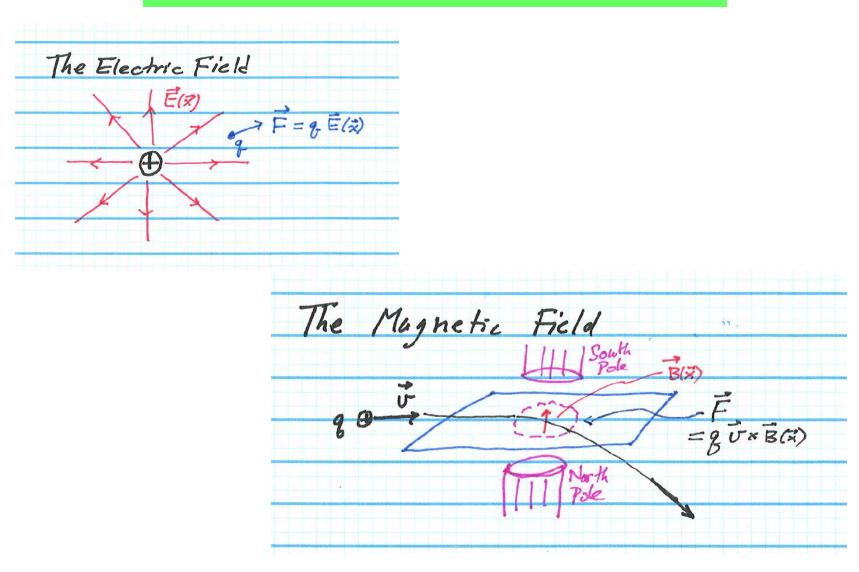
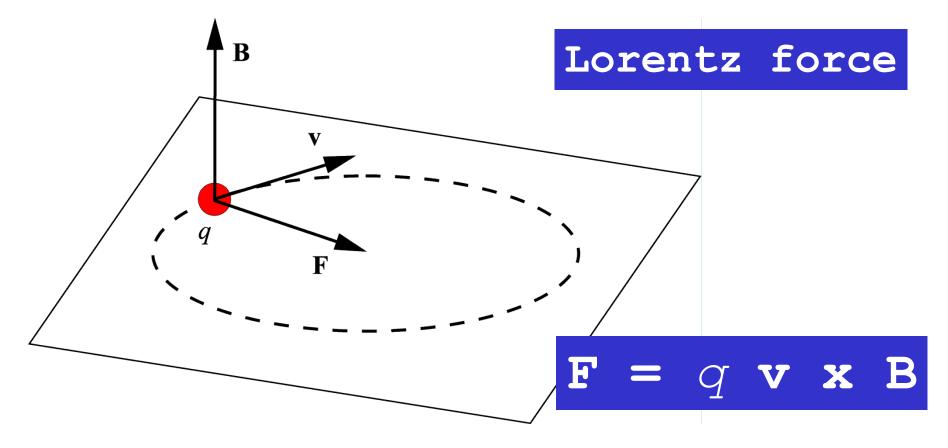
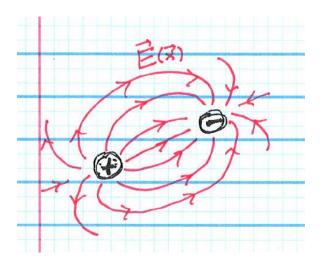
The Magnetic Field - part 2



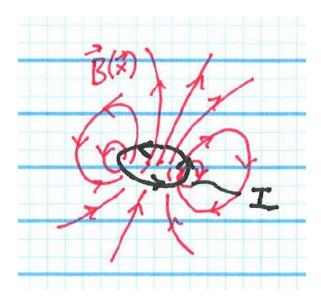
Cross products are necessary in the theory of magnetism because the directions of magnetic forces and fields are sideways.



Electric charges create an electric field, E(x).

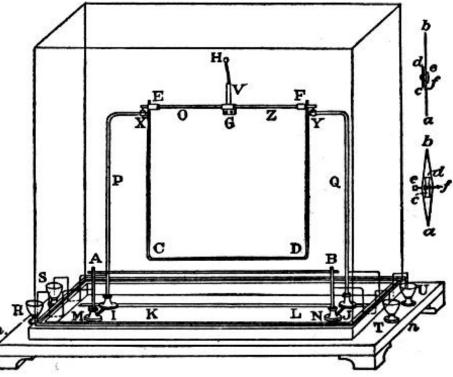


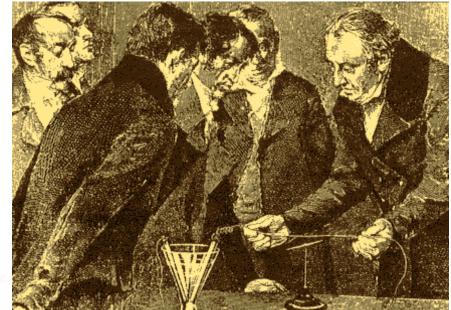
What creates a magnetic field, B(x)?



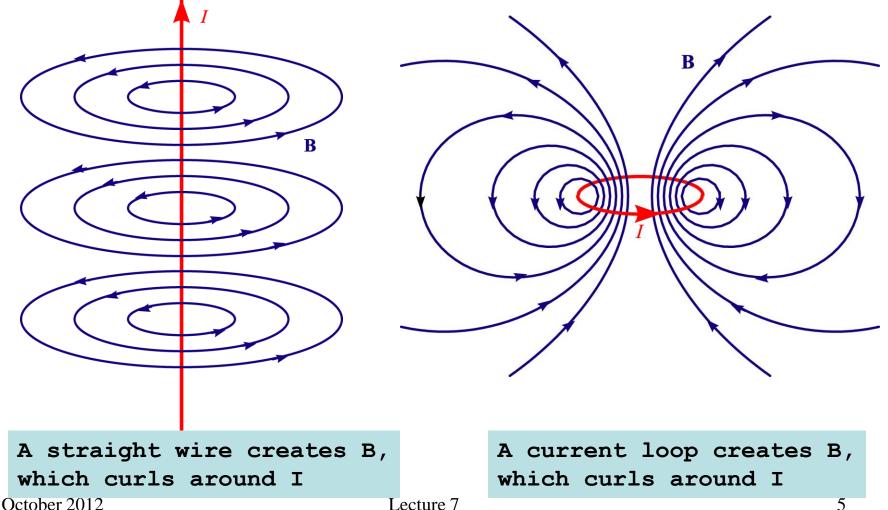
Ampère's Law

Hans Christian Oersted (1820) Electric current *I* produces a magnetic field B





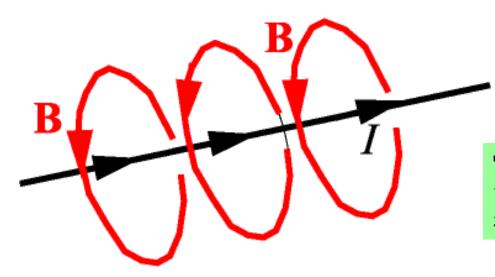
André-Marie Ampère (1820) The magnetic field curls around the current. Ampère's law is another application of the right-hand rule: if the thumb of your right hand points in the direction of the current, the fingers curl around in the direction of the magnetic field.



Right-hand rule for Ampère's Law

Thumb along the current *I* → fingers curl in the direction of the magnetic field B.

The magnetic field due to a long straight wire

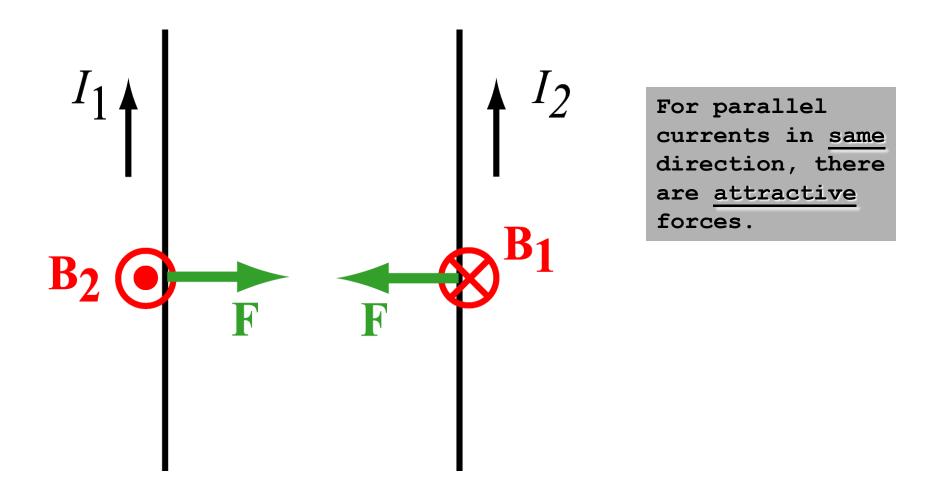


The field curls around the current; right-hand rule!

 $\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \hat{\phi}$ $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T m/A}$

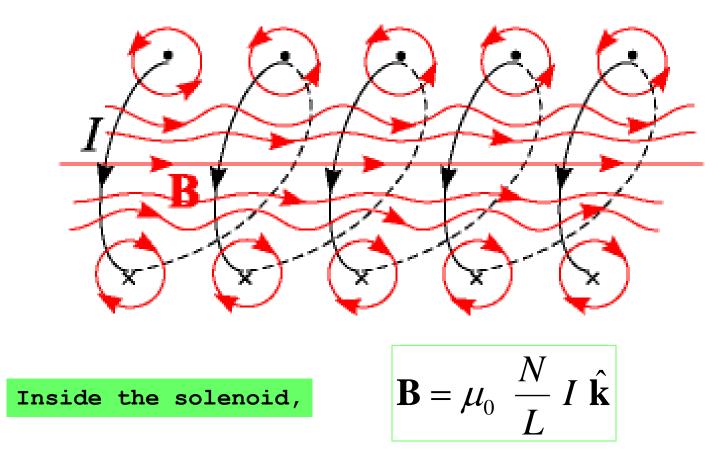
Units: amp = A : current meter = m : distance tesla = T : magn field

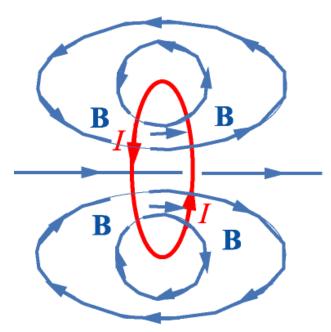
The force between current carrying wires apply the right hand rule, <u>twice</u>



The magnetic field of a solenoid

The field curls around the current; right-hand rule!

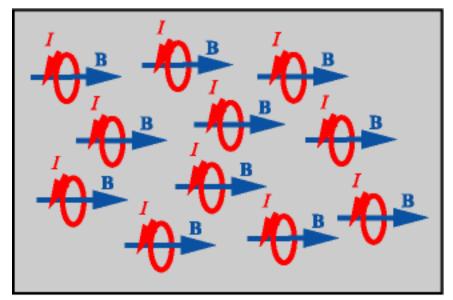




What is a magnet, i.e., a permanent ferromagnet?

The figure to the left shows a single current loop - the field curls around the current.

In a ferromagnetic domain of iron, the atomic currents are aligned \rightarrow a strong magnetic field. Nonmagnetic atomic effects -- called exchange forces -- cause the alignment of atomic currents.

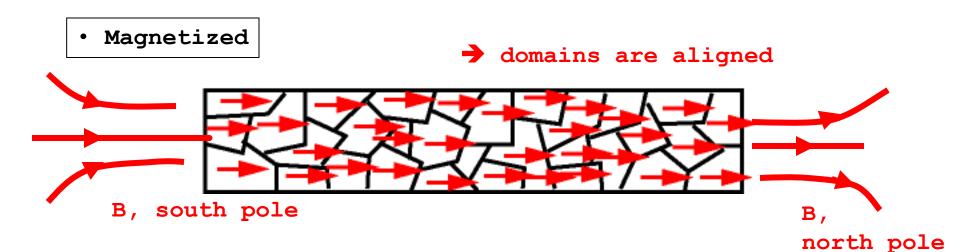


The magnetic properties of iron (and other ferromagnetic materials).

• Non-magnetized

domains are random



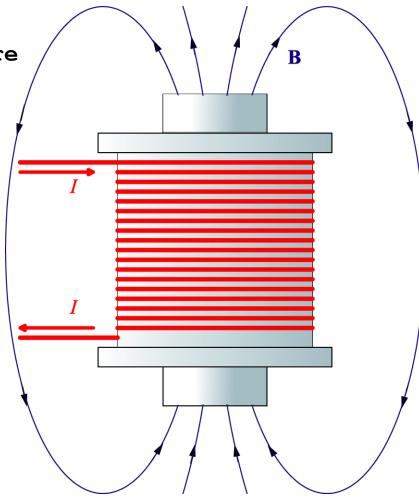


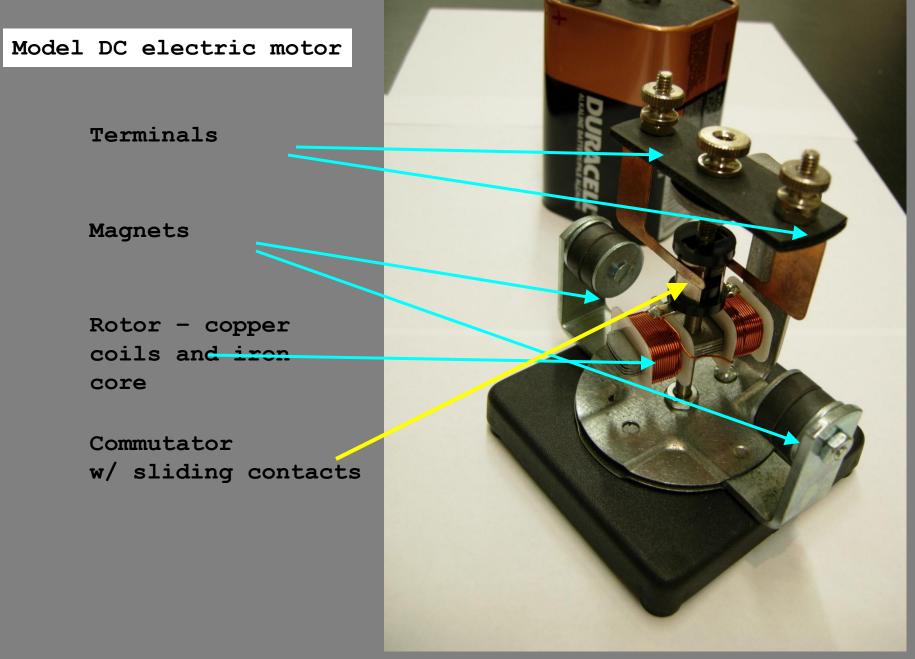
Electromagnets ...

... a coil of current carrying wire
wrapped around an iron core;
a solenoid.

Applications:

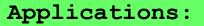
- electric motors
- relay switches
- auto graveyard



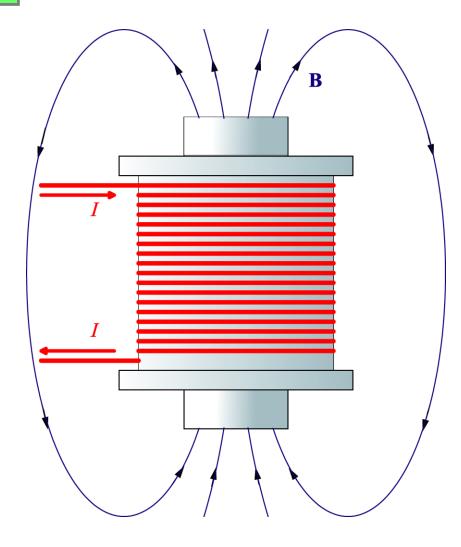


Electromagnets ...

- The current I creates a magnetic field.
- The magnetic field magnetizes the iron core; i.e., the magnetic domains become aligned.
- The magnetized iron has a very strong magnetic field.
- If the iron is "soft" then the magnetization collapses when the current is turned off (I=0).

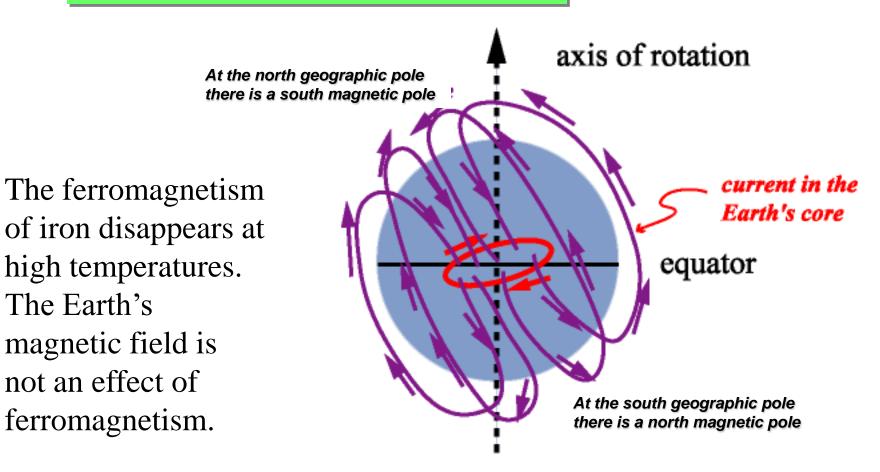


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The magnetic field of the Earth



William Gilbert (1600) : Magnus magnes ipse est globus terrestris.

computer simulation

