

# LESSON 8: IDEAL TRANSFORMER THEORY AND OPERATION

ET 332b Ac Motors, Generators and Power Systems

## Learning Objectives

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After this presentation you will be able to:

- Explain how an ideal transformer operates
- Find the voltages and currents on both sides of an ideal transformer using the turns ration
- Reflect impedances through a transformer
- Identify and compute the no-load currents that flow in a non-ideal transformer
- Draw the no-load circuit model of a non-ideal transformer.

# Ideal Transformer Action

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Lentz's Law

Induced voltage has opposite polarity from source

**Principle:** Stationary coils, time varying flux due to ac current flow. Flux produced by one coil must link to other coil to induce voltage

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# Ideal Transformer Action

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For sinusoidal sources

$$E'_p = 4.44 \cdot N_p \cdot f \cdot \phi_{max}$$

$$E'_s = 4.44 \cdot N_s \cdot f \cdot \phi_{max}$$

Dividing the above equations gives:

$$\frac{E'_p}{E'_s} = \frac{4.44 \cdot N_p \cdot f \cdot \phi_{max}}{4.44 \cdot N_s \cdot f \cdot \phi_{max}}$$

Voltage relationship for Ideal transformer

$$\frac{E'_p}{E'_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$$

Voltage ratio equals the turns ratio

Where:  $E'_p$  = voltage induced in the primary (V)  
 $E'_s$  = voltage induced in the secondary (V)  
 $N_p$  = turns in the primary coil  
 $N_s$  = turns in the secondary coil

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## Assumptions for Ideal Transformer Operation

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- 1) All flux produced in the primary coil links to the secondary coil
- 2) no core losses due to hysteresis or eddy currents
- 3) no power losses
- 4) permeability is infinite (no saturation no magnetizing  $\phi$ )
- 5) windings have zero resistance
- 6) no current required to magnetize the iron core

For ideal transformer

$$a = \frac{E'_p}{E'_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s} = \frac{V_p}{V_s}$$

Where:  $a$  = turns ratio

$V_p$  = nameplate rated primary voltage (higher V)

$V_s$  = nameplate rated secondary voltage (lower V)

$E'_p$  = induced primary voltage

$E'_s$  = induced secondary voltage

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## Ideal Transformer Equations

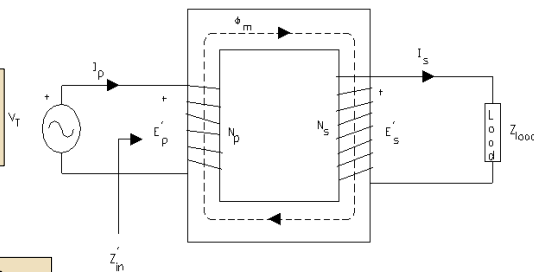
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Voltage Ratio

$$a = \frac{E_p}{E_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$$

$$E_p = a \cdot E_s$$

The turns ratio is a scalar. Introduces no phase shift



Apparent Power balance

$$E_p \cdot I_p = E_s \cdot I_s$$

$$S_p = S_s$$

No power losses in ideal transformer

Current Ratio

$$\frac{I_p}{I_s} = \frac{1}{a} \quad I_p = \left( \frac{1}{a} \right) \cdot I_s$$

Current ratio is the inverse of the voltage ratio

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# Ideal Transformer Equations- Impedance Transforms

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## Impedances Reflected Through Ideal Transformers

Load impedance as seen from primary side of transformer

By Ohm's Law

$$Z_{in} = \frac{E_p}{I_p}$$

Write  $E_s$  and  $I_s$  in terms of primary values

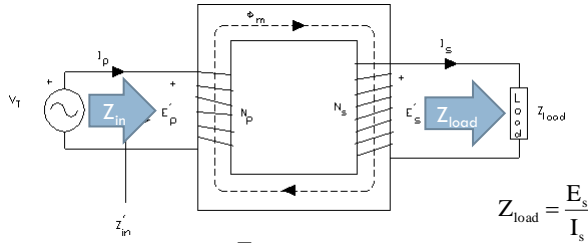
$$E_s = \frac{E_p}{a} \quad I_s = a \cdot I_p$$

Load impedance is increased when viewed from primary side

$$\frac{E_s}{I_s} = \frac{\left(\frac{E_p}{a}\right)}{a \cdot I_p} = \left(\frac{E_p}{a}\right) \left(\frac{1}{a \cdot I_p}\right) = \left(\frac{E_p}{I_p}\right) \left(\frac{1}{a^2}\right)$$

$$Z_{load} = Z_{in} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{a^2}\right) \Rightarrow Z_{load} \cdot a^2 = Z_{in}$$

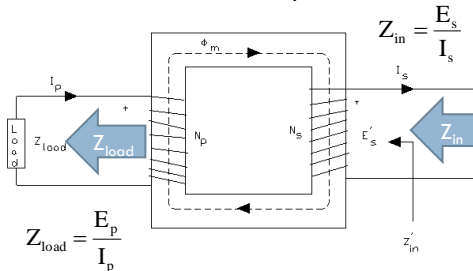
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# Ideal Transformer Equations- Impedance Transforms

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Derive equation when impedances are connected to the primary side and viewed from the secondary side.



Generally : Moving impedance from secondary to primary multiply by  $a^2$ . Moving from primary to secondary, divide by  $a^2$ .

Write primary values in terms of secondary and substitute in the  $Z_{load}$  equation.

$$E_p = a \cdot E_s \quad I_p = \frac{I_s}{a}$$

$$Z_{load} = \frac{E_p}{I_p} = \frac{a \cdot E_s}{\frac{I_s}{a}} = (a \cdot E_s) \left(\frac{a}{I_s}\right) = a^2 \cdot \left(\frac{E_s}{I_s}\right)$$

$$Z_{load} = Z_{in} \cdot a^2 \Rightarrow \frac{Z_{load}}{a^2} = Z_{in}$$

$$Z_p = Z_s \cdot a^2 \quad \frac{Z_p}{a^2} = Z_s$$

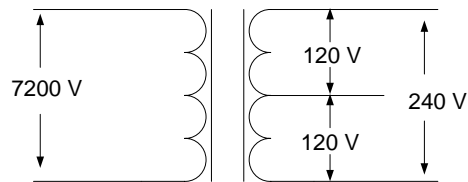
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## Ideal Transformer Calculations

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**Example 8-1:** A 25 kVA, 7200 - 240/120 center-tap single phase transformer operates at rated voltage. It supplies a single phase load that has an equivalent impedance of  $7.2 \angle +36.9^\circ$  ohms. Assume Ideal operation and find:

- turns ratio
- secondary current
- primary current
- load  $Z$  as seen from primary side
- $P_T$ ,  $S_T$ ,  $Q_T$ , and  $F_p$



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## Example 8-1 Solution (1)

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a) For ideal transformers

$$\frac{N_p}{N_s} = \frac{V_p}{V_s} \quad V_p = 7200 \text{ V} \quad V_s = 240 \text{ V} \quad a = \frac{N_p}{N_s} = \frac{7200 \text{ V}}{240 \text{ V}} = 30 \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

b) Secondary current

Use Ohm's law to find  $I_s$

$$\frac{I_p}{I_s} = \frac{1}{a} \Rightarrow I_p = \frac{1}{a} I_s \quad \bar{E}_p = 7200 \angle 0^\circ \text{ V} \quad \bar{E}_s = 240 \angle 0^\circ \text{ V}$$

$$\bar{I}_s = \frac{240 \angle 0^\circ \text{ V}}{7.2 \angle 36.9^\circ \Omega} \quad \bar{I}_s = 33.33 \angle -36.9^\circ \text{ A} \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

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## Example 8-1 Solution (2)

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c) Find the primary current

$$\bar{I}_p = \frac{1}{a} \bar{I}_s \quad \bar{I}_p = \left(\frac{1}{30}\right) (33.33 \angle -36.9^\circ)$$

$$\bar{I}_p = 1.11 \angle -36.9^\circ \text{ A} \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

d) Find the input impedance as seen from the primary side

$$\bar{Z}_{in} = a^2 \bar{Z}_{Load}$$

$$\bar{Z}_{in} = (30)^2 (7.2 \angle 36.9^\circ)$$

$$\bar{Z}_{in} = 6480 \angle 36.9^\circ \Omega \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

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## Example 8-1 Solution (3)

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e) Find the power and the power factor of the load

Using secondary side quantities

$$\bar{S}_{Ts} = \bar{I}_s^* \bar{V}_s$$

$$\bar{S}_{Ts} = (240 \angle 0^\circ) (33.33 \angle 36.9^\circ)^*$$

$$\bar{S}_{Ts} = (240 \angle 0^\circ) (33.33 \angle 36.9^\circ)$$

$$\bar{S}_{Ts} = 8000 \angle 36.9^\circ \text{ VA} \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

Using primary side quantities

$$\bar{S}_{Tp} = \bar{I}_p^* \bar{V}_p$$

$$\bar{S}_{Tp} = (1.111 \angle -36.9^\circ)^* (7200 \angle 0^\circ)$$

$$\bar{S}_{Tp} = (1.111 \angle 36.9^\circ) (7200 \angle 0^\circ)$$

$$\bar{S}_{Tp} = 8000 \angle 36.9^\circ \text{ VA} \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

Power equal on both sides of ideal transformer

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## Example 8-1 Solution (4)

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Now find the power factor and the active and reactive powers

$$P_T = S_T \cos \theta \quad \theta = 36.9^\circ$$

$$Q_T = S_T \sin(\theta)$$

$$P_T = 8000 \cos(36.9^\circ)$$

$$Q_T = 8000 \sin(36.9^\circ)$$

$$P_T = 6397.5 \text{ W} \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

$$Q_T = 4803 \text{ VAR} \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

$$F_p = \frac{P_T}{S_T}$$

$$F_p = \frac{6397.5}{8000} = 0.80 \text{ Lagging} \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

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## Ideal Transformer Calculations

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**Example 8-2:** 300 kVA 2400-120, 60 Hz single phase transformer operates at 2300 volts on the primary side. It supplies 115 kVA to a load that has a power factor of 0.723 lagging.

Assume ideal operation and find:

- secondary voltage at operating voltage
- secondary current
- impedance of the load as seen on the secondary side
- impedance of the load as seen on the primary side

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## Example 8-2 Solution (1)

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a) Find secondary voltage at operating voltage

$$a = \frac{V_{pr}}{V_{sr}} \quad a = \frac{2400V}{120V} = 20 \quad \text{Use rated values to find turns ratio}$$

$$V_p = a V_s \Rightarrow \frac{V_p}{a} = V_s \quad \text{Transformer operates at } 2300V = V_p$$

$$V_s = \frac{2300V}{20} = 115V \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

b) Find secondary current at operating voltage

$$I_s = \frac{115,000 \text{ VA}}{115V}$$

$$S_p = S_s$$

Power is equal on both sides of ideal transformers

$$I_s = \frac{S_s}{V_s} \quad I_s = 1000A \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

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## Example 8-2 Solution (2)

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c) Find load impedance seen on secondary side

$$|\bar{Z}_s| = \frac{V_s}{I_s} \quad |\bar{Z}_s| = \frac{115V}{1000A} = 0.115\Omega \quad \text{Next find impedance angle}$$

$$F_p = 0.723 \text{ lagging} \quad \theta = \cos^{-1}(F_p)$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(0.723)$$

$$\theta = -43.7^\circ$$

$$\theta = 43.7^\circ$$

$$\bar{Z}_s = 0.115 \angle 43.7^\circ \Omega \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

Angle between V and I.  
Change sign for  
impedance angle

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## Example 8-2 Solution (3)

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d) Find load impedance seen on primary side of transformer

Reflecting impedance from secondary to primary-multiply by  $a^2$ .

$$\bar{Z}_p = a^2 \bar{Z}_c$$

$$\bar{Z}_p = (20)^2 (0.115 \angle 43.7^\circ)$$

$$\bar{Z}_p = 46 \angle 43.7^\circ \Omega \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

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## Non-Ideal Operation-No-load

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Practical transformers draw current with no load connected to secondary winding. Current caused by two non-ideal conditions: power losses and core magnetization

### Active power losses

**Hysteresis losses** - power losses due to repeated change in magnetic polarity. It takes more mmf (NI) to demagnetize core in one direction than the other.

**Eddy currents** - ac currents induced in iron core due to changing magnetic field

### Active power loss Control

Control hysteresis losses - use alloy steels designed for magnetic circuits  
Control eddy current losses - laminate core, insulate laminates

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## Non-Ideal Operation-No-load

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A finite amount of current is necessary to drive mutual flux between coils.  
Permeability is finite so reluctance is finite Some  $NI = \mathcal{F}$  needed.

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\ell}{\mu \cdot A} \quad \phi_m = \frac{N \cdot I}{\mathcal{R}} \quad \phi_m = \text{mutual flux} \quad \mathcal{R} = \text{reluctance}$$

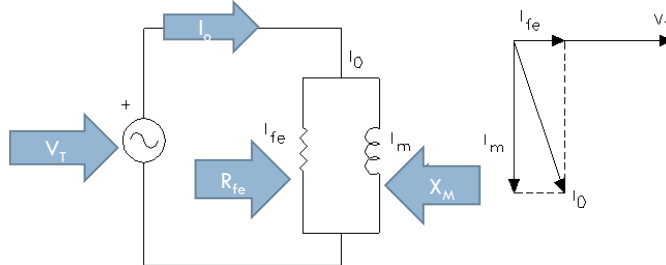
In terms of inductance  $L = \frac{N^2}{\mathcal{R}}$  so core has inductance with associated inductive reactance

Define above as the magnetizing inductance with associated magnetizing reactance  $X_m$

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## No-Load Circuit Model

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$V_T$  = the primary voltage       $I_0$  = exciting current  
 $I_{fe}$  = core-loss component       $I_M$  = magnetizing component

$R_{fe}$  = resistance that represents the core losses  
 $X_m$  = inductive reactance that represents the core magnetizing L

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## No-Load Circuit Model

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Model equation using phasors

$$\bar{I}_{fe} = \frac{\bar{V}_T}{R_{fe}}$$

$$\bar{I}_M = \frac{\bar{V}_T}{jX_M}$$

$$\bar{I}_o = \bar{I}_{fe} + \bar{I}_M$$

$$\bar{I}_o = |\bar{I}_{fe}| + j \cdot |\bar{I}_M|$$

Add current magnitudes at 90 degrees

No-load apparent power  $S_M = V_T \cdot I_o$

Model parameter formulas

$$P_{fe} = \frac{V_T^2}{R_{fe}} \Rightarrow R_{fe} = \frac{V_T^2}{P_{fe}}$$

$$X_M = \frac{V_T}{I_M}$$

Core loss resistance

Magnetizing reactance

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## No-Load Transformer Example

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**Example 8-3:** Computing the values of magnetizing reactance and core loss resistance. A 50 kVA 7200-240 V, 60 Hz single phase transformer is operating with no load. With the primary connected to a 7200 V system, it draws 248 W and has a power factor of 0.187 lagging. Find:

- the exciting current and its components
- the magnitudes of magnetizing reactance,  $X_M$  and core loss R
- Repeat parts a and b if the transformer is energized from the secondary (low voltage) side.

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## Example 8-3 Solution (1)

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a) Find current  $I_o$ .  $P_c = 248 \text{ W}$   $F_p = 0.187$  Lagging

$$S_m = \text{magnetizing apparent power} \quad S_m = \frac{P_c}{F_p} \quad S_m = \frac{248 \text{ W}}{0.187} = 1326.2 \text{ VA}$$

$$S_m = V_T I_o \quad \frac{S_m}{V_T} = \frac{1326.2 \text{ VA}}{7200 \text{ V}} = I_o$$

$$I_o = 0.1842 \text{ A}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(F_p)$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(0.187)$$

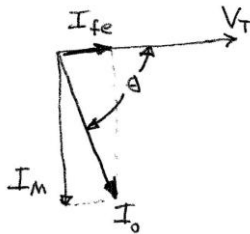
$$\theta = 79.2^\circ$$

$$\vec{I}_o = 0.1842 \angle 79.2^\circ \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

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## Example 8-3 Solution (2)

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$$I_m = 0.1842 \sin(79.2^\circ)$$

$$I_m = 0.1809 \text{ A} \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

$$I_{fe} = 0.1842 \cos(79.2^\circ)$$

$$I_{fe} = 0.0345 \text{ A} \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

b) Find the value of core loss resistance and magnetizing reactance

$$P_c = \frac{V_p^2}{R_{fe}} \rightarrow R_{fe} = \frac{V_p^2}{P_c} \quad R_{fe} = \frac{(7200)^2}{248 \text{ W}} = 209,032 \ \Omega \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

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## Example 8-3 Solution (3)

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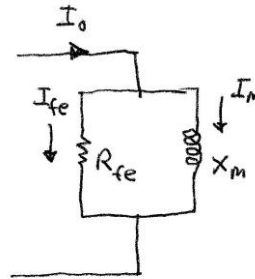
$$X_m = \frac{V_p}{I_m} = \frac{7200V}{0.1809A} = 39,801 \Omega$$

- c) Find same parameters on secondary side  
Power constant through transformer

$$P_c = 248W \quad S_m = 1326.2VA$$

$$V_s = 240V \quad S_m = V_s I_s$$

$$\frac{S_m}{V_s} = I_s \quad \frac{1326.2VA}{240V} = I_s \quad 5.525A = I_s \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$



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## Example 8-3 Solution (4)

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$\theta$  = angle between  $V_s$  and  $I_o$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(0.187)$$

$$\theta = 79.2^\circ$$

$$I_{fe} = 5.525 \cos(79.2^\circ)$$

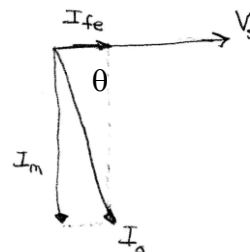
$$I_{fe} = 1.0353A$$

$$I_m = 5.525 \sin(79.2^\circ)$$

$$I_m = 5.427A$$

Compute  $R_{fe}$  and  $X_m$

$$R_{fe} = \frac{V_s^2}{P_c} \quad R_{fe} = \frac{(240)^2}{248W} = 232.2\Omega \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$



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## Example 8-3 Solution (5)

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$$X_m = \frac{V_s}{I_m} \quad X_m = \frac{240V}{5.427A} \quad X_m = 44.2 \Omega \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans}$$

Compare using turns ratio transfer

$$a = \frac{V_p}{V_s} \quad R_{fep} = R_{fe} a^2 \quad X_{mp} = X_m a^2$$

$$a = \frac{7200V}{240V} \quad R_{fep} = (232.2\Omega)(30)^2 \quad X_{mp} = 44.2(30)^2$$

$$a = 30 \quad R_{fep} = 208,980\Omega \quad X_{mp} = 39,780\Omega$$

209,032 on primary                      39,801 on primary

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