

Flipping Physics Lecture Notes: Magnetic Flux

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Before we learn about electromagnetic induction, we need to learn about magnetic flux. Before we do that, let's review electric flux:

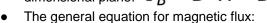
- Electric flux is the measure of the number of electric field lines which pass through a surface.
- When the electric field is uniform, and the surface is a two-dimensional plane:

$$\Phi_{E} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{A} = EA \cos \theta$$

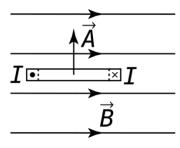
The general equation for electric flux: $\Phi_{\it E} = \int \vec{\it E} \cdot {\rm d}\vec{\it A}$



- Magnetic flux is the measure of the number of magnetic field lines which pass through a surface.
- When the magnetic field is uniform, and the surface is a two-dimensional plane: $\Phi_B = \overrightarrow{B} \cdot \overrightarrow{A} = BA \cos \theta$



$$\Phi_B = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} \Rightarrow T \cdot m^2 = \text{webbers, } Wb$$



• Example #1: Current through a wire loop. Use the right-hand rule to determine the direction of the area vector. (Similar to the right-hand rule for angular velocity direction.) Fingers curl in the direction of the current, thumb points in the direction of the area vector.

$$\Phi_B = BA \cos \theta = BA \cos 90^\circ = 0$$

• Example #2: $\Phi_B = BA \cos \theta = BA \cos 0^\circ = \Phi_{B_{\text{max}}}$

