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Faraday's Law Lab Title

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PES 215 Report

Lab Station:

Objective

The purpose of this lab was to examine Faraday's Law of Induction to determine how Electromotive Force (potential) is generated from the change of a magnetic field through a closed loop (i.e. Experimental verification of the Flux Rule).

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Data and Calculations

Part A – The Flux Rule:

Part 1:

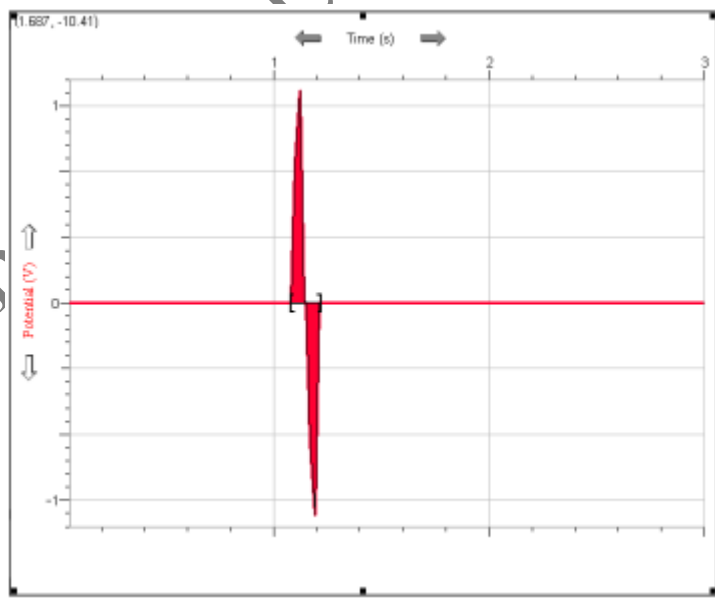


Figure 1: South End of Magnet Dropped Through Loop First

During the execution of the experiment it was noticed that there were 2 peaks for each drop. The first peak was the potential created from the south end of the magnet passing through the coil the second peak was the potential created from the north end of the magnet passing through the coil.

It was also noticed that the outgoing peak was slightly larger than the first – this was due to the fact that the magnet had gained additional velocity over that short duration of that fall.

Similarly, the outgoing peak's delta time was slightly narrower than the first peak because there was a greater change in velocity over time than when the magnet approached the coil.

When the magnet first approached the coil the south end first passed through the coil. Traditionally the south mono-pole of a magnet is given a negative magnitude. Since the EMF as a function of flux is negative, the 2 negatives cancel giving a positive EMF. Likewise, as the north end passed through the coil; traditionally the north mono-pole of a magnet is given a positive magnitude. This means that this creates a negative EMF.

Part 2:

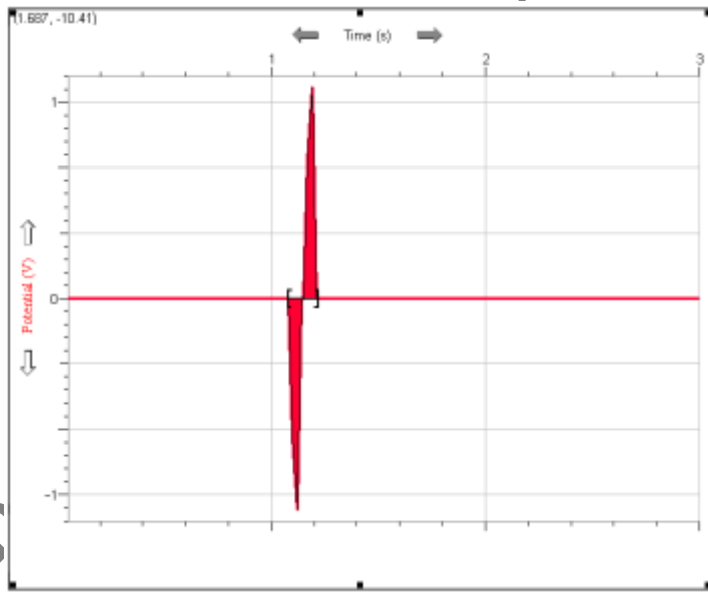


Figure 2: North End of Magnet Dropped Through Loop First

Similarly to Part A-1, the same analysis was true.

Part 3:

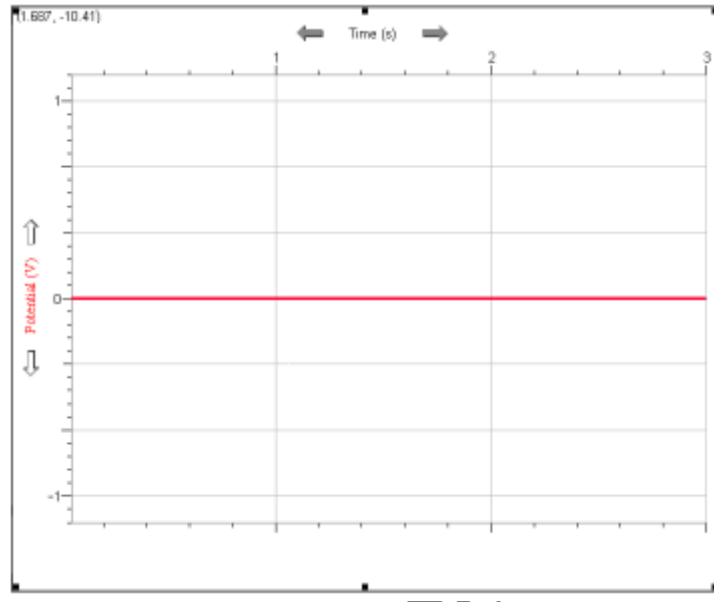


Figure 3: Magnet Held Still Inside Loop

When the magnet was held still inside the loop, there was no EMF created. This is due to the fact that if there is no movement of the magnet, there is not change in flux; and the absence of a change in flux with respect to time (i.e., equal to zero) means the EMF will also be zero.

The following table is a list of the combined results from parts A1 though A3:

	1 st Peak Width [sec]	2 nd Peak Width [sec]	1 st Peak Max/Min Potential [V]	2 nd Peak Max/Min Potential [V]	Area Under Peak 1 [V- sec]	Area Under Peak 2 [V-sec]	% difference	Area Under Entire Range [V-sec]
Dropped South End First	0.048	0.052	0.0417	-0.457	0.008015	-0.008943	11.578%	-0.009618
Dropped North End First	0.046	0.044	-0.404	0.475	-0.008977	0.008152	9.190%	-0.001061
Held Still	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part B: Peak Voltage and Speed:

We dropped the magnet North side first through the coil from different heights. Using logger pro we got the following data for all 6 different heights:

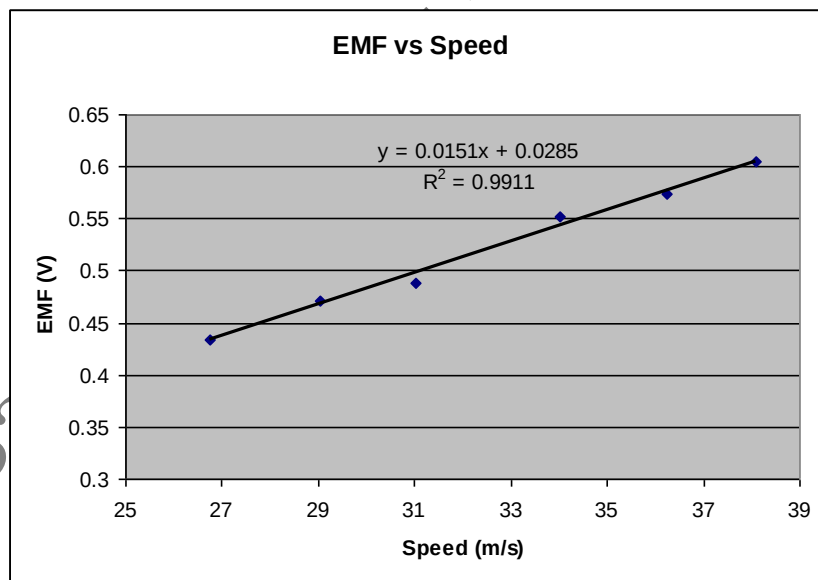
	Height [m]	1 st Peak Max/Min Potential [V]	2 nd Peak Max/Min Potential [V]	Area Under Peak 1 [V-sec]	Area Under Peak 2 [V-sec]	% difference	Area Under Entire Range [V-sec]
Top Hole	0.74	-0.555	0.656	-0.008750	0.008614	1.554%	-0.0001734
2 nd Hole	0.67	-0.526	0.622	-0.008796	0.008595	2.2285	-0.0001730
3 rd Hole	0.59	-0.506	0.597	-0.008853	0.008629	2.530	-0.0002667
4 th Hole	0.51	-0.462	0.514	-0.008840	0.008037	9.084	-0.001362
5 th Hole	0.43	-0.433	0.510	-0.008758	0.008411	2.581	-0.0002675
6 th Hole	0.365	-0.389	0.480	-0.008740	0.008532	2.380	-0.0003059

Using the velocity as a function of height we calculated the following table:

$$v = \sqrt{2gh}$$

	Height [m]	Speed [m/sec]	Average of 1 st and 2 nd Peak Potentials [V]
Top Hole	0.74	38.0841	0.6055
2 nd Hole	0.67	36.2381	0.574
3 rd Hole	0.59	34.0059	0.5515
4 th Hole	0.51	31.0310	0.488
5 th Hole	0.43	29.0310	0.4715
6 th Hole	0.365	26.7470	0.4345

Plotting EMF versus speed gave the following graph:



As suspected, the graph of the speed of the magnet versus the average peak foltage is linear. In the pre-lab, we started with the flux rule, and showed that the EMF is linear with the speed v of the magnet:

$$\varepsilon = -NA \frac{dB}{dx} v$$

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where A is the area enclosed by the loop, N is the number of turns in the loop, and dB/dx is the spatial variation of the magnetic field.

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Results and Conclusions:

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** NOTE: There are several components of error which could significantly modify the results of this experiment. Some of these are listed below:

- Tilt/Tumble
- Simple Harmonic Motion
- Earth's Magnetic Field
- Computer Interference
- Dropped Magnet
- Ferromagnetism of Material
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Additional Questions



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Conclusion