# Chapter 30 – Inductors and self Inductance

Inductance is to Capacitance what current is to a stationary charge. They are both defined relative to the voltage produced.

## Goals for Chapter 30

- Mutual inductance
- Self-inductance
- Magnetic-field energy
- R-L circuits
- L-C circuits
- L-R-C circuits

### Introduction

- A charged coil can create a field that will induce a current in a neighboring coil.
- Inductance can allow a sensor to trigger the traffic light to change when the car arrives at an intersection..



### Mutual inductance

 A coil in one device generates a field that creates a current in a neighboring coil. This is the basis for a transformer. **Mutual inductance:** If the current in coil 1 is changing, the changing flux through coil 2 induces an emf in coil 2.



### Mutual inductance—examples

- Two solenoid coil one with N1 turns and the other with N2 turns
- How do they interact?



### Self and Mutual Inductance

- We define inductance L as magnetic flux/current
- Here N is the number of coil turns

$$L = \frac{N\Phi}{i} \qquad \qquad N\Phi = Li$$

m.n=

 In multiple coil systems there is magnetic coupling between the coils – hence Mutual inductance M

$$N_1\Phi_1 = L_{11}i_1 + L_{12}i_2,$$

$$N_2 \Phi_2 = L_{21} i_1 + L_{22} i_2.$$

- Here  $L_{12} = L_{21} = M$
- Energy stored in multiple coils  $W = \frac{1}{2} \sum L_{m,n} i_m i_n$

### EMF and Flux change

• The time derivative of the magnetic flux = EMF

$$N\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = L\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{dL}{dt}i$$

- In general dL/dt = 0 (the inductance does not change) – This is NOT always true – rail gun example
- If L = constant then:

$$N\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = L\frac{di}{dt} \qquad \qquad N\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = -\mathcal{E} = v$$
$$\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{v}{L} \qquad \qquad i(t) = \frac{1}{L}\int_0^t v(\tau)d\tau + i(0)$$

### Energy in inductors

 We can related the power (I\*V) to inductance and current change

• Hence we can equate 
$$W_1 = \frac{d}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}Li^2 = iv$$

- Note the similarity to energy in a capacitor
- $W_{C} = \frac{1}{2} C V^{2}$
- Where does the energy reside?
- In the magnetic and electric fields

### Mutual Inductance and Self Inductance



$$M = k\sqrt{L_1 L_2}$$

- k is the *coupling coefficient* and  $0 \le k \le 1$ ,
- L<sub>1</sub> is the inductance of the first coil
- $L_2$  is the inductance of the second coil.

### Induced voltage with self and mutual inductance

$$V_1 = L_1 \frac{dI_1}{dt} - M \frac{dI_2}{dt}$$

- $V_1$  is the voltage across the inductor of interest
- $L_1$  is the inductance of the inductor of interest
- $dI_1 / dt$  is through the inductor of interest
- dl<sub>2</sub> / dt is through the inductor that is coupled to the first inductor
- *M* is the mutual inductance.

## Transformers – Voltage Ratios

 Basically a mutual inductance device between two inductors – primary and secondary

$$V_s = V_p \frac{N_s}{N_p}$$

- $V_s$  is the voltage across the secondary inductor
- V<sub>p</sub> is the voltage across the primary inductor (the one connected to a power source)
- $N_s$  is the number of turns in the secondary inductor
- $N_p$  is the number of turns in the primary inductor.

### Transformers – Current Ratios

$$I_s = I_p \frac{N_p}{N_s}$$

- *I<sub>s</sub>* is the current through the secondary inductor
- *I<sub>p</sub>* is the current through the primary inductor (the one connected to a power source)
- N<sub>s</sub> is the number of turns in the secondary inductor
- $N_p$  is the number of turns in the primary inductor
- Note Power  $I_P V_P = I_S V_S$  is conserved in an IDEAL transformer
- In real transformers there is loss heat

#### Self-inductance





#### Applications and calculations

• There are many cases where self and mutual inductance are important.



(a) Resisitor with current *i* flowing from *a* to *b*: potential drops from *a* to *b*.



(b) Inductor with *constant* current *i* flowing from *a* to *b*: no potential difference.



(c) Inductor with *increasing* current *i* flowing from *a* to *b*: potential drops from *a* to *b*.



(d) Inductor with *decreasing* current *i* flowing from *a* to *b*: potential increases from *a* to *b*.



### **Magnetic field energy**

• Your car uses the collapse of the magnetic field in a transformer to create the spark in your sparkplug.



#### The R-L circuit

• The LR circuit is like the RC circuit from capacitance. In a capacitor energy was stored in the electric field. In an inductor energy is stored in the magnetic field.





### R-L circuit II

- LR and RC circuits both have a time constant. For RC  $\tau$ = RC for LR  $\tau$  = L/R
- Recall reactance for a capacitor and inductor are:
- $Z_C = 1/i \omega C$
- $Z_L = i \omega L$



#### **The L-C circuit**

#### • Electric and magnetic field energy transfer



#### Applications and comparisons

Table 30.1Oscillation of a Mass-<br/>Spring System Compared<br/>with Electrical Oscillation<br/>in an L-C Circuit

#### **Mass-Spring System**



#### **Inductor-Capacitor Circuit**

Magnetic energy 
$$= \frac{1}{2}Li^2$$
  
Electric energy  $= q^2/2C$   
 $\frac{1}{2}Li^2 + q^2/2C = Q^2/2C$   
 $i = \pm \sqrt{1/LC}\sqrt{Q^2 - q^2}$   
 $i = dq/dt$   
 $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$   
 $q = Q\cos(\omega t + \phi)$ 



#### **The L-R-C circuit - Dissipation**

 In an ideal L-R-C circuit the only dissipation is through the resistor. The L and C have no dissipation and are lossless. The resistor converts the electrical energy into heat. Thus decay of voltage and current.



