PURDUE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Physics 21900 General Physics II

Electricity, Magnetism and Optics Lecture 13 – Chapter 18.1-3 Magnetic Induction, Faraday's Law, Lenz's Law

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Recap

- In 1820, Hans Oersted observed that a current carrying wire (moving charges) produced a magnetic field.
- If a moving charge experiences a force in a magnetic field, will a moving magnetic field exert a force on a stationary charge?
- Yes... but we don't quite describe it this way.
- A changing magnetic field creates an electric field which changes the electrical potential energy of charge carriers in a circuit.
- A changing magnetic field induces an electromotive force in a circuit.

Magnetic Induction

- In 1831, Faraday discovered that a changing magnetic field creates an electric field.
 - This effect is called *magnetic induction*
 - Faraday's discovery couples electricity and magnetism in a fundamental way
- Magnetic induction is the key to MANY technologically relevant inventions.

- Another term for the "magnetic field" is *magnetic flux density*
- Magnetic flux is the "number" of magnetic field lines intersecting a surface:



Uniform magnetic field \vec{B} , surface area A produces magnetic flux $\Phi_B = B \cdot A$ MKS units for magnetic flux is the Weber (Wb)

 Magnetic flux is the product of the area with the component of the magnetic field passing perpendicularly through it.



$\Phi_B = B A \cos \theta$

 θ measures the angle between \vec{B} and \vec{A} . Units are $T \cdot m^2 = 1 Weber = 1 Wb$

Why $\cos \theta$?



- The orientation of the surface is important!
- Surfaces have two sides...
 - Draw a loop around the boundary
 - Use the right-hand rule to see what direction your thumb is pointing
 - If your thumb points in the same direction as \vec{B} then the flux is positive
 - If your thumb points in the direction opposite \vec{B} then the flux is negative



 \vec{B} $\Phi_B < 0$

 $\Phi_B>0$





Examples of changing magnetic flux



Time = t





Faraday's Law – Electromagnetic Induction

 Faraday described many magnetic effects on circuits in terms of magnetic flux:



- Faraday's law: $\mathcal{E}_{ab} = -\frac{\Delta \Phi_B}{\Delta t}$
- The minus sign is determined using *Lenz's Law*...



Key Idea: An emf is produced by the changing magnetic flux. The emf in turn produces an induced current I.



Lenz's Law

- Magnetic fields are like mass in mechanics they have inertia and would prefer to remain constant.
- Any a changing magnetic field induces an electromotive force.
- The electromotive force would cause current to flow in the direction that tries to keep the magnetic field constant.







- A. Assume a metal loop in which the applied magnetic field (solid arrows) passes upward through it
- B. Assume the magnetic flux increases with time
- C. The **induced** magnetic field produced by the **induced** current must oppose the change in flux
- D. Therefore, the induced magnetic field (dotted arrows) must be downward
- E. The induced current must therefore be clockwise (CW) when viewed from the top of coil





Lenz's Law

There are four cases to consider for one loop!

