

## 10.11: Inductance (Summary)

### Key Terms

<b>henry (H)</b>	unit of inductance, $1H = 1\Omega \cdot s$ ; it is also expressed as a volt second per ampere
<b>inductance</b>	property of a device that tells how effectively it induces an emf in another device
<b>inductive time constant</b>	denoted by $\tau$ , the characteristic time given by quantity $L/R$ of a particular series $RL$ circuit
<b>inductor</b>	part of an electrical circuit to provide self-inductance, which is symbolized by a coil of wire
<b>LC circuit</b>	circuit composed of an ac source, inductor, and capacitor
<b>magnetic energy density</b>	energy stored per volume in a magnetic field
<b>mutual inductance</b>	geometric quantity that expresses how effective two devices are at inducing emfs in one another
<b>RLC circuit</b>	circuit with an ac source, resistor, inductor, and capacitor all in series.
<b>self-inductance</b>	effect of the device inducing emf in itself

### Key Equations

Mutual inductance by flux	$M = \frac{N_2\Phi_2}{I_1} = \frac{N_1\Phi_{12}}{I_2}$
Mutual inductance in circuits	$\epsilon_1 = -M\frac{dI_2}{dt}$
Self-inductance in terms of magnetic flux	$N\Phi_m = LI$
Self-inductance in terms of emf	$\epsilon = -L\frac{dI}{dt}$
Self-inductance of a solenoid	$L_{solenoid} = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 A}{l}$
Self-inductance of a toroid	$L_{toroid} = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 h}{2\pi} \ln \frac{R_2}{R_1}$
Energy stored in an inductor	$U = \frac{1}{2}LI^2$
Current as a function of time for a <b>RL</b> circuit	$I(t) = \frac{\epsilon}{R}(1 - e^{-t/\tau_L})$
Time constant for a <b>RL</b> circuit	$\tau_L = L/R$
Charge oscillation in <b>LC</b> circuits	$q(t) = q_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$
Angular frequency in <b>LC</b> circuits	$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$
Current oscillations in <b>LC</b> circuits	$i(t) = -\omega q_0 \sin(\omega t + \phi)$
Charge as a function of time in <b>RLC</b> circuit	$q(t) = q_0 e^{-Rt/2L} \cos(\omega' t + \phi)$
Angular frequency in <b>RLC</b> circuit	$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - (\frac{R}{2L})^2}$

### Summary

#### 14.2 Mutual Inductance

- Inductance is the property of a device that expresses how effectively it induces an emf in another device.
- Mutual inductance is the effect of two devices inducing emfs in each other.
- A change in current  $dI_1/dt$  in one circuit induces an emf ( $\epsilon_2$ ) in the second:

$$\varepsilon_2 = -M \frac{dI_1}{dt},$$

where  $\mathbf{M}$  is defined to be the mutual inductance between the two circuits and the minus sign is due to Lenz's law.

- Symmetrically, a change in current  $dI_2/dt$  through the second circuit induces an emf ( $\varepsilon_1$ ) in the first:

$$\varepsilon_1 = -M \frac{dI_2}{dt},$$

where  $\mathbf{M}$  is the same mutual inductance as in the reverse process.

### 14.3 Self-Inductance and Inductors

- Current changes in a device induce an emf in the device itself, called self-inductance,

$$\varepsilon = -L \frac{dI}{dt},$$

where  $\mathbf{L}$  is the self-inductance of the inductor and  $dI/dt$  is the rate of change of current through it. The minus sign indicates that emf opposes the change in current, as required by Lenz's law. The unit of self-inductance and inductance is the henry (H), where  $1H = 1\Omega \cdot s$ .

- The self-inductance of a solenoid is

$$L = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 A}{l},$$

where  $\mathbf{N}$  is its number of turns in the solenoid,  $\mathbf{A}$  is its cross-sectional area,  $\mathbf{l}$  is its length, and  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} T \cdot m/A$  is the permeability of free space.

- The self-inductance of a toroid is

$$L = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 h}{2\pi} \ln \frac{R_2}{R_1},$$

where  $\mathbf{N}$  is its number of turns in the toroid,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are the inner and outer radii of the toroid,  $\mathbf{h}$  is the height of the toroid, and  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} T \cdot m/A$  is the permeability of free space.

### 14.4 Energy in a Magnetic Field

- The energy stored in an inductor  $\mathbf{U}$  is

$$U = \frac{1}{2} LI^2.$$

- The self-inductance per unit length of coaxial cable is

$$\frac{L}{l} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln \frac{R_2}{R_1}.$$

### 14.5 RL Circuits

- When a series connection of a resistor and an inductor—an **RL** circuit—is connected to a voltage source, the time variation of the current is

$$I(t) = \frac{\varepsilon}{R} (1 - e^{-Rt/L}) = \frac{\varepsilon}{R} (1 - e^{-t/\tau_L}) \quad (\text{turning on}),$$

where the initial current is  $I_0 = \varepsilon/R$ .

- The characteristic time constant  $\tau$  is  $\tau_L = L/R$ , where  $\mathbf{L}$  is the inductance and  $\mathbf{R}$  is the resistance.
- In the first time constant  $\tau$ , the current rises from zero to  $0.632I_0$ , and to 0.632 of the remainder in every subsequent time interval  $\tau$ .
- When the inductor is shorted through a resistor, current decreases as

$$I(t) = \frac{\varepsilon}{R} e^{-t/\tau_L} \quad (\text{turning off}).$$

Current falls to  $0.368I_0$  in the first time interval  $\tau$ , and to 0.368 of the remainder toward zero in each subsequent time  $\tau$ .

### 14.6 Oscillations in an LC Circuit

- The energy transferred in an oscillatory manner between the capacitor and inductor in an **LC** circuit occurs at an angular frequency  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$ .
- The charge and current in the circuit are given by

$$q(t) = q_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi) ,$$
$$i(t) = -\omega q_0 \sin(\omega t + \phi) .$$

### 14.7 RLC Series Circuits

- The underdamped solution for the capacitor charge in an **RLC** circuit is

$$q(t) = q_0 e^{-Rt/2L} \cos(\omega' t + \phi) .$$

- The angular frequency given in the underdamped solution for the **RLC** circuit is

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2} .$$

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