

# Inductance and Capacitance

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- What is an inductor?
  - An electrical component that opposes change in electric current
    - \* Unlike a resistor, which opposes the flow of current
  - Made by putting a coil of wire around a magnetic or non-magnetic core
  - Source of inductance is change in magnetic field
  - Current causes magnetic field and change in current causes change in magnetic field, which induces voltage in conductors (inductance)
  - Mathematical Relation

$$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

- $L$  is the inductance and its SI unit is Henry (H)
- Notice the direction of current and voltage drop
- Mathematical Relation<sup>1</sup>

$$i(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int_{t_0}^t v dt + i(t_0)$$

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<sup>1</sup>If voltage is given