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Lecture 9 - Magnetics 1

Ampere's Law $\oint H \cdot dl = \int J \cdot dA + \frac{d}{dt} \int \epsilon E \cdot dA \approx 0$ Faraday's Law $\oint E \cdot dl = -\frac{d}{dt} \int B \cdot A$ Flux continuity $\oint B \cdot da = 0$ H magnetic field intensity $(\frac{A}{M})$ B magnetic flux density (T) $1T = 10^4$ gauss $= 1\frac{Joule}{A \cdot m^2}$ Material realtions $B = \mu H$, μ =permeability $\frac{H}{m}$, μ_0 = permitivity of free space $(4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{H}{m})$ In general B = f(H) (or even more complicated, including history)

Consider design of an inductor Assume

• $\mu_c >> \mu_0$

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$$r_c >> \Delta r$$

To find inductance

- 1. Find H (magnetic field)
- 2. Find Φ (magnetic flux)
- 3. Find $\lambda \to \lambda = Li$ (flux linkage)

1.

$$\int H \cdot dl = \int J \cdot dA \Rightarrow H \cdot l_c = N_i \Rightarrow H = \frac{N_i}{l_c}$$

2.

$$\Phi = B \cdot A_c = \mu H \cdot A_c \Rightarrow \Phi = N \cdot \frac{\mu_c A_c}{l_c} \cdot i$$

3. Flux linkage

$$\lambda = N\Phi = N^2 \frac{\mu_c A_c}{l_c} i$$

*Flux linkage λ is the net flux linking the whole winding, and is N times the flux in the core \Rightarrow Explain flux linkage:

- 1. How much flux links the "soap bubble" surface defined by the N turns
- 2. Each <u>turn</u> sees a voltage = $\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = V_{\text{turn}}$

Total voltage in all turns is $V = N \cdot V_{\text{turn}} = N \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = [N^2 \frac{\mu_c A_c}{l_c}] \frac{di}{dt} \lambda = \int V dt = [N^2 \frac{\mu_c A_c}{l_c}] i$. Total voltage is $\frac{d\lambda}{dt}$, $\lambda = N\Phi$



 $\underline{\text{Notes}}$

1. $L \propto N^2$ (Not N!)

Some manufacturers will characterize a core with a specific inductance A_c (nH for 1 turn) so $L = N^2 A_L$ (in nH)

2. $L \propto \mu_c$ (material property which can vary a lot)

 \rightarrow we need to do additional work for accurate and stable L value

Consider a core with a gap in it

$$H_c l_c + H_g l_g = N i$$

$$\Phi = \mu_c A_c H_c = \mu_0 A_g H_g$$



$$\Rightarrow H_c = \frac{\Phi}{\mu_c A_c}, H_g = \frac{\Phi}{\mu_0 A_g}$$
$$\therefore \Phi[\frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} + \frac{l_g}{m u_0 A_g}] = Ni$$

(Start here when introducing R)

$$\Phi = \frac{N}{[\frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} + \frac{l_g}{\mu_0 A_g}]}i$$

 $L = \frac{N^2}{\frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} + \frac{l_g}{\mu_0 A_c}}$

Since $\lambda = Li \Rightarrow$

for $A_g \approx A_c$, when $\frac{l_g}{\mu_0} >> \frac{l_c}{\mu_c}$ $W_m = \frac{1}{2} \int \int \int_{volume} B \cdot H dV$

Φ

$$\lambda = N\Phi = \frac{N^2}{\left[\frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} + \frac{l_g}{\mu_0 A_g}\right]}i$$

• inductance does <u>not</u> depend much on $\mu_c \Rightarrow$ insensitive!

• most <u>energy</u> is stored in the <u>gap</u>, <u>not</u> in the core! (H is <u>small</u> in core)

Lets step back and look at flux computation: "<u>Reluctance models</u>"

$$= \frac{Ni}{\left[\frac{l_c}{\mu_c A_c} + \frac{l_g}{\mu_0 A_c}\right]}$$
Similar in form to
"i" = $\frac{"v"}{"R_1" + "R_2"}$

Define:

- Ni = Magnetomotivefoce "MMF"
- $\Phi =$ flux in magnetic circuit
- $R = \frac{l_x}{\mu_x A_x}$ reluctance of magnetic circuit element ("resistance" to magnetic flux μ is "conductivity" of magnetic flux)



Analogue of electrical circuit model for magnetics <u>Electric Circuit</u> Voltage (EMF) Current Resistance $R = \frac{l}{\sigma A}$

 $\frac{\text{Magnetic circuit}}{\text{Magnetomotive Force (MMF)}}$ flux reluctance $R = \frac{l}{\mu A}$

Due to the form of the relations, we can build up understanding quickly



 \leftrightarrow

Assuming $A_c \approx A_g$

$$R_{3} = \frac{l_{a}}{\mu_{c}A_{c}}, R_{g_{1}} = \frac{g_{1}}{\mu_{0}A_{c}}, R_{g_{2}} = \frac{g_{2}}{\mu_{0}A_{c}}$$
$$R_{c_{1}} = \frac{(2l_{B} + l_{A} - g_{1})}{\mu_{c}A_{c}}, R_{c_{2}} = \frac{(2l_{c} + l_{A} - g_{2})}{\mu_{c}A_{c}}$$

From the circuit model:

$$R_{\text{NET}} = R_3 + ((R_{c_1} + R_{g_1}) || (R_{c_2} + R_{g_2}))$$
$$\Phi_3 = \frac{Ni}{R_{\text{NET}}} \Rightarrow \lambda_3 = \frac{N^2}{R_{\text{NET}}}i$$
$$\therefore L = \frac{N^2}{R_{\text{NET}}}, V = [\frac{N^2}{R_{\text{NET}}}]\frac{di}{dt}$$

So the magnetic circuit model allows fast calculation of magnetic element behavior

• Main limitation is calculating "leakage" flux, as magnetic circuits are quite "leaky": $\mu_c \ 10^3 - 10^4 \mu_0$ typ., unlike electric circuits

• for accuracy (in simple calculations) we need $\mu_c >> \mu_0, l_c >> \sqrt{A_c}, l_g << \sqrt{A_g}$



<u>Note</u>: These relations rely on material property $B = \mu H$. A slightly more refined model is B = f(H)

Above some flux density, material saturates $\frac{\delta B}{\delta H} \rightarrow \mu_0$ operate @ $B < B_{\text{sat}}$ (Iron μ 10⁴ μ_0 , B_{sat} 2T Ferrite μ 10³ μ_0 , B_{sat} 0.3T)

Saturating Inductor Demo:



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