

Exercise walk-through

Magnetic Flux ■ 13.1

eXercise

You must be able to

- define **magnetic flux** 磁通量 through a surface as $\Phi_B = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$
- relate flux to the perpendicular component of $\vec{B}$ and the area
- calculate the flux through a flat loop at different orientations
- see how changing the field, area, or angle changes the flux

Method — Magnetic flux

$\Phi_B = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$. For a uniform field through a flat loop this is $\Phi_B = BA \cos \theta$, where θ is the angle between $\vec{B}$ and the loop's normal.

Method — When flux is largest

Flux is greatest when the loop **faces** the field ($\theta = 0$) and zero when the field lies **in** the plane of the loop.

Method — Central to induction

A **changing** flux is what induces an emf — so flux links magnetic fields to circuits.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Find the flux through a 0.10 m^2 loop placed face-on in a 0.30 T field.

Solution 2.1

Method: Magnetic flux

Worked steps

$$\Phi_B = BA = 0.30 \times 0.10 = 0.030 \text{ Wb} \quad \text{M1} \quad \text{A1}.$$

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State three ways to change the flux through a loop.

Solution 2.2

Method: Magnetic flux

Worked steps

change the field strength B , the area A , or the angle θ **B1** **B1** *for any two; for all three.*

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

State what a changing magnetic flux produces.

Solution 2.3

Method: Central to induction

Worked steps

an induced emf **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

Magnetic flux is

A $\int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$

B $\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$

C BIL

D qvB

Solution 3.1

A $\int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$



B $\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$

C BIL

D qvB

Worked steps

A.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The flux through a loop is greatest when its plane is

- A** parallel to the field
- B** perpendicular to the field
- C** at 45° to the field
- D** irrelevant to the field

Solution 3.2

Method: When flux is largest

- A parallel to the field
- B perpendicular to the field** 
- C at 45° to the field
- D irrelevant to the field

Worked steps

B — the plane perpendicular to the field means the loop faces it.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 2 marks

A 0.050 m^2 coil sits in a 0.40 T field.

- (a) Find the flux when the coil faces the field.
- (b) Find the flux when the field lies in the plane of the coil.

Solution 3.3

Method: When flux is largest

Worked steps

(a) $\Phi_B = BA = 0.40 \times 0.050 = 0.020 \text{ Wb}$ **M1** **A1**. (b) zero ($\theta = 90^\circ$) **B1**.