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# **Electricity and Magnetism**

- I Properties of Magnets
- 2 Magnetic Properties of Materials
- 3 The Magnetic Field of the Earth



### **Objectives**

- 1. Predict the direction of the force on a moving charge or current carrying wire in a magnetic field by using the right-hand rule.
- 2. Explain the relationship between electric current and magnetism.
- **3. Describe and construct a simple electromagnet.**
- 4. Explain the concept of commutation as it relates to an electric motor.
- 5. Explain how the concept of magnetic flux applies to generating electric current using Faraday's law of induction.
- 6. Describe three ways to increase the current from an electric generator.



#### **Key Question:**

#### Can electric current create a magnet?





- In 1819, Hans Christian Oersted, a Danish physicist and chemist, and a professor, placed a compass needle near a wire through which he could make electric current flow.
- When the switch was closed, the compass needle moved just as if the wire were a magnet.







- Two wires carrying electric current exert force on each other, just like two magnets.
- The forces can be attractive or repulsive depending on the direction of current in both wires.



#### The Right-hand Rule (for force, current, and field)





- The magnetic field around a <u>single</u> wire is too small to be of much use.
- There are two techniques to make strong magnetic fields from current flowing in wires:
  - 1. Many wires are bundled together, allowing the same current to create many times the magnetic field of a single wire.
  - 2. Bundled wires are made into coils which concentrate the magnetic field in their center.

#### The Magnetic Field of Loops and Coils

Magnetic field

Current



- The most common form of electromagnetic device is a coil with many turns called a solenoid.
- A coil takes advantage of these two techniques (bundling wires and making bundled wires into coils) for increasing field strength.



#### The Magnetic Field of Loops and Coils



A solenoid is a tubular coil of wire with many turns.



# The true nature of magnetism

The magnetic field of a coil is <u>identical</u> to the field of a disk-shaped permanent magnet.





- The electrons moving around the nucleus carry electric charge.
- Moving charge makes electric current so the electrons around the nucleus create currents within an atom.
- These currents create the magnetic fields that determine the magnetic properties of atoms.





# Magnetic force on a moving charge

- The magnetic force on a wire is really due to force acting on moving charges in the wire.
- A charge moving in a magnetic field feels a force perpendicular to both the magnetic field and to the direction of motion of the charge.





### **Electromagnets and the Electric Motor**

#### **Key Question:**

How does a motor work?



#### \*Students read Section 23.2 AFTER Investigation 23.2



## **Electromagnets and the Electric Motor**

- Electromagnets are magnets that are created when electric current flows in a coil of wire.
- A simple electromagnet is a coil of wire wrapped around a rod of iron or steel.
- Because iron is magnetic, it concentrates and <u>amplifies</u> the magnetic field created by the current in the coil.





# **Electromagnets and the Electric Motor**

- The right-hand rule:
- When your fingers curl in the direction of current, your thumb points toward the magnet's north pole.

Electric current

The right-hand rule



# The principle of the electric motor

- An electric motor uses electromagnets to convert electrical energy into mechanical energy.
- The disk is called the rotor because it can rotate.
- The disk will keep spinning as long as the external magnet is reversed every time the next magnet in the disk passes by.
- One or more stationary magnets reverse their poles to push and pull on a rotating assembly of magnets.



# The principle of the electric motor





#### Commutation

The process of reversing the current in the electromagnet is called commutation and the switch that makes it happen is called a commutator.

First the electromagnet repels magnet A and attracts magnet B

Then the electromagnet switches so it repels magnet B and attracts magnet C.





### **Electric Motors**

- Electric motors are very common.
- All types of electric motors have three key components:
  - **1.** A rotating element (rotor) with magnets.
  - 2. A stationary magnet that surrounds the rotor.
  - 3. A commutator that switches the electromagnets from north to south at the right place to keep the rotor spinning.



#### **Electric Motors**

 If you take apart an electric motor that runs on batteries, the same three mechanisms are there; the difference is in the arrangement of the electromagnets and permanent magnets.



DC motor



#### **Electric motors**

- The rotating part of the motor, including the electromagnets, is called the armature.
- This diagram shows a small battery-powered electric motor and what it looks like inside with one end of the motor case removed.







#### **Electric motors**

- The permanent magnets are on the outside, and they stay fixed in place.
- The wires from each of the three coils are attached to three metal plates (commutator) at the end of the armature.





### **Electric Motors**

- As the rotor spins, the three plates come into contact with the positive and negative brushes.
- Electric current flows through the brushes into the coils.





### Induction and the Electric Generator

#### **Key Question:**

How does a generator produce electricity?





## **Induction and the Electric Generator**

- If you move a magnet near a coil of wire, a current will be produced.
- This process is called electromagnetic induction, because a moving magnet induces electric current to flow.
- Moving electric charge creates magnetism and conversely, changing magnetic fields also can cause electric charge to move.



#### Induction

- Current is only produced if the magnet is moving because a <u>changing</u> magnetic field is what creates current.
- If the magnetic field does not change, such as when the magnet is stationary, the current is <u>zero</u>.





#### Induction

- If the magnetic field is <u>increasing</u>, the induced current is in one direction.
- If the field is <u>decreasing</u>, the induced current is in the opposite direction.





#### Generators

A generator is a device that uses induction to convert mechanical energy into electrical energy.





#### **Transformers**

- Transformers are extremely useful because they efficiently change voltage and current, while providing the same total power.
- The transformer uses electromagnetic induction, similar to a generator.





### **Transformers**

 A relationship between voltages and turns for a transformer results because the two coils have a <u>different</u> number of turns.





# Application: Trains that Float by Magnetic Levitation



