

# LECTURE NO 26

Magnetostatics



# Topics

Magnetic forces,  
materials and devices

Forces due to magnetic field

# Electromagnetic Force

The electromagnetic force is given by *Lorentz Force Equation* (After Dutch physicist Hendrik Antoon Lorentz (1853 – 1928))

$$\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B})$$

The Lorentz force equation is quite useful in determining the paths charged particles will take as they move through electric and magnetic fields. If we also know the particle mass,  $m$ , the force is related to acceleration by the equation

$$\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}.$$

The first term in the Lorentz Force Equation represents the electric force  $\mathbf{F}_e$  acting on a charge  $q$  within an electric field is given by.

$$\mathbf{F}_e = q\mathbf{E}$$

The electric force is in the direction of the electric field.

# Magnetic Force

The second term in the Lorentz Force Equation represents magnetic force  $\mathbf{F}_m$  (N) on a moving charge  $q$  (C) is given by

$$\mathbf{F}_m = q \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}$$

where the velocity of the charge is  $\mathbf{u}$  (m/sec) within a field of magnetic flux density  $\mathbf{B}$  (Wb/m<sup>2</sup>). The units are confirmed by using the equivalences Wb=(V)(sec) and J=(N)(m)=(C)(V).

The magnetic force is at right angles to the magnetic field.

The magnetic force requires that the charged particle be in motion.

It should be noted that since the magnetic force acts in a direction normal to the particle velocity, the acceleration is normal to the velocity and the magnitude of the velocity vector is unaffected.

Since the magnetic force is at right angles to the magnetic field, the work done by the magnetic field is given by

$$W = \int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{L} = \int F dL \cos 90^\circ = 0$$

# Magnetic Force

D3.10: At a particular instant in time, in a region of space where  $\mathbf{E} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{B} = 3\mathbf{a}_y$  Wb/m<sup>2</sup>, a 2 kg particle of charge 1 C moves with velocity  $2\mathbf{a}_x$  m/sec. What is the particle's acceleration due to the magnetic field?

Given:  $q = 1$  nC,  $m = 2$  kg,  $\mathbf{u} = 2\mathbf{a}_x$  (m/sec),  $\mathbf{E} = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = 3\mathbf{a}_y$  Wb/m<sup>2</sup>.

Newton's Second Law

$$\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}$$

Lorentz Force Equation

$$\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) = q(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B})$$



Equating

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{q}{m} \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{2} 2\mathbf{a}_x \times 3\mathbf{a}_y = 3\mathbf{a}_z \frac{m}{\text{sec}^2}$$

To calculate the units:  $\frac{C}{kg} \frac{m}{\text{sec}} \frac{\text{Wb}}{m^2} * \left( \frac{kg}{N} \frac{m}{\text{sec}^2} \right) \left( \frac{N}{J} \right) \left( \frac{J}{C V} \right) \left( \frac{V \text{ sec}}{\text{Wb}} \right) = \frac{m}{\text{sec}^2}$

P3.33: A 10. nC charge with velocity 100. m/sec in the z direction enters a region where the electric field intensity is 800. V/m  $\mathbf{a}_x$  and the magnetic flux density 12.0 Wb/m<sup>2</sup>  $\mathbf{a}_y$ . Determine the force vector acting on the charge.

Given:  $q = 10$  nC,  $\mathbf{u} = 100\mathbf{a}_z$  (m/sec),  $\mathbf{E} = 800\mathbf{a}_x$  V/m,  $\mathbf{B} = 12.0\mathbf{a}_y$  Wb/m<sup>2</sup>.

$$\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) = 10 \times 10^{-9} C \left( 800 \frac{V}{m} \mathbf{a}_x + 100 \frac{m}{s} \mathbf{a}_z \times 12 \frac{\text{Wb}}{m^2} \mathbf{a}_y \right) = -4 \mu N \mathbf{a}_x$$

# Magnetic Force on a current Element

Consider a line conducting current in the presence of a magnetic field. We wish to find the resulting force on the line. We can look at a small, differential segment  $dQ$  of charge moving with velocity  $\mathbf{u}$ , and can calculate the differential force on this charge from

$$d\mathbf{F} = dQ \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}$$

The velocity can also be written

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt}$$

Therefore

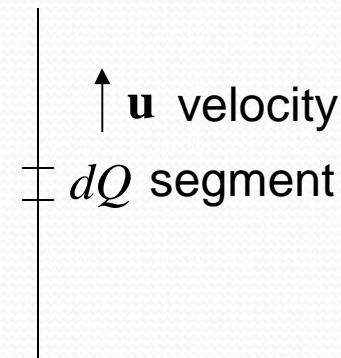
$$d\mathbf{F} = \frac{dQ}{dt} d\mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{B}$$

Now, since  $dQ/dt$  (in C/sec) corresponds to the current  $I$  in the line, we have

$$d\mathbf{F} = Id\mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{B} \quad (\text{often referred to as the } \textit{motor equation})$$

We can use to find the force from a collection of current elements, using the integral

$$\boxed{\mathbf{F}_{12} = \int I_2 d\mathbf{L}_2 \times \mathbf{B}_1}$$



# Magnetic Force – An infinite current Element

Let's consider a line of current  $I$  in the  $+\mathbf{a}_z$  direction on the  $z$ -axis. For current element  $I d\mathbf{L}_a$ , we have

$$I d\mathbf{L}_a = I dz \mathbf{a}_z.$$

$$d\mathbf{F}_{12} = I_2 d\mathbf{L}_2 \times \mathbf{B}_1.$$

The magnetic flux density  $\mathbf{B}_1$  for an infinite length line of current is

$$\mathbf{H}_1 = \frac{I_1}{2\pi\rho} \mathbf{a}_\phi \quad \xrightarrow{\mathbf{B}_1 = \mu_o \mathbf{H}_1} \quad \mathbf{B}_1 = \frac{\mu_o I_1}{2\pi\rho} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$



We know this element produces magnetic field, but the field cannot exert magnetic force on the element producing it. As an analogy, consider that the electric field of a point charge can exert no electric force on itself.

*What about the field from a second current element  $I d\mathbf{L}_b$  on this line?*

From Biot-Savart's Law, we see that the cross product in this particular case will be zero, since  $I d\mathbf{L}$  and  $\mathbf{a}_R$  will be in the same direction. So, we can say that a straight line of current exerts no magnetic force on itself.

# Magnetic Force – Two current Elements

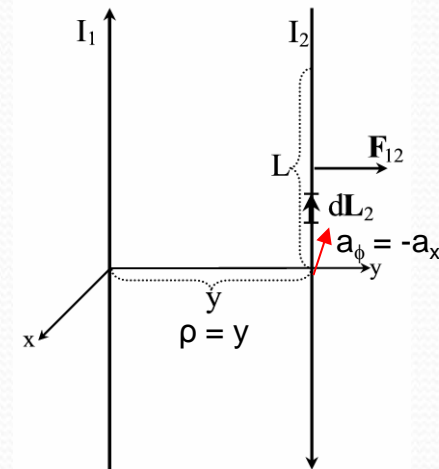
Now let us consider a second line of current parallel to the first.

The force  $d\mathbf{F}_{12}$  from the magnetic field of line 1 acting on a differential section of line 2 is

$$d\mathbf{F}_{12} = I_2 d\mathbf{L}_2 \times \mathbf{B}_1$$

The magnetic flux density  $\mathbf{B}_1$  for an infinite length line of current is recalled from equation to be

$$\mathbf{B}_1 = \frac{\mu_o I_1}{2\pi\rho} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$



By inspection of the figure we see that  $\rho = y$  and  $\mathbf{a}_\phi = -\mathbf{a}_x$ . Inserting this in the above equation and considering that  $d\mathbf{L}_2 = dz\mathbf{a}_z$ , we have

$$\mathbf{F}_{12} = \int I_2 d\mathbf{L}_2 \times \mathbf{B}_1 = \int I_2 dz \mathbf{a}_z \times \frac{\mu_o I_1}{2\pi\rho} \mathbf{a}_\phi = \int I_2 dz \mathbf{a}_z \times \frac{\mu_o I_1}{2\pi\rho} -\mathbf{a}_x$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{12} = \frac{\mu_o I_1 I_2}{2\pi y} (-\mathbf{a}_y) \int dz$$



# Magnetic Force on a current Element

To find the total force on a length  $L$  of line 2 from the field of line 1, we must integrate  $d\mathbf{F}_{12}$  from  $+L$  to  $0$ . We are integrating in this direction to account for the direction of the current.

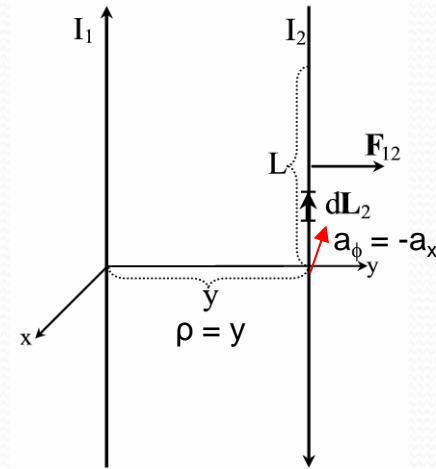
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}_{12} &= \frac{\mu_o I_1 I_2}{2\pi y} (-\mathbf{a}_y) \int_L^0 dz \\ &= \frac{\mu_o I_1 I_2 L}{2\pi y} \mathbf{a}_y\end{aligned}$$

This gives us a repulsive force.

Had we instead been seeking  $\mathbf{F}_{21}$ , the magnetic force acting on line 1 from the field of line 2, we would have found  $\mathbf{F}_{21} = -\mathbf{F}_{12}$ .

Conclusion:

- 1) Two parallel lines with current in opposite directions experience a force of repulsion.
- 2) For a pair of parallel lines with current in the same direction, a force of attraction would result.



## Magnetic Force on a current Element

In the more general case where the two lines are not parallel, or not straight, we could use the Law of Biot-Savart to find  $\mathbf{B}_1$  and arrive at

$$\mathbf{F}_{12} = \frac{\mu_o}{4\pi} I_2 I_1 \iint \iint \frac{d\mathbf{L}_2 \times (d\mathbf{L}_1 \times \mathbf{a}_{12})}{R_{12}^2}$$

This equation is known as *Ampere's Law of Force* between a pair of current carrying circuits and is analogous to Coulomb's law of force between a pair of charges.

# Magnetic Force

D3.11: A pair of parallel infinite length lines each carry current  $I = 2\text{A}$  in the same direction. Determine the magnitude of the force per unit length between the two lines if their separation distance is (a) 10 cm, (b) 100 cm. Is the force repulsive or attractive? (Ans: (a) 8 mN/m, (b) 0.8 mN/m, attractive)

Magnetic force between two current elements when current flow is in the same direction

$$\mathbf{F}_{12} = -\frac{\mu_o I_1 I_2 L}{2\pi y} \mathbf{a}_y$$

Magnetic force per unit length

$$\frac{\mathbf{F}_{12}}{L} = -\frac{\mu_o I_1 I_2}{2\pi y} \mathbf{a}_y$$

Case (a)  $y = 10\text{ cm}$

$$\frac{\mathbf{F}_{12}}{L} = -\frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(2)(2)}{2\pi(10 \times 10^{-2})} \mathbf{a}_y = 8 \mu\text{N/m}$$

Case (b)  $y = 100\text{ cm}$

$$\frac{\mathbf{F}_{12}}{L} = -\frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7})(2)(2)}{2\pi(100 \times 10^{-2})} \mathbf{a}_y = 0.8 \mu\text{N/m}$$