

Lecture 4:

Electromagnetic Principles and Actuators

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By the end of this lecture, you should be able to:

- ❖ Perform design and analysis of magnetic circuits excited by AC and DC sources.
- ❖ Describe the use of magnetic field as a medium to store electrical energy.
- ❖ Evaluate the magnetic field energy using different approaches.

Example 6

The circular magnetic core shown in Fig. 36 has a relative permeability of 2200. The dimensions of the core are: $r_1 = 25$ cm, $r_2 = 20$ cm, and the cross section A is circular. The coil has 102 turns and a resistance of $4\ \Omega$.

Calculate the inductance of the coil. What will be the flux density in the core and the flux linkage of the coil if it is connected to (a) 10 V dc source, and (b) 10 V, 50 Hz ac source?

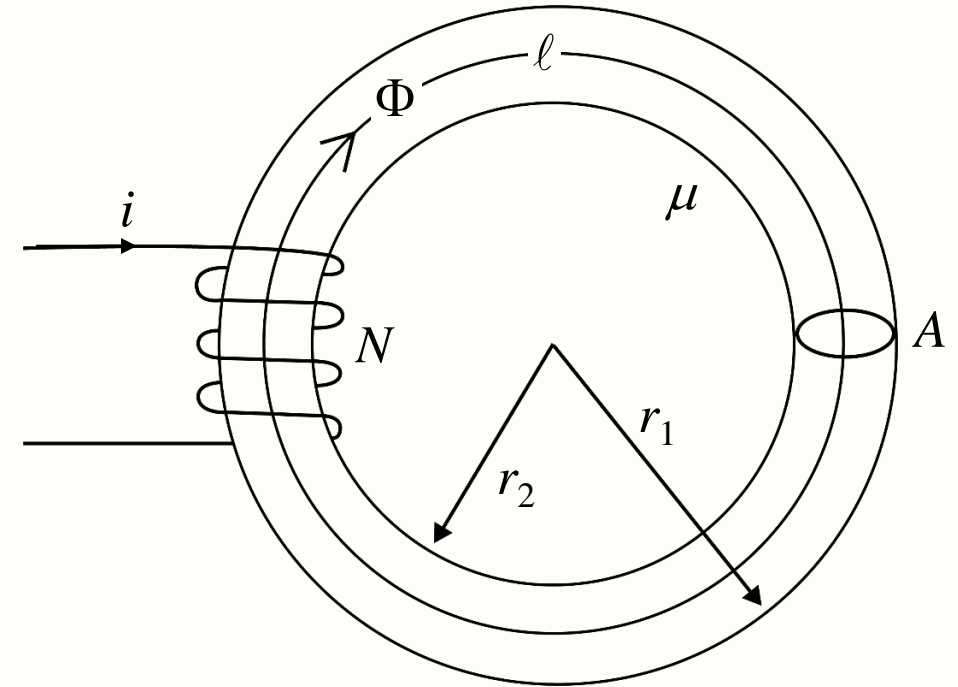


Fig. 36. Circular magnetic core.

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(Solutions →)

Example 6 – Solutions

Mean radius $r = \left(\frac{25 + 20}{2} \right) \times 10^{-2} = 0.225 \text{ m}$

Diameter of core section $= r_1 - r_2 = 5 \text{ cm} = 0.05 \text{ m}$

\Rightarrow Cross section area $A = \pi r^2 = \pi 0.025^2 \text{ m}^2$

Reluctance of core:

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\ell}{\mu A} = \frac{2\pi \times 0.225}{2200 \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times \pi 0.025^2} = 260435 \text{ H}^{-1}$$

The magnetic equivalent circuit is shown in Fig. 37.

$$\text{Inductance } L = \frac{N^2}{\mathcal{R}} = \frac{102^2}{260435} = 0.04 \text{ H}$$

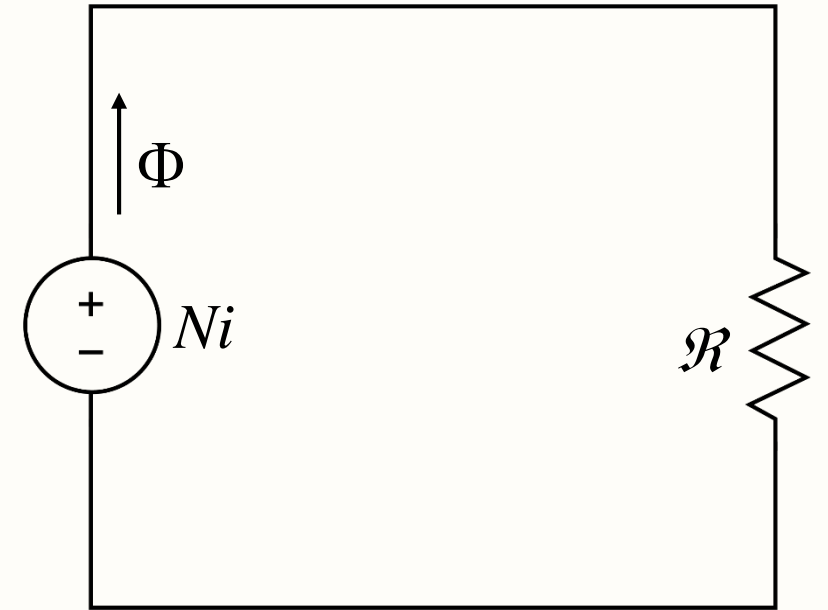


Fig. 37. Magnetic equivalent circuit.

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Example 6 – Solutions

- a) When connected to 10 V dc, the electric circuit is shown in Fig. 38, where

$$i = V / R = 10 / 4 = 2.5 \text{ A}$$

Then,

$$\text{flux } \varphi = Ni / \mathcal{R} = 102 \times 2.5 / 260435 = 9.79 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$$

$$B = \varphi / A = 9.79 \times 10^{-4} / (\pi 0.025^2) = 0.50 \text{ T}$$

$$\lambda = N\varphi = 102 \times 9.79 \times 10^{-4} = 0.10 \text{ Wb t}$$

$$(\text{Check: } L = \lambda / i = 0.10 / 2.5 = 0.04 \text{ H})$$

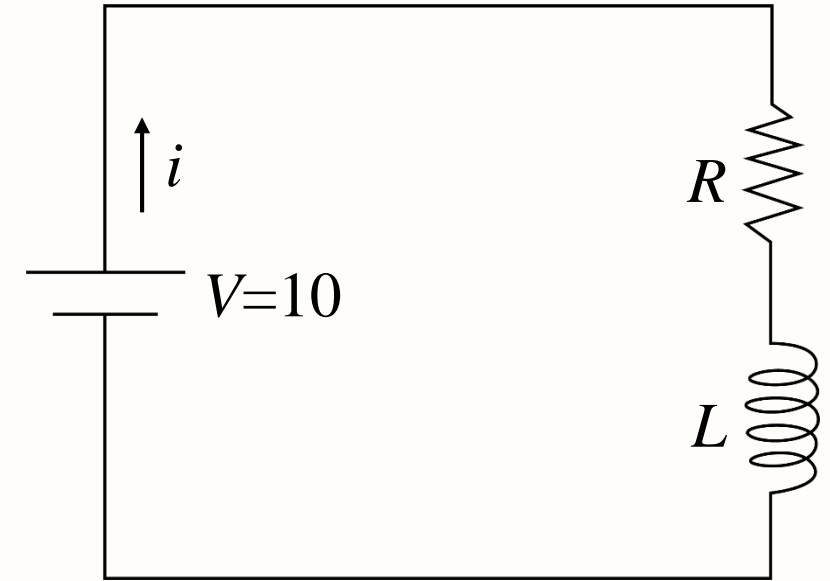


Fig. 38. Electric equivalent circuit.

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Example 6 – Solutions

- b) When connected to 10 V ac, 50 Hz, the electric circuit is shown in Fig. 39, where

$$Z = R + j\omega L = 4 + j2\pi fL = 4 + j2\pi 50 \times 0.04$$

$$= 4 + j12.57 = 13.19 \angle 72.3^\circ \Omega$$

so that $I = V / Z = 10 / 13.19 = 0.758 \text{ A}$

Then,

$$\text{flux } \varphi = NI / \mathcal{R} = 102 \times 0.758 / 260435 = 2.97 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$$

$$B = \varphi / A = 2.97 \times 10^{-4} / (\pi 0.025^2) = 0.15 \text{ T}$$

$$\lambda = N\varphi = 102 \times 2.97 \times 10^{-4} = 0.0303 \text{ Wb t}$$

(Check: $L = \lambda / i = 0.0303 / 0.758 = 0.04 \text{ H}$)

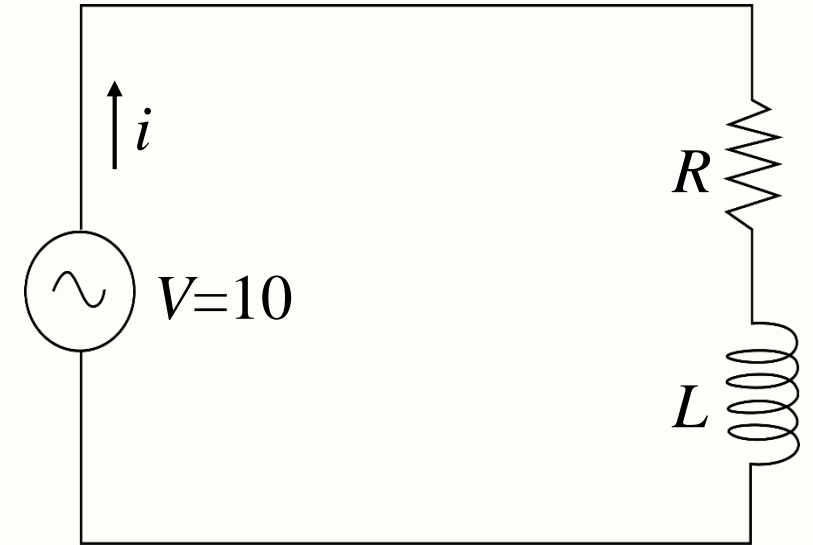


Fig. 39. Electric equivalent circuit.

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- ❖ Consider a lossless magnetic circuit as shown in Fig. 40. If the current input is i at a voltage of v , electrical energy input in time interval dt is

$$dW_i = vi dt = -ei dt \quad (\text{Energy} = \text{kWh} = \text{Power} \times \text{Time})$$

$$\text{But } e = -\frac{d\lambda}{dt}, \Rightarrow -e dt = d\lambda$$

$$\text{and } \lambda = N\phi \Rightarrow d\lambda = Nd\phi$$

$$\text{Hence, } dW_i = -ei dt = -ie dt = i d\lambda = Ni d\phi$$

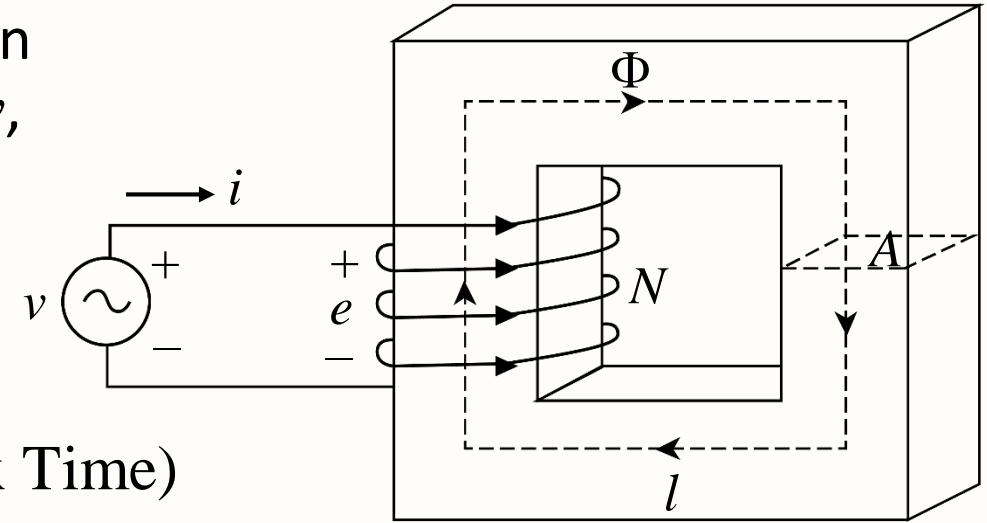


Fig. 40. Lossless magnetic circuit.

Therefore, energy input to establish flux φ in N -turn coil is

$$W_i = \int i \, d\lambda = \int Ni \, d\varphi$$

This expression can be used to calculate the total electrical energy input to a magnetic system.

- ❖ In a lossless system, since there is no output, the input energy will be stored as magnetic field energy (W_f or W_m). Therefore,

$$W_f = \int i \, d\lambda = \int Ni \, d\varphi$$

- ❖ Noting that $Ni = \varphi \mathcal{R}$ for linear circuits, the field energy may be evaluated as

$$W_f = \int Ni \, d\varphi = \int \varphi \mathcal{R} \, d\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \varphi^2 \mathcal{R} \quad (= \frac{1}{2} Ni\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \lambda i)$$

- ❖ Further, if we note that $L = \frac{\lambda}{i} = \frac{N\phi}{i} \Rightarrow N\phi = iL$, the stored energy can be written as

$$W_f = \frac{1}{2} N\phi i = \frac{1}{2} i^2 L$$

- It should be noted that these expressions for stored magnetic field energy are for linear systems only, since we assume constant reluctance \mathcal{R} .
- For nonlinear magnetic circuits, proper integration must be carried out to evaluate the stored energy.

- ❖ The stored magnetic field energy (W_f or W_m) has been expressed as

$$W_f = \int i \, d\lambda = \int Ni \, d\varphi$$

Noting that $Ni = H\ell$ and $\varphi = BA$, so that $d\varphi = A dB$, the field energy can also be written as

$$W_f = A\ell \int H \, dB$$

- ❖ Note that $A\ell$ is the volume of the magnetic material and $W_f / (A\ell)$ is the energy per unit volume. Therefore,

$$\frac{W_f}{A\ell} = \int H \, dB \text{ is called the energy density, usually denoted as } \mathbf{w}.$$

- ❖ Noting further that $B = \mu H \Rightarrow H = B/\mu$, the energy density is evaluated as

$$w_i = \int H dB = \int (B/\mu) dB = \frac{B^2}{2\mu} \text{ J/m}^3 = \frac{1}{2} HB \text{ J/m}^3$$

for a linear magnetic circuit, where μ remains constant.

Example 7

For the magnetic circuit of Example 6, calculate the magnetic field energy stored when connected to 10 V dc using different approaches.

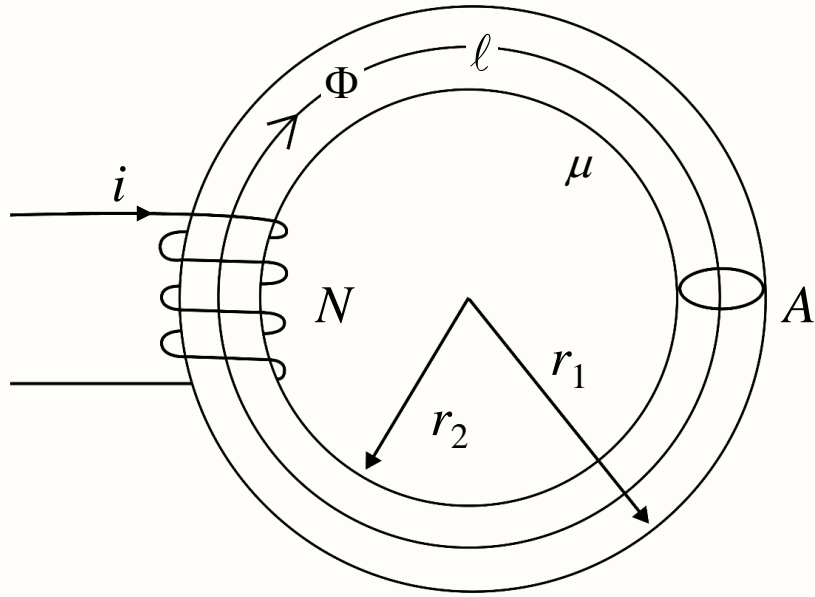


Fig. 41. Circular magnetic core.

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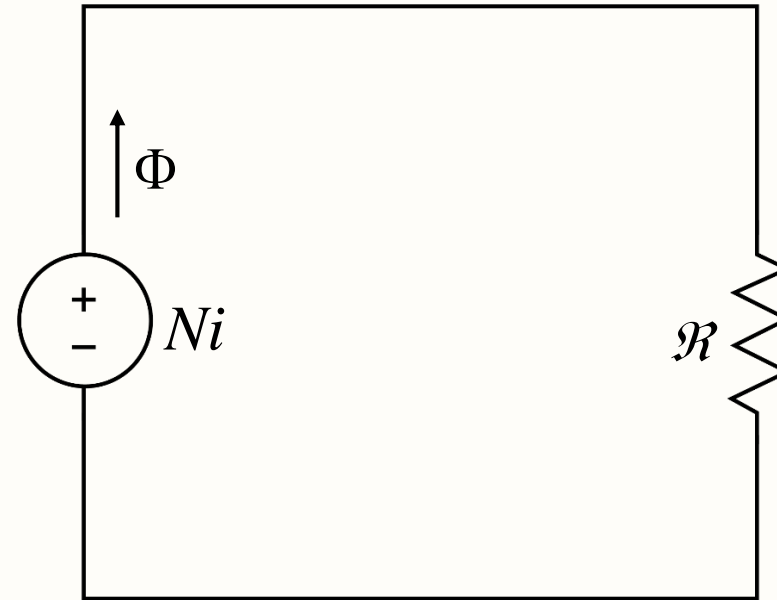


Fig. 42. Magnetic equivalent circuit.

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(Solutions →)

Example 7 – Solutions

From Example 6,

$$\mathcal{R} = 260435 \text{ H}^{-1}, \text{ and } L = 0.04 \text{ H}$$

With 10 V dc source,

$$i = 2.5 \text{ A}, \varphi = 9.79 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Wb}$$

$$B = 0.50 \text{ T}, \lambda = 0.10 \text{ Wb t}$$

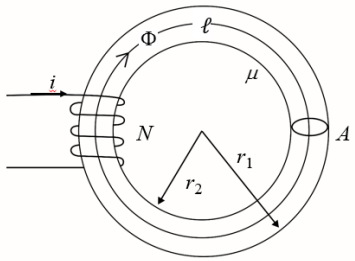
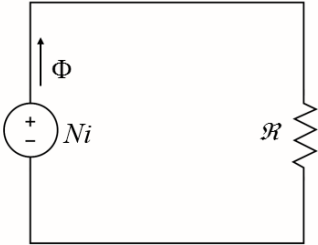
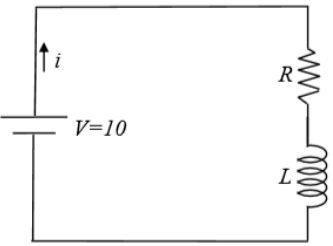
$$\text{Then, } W_f = \frac{1}{2} \varphi^2 \mathcal{R} = \frac{1}{2} (9.79 \times 10^{-4})^2 \times 260435 = 0.125 \text{ J, or}$$

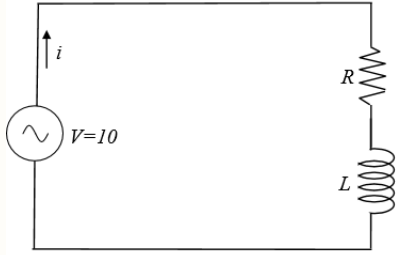
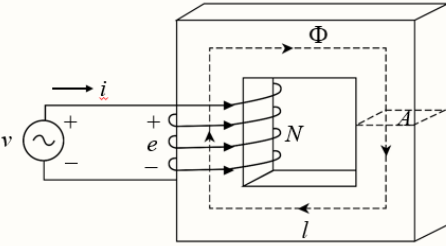
$$W_f = \frac{1}{2} i^2 L = \frac{1}{2} (2.5)^2 \times 0.04 = 0.125 \text{ J}$$

(You can also try other energy equations discussed above, say $w_i = \frac{B^2}{2\mu}$, etc.)

In this lecture, you have learnt:

- ❖ Design and analysis of magnetic circuits excited by AC and DC sources.
- ❖ Use of magnetic field as a medium to store electrical energy.
- ❖ Evaluation of magnetic field energy using different approaches.

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