## Chapter 14. Transformer Design

Some more advanced design issues, not considered in previous chapter:

- Inclusion of core loss
- Selection of operating flux density to optimize total loss
- Multiple winding design: how to allocate the available window area among several windings
- A transformer design procedure
- How switching frequency affects transformer size



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### 14.1. Winding area optimization

Given: application with $k$ windings having known rms currents and desired turns ratios

$$
\frac{v_{1}(t)}{n_{1}}=\frac{v_{2}(t)}{n_{2}}=\cdots=\frac{v_{k}(t)}{n_{k}}
$$




Q: how should the window area $W_{A}$ be allocated among the windings?

## Allocation of winding area



## Copper loss in winding $j$

Copper loss (not accounting for proximity loss) is

$$
P_{c u, j}=I_{j}^{2} R_{j}
$$

Resistance of winding $j$ is

$$
R_{j}=\rho \frac{l_{j}}{A_{W, j}}
$$

with

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
l_{j}=n_{j}(M L T) & \text { length of wire, winding } j \\
A_{W, j}=\frac{W_{A} K_{u} \alpha_{j}}{n_{j}} & \text { wire area, winding } j
\end{array}
$$

Hence

$$
P_{c u, j}=\frac{n_{j}^{2} i_{j}^{2} \rho(M L T)}{W_{A} K_{u} \alpha_{j}}
$$

## Total copper loss of transformer

Sum previous expression over all windings:

$$
P_{c u, t o t}=P_{c u, 1}+P_{c u, 2}+\cdots+P_{c u, k}=\frac{\rho(M L T)}{W_{A} K_{u}} \sum_{j=1}^{k}\left(\frac{n_{j}^{2} I_{j}^{2}}{\alpha_{j}}\right)
$$

Need to select values for $\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \ldots, \alpha_{k}$ such that the total copper loss is minimized

## Variation of copper losses with $\alpha_{1}$

For $\alpha_{1}=0$ : wire of winding 1 has zero area. $P_{c u, 1}$ tends to infinity For $\alpha_{1}=1$ : wires of remaining windings have zero area. Their copper losses tend to infinity
There is a choice of $\alpha_{1}$ that minimizes the total copper loss

## Method of Lagrange multipliers to minimize total copper loss

Minimize the function

$$
P_{c u, t o t}=P_{c u, 1}+P_{c u, 2}+\cdots+P_{c u, k}=\frac{\rho(M L T)}{W_{A} K_{u}} \sum_{j=1}^{k}\left(\frac{n_{j}^{2} I_{j}^{2}}{\alpha_{j}}\right)
$$

subject to the constraint

$$
\alpha_{1}+\alpha_{2}+\cdots+\alpha_{k}=1
$$

Define the function

$$
f\left(\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \cdots, \alpha_{k}, \xi\right)=P_{c u, t o t}\left(\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \cdots, \alpha_{k}\right)+\xi g\left(\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \cdots, \alpha_{k}\right)
$$

where

$$
g\left(\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \cdots, \alpha_{k}\right)=1-\sum_{j=1}^{k} \alpha_{j}
$$

is the constraint that must equal zero and $\xi$ is the Lagrange multiplier

## Lagrange multipliers

## continued

Optimum point is solution of the system of equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial f\left(\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \cdots, \alpha_{k}, \xi\right)}{\partial \alpha_{1}}=0 \\
& \frac{\partial f\left(\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \cdots, \alpha_{k}, \xi\right)}{\partial \alpha_{2}}=0
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial f\left(\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \cdots, \alpha_{k}, \xi\right)}{\partial \alpha_{k}}=0
$$

$$
\frac{\partial f\left(\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \cdots, \alpha_{k}, \xi\right)}{\partial \xi}=0
$$

Result:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \xi=\frac{\rho(M L T)}{W_{A} K_{u}}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{k} n_{j} I_{j}\right)^{2}=P_{c u, t o t} \\
& \alpha_{m}=\frac{n_{m} I_{m}}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n_{j} I_{j}}
\end{aligned}
$$

An alternate form:

$$
\alpha_{m}=\frac{V_{m} I_{m}}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} V_{j} I_{j}}
$$

## Interpretation of result

$$
\alpha_{m}=\frac{V_{m} I_{m}}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} V_{j} I_{j}}
$$

Apparent power in winding $j$ is

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
V_{j} I_{j} \\
\text { where } & V_{j} \text { is the rms or peak applied voltage } \\
& I_{j} \text { is the rms current }
\end{array}
$$

Window area should be allocated according to the apparent powers of the windings

## Example PWM full-bridge transformer



- Note that waveshapes (and hence rms values) of the primary and secondary currents are different
- Treat as a threewinding transformer


## Expressions for RMS winding currents

$$
\begin{aligned}
& I_{1}=\sqrt{2 T_{s}} \int_{0}^{2 T_{s}} i_{1}^{2}(t) d t=\frac{n_{2}}{n_{1}} I \sqrt{D} \\
& I_{2}=I_{3}=\sqrt{\frac{1}{2 T_{s}} \int_{0}^{2 T_{s}} i_{2}^{2}(t) d t}=\frac{1}{2} I \sqrt{1+D} \\
& \text { see Appendix } 1
\end{aligned}
$$

## Allocation of window area: $\quad \alpha_{m}=\frac{V_{m} I_{m}}{\sum_{n=1} V_{j} I_{j}}$

Plug in rms current expressions. Result:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \alpha_{1}=\frac{1}{\left(1+\sqrt{\frac{1+D}{D}}\right)} \\
& \alpha_{2}=\alpha_{3}=\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\left(1+\sqrt{\frac{D}{1+D}}\right)}
\end{aligned}
$$

Fraction of window area allocated to primary winding

Fraction of window area allocated to each secondary winding

## Numerical example

Suppose that we decide to optimize the transformer design at the worst-case operating point $D=0.75$. Then we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \alpha_{1}=0.396 \\
& \alpha_{2}=0.302 \\
& \alpha_{3}=0.302
\end{aligned}
$$

The total copper loss is then given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
P_{c u, t o t} & =\frac{\rho(M L T)}{W_{A} K_{u}}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{3} n_{j} I_{j}\right)^{2} \\
& =\frac{\rho(M L T) n_{2}^{2} I^{2}}{W_{A} K_{u}}(1+2 D+2 \sqrt{D(1+D)})
\end{aligned}
$$

### 14.2 Transformer design:

## Basic constraints

Core loss

$$
P_{f e}=K_{f e} B_{\max }^{\beta} A_{c} l_{m}
$$

Typical value of $\beta$ for ferrite materials: 2.6 or 2.7
$B_{\max }$ is the peak value of the ac component of $B(t)$
So increasing $B_{\max }$ causes core loss to increase rapidly

This is the first constraint

## Flux density

## Constraint \#2

Flux density $B(t)$ is related to the applied winding voltage according to Faraday's Law. Denote the voltseconds applied to the primary winding during the positive portion of $v_{1}(t)$ as $\lambda_{1}$ :

$$
\lambda_{1}=\int_{t_{1}}^{t_{2}} v_{1}(t) d t
$$

This causes the flux to change from its negative peak to its positive peak. From Faraday's law, the peak value of the ac component of flux density is

$$
B_{\max }=\frac{\lambda_{1}}{2 n_{1} A_{c}}
$$



To attain a given flux density, the primary turns should be chosen according to

$$
n_{1}=\frac{\lambda_{1}}{2 B_{\max } A_{c}}
$$

## Copper loss <br> Constraint \#3

- Allocate window area between windings in optimum manner, as described in previous section
- Total copper loss is then equal to

$$
P_{c u}=\frac{\rho(M L T) n_{1}^{2} I_{t o t}^{2}}{W_{A} K_{u}}
$$

with

$$
I_{t o t}=\sum_{j=1}^{k} \frac{n_{j}}{n_{1}} I_{j}
$$

Eliminate $n_{1}$, using result of previous slide:

$$
P_{c u}=\left(\frac{\rho \lambda_{1}^{2} I_{t o t}^{2}}{K_{u}}\right)\left(\frac{(M L T)}{W_{A} A_{c}^{2}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{B_{\max }^{2}}\right)
$$

Note that copper loss decreases rapidly as $B_{\max }$ is increased

## Total power loss

$$
\text { 4. } P_{t o t}=P_{c u}+P_{f e}
$$

There is a value of $B_{\text {max }}$ that minimizes the total power loss

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P_{t o t}=P_{f e}+P_{c u} \\
& P_{f e}=K_{f e} B_{\max }^{\beta} A_{c} l_{m} \\
& P_{c u}=\left(\frac{\rho \lambda_{1}^{2} I_{\text {tot }}^{2}}{K_{u}}\right)\left(\frac{(M L T)}{W_{A} A_{c}^{2}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{B_{\max }^{2}}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## 5. Find optimum flux density $B_{\max }$

Given that

$$
P_{t o t}=P_{f e}+P_{c u}
$$

Then, at the $B_{\max }$ that minimizes $P_{\text {tot }}$, we can write

$$
\frac{d P_{t o t}}{d B_{\max }}=\frac{d P_{f e}}{d B_{\max }}+\frac{d P_{c u}}{d B_{\max }}=0
$$

Note: optimum does not necessarily occur where $P_{f e}=P_{c u}$. Rather, it occurs where

$$
\frac{d P_{f e}}{d B_{\max }}=-\frac{d P_{c u}}{d B_{\max }}
$$

## Take derivatives of core and copper loss

$$
\begin{array}{cl}
P_{f e}=K_{f e} B_{\max }^{\beta} A_{c} l_{m} & P_{c u}=\left(\frac{\rho \lambda_{1}^{2} I_{\text {tot }}^{2}}{K_{u}}\right)\left(\frac{(M L T)}{W_{A} A_{c}^{2}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{B_{\max }^{2}}\right) \\
\frac{d P_{f e}}{d B_{\max }}=\beta K_{f e} B_{\max }^{(\beta-1)} A_{c} l_{m} & \frac{d P_{c u}}{d B_{\max }}=-2\left(\frac{\rho \lambda_{1}^{2} I_{\text {tot }}^{2}}{4 K_{u}}\right)\left(\frac{(M L T)}{W_{A} A_{c}^{2}}\right) B_{\max }^{-3}
\end{array}
$$

Now, substitute into $\quad \frac{d P_{f e}}{d B_{\max }}=-\frac{d P_{c u}}{d B_{\max }} \quad$ and solve for $B_{\max }$ :

$$
B_{\max }=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
\frac{\rho \lambda_{1}^{2} I_{\text {tot }}^{2}}{2 K_{u}} & \frac{(M L T)}{W_{A} A_{c}^{3} l_{m}} \frac{1}{\beta K_{f e}}
\end{array}\right]^{\left(\frac{1}{\beta+2}\right)} \quad \begin{aligned}
& \text { Optimum } B_{\max } \text { for a } \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { given core and } \\
\text { application }
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Total loss

Substitute optimum $B_{\max }$ into expressions for $P_{c u}$ and $P_{f e}$. The total loss is:

$$
P_{t o t}=\left[A_{c} l_{m} K_{f e}\right]^{\left(\frac{2}{\beta+2}\right)}\left[\frac{\rho \lambda_{1}^{2} I_{\text {tot }}^{2}}{4 K_{u}} \frac{(M L T)}{W_{A} A_{c}^{2}}\right]^{\left(\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}\right)}\left[\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)^{-\left(\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}\right)}+\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{2}{\beta+2}\right)}\right]
$$

Rearrange as follows:

$$
\frac{W_{A}\left(A_{c}\right)^{(2(\beta-1) / \beta)}}{(M L T) l_{m}^{(2 / \beta)}}\left[\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)^{-\left(\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}\right)}+\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{2}{\beta+2}\right)}\right]^{-\left(\frac{\beta+2}{\beta}\right)}=\frac{\rho \lambda_{1}^{2} I_{t o t}^{2} K_{f e}^{(2 / \beta)}}{4 K_{u}\left(P_{t o t}\right)^{((\beta+2) / \beta)}}
$$

Left side: terms depend on core geometry

Right side: terms depend on specifications of the application

## The core geometrical constant $K_{\text {gfe }}$

Define $\quad K_{g f e}=\frac{W_{A}\left(A_{c}\right)^{(2(\beta-1) / \beta)}}{(M L T) l_{m}^{(2 / \beta)}}\left[\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)^{-\left(\frac{\beta}{\beta+2}\right)}+\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{2}{\beta+2}\right)}\right]^{-\left(\frac{\beta+2}{\beta}\right)}$
Design procedure: select a core that satisfies

$$
K_{g f e} \geq \frac{\rho \lambda_{1}^{2} I_{t o t}^{2} K_{f e}^{(2 / \beta)}}{4 K_{u}\left(P_{t o t}\right)^{((\beta+2) / \beta)}}
$$

Appendix 2 lists the values of $K_{g f e}$ for common ferrite cores
$K_{g f e}$ is similar to the $K_{g}$ geometrical constant used in Chapter 13:

- $K_{g}$ is used when $B_{\max }$ is specified
- $K_{g f e}$ is used when $B_{\max }$ is to be chosen to minimize total loss


### 14.3 Step-by-step transformer design procedure

| The following quantities are specified, using the units noted: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wire effective resistivity | $\rho$ | ( $\Omega$-cm) |
| Total rms winding current, ref to pri | $I_{\text {tot }}$ | (A) |
| Desired turns ratios |  |  |
| Applied pri volt-sec | $\lambda_{1}$ | (V-sec) |
| Allowed total power dissipation | $P_{\text {tot }}$ | (W) |
| Winding fill factor | $K_{u}$ |  |
| Core loss exponent | $\beta$ |  |
| Core loss coefficient | $K_{f e}$ | (W/cm ${ }^{3} \mathrm{~T}^{\beta}$ ) |

Other quantities and their dimensions:

Core cross-sectional area
Core window area
Mean length per turn
Magnetic path length
Wire areas
Peak ac flux density

| $A_{c}$ | $\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{2}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $W_{A}$ | $\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{2}\right)$ |
| $M L T$ | $(\mathrm{~cm})$ |
| $l_{e}$ | $(\mathrm{~cm})$ |
| $A_{w}, \ldots$ | $\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{2}\right)$ |
| $B_{\max }$ | $(\mathrm{T})$ |

## Procedure <br> 1. Determine core size

$$
K_{g f e} \geq \frac{\rho \lambda_{1}^{2} I_{t o t}^{2} K_{f e}^{(2 / \beta)}}{4 K_{u}\left(P_{t o t}\right)^{((\beta+2) / \beta)}} 10^{8}
$$

Select a core from Appendix 2 that satisfies this inequality.
It may be possible to reduce the core size by choosing a core material that has lower loss, i.e., lower $K_{f e}$.

## 2. Evaluate peak ac flux density

$$
B_{\max }=\left[10^{8} \frac{\rho \lambda_{1}^{2} I_{\text {tot }}^{2}}{2 K_{u}} \frac{(M L T)}{W_{A} A_{c}^{3} l_{m}} \frac{1}{\beta K_{f e}}\right]^{\left(\frac{1}{\beta+2}\right)}
$$

At this point, one should check whether the saturation flux densityis exceeded. If the core operates with a flux dc bias $B_{d c}$, then $B_{\max }+B_{d c}$ should be less than the saturation flux density.

If the core will saturate, then there are two choices:

- Specify $B_{\max }$ using the $K_{g}$ method of Chapter 13 , or
- Choose a core material having greater core loss, then repeat steps 1 and 2


## 3. and 4. Evaluate turns

Primary turns:

$$
n_{1}=\frac{\lambda_{1}}{2 B_{\max } A_{c}} 10^{4}
$$

Choose secondary turns according to desired turns ratios:

$$
\begin{gathered}
n_{2}=n_{1}\left(\frac{n_{2}}{n_{1}}\right) \\
n_{3}=n_{1}\left(\frac{n_{3}}{n_{1}}\right) \\
\vdots
\end{gathered}
$$

## 5. and 6. Choose wire sizes

Fraction of window area assigned to each winding:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\alpha_{1}=\frac{n_{1} I_{1}}{n_{1} I_{t o t}} \\
\alpha_{2}=\frac{n_{2} I_{2}}{n_{1} I_{\text {tot }}} \\
\vdots \\
\alpha_{k}=\frac{n_{k} I_{k}}{n_{1} I_{\text {tot }}}
\end{gathered}
$$

Choose wire sizes according to:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A_{w 1} \leq \frac{\alpha_{1} K_{u} W_{A}}{n_{1}} \\
& A_{w 2} \leq \frac{\alpha_{2} K_{u} W_{A}}{n_{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Check: computed transformer model

Predicted magnetizing inductance, referred to primary:

$$
L_{M}=\frac{\mu n_{1}^{2} A_{c}}{l_{m}}
$$

Peak magnetizing current:

$$
i_{M, p k}=\frac{\lambda_{1}}{2 L_{M}}
$$

Predicted winding resistances:

$$
\begin{gathered}
R_{1}=\frac{\rho n_{1}(M L T)}{A_{w 1}} \\
R_{2}=\frac{\rho n_{2}(M L T)}{A_{w 2}} \\
\vdots
\end{gathered}
$$



### 14.4.1 Example 1: Single-output isolated Cuk converter



100 W
$D=0.5$
$K_{u}=0.5$

$$
f_{s}=200 \mathrm{kHz}
$$

$$
n=5
$$

Use a ferrite pot core, with Magnetics Inc. P material. Loss parameters at 200 kHz are

$$
K_{f e}=24.7 \quad \beta=2.6
$$

## Waveforms



Applied primary voltseconds:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{1} & =D T_{s} V_{c 1}=(0.5)(5 \mu \mathrm{sec})(25 \mathrm{~V}) \\
& =62.5 \mathrm{~V}-\mu \mathrm{sec}
\end{aligned}
$$

Applied primary rms current:
$I_{1}=\sqrt{D\left(\frac{I}{n}\right)^{2}+D^{\prime}\left(I_{g}\right)^{2}}=4 \mathrm{~A}$
Applied secondary rms current:

$$
I_{2}=n I_{1}=20 \mathrm{~A}
$$

Total rms winding current:

$$
I_{t o t}=I_{1}+\frac{1}{n} I_{2}=8 \mathrm{~A}
$$

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## Choose core size

$$
\begin{aligned}
K_{g f e} & \geq \frac{\left(1.724 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)\left(62.5 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)^{2}(8)^{2}(24.7)^{(222.6)}}{4(0.5)(0.25)^{(4.612 .6)}} 10^{8} \\
& =0.00295
\end{aligned}
$$

Pot core data of Appendix 2 lists 2213 pot core with

$$
K_{g f e}=0.0049
$$

Next smaller pot core is not large enough.

## Evaluate peak ac flux density

$$
\begin{aligned}
B_{\max } & =\left[10^{8} \frac{\left(1.724 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)\left(62.5 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)^{2}(8)^{2}}{2(0.5)} \frac{(4.42)}{(0.297)(0.635)^{3}(3.15)} \frac{1}{(2.6)(24.7)}\right]^{(14.6)} \\
& =0.0858 \text { Tesla }
\end{aligned}
$$

This is much less than the saturation flux density of approximately 0.35 T . Values of Bmax in the vicinity of 0.1 T are typical for ferrite designs that operate at frequencies in the vicinity of 100 kHz .

## Evaluate turns

$$
\begin{aligned}
n_{1} & =10^{4} \frac{\left(62.5 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)}{2(0.0858)(0.635)} \\
& =5.74 \text { turns } \\
n_{2} & =\frac{n_{1}}{n}=1.15 \text { turns }
\end{aligned}
$$

In practice, we might select

$$
n_{1}=5 \quad \text { and } \quad n_{2}=1
$$

This would lead to a slightly higher flux density and slightly higher loss.

## Determine wire sizes

Fraction of window area allocated to each winding:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \alpha_{1}=\frac{(4 \mathrm{~A})}{(8 \mathrm{~A})}=0.5 \\
& \alpha_{2}=\frac{\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)(20 \mathrm{~A})}{(8 \mathrm{~A})}=0.5
\end{aligned}
$$

Wire areas:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A_{w 1}=\frac{(0.5)(0.5)(0.297)}{(5)}=14.8 \cdot 10^{-3} \mathrm{~cm}^{2} \\
& A_{w 2}=\frac{(0.5)(0.5)(0.297)}{(1)}=74.2 \cdot 10^{-3} \mathrm{~cm}^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

(Since, in this example, the ratio of winding rms currents is equal to the turns ratio, equal areas are allocated to each winding)

From wire table, Appendix 2:

AWG \#16

AWG \#9

## Wire sizes: discussion

## Primary

5 turns \#16 AWG
Secondary
1 turn \#9 AWG

- Very large conductors!
- One turn of \#9 AWG is not a practical solution

Some alternatives

- Use foil windings
- Use Litz wire or parallel strands of wire


## Effect of switching frequency on transformer size

 for this P-material Cuk converter example

- As switching frequency is increased from 25 kHz to 250 kHz , core size is dramatically reduced
- As switching frequency is increased from 400 kHz to 1 MHz , core size increases


### 14.4.2 Example 2 <br> Multiple-Output Full-Bridge Buck Converter



## Other transformer design details

Use Magnetics, Inc. ferrite P material. Loss parameters at 75 kHz :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& K_{f e}=7.6 \mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{T}^{\beta} \mathrm{cm}^{3} \\
& \beta=2.6
\end{aligned}
$$

Use E-E core shape
Assume fill factor of

$$
K_{u}=0.25 \quad \text { (reduced fill factor accounts for added insulation required }
$$ in multiple-output off-line application)

Allow transformer total power loss of

$$
P_{t o t}=4 \mathrm{~W} \quad \text { (approximately } 0.5 \% \text { of total output power) }
$$

Use copper wire, with

$$
\rho=1.724 \cdot 10^{-6} \Omega-\mathrm{cm}
$$

## Applied transformer waveforms



## Applied primary volt-seconds



$$
\lambda_{1}=D T_{s} V_{g}=(0.75)(6.67 \mu \mathrm{sec})(160 \mathrm{~V})=800 \mathrm{~V}-\mu \mathrm{sec}
$$

## Applied primary rms current

$$
\begin{gathered}
i_{1}(t) \uparrow \begin{array}{|c|}
\hline \frac{n_{2}}{n_{1}} I_{5 \mathrm{~V}}+\frac{n_{3}}{n_{1}} I_{15 \mathrm{~V}} \\
\left.-\left(\frac{n_{2}}{n_{1}} I_{5 \mathrm{~V}}+\frac{n_{3}}{n_{1}} I_{15 \mathrm{~V}}\right)\right)
\end{array} \\
\quad I_{1}=\left(\frac{n_{2}}{n_{1}} I_{5 \mathrm{~V}}+\frac{n_{3}}{n_{1}} I_{15 \mathrm{~V}}\right) \sqrt{D}=5.7 \mathrm{~A}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Applied rms current, secondary windings

$$
\begin{aligned}
& I_{2}=\frac{1}{2} I_{5 V} \sqrt{1+D}=66.1 \mathrm{~A} \\
& I_{3}=\frac{1}{2} I_{15 V} \sqrt{1+D}=9.9 \mathrm{~A}
\end{aligned}
$$

## $I_{t o t}$

RMS currents, summed over all windings and referred to primary

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{\text {tot }} & =\sum_{\substack{\text { all } 5 \\
\text { windings }}} \frac{n_{j}}{n_{1}} I_{j}=I_{1}+2 \frac{n_{2}}{n_{1}} I_{2}+2 \frac{n_{3}}{n_{1}} I_{3} \\
& =(5.7 \mathrm{~A})+\frac{5}{110}(66.1 \mathrm{~A})+\frac{15}{110}(9.9 \mathrm{~A}) \\
& =14.4 \mathrm{~A}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Select core size

$$
\begin{aligned}
K_{g f e} & \geq \frac{\left(1.724 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)\left(800 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)^{2}(14.4)^{2}(7.6)^{(2 / 2.6)}}{4(0.25)(4)^{(4.612 .6)}} 10^{8} \\
& =0.00937
\end{aligned}
$$

A2.2 EE core data
From Appendix 2


| Core type <br> (A) (mm) | Geometrical constant $\begin{gathered} K_{g_{5}} \\ \mathrm{~cm}^{5} \end{gathered}$ | Geometrical constant $\begin{aligned} & K_{g f e} \\ & \mathrm{~cm}^{x} \end{aligned}$ | Crosssectional area $\begin{gathered} A_{c} \\ \left(\mathrm{~cm}^{2}\right) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Bobbin winding area $W_{A}$ $\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{2}\right)$ | Mean length per turn MLT (cm) | Magnetic path length $l_{m}$ $(\mathrm{~cm})$ | Core weight <br> (g) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EE22 | $8.26 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | 0.41 | 0.196 | 3.99 | 3.96 | 8.81 |
| EE30 | $85.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $6.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | 1.09 | 0.476 | 6.60 | 5.77 | 32.4 |
| EE40 | 0.209 | $11.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | 1.27 | 1.10 | 8.50 | 7.70 | 50.3 |
| EE50 | 0.909 | $28.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | 2.26 | 1.78 | 10.0 | 9.58 | 116 |

## Evaluate ac flux density $B_{\text {max }}$

Eq. (14.41):

$$
B_{\max }=\left[10^{8} \frac{\rho \lambda_{1}^{2} I_{t o t}^{2}}{2 K_{u}} \frac{(M L T)}{W_{A} A_{c}^{3} l_{m}} \frac{1}{\beta K_{f e}}\right]^{\left(\frac{1}{\beta+2}\right)}
$$

Plug in values:

$$
\begin{aligned}
B_{\max } & =\left[10^{8} \frac{\left(1.724 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)\left(800 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)^{2}(14.4)^{2}}{2(0.25)} \frac{(8.5)}{(1.1)(1.27)^{3}(7.7)} \frac{1}{(2.6)(7.6)}\right]^{(1 / 4.6)} \\
& =0.23 \text { Tesla }
\end{aligned}
$$

This is less than the saturation flux density of approximately 0.35 T

## Evaluate turns

Choose $n_{1}$ according to Eq. (14.42):

$$
\begin{aligned}
n_{1} & =\frac{\lambda_{1}}{2 B_{\max } A_{c}} 10^{4} \\
n_{1} & =10^{4} \frac{\left(800 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)}{2(0.23)(1.27)} \\
& =13.7 \text { turns }
\end{aligned}
$$

Choose secondary turns according to desired turns ratios:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n_{2}=\frac{5}{110} n_{1}=0.62 \text { turns } \\
& n_{3}=\frac{15}{110} n_{1}=1.87 \text { turns }
\end{aligned}
$$

Rounding the number of turns
To obtain desired turns ratio of

110:5:15
we might round the actual turns to

22:1:3
Increased $n_{1}$ would lead to

- Less core loss
- More copper loss
- Increased total loss


## Loss calculation with rounded turns

With $n_{1}=22$, the flux density will be reduced to

$$
B_{\max }=\frac{\left(800 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)}{2(22)(1.27)} 10^{4}=0.143 \text { Tesla }
$$

The resulting losses will be

$$
\begin{aligned}
P_{f e} & =(7.6)(0.143)^{2.6}(1.27)(7.7)=0.47 \mathrm{~W} \\
P_{c u} & =\frac{\left(1.724 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)\left(800 \cdot 10^{-6}\right)^{2}(14.4)^{2}}{4(0.25)} \frac{(8.5)}{(1.1)(1.27)^{2}} \frac{1}{(0.143)^{2}} 10^{8} \\
& =5.4 \mathrm{~W} \\
P_{\text {tot }} & =P_{f e}+P_{c u}=5.9 \mathrm{~W}
\end{aligned}
$$

Which exceeds design goal of 4 W by $50 \%$. So use next larger core size: EE50.

## Calculations with EE50

Repeat previous calculations for EE50 core size. Results:

$$
B_{\max }=0.14 \mathrm{~T}, n_{1}=12, P_{t o t}=2.3 \mathrm{~W}
$$

Again round $n_{1}$ to 22 . Then

$$
B_{\max }=0.08 \mathrm{~T}, P_{c u}=3.89 \mathrm{~W}, P_{f e}=0.23 \mathrm{~W}, P_{t o t}=4.12 \mathrm{~W}
$$

Which is close enough to 4 W .

## Wire sizes for EE50 design

Window allocations
$\alpha_{1}=\frac{I_{1}}{I_{\text {tot }}}=\frac{5.7}{14.4}=0.396$
$\alpha_{2}=\frac{n_{2} I_{2}}{n_{1} I_{\text {tot }}}=\frac{5}{110} \frac{66.1}{14.4}=0.209$
$\alpha_{3}=\frac{n_{3} I_{3}}{n_{1} I_{\text {tot }}}=\frac{15}{110} \frac{9.9}{14.4}=0.094 \quad A_{w 3}=\frac{\alpha_{3} K_{u} W_{A}}{n_{3}}=\frac{(0.094)(0.25)(1.78)}{(3)}=13.9 \cdot 10^{-3} \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$

$$
\Rightarrow \mathrm{AWG} \# 16
$$

Wire gauges
$A_{w 1}=\frac{\alpha_{1} K_{u} W_{A}}{n_{1}}=\frac{(0.396)(0.25)(1.78)}{(22)}=8.0 \cdot 10^{-3} \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$
$\Rightarrow$ AWG \#19
$A_{w 2}=\frac{\alpha_{2} K_{u} W_{A}}{n_{2}}=\frac{(0.209)(0.25)(1.78)}{(1)}=93.0 \cdot 10^{-3} \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$
$\Rightarrow$ AWG \#8

Might actually use foil or Litz wire for secondary windings

