# 14-Ideal Transformers

Text 11.1

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**Electrical Energy Systems** 

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- Self Inductance
- Transformer Theory of Operation
- Ideal Single Phase Transformers











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"homemade" Zambian transformer



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#### Introduction

- Transformers are important electrical-electrical energy conversion components
- One important reason we use AC is because we can easily change the voltage levels, which reduces losses
- Transformers enable this conversion of voltage level
  - High efficiency (up to 99%)
  - No or few moving parts (low maintenance)

#### Transformers

- Shift between voltage levels
  - generation 11 kV to 30 kV
  - transmission up to 765  $\rm kV$
  - distribution around 69 kV
  - residential 240/120 V
- Controlling voltages, power flows
  - regulating transformers
- Isolation (dc current)
- Instrument
  - PTs, CTs



#### Inductance

- Transformers and other machines have coils of wire wrapped around permeable material
- Transformers are made of one or more inductors on a common core
- We will start with a qualitative description of inductance



#### Inductance

- Inductive reactance X<sub>L</sub> exists due to Faraday's Law
  - $jX_{L} = j\omega L$
- The j operator accounts for the 90 degree phase shift between current and induced voltage
- $\omega$  accounts for the dependency on frequency
- L is a description of how strong the current links the flux through the coil
- Next we examine inductance



#### Inductance

- Recall that e =  $N \frac{d\phi}{dt}$  (note the polarity in the figure) • N $\phi$  is also known as the <u>flux linkages</u> ( $\lambda$ )







Self-inductance (inductance) is defined as:

 $L \triangleq N \frac{d\phi}{di}$ 

Large inductance: great sensitivity of flux wrt current



Inductance describes how the flux linking a coil changes with the applied current



#### » Self Inductance

- Inductance depends on the <u>physical characteristics of the magnetic circuit</u>
- Recall that

$$\phi = \frac{Ni}{\Re}$$

$$L \triangleq N \frac{d\phi}{di} \quad \text{therefore}$$

$$L = \frac{N^{2}}{\Re}$$

- Inductance is constant if the permeability of the magnetic circuit is itself constant (not the case in ferromagnetic materials)
- We will assume that we are operating in the linear region of B-H curve



#### Which circuit has greater inductance?

Α.





Β.



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Α.



A. Has smaller reluctance. Current gives rise to greater flux so the inductance is larger.

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#### » Self Inductance

Inductance is related to emf by:

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathsf{N} \frac{\mathsf{d} \mathbf{\phi}}{\mathsf{d} \mathsf{t}} = \mathsf{N} \frac{\mathsf{d} \mathbf{\phi}}{\mathsf{d} \mathsf{i}} \frac{\mathsf{d} \mathsf{i}}{\mathsf{d} \mathsf{t}} = \mathsf{L} \frac{\mathsf{d} \mathsf{i}}{\mathsf{d} \mathsf{t}}$$

- A coil with 1 H of inductance will have 1 volt induced in it if the current changes at a rate of 1 A/s
- If we know the inductance, we do not need to compute the flux







- Why are transformers used in power systems?
- Is it possible to use a "dc" transformer?
- Are transformers efficient?
- How is the power into a transformer related to the power out of a transformer?



# » Ideal Single-Phase Transformer

- Two magnetically coupled coils
  - Primary:  $N_1$  turns
  - Secondary: N<sub>2</sub> turns
- Primary and secondary can be arbitrarily assigned
- Note direction of windings





# » Ideal Single-Phase Transformer

Ideal assumptions

- No flux leakage
- No eddy currents
- No winding resistance
- Near infinite core permeability



Recall from magnetic circuits lecture



- Primary directly connected to AC voltage source
- Voltage across coil has sinusoidal flux associated with it  $e = -\frac{d\phi}{dt}$  (Faraday's Law)





- Same flux passes through each coil
  - $\Phi_m$ : mutual flux (phasor)
- Therefore:

$$\mathbf{V}_{1} = \frac{d\lambda_{1}}{dt} = N_{1} \frac{d\Phi_{m}}{dt}$$
$$\mathbf{V}_{2} = \frac{d\lambda_{2}}{dt} = N_{2} \frac{d\Phi_{m}}{dt}$$



• Rewritten:  $\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} \stackrel{\triangle}{=} a \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \frac{1}{n}$ 

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Ratio of voltages is the same as the ratio of turns

$$\frac{\mathsf{V}_1}{\mathsf{V}_2} = \frac{\mathsf{N}_1}{\mathsf{N}_2}$$

- Possible to transform voltage level from primary to secondary (and vice versa)
- Note: no current flows
  - (near infinite permeability)

$$\phi = \mathsf{B}\mathsf{A} = \frac{\mu\mathsf{N}\mathsf{i}\mathsf{A}}{\ell}$$





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Less than 120V.



The winding with more turns has greater voltage



Phasor Diagram (finite permeability, no load)





 ${\bf V}_{\rm 1}, {\bf V}_{\rm 2}$  in phase.  $\Phi_{\rm m}$  lags voltage by 90° Current in phase with  $\Phi_{\rm m}$ 

Note:  $|\Phi|$  arbitrarily drawn

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- Now a resistive load is connected to the secondary
- V<sub>2</sub> causes I<sub>2</sub> to flow
- Examining mmf

$$\mathfrak{I} = \mathsf{N}_1 \mathbf{I}_1 - \mathsf{N}_2 \mathbf{I}_2 = \mathfrak{R} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\mathsf{m}}$$

• Infinite permeability  $\Re = \frac{\ell}{\mu A}$   $\Im = N_1 \mathbf{I}_1 - N_2 \mathbf{I}_2 = 0$  $N_1 \mathbf{I}_1 = N_2 \mathbf{I}_2$ 



Current gain

$$\frac{\mathbf{I}_2}{\mathbf{I}_1} = \frac{\mathbf{N}_1}{\mathbf{N}_2} = \mathbf{a}$$
Compare to:  $\frac{\mathbf{V}_1}{\mathbf{V}_2} = \frac{\mathbf{N}_1}{\mathbf{N}_2}$ 





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No. The transformer would be creating energy.





How are the transformer input and output power related? Find  $\alpha$  in  $P_1 = \alpha P_2$ 



Power into the transformer

 $\mathbf{P}_1 = \operatorname{Re}\{\mathbf{V}_1\mathbf{I}_1^*\}$ 

- Power out of the transformer  $P_2 = \operatorname{Re}\{\mathbf{V}_2\mathbf{I}_2^*\} = \operatorname{Re}\{\frac{1}{a}\mathbf{V}_1\mathbf{I}_2^*\} = \operatorname{Re}\{\frac{1}{a}\mathbf{V}_1a\mathbf{I}_1^*\} = P_1$
- Power is conserved



- Now a load with PF = 0.707 lagging is connected to the secondary
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 $|\Phi_{\rm m}|$  ,  $|{\rm I}|$  can be arbitrarily drawn with respect to each other





#### » Question

- $\mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2$  in phase:  $\mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{V}_2 \frac{\mathbf{N}_1}{\mathbf{N}_2}$
- $\Phi_{\rm m}$  lags voltage by 90°
- $\mathbf{I}_2 \text{ lags } \mathbf{V}_2 \text{ by } 45^\circ$ :  $\phi = \cos^{-1}(0.707) = 45^\circ$
- $\mathbf{I}_1, \mathbf{I}_2$  in phase:  $\mathbf{I}_1 = \mathbf{I}_2 \frac{\mathbf{N}_2}{\mathbf{N}_2}$





# Transformer Polarity

What if the secondary coil was wound the opposite direction?

Examining the mmf:

 $\mathfrak{I} = \mathsf{N}_1 \mathbf{I}_1 + \mathsf{N}_2 \mathbf{I}_2 = \mathbf{0}$  $\mathsf{N}_1 \mathbf{I}_1 = -\mathsf{N}_2 \mathbf{I}_2$ 

Current and voltage polarity reverses





# Transformer Polarity

- Dot polarity:
  - Current entering polarity-marked terminals create flux in the same direction
  - When current enters one polarity-marked terminal, it leaves the other
  - Voltage of polarity-marked terminals are in phase (e.g. they are positive at the same time)



Transformer polarity is dictated by the direction of windings



» Circuit Model

- New circuit element: Ideal Transformer
- Voltage relationship  $\mathbf{e}_1 = a\mathbf{e}_2$
- Current relationship  $\mathbf{I}_1 = \frac{1}{a}\mathbf{I}_2$



Ideal Transformer

Recall: 
$$a = \frac{N_1}{N_2}$$



» Circuit Model

- Now a load is connected to the secondary
- Solving for I<sub>1</sub>

$$\mathbf{I}_{1} = \frac{1}{a} \mathbf{I}_{2}$$
$$\mathbf{I}_{1} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{\mathbf{V}_{2}}{\mathbf{Z}} \text{ using } \mathbf{I}_{2} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{2}}{\mathbf{Z}}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{V}_1}{a^2 \mathbf{Z}} \text{ using } \mathbf{V}_1 = a \mathbf{V}_2$$



Ideal Transformer



» Circuit Model

From this result, it is possible to analyze the circuit only using primary-side voltage and current  $(\mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{I}_1)$ 







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Consider an ideal transformer with  $N_1 = 100$  and  $N_2 = 500$ . The primary is connected to a 100 V source. A load of 100 Ohms is connected to the secondary.

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$$P = \frac{|\mathbf{V}_1|^2}{R} = \frac{10,000}{4} = 2,500 \text{ W}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{1} = 100$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{2} \quad 100 \quad \Omega$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{1} = 100$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{2} \quad \mathbf{V}_{1} = 4\Omega$$

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- Transformers are magnetically coupled coils
- Ratio of turns from primary to secondary is the "turns ratio". Side with greater number of turns has higher voltage, but lower current
- Ideal transformers: Power in = Power out
- Equivalent circuit is used to analyze transformers. Impedances can be transferred from secondary to primary by scaling by a<sup>2</sup>

