# Chapter 32

#### Inductance

#### **Joseph Henry**

- 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



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#### 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  $\epsilon_L$  is called a self-induced emf

#### **Self-Inductance, Equations**



- An <u>induced emf</u> is always proportional to the time rate of change of the current
  - The <u>emf</u> 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 / has an inductance of

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

- Note,  $\varepsilon_{L} = -d\Phi_{L}/dt$  and  $\varepsilon_{L} = -L\frac{dI}{dt}$
- 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 ?
  - 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 <u>-000</u>—
- 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 <u>inductor in a circuit</u> 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 S<sub>2</sub> is connected to a
- When switch S<sub>1</sub> 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









#### 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

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

# **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

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

- 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 ɛ/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,

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





- Now set S<sub>2</sub> to position b
- The circuit now contains just the right hand loop
- The battery has been eliminated
- The expression for the current becomes

$$I = \frac{\varepsilon}{R} e^{-t/\tau} = I_i e^{-t/\tau}$$







### 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 <u>as internal energy</u> 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)

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

- Iε is the rate at which energy is being supplied by the battery
- I<sup>2</sup>R is the rate at which the energy is being delivered to the resistor
- Therefore, LI (dl/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

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = LI \frac{dI}{dt}$$

• To find the total energy, integrate:

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

#### **Energy Density of a Magnetic Field**

Given U = ½ L I<sup>2</sup> and assume (for simplicity) a solenoid with L = μ<sub>o</sub> n<sup>2</sup> 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, u<sub>B</sub> is

$$u_{B} = \frac{U}{V} = \frac{B^{2}}{2\mu_{o}}$$

• 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

$$\Phi_{B} = \int B \, dA = \int_{a}^{b} \frac{\mu_{o} I}{2\pi r} \ell \, dr$$
$$= \frac{\mu_{o} I \ell}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$
Therefore L is

• 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<sub>1</sub> and N<sub>1</sub> turns
- Coil 2 has N<sub>2</sub> turns





#### Mutual Inductance, 3

 The mutual inductance M<sub>12</sub> 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<sub>1</sub> 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

$$M_{12} = M_{21} = M_{21}$$

• The induced emf's can be expressed as

$$\varepsilon_1 = -M \frac{dI_2}{dt}$$
 and  $\varepsilon_2 = -M \frac{dI_1}{dt}$ 

#### **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**

- 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 ½kx<sup>2</sup> stored in the spring is analogous to the electric potential energy (Q<sub>max</sub>)<sup>2</sup>/(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 (½ mv<sup>2</sup>) of the spring is analogous to the magnetic energy (½ L l<sup>2</sup>) stored in the inductor
- At t = ¼ 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 = ½ 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 = ¾ 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
  - $Q = Q_{max} \cos (\omega t + \varphi)$
  - This is for an ideal LC circuit
- The angular frequency,  $\omega$ , of the circuit depends on the inductance and the capacitance
  - It is the natural frequency of oscillation of the circuit

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

### 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

$$U = U_C + U_L = \frac{Q_{max}^2}{2c}\cos^2\omega t + \frac{1}{2}LI_{max}^2\sin^2\omega t$$

#### Charge and Current in an LC Circuit

- The charge on the capacitor oscillates between Q<sub>max</sub> and -Q<sub>max</sub>
- The current in the inductor oscillates between I<sub>max</sub> and -I<sub>max</sub>
- 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 <u>continuously</u> <u>decreases</u> 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
- 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
- $Q = Q_{max} e^{-Rt/2L} \cos \omega_d t$
- $\omega_d$  is the angular frequency of oscillation for the circuit and

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

#### **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



#### Summary: Analogies Between Electrical and Mechanic Systems



#### **TABLE 32.1**

Analogies Betwee	n Electrical	and Mechanical	Systems
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Electric Circuit		One-Dimensional Mechanical System
Charge	$Q \leftrightarrow x$	Position
Current	$I \leftrightarrow v_x$	Velocity
Potential difference	$\Delta V \leftrightarrow F_x$	Force
Resistance	$R \leftrightarrow b$	Viscous damping coefficient
Capacitance	$C \leftrightarrow 1/k$	(k = spring constant)
Inductance	$L \leftrightarrow m$	Mass
Current = time derivative of charge	$I = \frac{dQ}{dt}  \leftrightarrow  v_x = \frac{dx}{dt}$	Velocity = time derivative of position
Rate of change of current = second time derivative of charge	$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{d^2Q}{dt^2} \iff a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$	Acceleration = second time derivative of position
Energy in inductor	$U_L = \frac{1}{2}LI^2 \iff K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$	Kinetic energy of moving object
Energy in capacitor	$U_C = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C}  \leftrightarrow  U = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$	Potential energy stored in a spring
Rate of energy loss due to resistance	$I^2R \leftrightarrow bv^2$	Rate of energy loss due to friction
<i>RLC</i> circuit	$L\frac{d^2Q}{dt^2} + R\frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{Q}{C} = 0 \iff m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + b\frac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0$	Damped object on a spring

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