



## Chapter 12

# Magnetism and Magnetic Circuits





## Ferromagnetic Materials

- Attracted by magnets
  - Provide an easy path for magnetic flux
  - Iron, nickel, cobalt, and their alloys
- Nonmagnetic materials such as plastic, wood, and glass
  - Have no effect on the field



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Magnet

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Magnet

Magnetic flux (see expanded detail below)



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#### Magnetic Flux and Flux Density

- Flux,  $\phi$  : Total number of lines
- Flux density,  $B = \Phi/A$ , : Number of lines per unit area
- Units for magnetic flux are webers (Wb)
- Area is measured in square meters
- Units for flux density
  - Wb/m<sup>2</sup> or teslas (T)
  - 1 tesla = 10 000 gauss
- *B* may also be measured in gauss
- We will work only with teslas



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**Solution**  $\Phi = B_1 \times A_1 = (0.4 \text{ T})(2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^2) = 0.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Wb}$ . Since all flux is confined to the core, the flux at cross section 2 is the same as at cross section 1. Therefore,

 $B_2 = \Phi/A_2 = (0.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Wb})/(1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^2) = 0.8 \text{ T}$ 

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### **Magnetic Circuits**

- Found in motors, generators, speakers, transformers
- Magnetic fields can be created by electric currents and permanent magnets
- Magnetic stripe containing information
  - Used in bank <u>ATM cards</u>, library cards, etc.
  - Magnetic patterns encode information
  - Reader sees varying magnetic field
    - Induces a voltage in the pickup winding
    - Voltage is amplified and sent to decoding circuitry
- MRI machine uses superconductor coils
  - Create intense magnetic field

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#### Air Gaps, Fringing, and Laminated Cores

- Magnetic Circuits have air gaps essential to their operation
- Increase each cross-sectional dimension of gap by the size of the gap
- Laminated cores are created with thin sheets of stacked irons or steels
- Stacking factor is used to determine core's effective area





(b) Laminated section. Effective magnetic area is less than the physical area.

(a) Fringing at gap



 $\Phi_1$ 

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Two basic problems

Air gap

N turns

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Cast iron

- Determine current required to produce a given flux
- Compute flux produced by a given current





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#### Reluctance <u></u>: Opposition to Magnetic Flux

Opposition that circuit presents to flux

$$\Re = \frac{\ell}{\mu A} \quad (At/Wb)$$

where  $\mu$ =material permeability

- Permeability measures ease of establishing magnetic flux in a material
  - Ferromagnetic materials have high permeability
  - Nonmagnetic materials have low permeability































- Reduce current to zero
  - Specimen retains some magnetism
    - Residual magnetism



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The Demagnetization Process
Must decrease hysteresis loop to zero
Place specimen inside a coil driven by a variable ac sourc
Gradually decrease coil current to zero





