



Magnetism

Definitions

Magnets

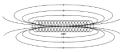
Magnets have two poles called the North and South poles. Like magnetic poles (e.g. N and N) repel. Unlike magnetic poles (e.g. N and S) attract.



The strength and direction of a magnetic field is represented by magnetic field lines. Field lines by convention go from North to South outside magnets. Compasses point towards the North-seeking pole of the Earth which is actually a magnetic South Pole.

Electromagnets

A special sort of magnet can be made using electricity. An **electromagnet** can be made by passing electricity through a wire or, usually, coils of wire.



The magnetic fields from each of the turns in the coil add together, so the total magnetic field is much stronger. This produces a field which is similar to that of a bar magnet.

Magnets attract iron and other ferromagnetic materials and magnets attract/repel each other.

Equations

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Magnetic field coming out of the paper

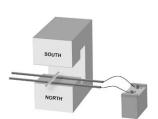
Magnetic field going into the paper

Questions

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David then put an aluminium rod across the rails and placed the rod and rails between the poles of a magnet as shown.

(a) On the diagram, draw an arrow to show the direction of the magnetic field between the rails. Label this arrow 'field'.



Terms

Electromagnet: A magnet that can be turned on and off by turning the current on and off

Magnetic Field Lines: Invisible lines that map out the magnetic field around a magnet.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Magnetic Flux:} & The lines of force surrounding a permanent magnet or a moving charged particle & \begin{tabular}{ll} \be$

Magnetic poles: The ends, or sides, of a magnet about which the force due to the magnet seems to be concentrated.

Solenoid: A cylindrical coil of wire that becomes electromagnetic when a current goes through it

Tips

- If you are looking for an equation involved with a magnetic field, the equation will have a **B** in it.
- Magnetic field lines go from North to South (N poles of magnets/compasses follow these lines)
- Simple questions on magnetic fields do not get asked very often.

Answers

(a) Upward arrow labelled field, or B.