



EE2029 - Introduction to Electrical Energy Systems

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# Line Conductors

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# Electromagnetic Background

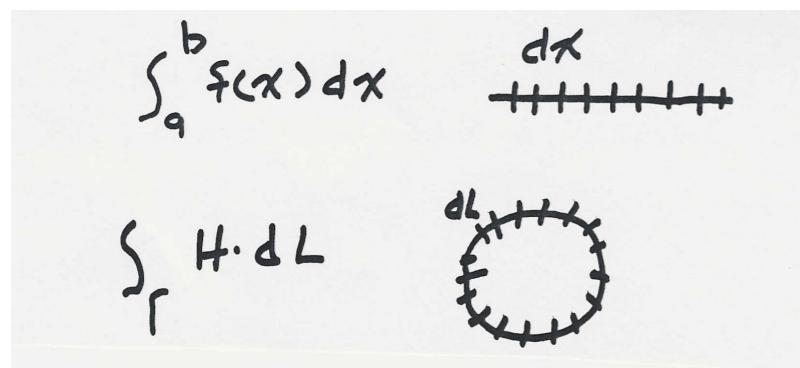
# Ampere's Circuital Law

- The law states the relationship between a **current** and the **magnetic field** created by it.

- Line integral of magnetic field intensity ( $H$ ) along an imaginary closed path is equal to the product of current ( $I$ ) enclosed by the path and permeability of the medium.

$$mmf = \oint H dl = I$$

- $dl$  = vector differential path length
- Line integral is a *generalisation* of traditional integration.



Integration along the x-axis

Integration along a general path, which may be closed.

# Magnetic Flux Density

- Magnetic fields are usually measured in terms of flux density ( $B$ ).

$$B = \mu H$$

- $\mu$  is the permeability, i.e.,  $\mu = \mu_0 \mu_r$
- $\mu_0$  is the permeability of free space (constant)  $= 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$
- $\mu_r$  is the relative permeability of the material to free space, e.g. 1 for air.
- Magnetic flux is a measurement of total magnetic field passing through a given area.
  - A useful tool for helping to describe effects of magnetic force on something occupying a given area.
  - Total flux ( $\phi$ ) passing through a surface  $A$  is  $\phi = \int_A \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$ 
    - where  $d\mathbf{a}$  = vector with direction *normal* to surface.

# Example: Magnetic Field of Single Wire

Assume we have an infinitely long wire with current of 1000A. How much magnetic flux passes through a 1 meter square, located between 4 and 5 meters from the wire?

$$MMF = \oint H dl = I$$

curved SA of cylinder =  $2\pi r L$

$\therefore \oint H dl = 2\pi r$

In this case,

$$MMF = 2\pi r H = I$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{I}{2\pi r} \quad (1)$$

$$\phi = \int_A B da = \int_A MH da = \int_A M_0 M_r H da$$

(air)  $H = M_r H$

Sub. (1) in.

$$= \int_4^5 M_0 \frac{I}{2\pi r} dr$$

$$= \left[ M_0 \frac{I}{2\pi} \ln r \right]_4^5$$

$$= M_0 \frac{I}{2\pi} (\ln 5 - \ln 4)$$

$$= 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \left( \frac{1000}{2\pi} \right) [\ln 5 - \ln 4]$$

$$= 4.46 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Wb}$$

# Faraday's Law of Induction

- Induced electromotive force (V) in any closed circuit is equal to the negative of time rate of change of magnetic flux enclosed by the circuit.

$$V = \frac{d\lambda}{dt} = \frac{d(N\phi)}{dt}$$

- Flux linkages ( $\lambda$ ) is the amount of flux *linking* an  $N$  turn coiled.
  - For simplicity, we assume the flux links to all turns and there are no leakages.
- Flux linkages can be related to **inductance** for RLC circuit analysis.
  - For a linear magnetic system, i.e.  $B = \mu H$ , inductance ( $L$ ) can be defined as the constant relating the current to the flux linkage.

$$L = \lambda / I$$

# Flux Linkages of Single Conductor

- To development models of transmission lines, we first need to determine the inductance of a single, infinitely long wire.
- To do this we need to determine the wire's total flux linkage, including
  - Flux linkages **outside** of the wire
  - Flux linkages **within** the wire (skin effect)
- Assume that the current density within the wire is uniform and that the wire has a radius of  $r$ .

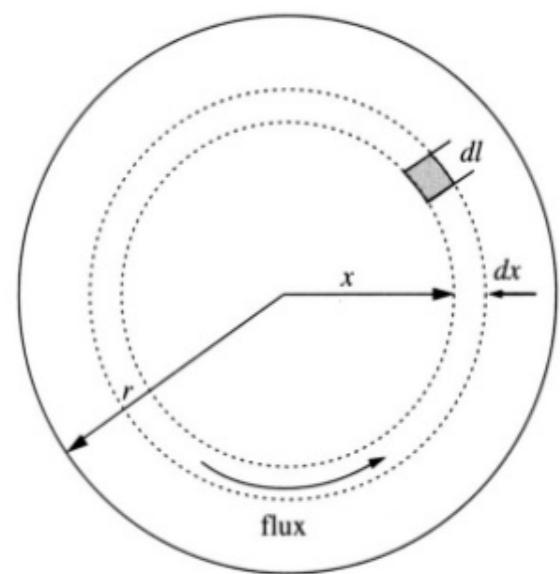
$$\oint H_x dl = I_x \Rightarrow 2\pi x H_x = I_x$$

$$I_x = \frac{\pi x^2}{\pi r^2} I$$

only possible since  
current density is uniform

$$H_x = \frac{x}{2\pi r^2} I \Rightarrow B_x = \mu H_x = \frac{\mu x I}{2\pi r^2}$$

, where  $x$ =any distance into  
the wire.

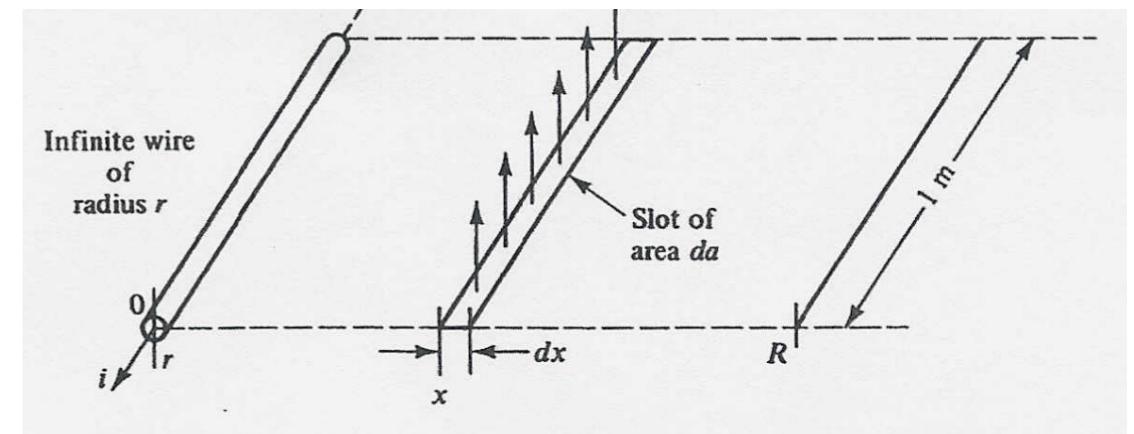


# Flux Linkages Outside of Conductor

- Suppose a wire is a single loop that is closed at infinity  $\rightarrow \lambda = \phi$  as  $N=1$ .
- Flux linking the wire out to a distance of  $R$  from the centre of the wire is:

$$\phi = \int_A B da = \text{length} \int_r^R \mu_0 \frac{I}{2\pi x} dx$$

$$\lambda = \phi = l \int_r^R \mu_0 \frac{I}{2\pi x} dx$$



- Since length is infinity, we can represent the expression as per unit length.

$$\frac{\lambda}{l} = \phi = \int_r^R \mu_0 \frac{I}{2\pi x} dx = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} I \ln \frac{R}{r}$$

distance from centre  
 radius of wire  
 flux linkages per unit L.

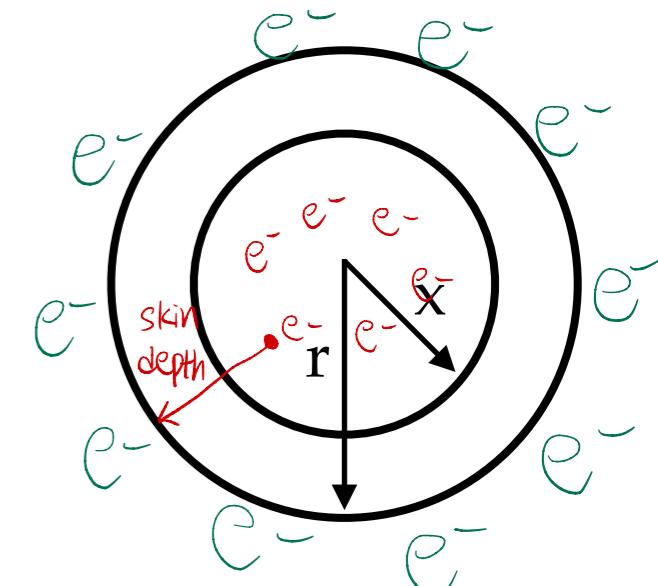
divide by  $L$ .

# Flux Linkages Inside of Conductor

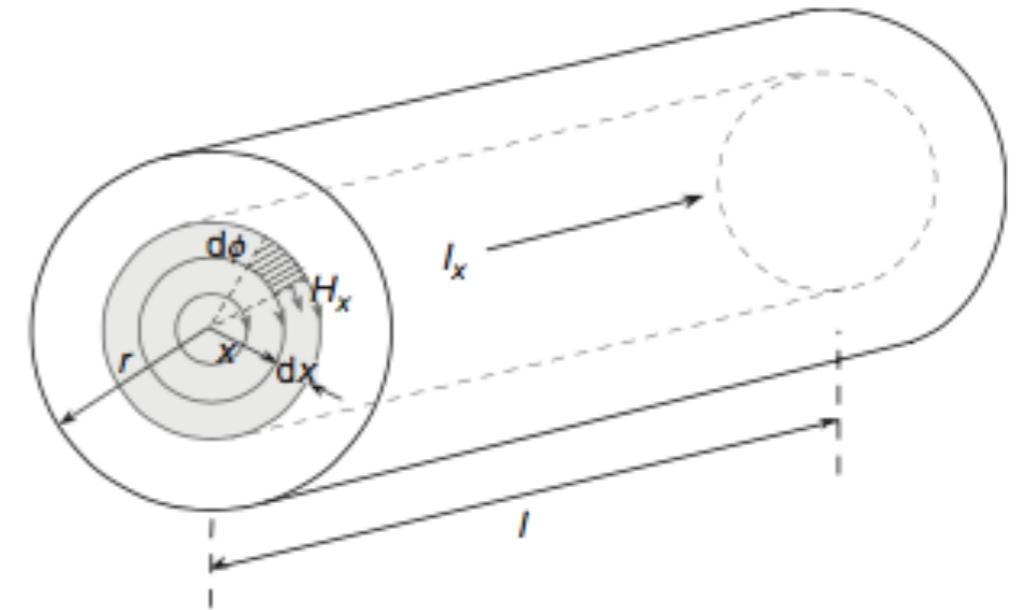
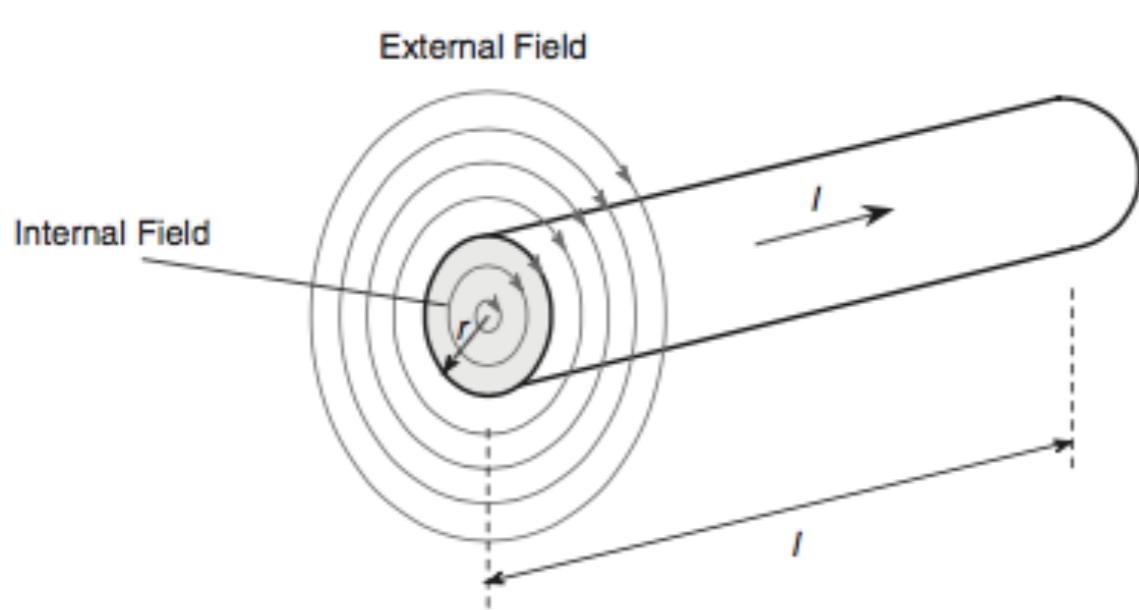
- Current inside conductor tends to travel on the surface of conductor due to **skin effect**. The penetration of current into the conductor is approximated using the **skin depth**.

$$s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu \sigma}}$$

- $f$  is the frequency, and  $\sigma$  is the conductivity.
- For copper wire, skin depth is about  $0.066 \text{ m} / \sqrt{f} \approx 0.0093 \text{ m}$
- For simplicity, assume a uniform current density.
- Current enclosed within a distance  $x$  of centre:  $I_e = \frac{\pi x^2}{\pi r^2} I$ ,  $H_x = \frac{I_e}{2\pi x} = \frac{Ix}{2\pi r^2}$
- Flux only links part of the current:  $\lambda_{inside} = \int_0^r \mu \frac{Ix}{2\pi r^2} \frac{x^2}{r^2} dx = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \int_0^r \frac{Ix^3}{r^4} dx = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_r}{8\pi} I$



# Flux Linkages Inside of Wire



$$I_e = \frac{\pi x^2}{\pi r^2} I, \quad H_x = \frac{I_e}{2\pi x} = \frac{Ix}{2\pi r^2}$$

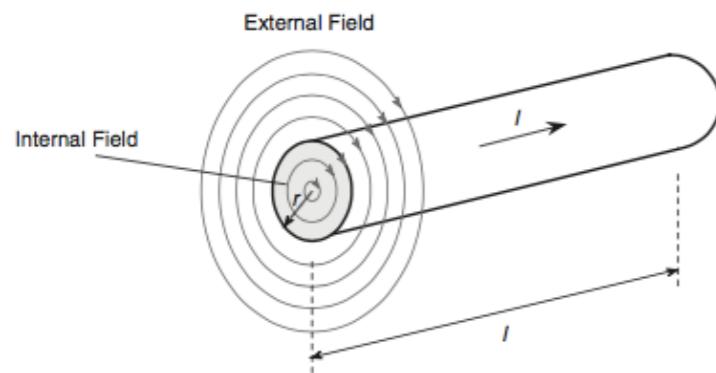
$$\lambda_{inside} = \int_0^r \mu \frac{Ix}{2\pi r^2} \frac{x^2}{r^2} dx = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \int_0^r \frac{Ix^3}{r^4} dx = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_r}{8\pi} I$$

$$\lambda_{inside} = \frac{I}{2} \times 10^{-7} \quad \text{given} \quad \mu_r = 1 \quad \& \quad \mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m} \quad \Rightarrow L_{inside} = \frac{1}{2} \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$$

$$L = \frac{\lambda}{I}$$

# Line Total Flux and Inductance

- In summary:



$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{total} &= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} I \ln \frac{R}{r} + \frac{\mu_0 \mu_r}{8\pi} I \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} I \left( \ln \frac{R}{r} + \frac{\mu_r}{4} \right) \\ L &= \underline{\underline{\frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left( \ln \frac{R}{r} + \frac{\mu_r}{4} \right)}}\end{aligned}$$

**External + Internal**

- Inductance can be simplified using the following identities:

Useful identities

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \ln(ab) = \ln a + \ln b, \\ \ln \frac{a}{b} = \ln a - \ln b, \\ a = \ln(e^a) \end{array} \right.$$

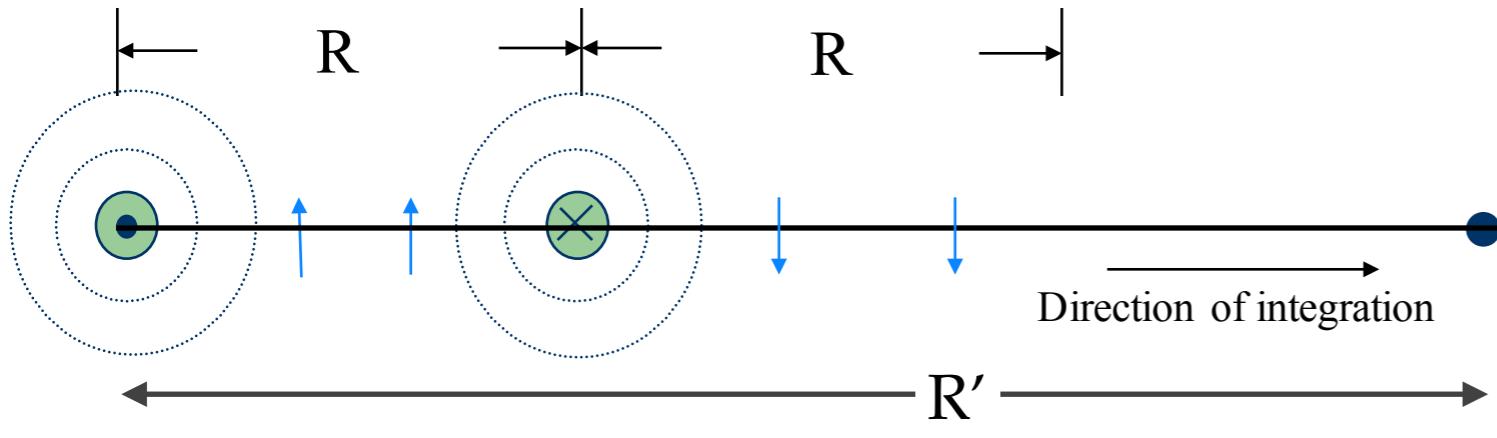
$$\begin{aligned}L &= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left( \ln \frac{R}{r} + \frac{\mu_r}{4} \right) = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left( \ln R - \left( \ln r + \ln e^{-\frac{\mu_r}{4}} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left( \ln R - \ln \left( r e^{-\frac{\mu_r}{4}} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln \frac{R}{r'} \\ &= \underline{\underline{2 \times 10^{-7} \ln \frac{R}{r'}}}\end{aligned}$$

$$r' = r e^{-\frac{\mu_r}{4}} \approx 0.78r \text{ for } \mu_r = 1$$

# Conductor Modeling

# Two Conductor Line Inductance

- Consider the case of two wires, each carrying the same current ( $I$ ), but in opposite directions. The wires are separated by distance ( $R$ ).
  - To determine the inductance of each conductor, apply integration as before. In this case, there will be some field cancellation due to the opposite flow of current.
  - Integrate for the left to an arbitrary distance of  $R'$ , the total flux linkages are:



$$\lambda_{left} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} I \ln \frac{R'}{r'} - \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} I \ln \left( \frac{R'-R}{R} \right)$$

**Left Current**

**Right Current**

where  $r' = re^{-\frac{\mu_r}{4}}$

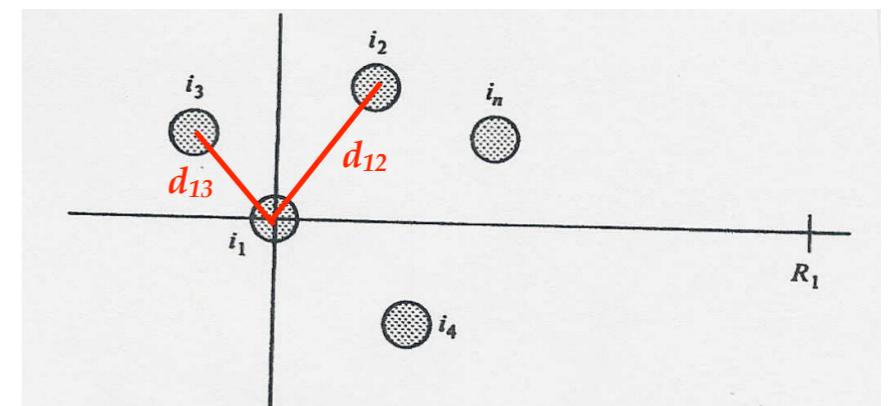
$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_{left} &= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} I \ln \frac{R'}{r'} - \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} I \ln \left( \frac{R'-R}{R} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} I \left( \ln \frac{R'}{r'} - \ln \left( \frac{R'-R}{R} \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} I \left( \ln R' - \ln r' - \ln(R'-R) + \ln R \right) \\
 &= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} I \left( \ln \frac{R}{r'} + \ln \frac{R'}{R'-R} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} I \left( \ln \frac{R}{r'} \right) \text{ as } R' \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

# Multiple Conductors

- Assume there are  $k$  conductors, each with current  $i_k$ , arranged in an arbitrary geometry. How to find flux linkages of each wire?
  - Each conductor's flux linkage,  $\lambda_k$ , depends upon its own current and the current in all the other conductors.
  - To derive  $\lambda_1$ , the same approach is taken by integrating from conductor 1 along the right along the axis.

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left[ i_1 \ln \frac{R_1}{r'_1} + i_2 \ln \frac{R_2}{d_{12}} + \dots + i_n \ln \frac{R_n}{d_{1n}} \right]$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left[ i_1 \ln \frac{1}{r'_1} + i_2 \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + \dots + i_n \ln \frac{1}{d_{1n}} \right] + \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left[ i_1 \ln R_1 + i_2 \ln R_2 + \dots + i_n \ln R_n \right]$$



# Multiple Conductors

- As  $R_1$  goes to infinity,  $R_1 = R_2 = \dots = R_n$  yielding the following relation:

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left[ i_1 \ln \frac{1}{r'_1} + i_2 \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + \dots + i_n \ln \frac{1}{d_{1n}} \right] + \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n i_j \right) \ln R_1$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left[ i_1 \ln \frac{1}{r'_1} + i_2 \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + \dots + i_n \ln \frac{1}{d_{1n}} \right]$$

$$\lambda_1 = L_{11}i_1 + L_{12}i_2 + \dots + L_{1n}i_n$$

- Flux linkages of each conductor will consist of *self* and *mutual* inductances.
- Mutual elements only exist in *unbalanced system*, where the influence from the three-phase currents is not zero.

# Example - Line Inductance

Calculate the per-phase reactance for a balanced three-phase, 50 Hz transmission line with a conductor geometry of an equilateral triangle with  $D = 5\text{m}$ ,  $r = 1.24\text{ cm}$  (Rook conductor) and a length of 5 km. Assume the system is balanced, i.e.  $i_1 + i_2 + i_3 = 0$ . Note that  $D = R$  for this problem.

Since balanced system :  $i_a + i_b + i_c = 0$  balanced system.

$$\Rightarrow i_a = -(i_b + i_c)$$

$$\lambda_a = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left[ i_a \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{D} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{D} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left[ i_a \ln \frac{1}{r'} - i_a \ln \frac{1}{D} \right]$$

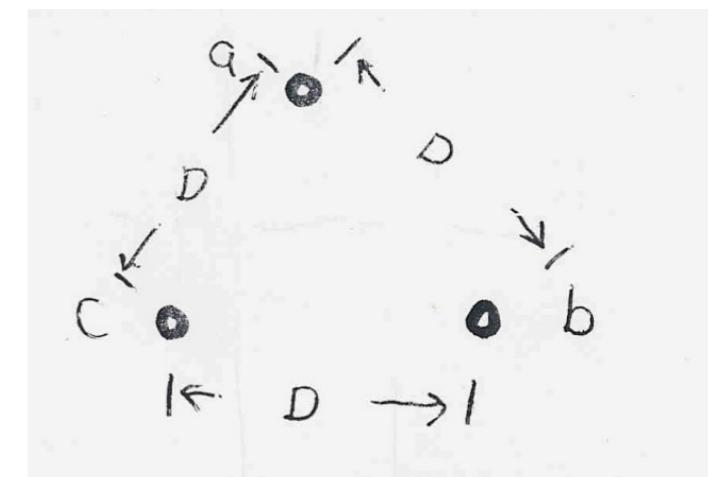
$$= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} i_a \left( \ln \frac{1}{r'} - \ln \frac{1}{D} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} i_a \ln \left( \frac{D}{r'} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow L_a = \frac{\lambda_a}{i_a} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{D}{r'} \right) = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{D}{re^{-Mr/4}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{2\pi} \ln \left[ \frac{5}{0.0124 e^{-1.4}} \right]$$

$$= 1.25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ H/m}$$



For Per unit length:

$$X_a = \omega L_a = 2\pi f L_a = 2\pi (50)(1.25 \times 10^{-6})$$

per unit length!

$$= 3.93 \times 10^{-4} \Omega/\text{m}$$

$\therefore$  For  $l = 5\text{km}$ :

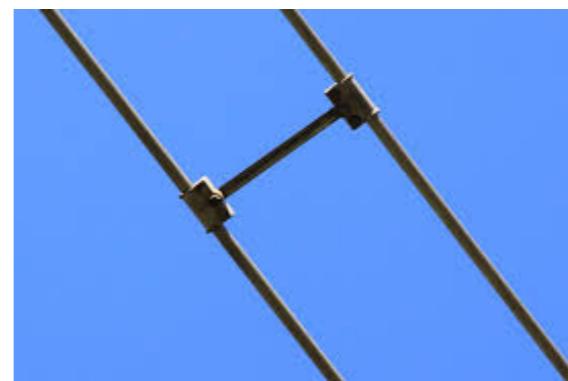
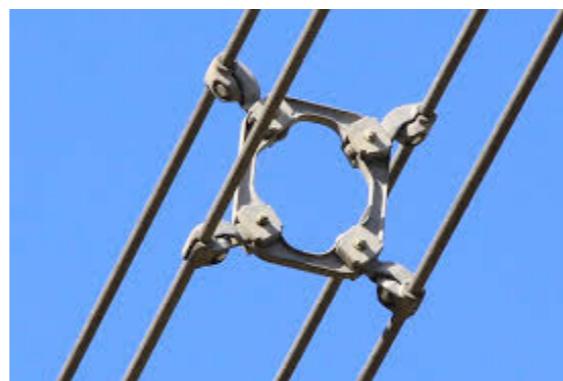
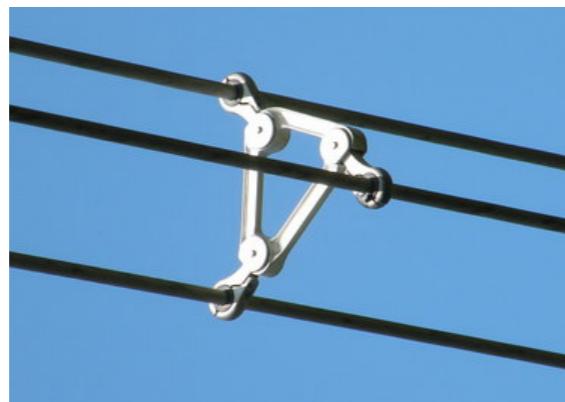
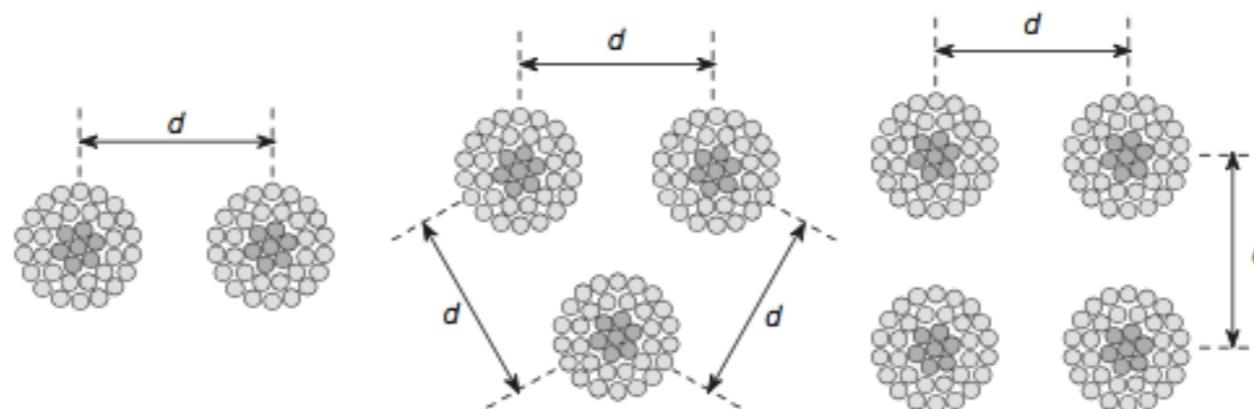
$$X_{a,\text{total}} = 3.93 \times 10^{-4} (5 \times 10^3)$$

$$= 1.96 \Omega$$

# Bundled Conductors

# Conductor Bundling (>110kV)

- To increase the capacity of high voltage transmission lines it is very common to use **a number of conductors per phase**.
  - This is known as conductor bundling.
  - Typical values are two conductors for 345 kV lines, three for 500 kV, and four for 765 kV.



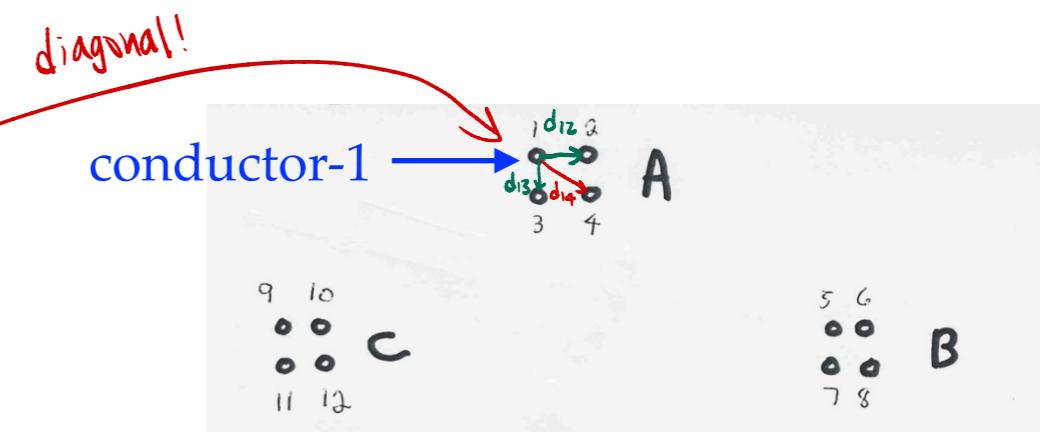
# Bundled Conductor Flux Linkages

- Define  $d_{ij}$  as the distance between conductors  $i$  and  $j$ .  $\lambda$  for each conductor can be defined as:

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{i_a}{4} \left( \ln \frac{1}{r'} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{13}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{14}} \right) + \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{i_b}{4} \left( \ln \frac{1}{d_{15}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{16}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{17}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{18}} \right) + \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{i_c}{4} \left( \ln \frac{1}{d_{19}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{110}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{111}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{112}} \right) \right]$$



- Simplified:

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left[ i_a \ln \left( \frac{1}{(r' d_{12} d_{13} d_{14})^{1/4}} \right) + \right.$$

$$\left. i_b \ln \left( \frac{1}{(d_{15} d_{16} d_{17} d_{18})^{1/4}} \right) + \right.$$

$$\left. i_c \ln \left( \frac{1}{(d_{19} d_{110} d_{111} d_{112})^{1/4}} \right) \right]$$

→ GMR ("radius" per phase)

→ GMD (distance of one conductor to another phase)

# Bundled Inductance

- For a balanced system:  $D_{ab} = D_{ac} = D_{bc} = D$  &  $i_a = -i_b - i_c$
- We can derive the inductance from the flux linkage in previous slide:

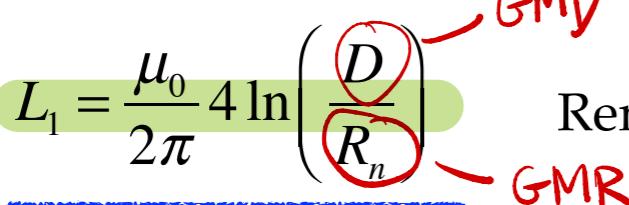
$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \left[ i_a \ln\left(\frac{1}{R_n}\right) - i_a \ln\left(\frac{1}{D}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} i_a \ln\left(\frac{D}{R_n}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} 4I_1 \ln\left(\frac{D}{R_n}\right)$$

$$L_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} 4 \ln\left(\frac{D}{R_n}\right)$$

Remember  $D = \text{GMD}$  &  $R_n = \text{GMR}$



- Each bundle has  $n$  conductors  $\rightarrow L_a = L_1/n \rightarrow L_a = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{D}{R_n}\right)$

Inductance per phase per unit length in a transmission line

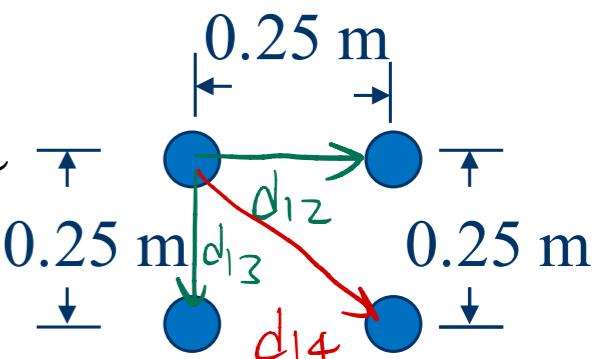
# Example - Bundled Inductance

$$D = GMD = 5 \text{ m}$$

Consider the previous example of the three-phase lines that are symmetrically spaced 5 meters apart using conductors with a radius of  $r = 1.24 \text{ cm}$ . However, now assume each phase has 4 conductors arranged in a square bundle, and spaced by 0.25 meters apart. What is the new inductance per meter?

$$r' = r e^{-\frac{M\pi r}{4}} = 0.0124 e^{-\frac{M\pi r}{4}} = 9.67 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$R_n = GMR = (r' d_{12} d_{13} d_{14})^{1/4} = [9.67 \times 10^{-3} (0.25) (0.25) (\sqrt{0.25^2 + 0.25^2})]^{1/4} = 0.12 \text{ m}$$



$$D = GMD = 5 \text{ m}$$

$$L_a = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{D}{R_n}\right) = \frac{4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{2\pi} \ln\left[\frac{5}{0.12}\right] = 7.46 \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$$

# ACSR Data Table

**TABLE A8.1.** BARE ALUMINUM CONDUCTORS, STEEL REINFORCED (ACSR)  
ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF MULTILAYER SIZES (Cont'd)

Code Word	Size (kcmil)	Stranding Al/St.	Number of Aluminum Layers	Resistance				GMR (ft)	Phase-to-Neutral, 60 Hz Reactance at One ft Spacing		
				dc 20°C (Ohms/Mile)	ac-60 Hz				Inductive Ohms/Mile $X_a$	Capacitive Megohm-Miles $X'_a$	
					25°C (Ohms/Mile)	50°C (Ohms/Mile)	75°C (Ohms/Mile)				
Flicker	477	24/7	2	0.1889	0.194	0.213	0.232	0.0283	0.432	0.0992	
Hawk	477	26/7	2	0.1883	0.193	0.212	0.231	0.0290	0.430	0.0988	
Hen	477	30/7	2	0.1869	0.191	0.210	0.229	0.0304	0.424	0.0980	
Osprey	556.5	18/1	2	0.1629	0.168	0.184	0.200	0.0284	0.432	0.0981	
Parakeet	556.5	24/7	2	0.1620	0.166	0.183	0.199	0.0306	0.423	0.0969	
Dove	556.5	26/7	2	0.1613	0.166	0.182	0.198	0.0313	0.420	0.0965	
Eagle	556.5	30/7	2	0.1602	0.164	0.180	0.196	0.0328	0.415	0.0957	
Peacock	605	24/7	2	0.1490	0.153	0.168	0.183	0.0319	0.418	0.0957	
Squab	605	26/7	2	0.1485	0.153	0.167	0.182	0.0327	0.415	0.0953	

GMR is equivalent to  $r'$

Inductance and Capacitance  
assume a  $D_m$  of 1 ft

$$\overline{1}$$

$$1 \text{ ft} \approx 0.3 \text{ m}$$

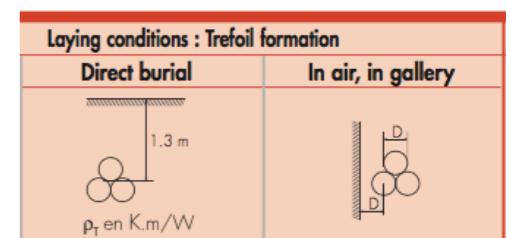
$$1 \text{ inch} \approx 0.0254 \text{ m}$$

# Singaporean Environment

	Single Phase	Three Phase	Aluminium screen																Copper wire/lead sheath				Copper wire/alu sheath				Corrugated Alu sheath				Lead sheath								
Phase Conductor (Line)	Brown		Nominal section area	Conductor diameter of insulation	Thickness of insulation	DC conductor resistance at 20°C	Electrostatic capacitance	Sectional area*	Outside diameter of cable*	Weight of cable*	Sectional area*	Outside diameter of cable*	Weight of cable*	Sectional area*	Outside diameter of cable*	Weight of cable*																							
			mm <sup>2</sup>	mm	mm	Ω/km	μF/km	mm <sup>2</sup>	mm	kg/m	mm <sup>2</sup>	mm	kg/m	mm <sup>2</sup>	mm	kg/m																							
400 R	23.2	21.6	0.0470	0.14	310	85	9	145	91	16	165	87	10	480	97	10	1290	93	23	400 S	23.2	21.6	0.0470	0.14	310	85	9	145	91	16	165	87	10	480	97	10	1290	93	23
500 R	26.7	22.1	0.0366	0.15	300	90	10	135	96	18	160	92	11	510	102	11	1280	97	24	500 S	26.7	22.1	0.0366	0.15	300	90	10	135	96	18	160	92	11	510	102	11	1280	97	24
630 R	30.3	20.4	0.0283	0.17	300	90	11	135	96	19	160	92	12	510	102	12	1290	97	26	630 S	30.3	20.4	0.0283	0.17	300	90	11	135	96	19	160	92	12	510	102	12	1290	97	26
800 R	34.7	18.4	0.0221	0.20	300	90	13	135	97	21	160	93	14	510	102	14	1290	98	27	800 S	34.7	18.4	0.0221	0.20	300	90	13	135	97	21	160	93	14	510	102	14	1290	98	27
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1600 S	48.9	18.5	0.0113	0.25	300	107	23	110	114	33	150	109	24	770	121	24	1270	113	37	1600 S En	48.9	18.5	0.0113	0.25	300	107	23	110	114	33	150	109	24	770	121	24	1270	113	37
2000 S	57.2	18.5	0.0090	0.28	290	115	26	95	123	38	145	118	27	940	130	28	1280	121	40	2000 S En	57.2	18.5	0.0090	0.28	290	115	26	95	123	38	145	118	27	940	130	28	1280	121	40
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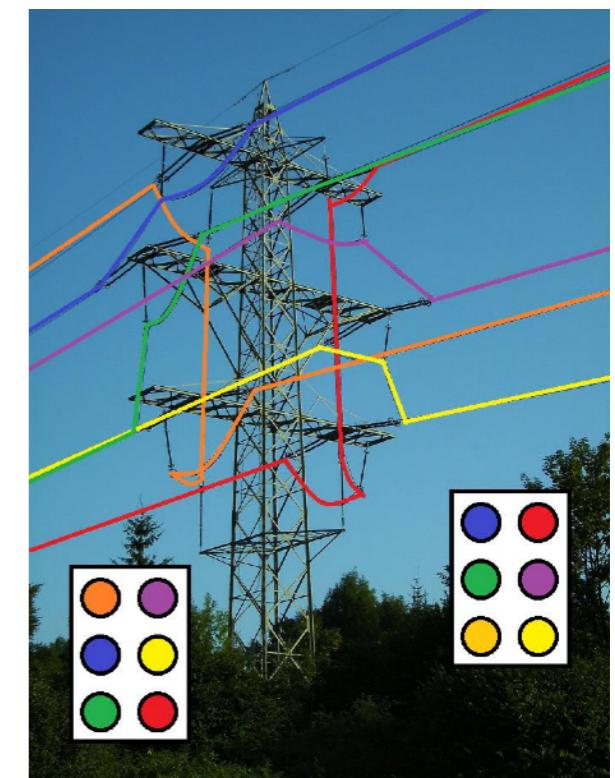
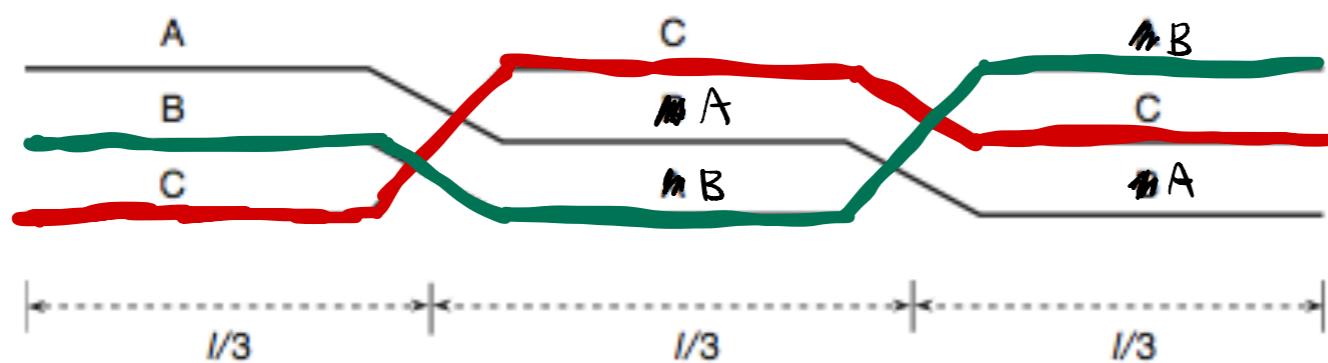
\*Indicative value

R : round stranded  
S : segmental stranded  
S En : segmental stranded enamelled



# Lines Transposition

- To keep system **balanced**, the conductors are rotated over the length of a **transmission line**. Each phase occupies each position on tower for an equal distance. This is known as **transposition**.
- An aerial view of conductor positions over the length of transmission line:



# Circuit Breaker and Conductor Sizing

- Overcurrent devices (breaker or fuse) to be sized no less than 100% of the noncontinuous load, and 125% of the continuous load.
- Conductors to be sized no less than 100% of the noncontinuous load, and 125% of the continuous load.

Example: What size branch-circuit overcurrent protection device and conductor is required for a 23A continuous load (75°C terminals)?

- Breaker current:  $23A \times 125\% = 28.75A$  or 30A
- Select conductor size (gauge) based on this current.

∴ We use the 30-Amp breaker.

