

DC MOTOR.



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DC motor: A DC motor is a mechanical rotating device which converts electrical energy into mechanical energy.

principle: It is based on the principle of force acting on a current carrying wire in a magnetic field.

Constructions

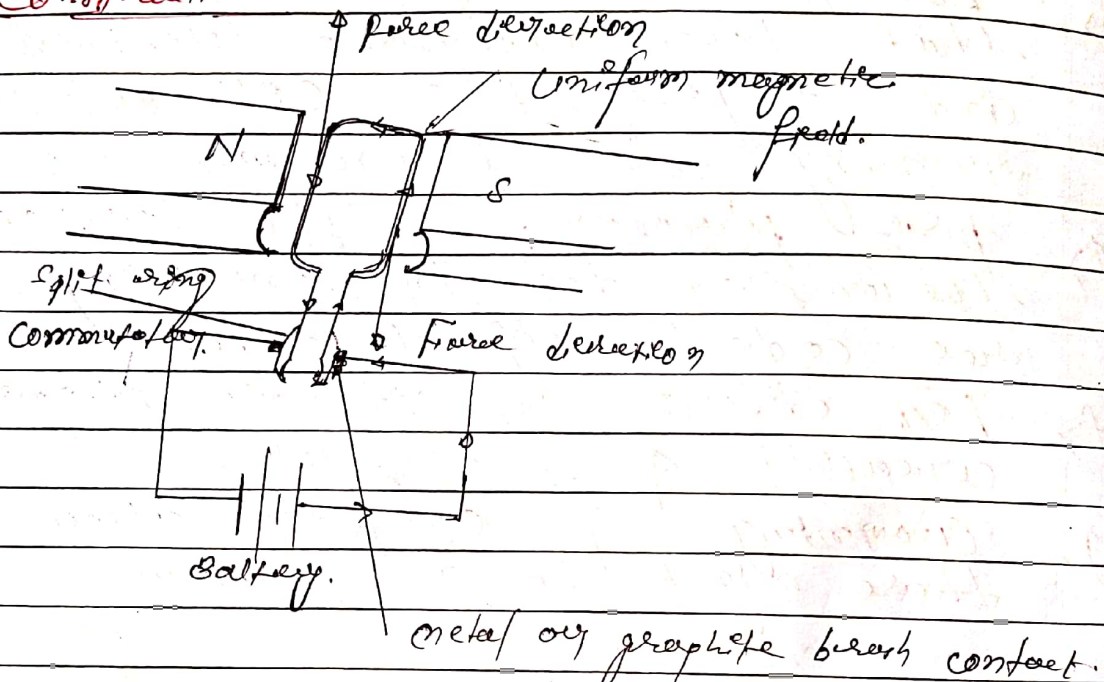
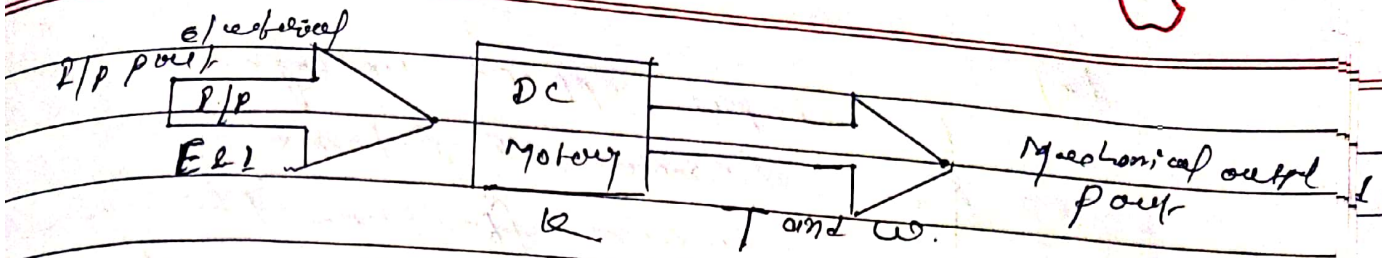


Fig D.C motor

When an electric current is passed through the coil as shown above an equal and opposite forces act on opposite arms of the coil due to which the coil starts rotating.

The direction of rotation of the motor is given by Fleming's left hand rule, which in the DC motor we supply electrical energy to the input part and receive mechanical energy from the output part which is shown on on the overview page



In DC motor we supply voltage 'V' and current 'I' is given to the electrical part or input part that drive the mechanical output part that gives torque and angular speed ω .

The relation between the torque 'T' and current 'I' is given by.

$$T = k \cdot I \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

and
$$E = k \omega \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now, consider the following circuit of the DC motor

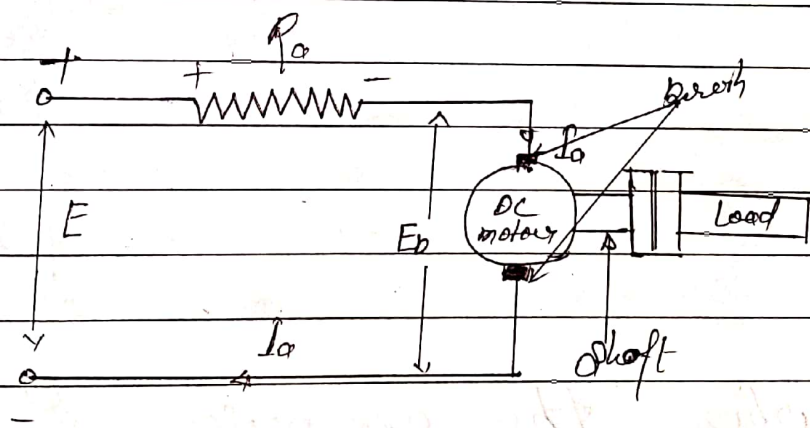


Fig: DC motor circuit

The circuit represents the DC motor with two brushes at the top and bottom side of the motor. on the mechanical part, a shaft coming out from the center of the armature, that couples to mechanical load.



Let

 E_2 Input supplied voltage R_a Armature resistance I_a current flowing through the armature $\Phi = T$ Torque produced in the magnetic field.

As the armature conductors (carrying armature currents) rotate in the uniform magnetic field and produce back emf E_b which is opposite to supplied voltage (E_2). The back emf induced in the armature is given by,

$$E_b = \frac{p \cdot \Phi \cdot Z N}{60 \cdot A}$$

where

 $p =$ No. of poles $\Phi =$ flux per pole $Z =$ No. of conductors $A =$ No. of // paths $N =$ speed of DC motor

So, when the application of load reduces the speed of the motor, E_b decreases and hence $E - E_b$ increases and hence also, the armature current increases. So torque and hence the speed increases. Thus, a DC motor is capable of maintaining the same speed under variable load.

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The armature current I_a is given by

$$I_a = \frac{E - E_b}{R_a} \quad (1)$$

At starting speed $\omega = 0$.

$\Rightarrow E_b = 0$.

So, $I_a = \frac{E}{R_a}$

Since, the armature winding electrical resist. R_a is ~~very~~ very small, this motor has a ~~very~~ high starting current. In absence of back emf or a circuit we ~~can~~ need ~~to~~ a starter to start the motor.