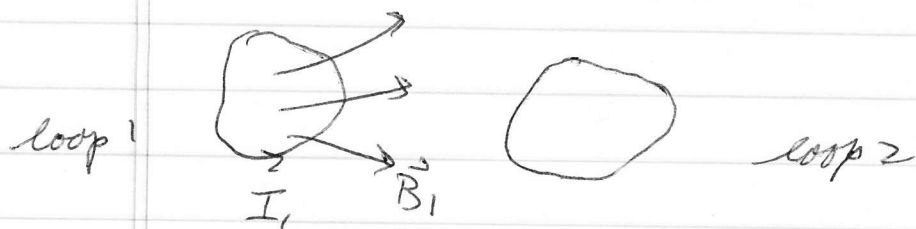


Mutual and self inductance of current loops

Mutual inductance of two loops



↑ magnetic field due to current in loop 1

What is magnetic flux Φ_2 through loop 2 due to current I_1 in loop 1.

$$\Phi_2 = \int_{S_2} \vec{B}_1 \cdot d\vec{a}_2 = \int_{S_2} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_1) \cdot d\vec{a}_2 = \oint_{C_2} \vec{A}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2$$

S_2 surface enclosed by loop 2

$$\text{Since } \vec{B}_1 = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_1$$

$$\text{In the Coulomb gauge } -\nabla^2 \vec{A} = \mu_0 \vec{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{A}_1(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}_1(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint_{C_1} d\vec{l}_1 \frac{I_1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|}$$

current is only along loop C_1

$$\Phi_2 = \oint_{C_2} d\vec{l}_2 \cdot \vec{A}_1(\vec{r}_2) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint_{C_2} \oint_{C_1} \frac{d\vec{l}_2 \cdot d\vec{l}_1}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|} I_1$$

$$\equiv M_{21} I_1$$

↑ mutual inductance of loops 1 and 2

Similarly one can compute the flux Φ_1 through loop 1 due to current I_2 in loop 2. one gets

$$\Phi_1 = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint_{C_1} \oint_{C_2} \frac{d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2 I_2}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} = M_{12} I_2$$

we see that $M_{12} = M_{21} \equiv M = \oint_{C_1} \oint_{C_2} \frac{d\vec{l}_1 \cdot d\vec{l}_2}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|}$

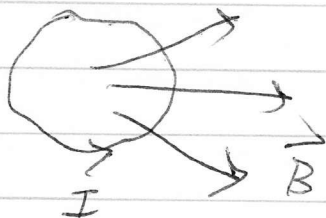
mutual inductance is determined solely by the geometry of the loops.

If we vary the current in loop 1, then the flux through loop 2 will change $\Rightarrow$ emf develops around loop 2

$$\mathcal{E}_2 = - \frac{d\Phi_2}{dt} = -M \frac{dI_1}{dt}$$

$\Rightarrow$ induced current $I_2 = \frac{\mathcal{E}_2}{R_2}$ ← resistance of loop 2
flows in loop 2 when current in loop 1 is changed. This is the principle behind a transformer.

Self inductance



What is the magnetic flux through a loop due to the current flowing in that same loop?

$$\Phi = \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint_C \oint_C \frac{d\vec{\ell} \cdot d\vec{\ell}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} I = L I \quad \text{self inductance}$$

both integrals go over same loop

$$L = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint_C \oint_C \frac{d\vec{\ell} \cdot d\vec{\ell}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

inductance is measured in "henries" (H)

$$1 \text{ H} = 1 \text{ volt-sec/amp}$$

Changing I in loop changes Φ through the loop,
 $\Rightarrow$ creates emf around the loop

$$\mathcal{E} = -L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

$L > 0$ always

this induced emf $\mathcal{E}$ always acts to oppose the change in current - it is called the back emf.



if I counterclockwise is increased, then the induced $\mathcal{E} = -L \frac{dI}{dt}$ is negative so as to create an induced current that is clockwise, i.e. opposite to the direction of the increase in I .

ex: "LR" circuit



total emf in circuit is

$$\mathcal{E}_0 - L \frac{dI}{dt} = IR$$

$\uparrow$
battery

$\uparrow$
induced

$\uparrow$
voltage drop across resistor

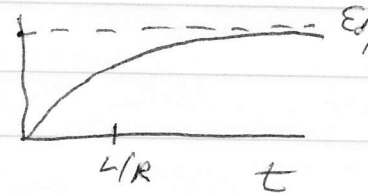
$$\mathcal{E}_0 - L \frac{dI}{dt} = IR$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = -\frac{R}{L} I + \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{L}$$

1st order differential eqn for $I(t)$

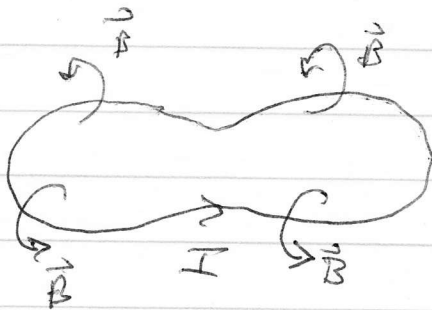
if switch on battery at $t=0$, the solution is

$$I(t) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{R} (1 - e^{-(R/L)t})$$



current increases to steady state value $\mathcal{E}_0/R$
over time scale $\tau = L/R$

self inductance L is always positive



each segment $I \rightarrow$ generates
a field $\vec{B}$ that circulates around
the segment according to the
right hand rule.

$\Rightarrow$ net flux is always positive for
counter clockwise (ie positive) current.

Back to energy of two interacting current loops



Method ①

- i) move loops into position with $I_1 = I_2 = 0$ costs no work
- ii) Then turn up currents to final values I_1, I_2

$$\mathcal{E}_1 = -L_1 \frac{dI_1}{dt} - M \frac{dI_2}{dt}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_2 = -L_2 \frac{dI_2}{dt} - M \frac{dI_1}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = -\mathcal{E}_1 I_1 - \mathcal{E}_2 I_2 = L_1 I_1 \frac{dI_1}{dt} + L_2 I_2 \frac{dI_2}{dt} + M I_1 \frac{dI_2}{dt} + M I_2 \frac{dI_1}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} L_1 \frac{d(I_1^2)}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} L_2 \frac{d(I_2^2)}{dt} + M \frac{d(I_1 I_2)}{dt}$$

$$W = \int_0^T \frac{dW}{dt} dt' = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} L_1 I_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} L_2 I_2^2}_{\text{self energies of loop 1 and loop 2}} + \underbrace{M I_1 I_2}_{\text{interaction energy}}$$

Method ②

- i) Turn on currents I_1 and I_2 while loops separated infinitely apart.
- ii) Then move loops together into final positions

Work done in step (i) is just the self energies
 $\frac{1}{2} L_1 I_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} L_2 I_2^2$

work done in (ii) involves the force acting between the two loops that we must overcome to push them together

Start off more generally: What is total Lorentz force on a current distribution 2 due to the magnetic field from another current distribution 1.

$$\vec{F}_2 = \int d^3r_2 \vec{j}_2(\vec{r}_2) \times \vec{B}_1(\vec{r}_2)$$

$\uparrow$ field from $\vec{j}_1(\vec{r}_1)$

(to check, consider $\vec{j}_2(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\text{charge 2}} g_2 \vec{v}_c \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_c)$)

What is $\vec{B}_1$ from $\vec{j}_1$? Use Biot-Savart law

we rederive the Biot-Savart Law!

$$\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A})$$

$$= -\vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{A} + \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) = \mu_0 \vec{j}$$

use Coulomb gauge $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -\vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{A} = \mu_0 \vec{j}$$

solution of Poisson's eqn for a localized source

$$\vec{A}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

now get field

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \times}_{\uparrow \text{ acts on coord } \vec{r}} \left[\frac{\vec{j}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right]$$

use $\vec{\nabla} \times (f \vec{g}) = f (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{g}) - \vec{g} \times \vec{\nabla} f$

here $\vec{g} = \vec{f}(\vec{r}')$ indep of $\vec{r}$

$$f = \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \vec{f}(\vec{r}') \times \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right)$$

use $-\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \right) = \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}'}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3}$

↑
Coulomb potential
of point charge

↑
field of
point charge

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \vec{f}(\vec{r}') \times \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^3} \quad \text{Biot-Savart}$$

So field $\vec{B}_1$ from current $\vec{f}_1$ is

$$\vec{B}_1(\vec{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r_1 \vec{f}_1(\vec{r}_1) \times \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|^3}$$

plug into expression for $\vec{F}_2$

$$\vec{F}_2 = \int d^3r_2 \vec{f}_2(\vec{r}_2) \times \vec{B}_1(\vec{r}_2)$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int d^3r_2 \int d^3r_1 \vec{f}_2(\vec{r}_2) \times \frac{[\vec{f}_1(\vec{r}_1) \times (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)]}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3}$$

use triple cross product rule

$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{f}_2 \times [\vec{f}_1 \times (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)] = \vec{f}_1 (\vec{f}_2 \cdot (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)) - (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) (\vec{f}_2 \cdot \vec{f}_1)$$