

CIE Physics GCSE

Topic 4.1 - The simple phenomena of magnetism

Flashcards

What is a magnetic field?

What is a magnetic field?

A region where magnetic objects experience a force.

Where is a magnetic field strongest?

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At the poles of a magnet.

Magnetic field strength decreases as...

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Distance from the magnet increases.

Where does attraction occur?

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Between opposite (unlike) poles of two magnets.

Where does repulsion occur?

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Between like poles of two magnets.

Describe the key features of field lines in a magnetic diagram

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- They have arrows pointing from north to south.
- The lines never touch, cross or overlap.

How is the strength of a magnet
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By the spacing of the field lines (the closer together they are, the stronger the magnet).

What do the arrows on field lines
represent? (supplement)

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The direction of the force that would be experienced by the north pole of a magnet placed in the field.

What is a permanent magnet?

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An object which always has poles, and is therefore always magnetic.

What is an induced magnet?

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A magnetic material which does not have fixed poles. They can be induced to become magnets (giving them poles) by placing them in a magnetic field, but they lose their magnetisation when the field is removed.

What is a magnetic material?

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A material that is attracted to a magnet and can be magnetised.

Give examples of magnetic materials.

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Iron, steel, cobalt, nickel etc.

Describe how materials are magnetised.

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- Stroking them with a magnet
- Hammering them in a magnetic field
- Placing them in a coil with a direct current through it

Describe how materials are
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- Hammering
- Heating
- Placing in a coil with an AC wire

What is a magnetically hard material?

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A material which can be permanently magnetised.

Give one example of a material that is magnetically hard.

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Steel

What is a magnetically soft material?

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A material which is only temporarily magnetised (or does not hold its magnetism very well).

Give an example of a magnetically soft material.

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Soft iron.

Give an example of where
electromagnets are more useful than
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Magnets used for moving scrap metal; they can be turned off to drop the metal where it needs to be transported to.

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Using plotting compasses arranged around a magnet; they will point towards the north pole, showing the direction of field lines.