

EE2020-Electrical Circuits Analysis



Inductors

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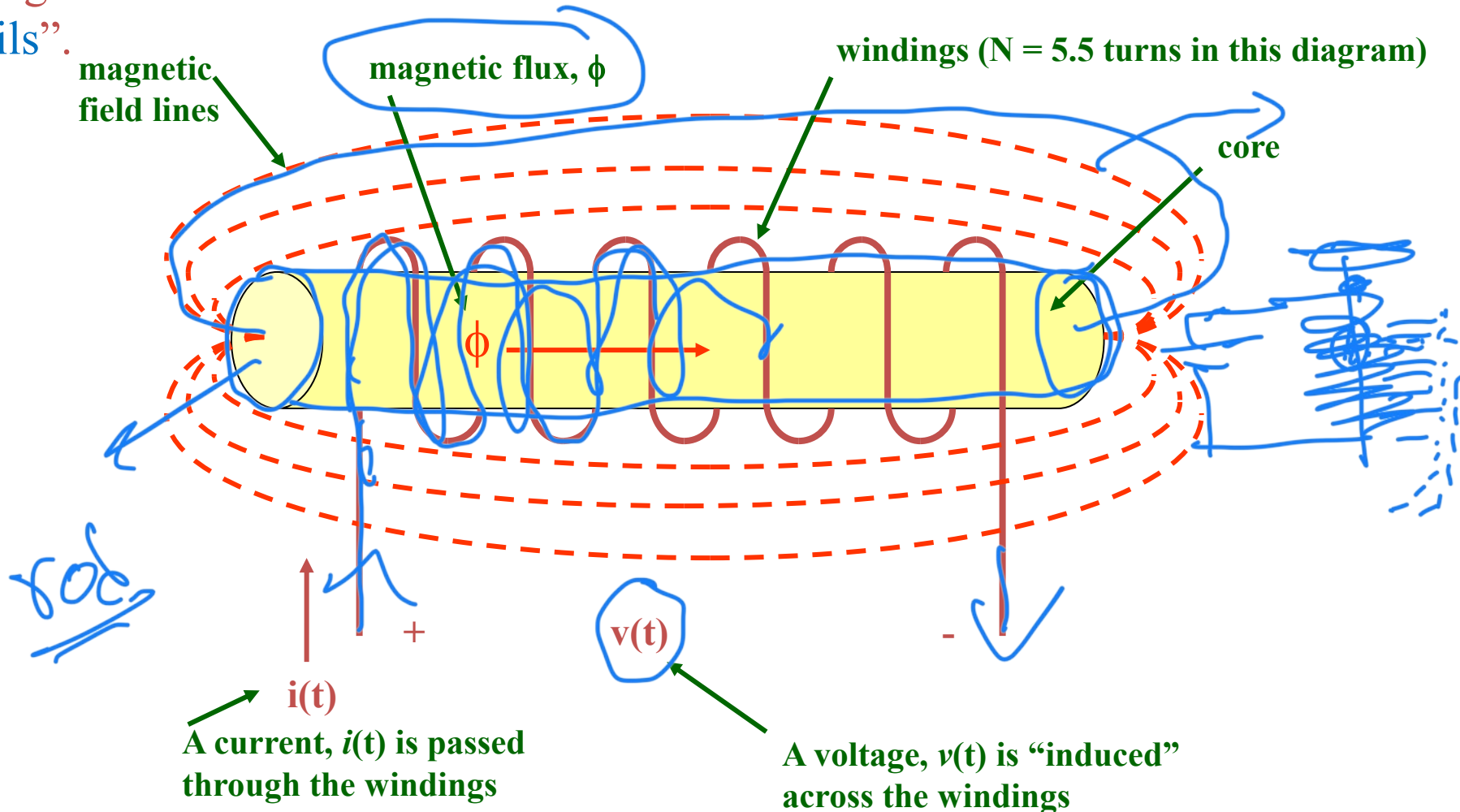


Outline

- The Inductor
- Series--Parallel Combinations of Inductance

Inductors

An inductor is a passive device created by wrapping wire around a core. When time-varying current passes through the coil a magnetic field is created and a voltage is “induced” across the coil. Inductors are also called “chokes” or “coils”.



Magnetic flux

In the previous diagram it was shown that a magnetic flux, ϕ , flowed through the core.

Magnetic flux is measured in units of Webers, Wb. It is somewhat like a magnetic current flowing through the core. The direction of the magnetic flux is determined using the “*right-hand rule*”.

Right-hand rule: Using your right hand, curl your fingers in the direction that the current flows through the coil and your thumb will indicate the direction of the magnetic flux.

Inductance

N = number of windings around the core

λ = flux linkage = $N\phi$

λ is also proportional to the current or $\lambda = (\text{constant})i$

This constant is referred to as inductance, L

$$\lambda = N\phi = Li$$

so L = inductance = $\frac{\lambda}{i}$ (in $\frac{\text{Webers}}{\text{Ampere}}$ = Henries, H)

The voltage induced across the coil is equal to the derivative of the flux linkage, so

$$v = \frac{d\lambda}{dt} = \frac{d(Li)}{dt}$$

So a key relationship for inductors is:

$$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

Notes:

- 1) This equation is sort of like “Ohm’s Law” for an inductor.
- 2) Be sure to use passive sign convention
- 3) Note that the inductor symbol looks like a coil of wire.

Note: More detailed information on magnetic fields is covered in a later course in electromagnetics.



$$\lambda = Li$$
$$v_L = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

$$v = iR$$



Physical Characteristics

The value of L can also be determined from the physical properties of the inductor using

$$L = \frac{N^2 \mu A}{l_c}$$

$$\mu = \mu_0 \mu_r$$

Where N = number of turns

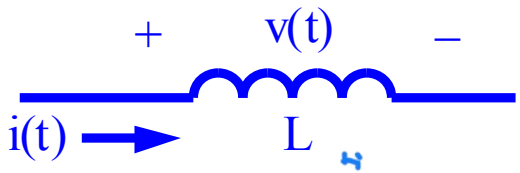
A = cross-sectional area of the core (in m²)

l_c = length of the core (in m)

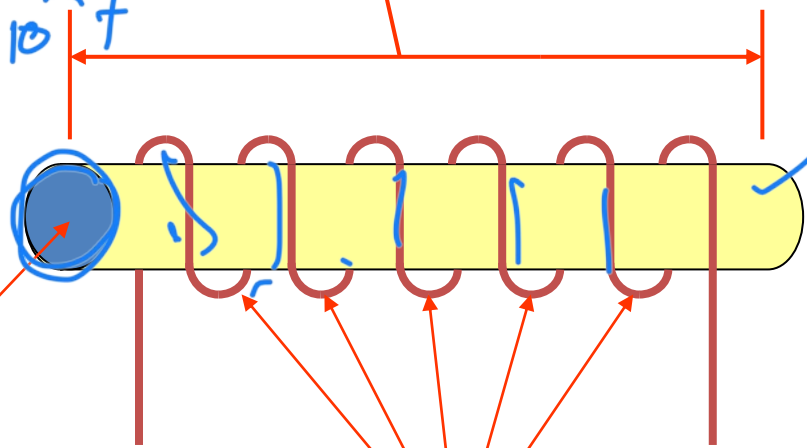
μ = permeability of the core

l_c = length of core (in m)

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$$



Inductor symbol



A = cross-sectional area of the core (in m²)

N = number of turns (complete 360 wraps)

$$= 1.26 \times 10^{-6}$$

Permeability of the core

Permeability can be thought of as a measure of how well a type of material can sustain a magnetic field.

μ = permeability of the core. This is typically expressed as:

$$\mu = \mu_R \mu_0$$

where $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Wb/A}\cdot\text{m}$ and μ_R = relative permeability

There are only basically two values for μ_R :

- $\mu_R = 1$ for non-ferrous materials
- $\mu_R \approx 200$ for ferrous materials

So the value of L is increased by a factor of 200 simply by using an iron core!

The equation for inductance can now be written as:

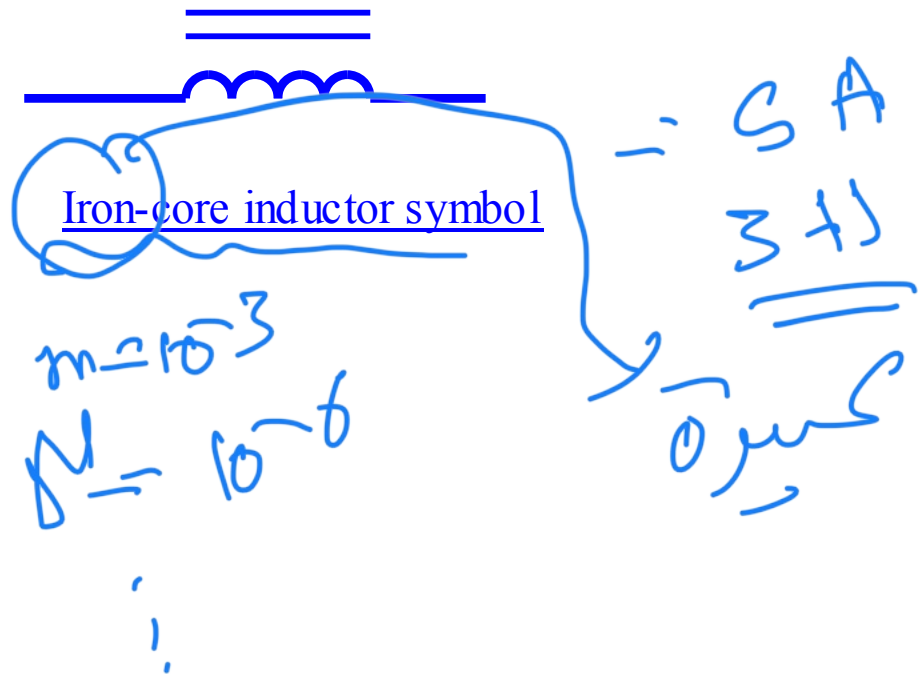
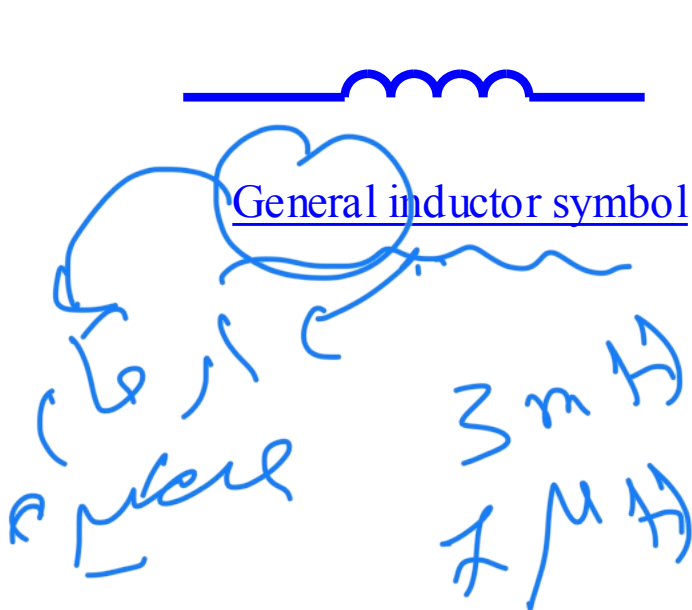
$$L = \frac{N^2 \mu_R \mu_0 A}{l_c}$$

L : Henry (H)

Typical values

Inductors are sometimes classified in two broad categories:

- 1) iron-core inductors - typical values in the H range
- 2) non-iron core inductors - typical values in the μH or mH range



Examples of inductors (www.allelectronics.com)



220uH drum choke



Variable choke with adjustable ferrite



3.5mH bobbin choke



390uH choke coil



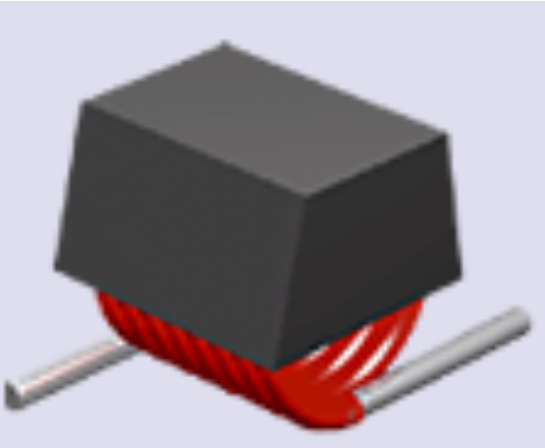
4mH high-current choke



346uH inductor (toroid)



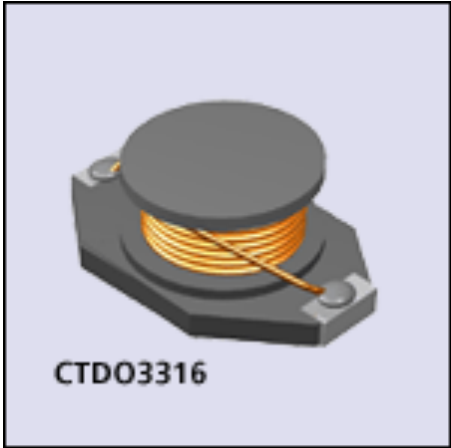
Examples of inductors (www.ctparts.com)



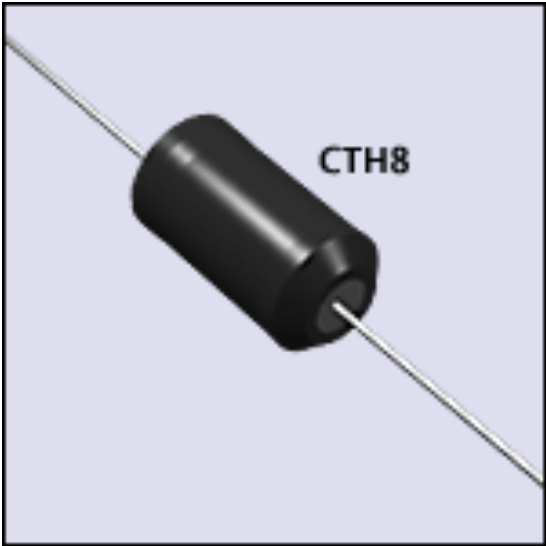
Air-core inductor



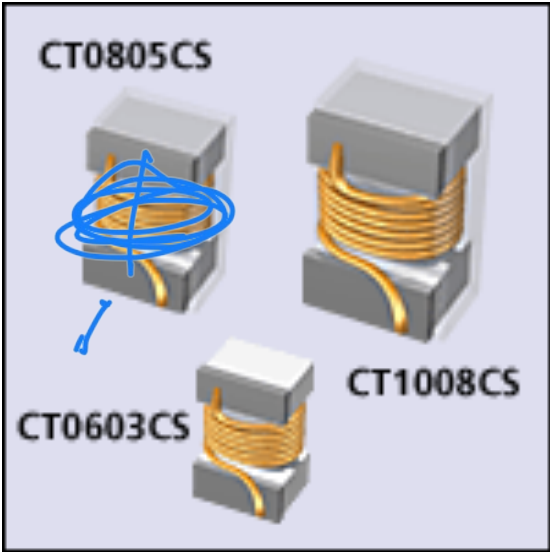
Peaking coils



Power inductor



Power line choke

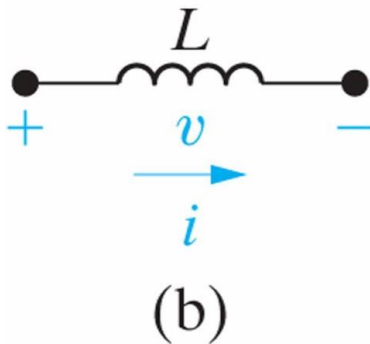
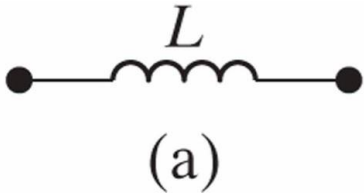


Wire-wound inductors



Toroidal power chokes
(www.coilcraft.com)

The Inductor



Inductance is the circuit parameter used to describe an **inductor**. Inductance is *symbolized by the letter L* , is *measured in henrys (H)*, and is *represented graphically as a coiled wire*—a reminder that inductance is a consequence of a conductor linking a magnetic field.

Assigning the reference direction of the current in *the direction of the voltage drop across the terminals of the inductor*, as shown in (b), yields

$$\underline{v} = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

Two Important Observations

- a) If the current is constant (**steady-state**), the voltage across the ideal inductor is zero. Thus *the inductor behaves as a short circuit in the presence of a constant or dc, current.*

- b) Current cannot change instantaneously in an inductor; that is, *the current cannot change by a finite amount in zero time.*

• This is sometimes expressed as $i_L(0^+) = i_L(0^-)$

- When someone opens the switch on an inductive circuit in an actual system, the current initially continues to flow in the air across the switch, a phenomenon called arcing.

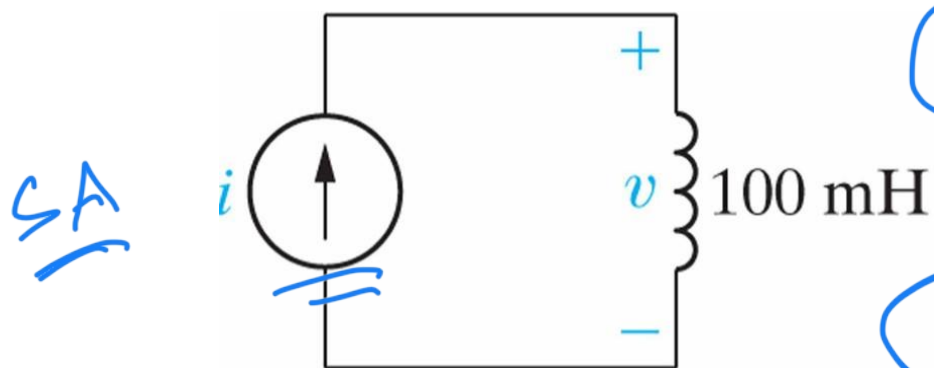
- **Arcing must be controlled to prevent equipment damage!**



Example #1



- The independent current source in the circuit generates zero current for $t < 0$ and a pulse $10te^{-5t}\text{A}$, for $t > 0$.



$$i = 0,$$

$$t < 0$$

$$i = 10te^{-5t}\text{A}, \quad t > 0$$

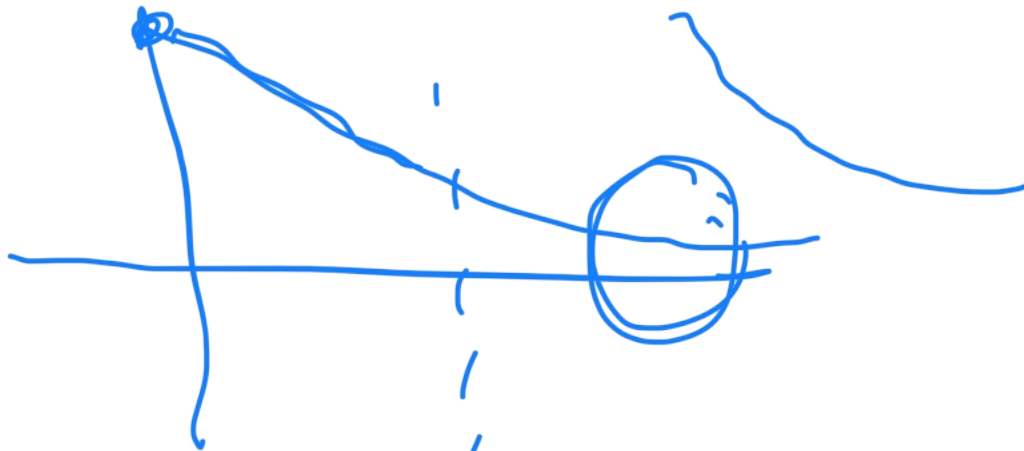
- Sketch the current waveform.
- At what instant of time is the current maximum?
- Express the voltage across the terminals of the 100 mH inductor as a function of time.

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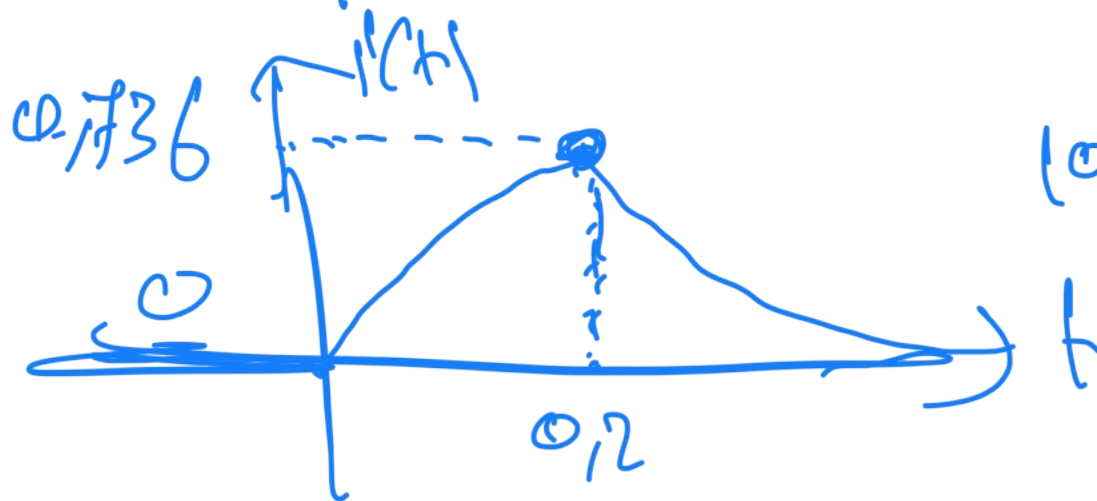
- h $\rightarrow 0,2\text{ s}$
- d) Sketch the voltage waveform.
 - e) Are the voltage and the current at a maximum at the same time?
 - f) At what instant of time does the voltage change polarity?
 - g) Is there ever an instantaneous change in voltage across the inductor? If so, at what time?

$$10t e^{-st}$$

a)



$$e^{-at} + t$$



$$10te^{-st}$$

$$b) i'(t) = 10 \left[\underline{t} \cdot \underline{e^{-st}} \right] \leftarrow \text{max} \rightarrow \frac{\partial i'}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial i'}{\partial t} = 10 \left[\underline{1} \underline{e^{-st}} + \underline{t} \underline{e^{-st} \cdot (-s)} \right] = 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial i'}{\partial t} = 10 \underline{e^{-st}} [1 - st] = 0}$$

$\cancel{0 \neq} \quad \cancel{0 \neq} \quad 1 - st = 0$

$$\frac{1}{s} = \frac{st}{s} \rightarrow t = \frac{1}{s} = \underline{0,2}$$

$$i'(0,2) = 10(0,2) e^{s \times 0,2} = 0,736 \text{ A}$$

$$c) \quad V = L \quad \frac{di}{dt} \quad L = 100 \text{ mH}$$

$$V_L(t) = 100 \times 10^{-3} \times 10 e^{-st} [1 - st]$$

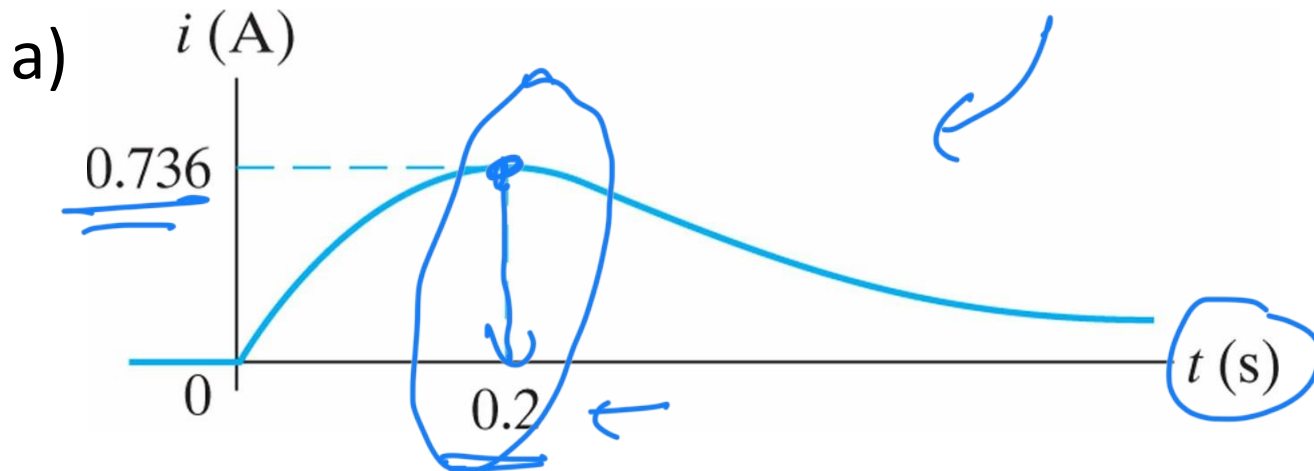
$$V_L(t) = \underline{e^{-st}} [1 - \cancel{st}] \quad V \quad t > 0$$

$$V_L(t) \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{0}} \quad t < 0$$

$$e^0 = 1$$

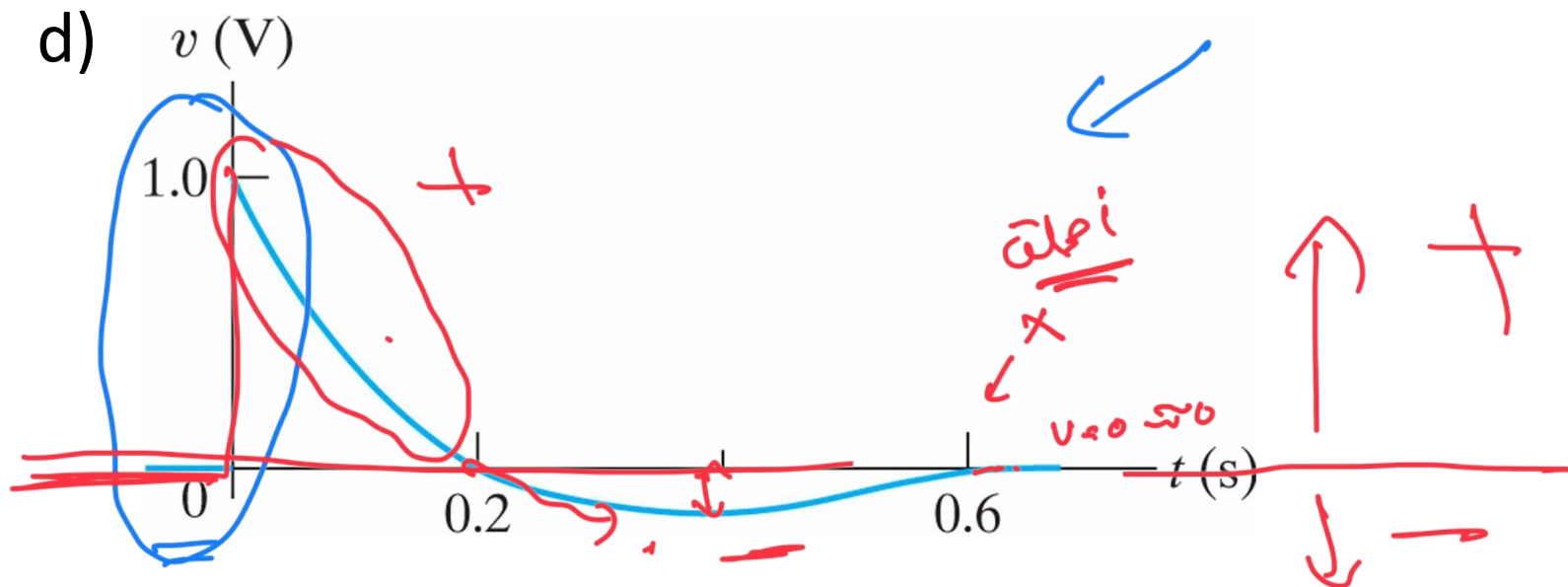
$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \sqrt{L} \left(t = \underline{\underline{0^-}} \right) & t < 0 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \\
 \sqrt{L} \left(t = \underline{\underline{0^+}} \right) & t > 0 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

Solution for Example #1



b) $\frac{di}{dt} = 10(-5te^{-5t} + e^{-5t}) = 10e^{-5t}(1 - 5t)$ A/s; $\frac{di}{dt} = 0$ when $\underline{t = \frac{1}{5} \text{ s.}}$ $\approx 0.2 \text{ s}$

c) $v = L \frac{di}{dt} = (0.1)10e^{-5t}(1 - 5t) = e^{-5t}(1 - 5t)$ V, $t > 0$; $v = 0$, $t < 0$.



- e) No; the voltage is proportional to di/dt , not i .
- f) At 0.2 s, which corresponds to the moment when di/dt is passing through zero and changing sign.
- g) Yes, at $t = 0$. Note that the voltage can change instantaneously across the terminals of an inductor.

Current in an Inductor in Terms of the Voltage Across the Inductor

$$\begin{aligned} v &= L \frac{di}{dt} \xrightarrow{\text{Integrate}} v dt = L di \xrightarrow{\text{Integrate}} L \int_{i(t_0)}^{i(t)} dx = \int_{t_0}^t v d\tau \\ &\downarrow \\ i(t) &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{t_0}^t v d\tau + i(t_0) \xleftarrow{t_0=0} i(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^t v d\tau + i(0) \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten:
 $i(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^t v d\tau + i(0)$

$$V_L(t) = L \cdot \frac{di}{dt}$$

$$i_L(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int V_L(t) dt + i_L(t_0)$$

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Power and Energy in the Inductor

$$p = vi \rightarrow p = Li \frac{di}{dt} \rightarrow p = v \left[\frac{1}{L} \int_{t_0}^t v d\tau + i(t_0) \right]$$

$$p = \frac{dw}{dt} = Li \frac{di}{dt} \rightarrow dw = Li di$$

$$\int_0^w dx = L \int_0^i y dy \rightarrow w = \frac{1}{2} Li^2$$

$$w = \int_0^i p(t) dt$$

Key inductor relationships:


$$v = L \frac{di}{dt} \quad (\text{V})$$

$$i = \frac{1}{L} \int_{t_0}^t v d\tau + i(t_0) \quad (\text{A})$$

$$p = vi = Li \frac{di}{dt} \quad (\text{W})$$

$$w = \frac{1}{2} Li^2 \quad (\text{J})$$




Example #2

- a) For Example #1, Plot i , v , p , and w versus time. Line up the plots vertically to allow easy assessment of each variable's behavior.
- b) In what time interval is energy being stored in the inductor?
- c) In what time interval is energy being extracted from the inductor?
- d) What is the maximum energy stored in the inductor?
- e) Evaluate the integrals and comment on their significance.

$$\int_0^{0.2} p \, dt \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{0.2}^{\infty} p \, dt$$

$$V_L(t) = 1 \cdot \underbrace{e^{-st} [1 - st]}_V \quad \begin{array}{l} t > 0 \\ t < 0 \end{array}$$

$$V_L(t) = \underline{\underline{0}} \quad V$$

$$I_L'(t) = \underbrace{10t}_A \underbrace{e^{-st}}_A \quad \begin{array}{l} t > 0 \\ t < 0 \end{array}$$

$$I_L'(t) = \underline{\underline{0}} \quad A$$

$$P \Rightarrow V I' = \underbrace{10t e^{-st} [1 - st]}_{\substack{0 \quad w \\ \underline{\underline{0}}}} \quad \begin{array}{l} t > 0 \\ t < 0 \end{array}$$

$$W = \int_0^t p(t) dt = \int_0^t 10x e^{-10x} [1-6x] dx$$

$$W = 5t^2 e^{-10t} \quad \vec{J} \quad t > 0$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} L i'^2$$

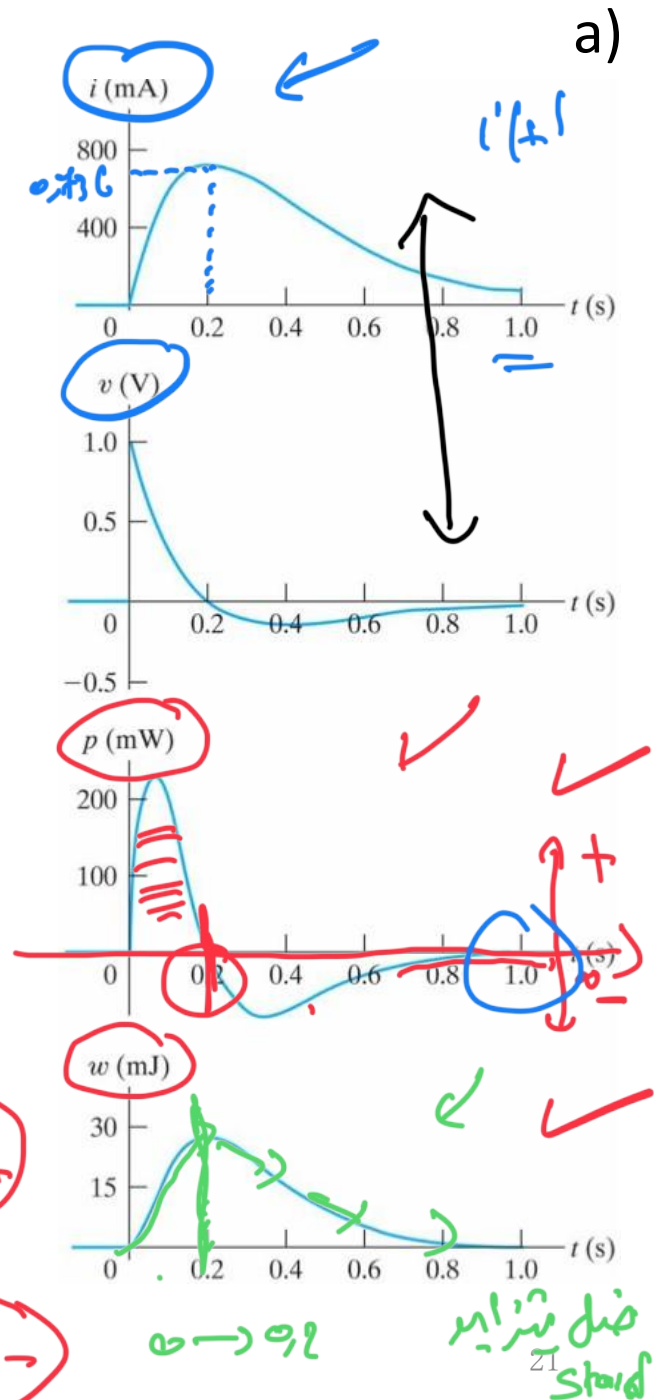
$$e^{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}} \rightarrow \vec{r} = 0$$

$$\hat{C}(t = \sin B)$$

$$[t = 1]$$

Solution for Example #2

- b) An increasing energy curve indicates that energy is being stored. Thus energy is being stored in the time interval 0 to 0.2 s. *Note that this corresponds to the interval when $p > 0$.*
- c) A decreasing energy curve indicates that energy is being extracted. Thus energy is being extracted in the time interval 0.2 s to ∞ . *Note that this corresponds to the interval when $p < 0$.*



$0,2 \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow$ relativistic

\Rightarrow Extracted

max energy \Rightarrow max current

$t = 0,2s \rightarrow i' = 0,336A$

$w = \frac{5t^2}{2} e^{-10t} \leftarrow 5(0,2)^2 e^{-10(0,2)}$


$w_{max} = 27,07 mJ \leftarrow$

$$W = \int_0^{\infty} p(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} 10t e^{-10t} [1 - 5t] dt$$

$$W = + 27,07 \text{ mJ} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{Stored} \\ + \end{array}$$

$$W = \int_0^{\infty} 10t e^{-10t} [1 - 5t] dt$$

$$W = (-) 27,07 \text{ mJ} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{Extracted} \end{array}$$

d) *Energy is at a maximum when current is at a maximum*; glancing at the graphs confirms this. From Example #1, maximum current = 0.736 A. Therefore, $w_{max} = 27.07$ mJ. 

e) From Example #1, we have $i(t) = 10te^{-5t}$ A and $L = 0.1$ H, therefore,

$$\int_0^{0.2} p \, dt = w(0.2) - w(0) = L/2 \times [i(0.2)^2 - i(0)^2] = 0.2e^{-2} = \underline{\underline{27.07 \text{ mJ}}}$$

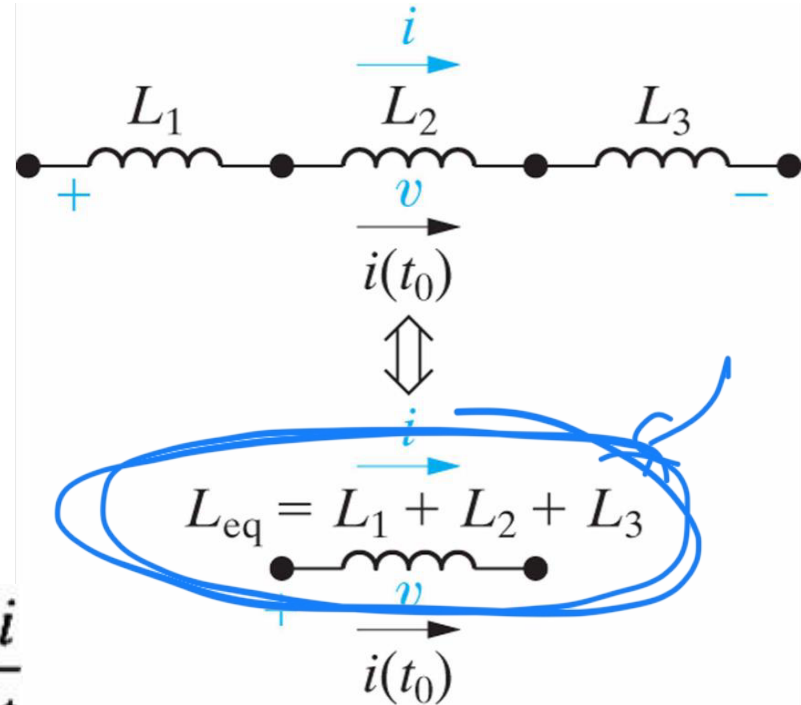
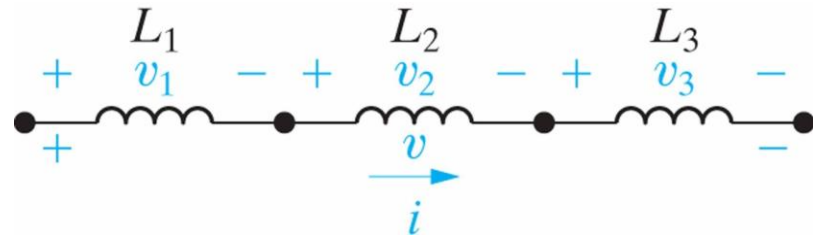
$$\int_{0.2}^{\infty} p \, dt = w(\infty) - w(0.2) = L/2 \times [i(\infty)^2 - i(0.2)^2] = -0.2e^{-2} = \underline{\underline{-27.07 \text{ mJ}}}$$

Based on the definition of p , the area under the plot of p versus t represents the energy expended over the interval of integration. Hence the integration of the power between 0 and 0.2 s represents the energy stored in the inductor during this time interval. The integral of p over the interval 0.2 s - ∞ is the energy extracted.

Note that in this time interval, all the energy originally stored is removed; that is, after the current peak has passed, no energy is stored in the inductor.

Series Combination of Inductance

→ Resistor



$$v_1 = L_1 \frac{di}{dt} \quad v_2 = L_2 \frac{di}{dt} \quad v_3 = L_3 \frac{di}{dt}$$



$$v = v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = (L_1 + L_2 + L_3) \frac{di}{dt}$$



$$L_{eq} = L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + \dots + L_n$$

Parallel Combination of Inductance

$$i_1 = \frac{1}{L_1} \int_{t_0}^t v d\tau + i_1(t_0)$$

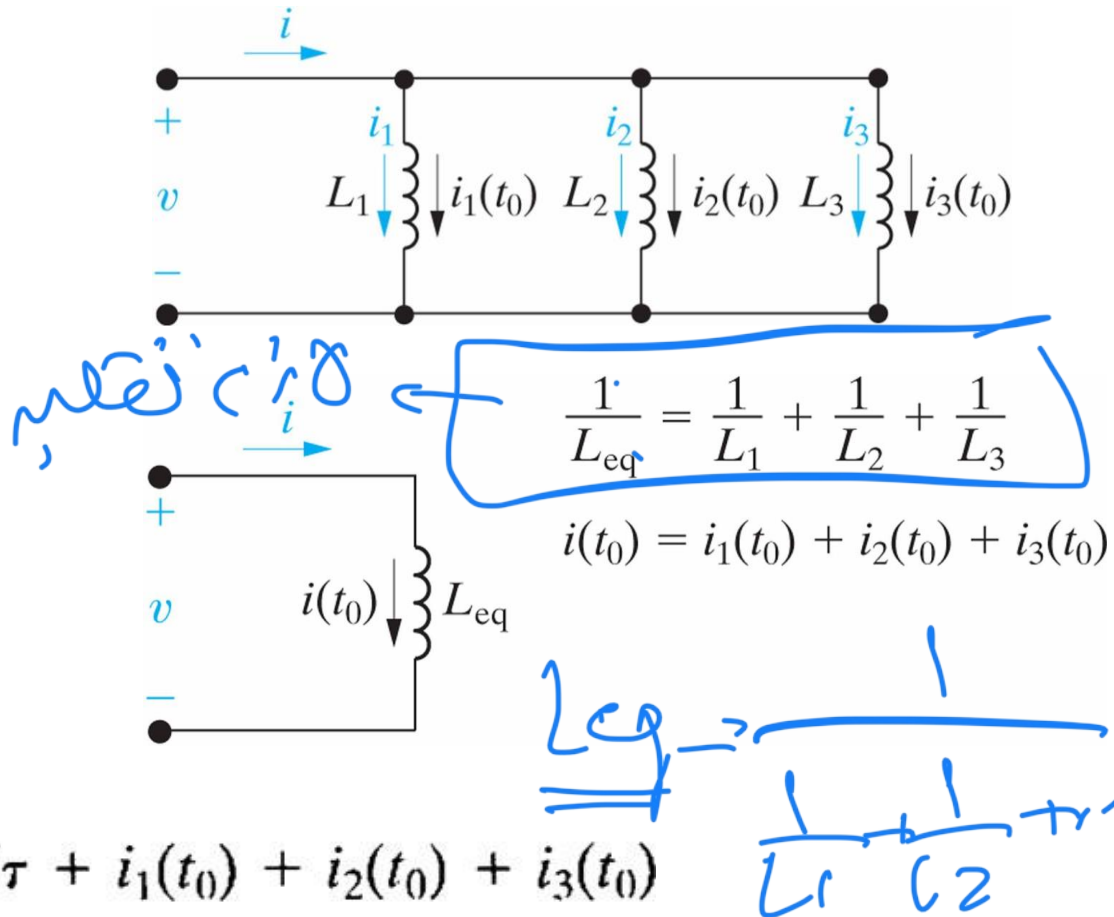
$$i_2 = \frac{1}{L_2} \int_{t_0}^t v d\tau + i_2(t_0)$$

$$i_3 = \frac{1}{L_3} \int_{t_0}^t v d\tau + i_3(t_0)$$

$$i = i_1 + i_2 + i_3$$



$$i = \left(\frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2} + \frac{1}{L_3} \right) \int_{t_0}^t v d\tau + i_1(t_0) + i_2(t_0) + i_3(t_0)$$



Key inductor relationships:

Primary v - i equation

$$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$

Alternate v - i equation

$$i(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int_{t_0}^t v(\tau) d\tau + i(t_0)$$

Initial condition

$$i(t_0)$$

Behavior with a constant source

If $i(t) = I$, $v(t) = 0$ and the inductor behaves like a short circuit

Continuity requirement

$i(t)$ is continuous for all time so $v(t)$ is finite

Power equation

$$p(t) = v(t)i(t) = Li(t) \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$

Energy equation

$$w(t) = \frac{1}{2} Li(t)^2$$

Series-connected equivalent

$$L_{\text{eq}} = \sum_{j=1}^n L_j$$
$$i_{\text{eq}}(t_0) = i_j(t_0) \quad \text{for all } j$$

Parallel-connected equivalent

$$\frac{1}{L_{\text{eq}}} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{L_j}$$
$$i_{\text{eq}}(t_0) = \sum_{j=1}^n i_j(t_0)$$

Summary

- Inductance: *definitions, characteristics, and equations*
- Series--Parallel combinations of Inductance