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Faraday's law tells you that there will be an induced emf in a circuit if the magnetic flux it is linking changes. Faraday's law also tells you the magnitude of the induced emf. But Lenz's Law tells you the direction of the emf:

Lenz's Law: A changing magnetic flux induces an emf that produces a current which sets up a magnetic field that *tends* to oppose whatever produced the change.

Coils and loops do not like any change in the magnetic flux they are linking, and they will try to produce an emf or current to counteract the change imposed on them. Note that the net result is that they usually would not be successful - the change in the magnetic flux still takes place. This tendency to oppose the change is why there is a minus sign in Faraday's Law.

A pictorial approach to Lenz's Law

Example: A wire loop in the plane of the page is in a uniform magnetic field directed into the page. Over some time interval the field is doubled. What direction is the induced current in the loop while the field is changing?

- Step 1: Draw a "Before" picture, showing the field passing through the loop before the change takes place.
- Step 2: Draw an "After" picture, showing the field passing through the loop after the change.
- Step 3: Draw a "To Oppose" picture, showing the direction of the field the loop creates to oppose the change.
- Step 4: Use the right-hand rule to determine which way the induced current goes in the loop to create that field.

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Making use of the mathematical description

 $y(x,t) = (0.9 \text{ cm}) \sin \left[(5.0 \text{ s}^{-1})t - (1.2 \text{ m}^{-1})x \right]$

Which of the following is the closest to the wave's frequency in $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Hz}}\xspace$

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1. 0.52 Hz 2. 0.8 Hz 3. 1.2 Hz 4. 5 Hz 5. 5.24 Hz

Making use of the mathematical description $y(x,t) = (0.9 \text{ cm})\sin[(5.0 \text{ s}^{-1})t - (1.2 \text{ m}^{-1})x]$ Which of the following is the closest to the wave's speed? 1. 0.0004 m/s 2. 0.004 m/s 3. 0.04 m/s 4. 0.4 m/s 5. 4 m/s









When the source moves, an observer being approached sees the wave fronts compressed, while an observed being moved away from sees the wave fronts dilated. The new frequency is the wave speed divided by the new wavelength.

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