

b) 
$$\begin{cases} I_1 = \bar{I} = -I_2 \\ \varepsilon' = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 \end{cases} = -L_1 \frac{d\bar{I}}{dt} - M \frac{d\bar{I}}{dt} - L_2 \frac{d\bar{I}}{dt} - M \frac{d\bar{I}}{dt}$$

Same sign  
↑  
(1) and (2)

$$\varepsilon' = -(L_1 + 2M + L_2) \frac{d\bar{I}}{dt}$$

This is equivalent to a single coil with:

$$L' = L_1 + L_2 + 2M$$

c)  $I_1 = \bar{I}_2 = -\bar{I}$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon'' = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 &= -L_1 \frac{d\bar{I}}{dt} - M \frac{d\bar{I}}{dt} + L_2 \frac{d\bar{I}}{dt} + M \frac{d\bar{I}}{dt} = \\ &= -(L_1 - L_2 - 2M) \frac{d\bar{I}}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

$$L'' = L_1 - L_2 - 2M$$

The self-inductance must be positive (otherwise any change in  $I$  would result in more current in the same direction... against Lenz's Law, against energy conservation)

Therefore

$$L' > L'' \geq 0, \quad M \leq \frac{L_1 + L_2}{2}$$