Induction and Inductance



The term inductance was coined by Oliver Heaviside in February 1886. Chapter 13-14 Induction and Inductance

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Power and Mutual Induction

David J. Starling Penn State Hazleton PHYS 212 We have seen electric flux:

$$\Phi_E = \int ec{E} \cdot dec{A}$$

But we can define the magnetic flux in the same way:

$$\Phi_B = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

- ► This is the flux through a *loop of wire*
- If \vec{B} is uniform and perpendicular to the loop: $\Phi_B = BA$
- Magnetic flux has units of T m², also called the weber (Wb)

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Faraday's Law of Induction

What happens if I increase the flux through some loop?



- Current flows in the wire!
- ► The faster we change the flux, the bigger the current
- We induce an emf \mathcal{E} in the loop:

$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

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What if there are *N* turns in my loop (solenoid)?

• Each turn has an induced emf, so we get:

$$\mathcal{E} = -N \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

- We can change Φ_B by
 - Increasing/decreasing the magnetic field B
 - ► Increasing/decreasing the area A
 - Changing the tilt between \vec{B} and \vec{A}

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Faraday's Law of Induction

The induced emf in a loop is due to an electric field pushing charges around!

- Work done: $W = q\mathcal{E}$
- Also work done: $W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = q \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$
- Therefore: $\mathcal{E} = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$
- So Faraday's Law becomes:

$$\mathcal{E} = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$



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Lecture Question 13.1

The ring is rotated clockwise at a constant rate. Which graph best represents Φ_B ?



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So what's with the negative sign?

$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

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- The change in flux induces a current
- The induced current creates a magnetic field
- This induced magnetic field fights the change in flux
- There is an *opposition* to the change

The magnet's motion creates a magnetic dipole that opposes the motion. Chapter 13-14 Induction and Inductance

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For an increasing \vec{B} field

For a decreasing \vec{B} field







(b)

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Lecture Question 13.2

A coil of wire approaches a long current at a constant speed.



- (a) A current is induced in the coil.
- (b) The rectangle will be pulled in the direction of the current in the wire.
- (c) A magnetic force acts on the loop that pushes the loop into the page.
- (d) There is no effect on the coil.

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When we put a solenoid in a circuit, how does the circuit behave?

- ► If we pass a current through a solenoid, it produces a magnetic field, B = µ₀ni
- The flux through the solenoid is $\Phi_B = BA$
- ► If the solenoid has *N* loops, the "total flux" through the whole solenoid is $N\Phi_B$, called **magnetic flux linkage**
- ► The ratio of this total flux to the current is the inductance *L*:

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

• Compare to *C*:

$$C = \frac{q}{V}$$

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For an ideal solenoid,

$$L = \frac{N\Phi_B}{i} = \frac{(nl)(BA)}{i} = \frac{nl(\mu_0 ni)A}{i} = \mu_0 n^2 lA$$

- The inductance has units of T-m²/A, which we call a henry (H).
- Let's apply Faraday's Law to an inductor:

$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{d(N\Phi_B)}{dt} = -\frac{d(Li)}{dt} = -L\frac{di}{dt}$$

- Apparently, an inductor produces its own emf
- ► This is called **self inductance**

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In a circuit,

- ► an inductor acts similarly to a battery, producing an emf $\mathcal{E}(t) = -L di/dt$;
- we include it in the loop rule.



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

▶ What is *i*?

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Charging up the current:

The solution to

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

is

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

 $\blacktriangleright \ \tau_L = L/R.$

• Compare to the RC circuit: $V = \mathcal{E} \left(1 - e^{-t/\tau} \right)$ The resistor's potential difference turns on. The inductor's potential difference turns off.



t (ms) (b)

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0 2 4 6 8

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Dis-charging the current:

► The solution to

$$\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i = 0$$

is

$$i(t) = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R}e^{-t/\tau_L}$$

► $\tau_L = L/R$.

• Compare to the RC circuit: $V = \mathcal{E}e^{-t/\tau}$ The resistor's potential difference turns on. The inductor's potential difference turns off.





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Key points:

- The inductor is slow to react
- Initially, the current is zero
- Eventually, it provides no resistance
- This process is exponential with $\tau = L/R$

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Consider a loop of wire being pushed at a speed *v*:



- An emf is induced in the loop
 - $\mathcal{E} = d\Phi_B/dt = d(BLx)/dt = BLdx/dt = BLv$
- The resulting current is $i = \mathcal{E}/R = BLv/R$
- The resulting force is $F = iLB\sin(90^\circ) = B^2L^2v/R$
- Power is just P = Fv, so

$$P = \frac{B^2 L^2 v^2}{R}$$

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In fact, even if it's just a slab of metal, this emf still generates currents:



These are called eddy-currents

The eddy currents cause a force to oppose the motion

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What if we put two coils next to each other?



- The magnetic field from coil 1 changes the flux through coil 2 Φ₂₁
- This induces a current in coil 2
- This is called **mutual inductance**:

$$M = \frac{N_2 \Phi_{21}}{i_1} = \frac{N_1 \Phi_{12}}{i_2}$$

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The mutual inductance

$$M = \frac{N_2 \Phi_{21}}{i_1} = \frac{N_1 \Phi_{12}}{i_2}$$

gives rise to an induced emf:

$$\mathcal{E}_2 = -M rac{di_1}{dt}$$

 $\mathcal{E}_1 = -M rac{di_2}{dt}$

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Lecture Question 13.4

In each of the three cases shown, a time-varying current is flowing through the larger coil that produces a magnetic field. Which orientation has the largest mutual inductance?



- (a) Case A
- (b) Case B
- (c) Case C
- (d) All the same
- (e) Not enough information

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