

1. Put a permanent magnet near a coil of wire carrying some variable current. Suppose the ferromagnetic material of the magnet is so hard that its magnetization \mathbf{M} stays constant despite the variable \mathbf{H} field of the coil.
- (a) Argue that changing the current in the coil or moving the coil relative to the magnet takes *reversible net work*,

$$W_{\text{electric}} + W_{\text{mechanic}} = \Delta U(I, \text{coil's position}). \quad (1)$$

for some well-defined magnetic energy U — there is no irreversibly lost work due to hysteresis. Also, show that the magnetic energy U for this system is is

$$U = \frac{\mu_0}{2} \iiint_{\text{whole space}} \mathbf{H}^2 d^3\mathbf{x} + \text{const.} \quad (2)$$

Now consider a system of several permanent magnets, each having constant magnetization \mathbf{M} despite the \mathbf{H} fields from the other magnets. But there are no coils or other macroscopic electric currents.

- (b) Argue that the magnetic forces and torques on the magnets follow from the potential energy $U(\text{geometry})$ which has exactly the same form as in eq. (2).
- (c) Show that without macroscopic currents

$$\iiint_{\text{whole space}} \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{B} d^3\mathbf{x} = 0, \quad (3)$$

then use this formula to rewrite the magnetic energy (2) as

$$U = -\frac{\mu_0}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^{\text{magnets}} \iiint_{\text{magnet}\#i} \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{H}[\text{magnet}\#j] d^3\mathbf{x} + \text{const.} \quad (4)$$

- (d) To check this formula, consider a system of two small magnets separated by a much larger distance. Approximating each magnet as a pure dipole of magnetic moment

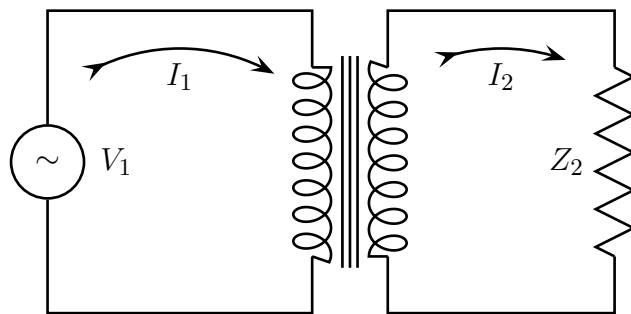
\mathbf{m}_1 or \mathbf{m}_2 , show that for this system

$$U + \text{const} = -\mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \mathbf{m}_2 = -\mathbf{B}_2 \cdot \mathbf{m}_1 \quad (5)$$

where \mathbf{B}_1 is the magnetic field of the first magnet at the location of the second magnet and likewise for the \mathbf{B}_2 . Then use eq. (5) to argue that the forces and the torques on the magnets stemming from the magnetic energy (4) = (5) agree with the usual formulae for the forces and the torques on magnetic dipoles,

$$\mathbf{F} = \nabla(\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{B}), \quad \vec{\tau} = \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B}. \quad (6)$$

2. A transformer is made of 2 coils on a common ferromagnetic core. The coils have respective self-inductances L_1 and L_2 and mutual inductance $M_{12} = M_{21} = k\sqrt{L_1 L_2}$. The primary coil is plugged into an AC power source of voltage V_1 and frequency ω , while the secondary coil is connected to a load of impedance Z_2 :



For simplicity, consider an ideal transformer: perfectly linear ferromagnetic core with no hysteresis, no eddy currents in the core, no ohmic losses in the wiring of the coils, and perfect *magnetic coupling* of the two coils, $k = 1$.

- (a) Write down linear equations for the complex amplitudes of the currents in the two coils and the voltages on them. Then solve the equations and show that

$$\frac{V_2}{V_1} = n, \quad \frac{I_2}{I_1} = \frac{1}{n} \times \frac{j\omega L_2}{j\omega L_2 + Z_2} \quad (7)$$

for *stepping ratio*

$$n = \sqrt{\frac{L_2}{L_1}} \quad (8)$$

In particular, show that even for an ideal transformer, the simple ratios

$$\frac{V_2}{V_1} = n, \quad \frac{I_2}{I_1} = \frac{1}{n} \quad (9)$$

obtain only for $|Z_2| \ll \omega L_2$.

- (b) Now consider a somewhat less ideal transformer with a coupling coefficient k just a little bit smaller than 1, so that $1 - k^2 \ll 1$. Again, calculate the transformer ratios V_2/V_1 and I_2/I_1 and show that they approximate the simple ratios (9) for the load impedance Z_2 in the range

$$\omega L_2 \gg |Z_2| \gg (1 - k^2) \times \omega L_2, \quad (10)$$

but outside of this range we need more complicated formulae.

- (c) Finally, for a transformer made of two coils of respectively N_1 and N_2 turns wound around a toroidal ferromagnetic core, check that $n \approx N_2/N_1$. Also, explain what causes $k < 1$ and argue that in the limit of very high permeability μ of the ferromagnetic core $k \rightarrow 1$.