

Chapter 28

Inductance, Magnetic Energy Storage

- Self-Inductance
- Mutual Inductance
- Energy Stored in a Magnetic Field
- LR and LC Circuits

§28-1 Self-Inductance

Self-induction: The change of the current in a circuit causes a change in the magnetic flux through the circuit itself, then generates an EMF in the circuit.

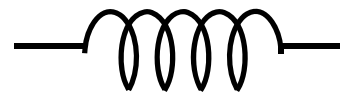
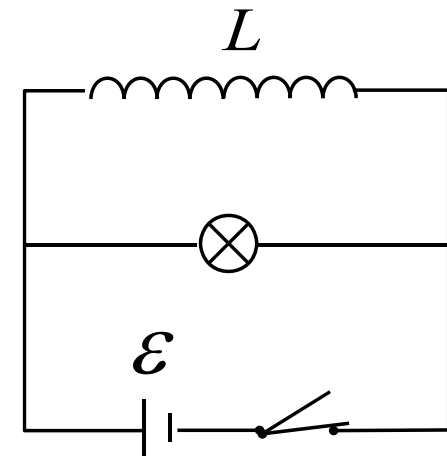
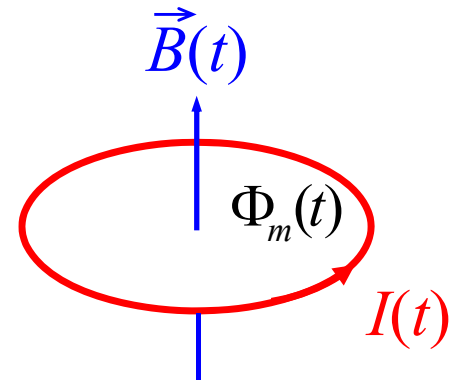
Magnetic flux $\Phi_m \propto$ current I :

$$N\Phi_m = LI$$

L : **self inductance** of the coil.

SI unit: Henry (H), $1\text{H} = 1\text{V}\cdot\text{s}/\text{A} = 1\Omega\cdot\text{s}$.

A coil with significant L as a device in a circuit is called **inductor**:



Note: L depends only on the **geometry** of the coil, and on the presence of a **ferromagnetic material**.

Self-induced EMF:

$$\mathcal{E}_L = -\frac{d(N\Phi_m)}{dt} = -N \frac{d\Phi_m}{dt} = -L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

The self-induced EMF always prevents the change in the current of the circuit itself, therefore, L shows the strength of the **electromagnetic inertia** of a coil.

Inductor in AC circuit → **reactance/impedance**.

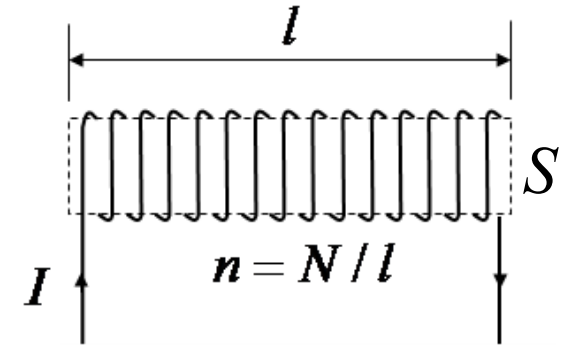
To calculate L:

$$L = \frac{N\Phi_m}{I}, \quad L = -\frac{\mathcal{E}_L}{dI/dt}$$

Inductance of an infinite long solenoid

Assuming current I passing through a long solenoid, so the magnetic field:

$$B = \mu_0 n I$$



Total magnetic flux:

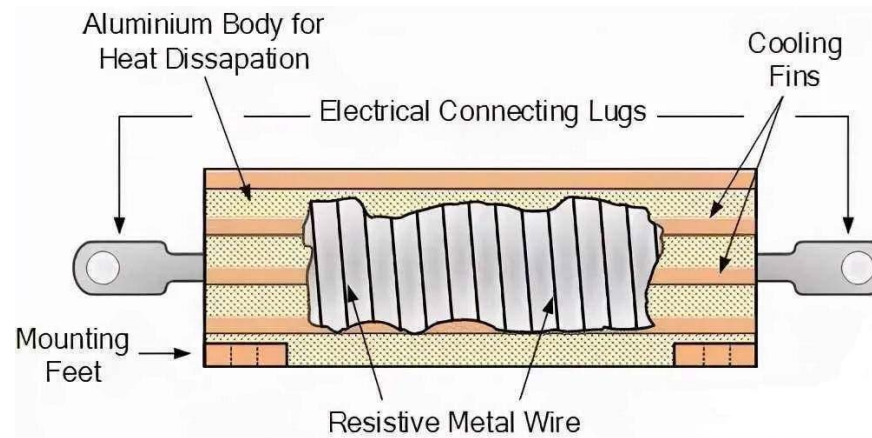
$$N\Phi_B = N \cdot \mu_0 n I \cdot S = \mu_0 n^2 I \cdot S l = \mu_0 n^2 I \cdot V$$

Self inductance:

$$L = \mu_0 n^2 V$$

Note: this formula is derived for an idealized infinite long solenoid, so it is valid only for an isolated solenoid.

How to avoid inductance for a wire-wound resistor?



An inductor opposes and suppresses any rapid changes in the current.

lightning
strike



fluorescent
light tube



Example1 (Inductance of coaxial cable): Determine the inductance per unit length of a coaxial cable with thin conductors.

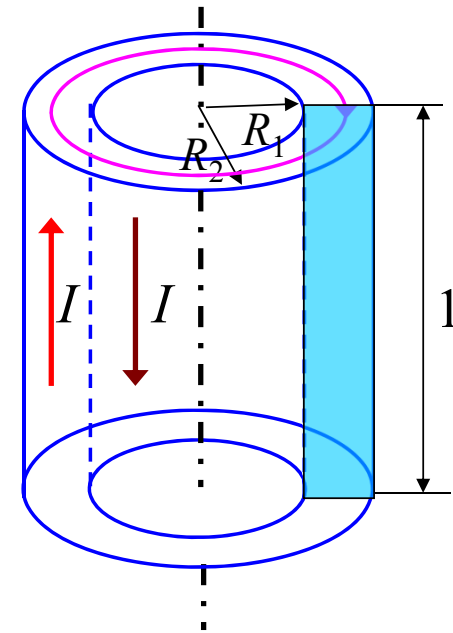
Solution: Magnetic field ?

Ampere's law:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}, \quad (R_1 < r < R_2)$$

$$\Phi_m = \int \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} \cdot 1 \cdot dr = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \ln \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$

$$L = \frac{\Phi_m}{I} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$



Inductance of toroid

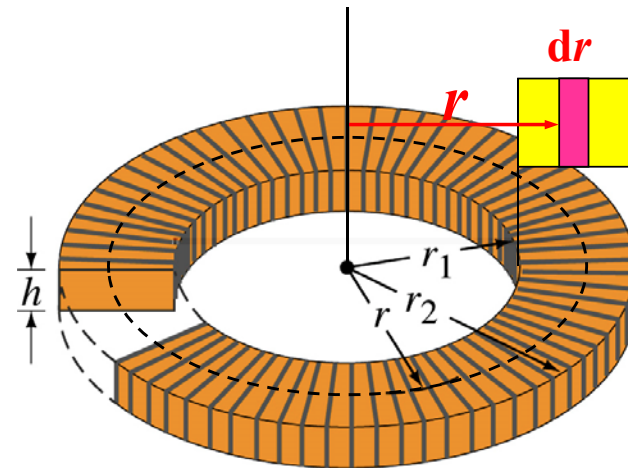
Question: Determine the inductance of a toroid (N loops) with rectangular cross-section.

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2\pi r}$$

$$\Phi_m = \int_s B ds \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$\Phi_m = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2\pi r} h dr = \frac{\mu NIh}{2\pi} \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1}$$

$$L = \frac{N\Phi_m}{I} = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 h}{2\pi} \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1}$$



§28-2 Mutual Inductance

Mutual induction: The change of the current in a coil causes a change in the magnetic flux through the other coil, then generates an EMF in that coil.

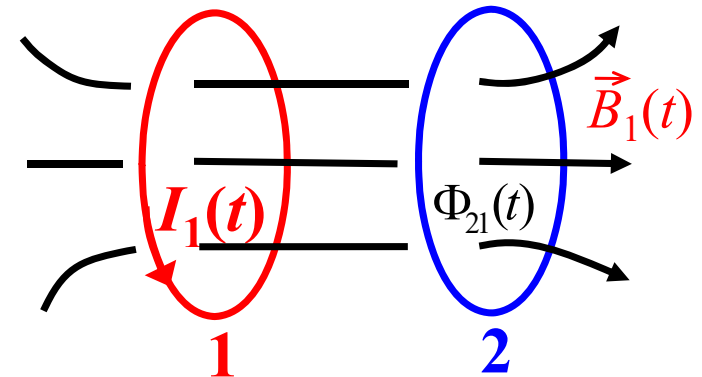
Magnetic flux Φ_{21} through coil 2 due to I_1 is proportional to I_1 :

$$N_2 \Phi_{21} = M_{21} I_1$$

M_{21} : **mutual inductance** of coil 2 with respect to coil 1; **SI unit:** Henry (H).

EMF in coil 2:

$$\mathcal{E}_{21} = N_2 \frac{d\Phi_{21}}{dt} = M_{21} \frac{dI_1}{dt}$$



The change of the current in coil 2 causes a change in the magnetic flux through coil 1:

$$N_1 \Phi_{12} = M_{12} I_2$$

EMF in coil 1:

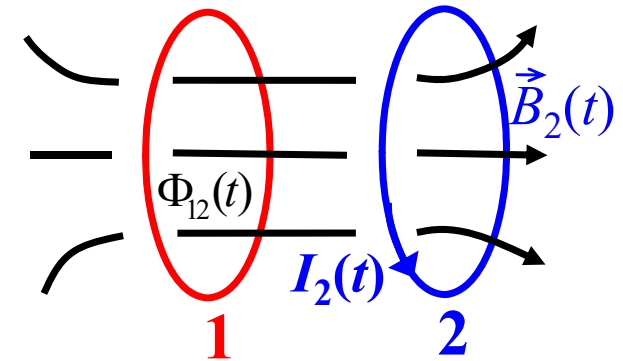
$$\mathcal{E}_{12} = N_1 \frac{d\Phi_{12}}{dt} = M_{12} \frac{dI_2}{dt}$$

It can be proved that:

$$M_{12} = M_{21} = M$$

To calculate M :

$$M = \frac{N_2 \Phi_{21}}{I_1} \quad M = -\frac{\mathcal{E}_{21}}{dI_1/dt}$$



Note: M depends only on the **geometry**, **relative position** of the two coils, and on the presence of a **ferromagnetic material**.

Example2 (Straight wire and coil): A long straight wire and a square coil lie in the same plane. If the current in coil is $I_2 = I_0 \cos \omega t$, what is the EMF on straight wire?

Solution: First determine M

Suppose current I in straight wire:

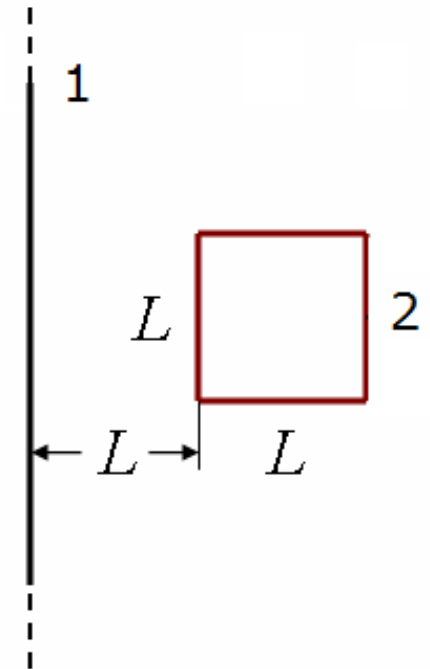
$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi_m = \int_L^{2L} \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} L dr = \frac{\mu_0 I L}{2\pi} \ln 2$$

$$\therefore M = \frac{\Phi_B}{I} = \frac{\mu_0 L}{2\pi} \ln 2$$

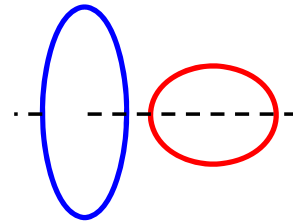
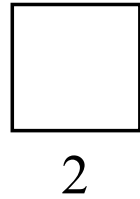
EMF on straight wire:

$$\varepsilon_1 = -M \frac{dI_2}{dt} = \frac{\mu_0 L}{2\pi} \ln 2 \cdot I_0 \omega \sin \omega t$$



How to minimize the mutual inductance?

Minimize Φ_m :



Application of the mutual inductance



Toothbrush with
coil connected
to battery

Base with
recharging coil
connected to
wall socket



Example3 (Two coils): Determine the mutual inductance of two **ideal coupling** coils (L_1, L_2).

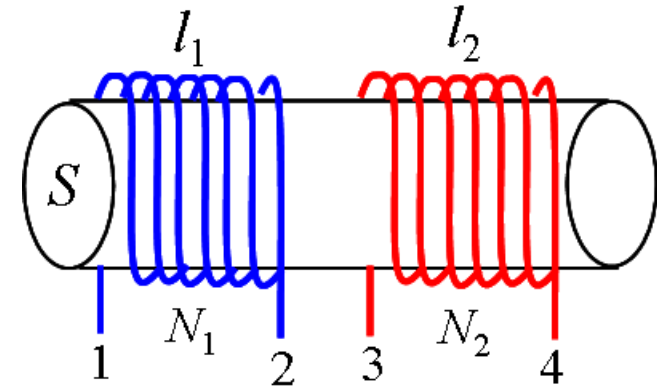
Solution: Current I_1 in coil 1:

$$B_1 = \mu n_1 I_1$$

$$\therefore M = \frac{N_2 \Phi_{21}}{I_1} = \mu n_1 S N_2$$

$$= \mu n_1 \frac{N_1}{l_1} S l_1 \frac{N_2}{N_1} = \mu n_1^2 V_1 \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$

$$= L_1 \cdot \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$



$$(L_1 = \mu n_1^2 V_1)$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \text{Current } I_1 \text{ in coil 1:} & M = L_1 \cdot \frac{N_2}{N_1} & \\
 \text{Current } I_2 \text{ in coil 2:} & M = L_2 \cdot \frac{N_1}{N_2} & \\
 & \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} M = L_1 \cdot \frac{N_2}{N_1} \\ M = L_2 \cdot \frac{N_1}{N_2} \end{array}} \right\} \Rightarrow M = \sqrt{L_1 L_2}
 \end{array}$$

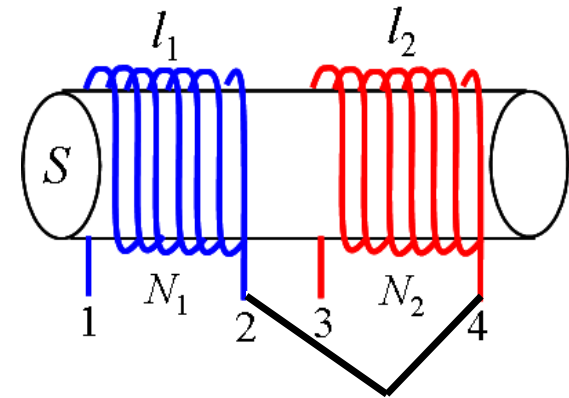
Discussion:

(1) Generally: $M = k \cdot \sqrt{L_1 L_2}$, ($0 < k < 1$)

(2) **Total inductance?** (connect 2 and 3)

$$L = L_1 + L_2 + 2M \neq L_1 + L_2$$

(3) **Total inductance?** (connect 2 and 4)



§28-3 Energy Stored in a Magnetic Field

1. Current carrying inductor stores magnetic energy

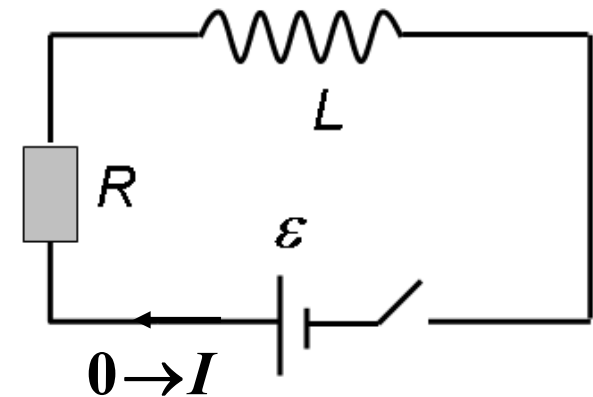
After turning on the switch, current in the circuit increases from 0 to I , at time t during this process:

$$\varepsilon + \varepsilon_L = IR$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon - L \frac{dI}{dt} = IR$$

Multiplying $I dt$ for both sides:

$$\varepsilon I dt = I^2 R dt + LI dI$$



When current reaches stable:

$$\int_0^t I \varepsilon dt = \int_0^t I^2 R dt + \int_0^I L I dI \quad \text{Conservation of energy}$$

$\int_0^t I \varepsilon dt$: output energy of the power source;

$\int_0^t I^2 R dt$: energy dissipated on the resistor R ;

$\int_0^I L I dI$: work done by the power source to oppose the EMF of self-inductance;

This work done is equal to the energy stored in the inductor:

$$U = \int_0^I L I dI = \frac{1}{2} L I^2$$

Q: What is the inductance of an inductor if it has a stored energy of 1.5 J when there is a current of 2.5 A in it?

- ☒ A 0.48 H ☐ B 1.2 H
- ☐ C 2.1 H ☐ D 4.7 H
- ☐ E 19 H

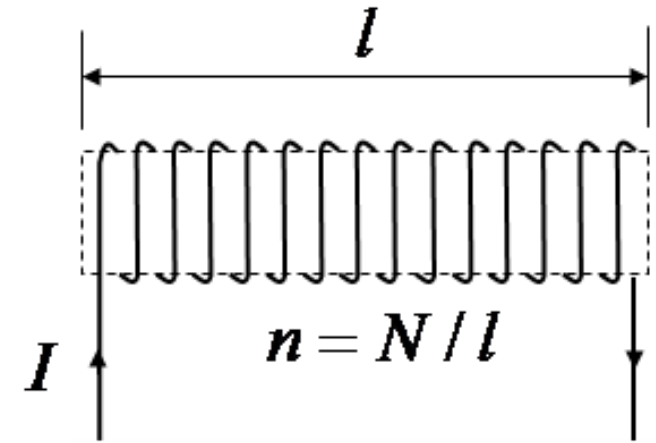
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2. Energy stored in a magnetic field

For infinite long solenoid with self-inductance L :

$$B = \mu_0 n I, \quad L = \mu_0 n^2 I \cdot V$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} L I^2 = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 n^2 V \cdot I^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0} \cdot V$$



Energy per unit volume / energy density:

$$u_m = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0}$$

$$U_E = \frac{1}{2} C V^2, \quad u_E = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$$

Energy stored in a magnetic field:

$$U_m = \int_V u_m dV$$

Example4 (Energy in toroid): Determine the total energy stored in the toroid (N loops with current I)

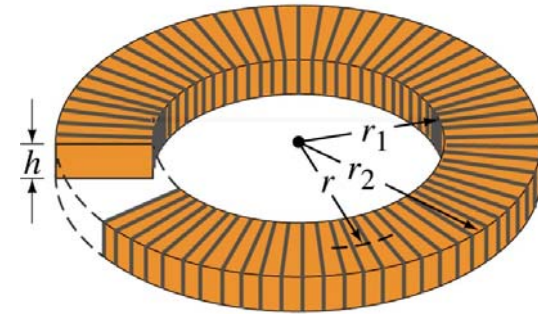
Solution:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 N I}{2\pi r}$$

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0} = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 I^2}{8\pi^2 r^2}$$

$$U = \int u dV = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{\mu_0 N^2 I^2}{8\pi^2 r^2} \cdot h \cdot 2\pi r dr$$

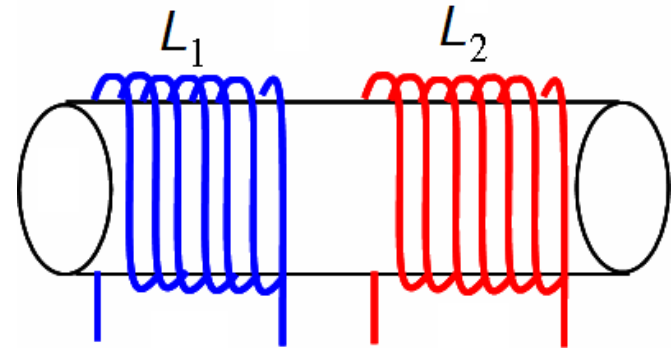
$$= \frac{\mu_0 N^2 I^2 h}{4\pi} \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1} = \frac{1}{2} L I^2$$



$$(L = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 h}{2\pi} \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1})$$

Challenging problem: Show that $M_{12}=M_{21}$ by using the expression of magnetic energy stored in two coils.

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \frac{1}{2} L_1 I_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} L_2 I_2^2 + M_{12} I_1 I_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} L_1 I_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} L_2 I_2^2 + M_{21} I_1 I_2 \end{aligned}$$



§28-4 LR Circuits and LC Circuits

1. LR circuits

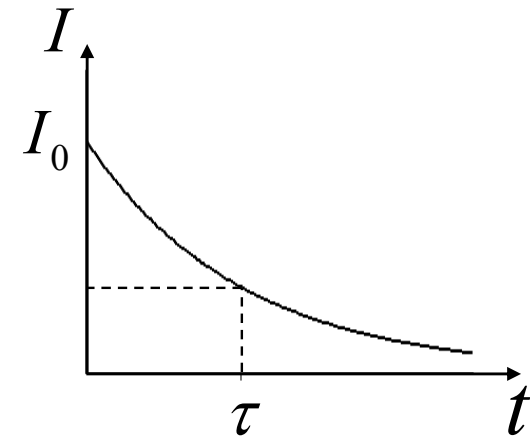
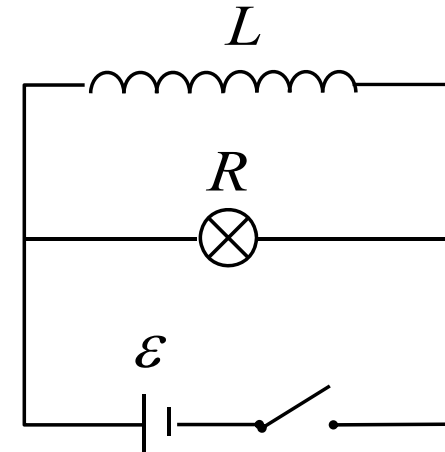
After the switch is turned off:

$$\varepsilon_L = -L \frac{dI}{dt} = RI$$

$$\Rightarrow I = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

Time constant: $\tau = \frac{L}{R}$

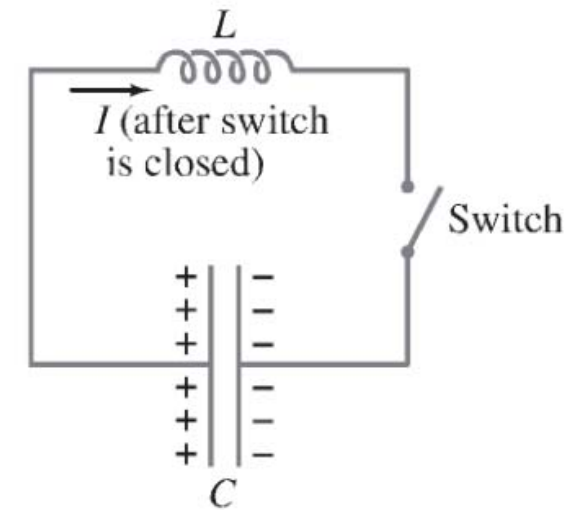
An inductor can act as a "surge protector" for sensitive electronic equipment that can be damaged by high currents.



2. LC circuits

After switch is closed:

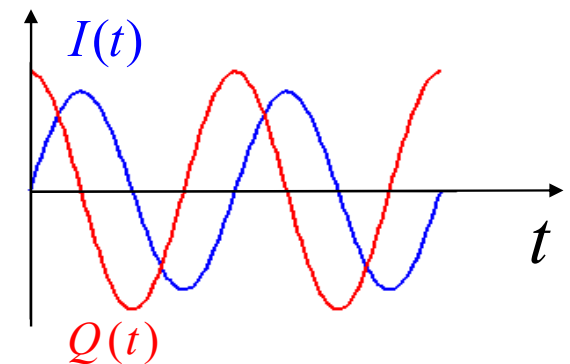
$$\varepsilon_L = -L \frac{dI}{dt} = -\frac{Q}{C}, \quad I = -\frac{dQ}{dt}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + \frac{Q}{LC} = 0$$



Solve this second order differential equation:

$$Q = Q_0 \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$

$$I = -\frac{dQ}{dt} = \omega Q_0 \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$



Q and I oscillate periodically (**LC oscillator** or **electromagnetic oscillation**).

Summary

1. Self-Inductance

$$L = \frac{N\Phi_m}{I}, \quad \varepsilon_L = -N \frac{d\Phi_m}{dt} = -L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

SI unit: Henry (H), $1\text{H} = 1\text{V}\cdot\text{s}/\text{A} = 1\Omega\cdot\text{s}$.

2. Inductance of an infinite long solenoid

$$L = \mu_0 n^2 V$$

3. Mutual induction

$$M = \frac{N_2 \Phi_{21}}{I_1} \quad \varepsilon_{21} = -N_2 \frac{d\Phi_{21}}{dt} = -M_{21} \frac{dI_1}{dt}$$

4. mutual inductance of two coupling coils

$$M = k \cdot \sqrt{L_1 L_2}, \quad (0 \leq k \leq 1)$$

5. Current carrying inductor stores magnetic energy

$$U = \int_0^I LI dI = \frac{1}{2} LI^2$$

6. Energy stored in a magnetic field

$$u_m = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0} \quad U_m = \int_V u_m dV = \frac{1}{2} LI^2$$

7. LR circuits

$$\varepsilon_L = -L \frac{dI}{dt} = RI \quad I = I_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \text{Time constant:} \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

8. LC circuits

$$\frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + \frac{Q}{LC} = 0 \quad Q = Q_0 \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \quad I = -\frac{dQ}{dt} = \omega Q_0 \sin(\omega t + \varphi) \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$

LC oscillator or electromagnetic oscillation