Inductance

Mutual Inductance

- If the current in coil 1 changes, the flux through coil 2 changes.
- According to Faraday's law, this induces an emf in coil 2.

$$B \propto i_1 \Longrightarrow \Phi_{B2} \propto i_1$$

or $\Phi_{B2} = (\text{constant})i_1$
or $\Phi_{B2} = M_{21}i_1$.

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Mutual Inductance

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{B2} &= M_{21} i_1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d \Phi_{B2}}{dt} = M_{21} \frac{d i_1}{dt} \\ \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_2 &= -\frac{d \Phi_{B2}}{dt} \\ &= -M_{21} \frac{d i_1}{dt}. \end{split}$$

Mutual inductance M_{21} depends only on geometry of coils (size, shape, number of turns, orientation, and separation).

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Mutual Inductance

• Opposite case: a changing current in coil 2 causes a changing flux and an emf in coil 1. $G = M \frac{di_2}{di_2}$

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_2 = -M_{12} \frac{d l_2}{d t}$$

- It can be shown using some integral tricks that M₁₂ is always equal to M₂₁.
- Call this common value simply the mutual inductance *M*.

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_{2} = -M \frac{di_{1}}{dt}, \ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_{1} = -M \frac{di_{2}}{dt}.$$

where $M = \frac{\Phi_{B2}}{i_{1}} = \frac{\Phi_{B1}}{i_{2}}.$
 $1 \text{ H} = 1 \text{ Wb/A} = 1 \text{ V} \cdot \text{s/A}$
 $= 1 \Omega \cdot \text{s} = 1 \text{ J/A}^{2}.$

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Example 30.1 Calculating mutual inductance

• A long solenoid with length *L* and cross-sectional area *A* is closely wound with *N*₁ turns of wire. A coil with *N*₂ turns surrounds it at its center. Find the mutual inductance *M*.



Example 30.1 Calculating mutual inductance



Example 30.2 Emf due to mutual inductance

Suppose i₂ = (2.0 x 10⁶ A/s)t. (a) At t = 3.0 μs, what is the average magnetic flux through each turn of the solenoid (coil 1) due to the current in the outer coil? (b) What is the induced emf in the solenoid?

• (a)
$$\Phi_{B1} = \frac{Mi_2}{N_1} = \frac{(25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ H})(6.0 \text{ A})}{1000}$$

 $= 1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ Wb.}$
(b) $\mathcal{E}_1 = -M \frac{di_2}{dt}$
 $= -(25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ H})(2.0 \times 10^6 \text{ A/s}) = -50 \text{ V.}$

Self-induction and Inductors

Typically: a solenoid with N turns

Varying current \rightarrow varying B field \rightarrow induced emf

This is called self-induction

Assuming vacuum, or in a magnetic material with constant

 K_m and $\overrightarrow{M} \propto \overrightarrow{B}$, then total flux through the coil

 $N\Phi_B \propto i$

Define the **inductance** of the coil

$$L = \frac{N\Phi_B}{i}$$

L depends on the geometry of the coil

SI unit: $Tm^2/A \equiv H$ (henry) $\triangle H$ is a large unit, typically mH or μH

From Faraday's law

$$\varepsilon = -N \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} = -L \frac{di}{dt}$$
 self-induced emf
N loops emf induced in one loop

Self-inductance: If the current *i* in the coil is changing, the changing flux through the coil



Inductors As Circuit Elements Direction of *E* determined by Lenz's law



Can be considered as a circuit element in, e.g., Kirchhoff's law where *i* from $a \rightarrow b$,

$$V_{ab} = V_a - V_b = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

Δ no need to worry whether *i* is increasing/decreasing. The sign of di/dt will take care of the direction of ε

Magnetic Field Energy

As *i* increases, induced emf resists it, therefore external source must supply energy. Can consider the energy used in building up the magnetic field, or magnetic flux, *c.f.* charging of a capacitor Assume inductor has no resistance, all energy stored in the magnetic field inside the inductor

External power delivered to inductor

I is the final steady current

 \triangle c.f energy stored in a capacitor is $\frac{1}{2}CV^2$

 \triangle for a comparison between inductor and capacitor, see Summary I attached.

Inductor - application



Many traffic lights change when a car roll up to the intersection. How does the light sense the presence of the car?



Magnetic Energy Density

Suppose the inductor is a thin toroidal solenoid whose thickness $\ll r$, cross sectional area *A*, and has *N* turns Magnetic field inside is uniform

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 N i}{2\pi r}$$

Its inductance is

$$L = \frac{N\Phi_B}{i} = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 A}{2\pi r}$$



Total energy stored in inductor after the current settles to a constant value I is

$$U = \frac{1}{2}LI^2 = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\mu_0 N^2 A}{2\pi r}I^2$$

Magnetic energy density (total energy per unit volume) is

$$u = \frac{U}{2\pi rA} = \frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \left(\frac{NI}{2\pi r}\right)^2 \implies u = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0}$$

- \triangle c.f electric energy density is $\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_0 E^2$
- **A** For a magnetic material with constant permeability $\mu = K_m \mu_0$, $u = B^2/2\mu$
- \triangle Just like the electric energy density, this result not only true for an ideal solenoid. It is true in general for any magnetic field provided μ is constant

Example

A thin toroidal solenoid has N = 200 turns, cross sectional area A = 5.0 cm², and r = 0.10 m $L = \frac{(4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Wb/Am})(200)^2(5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2)}{2\pi (0.10 \text{ m})} = 40 \,\mu\text{H}$ With a final current I = 200 A, the total magnetic energy stored is $U = \frac{1}{2} (40 \times 10^{-6} \text{ H})(200 \text{ A})^2 = 0.8 \text{ J}$

Not practical as an energy storage!

The *R-L* Circuit

Current Growth (building up flux inside inductor, c.f. charging in a R-C circuit)

Kirchhoff's loop rule:

$$\mathcal{E} - iR - L\frac{di}{dt} = 0$$

For a summary of voltage change across a circuit element, see Summary II attached Qualitatively:

- 1. At t = 0, i = 0, $di/dt = \mathcal{E}/L$ a maximum
- 2. As *i* grows, di/dt decreases, eventually to zero
- 3. Therefore *i* increases from 0 to $I = \mathcal{E}/R$ (max when no emf is induced in *L*, must be of the form

$$i(t) = I(1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

Quantitatively:

$$\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{L} - \frac{R}{L}i$$

With initial condition $i(0) = 0$

$$E(t) = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{L/R}} \right)$$

Define time constant $\tau \equiv L/R$

i

$$i(t) = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R} \left(1 - e^{-t/\tau} \right)$$



Power delivery and dissipation



Current Decay (draining flux inside inductor, *c.f.* discharging in a *R*-*C* circuit) After the current reaches the constant value I_0 in the previus case, then remove \mathcal{E}

Qualitatively:

i must decrease from initial value I_0 to zero (when all energy stored in *L* is drained), therefore must be of the form

$$i(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

Quantitatively:

Put $\mathcal{E} = 0$ in loop rule

$$-iR - L\frac{di}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad i(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

Instantaneous power

$$i^{2}(t)R + i(t)\left(L\frac{di}{dt}\right) = 0$$

Dissipated in R





Question

In the circuit, before the current settles to a constant value

- a) when S_1 is closed and S_2 is open, V_{ab} (>/<) 0 and V_{bc} (>/<) 0
- b) when S_1 is open and S_2 is closed, and current is flowing in the direction shown,

 $V_{ab} \ (>/<) \ 0$ and $V_{bc} \ (>/<) \ 0$



The *L-C* **Circuit** – analogy of a harmonic oscillator An electrical oscillation, energy transfer between electric and magnetic energy *c.f.* a mechanical oscillation (spring and mass), energy transfer between PE and KE





Amplitude Q and phase ϕ determined by initial conditions, e.g, If q(0) = Q and i(0) = 0, then $\phi = 0$ If q(0) = 0, then $\phi = \pm \pi/2$ Analogy between the mass-spring and inductor-capacitor system

Mass-Spring System	Inductor-Capacitor Circuit	
Kinetic energy $= \frac{1}{2}mv_x^2$	Magnetic energy $=\frac{1}{2}Li^2$	
Potential energy $=\frac{1}{2}kx^2$	Electrical energy = $q^2/2C$	
$\frac{1}{2}mv_x^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}kA^2$	$\frac{1}{2}Li^2 + q^2/2C = Q^2/2C$	
$v_x = \pm \sqrt{k/m} \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$	$i = \pm \sqrt{1/LC} \sqrt{Q^2 - q^2}$	
$v_x = dx/dt$	i = dq/dt	
$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$	$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$	
$x = A\cos(\omega t + \phi)$	$q = Q\cos(\omega t + \phi)$	

total energy in a *L***-***C* **circuit is conserved**, just like a harmonic oscillator

The *L-R-C* Circuit – analogy of a damped harmonic oscillator





▲ For an analogy of forced harmonic oscillator, need an AC emf

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Alternating current

An alternating current (ac) source provides a sinusoidal voltage

 $v = V \cos \omega t$

Convention: lower case (v) is the *instantaneous* value, while upper case (V) is the maximum value In HK and most of the world, f = 50 Hz, i.e., $\omega = 2\pi f =$ 314 /s, whereas in North America, f = 60 Hz

Period of the signal is $T = 1/f = 2\pi/\omega$



Phasor diagram – represent a sinusoidal signal (e.g. $i = I \cos \omega t$) as a rotating vector in a 2D plane. The projection on the x axis gives the signal

Advantage:

- \triangle while adding multiple signals, use vector addition and then project to x axis to get the final answer.
- Avoid drawing multiple sinusoidal graphs.



Question: For the phasor diagram for a sinusoidal current: (A / B / C / D) is a +ve current that is becoming more +ve (A / B / C / D) is a +ve current that is decreasing (A / B / C / D) is a -ve current that is becoming more -ve



Meaning of the rms value of a sinusoidal quantity (here, ac current with I = 3 A):

1) Graph current *i* versus time.

(2) Square the instantaneous current *i*.

(3) Take the *average* (mean) value of i^2 .

(4) Take the *square root* of that average.



Average a sinusoidal signal over period T is zero and makes no sense

$$I_{\rm av} \equiv \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T i \, dt = \frac{\omega I}{2\pi} \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} \cos \omega t \, dt = 0$$

A meaningful way – **root-mean-square** value defined as

$$I_{\rm rms} = \sqrt{(i^2)_{\rm av}}$$

$$(i^2)_{\rm av} \equiv \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T i^2 dt = \frac{\omega I^2}{2\pi} \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} \cos^2 \omega t \, dt = \frac{I^2}{2}$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2\omega t) dt = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad I_{\rm rms} = \frac{I}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Relationship between the (AC) voltage and (AC) current in a circuit

Resistor in an ac Circuit

Take the current $i = I \cos \omega t$ as the reference in drawing phasor diagram. *i* counterclockwise in the following circuit is +ve



Inductor in an ac Circuit



Capacitor in an ac Circuit



Summary:

Circuit Element	Amplitude Relationship	Circuit Quantity	Phase of v
Resistor	$V_R = IR$	R	In phase with i
Inductor	$V_L = IX_L$	$X_L = \omega L$	Leads i by 90°
Capacitor	$V_C = I X_C$	$\tilde{X_C} = 1/\omega C$	Lags i by 90°



For a fixed applied V

- ▲ For an inductor, higher f means larger X_L and smaller $I \rightarrow$ low-pass filter
- \triangle For a capacitor, lower *f* means larger X_c and

smaller $I \rightarrow$ high-pass filter

See Simulation of Resistor, Inductor, and Capacitor

in an ac Circuit



Question:

An ac voltage of fixed amplitude is applied across a circuit element. The frequency f of the voltage is increase. The amplitude of the current will: (increase / decrease / remain the same) if the circuit element is a resistor (increase / decrease / remain the same) if the circuit element is a inductor (increase / decrease / remain the same) if the circuit element is a capacitor

The L-R-C Series Circuit



From Kirchhoff's loop rule, the external emf source v is $v = v_R + v_L + v_C$ Use phasor diagram to perform this addition. Purpose: use $i = I \cos \omega t$ as reference, find the external emf in the form $v = V \cos(\omega t + \phi)$, i.e., to find the amplitude V and phase angle ϕ



(c) Phasor diagram for the case $X_L < X_C$



If $X_L < X_C$, more capacitive than inductive, $\phi < 0$, i.e., *i* leads v

$$v = IZ \cos\left(\omega t - \tan^{-1}\frac{X_C - X_L}{R}\right)$$

Power in an ac Circuit

Average power delivered to inductor and capacitor are zero







 $I = \frac{V}{\sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}}$



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