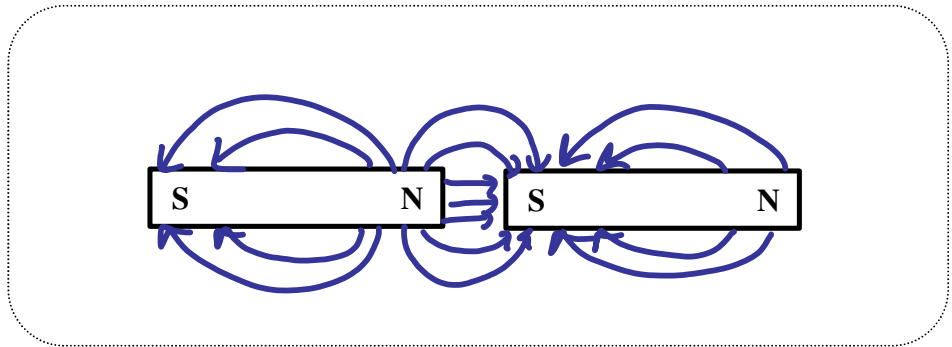
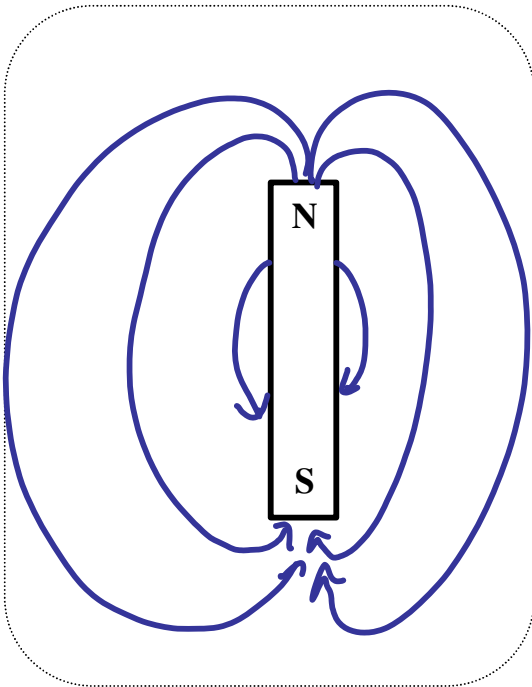
1 – Magnetic Fields

Magnets can attract or repel other magnets.
They are able to exert forces on each other without touching because they are surrounded by magnetic fields.

Magnetic Flux refers to... the density of field lines

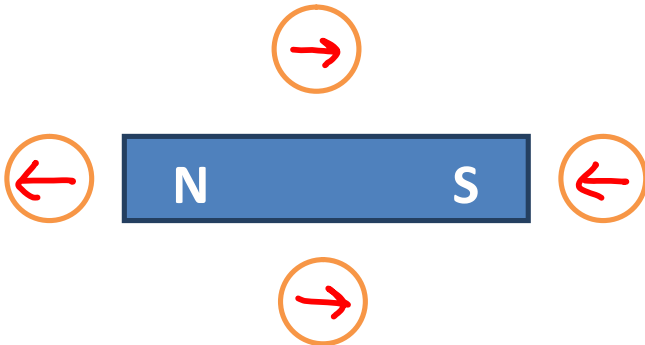
Areas with many lines have Strong magnetic field.

Magnets have two different ends called poles, either as North (N) or South (S).



It is important to note that magnetic fields are vectors and therefore we need to represent the lines as... arrows

In fact we define the direction of a magnetic field as... the direction that a compass would point



We can sum up the behaviour of interacting magnetic fields:

- (1) opposites attract
- (2) likes repel

This is very much like electric charges; however there is a very important difference between these two. Electric charges can be... single charges (+ or -)

Whereas magnetic poles... only occur in pairs (N and S)

Consider a compass:

A compass is useful because its needle always points north. This is because the needle is a magnet and so is the Earth

Yeah fine but WHY does it point north?

Well, the north pole of the compass will... line up with the Earth's field lines
(Magnetic "North" is actually the South Pole)

Well that's all very well for magnetism, but where does the electro come in?

It turns out that any... current carrying wire is surrounded by a magnetic field.

In fact a current carrying wire will have a very regular magnetic field around it as predicted by the:

1st Right Hand Rule:

Thumb: current

Fingers: magnetic field

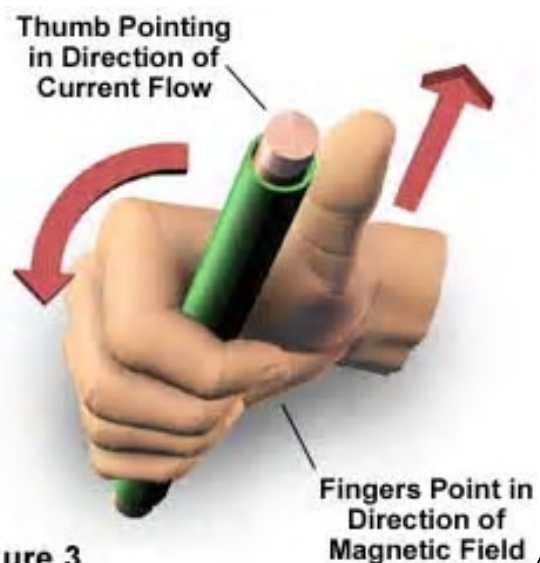
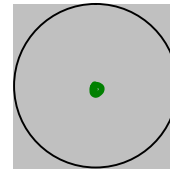
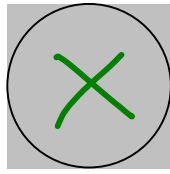


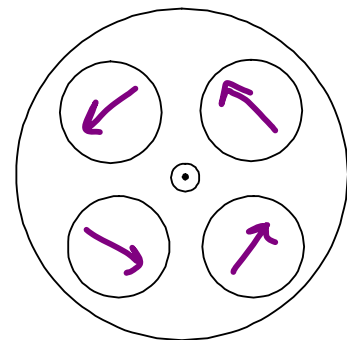
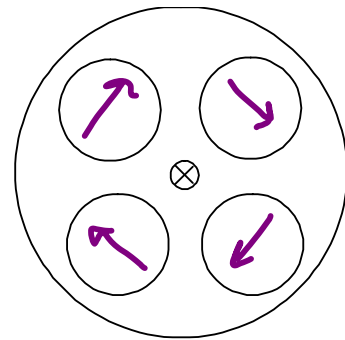
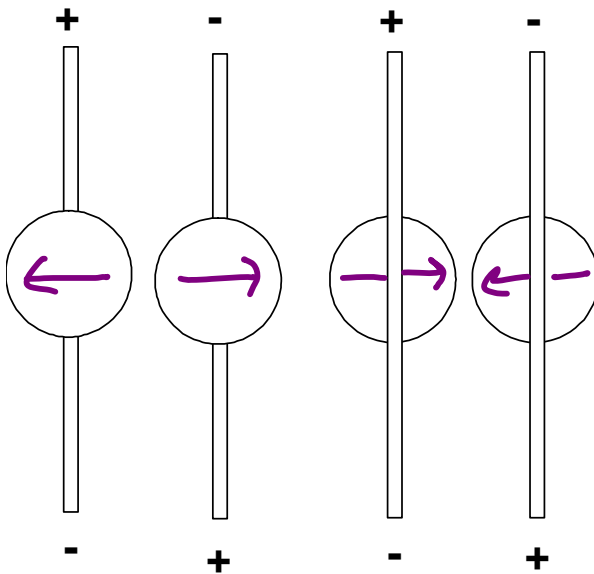
Figure 3

Often we will represent a current carrying wire simply as though you were looking at it end on. In this case we simply draw it as a circle. To indicate the direction of current flow we draw a **X** if it is in to the page and a **•** if it is out of the page.



If it helps to remember which is which think of an **arrow**!

Below shows current carrying wires (lines) and compasses (circles). Draw arrows to show which direction the compasses will point.



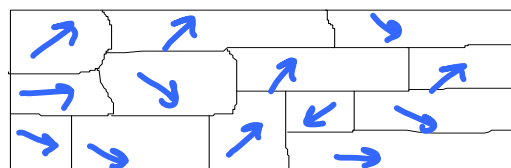
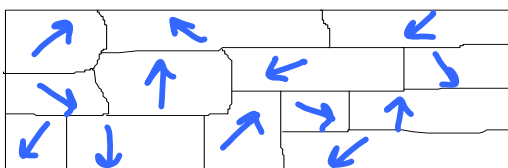
Note that the compass always points...

Domains:

We have seen that the movement of electrons can create a magnetic field, but how does this apply to permanent magnets like bar magnets?

Certain metals (iron, nickel and cobalt) have...

In a piece of these metals the spins of unpaired electrons align in areas called domains. In an unmagnetized piece of metal the domains are lined up randomly. A magnet is created when these domains are aligned in one direction.

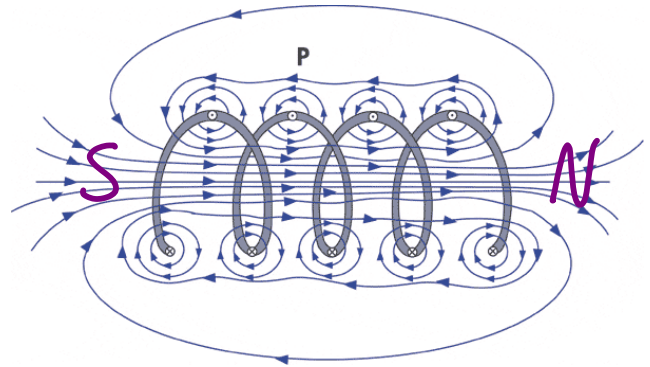
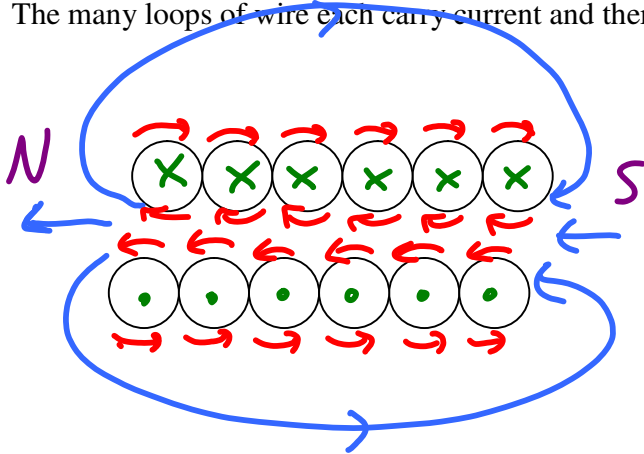


Solenoids: aka electromagnet

A solenoid is simply...

a coil of wire

The many loops of wire each carry current and therefore... the field reinforces.



The 2nd Right Hand Rule:

Fingers: current

Thumb: points towards N

Note when using any right hand rules that... we use conventional current

Just as with a bar magnet a solenoid has... North and South poles

Note from the diagram that the field outside of a solenoid is weak and non-uniform especially if its width is much greater than its length.

However the magnetic field inside the solenoid is strong and uniform.

In a uniform magnetic field INSIDE a solenoid we can calculate the strength of the field using:

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 I n$$

Where :

B = Magnetic Field Strength

μ_0 = permeability of free space = $4\pi \times 10^{-7}$

I = current

n = loops per meter = $\frac{N}{\ell}$ ← total loops
← length

Example:

A hollow solenoid is 25 cm long and has 1000 loops. If the solenoid has a diameter of 4.0 cm and a current of 9.0 A what is the magnetic field in the solenoid?

$$B = \mu_0 I \frac{N}{\ell} = (4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}\cdot\text{m/A})(9.0 \text{ A}) \left(\frac{1000}{0.25 \text{ m}} \right) = \boxed{0.045 \text{ T}}$$

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2 – Magnetic Forces on Wires and Charges

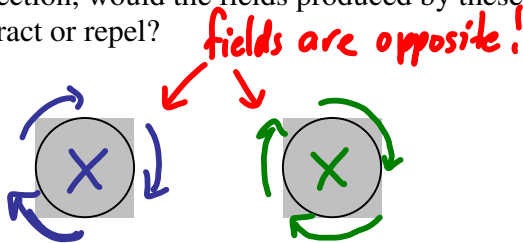
With permanent magnets opposite poles attract and like poles repel.

As we have seen magnetic fields surround any current carrying wire.

Therefore it stands to reason that magnetic forces will act on wires carrying moving charges and charged particles moving in magnetic fields.

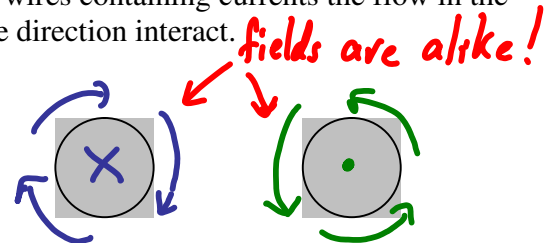
Parallel Current Carrying Wires

Picture two parallel wires carrying current in the same direction, would the fields produced by these wires attract or repel?



Parallel wires with current flowing in the **same** direction will... **ATTRACT!**

The same logic can be used to determine how parallel wires containing currents that flow in the opposite direction interact.



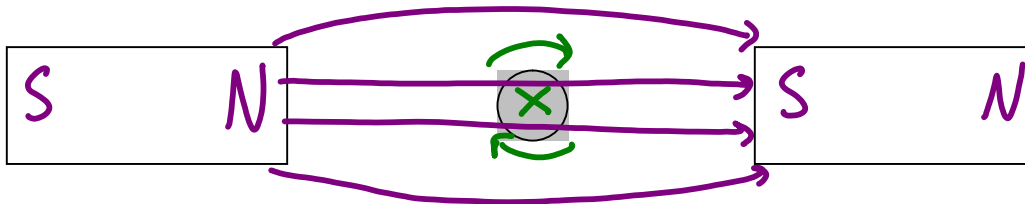
Parallel wires with current flowing in the **opposite** directions will... **REPEL!**

Current Carrying Wires in Magnetic Fields

A current carrying wire in a magnetic field will also experience... a magnetic force

Imagine a current carrying wire placed between two permanent magnets.

Note that **above the wire** both the permanent magnetic field and the field generated by the wire point... in the same direction



These two fields will repel.

Also, **below the wire** the permanent magnetic field and the field generated by the wire point... in opposite directions.

These two fields will attract.

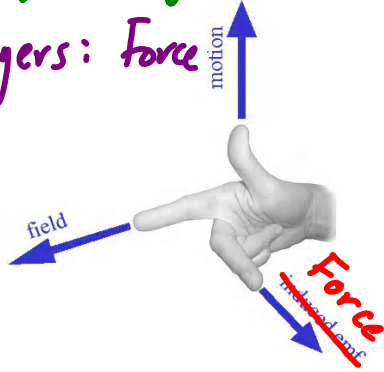
\therefore This results in an overall magnetic force (F_M) directed down the page.

The 3rd Right Hand Rule:

Thumb: current / particle motion

Index finger: magnetic field

Other fingers: Force



The magnitude of the magnetic force on a conductor can be calculated as:

$$F_m = BIL \sin \theta$$

Where:

B = mag field

I = current

l = length

θ = orientation

Note that if the conductor is perpendicular to the magnetic field this formula becomes:

$$F_m = BIL$$

Because... $\sin 90 = 1$

If the conductor is parallel to the magnetic field then...

$$F_m = 0 \text{ because } \sin 0 = 0$$

Moving Charges in Magnetic Fields

In the same way that charged particles moving through a wire will experience a force in a magnetic field, so will free charged particles.

To determine the direction of the force on such a particle we simply use... the 3rd RHR.

NOTE: We use the right hand rules for wires when talking about conventional current (+ \rightarrow -) and the left hand rules for wires when talking about electron flow.

We follow the same logic when dealing with charged particles:

For **positive** particles use...

right hand rules

For **negative** particles use...

left hand rules

To calculate the magnetic force on the particle we use:

$$F_m = qvB \sin \theta$$

Where: q = charge

v = velocity

B = mag field strength

θ = orientation

NOTE: Just like the magnetic force on conductors this formula can be reduced to

$$F_m = qvB$$

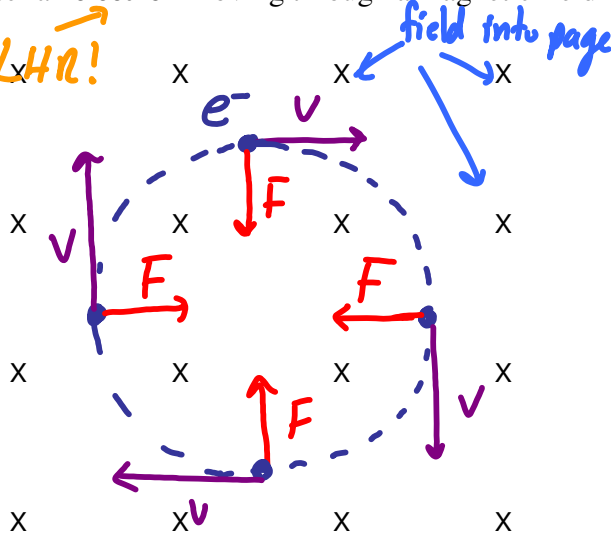
when the particles are moving perpendicular to the magnetic field.

and $F_m = 0$ when parallel to magnetic field.

If a charged particle enters a magnetic field traveling perpendicular to the field, it will deflect continuously and travel in a circle.

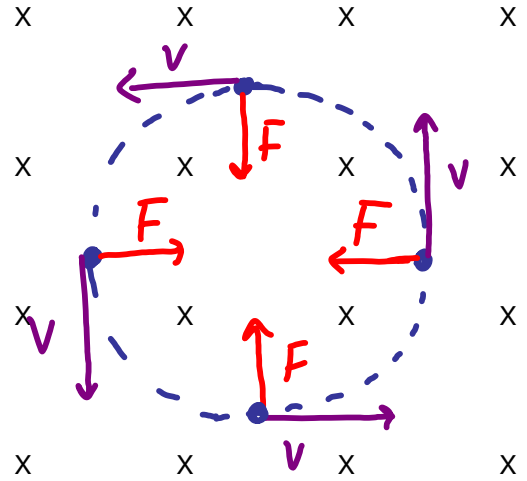
Consider an electron moving through a magnetic field

use LHR!



Now consider a proton moving through the same magnetic field

use RHR!



Example:

Circular particle accelerators use magnetic fields to bend beams of charged particles. This allows them reach phenomenal speeds in relatively small spaces. The cyclotron at UBC's TRIUMF contains the largest of its kind in the world. It accelerates a beam of hydrogen anions (H⁻) to 75% the speed of light and uses a 0.42 T magnetic field.

Note that at these speeds the relativistic mass of a hydrogen anion is 2.524×10^{-27} kg.

What is the outer radius of the cyclotron?

When charged particles travel in a circular path:

$$F_c = F_m$$

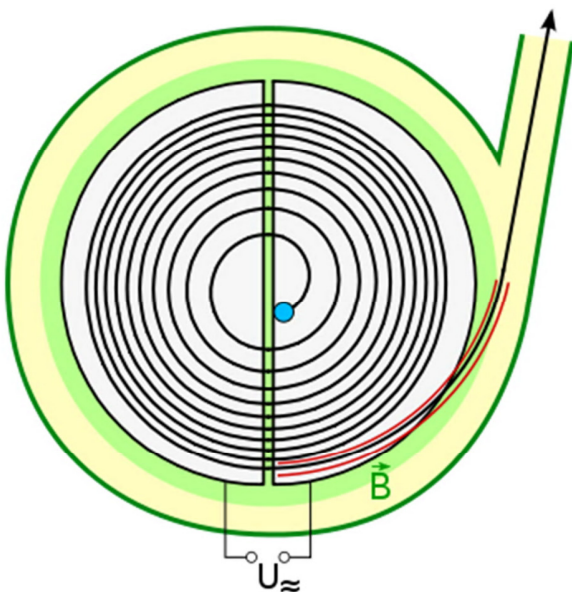
$$F_c = F_m$$

$$75\% c = 0.75(3 \times 10^8) = 2.25 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

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

$$r = \frac{mv}{qB} = \frac{(2.524 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})(2.25 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(0.42 \text{ T})}$$

$$= \boxed{8.45 \text{ m}}$$



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3 – Motors and Galvanometers, CRTs and Mass Spectrometers

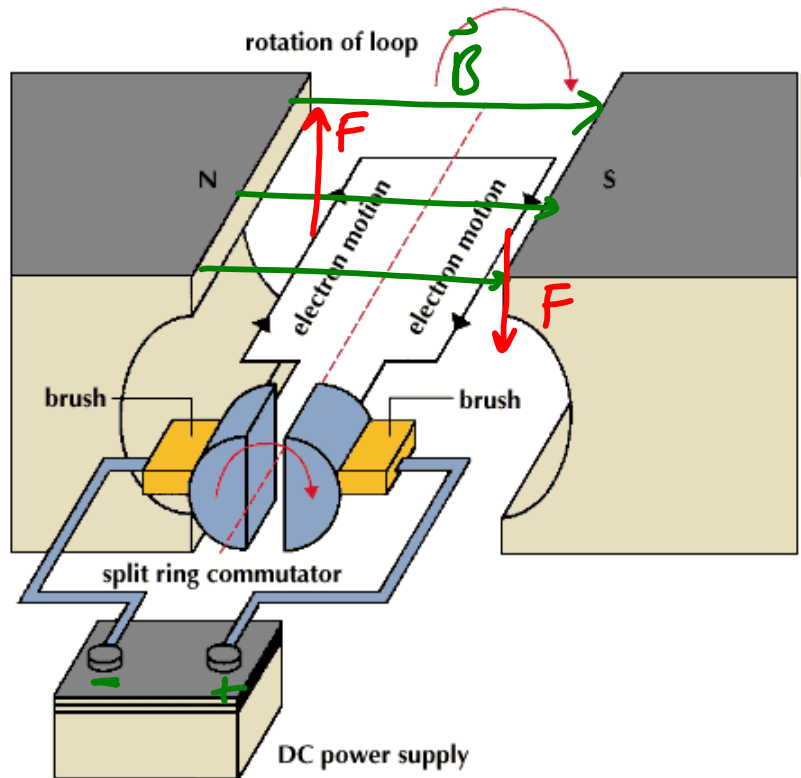
Motors

We have seen that a current carrying wire perpendicular to a magnetic field will experience a force.

This phenomenon is used by an electric motor to transform electrical energy into mechanical energy.

A simple DC motor consists of a loop of wire that passes through a magnetic field. The ends of the loop are attached to a split ring (commutator) which turns with the loop. Fixed brushes connect the commutator to the voltage source.

The commutator (split ring) is important because...
it reverse current every half-turn.



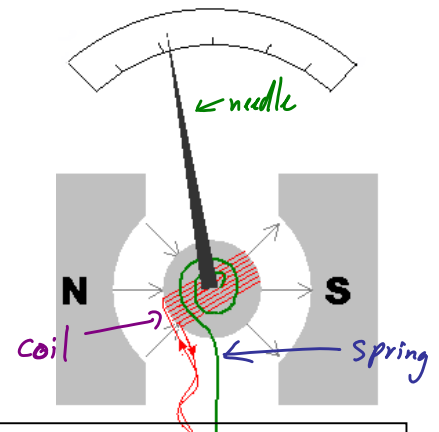
Galvanometers

A galvanometer is an instrument used to detect electric current. A galvanometer calibrated to measure current is called an ammeter while one that measures voltage is called a voltmeter.

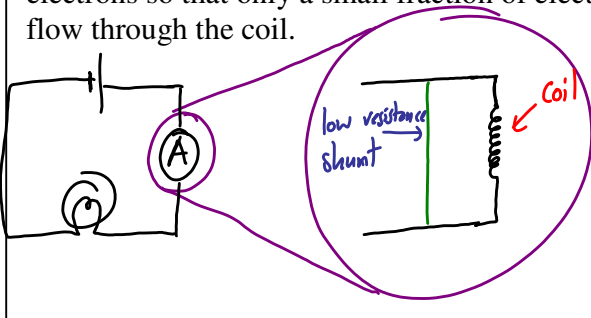
These devices also make use of the motor principle.

Essentially, a current carrying wire in a magnetic field will experience a force proportional to the current.

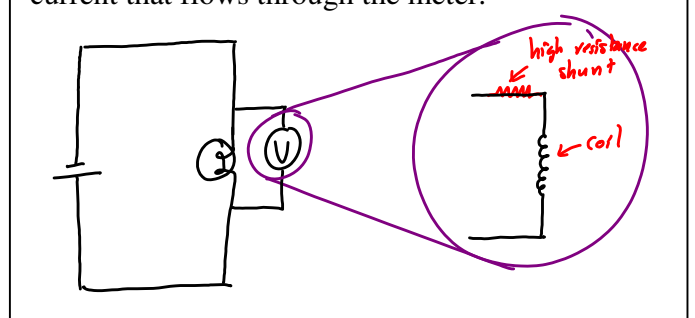
As shown on the right, when a current flows through the wire the needle will experience a force. The needle is attached to a spring which provides a restorative force. As the coil rotates against the spring a reading is produced



A galvanometer can be converted into an **ammeter** by placing a shunt (wire) of low resistance parallel to the coil. In other words a parallel path for electrons so that only a small fraction of electrons flow through the coil.

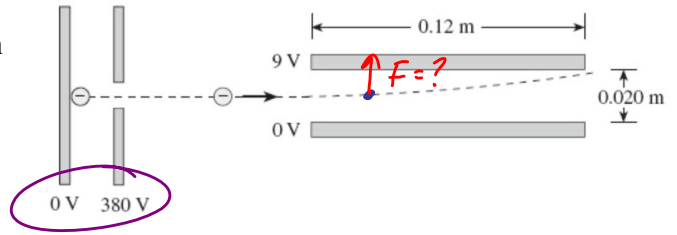


A galvanometer can be converted into a **voltmeter** by placing a shunt (wire) of high resistance in series with the coil. This greatly reduces the current that flows through the meter.



Cathode Ray Tubes

Recall from the earlier unit on electrostatics that a cathode ray tube is used to accelerate electrons to incredible speeds and then deflect them with electrically charged plates. Consider the following example:



- 1) The electron beam is produced by accelerating electrons through an electric potential difference of 380 V. What is the speed of the electrons as they leave the 380 V plate?

$$\Delta E_p = \Delta V q = (380\text{V})(-1.6 \times 10^{-19}) = -6.08 \times 10^{-17} \text{ J}$$

$$\Delta E_k = -\Delta E_p = 6.08 \times 10^{-17} \text{ J}$$

$$\Delta E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{\frac{2E_k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(6.08 \times 10^{-17})}{9.11 \times 10^{-31}}} = 1.16 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}$$

- 2) What is the electrostatic force on electrons in the region between the horizontal plates when they are connected to a 9.0 V potential difference?

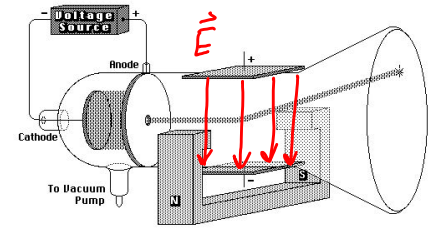
$$\vec{E} = \frac{F_E}{q}$$

$$F_E = \vec{E} q = \frac{\Delta V}{d} q = \left(\frac{9\text{V}}{0.020\text{m}} \right) (1.6 \times 10^{-19}) = 7.2 \times 10^{-17} \text{ N}$$

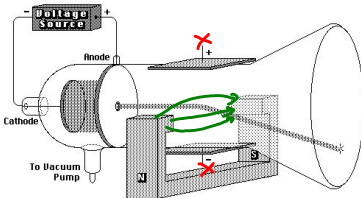
$$\vec{E} = \frac{\Delta V}{d}$$

Determining the Mass and Charge of the Electron

Famed physicist J.J. Thompson took the cathode ray a step further. First he set up a cathode ray tube that deflected the electron ray using a second set of electrically charged plates (aka yoke), similar to the example above.



As expected the ray deflected towards the positive plate.



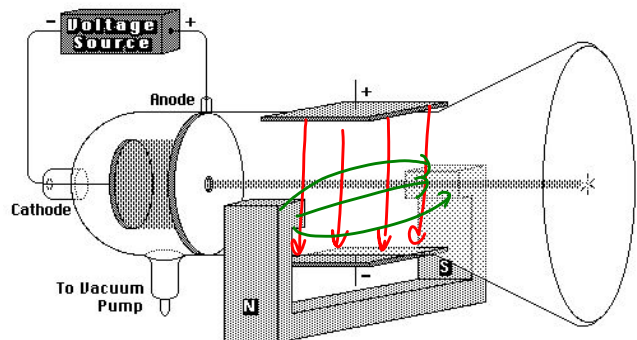
He then disconnected the current from the electric yoke and instead sent current through an electromagnet flanking the cathode ray. He was intrigued to note that the ray of electrons deflected downwards.

Since r and B can both be easily measured we could simply determine the speed of the electron by

Unfortunately for good old J. J., nobody knew the mass or charge of an electron. Both of which would be needed to determine the velocity of the electron ray.

But then, he weren't no genius for nothin'. He set up another cathode ray that had both electromagnetic and electrostatic yokes working in opposition to each other.

By gently calibrating the electric field between the plates, he was able to obtain an undeflected beam as shown:



In this case where the electrons are undeflected, we know that the electrostatic and magnetic forces are equal and opposite

Or simply, $F_E = F_m$. This can be used to solve for the velocity of the electrons, which in turn allowed Thompson to determine the charge to mass ratio of the electron long before either quantities were understood.

Example: What is the speed of an electron that passes through an electric field of $6.30 \times 10^3 \text{ N/C}$ and a magnetic field of $7.11 \times 10^{-3} \text{ T}$ undeflected? Assume the electric and magnetic fields are perpendicular to each other.

$$F_m = F_E$$

$$qvB = E$$

$$v = \frac{E}{B} = \frac{6.30 \times 10^3 \text{ N/C}}{7.11 \times 10^{-3} \text{ T}} = 8.86 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$$

Example: Charged particles traveling horizontally at $3.60 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$ when they enter a vertical magnetic field of 0.710 T . If the radius of their arc is $9.50 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$, what is the charge to mass ratio of the particles?

$$F_c = F_m$$

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

$$\frac{q}{m} = \frac{v}{rB}$$

$$= \frac{3.60 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}}{(9.50 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})(0.710 \text{ T})}$$

$$= 5.34 \times 10^7 \text{ C/kg}$$

Mass Spectrometers

Mass spectrometers can be used to determine the mass of unknown substance or to separate similar compounds of slightly different mass. First the sample is vaporized and then it is bombarded with electrons. These high energy electrons ionize the sample by knocking loose electrons. These cations are then accelerated by a potential difference and then fired into a perpendicular magnetic field. This field causes them to bend until they strike a detector.

How can this be used to determine the mass of an unknown sample?

$$F_c = F_m$$

$$m = \frac{qBrv}{v}$$

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

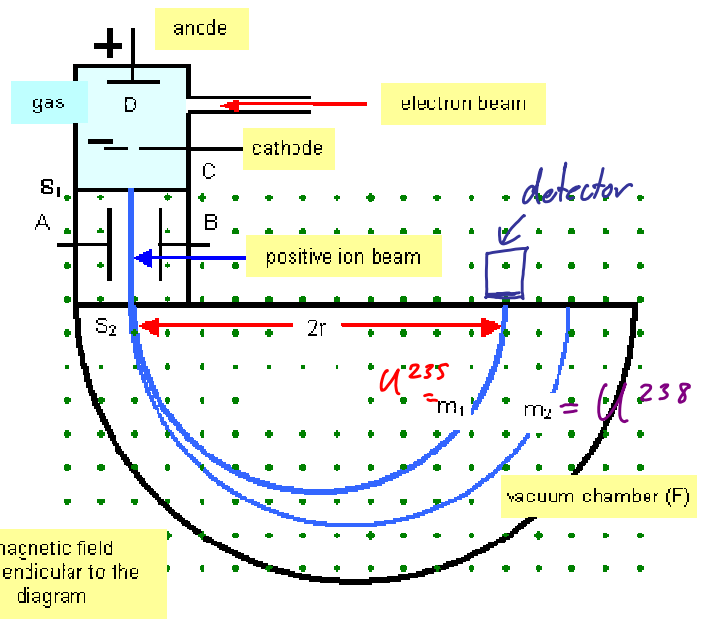
So long as we know q , B and v , by measuring r we can find m !

In practice even a pure substance will strike the detector at multiple locations. Explain why this might occur.

- It is possible to have different charges (integer multiples)
- Isotopes!

Mass spectrometers can also be used to separate substances into individual isotopes. For example uranium naturally exists as a mixture of Uranium-238 and Uranium-235. Describe how this is done. On the diagram above, which paths (m_1 or m_2) would represent U-235 and U-238?

- Isotopes of the same element differ in # of neutrons and hence mass.
- Larger masses travel in larger radius
- Collectors are placed at the appropriate locations.



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4 – Electromagnetic Induction

After scientists had discovered that an electric current can generate a magnetic field the logical question followed: “If an electric current can generate a magnetic field, can a magnetic field generate an electric current?” Michael Faraday and Joseph Henry independently discovered they could.

Electromagnetic Induction:

Generation of an EMF from changing of magnetic fields

Faraday discovered many ways to induce a current. For example in the induction coil shown below.

What was most interesting to note was that... *it doesn't matter which way the coil or magnet moved.*

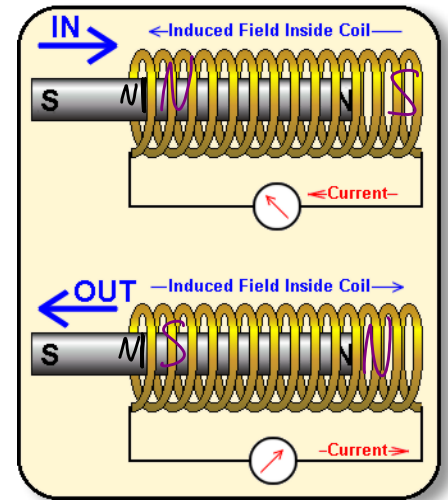
This showed that magnetic fields do not simply create electric currents, rather they are only generated by... *change in magnetic fields*

Another example of this comes when you move a bar magnet into or out of a hollow solenoid.

When the magnet is moved one way the current is in one direction and when it is moved the other way the current reverses.

To predict the direction of the induced current we use **Lenz's Law**:

Induced magnetic field works against the applied force (change in field).



Lenz's Law is really an application of... *The Law of Conservation of Energy*

Remember that we can use the 2nd **Right Hand Rule** to relate the poles of an electromagnet and the direction of current flow.

Thumb: *North*

Fingers: *Current*

As we said the electric current is generated by a... *changing fields*

In order to calculate the EMF generated we need to use the idea of magnetic flux.

Magnetic Flux: *# of field lines that pass through a coil*

For a loop of wire in a magnetic field the magnetic flux depends on:

- (1) *Magnetic field strength*
- (2) *Area of loop*
- (3) *Orientation to field*

Note that magnetic flux is at a **maximum** when the loop is... *perpendicular*

And at a **minimum** when the loop is... *parallel*

Magnetic flux can be calculated by:

Where:

$$\Phi = BA \sin \theta$$

$\Phi = \text{flux}$

$B = \text{Mag Field (T)}$

$A = \text{Area (m}^2\text{)}$

$\theta = \text{orientation}$

The units of flux are Tm² or the Weber (Wb)

As we said before an EMF is produced by a changing magnetic field, specifically by a changing flux. In fact,

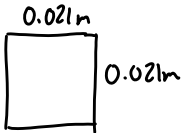
$$\mathcal{E} = -N \frac{\Delta \Phi}{t}$$

Where: $N = \text{\# of loops}$

And the “-“ sign relates to Lenz's Law

Example:

A square loop of wire is perpendicular to a 1.50 T magnetic field. If each side of the wire is 2.10 cm, what is the magnetic flux through the loop?

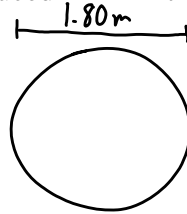


$$\Phi = BA = (1.50 \text{ T})(0.021 \text{ m})^2$$

$$= \boxed{6.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb}}$$

Example:

A 1.80 m diameter circular coil that contains 50 turns of wire is perpendicular to a 0.250 T magnetic field. If the magnetic field is reduced to zero in a time of 0.100 s what is the average induced EMF in the coil?



$$\mathcal{E} = -N \frac{\Delta \Phi}{t} \rightarrow \Delta \Phi = \Delta(BA)$$

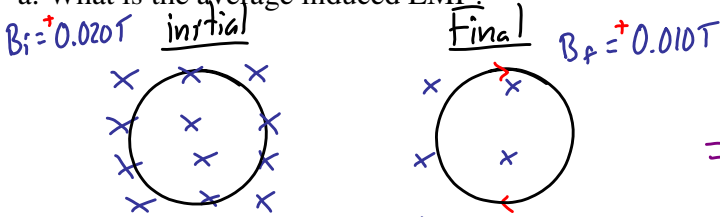
$$= -N \frac{\Delta BA}{t} = -N \frac{(B_f - B_i) \pi r^2}{t}$$

$$= \frac{-(50)(0 - 0.250 \text{ T}) \pi (0.90 \text{ m})^2}{0.100 \text{ s}} = \boxed{318 \text{ V}}$$

Example:

A circular loop of wire radius 2.5 cm is placed in a magnetic field $B = 0.020 \text{ T}$ into the page. The field is then reduced to 0.010 T into the page in 0.10 s.

a. What is the average induced EMF?



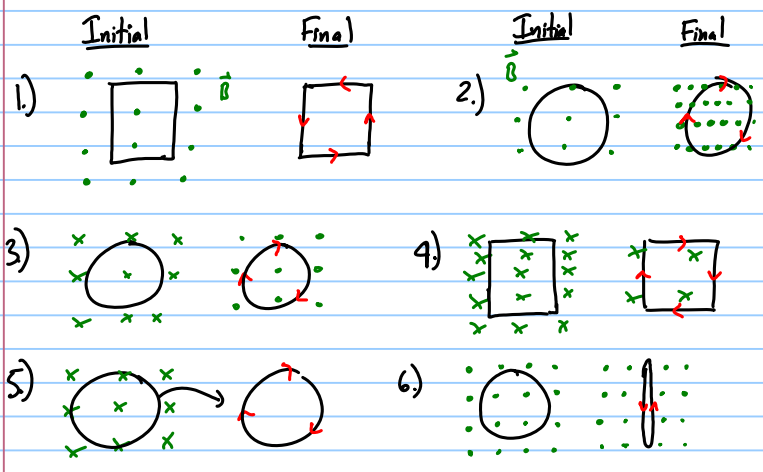
$$\mathcal{E} = -N \frac{\Delta \Phi}{t} = -N \frac{\Delta BA}{t}$$

$$= -N \frac{(B_f - B_i) \pi r^2}{t}$$

b. Which direction does the current flow?

clockwise

$$= \frac{-(1)(0.010 - 0.020) \pi (0.025)^2}{0.10 \text{ s}} = \boxed{+1.96 \times 10^{-4} \text{ V}}$$



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5 – Moving Conductor

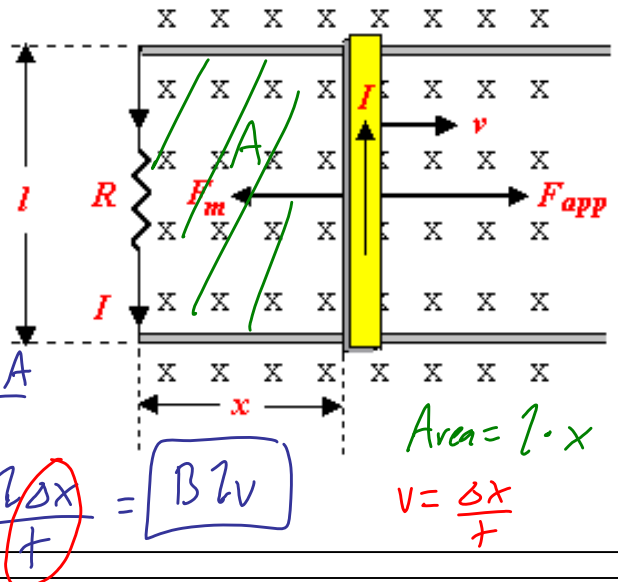
We have already seen that a loop rotating in a magnetic field will generate an EMF according to Faraday's Law ($\mathcal{E} = -\frac{N\Delta\Phi}{t}$)

However when considering a conductor moving in a magnetic field it is better to consider a different form of this equation.

For Moving Conductors:

$$\mathcal{E} = Blv$$

Where:
 \mathcal{E} = EMF
 B = Mag Field
 l = length of conductor
 v = velocity



Derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E} &= -\frac{N\Delta\Phi}{t} = \frac{\Delta\Phi}{t} = \frac{\Delta(BA)}{t} = \frac{B\Delta A}{t} \\ &= \frac{B\Delta(l \cdot x)}{t} = \frac{Bl\Delta x}{t} = Blv \end{aligned}$$

$\text{Area} = l \cdot x$
 $v = \frac{\Delta x}{t}$

Example:

A conducting rod 25.0 cm long moves perpendicular to a magnetic field ($B = 0.20 \text{ T}$) at a speed of 1.0 m/s. Calculate the induced EMF in the rod.

$$\mathcal{E} = Blv = (0.20 \text{ T})(0.25 \text{ m})(1.0 \text{ m/s}) = 0.050 \text{ V}$$

Example:

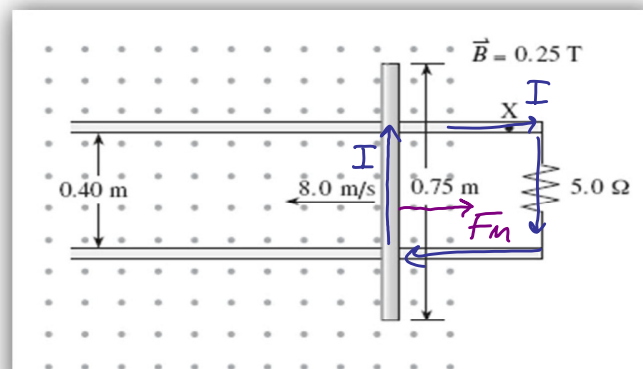
A conducting rod 15 cm long moves at a speed of 2.0 m/s perpendicular to a 0.30 T magnetic field. If the resistance of the circuit is 4.0 ohms, what is the magnitude of the current through the circuit?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E} &= Blv = (0.30 \text{ T})(0.15 \text{ m})(2.0 \text{ m/s}) = 0.090 \text{ V} \\ \mathcal{E} &= IR \quad I = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R} = \frac{0.090 \text{ V}}{4.0 \Omega} = 0.0225 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

Example: A 0.75 m conducting rod is moved at 8.0 m/s across a 0.25 T magnetic field along metal rails. The electrical resistance of the system is 5.0 Ω . What are the magnitude and direction of the current through point X?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E} &= Blv = (0.25 \text{ T})(0.75 \text{ m})(8.0 \text{ m/s}) = 0.80 \text{ V} \\ I &= \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R} = \frac{0.80 \text{ V}}{5.0 \Omega} = 0.16 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

to the right

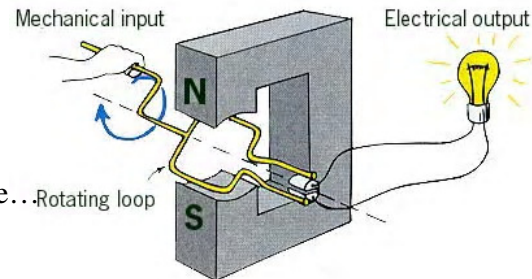


Electromagnetism Notes

6 – Back EMF

Devices that use mechanical energy to induce an electric current are called generators. Many kinds of mechanical energy can therefore be converted into electrical energy such as in: hydroelectric dams and wind turbines.

Note that this works in the exact opposite manner as an electric motor.
 Motor: electrical energy to mechanical energy
 Generator: mechanical energy to electrical energy



Notice that these generators produce alternating current because... Rotating loop
The coils are reversed every half turn

Remember that to determine the direction of the current through a loop we can use Faraday's Law $\mathcal{E} = -N \frac{d\Phi}{dt}$ and to determine the EMF produced by a loop we can use Lenz's Law (RHR).

This brings up an inherent problem with all electric motors. As we said, electric motors are basically coils of wire rotating in a magnetic field.

However, we know that whenever we rotated wires in a magnetic field we generate an induced EMF.

We also know from Lenz's Law that the induced EMF works in the direction opposite motion.

This is called: Back EMF!

And it always works... against the applied EMF

Back EMF can be calculated using:

$$V_{\text{back}} = \mathcal{E} - Ir$$

Where: V_{back} = Back EMF
 \mathcal{E} = Applied EMF
 I = current
 r = resistance of motor

Example: A 120 V motor draws 12 A when operating at full speed. The armature has a resistance of 6.0 ohms.

a) Find the current when the motor is initially turned on.

Initially motor is not rotating

$\therefore V_{\text{back}} = 0$

$$V_{\text{back}} = \mathcal{E} - Ir$$

$$0 = \mathcal{E} - Ir$$

$$\mathcal{E} = Ir$$

$$I = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{r} = \frac{120\text{V}}{6.0\Omega}$$

$$= \boxed{20\text{A}}$$

Whoa!
Ohm's Law!

b) Find the back EMF when the motor reaches full speed.

$$V_{\text{back}} = \mathcal{E} - Ir = 120\text{V} - (12\text{A})(6.0\Omega)$$

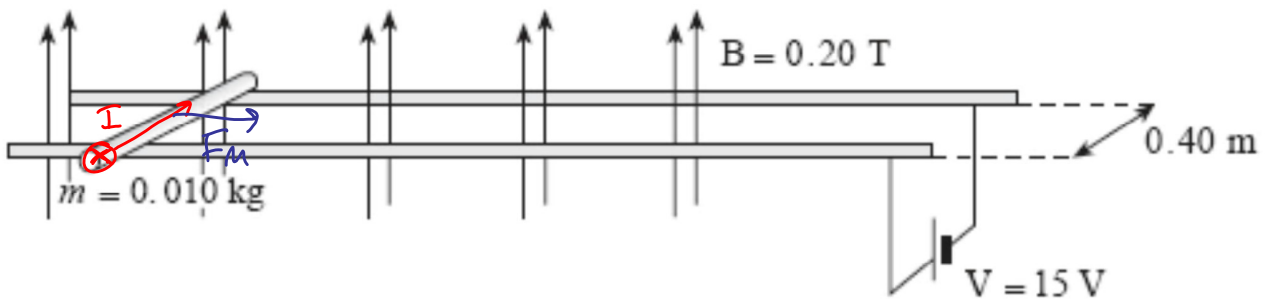
$$= 120\text{V} - 72\text{V}$$

$$= \boxed{48\text{V}}$$

draws less current at full speed...

Example:

The diagram shows a 0.010 kg metal rod resting on two long horizontal frictionless rails which remain 0.40 m apart. The circuit has a resistance of 3.0 Ω and is located in a uniform 0.20 T magnetic field.



a) What is the initial acceleration of the bar?

$$V = IR$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{15V}{3.0\Omega} = 5A$$

$$F_m = BIl = (0.20T)(5A)(0.40m) = 0.40N$$

$$a = \frac{F_m}{m} = \frac{0.40N}{0.010kg} = 40m/s^2$$

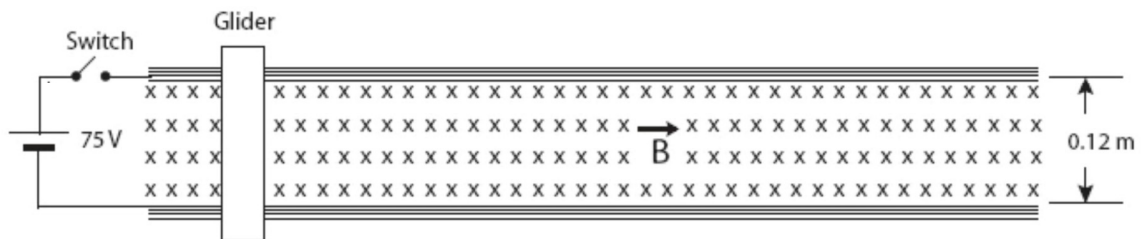
b) What is its top speed?

At top speed back (induced) EMF = 15V

$$\mathcal{E} = Blv \quad v = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{Bl} = \frac{15V}{(0.20T)(0.40)} = 188m/s$$

Example:

The diagram below shows a pair of horizontal parallel rails 0.12 m apart with a uniform magnetic field of 0.055 T directed vertically downward between the rails. There is a glider of mass 9.5×10^{-2} kg across the rails. The internal resistance of the 75 V power supply is 0.30 ohms and the electrical resistance of the rails and the glider is negligible. Assume friction is also negligible.



a) What is the initial acceleration of the glider?

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{75V}{0.30\Omega} = 250A$$

$$F_m = BIl = (0.055T)(250A)(0.12) = 1.65N$$

$$a = \frac{F_m}{m} = \frac{1.65N}{9.5 \times 10^{-2}kg} = 17.4m/s^2$$

b) What is the value of the terminal velocity as limited by the back emf produced by the moving glider?

$$\mathcal{E}_{back} = Blv \quad v = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{Bl} = \frac{75V}{(0.055)(0.12)} = 11400m/s$$

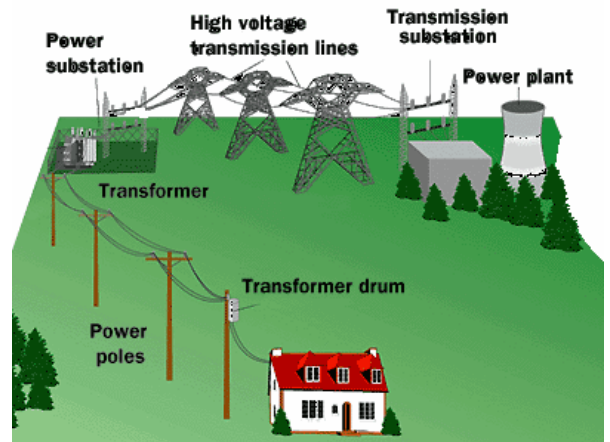
Electromagnetism Notes

7 – Transformers

When we generate power we ramp up the voltage for transmission (up to 100 000V) and then when it arrives at homes we ramp it back down for convenient use (120V).

Say we need to transmit a certain amount of power ($P = IV$)

- a high voltage means a low current.
- since power lost by the wire due to resistance is $P_{\text{loss}} = I^2R$
- low current means power loss is at a minimum



But how is this done?

To convert voltage to a higher or lower value we use a transformer.

This is another important application of... electromagnetic induction.

A transformer consists of a primary coil and a secondary coil.

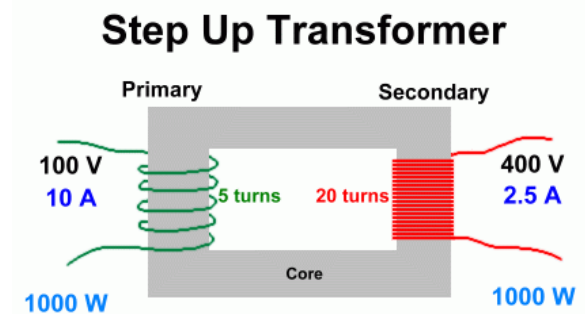
As current flows through the primary coil it produces a magnetic field. This magnetic field then induces an electric current in the secondary coil.

changing mag field!

Note that transformers generally only work when using alternating current. If we use direct current then we need to constantly switch the current on and off.

When a transformer increases voltage it is called a... Step up.

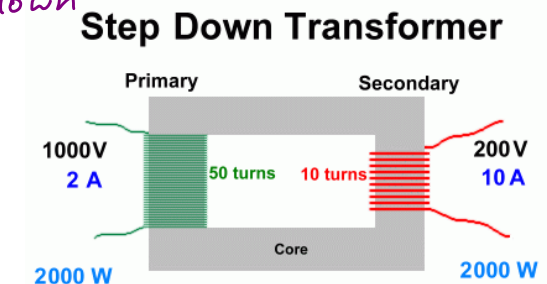
Note that a step up transformer has... more secondary coils than primary.



When a transformer decreases voltage it is called a... step down

A step down transformer has...

more primary coils than secondary



To determine the voltage change we use the following:

$$\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$$

Where:

V_p = primary voltage

V_s = secondary voltage

N_p = primary coils

N_s = secondary coils

Although we may change the voltage, we must conserve energy.

Therefore, POWER must also be conserved. So, \longrightarrow

$$\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s} = \frac{I_s}{I_p}$$

\longleftarrow direct
 \longleftarrow inverse

$$P_p = P_s$$

$$I_p V_p = I_s V_s$$

$$\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{I_s}{I_p}$$

Example:

A step transformer is used to convert 120V to 1.50×10^4 V. If the primary coil has 24 turns, how many turns does the secondary coil have?

$$\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$$

$$N_s = \frac{V_s \cdot N_p}{V_p} = \left(\frac{1.5 \times 10^4 \text{ V}}{120 \text{ V}} \right) (24)$$

$$= 3000 \text{ turns}$$

Example:

A step-up transformer has 1000 turns on its primary coil and 1×10^5 turns on its secondary coil. If the transformer is connected to a 120 V power line, what is the step-up voltage?

$$V_s = \frac{N_s}{N_p} V_p = \left(\frac{1 \times 10^5}{1000} \right) (120 \text{ V})$$

$$= 12000 \text{ V}$$

Example:

A step-down transformer reduces the voltage from a 120 V to 12.0 V. If the primary coil has 500 turns and draws 3.00×10^{-2} A,

a) What is the power delivered to the secondary coil?

$$P_s = P_p = I_p V_p = (3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ A})(120 \text{ V}) = \boxed{3.6 \text{ W}}$$

b) What is the current in the secondary coil?

$$\frac{I_s}{I_p} = \frac{V_p}{V_s} \quad I_s = \frac{V_p}{V_s} I_p = \left(\frac{120 \text{ V}}{12 \text{ V}} \right) (3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ A}) = \boxed{0.30 \text{ A}}$$