# Using Electricity and Magnetism

#### Chapter 21



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# 21.1 What Is Electromagnetism?

An electric current produces a magnetic field.



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The magnetic field produced by a current has three characteristics.

- The field can be turned on or off,
- have its direction reversed,
- or have its strength changed.

# 21.1 What Is Electromagnetism?

An electromagnet is a strong magnet that can be turned on and off.



#### electromagnetism

# The relationship between electricity and magnetism.



# solenoid

A coil of wire with a current that acts as a bar magnet.



#### electromagnet

A magnet created by wrapping a coil of wire with a current around a ferromagnetic core.



#### 21.2 Electricity, Magnetism, and Motion

When a wire with a current is placed in a magnetic field, electrical energy is transformed into mechanical energy.



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Electric current is used to turn the pointer of a galvanometer



#### electric motor

A device that transforms electrical energy to mechanical energy





The ability to do work or cause change.

Energy is the ability to do work.

# electrical energy

#### The energy of moving electrical charges.



# mechanical energy

Kinetic or potential energy associated with the motion or position of an object.



#### galvanometer

A device that uses an electromagnet to detect small amounts of current.



# **21.3 Electricity From Magnetism**

An electric current is induced in a conductor when the conductor moves through a magnetic field.



# **21.3 Electricity From Magnetism**

A generator uses motion in a magnetic field to produce an electric current.



#### electromagnetic induction

The process of generating an electric current from the motion of a conductor through a magnetic field.



### direct current

Current consisting of charges that flow only in one direction in a circuit.



### alternating current

Current consisting of charges that move back and forth in a circuit.



### electric generator

A device that converts mechanical energy into electrical energy.



### transformer

#### A device that increases or decreases voltage.



#### step-up transformer

A transformer that increases voltage.



# step-down transformer

A transformer that decreases voltage.

