

# EE152 F13 Midterm 2

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## Problem 1: Inductor [24 Points – 4 points each]

The relevant properties for a Ferroxcube E38/8/25 core are shown in the table below. In the 3C95 material this core has a  $\mu_r=2060$  and  $A_L=9600\text{nH}$ . The window area is  $A_W=100\text{mm}^2$ , and the length of the average turn is  $L_{\text{turn}} = 90\text{mm}$ .

**Effective core parameters of a set of E cores**

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	VALUE	UNIT
$\Sigma(l/A)$	core factor (C1)	0.272	$\text{mm}^{-1}$
$V_e$	effective volume	10200	$\text{mm}^3$
$l_e$	effective length	52.4	mm
$A_e$	effective area	194	$\text{mm}^2$
$A_{\text{min}}$	minimum area	194	$\text{mm}^2$
m	mass of core half	~ 25	g

Suppose you have an inductor wound on this core with 10 turns of 24AWG wire.

(a) What is the inductance of this 10-turn inductor?

$$L = N^2 A_L = \boxed{960 \mu\text{H}}$$

(b) At what current will this 10-turn inductor reach saturation, defined as  $B = 0.5\text{T}$ ?

$$I_{\text{max}} = B_{\text{max}} A_{\text{eff}} N / L = \boxed{1.01 \text{ A}}$$

(c) To double the inductance would require roughly how many turns?

*14 (4 more turns) since L grows as  $N^2$*

(d) Now consider the same 10-turn inductor on the E38/8/25 core but with a 1mm air gap. You may assume all of the reluctance of the magnetic path is in the gap and ignore fringing. What is the inductance of this inductor?

$$L = N^2 / \mathcal{R}, \text{ where } \mathcal{R} = l_g / \mu_0 A_{\text{eff}} \quad L = 24.4 \mu\text{H}$$

(e) At what current does the inductor of part (d) saturate (reach  $B=0.5\text{T}$ )?

$$I_{\text{max}} = B_{\text{max}} A_{\text{eff}} N / L = \boxed{39.8 \text{ A}}$$

(f) To double the inductance of the inductor of part (d) (keeping  $N=10$ ) would require roughly what gap length?

*L grows as the inverse of gap length so  $l_g = 0.5\text{mm}$*

## Problem 2: Transformer [18 Points – 6 points each]

Consider a transformer created by taking the inductor from Problem 1 (part a – without the gap) and add a secondary winding with 20 turns of 24AWG wire.

(a) Starting from  $B=0$ , how many volt-seconds can be applied to the primary of this transformer before reaching saturation,  $B=0.5T$ ?

$$VT = NB_{max}A_{eff} = \boxed{0.97 \text{ Vms}}$$

(b) With a fill factor of  $k_w = 0.64$ , our core's window can hold 320 strands of 24AWG wire. Devoting half of the window to the primary gives 160 strands, or 16 strands per turn for  $N=10$ . At 90mm per turn, this gives a primary resistance of 4.7m $\Omega$ . At 50A this gives a copper loss in the primary of 11.7W.

If we hold copper loss at 11.7W and the fill factor at 0.64 but cut the number of turns in the primary and secondary in half, i.e., use  $N_1=5$  turns for the primary and  $N_2=10$  turns for the secondary, how much current can our transformer now carry?

*Halving the turns doubles the number of parallel strands and halves the length of each strand. Thus it quarters the resistance. Since  $P = I^2R$ , the 5 turn transformer can handle twice the current or 100A.*

(c) For the transformer of part (b) with  $N_1=5$  and  $N_2=10$ , how many volt-seconds can be applied to the primary before reaching saturation at  $B=0.5T$ .

$$VT = NB_{max}A_{eff} = \boxed{0.485 \text{ Vms}}$$

### Problem 3: Isolated Converters [20 points – 10 points each]

Consider a flyback converter built with the transformer of Problem 2 but with a 1mm gap in the core, i.e., an E38/8/25 3C95 core with  $l_g=1\text{mm}$ ,  $N_1=10$ , and  $N_2=20$ . Assume the converter is operating in continuous conduction mode (CCM) and the input voltage is 10V.

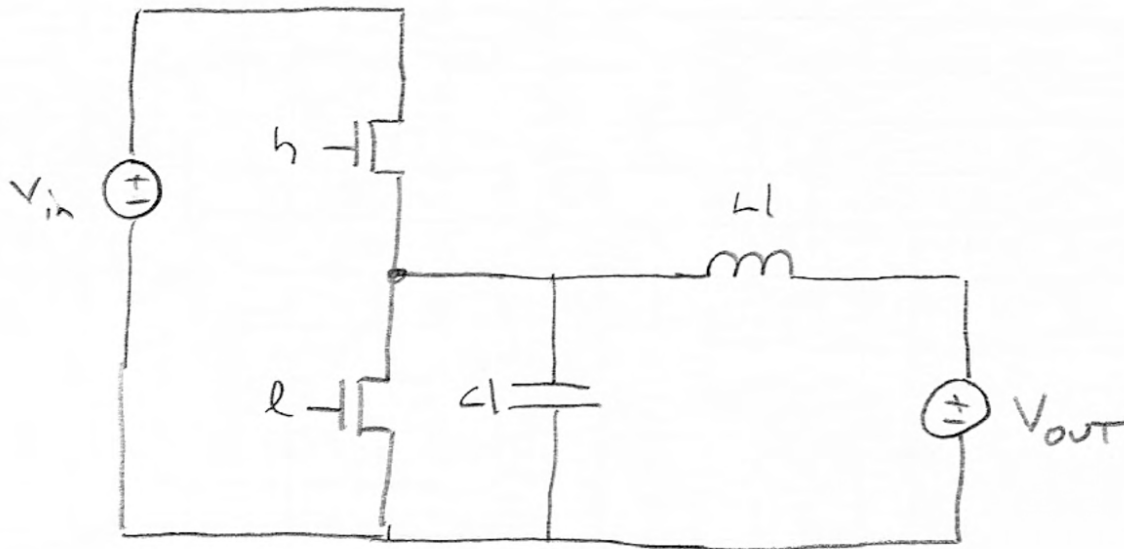
(a) If the duty factor of the primary-side switch is 0.4, what is the average output voltage in the periodic steady state?

$$V_{out} = \frac{D}{1-D} \frac{N_2}{N_1} V_{in} = \boxed{13.3 \text{ V}}$$

(b) What is the lowest frequency that this converter can be operated at while keeping the change in B field over a cycle to no more than  $\Delta B=0.3\text{T}$ .

$$VT = V_{in}D/f_{sw} = N\Delta BA_{eff} \rightarrow f_{sw} = V_{in}D/N\Delta BA_{eff} = \boxed{6.87 \text{ kHz}}$$

### Problem 4: Soft Switching [15 Points, 5 Points Each]



Consider the quasi-square wave soft-switched buck converter shown above with  $V_{in}=100V$ ,  $V_{out}=12V$ ,  $C_1=200nF$  (includes parasitic drain capacitance), and  $L_1=20\mu H$ .

(a) What is the minimum reverse current that must be reached in  $L_1$  to ensure that the high-side switch can turn-on with zero voltage across it (ZVS)?

Conservation of energy:  $\frac{1}{2}LI_0^2 = \frac{1}{2}C_1V_{C_{1,f}}^2 \rightarrow I_0 = 10 A$

(b) To minimize dissipation during startup – when the converter is hard switching – a switch is placed in series with  $C_1$  and is open during startup. Once the converter reaches steady state, this switch should be closed during which part of the switching cycle (i.e., when does this switch close relative to the openings and closings of the high-side and low-side switches)?

*When the low-side switch l is closed.*

(c) If the low-side switch turns off after having reached only half of the current you calculated in part (a) how high a voltage does the left side of the inductor reach before starting to fall?

*Half the current gives half the voltage – 50V*

### Problem 5: Power Factor [11 points]

Suppose a device has a current waveform that is a square wave that is in phase with the voltage waveform – i.e., any time the AC voltage is positive the current is +1A. Any time the voltage is negative, the current is -1A. What is the power factor of this device. Hint1, the Fourier series for a square wave is:

$$f(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx)$$

Hint2: You need not use the Fourier series to solve this problem.

$$\text{We are given: } V(\phi) = V_p \sin \phi, I(\phi) = \sin \phi / |\sin \phi| = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{i \in \text{Odd}} \frac{1}{n} \sin n\phi$$

$$V_{rms} = V_p / \sqrt{2}, \quad I_{rms} = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad P_{apparent} = V_{rms} I_{rms} = V_p / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\langle P \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} V(\phi) I(\phi) d\phi = \frac{V_p}{2\pi} \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \phi \sum_{i \in \text{Odd}} \frac{1}{n} \sin n\phi d\phi$$

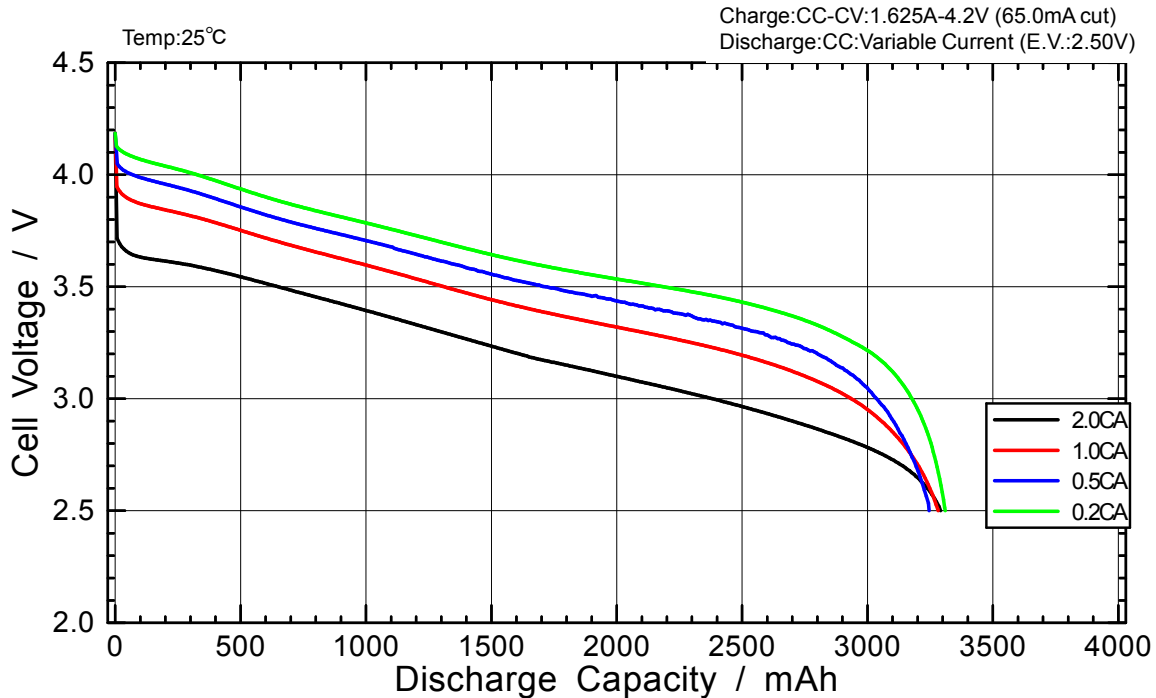
We know  $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin n\phi \sin m\phi = \pi \delta_{nm}$ , so the above integral evaluates to  $\pi$ .

$$\langle P \rangle = \frac{V_p}{2\pi} \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \pi = 2V_p / \pi$$

$$k = P_{actual} / P_{apparent} = \frac{V_p \cdot 2 / \pi}{V_p / \sqrt{2}} = \boxed{0.900}$$

## Problem 6: Batteries [12 Points]

### Discharge Rate Characteristics for NCR18650B



Suppose the open circuit voltage for the NCR18650 battery is a straight line starting at 4.2V and 0mAh and running parallel to the lines shown in the figure above out to 3200mAh. Write an expression for the fraction of charge remaining on the battery as a function of open circuit voltage.

We have two data points: (0 mAh, 4.2 V) and (3200 mAh, 3.3 V)

We can rewrite them in terms of state of charge instead of depth of discharge:  
(3200 mAh, 4.2 V) and (0 mAh, 3.3 V)

$$\text{SoC} = \frac{1}{0.9\text{V}}(V_{oc} - 3.3\text{V})$$