



# **ELECTRICAL MACHINES(EE 554)**

## **Chapter-2 (Transformer )**

## 2.1 Introduction:

- Transformer is a static machine which transfers electrical power from one circuit to another circuit.
- The two circuits **are electrically isolated** from each other, but they are linked by **common magnetic flux**.
- While transferring the electrical power from one circuit to another circuit, the voltage level of the second circuit may be different from that of the first circuit, but the **frequency of both circuits remains same**.
- Fig.2.1 represents the block diagram of a transformer.

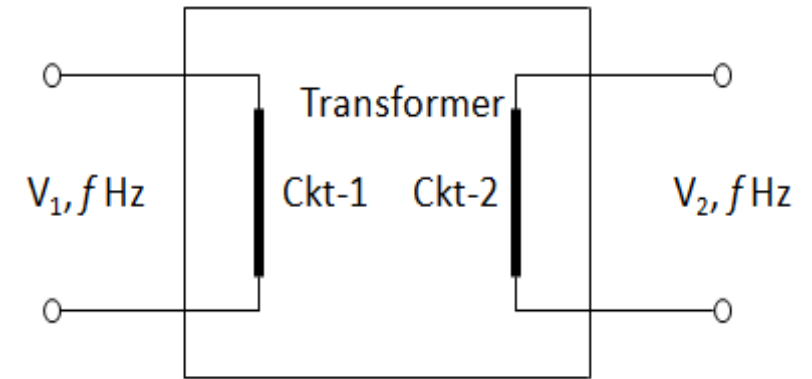


Fig.2.1 Block diagram representation of transformer

## 2.2 Basic construction and operating principle:

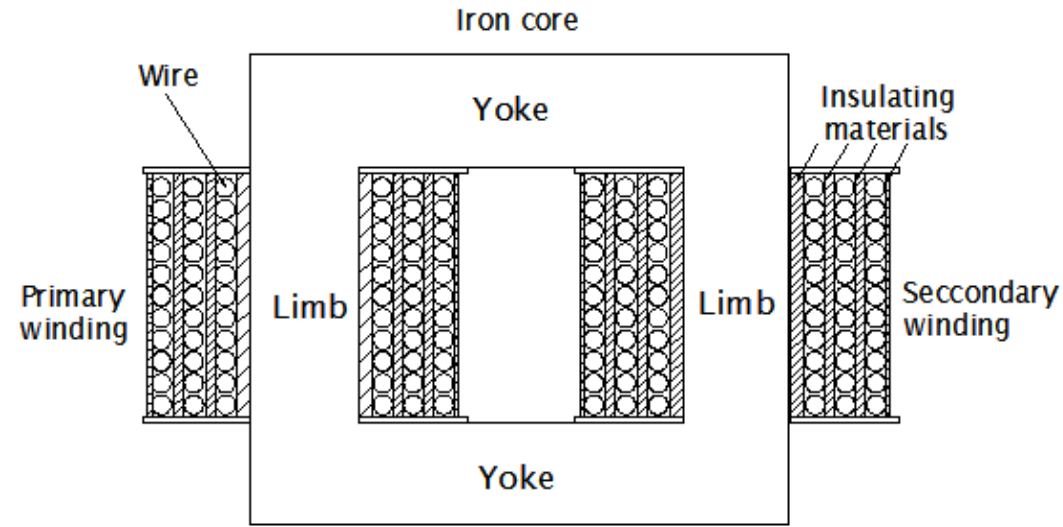


Fig.2.2 Basic construction of transformer

-Basically, a transformer consists of a rectangular window shaped iron core as shown in Fig.2.2. The horizontal part of the core is known as '**yoke**' and the vertical part of the core is known as '**limb**'.

-The core is made of **laminated silicon steel**. Two separate coils (windings) are wound on the two separate limbs of the core. The coils are made of **enamel insulated copper wire**.

## Operating principle:

When one of the winding (say a-a') is excited by ac voltage source ' $V_1$ ', then the winding will draw some current (say  $I_0$ ). If the winding is assumed to be purely inductive with zero resistance, the current  $I_0$  lags the supply  $V_1$  by  $90^\circ$  as shown in Fig.2.4.

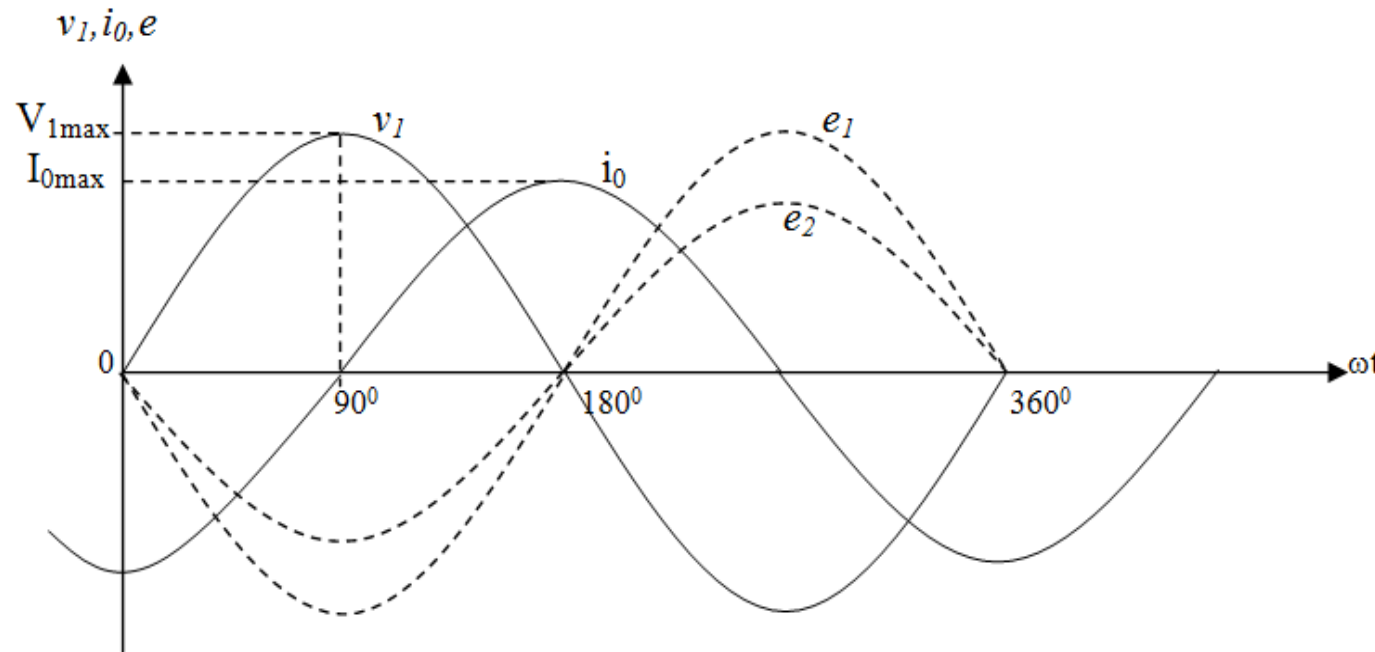
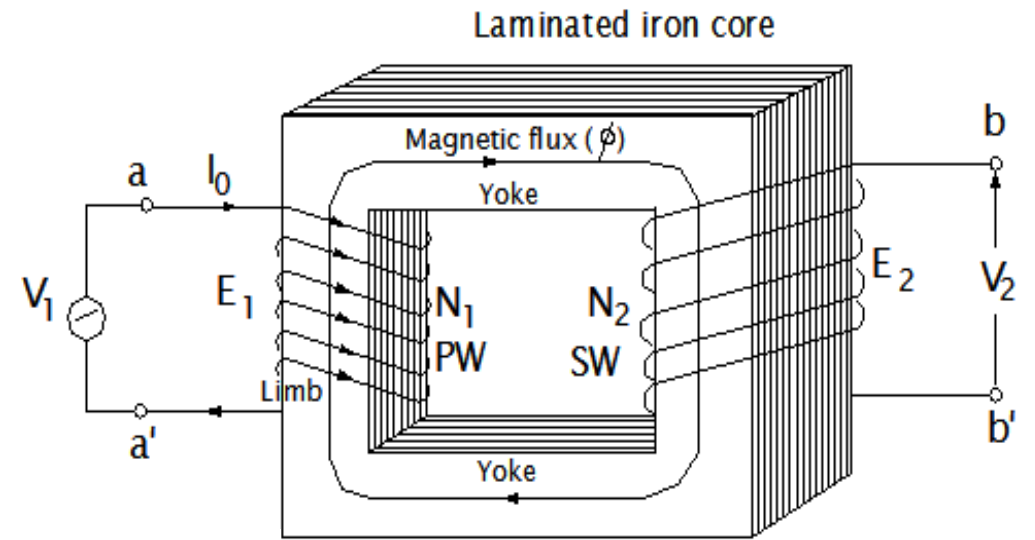


Fig.2.4.Waveforms of input voltage, no-load current and emf induced



### .2.3 Circuit representation of transformer

## Operating principle:

The iron core gets magnetized and magnetic flux will circulate through the iron core. The magnitude of magnetic flux is given by:

$$\phi = \frac{N_1 \cdot i_0}{\text{Rel}} \quad (2.1)$$

Where,  $N_1$  = Number of turns in the coil a-a'  
 $i_0$  = Instantaneous value of current through the coil a-a'  
Rel = Reluctance of the core.

Since the applied voltage  $v_1$  is alternating in nature, the current  $i_0$  also will be alternating in nature. Hence, the **magnetic flux ( $\phi$ )** also will be alternating in nature and **in phase with  $i_0$**  as shown in Fig.2.5.

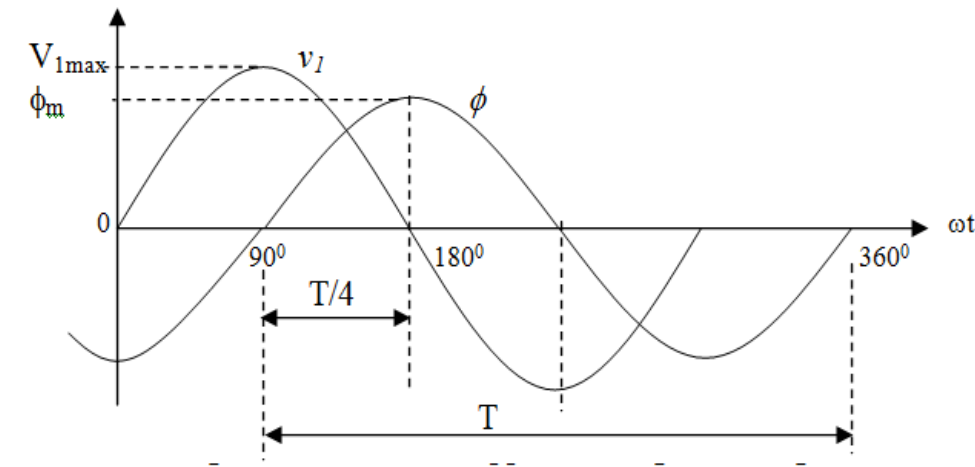
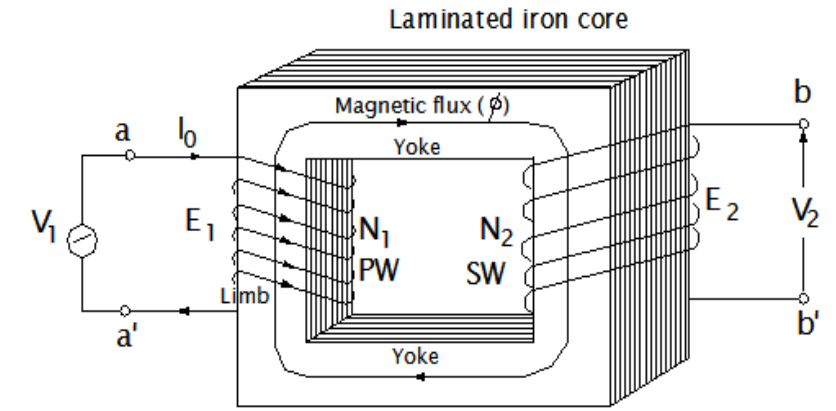
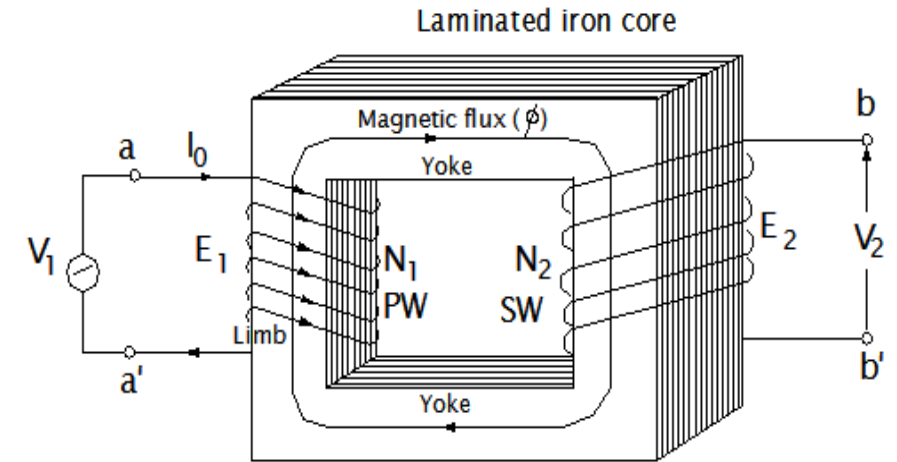


Fig.2.5 Waveforms of input voltage and magnetic flux

## Operating principle:

- The magnitude of magnetic flux in the core is changing with respect to time and it is linking with the second coil on the another limb.
- Hence, according to **Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction**, **emf ( $e_2$ )** will induce in the second coil b-b'.
- If the load is connected across the second coil, electric current will circulate through the load thus by transferring the electrical power from coil a-a' to coil b-b'.
- This is the operating principle of transformer
  - The coil, on which the supply voltage is applied, is known as **primary winding (PW)**
  - The second coil, on which the **emf ( $e_2$ ) is induced**, is known as **secondary winding (SW)**.



## Calculation of induced emf:

According to 2<sup>nd</sup> law of Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction, the average value of emf induced ( $e_2$ ) is given by:

$$E_{2(avg)} = N_2 \frac{d\phi}{dt} \quad (2.2)$$

Where,  $N_2$  = Number of turns in secondary winding

$\frac{d\phi}{dt}$  = Average rate of change of magnetic flux

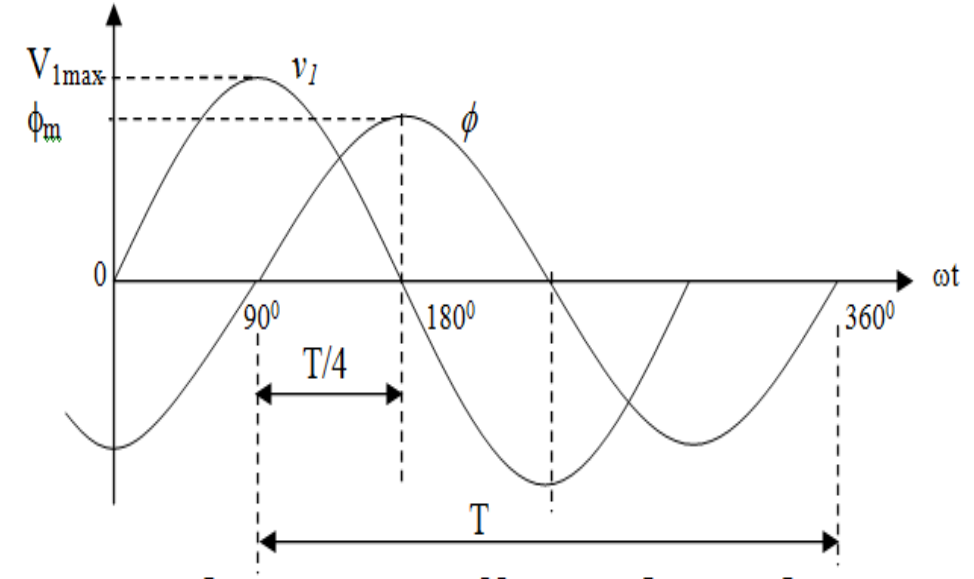
Magnetic flux changes from 0 to  $\phi_m$  in  $T/4$  sec.

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{\phi_m - 0}{T/4} = \frac{4 \cdot \phi_m}{T} = 4 f \phi_m \quad (\text{Because, } f = \frac{1}{T})$$

$$\therefore E_{2(avg)} = N_2 \frac{d\phi}{dt} = 4 N_2 f \phi_m \quad \text{For sine - wave, form factor} = \frac{\text{RMS Value}}{\text{Average Value}} = 1.11$$

$\therefore$  RMS value of emf induced in the secondary winding is given by:

$$E_2 = 4.44 N_2 f \phi_m \text{ Volt} \quad (2.3)$$



- According to the **Lenz's law** the direction of  **$e_2$**  at **every instant opposes the direction of  $v_1$**  at every instant.

- As the magnetic flux also links with the primary winding, emf ( $e_1$ ) will also induced in the primary winding.

-The direction of  $e_1$  at every **instant opposes the direction of  $v_1$**  at every instant.

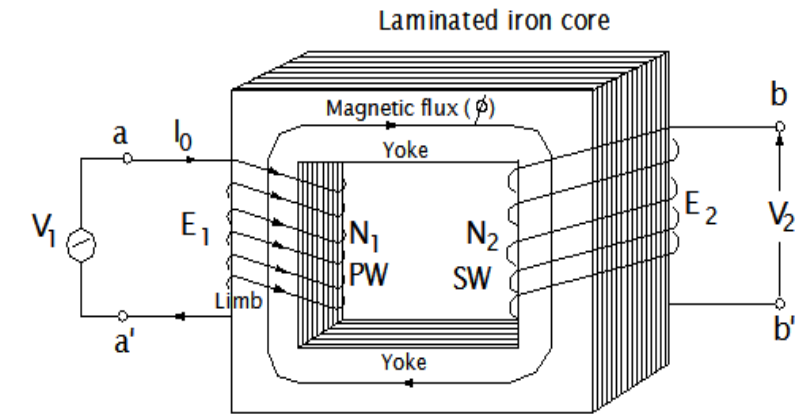
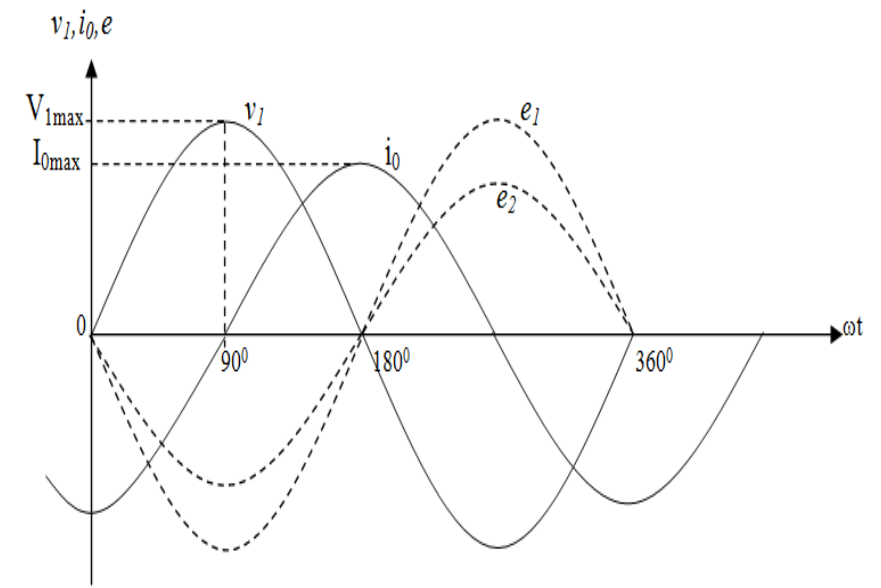
-The magnitude of emf induced in the primary winding is given by:

$$E_1 = 4.44 N_1 f \phi_m \quad (2.4)$$

Now the primary winding is under the pressure of two voltages  $V_1$  and  $E_1$ . The magnitude  $E_1$  will be little less than the magnitude of  $V_1$ . Therefore, the current  $I_0$  is given by:

$$\tilde{I}_0 = \frac{\tilde{V}_1 - \tilde{E}_1}{Z_1} \quad (2.5)$$

$$\text{OR} \quad \tilde{V}_1 - \tilde{I}_0 Z_1 = \tilde{E}_1 \quad (2.6)$$



-Where,  **$Z_1$**  is the **impedance of the primary winding**.

- Since  **$E_1$**  **opposes the flow of current  $I_0$** , it is also known as **back emf**.



**At no-load condition** (i.e. secondary winding open),

- no current flows through the secondary winding and no voltage drop take place in the secondary winding internal impedance.

**$\therefore V_2 = E_2$ , Where  $V_2$  is the load terminal voltage at secondary side.**

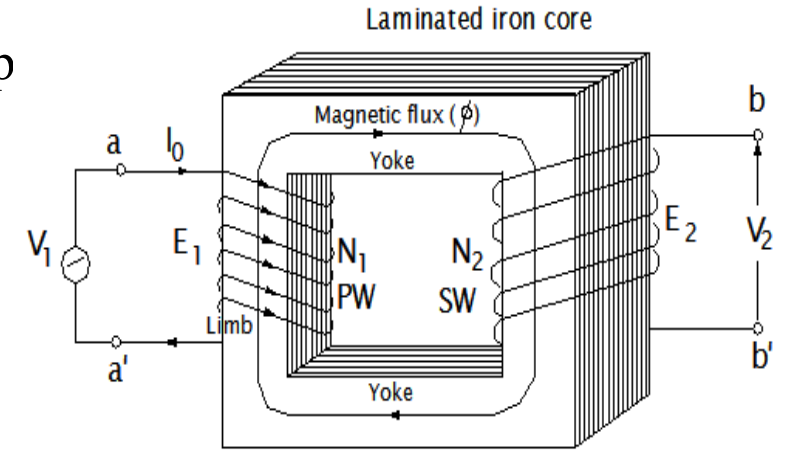
As the primary current ( $I_0$ ) at no-load condition is **very small**, the voltage drop in the internal impedance of primary winding ( $I_0 Z_1$ ) is **very small**.

$\therefore V_1 \approx E_1$  (Nearly equal)

Dividing eqn (2.3) by eqn (2.4) gives: 
$$\frac{E_2}{E_1} = \frac{4.44 N_2 f \phi_m}{4.44 N_1 f \phi_m} = \frac{N_2}{N_1} = \frac{V_2}{V_1}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{N_2}{N_1} V_1 = K \cdot V_1 \quad (2.7)$$

Where,  $K = \frac{N_2}{N_1}$  = Transformation Ratio



The magnitude of emf induced in the secondary winding depends upon the transformation ratio. The following three cases may exist:

Case-I: If  $N_2 > N_1$ , i.e.  $K > 1$ , then  $V_2 > V_1$

Such a transformer is known as **step up transformer**

Case-II: If  $N_2 < N_1$ , i.e.  $K < 1$ , then  $V_2 < V_1$

Such a transformer is known as **step down transformer**

Case-III: If  $N_2 = N_1$ , i.e.  $K = 1$ , then  $V_2 = V_1$

Such a transformer is known as **isolation transformer**

## 2.3 Ideal Transformer :

- An ideal transformer is that which has **purely inductive winding** without any resistance, **without any magnetic leakage flux** and which is **100% efficient** without any power loss within the transformer.
- This is just the mathematical realization and such transformer can not be constructed in real practice.
- The operating principle of the transformer so far explained was based on the assumption of ideal transformer.
- Now, operation of **real transformer** shall be described in the following sections.

### **Illustrative example2.1:**

The primary winding of a 50Hz transformer is supplied by 6600V and it has 520 turns. The secondary winding has 260 turns. **Calculate:** Peak value of magnetic flux in the core and Secondary voltage.

### **Solution:**

The emf induced in the primary winding is given by:

$$E_1 = 4.44 N_1 f \phi_m \text{ It is nearly equal to the applied voltage to primary winding}(V_1).$$

$$\therefore V_1 = 4.44 N_1 f \phi_m$$

$$\text{Or, Peak value of flux in the core} = \phi_m = \frac{V_1}{4.44 \times N_1 \times f} = \frac{6600}{4.44 \times 520 \times 50} = 0.0572 \text{ Wb}$$

$$\text{Secondary Voltage } V_2 = V_1 \times \frac{N_2}{N_1} = 6600 \times \frac{260}{520} = 3300V$$

## 2.4 No-Load and Loaded Operation of Real Transformer :

- When the primary winding is supplied by AC voltage source of rated voltage and frequency, keeping secondary winding open without load as shown in Fig.2.6, such a operation is known as no-load operation. The current drawn by the primary winding ( $I_0$ ) is known as no-load primary current.

- ❑ **At no-load**, output power from secondary winding is zero.
- ❑ Therefore no power is transferred from primary winding to secondary winding.
- ❑ Only emf is induced in the secondary winding.

- The power (VA) consumed by the primary winding is utilized to supply:

- No-load power loss (Active Power loss due to heating of iron core)
- Reactive Power loss to establish the magnetic flux in the core.
- Note: Active power loss  $\propto$  Current in phase with  $V_1$
- Reactive power loss  $\propto$  Current lagging by  $90^\circ$  with  $V_1$

Therefore no-load current  $I_0$  has two components as shown in the Fig.2.7.

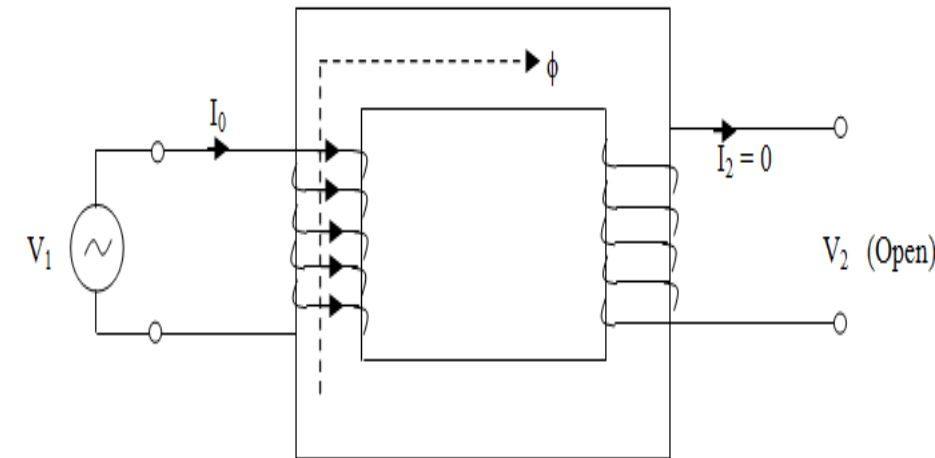


Fig.2.6 No-load operation of transformer

That means the **no-load current ( $I_0$ )** of a real transformer does not lag by  $90^\circ$  with  $V_1$  as explained in the operating principal of ideal transformer. It lags by an angle  $\phi_0$  which is less than  $90^\circ$ .

- $I_w$  = Component of  $I_0$  in phase with  $V_1$ ,  
 $I_w = I_0 \cos\phi_0$  = Loss component of  $I_0$
- $I_\mu$  = Component of  $I_0$  which lags  $V_1$  by  $90^\circ$ ,  
 $I_\mu = I_0 \sin\phi_0$  = Magnetizing component of  $I_0$

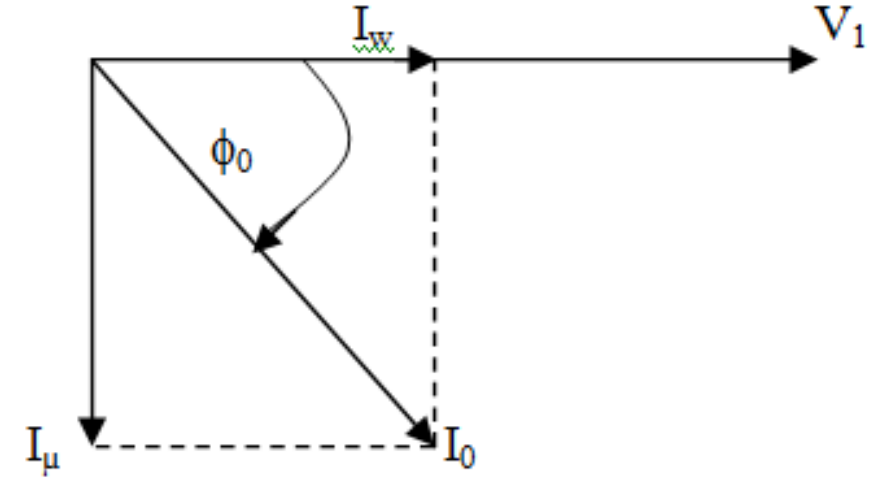


Fig.2.7 Phasor diagram for no-load operation

The active power consumed by transformer at no-load is given by:

$$W_0 = V_1 I_0 \cos\phi_0 = V_1 I_w \text{ Watts} \quad (2.8)$$

- This power will be lost within the transformer in **heating the iron core**. Hence,  $W_0$  is known as no-load power loss or iron loss of the transformer.
- Therefore, the component  $I_w$  is responsible for producing heat loss in the iron core.
- $\cos\phi_0$  is known as **no-load power factor** of the transformer.

The reactive power consumed by transformer at no-load is given by:

$$W_0 = V_1 I_0 \sin \phi_0 = V_1 I_\mu \text{ Vars} \quad (2.9)$$

This reactive power is utilized to maintain magnetic flux in the core. Therefore, the component  $I_\mu$  is responsible for maintaining magnetic flux in the iron core. Here it shall be noted that only reactive power can establish magnetic flux in magnetic circuit excited by AC voltage.

From the phasor diagram, it can be written as:

$$I_0 = \sqrt{I_w^2 + I_\mu^2} \quad (2.10)$$

**When the transformer is loaded** as shown in Fig.2.8, Current ( $I_2$ ) will flow through the secondary winding. Now the secondary mmf  $N_2 I_2$  will set up its own magnetic flux  $\phi_2$ , whose direction will be opposite to main flux  $\phi$ . (as per Lenz's law)

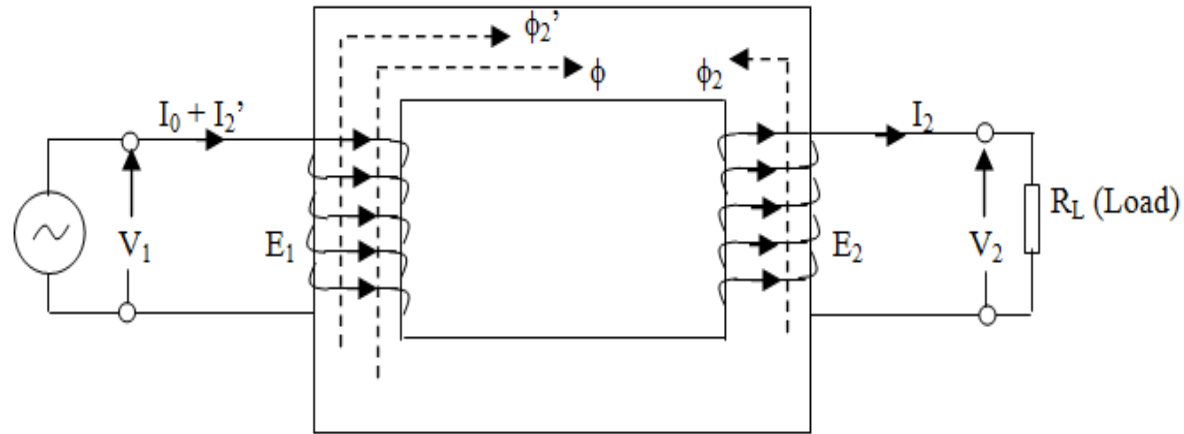


Fig.2.8 Loaded operation of transformer

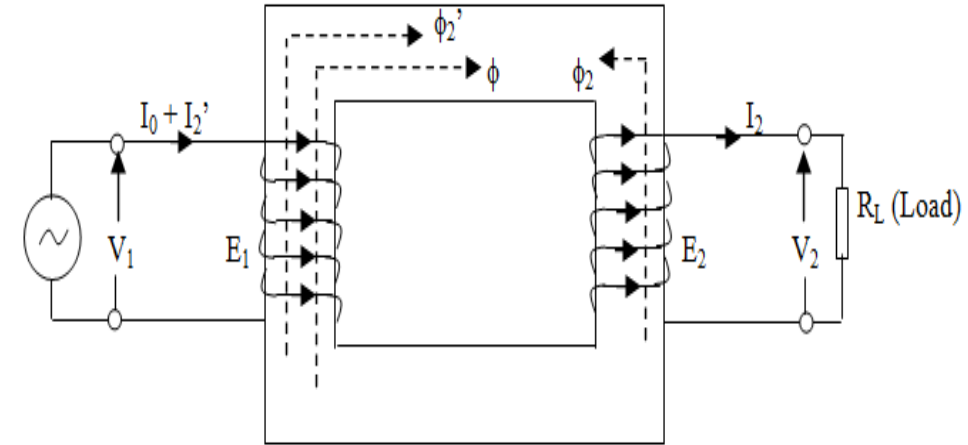
-At no-load, the output volt-amp ( $V_2 I_2$ ) is equal to zero, but input volt-amp is  $V_1 I_0$ . This input volt-amp is lost within the transformer.

-When the transformer is loaded, the output volt-amp of the transformer is  $V_2 I_2$ .

-Now in order to make power balance between primary winding and secondary winding, some additional current  $I_2'$  will flow in the primary winding to increase the power in primary winding.

-This additional current in the primary winding will set up additional magnetic **flux**  $\phi_2'$ , whose magnitude is equal to  $\phi_2$  and direction is opposite to  $\phi_2$ . Therefore,  $\phi_2'$  cancels  $\phi_2$ . and net magnetic flux in the core remains constant and equal to main flux  $\phi$  irrespective of load.

**-That means magnetic flux in the core remains constant at any load conditions.**



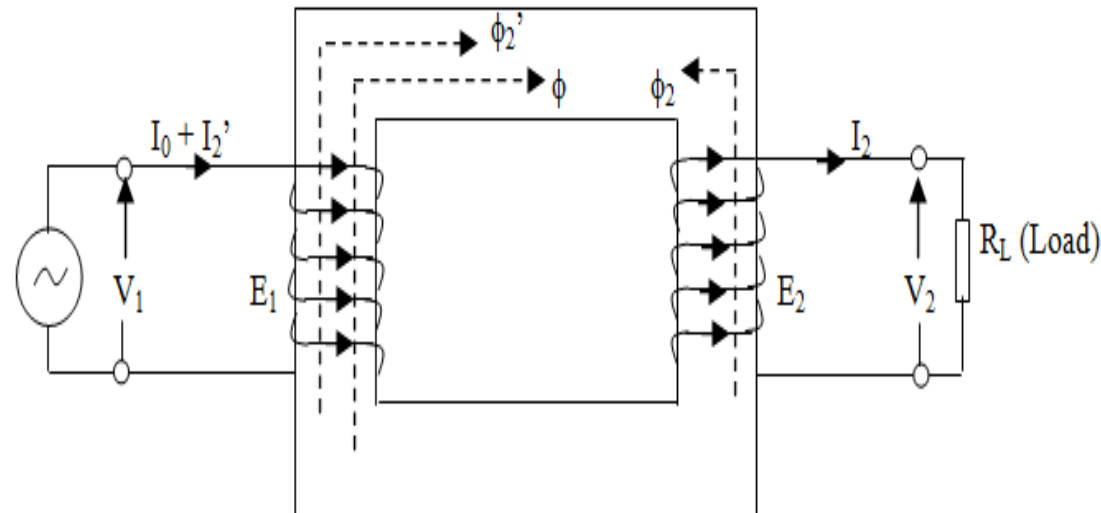
The additional power in the primary winding should be equal to the power in the secondary winding.

$$\therefore V_1 \cdot I_2' = V_2 \cdot I_2 \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{I_2'}{I_2} = \frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{N_2}{N_1} \quad \text{Or} \quad N_1 \cdot I_2' = N_2 \cdot I_2 \text{ (Amp-turn balance)}$$

According to magnetic circuit theory:

$$\phi_2 = \frac{N_2 \cdot I_2}{RELUCTANCE} \quad \text{And} \quad \phi_2' = \frac{N_1 \cdot I_2'}{RELUCTANCE}$$

The reluctance for both the cases are equal. Therefore,  $\phi_2 = \phi_2'$  and **they cancel each other**.





## 2.5 Equivalent Circuit of Real Transformer:

- It is seen that the net magnetic flux remains constant, it does not depend on the load current  $I_2$  and it only depends on no-load current.
- In order to satisfy these physical conditions of the transformer, the equivalent circuits of the transformer without load and with load are developed as shown in Fig.2.9 and Fig.2.10 respectively.

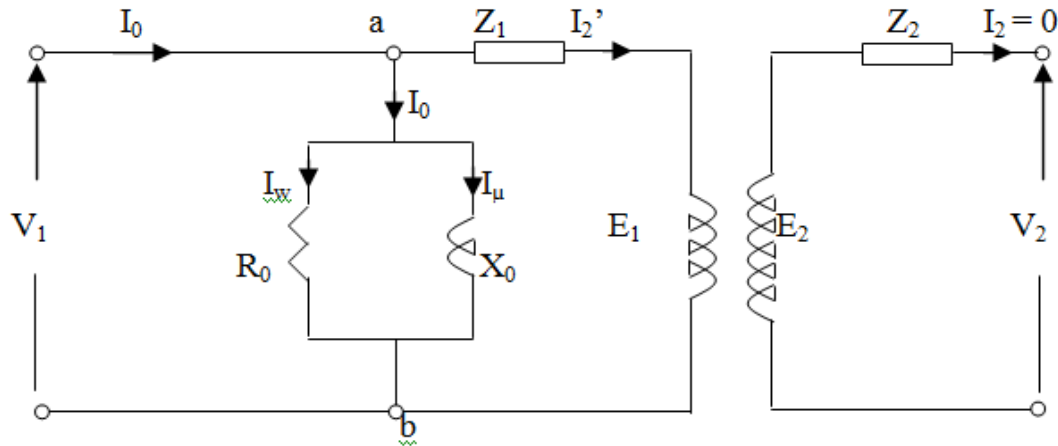


Fig.2.9 Equivalent circuit of transformer at no-load

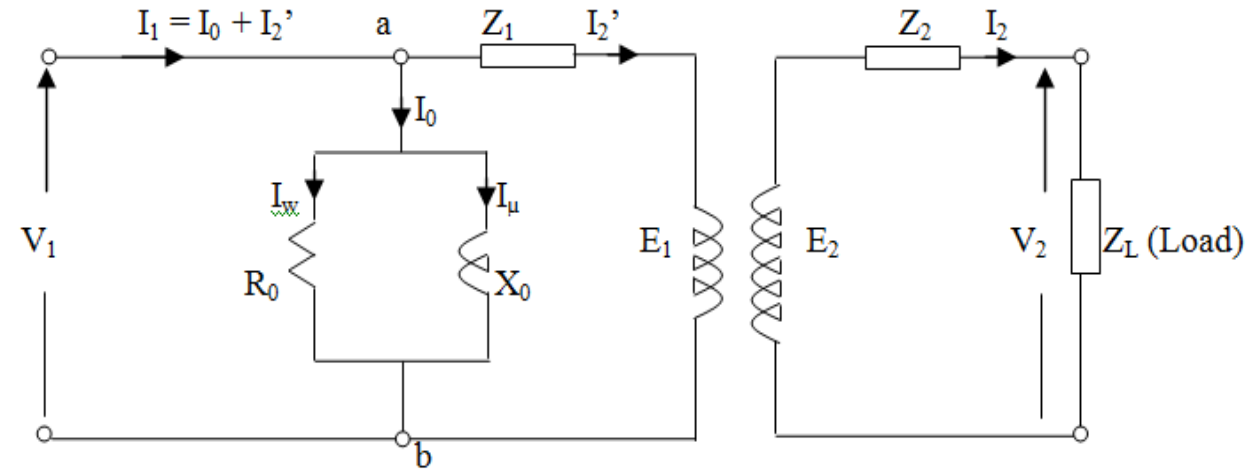


Fig.2.10 Equivalent circuit of transformer with load

$V_1$  = Input voltage

$E_1$  = Emf induced across the P.W.

$E_2$  = Emf induced across the S.W.

$V_2$  = Load terminal voltage ( $< E_2$ )

$I_0$  = No-load primary current (remains constant)

$I_2$  = Load current = S.W. current (Varies with load)

$I_2'$  = Additional current in primary P.W. due to load on secondary side.

$R_1$  = Resistance of P.W.

$X_1$  = Leakage reactance of P.W.

$R_2$  = Resistance of S.W.

$X_2$  = Leakage reactance of S.W.

$R_0$  = Shunt branch core loss resistance

$X_0$  = Shunt branch magnetizing reactance

$I_w = V_1 / R_0$  = In phase component of  $I_0$

$I_\mu = V_1 / X_0$  = 90° lagging component of  $I_0$

$I_w^2 R_0$  = Iron loss (core loss)

$I_\mu^2 X_0$  = Reactive power consumed by transformer to produce magnetic flux in the core

$Z_1 = (R_1 + jX_1)$  = Series Impedance of primary winding

$Z_2 = (R_2 + jX_2)$  = Series Impedance of secondary winding

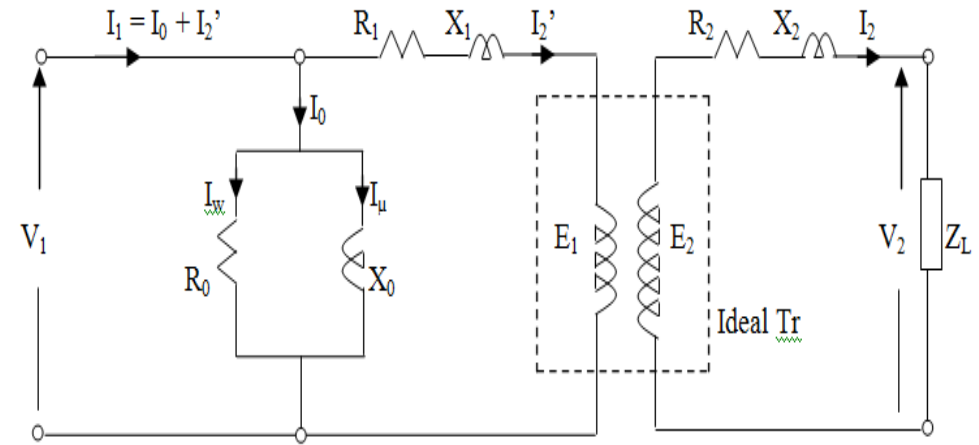


Fig.2.10 Detail Equivalent circuit of transformer

$$\tilde{V}_1 - \tilde{I}_2' \cdot (R_1 + jX_1) = \tilde{E}_1 \quad \text{Since } I_0 \text{ is } \ll I_2', I_1 \approx I_2'$$

$$\text{Therefore } \tilde{V}_1 - \tilde{I}_1 \cdot (R_1 + jX_1) = \tilde{E}_1 \text{ (approximately)} \quad (2.11)$$

$$\text{And } \tilde{V}_2 = \tilde{E}_2 - \tilde{I}_2 \cdot (R_2 + jX_2) \quad (2.12)$$

The physical significance of leakage reactance can be explained with the help of Fig.2.12.

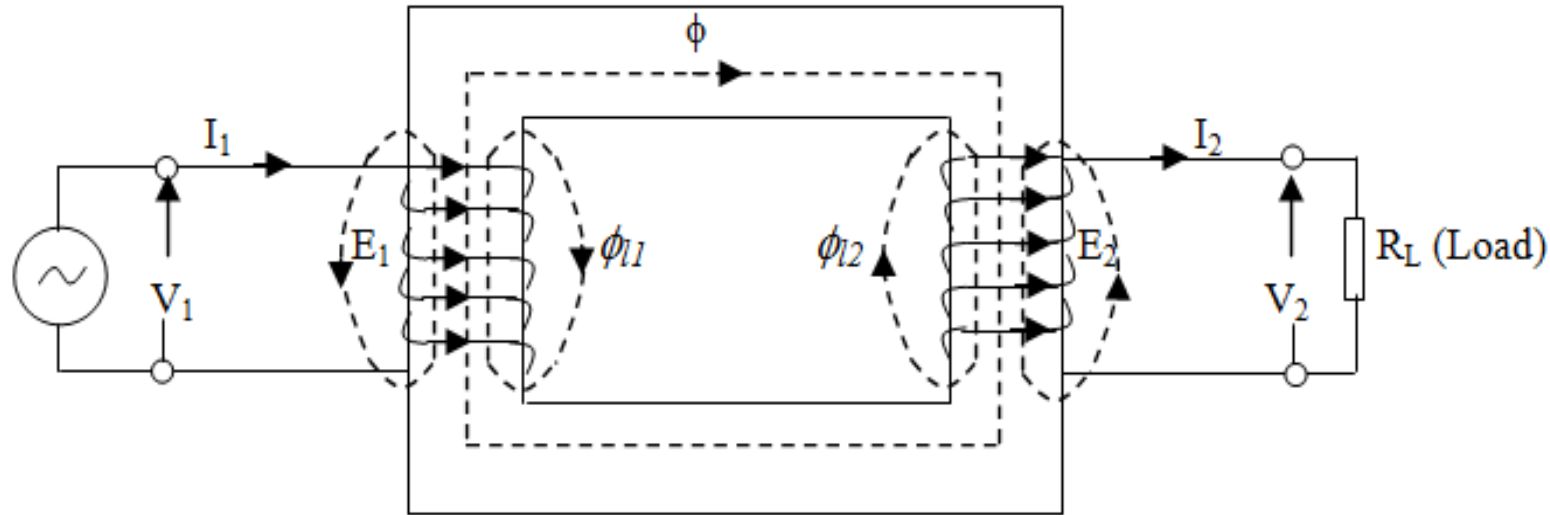
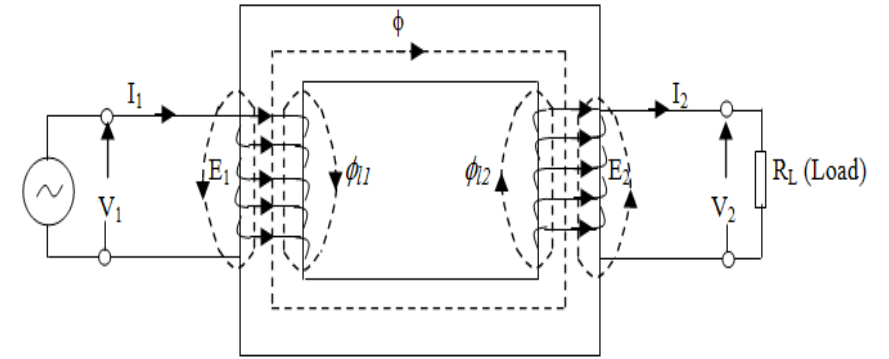


Fig.2.12 Magnetic flux leakage in transformer

- The primary winding current produces magnetic flux in the core.
- Out of the total flux produced by the primary current, major part of the flux ( $\phi$ ) passes through the iron core and links with the secondary winding.
- However, a small amount of flux leaks through the air path locally and links with only the primary winding.
- This flux is known as primary leakage flux and denoted by ' $\phi_{l1}$ '.
- Similarly,  $\phi_{l2}$  is the secondary leakage flux.

- The emf  $E_1$  induced in the primary winding opposes the supply voltage  $V_1$  and it is proportional to the main flux  $\phi$  and does not depend on load currents. i.e  $E_1$  remains constant.
- The primary leakage flux ( $\phi_{l1}$ ) will also causes a self induced emf  $e_{l1}$  in the primary winding. This self induced emf opposes the supply voltage  $V_1$  causing some voltage drop (because, there is no opposing flux to cancel  $\phi_{l1}$ , increases with  $I_1$ )
- The magnitude of primary leakage flux depends upon the primary current  $I_1$ . Therefore, the self induced emf  $e_{l1}$  also depends upon the primary current  $I_1$ .
- The self induced emf  $e_{l1}$  which varies with  $I_1$  can be treated as the **reactive voltage drop ( $I_1 X_1$ )**,
- where  $X_1 = 2\pi f (l_{l1})$  is the leakage reactance of primary winding and  $l_{l1}$  is the leakage inductance of primary winding and can be defined as follow.



$$l_{l1} = \frac{N_1 \cdot \phi_{l1}}{I_1} \quad (2.11)$$

- Similarly,  $I_2 X_2$  is the reactive voltage drop in the secondary winding due to secondary leakage flux, where  $X_2 = 2\pi f (l_{l2})$  is the leakage reactance of secondary winding and  $l_{l2}$  is the leakage inductance of secondary winding and can be defined as follow:

$$l_{l2} = \frac{N_2 \cdot \phi_{l2}}{I_2} \quad (2.12)$$

## 2.5 Transformation of Impedance :

The equivalent circuit shown in Fig.2.10 further can be simplified by transferring the resistance and leakage reactance of the secondary winding to the primary side as shown in Fig.2.13

$R_2$  is transferred to primary side with a new value  $R_2'$  in such a way that  **$R_2'$  produces same amount of power loss in primary side as it produces in the secondary side.**  $R_2'$  is known as equivalent of  $R_2$  referred to primary side.

Equating power loss in primary and secondary side, it gives:

$$(I_2')^2 R_2' = (I_2)^2 R_2 \text{ (Assuming } I_1 \approx I_2' \text{)}$$

$$(I_1)^2 R_2' = (I_2)^2 R_2 \quad \text{OR} \quad R_2' = \left( \frac{I_2}{I_1} \right)^2 \cdot R_2$$

$$\text{But } \frac{I_2}{I_1} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{1}{K} \quad \therefore R_2' = \frac{1}{K^2} \cdot R_2 \quad (2.16)$$

$$\text{Similarly } X_2' = \frac{1}{K^2} \cdot X_2 \quad (2.17)$$

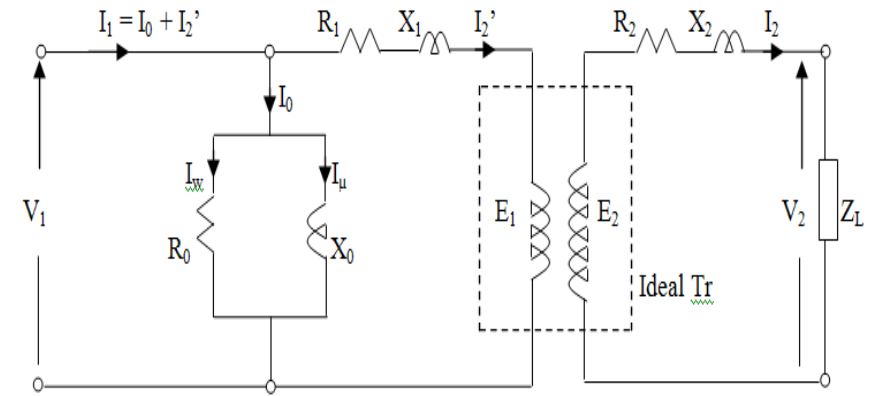


Fig.2.10 Detail Equivalent circuit of transformer

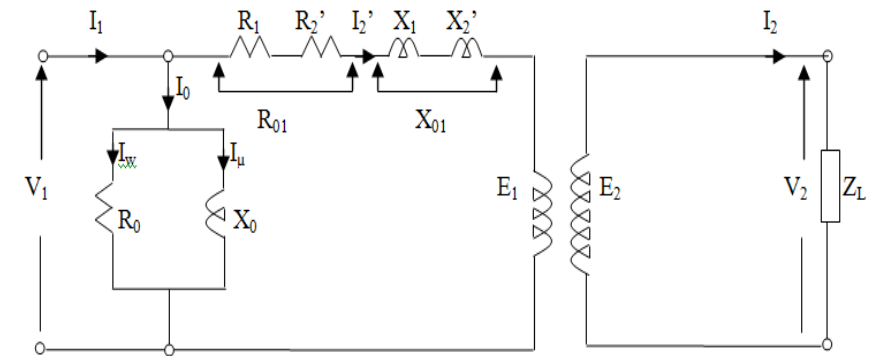


Fig.2.13 Equivalent circuit of transformer referred to primary side

Now final equivalent circuit of the transformer referred to primary side can be written as shown in Fig.2.14. Here, Load impedance and load voltage also has been transferred to primary side.

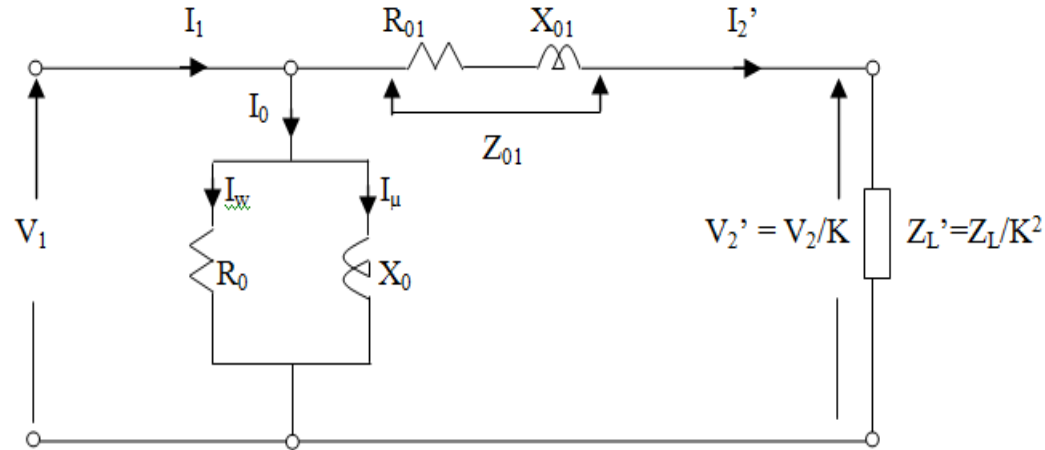


Fig.2.14 Final equivalent circuit of the transformer referred to primary side

$R_{01} = R_1 + R_2' =$  Total series resistance of the transformer referred to primary side

$X_{01} = X_1 + X_2' =$  Total series reactance of the transformer referred to primary side

$Z_{01} = \sqrt{R_{01}^2 + X_{01}^2} =$  Total series Impedance of the transformer referred to primary side

$Z_L' = \frac{Z_L}{K^2} =$  Equivalent of load impedance refer to primary side

$V_2' = \frac{V_2}{K} =$  Equivalent of load voltage refer to primary side

$R_1$  is transferred to secondary side with a new value  $R_1'$  in such a way that  $R_1'$  produces same amount of power loss in secondary side as it produces in the primary side.

Equating power loss in secondary and primary side, it gives:

$$\text{But } \frac{I_1}{I_2} = \frac{N_2}{N_1} = K \quad \therefore R_1' = R_1 \cdot K^2$$

Fig.2.15 Equivalent circuit of transformer referred to secondary side

Now final equivalent circuit of the transformer referred to secondary side can be written as shown in Fig.2.16. Here, input voltage  $V_1$ ,  $I_0$  and  $I_\mu$  also has been transferred to secondary side.

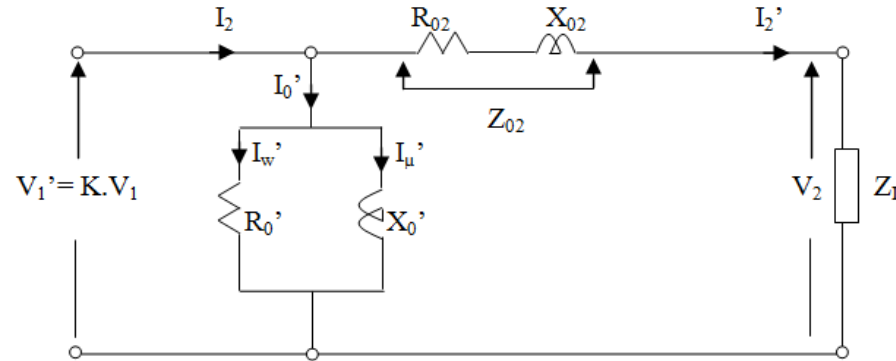


Fig.2.16 Complete equivalent circuit of transformer referred to secondary side

$R_{02} = R_2 + R_1' =$  Total series resistance of the transformer referred to secondary side

$X_{02} = X_2 + X_1' =$  Total series reactance of the transformer referred to secondary side

$Z_{02} = \sqrt{R_{02}^2 + X_{02}^2} =$  Total series Impedance of the transformer referred to secondary side

$V_1' = K.V_1 =$  Equivalent of  $V_1$  refer to secondary side

$I_0' = \frac{I_0}{K} =$  Equivalent of  $I_0$  refer to secondary side

$I_w' = \frac{I_w}{K} =$  Equivalent of  $I_w$  refer to secondary side

$I_\mu' = \frac{I_\mu}{K} =$  Equivalent of  $I_\mu$  refer to secondary side



### **Illustrative example2.2:**

A 2200V/250V, 50Hz, single phase transformer draws a current of 0.5 amp at no-load. The no-load current lags the applied voltage by an angle of  $70^\circ$ . Calculate:

- a) Iron loss of transformer
- b)  $R_0$  and  $X_0$  parameters

Solution:

The phasor diagram at no-load is shown below:

$$\text{Iron loss of transformer} = \text{power consumed at no-load} = V_1 I_0 \cos \phi_0$$

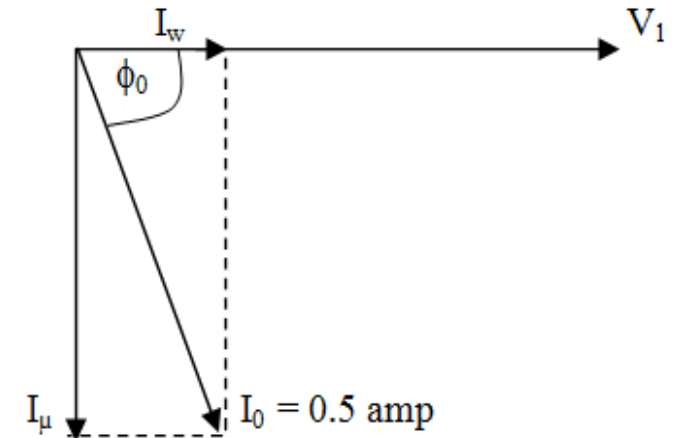
$$\text{Or Iron loss of transformer} = 2200 \times 0.5 \times \cos 70^\circ = 376 \text{ watts}$$

$$I_w = I_0 \cos \phi_0 = 0.5 \times \cos 70^\circ = 0.171 \text{ amp}$$

$$I_\mu = I_0 \sin \phi_0 = 0.5 \times \sin 70^\circ = 0.469 \text{ amp}$$

$$R_0 = \frac{V_1}{I_w} = \frac{2200}{0.171} = 12865 \text{ Ohms}$$

$$X_0 = \frac{V_1}{I_\mu} = \frac{2200}{0.469} = 4691 \text{ Ohms}$$

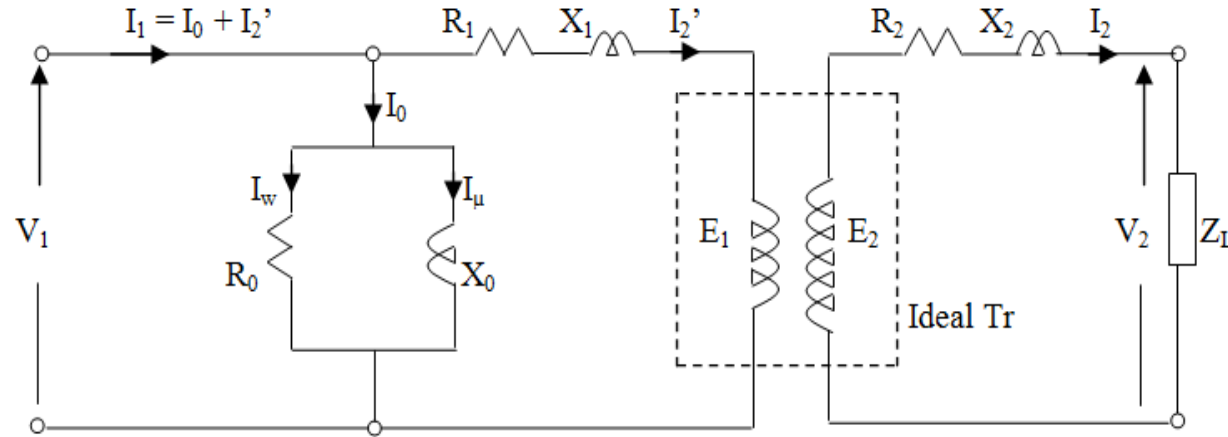


### Illustrative example 2.3:

A step-up single phase transformer supplies a current of 5 amp to the load at 200V at 0.8 lagging power factor.  $R_1 = 0.5 \text{ ohm}$ ,  $X_1 = 1 \text{ ohm}$ ,  $R_2 = 2 \text{ ohm}$ ,  $X_2 = 4 \text{ ohm}$ ,  $R_0 = 400 \text{ ohms}$ ,  $X_0 = 240 \text{ ohms}$ , turn ratio  $N_2/N_1 = 2$ . Find  $V_1$ ,  $I_1$  and input power factor.

#### Solution:

The equivalent circuit of the transformer is shown below:



Let  $\tilde{V}_2$  be the reference phasor, i.e.  $\tilde{V}_2 = 200\angle 0^\circ$

$I_2$  lags  $V_2$  by  $\phi_2$ , where  $\phi_2 = \cos^{-1}(0.8) = 36.87^\circ \quad \therefore \tilde{I}_2 = 5\angle -36.87^\circ$

$$\tilde{E}_2 = \tilde{V}_2 + \tilde{I}_2 \cdot (R_2 + jX_2) = 200\angle 0^\circ + (5\angle -36.87^\circ) \cdot (2 + j4)$$

$$\text{OR } \tilde{E}_2 = 200\angle 0^\circ + (5\angle -36.87^\circ) (4.472\angle 63.43^\circ) = 220.2\angle 2.6^\circ$$

$$\tilde{I}_2' = \tilde{I}_2 \times \frac{N_2}{N_1} = 10 \angle -36.87^\circ$$

$$\tilde{E}_1 = \tilde{E}_2 \times \frac{N_1}{N_2} = 110.1 \angle 2.6^\circ$$

And  $\tilde{V}_1 = \tilde{E}_1 + \tilde{I}_2' \cdot (R_1 + jX_1) = 110 \angle 2.6^\circ + (10 \angle -36.87^\circ) \cdot (0.5 + j1)$

$$\tilde{V}_1 = 120.29 \angle 4.7^\circ$$

$$\tilde{I}_\mu = \frac{\tilde{V}_1}{X_0} = \frac{120.29 \angle 4.7^\circ}{240 \angle 90^\circ} = 0.501 \angle -85.3^\circ$$

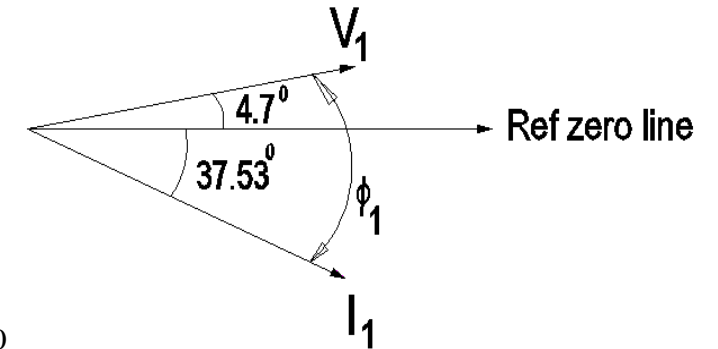
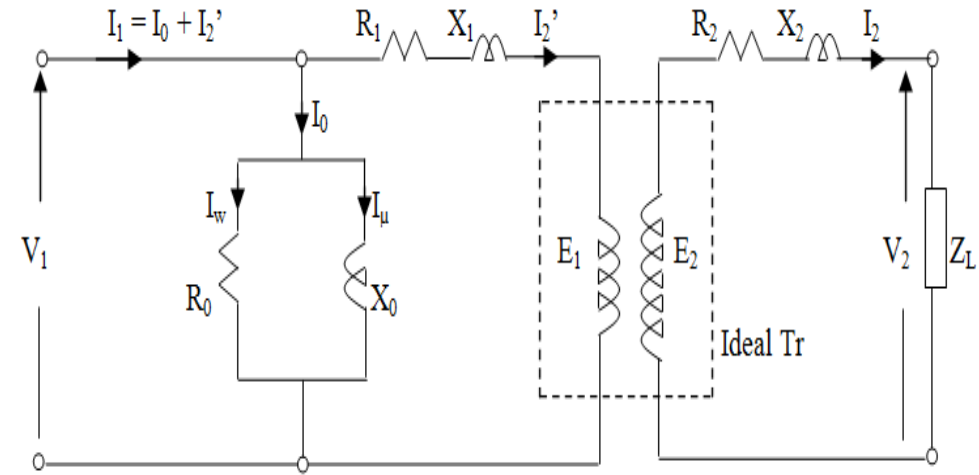
$$\tilde{I}_w = \frac{V_1}{R_0} = \frac{120.29 \angle 4.7^\circ}{400} = 0.3 \angle 4.7^\circ$$

$$\tilde{I}_0 = \tilde{I}_w + \tilde{I}_\mu = (0.3 \angle 4.7^\circ) + (0.501 \angle -85.3^\circ) = 0.5825 \angle -54.53^\circ$$

$$\tilde{I}_1 = \tilde{I}_0 + \tilde{I}_2' = (10 \angle -36.87^\circ) + (0.5825 \angle -54.53^\circ) = 10.548 \angle -37.53^\circ$$

Phase Angle between  $\tilde{V}_1$  and  $\tilde{I}_1 = \phi_1 = 4.7^\circ - (-37.53^\circ) = 42.23^\circ$        $\tilde{I}_1$  Lags  $\tilde{V}_1$  by  $42.23^\circ$

Hence, input power factor =  $\cos(42.23^\circ) = 0.74$  lagging



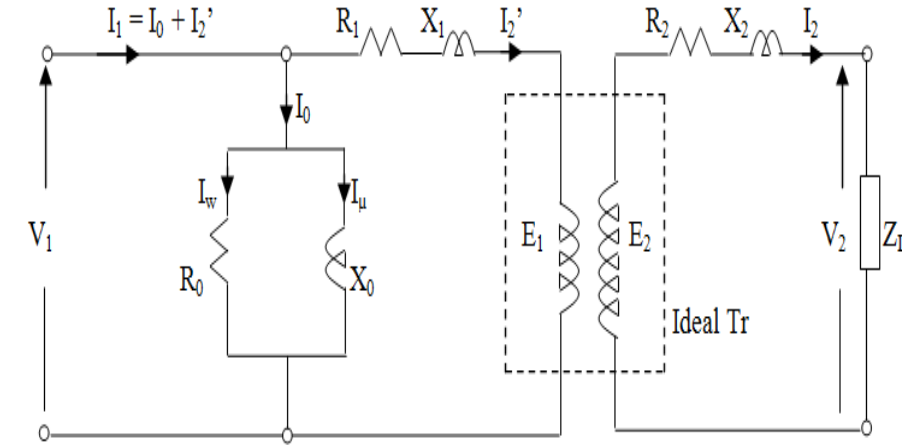
## Power Losses and Efficiency of Transformer:

- The input power of the transformer is equal to  $V_1 I_1 \cos \phi_1$
- The output power is equal to  $V_2 I_2 \cos \phi_2$ .
- The output power of a transformer is always less than the input power, because there are some power losses within the transformer.
- There are mainly two types of power losses in the transformer:  
**i) Iron loss      and      ii) Copper loss.**

**i) Iron loss:** This is the power loss due to heating of iron core of the transformer. This power loss is equal to the no-load power loss and remains constant at any load. Therefore, iron loss is also known as constant power loss. The power loss in the iron core take place due to **eddy current loss and hysteresis loss**.

### Eddy current loss:

When the time varying magnetic flux circulates through the iron core, according to Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction, emf will also induce in the iron core. Because of this emf induced in the iron core, current will circulate within the iron core and it is known as eddy current. The eddy current produces heat in the iron core, which is **proportional to the square of the induced eddy current**. The power loss due to heat produced in the iron core due to eddy current is known as eddy current loss. In order to reduce eddy current loss, the transformer core is made of laminated core rather than solid iron core.



### **Hysteresis loss:**

Since the exciting current is alternating in nature, in every cycle of exciting current, the magnetic core undergoes through the process of magnetic reversal thus by causing hysteresis power loss in every cycle.

In order to reduce the hysteresis loss, silicon steel is used to make the core of the transformer. About **0.3% to 4.5 % of silicon is mixed with the steel by weight**, which helps to **reduce residual flux density** and accordingly hysteresis loss will reduce.

Above **5% of silicon content**, the resulting alloy will be very brittle and can not be punched. The addition of silicon with steel increases the resistivity of steel. Hence, the use of silicon steel also helps to reduce eddy current loss

ii) **Copper loss:** When the transformer is loaded, current flows through primary winding as well as secondary winding. The internal resistance of the primary winding and the secondary winding produces heat due to current flowing through them. The power loss due to the heat so produced is known as copper loss. The magnitude of copper loss depends upon the square of current and can be calculate as follow:

$$\text{Total copper loss} = \text{Copper in PW} + \text{Copper in SW} = I_1^2 R_1 + I_2^2 R_2 \quad (2.21)$$

$$\text{OR Total copper loss} = I_1^2 R_{01} = I_2^2 R_{02} \text{ (watts)}$$

It is clear from the eqn (2.21) that the copper loss of the transformer varies with the load current. Hence, it is also known as variable loss.

Input power is given by:  $P_{in} = V_1 I_1 \cos\phi_1$

Output power:  $P_{out} = P_{in} - \text{Iron loss} - \text{Copper loss} = V_1 I_1 \cos\phi_1 - W_i - I_1^2 R_{01}$

Efficiency of transformer  $\eta = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}}$  pu. Or  $\eta = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} \times 100\%$

$$\text{OR } \eta = \frac{V_1 \cdot I_1 \cos\phi_1 - W_i - I_1^2 R_{01}}{V_1 \cdot I_1 \cos\phi_1} \quad (2.22)$$

From the eqn (2.22), it is clear that the efficiency of transformer varies with the load current. At no-load, output power is zero and input power is  $V_1 I_0 \cos\phi_0 = W_i$ . Hence, the efficiency is zero at no-load. When the load goes on increasing, the output power goes on increasing and efficiency also increases accordingly.

However, there is a limit on increasing the efficiency. At a particular value of load current, the efficiency becomes maximum. Further increased in load beyond this value will cause decrease in efficiency.

## Load current for maximum efficiency

$$\eta = \frac{V_1 \cdot I_1 \cos \phi_1 - W_i - I_1^2 R_{01}}{V_1 \cdot I_1 \cos \phi_1} \quad (2.22)$$

Differentiating with respect to  $I_1$ , gives:

$$\frac{d\eta}{dI_1} = 0 + \frac{W_i}{V_1 \cdot I_1^2 \cos \phi_1} - \frac{R_{01}}{V_1 \cdot \cos \phi_1}$$

OR When  $\frac{W_i}{V_1 \cdot I_1^2 \cos \phi_1} - \frac{R_{01}}{V_1 \cdot \cos \phi_1} = 0$

OR When  $\frac{W_i}{V_1 \cdot I_1^2 \cos \phi_1} = \frac{R_{01}}{V_1 \cdot \cos \phi_1}$

OR  $W_i = I_1^2 R_{01}$

OR when  $I_1 = \sqrt{\frac{W_i}{R_{01}}} \quad (2.23)$

Hence, efficiency will be maximum at  $I_1 = \sqrt{\frac{W_i}{R_{01}}}$  OR when  
**Iron loss = Copper loss**

Equation (2.22) can be re-write as :

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{W_i}{V_1 \cdot I_1 \cos \phi_1} - \frac{I_1 R_{01}}{V_1 \cdot \cos \phi_1}$$

Efficiency will be maximum, when  $\frac{d\eta}{dI_1} = 0$

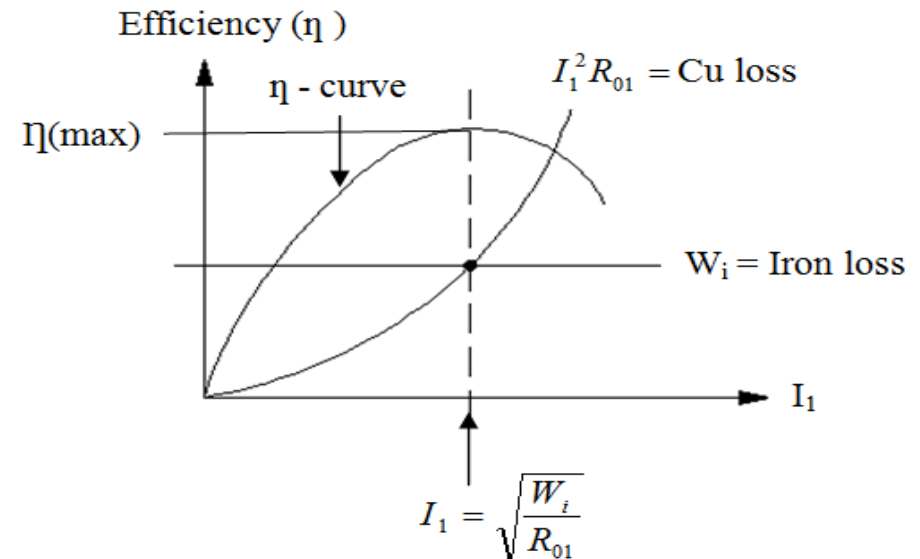


Fig.2.17 Variation of efficiency with load

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