Voltage Ratio and Impedance Calculations for Coupled Inductors and Autotransformers

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Ref. Electronic Engineering by Alley & Atwood p. 324
Coupled Inductors

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inductance#Mutual_inductance

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General Equations for Coupled Inductors

$$\begin{pmatrix} V1 \\ V2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Z11 & Z12 \\ Z21 & Z22 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} I1 \\ I2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Vx = voltages
Zxx = Impedances
Ix = currents

$$V1 = Z11 \cdot I1 + Z12 \cdot I2$$

$$V2 = Z21 \cdot I1 + Z22 \cdot I2$$

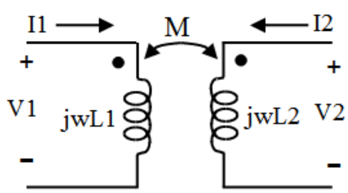
Calculation of Zin by setting V2 = 0

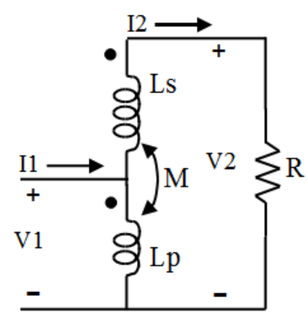
$$0 = Z21 \cdot I1 + Z22 \cdot I2$$

$$I2 = -\frac{I1 \cdot Z21}{Z22}$$

$$V1 = Z11 \cdot I1 + Z12 \cdot I2$$

$$V1 = \frac{I1 \cdot (Z11 \cdot Z22 - Z12 \cdot Z21)}{Z22}$$





$$Zin1 = \frac{Z11 \cdot Z22 - Z12 \cdot Z21}{Z22}$$

General equation for Zin at port 1

For separate coupled inductors:

$$Z11 = j \cdot w \cdot L1$$

$$Z12 = Z21 = j \cdot w \cdot M$$

$$Z22 = R + j \cdot w \cdot L2$$

Where M is the mutual inductance for both cases

For both cases, with K = coupling coeff.

$$M = K \cdot \sqrt{L1 \cdot L2}$$

For the Autotransformer:

$$Z11 = j \cdot w \cdot L1$$

$$Z12 = Z21 = -j \cdot w \cdot (L1 + M)$$

$$Z22 = R + j \cdot w \cdot L$$

R = Load resistance at secondary

Notes:
The negative sign of Z12 and Z21 is used since i2 flows out of the polarity mark

$$L = L1 + L2 + 2 \cdot M$$ Inductance at output

Exemple of Calculation of Zin1: R is on the secondary side (V2) for the autotransformer

$N := 6$ Turns ratio of L2 to L1 $\quad$ $Neff := N + 1$ Effective turns ratio of autotransformer

$L1 := 3 \quad L2 := N^2 \cdot L1 \quad R := 50 \cdot Neff^2 \quad K := 0.95 \quad M := K \cdot \sqrt{L1 \cdot L2} \quad L := L1 + L2 + 2 \cdot M$

R value chosen to reflect 50 ohms at input: $R = 2450$

$f := 1, 1.1 .. 100$ F in MHz and L, M in µH

$w(f) := 2 \cdot \pi \cdot f$

$Z11(f) := j \cdot w(f) \cdot L1$

$Z12(f) := -j \cdot w(f) \cdot (L1 + M)$

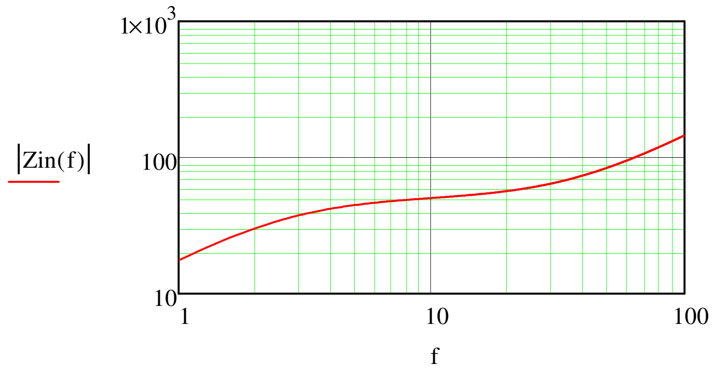
$Z21(f) := Z12(f)$

$Z22(f) := R + j \cdot w(f) \cdot L$

NOTE :
Interchanging L1 and L in Z11 and Z22 will calculate Zin2 (secondary side)
with R on the primary side (V1)

$$Zin(f) := \frac{Z11(f) \cdot Z22(f) - Z12(f) \cdot Z21(f)}{Z22(f)}$$

General equation for Zin at port 1 (input)



$|Zin(1)| = 17.671$

$|Zin(10)| = 50.639$

$|Zin(100)| = 145.717$

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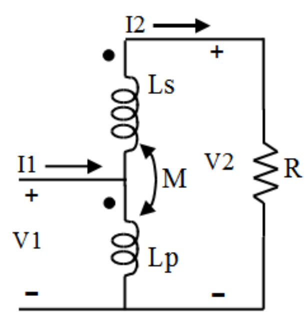
Calculation of Av, the voltage transfer ratio

$V1 = Z11 \cdot I1 + Z12 \cdot I2$

$V2 = Z21 \cdot I1 + Z22 \cdot I2$



With V2=0 Calculate Av = V2 / V1
R is on the sec. (V2)

$0 = Z21 \cdot I1 + Z22 \cdot I2$

$I1 = -\frac{I2 \cdot Z22}{Z21}$ Solve for I1

$V1 = Z11 \cdot I1 + Z12 \cdot I2$

$V1 = -\frac{I2 \cdot (Z11 \cdot Z22 - Z12 \cdot Z21)}{Z21}$

Recall that: $Av = \frac{I2}{V1} \cdot R$

$$Av = \frac{Z21 \cdot R}{Z12 \cdot Z21 - Z11 \cdot Z22}$$

General equation for Av = V2 / V1. This is NOT insertion loss !

Example, usint the same values as previous example

$L1 = 3$ $L2 = 108$ $R = 2.45 \times 10^{3}$ $K = 0.95$ $M = 17.1$ $L = 145.2$

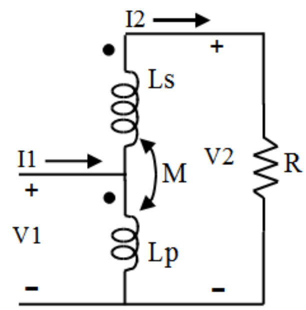
$Z11(f) := j \cdot w(f) \cdot L1$

$Z12(f) := -j \cdot w(f) \cdot (L1 + M)$

$Z21(f) := Z12(f)$

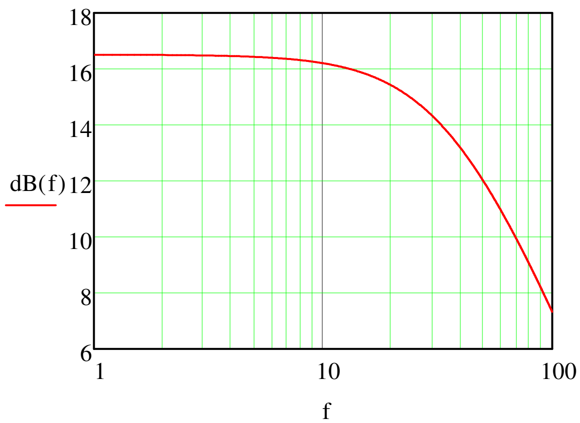
$Z22(f) := R + j \cdot w(f) \cdot L$

NOTE :
Interchanging L1 and L in Z11 and Z22 will calculate V1 / V2 with R on the primary side (V1)



$$Av(f) := \frac{Z21(f) \cdot R}{Z12(f) \cdot Z21(f) - Z11(f) \cdot Z22(f)}$$

$$dB(f) := 20 \cdot \log(|Av(f)|)$$



$|Av(1)| = 6.698$

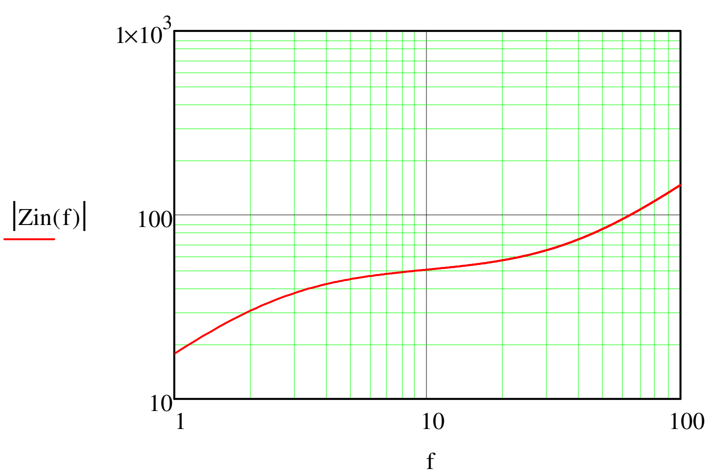
$|Av(10)| = 6.468$

$|Av(100)| = 2.327$

With the coupling coefficient K =1, the Av ratio = 7

Zin and SWR Calculation at Input

$$Zin(f) := \frac{Z11(f) \cdot Z22(f) - Z12(f) \cdot Z21(f)}{Z22(f)}$$



$|Zin(1)| = 17.671$

$|Zin(10)| = 50.639$

$|Zin(100)| = 145.717$

$Zin(1) = 5.717 + 16.721i$

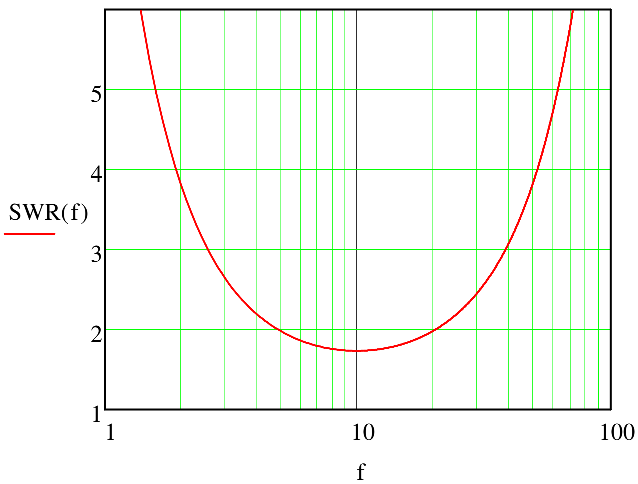
$Zin(10) = 43.791 + 25.43i$

$Zin(100) = 46.915 + 137.958i$

SWR Calculation based on Zin, at input

$Zo := 50$

$$SWR(f) = \frac{1 + \left|\frac{Zin(f) - Zo}{Zin(f) + Zo}\right|}{1 - \left|\frac{Zin(f) - Zo}{Zin(f) + Zo}\right|} \qquad SWR(f) := \frac{2 \cdot |Zo + Zin(f)|}{|Zo + Zin(f)| - |Zo - Zin(f)|} - 1$$



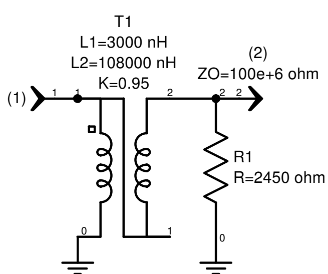
$SWR(3.5) = 2.372$

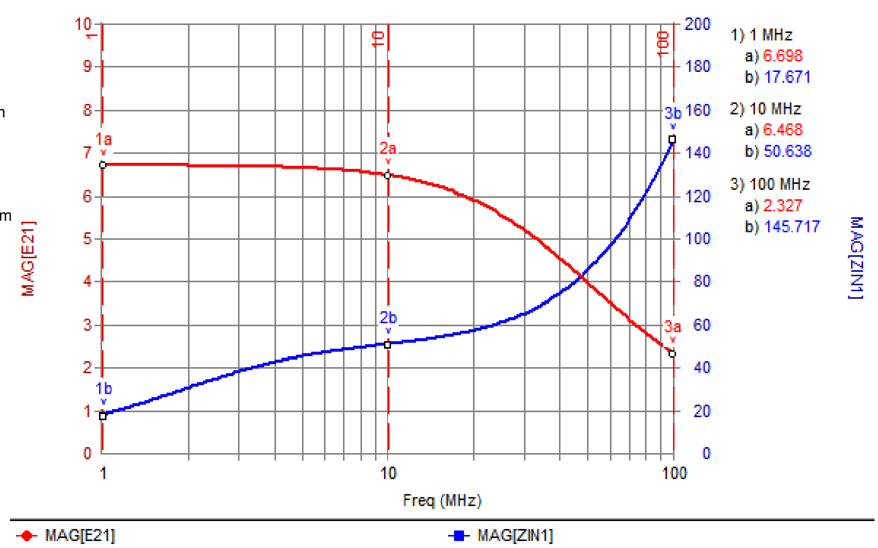
$SWR(10) = 1.737$

$SWR(29) = 2.422$

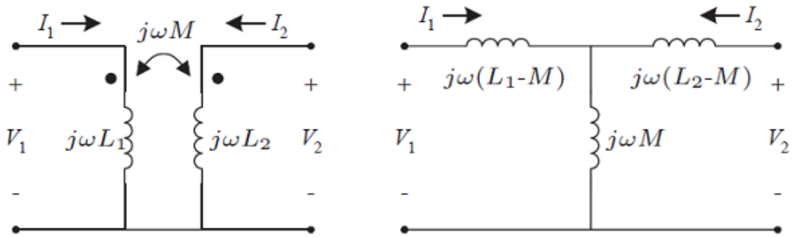
Ref: IndependantCoupledCoils-VS-Tapped coil-1.wsp

Simulations





Phasor Analysis: T-Equivalent



Frequency Domain (Phasors)

$$V_1 = j\omega L_1 I_1 + j\omega M I_2$$
$$V_2 = j\omega M I_2 + j\omega L_2 I_2$$

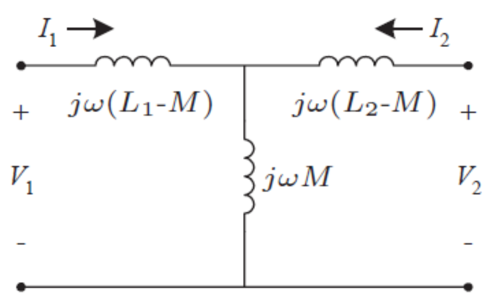
- The T-equivalent is only valid if bottom terminals are connected

Equivalent Tee circuit for Independant Inductors

$Z11 = j \cdot w \cdot L1$

$Z12 = Z21 = j \cdot w \cdot M$

$Z22 = R + j \cdot w \cdot L2$



Equivalent Tee Circuit for the Autotransformer

For the Autotransformer:

$Z11 = j \cdot w \cdot L1$

$Z12 = Z21 = -j \cdot w \cdot (L1 + M)$

$Z22 = R + j \cdot w \cdot L$

From comparisons with the independant inductor Tee circuit above

La = L1 - (L1 + M)

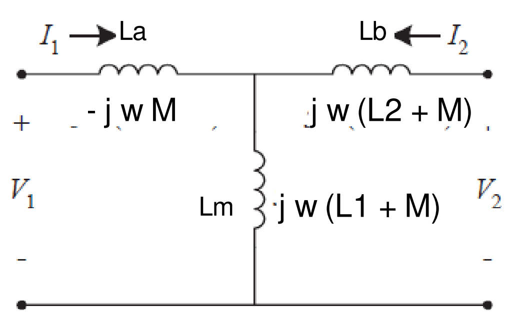
Lb = L - (L1+M) = L2 + M

Lm = L1 + M

M = K * sqrt(L1 * L2)

L = L1 + L2 + 2 * M

Autotransformer equivalent Tee circuit



Example, using the same values as in page 3:

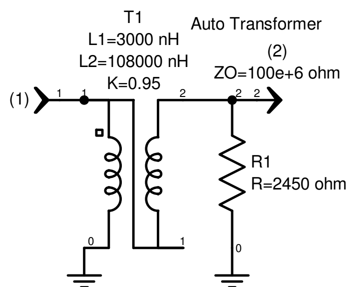
$L1 := 3 \qquad L2 := 36 \cdot L1 \qquad R := 2450 \qquad K := 0.95 \qquad M := K \cdot \sqrt{L1 \cdot L2} \qquad L := L1 + L2 + 2 \cdot M$

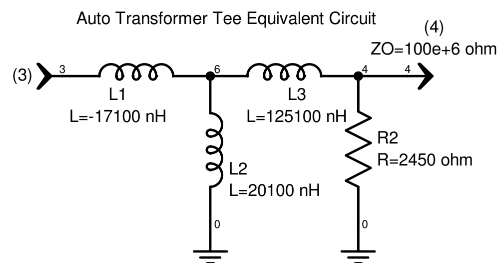
M and L can be calculated:

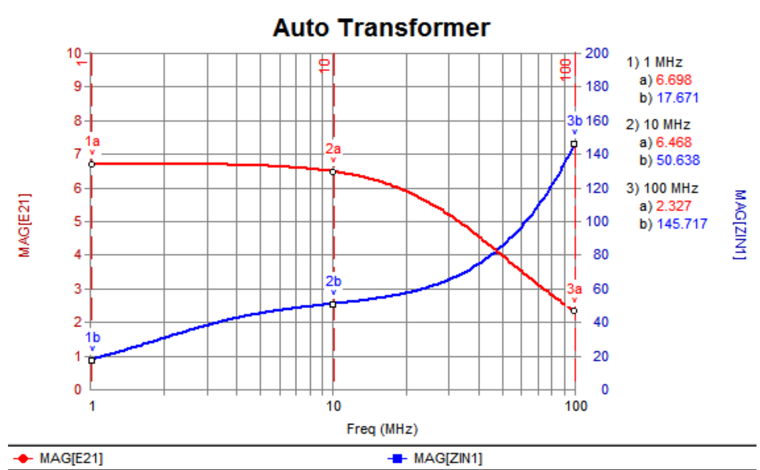
$M := K \cdot \sqrt{L1 \cdot L2} = 17.1 \qquad L := L1 + L2 + 2 \cdot M = 145.2$

Tee Equivalent circuit:

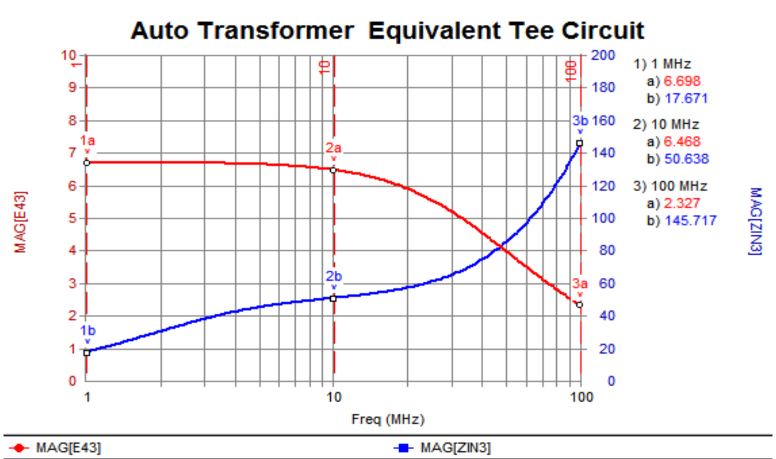
$La := -M = -17.1 \qquad Lb := L2 + M = 125.1 \qquad Lm := L1 + M = 20.1$







AutoTransformer Simulation



AutoTransformer Tee Equivalent Circuit Simulation

Voltage Gain Variation vs Coupling Coefficient K

With K = 1 (perfect coupling) the low frequency gain = 7.00
With K = 0.95 the low frequency gain = 6.698 (dotted curves)
With K = 0.90 the low frequency gain = 6.391 (solid curves)