Chapter 32

Inductance

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- 1797 1878
- American physicist
- First director of the **Smithsonian**
- Improved design of electromagnet
- Constructed one of the first motors
- Discovered self-inductance
- Unit of inductance is named in his honor

Some Terminology

- Use *emf* and *current* when they are caused by batteries or other sources
- Use *induced emf* and *induced current* when they are caused by changing magnetic fields
- When dealing with problems in electromagnetism, it is **important to distinguish between the two situations**

Self-Inductance

- When the switch is closed, **the current does not immediately reach its maximum value**
- **Faraday's law** can be used to **describe the effect**

Self-Inductance, 2

- As the **current increases with time**, the **magnetic flux** through the circuit loop **due to this current also increases with time**
- This **increasing flux** creates **an induced emf in the circuit**

Self-Inductance, 3

- The **direction of the induced emf** is such that it **would cause an induced current** in the loop which **would establish a magnetic field opposing the change** in **the original magnetic field**
- The **direction of the induced emf** is **opposite the direction of the emf of the battery**
- This **results in a gradual increase** in **the current to its final equilibrium value**

Self-Inductance, 4

- This effect is called **self-inductance**
	- Because **the changing flux** through the circuit and the **resultant induced emf arise from the circuit itself**
- The **emf ε^L** is called a **self-induced emf**

Self-Inductance, Equations

- **An induced emf** is **always proportional** to **the time rate of change of the current**
	- The **emf** is proportional to the flux, which is proportional to the field and the field is proportional to the current

$$
\varepsilon_{L}=-L\frac{dI}{dt}
$$

 L is a constant of proportionality called the **inductance** of the coil and it depends on the **geometry of the coil and other physical characteristics**

Inductance of a Coil

• A closely spaced coil of N turns carrying current *I* has **an inductance of**

$$
L = \frac{N\Phi_B}{I} = -\frac{\varepsilon_L}{dI/dt}
$$

- Note, $\varepsilon_{\text{L}} = -d\Phi_{\text{L}}/dt$ and $\varepsilon_{\text{L}} = -L\frac{dI}{dt}$ *dt* $=-l$
- **The inductance** is a **measure of the opposition to a change** in current

Inductance Units

The SI unit of inductance is the **henry** (H)

$$
1H=1\frac{V\cdot s}{A}
$$

• Named for Joseph Henry

Inductance of a Solenoid

- Assume a **uniformly wound solenoid having** *N* **turns and length ℓ**
	- Assume ℓ is much greater than the radius of the solenoid
- The **flux through each turn of area** *A* is

$$
\Phi_B = BA = \mu_o n I A = \mu_o \frac{N}{\ell} I A
$$

Inductance of a Solenoid, cont

The inductance is

$$
L = \frac{N\Phi_B}{I} = \frac{\mu_o N^2 A}{\ell}
$$

 This shows that **L depends on the geometry of the object**

RL Circuit, Introduction

- A circuit element that has a large selfinductance is called an **inductor**
- The circuit symbol is **000**
- We assume the self-inductance of the rest of the circuit is negligible compared to the inductor
	- However, even without a coil, a circuit will have some self-inductance

Effect of an Inductor in a Circuit

- The **inductance results in a back emf**
- Therefore, the **inductor in a circuit** opposes changes in current in that circuit.
	- **The inductor** attempts to **keep the current the same way** it was before the change occurred
	- **The inductor** can cause the circuit **to be "sluggish"** as it reacts to changes in the voltage

RL **Circuit, Analysis**

- **An** *RL* **circuit contains an inductor and a resistor**
- **Assume S²** is connected to **a**
- When switch S₁ is **closed (at time** $t = 0$ **, the current begins to increase**
- At the same time, **a back emf is induced** in the inductor that **opposes the original increasing current**

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FIGURE

Active Figure 32.2 (a)

Use the active figure to set R and L and see the effect on the current

RL **Circuit, Analysis, cont.**

 Applying Kirchhoff's loop rule to the previous circuit **in the clockwise** direction gives

$$
\varepsilon - IR - L\frac{dI}{dt} = 0
$$

Looking at **the current**, we find

$$
I=\frac{\varepsilon}{R}\Big(1-e^{-Rt/L}\Big)
$$

RL **Circuit, Analysis, Final**

- The inductor **affects the current exponentially**
- The current **does not instantly increase** to its final equilibrium value
- **If there is no inductor, the exponential term goes to zero** and the current would instantaneously reach its maximum value as expected

RL Circuit, Time Constant

• The expression for the current can also be expressed in terms of the time constant, τ , of the circuit

$$
I=\frac{\varepsilon}{R}\Big(1-e^{-t/\tau}\Big)
$$

- where $\tau = L/R$
- **Physically, τ is the time required for the current to reach 63.2% of its maximum value**

RL **Circuit, Current-Time Graph, (1)**

- The **equilibrium value of the current is** ε *R* and is reached as *t* **approaches infinity**
- The current initially increases very rapidly
- The current then gradually approaches the equilibrium value
- Use the active figure to watch the graph

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RL **Circuit, Current-Time Graph, (2)**

- The time rate of change of the current is a **maximum at** $t = 0$
- It falls off exponentially as *t* approaches infinity
- In general,

$$
\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{\varepsilon}{L} e^{-t/\tau}
$$

- **Now set S² to position b**
- The circuit now contains **just the right hand loop**
- **The battery** has been eliminated
- The expression for the **current becomes**

$$
I=\frac{\varepsilon}{R}e^{-\frac{t}{\gamma}}=I_{i}e^{-\frac{t}{\gamma}}
$$

Active Figure 32.2 (b)

Use the active figure to change the values of R and L and watch the result on the graph

Energy in a Magnetic Field

- **In a circuit with an inductor**, **the battery must supply more energy** than in a circuit without an inductor
- Part of the energy supplied by the battery appears as internal energy in **the resistor**
- The remaining energy is stored in the magnetic field of **the inductor**

Energy in a Magnetic Field, cont.

Looking at **this energy (in terms of rate)**

$$
I\epsilon = I^2 R + L I \frac{dI}{dt}
$$

- **I** is the rate at which energy is being supplied by the battery
- **I**²**R** is the rate at which the energy is being delivered to the resistor
- Therefore, **LI (dI/dt)** must be the rate at which the energy is being stored in the magnetic field

Energy in a Magnetic Field, final

- Let *U* **denote the energy stored in the inductor at any time**
- The rate at which the energy is stored is $\frac{dU}{dt} = L I \frac{dI}{dt}$ *dt dt*
- To find **the total energy**, integrate:

$$
U = L \int_0^l I \, dl = \frac{1}{2} L l^2
$$

Energy Density of a Magnetic Field

Given $U = \frac{1}{2} L l^2$ and assume (for simplicity) a solenoid with $L = \mu_0 n^2 V$

$$
U = \frac{1}{2} \mu_o n^2 V \left(\frac{B}{\mu_o n}\right)^2 = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_o} V
$$

 Since **V is the volume** of the solenoid, **the** magnetic energy density, $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{u}}_{\mathsf{B}}$ is $U = \frac{1}{2} \mu_o n^2 V \left(\frac{B}{\mu_o n}\right)^2$
Since **V is the volume** of the
**magnetic energy density, u_E
** $u_B = \frac{U}{V} = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_o}$ **
This applies to any region in w
exists (not just the solenoid)**

$$
U_B = \frac{U}{V} = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_o}
$$

• This applies to any region in which a magnetic field exists (not just the solenoid)

Energy Storage Summary

- A resistor, inductor and capacitor all store energy through different mechanisms
	- Charged capacitor
		- Stores energy as electric potential energy
	- Inductor
		- When it carries a current, stores energy as magnetic potential energy
	- Resistor
		- Energy delivered is transformed into internal energy

Example: The Coaxial Cable

- **Calculate L for the cable**
- The total flux is

$$
\Phi_B = \int B \ dA = \int_a^b \frac{\mu_o I_e}{2\pi r} dr
$$

$$
= \frac{\mu_o I \ell}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)
$$
Therefore, L is

$$
L = \frac{\Phi_B}{I} = \frac{\mu_o \ell}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)
$$

Mutual Inductance

- The magnetic flux through the area enclosed by a circuit often varies with time because of time-varying currents in nearby circuits
- This process is known as *mutual induction* because it depends on the interaction of two circuits

Mutual Inductance, 2

- The current in coil 1 sets up a magnetic field
- Some of the magnetic field lines pass through coil 2
- Coil 1 has a current I_1 and N_{1} turns
- $\bullet\,$ Coil 2 has N_{2} turns

Mutual Inductance, 3

• The **mutual inductance** M₁₂ of **coil 2** with respect to **coil 1** is

$$
M_{12} \equiv \frac{N_2 \Phi_{12}}{I_1}
$$

 Mutual inductance depends on the geometry of both circuits and on their orientation with respect to each other

Induced emf in Mutual Inductance

• If current *I*₁ varies with time, the emf **induced** by coil 1 in coil 2 is

$$
\varepsilon_2 = -N_2 \frac{d\Phi_{12}}{dt} = -M_{12} \frac{dI_1}{dt}
$$

- If the current is in coil 2, there is a mutual inductance M_{21}
- If current 2 varies with time, the emf induced by coil 2 in coil 1 is

$$
\varepsilon_1=-M_{21}\frac{dI_2}{dt}
$$

Mutual Inductance, Final

- In mutual induction, the emf induced in one coil is always proportional to the rate at which the current in the other coil is changing
- The mutual inductance in one coil is equal to the mutual inductance in the other coil

$$
\bullet \qquad \qquad M_{12} = M_{21} = M
$$

• The induced emf's can be expressed as
\n
$$
\varepsilon_1 = -M \frac{dI_2}{dt} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_2 = -M \frac{dI_1}{dt}
$$

LC **Circuits**

- A capacitor is connected to an inductor in an LC circuit
- Assume the capacitor is initially charged and then the switch is closed
- Assume no resistance and no energy losses to radiation

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Oscillations in an *LC* **Circuit**

- Under the previous conditions, the current in the circuit and the charge on the capacitor oscillate between maximum positive and negative values
- With zero resistance, no energy is transformed into internal energy
- Ideally, the oscillations in the circuit persist indefinitely
	- The idealizations are no resistance and no radiation

Oscillations in an *LC* **Circuit, 2**

- The capacitor is fully charged
	- The energy U in the circuit is stored in the electric field of the capacitor
	- The energy is equal to Q^2_{max} / 2C
	- The current in the circuit is zero
	- No energy is stored in the inductor
- The switch is closed

Oscillations in an *LC* **Circuit, 3**

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- The current is equal to the rate at which the charge changes on the capacitor
	- As the capacitor discharges, the energy stored in the electric field decreases
	- Since there is now a current, some energy is stored in the magnetic field of the inductor
	- Energy is transferred from the electric field to the magnetic field

Oscillations in an *LC* **Circuit, 4**

- Eventually, the capacitor becomes fully discharged
	- It stores no energy
	- All of the energy is stored in the magnetic field of the inductor
	- The current reaches its maximum value
- The current now decreases in magnitude, recharging the capacitor with its plates having opposite their initial polarity

Oscillations in an *LC* **Circuit, final**

- The capacitor becomes fully charged and the cycle repeats
- The energy continues to oscillate between the inductor and the capacitor
- The total energy stored in the LC circuit remains constant in time and equals

$$
U = U_C + U_L = \frac{Q^2}{2C} + \frac{1}{2}LI^2
$$

- The potential energy $\frac{1}{2}kx^2$ stored in the spring is analogous to the electric potential energy ($\rm{Q_{max}}$)²/(2C) stored in the capacitor
- All the energy is stored in the capacitor at $t = 0$
- This is analogous to the spring stretched to its amplitude

- The kinetic energy $(\frac{1}{2}mv^2)$ of the spring is analogous to the magnetic energy $(\frac{1}{2} L)^2$ stored in the inductor
- At $t = \frac{1}{4}$ T, all the energy is stored as magnetic energy in the inductor
- The maximum current occurs in the circuit
- This is analogous to the mass at equilibrium

- At $t = \frac{1}{2}T$, the energy in the circuit is completely stored in the capacitor
- The polarity of the capacitor is reversed
- This is analogous to the spring stretched to -A

- At t = $\frac{3}{4}$ T, the energy is again stored in the magnetic field of the inductor
- This is analogous to the mass again reaching the equilibrium position

- At $t = T$, the cycle is completed
- The conditions return to those identical to the initial conditions
- At other points in the cycle, energy is shared between the electric and magnetic fields

Active Figure 32.11

Use the active figure to adjust the values and L and C and see the effects on the current

Time Functions of an *LC* **Circuit**

- In an LC circuit, charge can be expressed as a function of time
	- $Q = Q_{\text{max}} \cos (\omega t + \varphi)$
	- This is for an ideal LC circuit
- The angular frequency, ω , of the circuit depends on the inductance and the capacitance
	- It is the natural frequency of oscillation of the circuit

$$
\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}
$$

Time Functions of an *LC* **Circuit, 2**

• The current can be expressed as a function of time

$$
I=\frac{dQ}{dt}=-\omega Q_{max}\sin(\omega t+\varphi)
$$

• The total energy can be expressed as a function of time

$$
U = U_{C} + U_{L} = \frac{Q_{max}^{2}}{2c} \cos^{2} \omega t + \frac{1}{2} L I_{max}^{2} \sin^{2} \omega t
$$

Charge and Current in an *LC* **Circuit**

- The charge on the capacitor oscillates between Q_{max} and -*Q*max
- The current in the inductor oscillates between I_{max} and $-I_{\text{max}}$
- Q and *I* are 90° out of phase with each other
	- So when *Q* is a maximum, *I* is zero, etc.

Energy in an *LC* **Circuit – Graphs**

- The energy continually oscillates between the energy stored in the electric and magnetic fields
- When the total energy is stored in one field, the energy stored in the other field is zero

Notes About Real *LC* **Circuits**

- In actual circuits, there is always some resistance
- Therefore, there is some energy transformed to internal energy
- Radiation is also inevitable in this type of circuit
- The total energy in the circuit continuously decreases as a result of these processes

The *RLC* **Circuit**

- A circuit containing a resistor, an inductor and a capacitor is called an *RLC* **Circuit**
- Assume the resistor represents the total resistance of the circuit

Active Figure 32.15

Use the active figure to adjust R, L, and C. Observe the effect on the charge

RLC **Circuit, Analysis**

- The total energy is not constant, since there is a transformation to internal energy in the resistor at the rate of *dU*/*dt* = -*I* ²*R*
	- Radiation losses are still ignored
- The circuit's operation can be expressed as

$$
L\frac{d^2Q}{dt^2} + R\frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{Q}{C} = 0
$$

RLC **Circuit Compared to Damped Oscillators**

- The *RLC* circuit is analogous to a damped harmonic oscillator
- \bullet When $R = 0$
	- The circuit reduces to an *LC* circuit and is equivalent to no damping in a mechanical oscillator

RLC **Circuit Compared to Damped Oscillators, cont.**

- When R is small:
	- The RLC circuit is analogous to light damping in a mechanical oscillator
	- $Q = Q_{max} e^{-Rt/2L} \cos \omega_d t$
	- \bullet ω_d is the angular frequency of oscillation for the circuit and

$$
\omega_d = \left[\frac{1}{LC} - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2\right]^{1/2}
$$

RLC **Circuit Compared to Damped Oscillators, final**

- When R is very large, the oscillations damp out very rapidly
- There is a critical value of R above which no oscillations occur

$$
R_{C}=\sqrt{4L/C}
$$

- If R = R_c, the circuit is said to be *critically damped*
- When R > R_C, the circuit is said to be *overdamped*

Damped *RLC* **Circuit, Graph**

- The maximum value of *Q* decreases after each oscillation
	- $R < R_C$
- This is analogous to the amplitude of a damped spring-mass system

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Summary: Analogies Between Electrical and Mechanic Systems

TABLE 32.1

Analogies Between Electrical and Mechanical Systems

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