

Lecture Notes

EEE 360

Transformer (Part 1: Single Phase)

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Transformer

Magnetic circuit analysis

- The magnetic circuit consists of a laminated iron core and a winding.
- The AC current in the winding generates an AC magnetic flux in the core.
- The magnetic field is calculated by Ampere's law:

$$\mathcal{F} = I N = H L_c$$

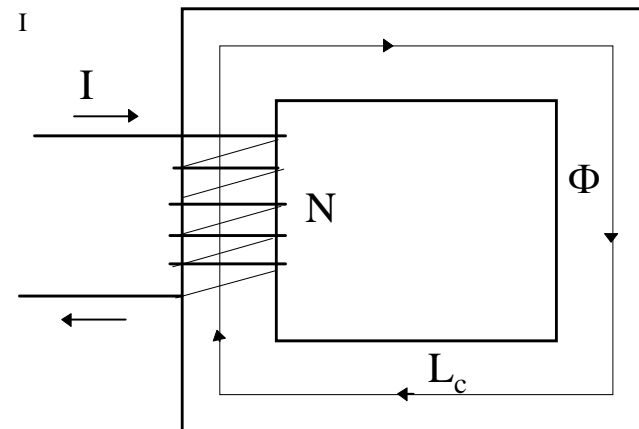
where: \mathcal{F} is the magnetomotive force

N is the number of turns

I is the current

H is the magnetic field

L_c is the magnetic path length



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Magnetic circuit analysis

- **Magnetic flux density (Weber/m² or Teslas)**

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H} = \mu \mathbf{I N} / L_c$$

where:

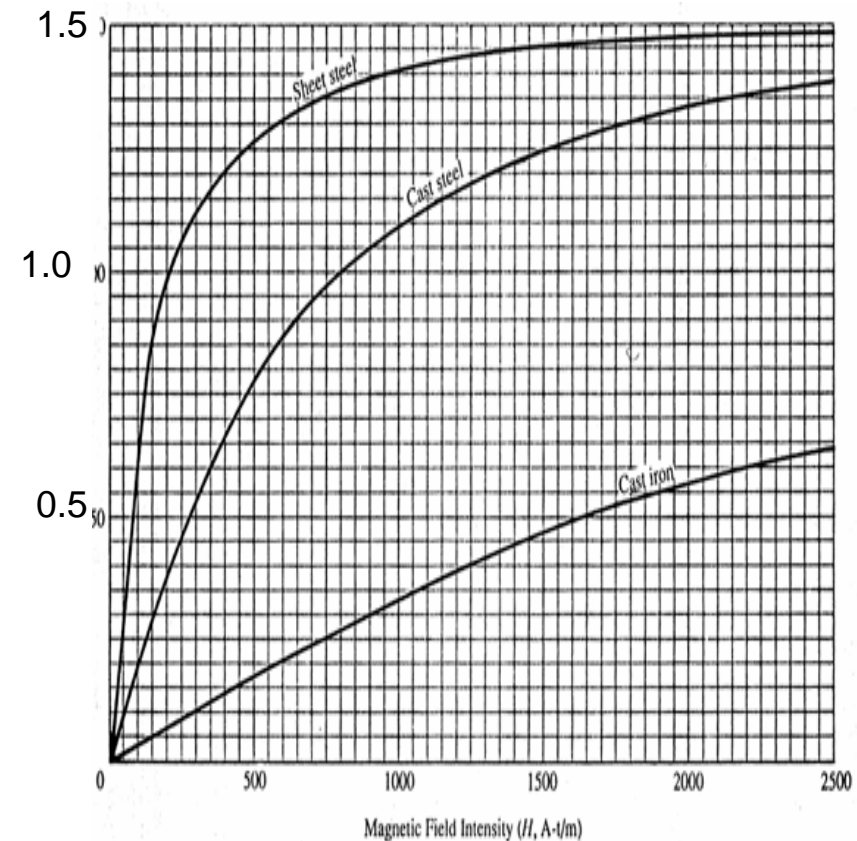
- μ is the permeability in H/m. $\mu = \mu_o \mu_r$
- $\mu_o = 4 \pi 10^{-7}$ H/m free space permeability (air)
- μ_r relative permeability (air $\mu_r = 1$, and iron $\mu_r = 5000$ - 8000)
- The actual value of μ_r is determined from the B - H magnetization curve of the magnetic material.

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Magnetic circuit analysis

- The magnetic circuits are built with laminated core.
- The core is made out of silicon iron sheets.
- B - H curves of three magnetic materials are shown in the figure.
- The permeability of the core is the slope of the B - H curve.
- The operating range is below the saturation (knee) of the curve. This region is more or less linear.

B - H Curves. (B in teslas, H in amp/m)



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Magnetic circuit analysis

- The next step of the analysis is the calculation of the magnetic flux.
- The flux is measured by Weber
- The majority of the flux is in the iron core. Small leakage flux may appear in the air, which is neglected here.
- The flux is:

$$\phi_m = B A = \mu H A = I \mu N A / L_c$$

Where: **B** is the flux density in Tesla

A is the cross section of the iron core

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Magnetic circuit analysis

- The sinusoidal AC flux induces voltage in the coil (Faraday's Law)
- This voltage is equal to the supply voltage if the ohmic voltage drop is neglected.

- The induced voltage is:
$$e(t) = N \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{d\lambda}{dt}$$

- The equation for the sinusoidal flux is: $\phi(t) = \phi_m \sin(\omega t)$

- Therefore, the expression for the induced voltage becomes:

$$e(t) = N \frac{d\phi}{dt} = N \phi_m \omega \cos(\omega t)$$

- The rms value of the induced voltage is:

$$V = \frac{N \cdot \phi_m \cdot \omega}{\sqrt{2}} = 4.44 \cdot N \cdot f \cdot \phi_m$$

where: V is in volts, f = 60 Hz, and ϕ_m in Weber

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Magnetic circuit analysis

- **The substitution of the $\phi = \mu I (N A / L_c)$ in the induced voltage equation yields:**

$$e = N \frac{d\phi}{dt} = N^2 \frac{\mu \cdot A}{L_c} \frac{di}{dt} = L \frac{di}{dt} \quad \text{where} \quad L = \mu \cdot \frac{N^2 \cdot A}{L_c}$$

is the inductance

- **The energy in the magnetic field is integral of the incoming electric power:**

$$W = \int i \cdot e \cdot dt = \int i \cdot L \cdot \frac{di}{dt} \cdot dt = L \int_0^I i \cdot di = \frac{1}{2} \cdot L \cdot I^2$$

- **The voltage induced in a second coil placed on the core is:**

$$e_2 = N_2 \cdot \frac{d\phi}{dt} = N_2 \cdot N_1 \cdot \frac{\mu \cdot A}{L_c} \cdot \frac{di}{dt} = L_{1,2} \cdot \frac{di}{dt} \quad L_{1,2} = \mu_0 \frac{N_1 N_2 A}{L_c}$$

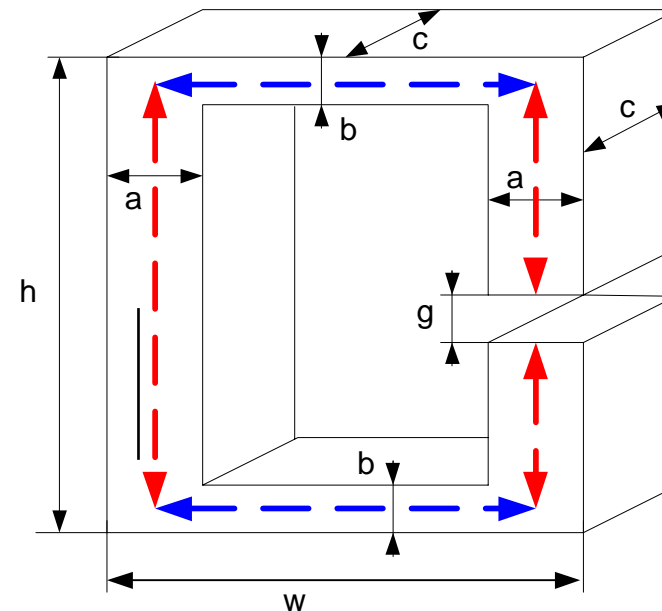
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Magnetic Circuit Analyses

- The arrangement of an inductor with air gap is shown on the Figure
- A coil is placed on the iron-core.
- The magnetic flux density in the air gap is B_{gap} when the current is I_m .



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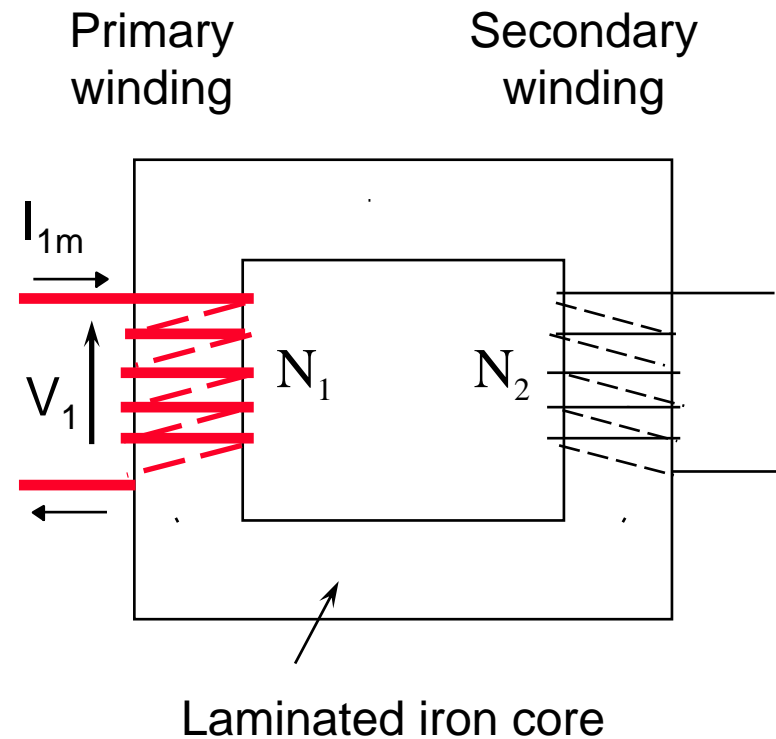
Calculate

- 1) Magnetic flux and the flux density in the different section of the iron core
- 2) Determine the magnetic field intensity (H) in the different section of the core
- 3) Calculate the number of turns needed to maintain the flux if the current is I_m
- 4) Calculate the inductance when the iron-core is neglected or considered.
- 5) Calculate the induced voltage in a coil, with 150 turns, if it is placed on the iron-core Assume that the frequency is 60 Hz
- 6). Determine the required supply voltage if the resistance is neglected

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Ideal Transformer

- The transformer has laminated iron-core and a primary and secondary winding
- The windings resistance and leakage flux are zero.
- The primary winding is supplied by a sinusoidal voltage V_1 .
- The V_1 voltage drives a magnetizing current through the winding. I_{1m}



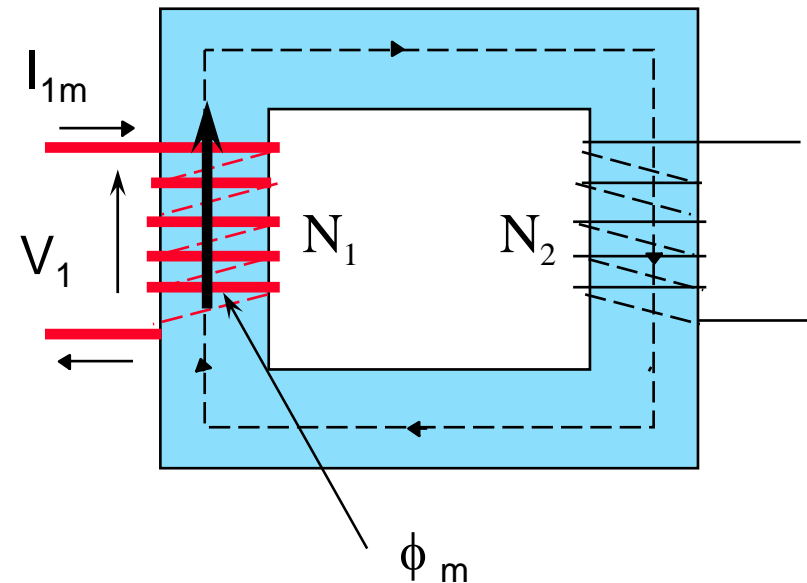
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Ideal Transformer

- **Magnetizing current I_{1m} generates a magnetization flux ϕ_m in the iron core.**
- **The flux changes more or less in sinusoidal form.**
- **The relation between the flux and voltage is :**

$$V_1 = N_1 \cdot \frac{d\phi_m}{dt} = 4.44 \cdot f \cdot N_1 \cdot \phi_{max}$$

Flux generation



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Ideal Transformer

- The ac flux links to the secondary winding.
- The flux change ($d\phi_m/dt$) induces a sinusoidal voltage V_2 in the secondary winding.

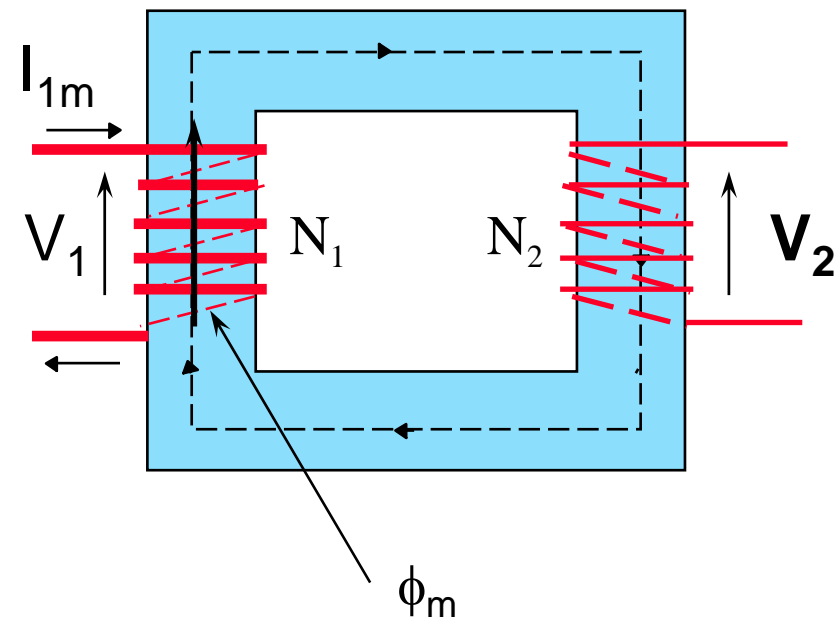
- The induced voltage is :

$$V_2 = N_2 \cdot \frac{d\phi_m}{dt} = 4.44 \cdot f \cdot N_2 \cdot \phi_{\max}$$

- The ratio of the primary and secondary voltages is called the turn ratio:

$$a = V_1/V_2 = N_1/N_2$$

Voltage generation



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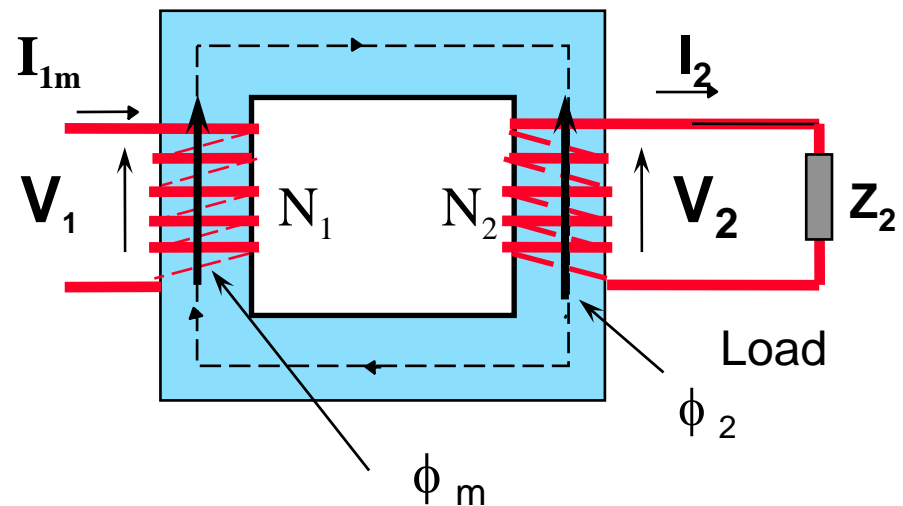
Ideal Transformer

- A load impedance Z_2 is connected to the secondary.
- The secondary voltage V_2 drives a load current through Z_2 . The current is :

$$I_2 = V_2 / Z_2$$

- The load current generates a flux ϕ_2 that opposes the magnetization flux ϕ_m .

Transformer loaded

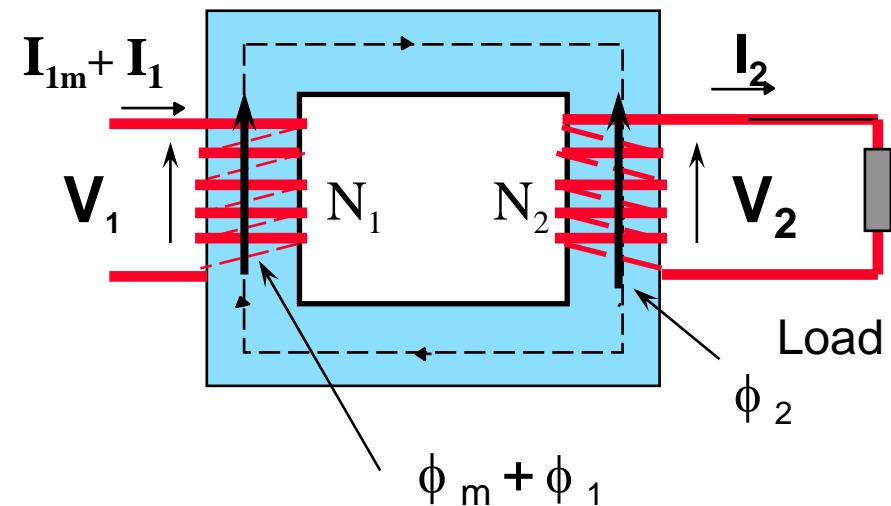


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Ideal Transformer

- The load flux ϕ_2 induces a voltage in the primary winding that opposes the supply voltage.
- The supply voltage is constant. Therefore the reduction of the induced voltage increases the primary current. ($I_{1m} + I_1$).
- The I_1 current generates a flux ϕ_1 that balances and equalizes the flux ϕ_2 generated by the secondary current I_2 .

Transformer loaded



Transformer

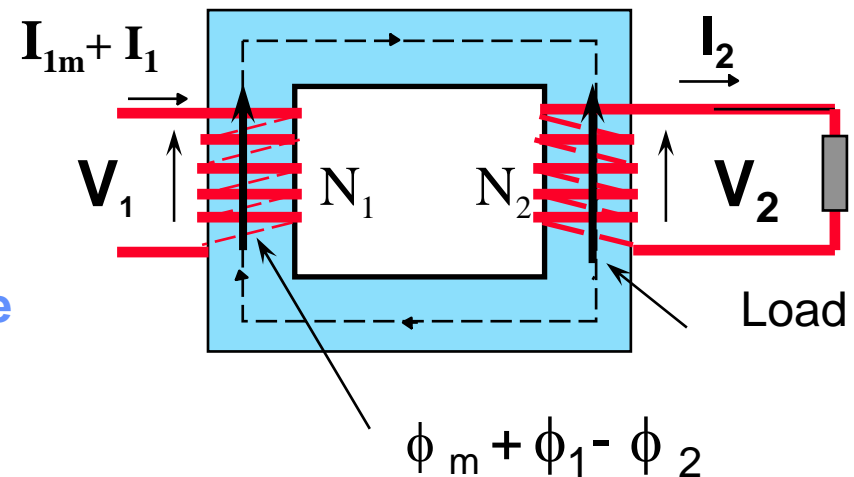
Ideal Transformer

- The flux equalization produces the following effects:
 - The core flux ϕ_m remains constant and independent from the load.
 - The primary magneto-motive force \mathcal{F}_1 is equal to the secondary magnetomotive force \mathcal{F}_2 . Therefore:

$$I_1 N_1 = I_2 N_2$$

This equation assumes that the magnetizing current I_m is negligible small

Transformer loaded



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Ideal Transformer

- The losses are zero in an ideal transformer. Therefore the input power (VA) is equal to the output power (VA).

$$I_1 V_1 = I_2 V_2$$

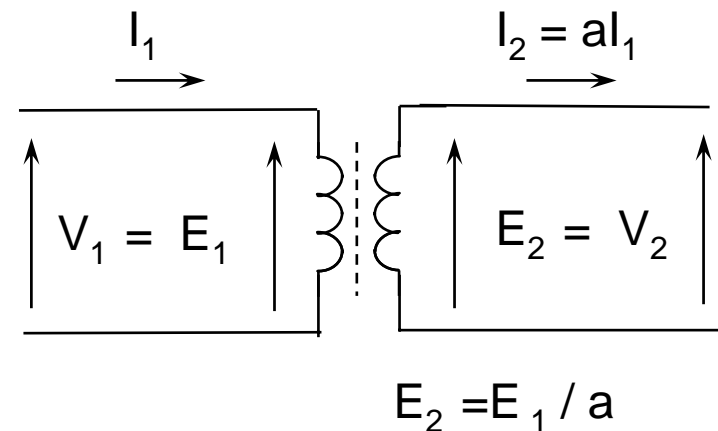
- The voltage and current relations are:

$$a = V_1 / V_2 = I_2 / I_1 \quad \text{or}$$

$$V_2 = V_1 / a \quad \text{and} \quad I_2 = I_1 a$$

- If a transformer increases the voltage, the current decreases and viceversa.

Equivalent Circuit

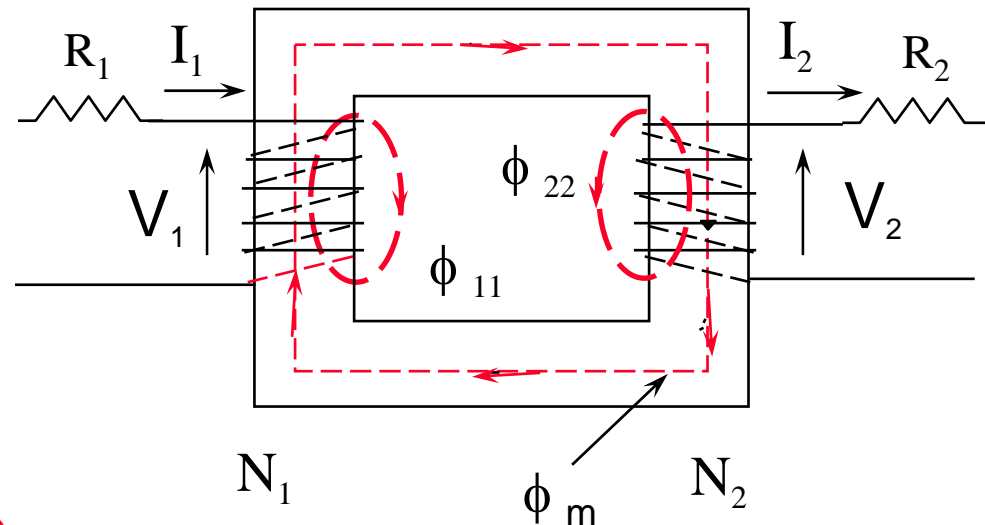


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Actual Transformer

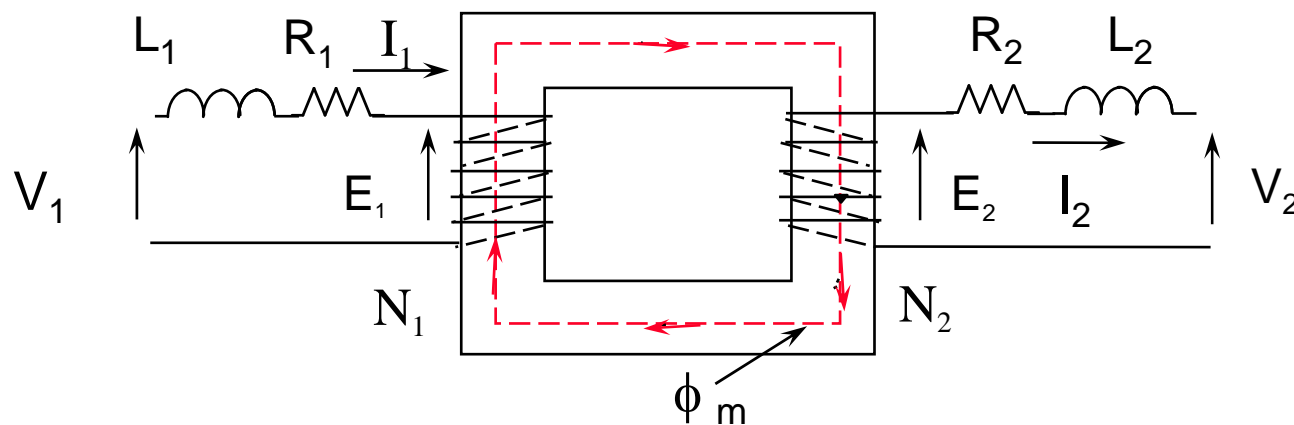
- The actual transformer windings have resistances R_1 and R_2 , which are removed from the windings and placed in series with them.
- Part of the primary current generated flux will not link the secondary winding. This flux is the primary leakage flux ϕ_{11} .
- Part of the secondary current generated flux will not link the primary winding. This flux is the secondary leakage flux ϕ_{22} .



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Actual Transformer

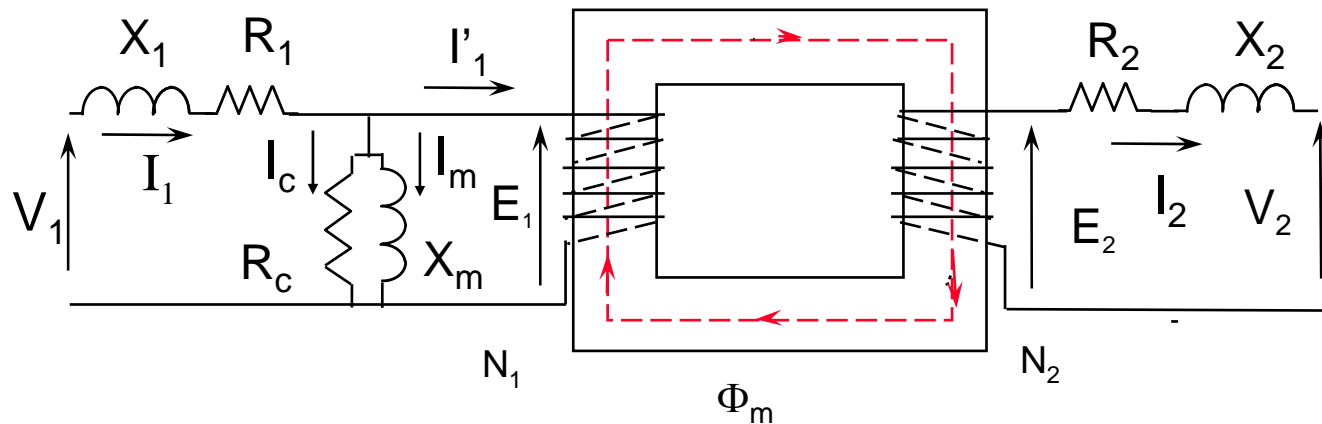
- The flux linking the primary winding is: $\phi_1 = \phi_m + \phi_{11} = \phi_m + \frac{I_1 L_1}{N_1}$
- The flux linking the secondary winding is: $\phi_2 = \phi_m + \phi_{22} = \phi_m + \frac{I_2 L_2}{N_2}$
- Φ_{11} and Φ_{22} can be replaced by equivalent inductance L_1 and L_2 respectively



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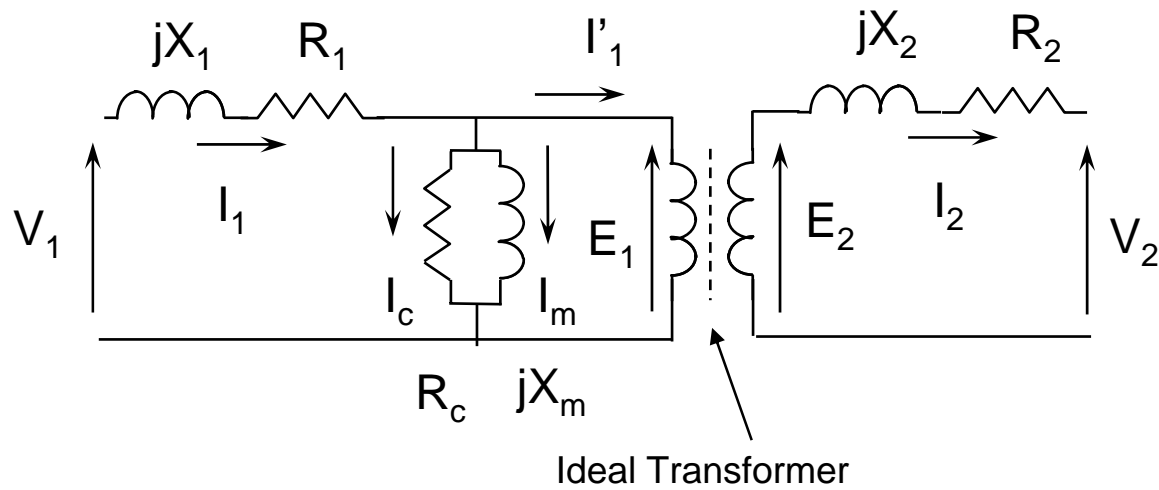
Actual Transformer

- In a real transformer the iron core permeability is not infinite and the magnetizing current is not negligible. The iron core is represented by a magnetizing reactance X_m
- Hysteresis and eddy currents cause iron losses. These losses are represented by a resistance R_c which is connected in parallel with X_m



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Actual Transformer. Equivalent circuit



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Simplification of equivalent circuit

- The equations for an ideal transformer

$$E_1 = a E_2 \qquad I_1 = I_2 / a$$

The division of the two equation result in

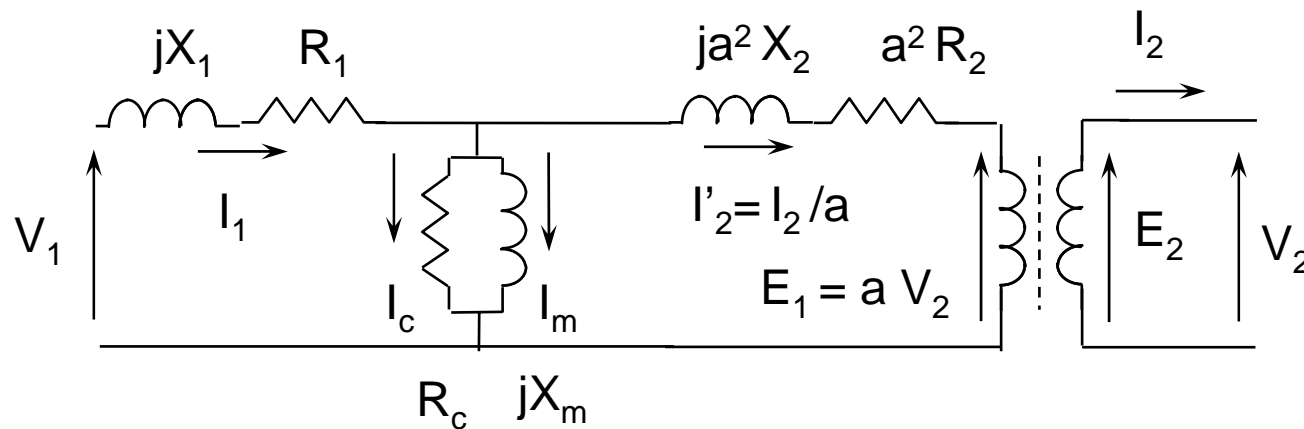
$$\frac{E_1}{I_1} = a^2 \frac{E_2}{I_2} \qquad Z_1 = a^2 Z_2$$

- An impedance can be transferred from one side to the other by multiplying by the square of the turns ratio.

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Simplification of equivalent circuit

The transfer of the impedances from the secondary to the primary results in :

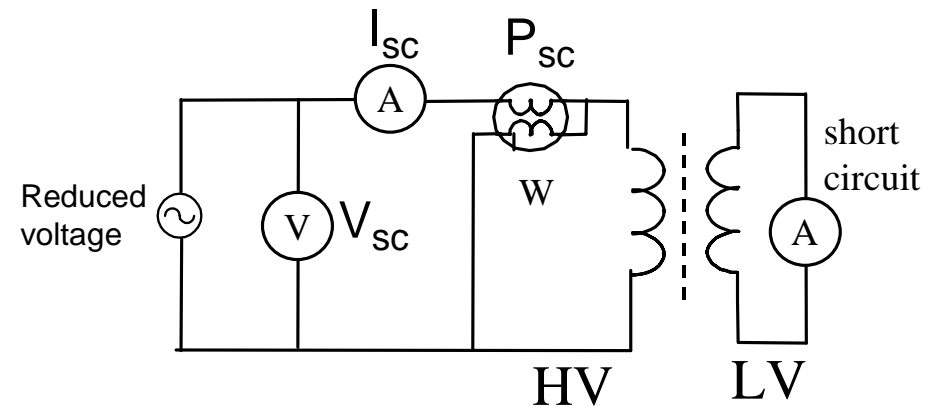


Transformer

Equivalent circuit parameters

- The series impedance of a transformer is calculated from a **short circuit test**.
- The low voltage side (LV) is short-circuited and the high voltage (HV) is supplied by a reduced voltage which drives rated current through the transformer.
- The voltage, current, and input power are measured.

Short- circuit test



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Equivalent circuit parameters

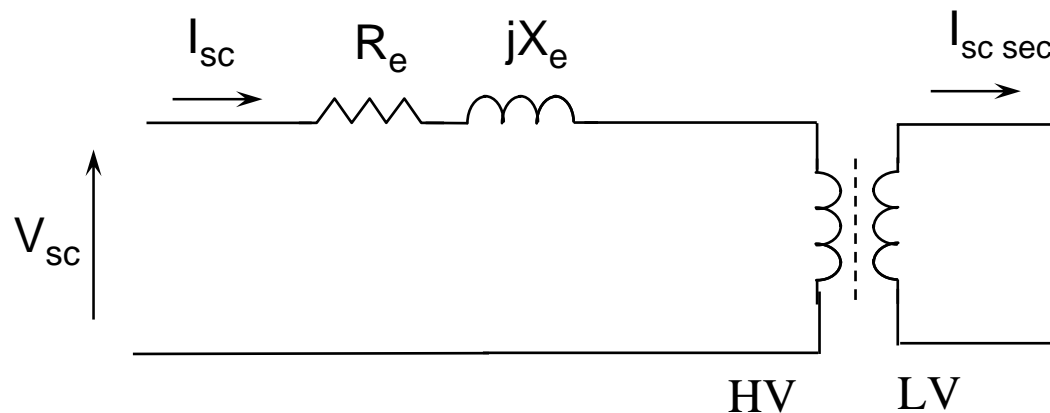
- The short circuit test gives the current I_{sc} , the supply voltage V_{sc} and the power loss P_{sc} .
- The equivalent circuit shows that the series impedance can be calculated from this data.

- The series impedance calculation is:

$$Z_e = V_{sc} / I_{sc} \quad \text{and} \quad R_e = P_{sc} / I_{sc}^2$$

- Therefore, the equivalent reactance is:

$$X_e = \sqrt{Z_e^2 - R_e^2}$$

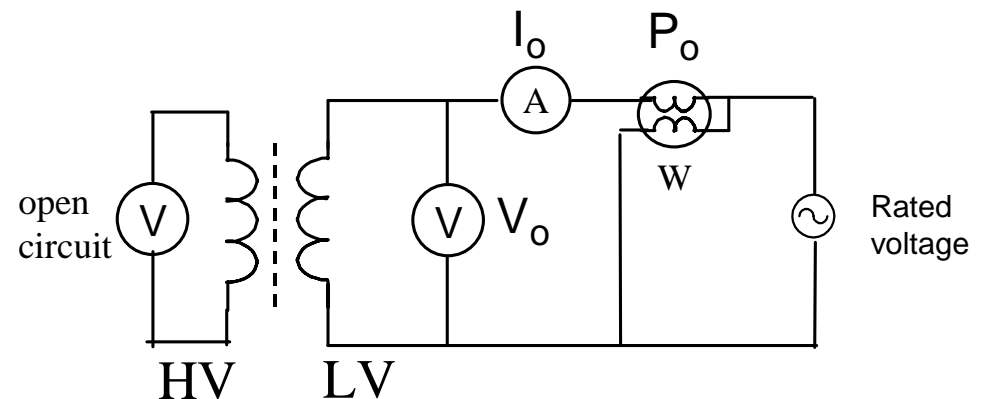


Transformer

Equivalent circuit parameters

- The magnetizing impedance of a transformer is calculated from the **open-circuit test**.
- The high voltage side (HV) is open and the low voltage side (LV) is supplied by the rated voltage, which drives magnetizing current through the transformer.
- The voltages, current and impute power are measured.

Open - circuit test



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Equivalent circuit parameters

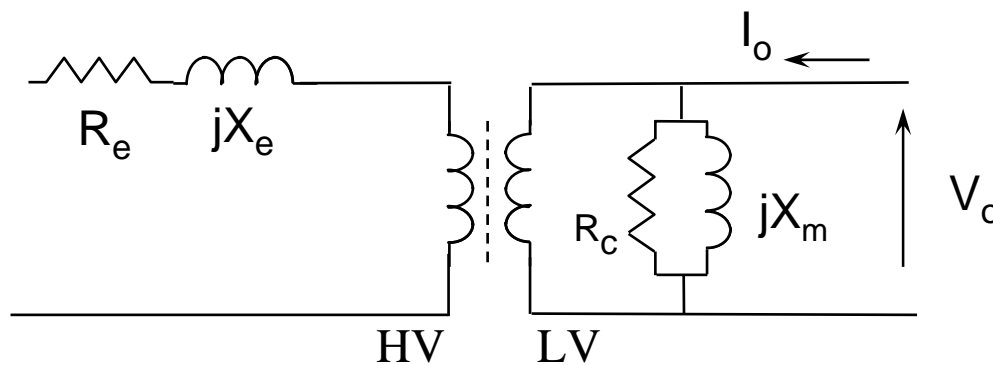
- The open-circuit test gives the magnetizing branch current I_o , the supply voltage V_o and the iron loss P_c .
- The equivalent circuit shows that the magnetizing impedance can be calculated from this data.

- If the series impedance is negligible, the magnetizing impedance is:

$$R_c = V_o^2 / P_o$$

$$\text{as } S_o = V_o I_o \text{ and}$$

$$\text{then } Q_m = \sqrt{S_o^2 - P_o^2}$$



$$X_m = \frac{V_o^2}{Q_o}$$

Transformer

Questions to ponder.

- **Why the discovery of the transformer accelerated the development of the use of electricity ?**
- **Why the iron or magnetization losses are more important than the losses caused by the winding resistance ?**
- **Why the transformer has to be cooled ? How it is done ?**
- **What is the connection of the transformer that supplies your house and where is it ?**

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A 25 kVA, 2400 V / 240 V single phase transformer was tested.

In the short-circuit tests, the HV side was shorted and the parameters were measured at the LV side.

In the open-circuit test, the LV side was opened and the parameters were measured at the HV side.

The results of the tests are :

- Short-circuit test (HV shorted) $V_s = 80$ volt, $I_s = 400$ amp,
 $P_S = 800$ watt**
- Open-circuit test (LV open) $V_o = 2400$ volt, $I_o = 2$ amp,
 $P_o = 300$ watt**

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- a) Calculate the transformer parameters.
- b) Draw the simplified equivalent circuit
- c) Calculate and plot the transformer voltage regulation vs. load and determine the load when the regulation is 5%
- d) Calculate and plot the efficiency vs. load. Determine the load when the efficiency is maximum and the maximum efficiency

Assume: power factor 0.8 lagging and load voltage = rated voltage