

## Lesson 2: Magnetic Circuits- Quantities and Definitions

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Dc Motors, Generators and Energy Conversion  
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### Learning Objectives

After this presentation you will be able to:

- Explain how magnetic flux lines emanate from permanent magnets and produce force
- Define flux density, magnetomotive force, magnetic field intensity, permeability, and reluctance using mathematical equations.
- Identify the parts of a magnetization curve
- Perform calculations using magnetic quantities

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# Magnetic Fields and Polarity

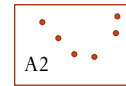
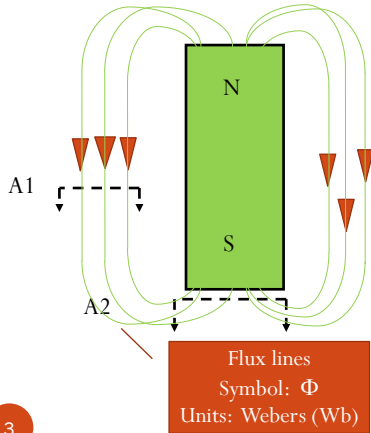
Permanent Magnets

Direction convention: From N to S

Magnetic Field

Flux Density, B

Number of flux lines/ unit area



Mathematically

$$B = \frac{\Phi}{A}$$

Where:

B = flux density (Teslas, T or Wb/m<sup>2</sup>)

A = area (m<sup>2</sup>)

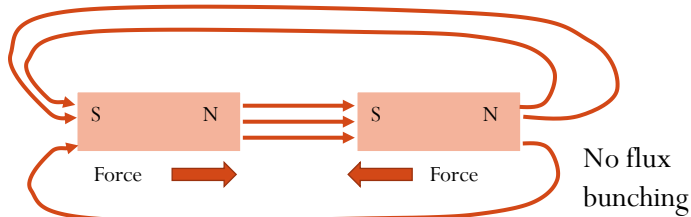
Φ = flux (Wb)

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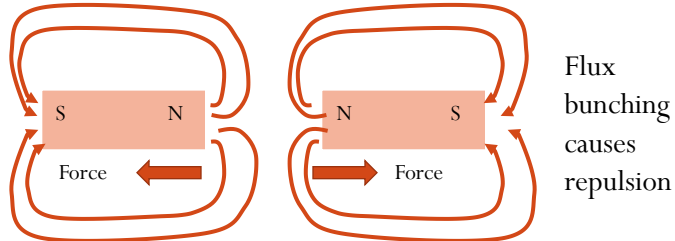
# Magnetic Forces

Magnetic field converted to mechanical force

Opposite Poles Attract



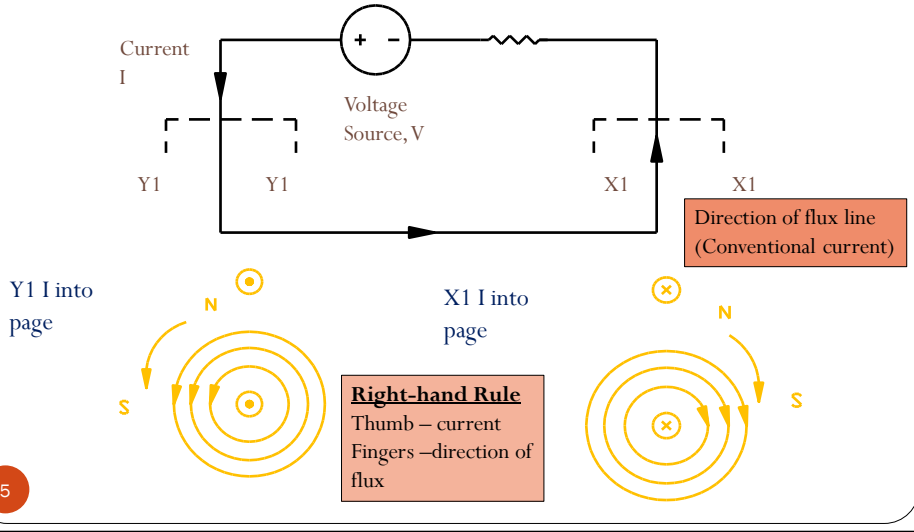
Like Poles Repel



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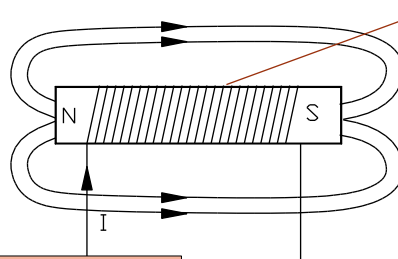
# Electromagnetism

Currents flowing in wires produce magnetic flux



# Magnetomotive Force of a Coil

Given a coil



Magnetomotive Force (MMF)  $\mathcal{F}$

Mathematically

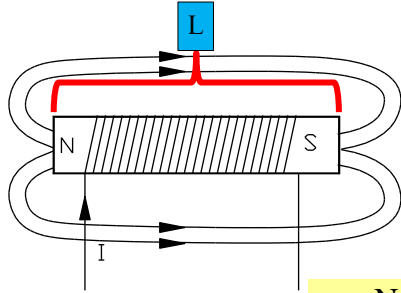
$$\mathcal{F} = N \square I$$

Where  $\mathcal{F}$  = MMF (A-t)

N = number of turns in coil (t)

I = current in coil (A)

## Magnetic Field Intensity of a Coil



Magnetic field intensity, H  
(MMF gradient of coil)  
Amount of MMF dropped over length

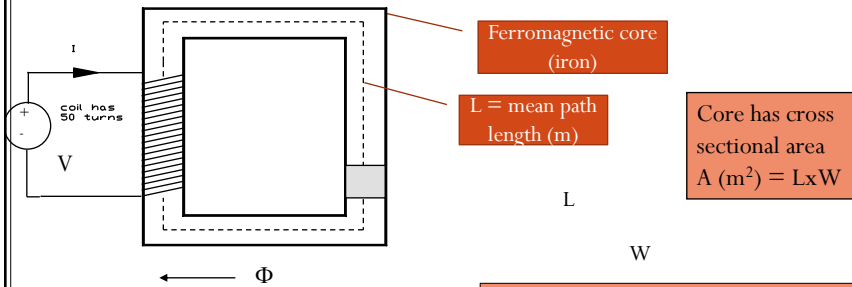
Mathematically 
$$H = \frac{N \cdot I}{L} = \frac{\mathcal{F}}{L}$$

Where: H = Magnetic field intensity (Oersteds, A-t/m)  
L = path length (meters)

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## Reluctance of Magnetic Circuits

Reluctance –opposition to flux. Similar to R in dc electric circuit



Magnetic Circuit Relationship

$$\Phi = \frac{\mathcal{F}}{\mathcal{R}} = \frac{N \cdot I}{\mathcal{R}}$$

So 
$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\mathcal{F}}{\Phi}$$

Where:  $\mathcal{F}$  = MMF (A-t)  
 $\mathcal{R}$  = Reluctance (A-t/Wb)  
 $\Phi$  = flux (Wb)  
N = coil turns (t)  
I = coil current (A)

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# Reluctance of Magnetic Circuits

Coil reluctance related to core geometry and material

From previous math relationships  $\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{L}$

$$\Phi = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

Substitute into equation from last slide and simplify

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\mathbf{L}}{\left(\frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{H}}\right) \cdot \mathbf{A}}$$

B and H depend on magnetic core material and relationship is usually non-linear

Electric analogy

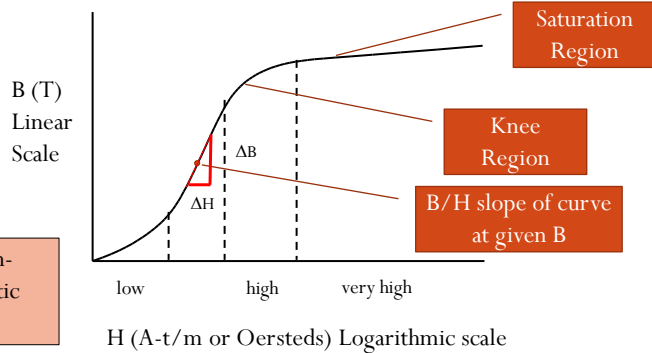
H  $\rightarrow$  Electric field potential

B  $\rightarrow$  Current density

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# Magnetization Curves (B-H curves)

Plot magnetic field intensity (H) Vs flux density (B) on semi-log plots



Magnetic circuit non-linear due to magnetic saturation

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## Magnetization Curves

B-H curves different for each type of material

Free space B-H curve is linear, but permeability is very low (hard to magnetize)

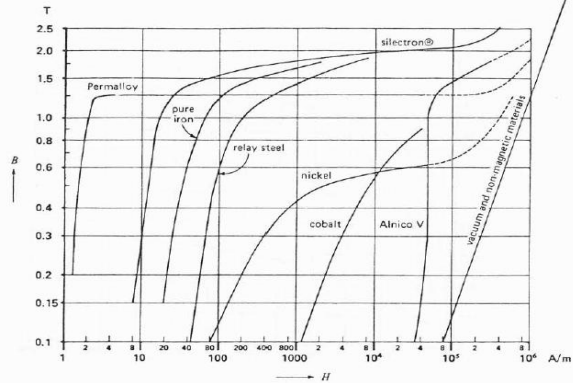


Figure 2.27 Saturation curves of magnetic and nonmagnetic materials. Note that all curves become asymptotic to the B-H curve of vacuum where  $H$  is high.

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## Magnetic Permeability

**Permeability** - Amount of magnetic field intensity required to produce a given flux density for a given material.

Mathematically 
$$\mu = \frac{B}{H}$$

Where:  $B$  = flux density (Wb/m<sup>2</sup>)  
 $H$  = magnetic field intensity (A-t/m)  
 $\mu$  = permeability (Wb/A-t-m)

Characteristics:

- similar to resistivity in conductors
- not a constant for a given material
- larger  $\mu$ , less  $H$  required to produce given  $B$

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## Relative Permeability

Relative permeability - Ratio of material's permeability to that of free space

$$\mu_r = \frac{\mu}{\mu_0}$$

Where:

$\mu_0$  = permeability of free space  
( $4\pi \times 10^{-7}$  Wb/A-t-m)

$\mu$  = permeability of material (Wb/A-t-m)

$\mu_r$  = relative permeability (dimensionless)

Permeability,  $\mu$ , found from B-H plots. Experimental results of exciting magnetic material with current and measuring B

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## Reluctance formulas In Terms of Permeability

$\mathcal{R}$  depends on:

type of magnetic material  $\mu$   
length of circuit, L  
cross-sectional area of circuit, A

so

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{L}{\mu \cdot A}$$

$\mu_r \cdot \mu_0 = \mu$  from previous relationship, so

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{L}{\mu_0 \cdot \mu_r \cdot A}$$

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## Calculation Examples

### Computing flux density:

A magnetic flux of 0.0046 Wb passes through a core cross sectional dimensions of 10 cm x 17 cm. Find the flux density.

$$\Phi = 0.0046 \text{ Wb}$$

$$L = 10 \text{ cm} \quad W = 17 \text{ cm}$$

$$L = 0.10 \text{ m} \quad W = 0.17 \text{ m}$$

$$A = 0.10 \text{ m} \cdot 0.17 \text{ m} = 0.017 \text{ m}^2$$

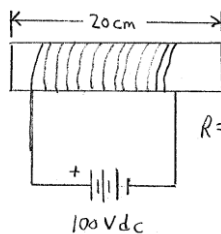
$$B = \frac{\Phi}{A} = \frac{0.0046 \text{ Wb}}{0.017 \text{ m}^2} = \underline{\underline{0.271 \text{ Wb/m}^2}} \text{ (T) } \text{ ANSW}$$

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## Calculation Examples

### Computing MMF and H:

A coil for a solenoid is 20 cm long and made up of 200 turns of wire. This wire has a dc resistance of 2.25  $\Omega$ . The solenoid is connected to a 100V dc source. Find the MMF the coil produces and the magnetic field intensity.



$$N = 200 \text{ turns}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = NI$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{100 \text{ V}}{2.25 \Omega} = 44.44 \text{ A}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = (200 \text{ t})(44.44 \text{ A})$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \underline{\underline{8888.9 \text{ A-t}}} \text{ ANSW}$$

$$H = \frac{NI}{L} = \frac{\mathcal{F}}{L}$$

$$L = 20 \text{ cm} = 0.20 \text{ m}$$

$$H = \frac{8888.9 \text{ A-t}}{0.20 \text{ m}}$$

$$H = \underline{\underline{44444.5 \text{ A-t/m}}} \text{ ANSW}$$

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## Calculation Examples

### Computing Reluctance and Permeability:

A magnetic core made of cast steel must carry a flux density of 1.0 T. It has a total length of 1.56 m, and a cross-sectional area of  $.37 \text{ m}^2$ . Find the permeability, the relative permeability and reluctance of the core.

Use B-H curve from text. For a  $B=1.0 \text{ T}$   $H = 800 \text{ A-t/m}$

$$\mu_{cs} = \frac{1.0 \text{ Wb/m}^2}{800 \text{ A-t/m}} = \underline{0.00125 \text{ Wb/A-t-m}} \text{ ANSW}$$

$$\mu_r = \frac{\mu_{cs}}{\mu_0} = \frac{0.00125 \text{ Wb/A-t-m}}{4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Wb/A-t-m}} = \underline{994.7} \text{ (dimensionless) ANSW}$$

$$R = \frac{L}{\mu_{cs} A} = \frac{L}{\mu_r \mu_0 A} \quad \begin{array}{l} L = 1.52 \text{ m} \\ A = 0.37 \text{ m}^2 \end{array}$$

use Permeability of cast steel,  $\mu_{cs}$

$$R = \frac{L}{\mu_{cs} A} = \frac{1.52 \text{ m}}{0.00125 \text{ Wb/A-t-m} (0.37 \text{ m}^2)} = \underline{3287 \text{ A-t/Wb}} \text{ ANSW}$$

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