

4.1 Simple phenomena of magnetism

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Objective

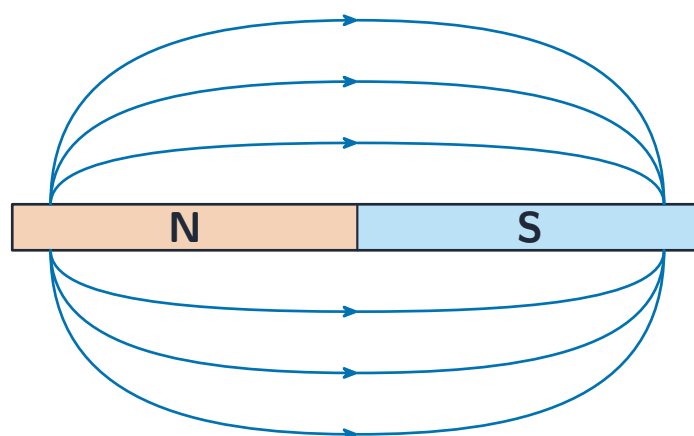
Build the skills to answer exam questions on **magnetism** — poles and forces, **induced magnetism**, soft iron vs steel, and **magnetic fields**.

You must be able to:

- use the rule of poles (like repel, unlike attract)
- compare soft iron (temporary) and steel (permanent) magnets
- draw and describe magnetic field lines

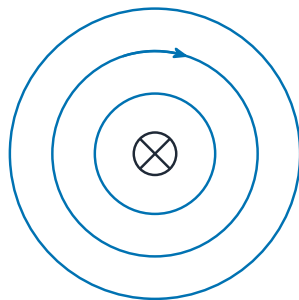
1 Key knowledge and worked examples

■ Fields and materials



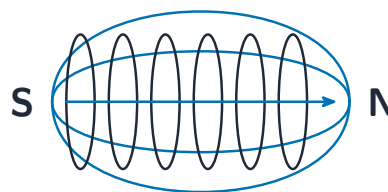
Field lines come out of the N pole and into the S pole; closer lines = stronger field

straight wire



current into page;
field is circles round it

solenoid (coil)



field like a bar magnet

Soft iron magnetises easily but loses it (temporary); steel keeps its magnetism (permanent)

- **like poles repel; unlike poles attract.**
- magnetic materials: iron, steel, cobalt, nickel.

2 Practice

2.1 State what happens when the N pole of one magnet is brought near the N pole of another. [1]

2.2 State which is better for a permanent magnet: soft iron or steel. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Magnetic field lines around a bar magnet point: [1]

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- A from S to N outside the magnet
- B from N to S outside the magnet
- C into both poles
- D out of both poles

3.2 A piece of soft iron is placed next to a magnet.

(a) Explain why the iron becomes magnetised. [2]

(b) State why soft iron, not steel, is used for the core of an electromagnet. [2]

3.3 Describe how you could show the magnetic field pattern of a bar magnet using iron filings. [2]

Solutions

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

- they repel (push apart)

2.2

- steel

3.1 B

- field lines run from N to S outside the magnet

3.2

(a) the magnet's field induces magnetism in the iron

- the near end gains the opposite pole, so the two attract

(b) soft iron magnetises and demagnetises easily

- so the electromagnet can be switched on and off (loses its magnetism when the current stops)

3.3

- place paper over the magnet and sprinkle iron filings on top
- tap gently — the filings line up along the field lines, showing the pattern