

Flipping Physics Lecture Notes: Magnetic Fields and Magnetic Forces on Moving Charges <u>http://www.flippingphysics.com/magnetic-field-force.html</u>

Magnetic fields (or "B" fields) are be created by magnetic dipoles:

- Just like electric charges are described as positive and negative charges, magnetic poles are described as north and south poles.
 - A magnetic monopole has never been found.
 - This does not mean magnetic monopoles do not exist.
 - We cannot prove magnetic monopoles do not exist.
 - We can only say we have no evidence that they exist.
 - o If a magnetic dipole is broken in half, it becomes two new magnetic dipoles.
- Like poles repel and unlike poles attract.
 - Just like the Law of Charges
- The magnetic field caused by a magnetic dipole looks remarkably like the electric field caused by an electric dipole.
 - B field lines external to the magnet, point from north pole to south pole.
 - Just like E field points from positive charge to negative charge.
 - Magnetic field lines must be closed loops.
 - Due to Gauss' law for magnetism which we will get to, eventually.
 - This means B fields inside the magnet point from the south pole to the north pole, to complete the closed loop.
 - A magnetic dipole placed in a magnetic field will align itself with the magnetic field.
 - Think compass!
- For planet Earth:
 - The location of the geographic north pole is close to that of the magnetic south pole.
 - The location of the geographic south pole is close to that of the magnetic north pole.
 - The north pole of a compass points north because it is attracted to the magnetic south pole of the Earth.
 - (unlike poles attract)
 - The magnetic field of the Earth can be approximated as a magnetic dipole.

Magnetic dipoles are the result of electric charges moving in circles.

- We will cover electric charges moving in circles creating magnetic fields extensively later. At this
 point, just know that electric charges moving in circles create magnetic fields.
- The magnetism of magnets is most often the motion of electrons moving in circles inside them.
- Permanent magnetic dipoles and induced (temporary) magnetic dipoles are a property of the object which results from the alignment of magnetic dipoles within the object.

The material composition of a magnet affects its magnetic behavior when it is placed in an external magnetic field:

- Ferromagnetic materials can be permanently magnetized by an external magnetic field.
 - The alignment of the magnetic domains or atomic magnetic dipoles is *permanent*.
 Example materials: nickel, iron, cobalt
- Paramagnetic materials are only temporarily magnetized by an external magnetic field.
 - The alignment of the magnetic domains or atomic magnetic dipoles is *temporary*.
 - o Example materials: aluminum, magnesium, titanium



Just like materials have an electric permittivity, ε , materials also have a magnetic permeability, μ :

- Magnetic permeability: the measurement of the amount of magnetization a material has in response to an external magnetic field.
 - Ferromagnetic materials have high magnetic permeabilities that increase in the presence of an external magnetic field.
 - Paramagnetic materials have low magnetic permeabilities.
 - The magnetic permeability of materials is not constant. It changes depending on various factors such as temperature, orientation, and the strength of the external magnetic field.

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{T \cdot m}{A}$$

• The magnetic permeability of free space has a constant value, μ_0 : A magnetic field is defined by the fact that a moving electric charge in a B field can experience a magnetic force, F_B .

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$$\vec{F}_B = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B} \Rightarrow ||F_B|| = qvB \sin \theta$$

• This equation is an experimentally determined equation. In other words, there is no way to mathematically derive it! We know it is true because we have repeatedly measured it.

• Notice the similarities to the torque equations:

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} \Rightarrow ||\tau|| = rF \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{F_B}{qv \sin \theta} \Rightarrow \frac{N}{C(\frac{m}{s})} = \frac{N}{(\frac{c}{s})m} = \frac{N}{A \cdot m} = \text{tesla}, T$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \text{ tesla}, T = 10,000 \text{ gauss}, G$$