Electric Motor

- What happens if we put a loop of wire carrying a current in a *B* field ?
- *F_B* on opposite sides of the loop produce a torque on the loop causing it to rotate.



Electric motor – a commutator reverses the direction of the current every half turn to that the torque is always in the same direction.

Electric Motor

- Define normal *n* to plane using right-hand rule
- Torque tends to rotate loop to align *n* with *B* field
- Torque for single loop

 $\tau = iAB\sin\theta$

- where A is the area of the loop and θ is between *n* and *B*
- Replace single loop with coil of N loops or turns

$$\tau = (NiA)B\sin\theta$$



Magnetic Dipole

Define magnetic dipole moment

$$\mu = NiA$$

Side 1

 \vec{F}_3

 $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

Side 2

Side 3

 \overrightarrow{B}

$$\tau = (NiA)B\sin\theta = \mu B\sin\theta$$

 The direction of the magnetic dipole moment is the same as the normal vector to the plane.

$$\vec{\mu} = \vec{n}$$

The torque becomes

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B}$$

Rotation

Magnetic Dipole

- A magnetic dipole in a magnetic field has a magnetic potential energy, U
- Lowest energy when dipole moment lined up with *B* field
- Highest energy when dipole moment directed opposite *B* field

$$U = -\vec{\mu} \bullet \vec{B}$$



Magnetic Dipole

Magnetic dipole moment μ has



Remember electric dipole moment p

TorquePotential Energy $\vec{\tau} = \vec{p} \times \vec{E}$ $U = -\vec{p} \bullet \vec{E}$

B Fields from Currents

- Calculate *B* field produced by distribution of currents
- Similar to finding *E* from distribution of charges

$$dE = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{dq}{r^2}$$

 B fields, like E fields, can be superimposed to find net field





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$$dB = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{i \, ds \, \sin \theta}{r^2}$$

- Current-length element, *i ds*, is product of a scalar and a vector
- Find net *B* field by integrating
- BUT remember it is a vector sum



Permeability constant, μ_o

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} T \cdot m/A$$

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