

# Transformers

Session 2c of “Basic Electricity”  
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# Basic Electricity

## Two Sections

- Electron Flow and Resistance
  - 5 on-line sessions
  - Lab
- Inductance and Capacitance
  - 5 on-line sessions
  - Lab

## *Mastery Test, Part 1*

# Basic Electricity (Continued)

- **Text:** “Electricity One-Seven,” Harry Mileaf, Prentice-Hall, 1996, ISBN 0-13-889585-6 (Covers several Modules and more)
- **References:**
  - “Digital Mini Test: Principles of Electricity Lessons One and Two,” SNET Home Study Coordinator, (203) 771-5400
  - [Electronics Tutorial](#) (Thanks to Alex Pounds)
  - [Electronics Tutorial](#) (Thanks to Mark Sokos)
  - [Basic Math Tutorial](#) (Thanks to George Mason University)
  - [Vector Math Tutorial](#) (Thanks to California Polytec at [atom.physics.calpoly.edu](http://atom.physics.calpoly.edu) )

## Section 2:

# AC, Inductors and Capacitors

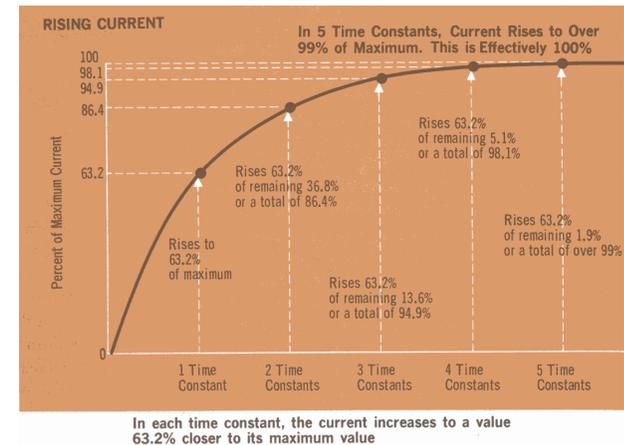
- **OBJECTIVES:** This section introduces AC voltage / current and additional circuit components (inductors, transformers and capacitors).

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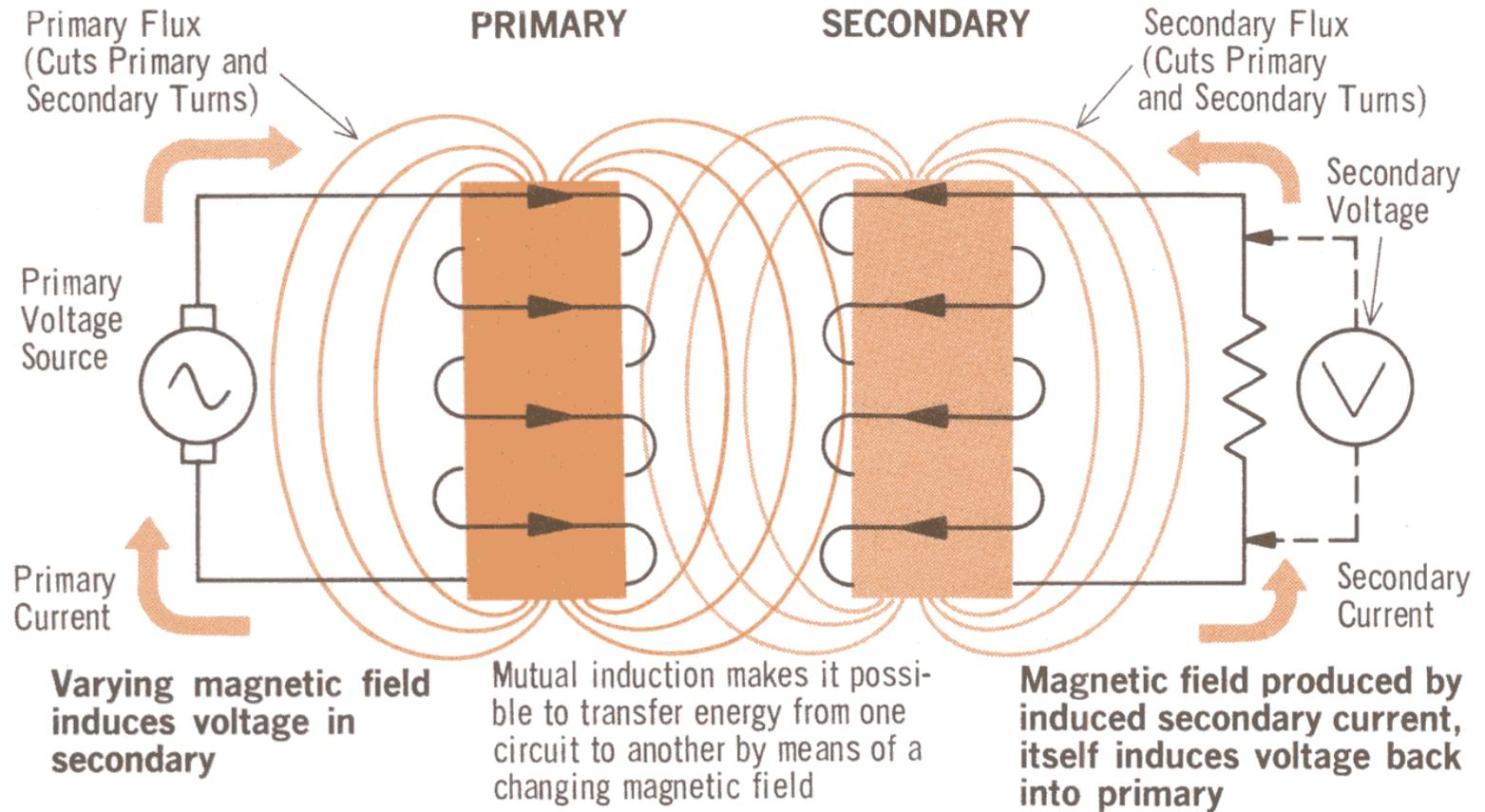
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<b>Session 2c</b>	<b>– 04/08</b>	<b>Transformers</b>	<b>Text 3.74 – 3.100</b>
Session 2d (lab - 04/13, Sat.)	– 04/10	Capacitors	Text 3.101 – 3.135
Session 2e	– 04/15	More Capacitors	Text 3.135 – 3.148
Session 2f	– 04/22	Review (Discuss Quiz_2)	

# Inductor Session Review

- Inductors resist changes in their current with their “Reactance”
- Coiling a wire increases its inductance
- Time constant:  $\tau = L/R$
- Inductor current “lags” the voltage  $90^\circ$  (Eli the ice man)
- Inductor Reactance ( $X_L = 2\pi fL$ ) determines the current magnitude ( $|I| = |V| / X_L$ )
- Series and Parallel Inductors

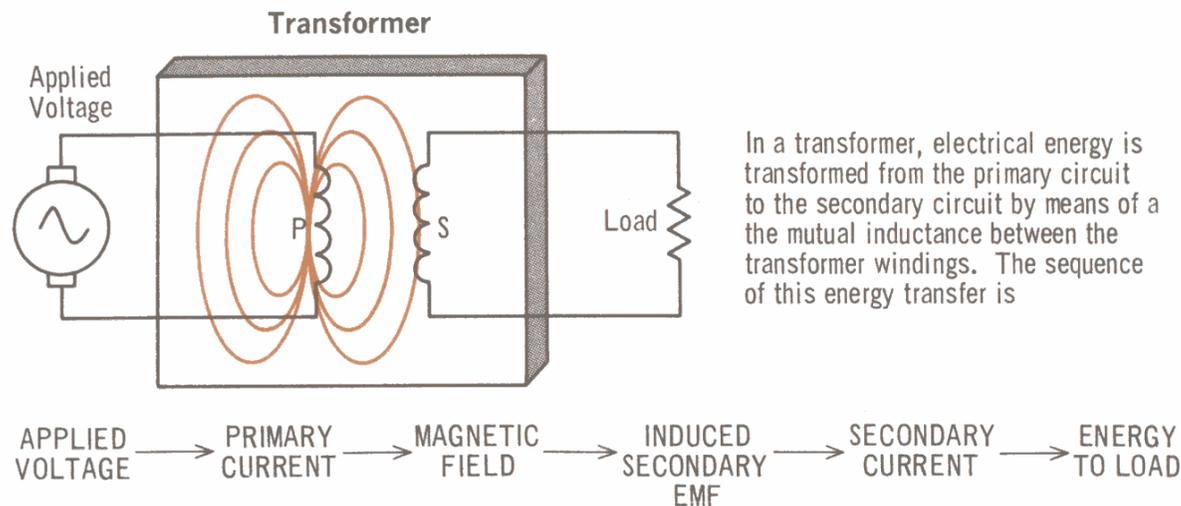


# Mutual Inductance



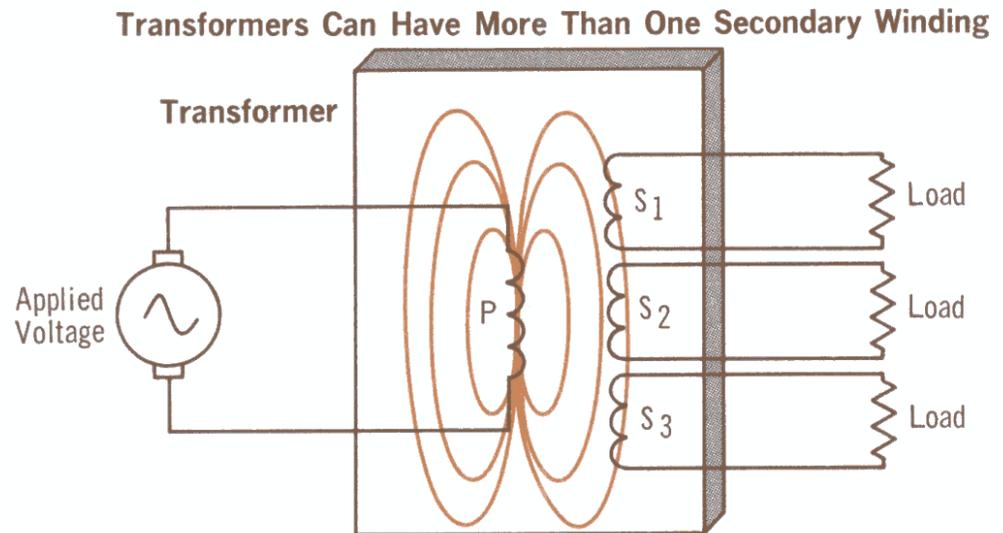
# The Transformer

- Electrical energy is coupled from the “Primary” to the “Secondary”
- Provides “Isolation” (separate grounds)



# Multiple Secondary Windings

- Divide power among several loads



# Coupling Coefficient (k)

- Perfect coupling: all flux goes through both coils (k=1)

- Normally k < 1

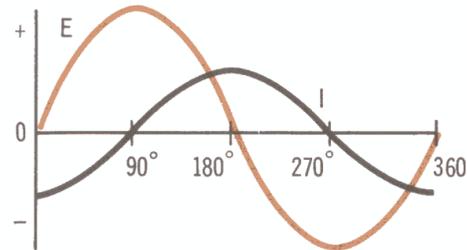
$$M = k \sqrt{L_1 * L_2}$$

( M is the Mutual Inductance )

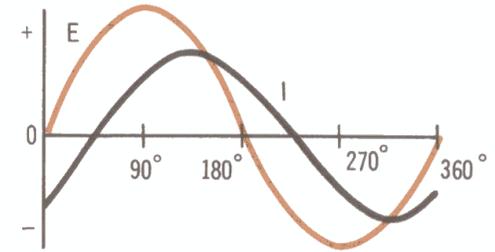
# Phase Relationships

- Low power
  - Inductive load
- High power
  - Resistive load

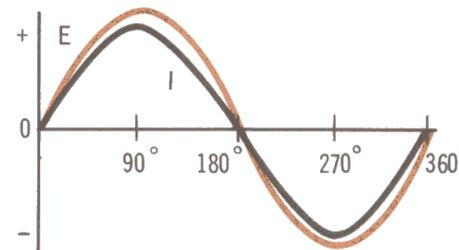
No-Load Current



Medium-Load Current

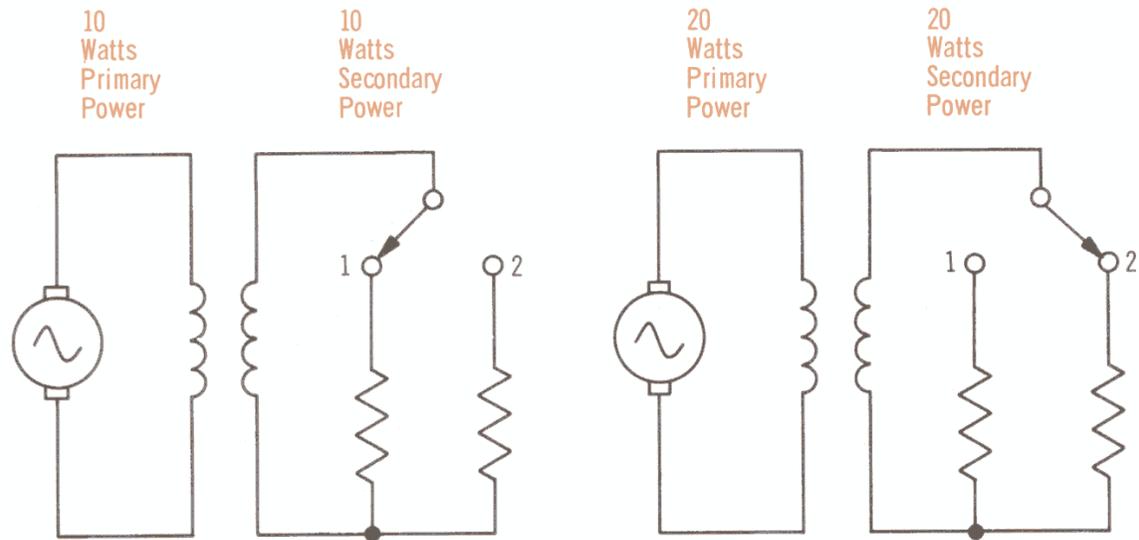


Heavy-Load Current



# Transformers and Power

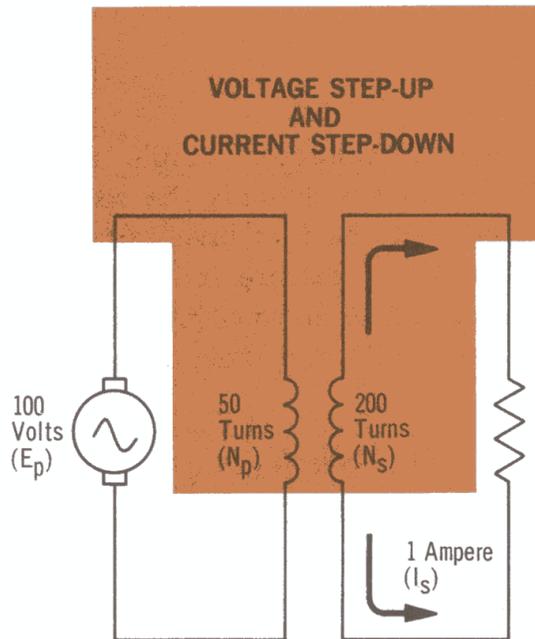
- Conservation of power



In an ideal transformer, the power in the primary circuit equals the power in the secondary circuit

# Turns Ratio: Step Up

- $V_s = V_p * (N_s/N_p)$
- $I_s = I_p / (N_s/N_p)$



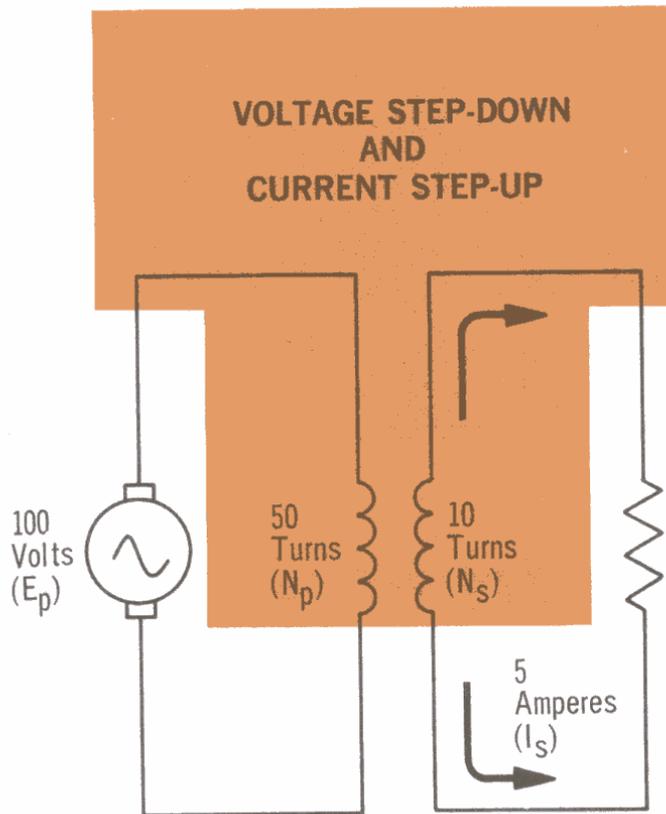
$$I_p = I_s (N_s/N_p) = 1 \times (200/50) = 4 \text{ amperes}$$

$$E_s = E_p (N_s/N_p) = 100 \times (200/50) = 400 \text{ volts}$$

$$P_p = E_p \times I_p = 100 \times 4 = 400 \text{ watts}$$

$$P_s = E_s \times I_s = 400 \times 1 = 400 \text{ watts}$$

# Turns Ratio: Step Down



$$I_p = I_s (N_s/N_p) = 5 \times (10/50) = 1 \text{ ampere}$$

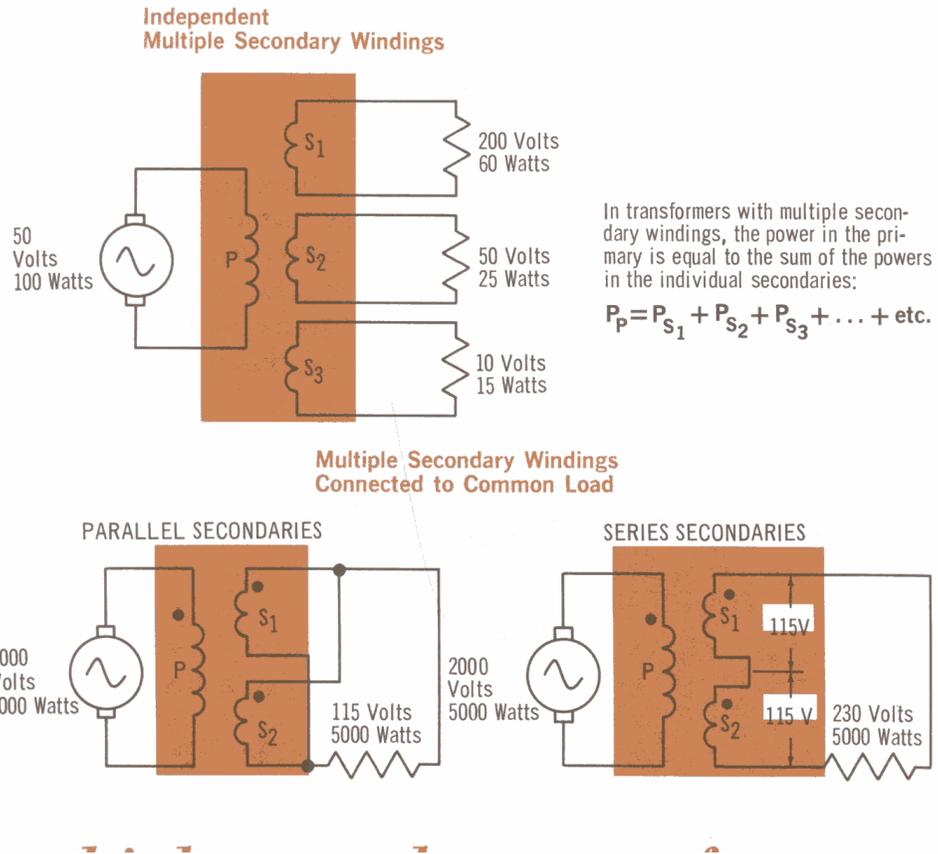
$$E_s = E_p (N_s/N_p) = 100 \times (10/50) = 20 \text{ volts}$$

$$P_p = E_p \times I_p = 100 \times 1 = 100 \text{ watts}$$

$$P_s = E_s \times I_s = 20 \times 5 = 100 \text{ watts}$$

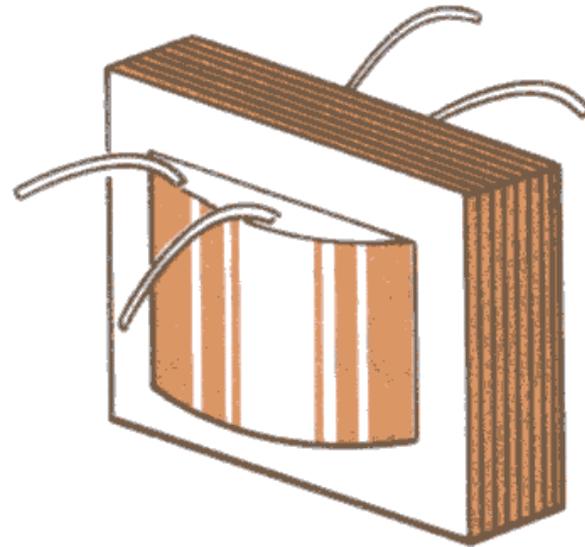
# Multiple Secondary Windings (again)

- Provide multiple voltages
  - Total power conserved
- Windings in parallel
  - add current
- Windings in series
  - add voltage



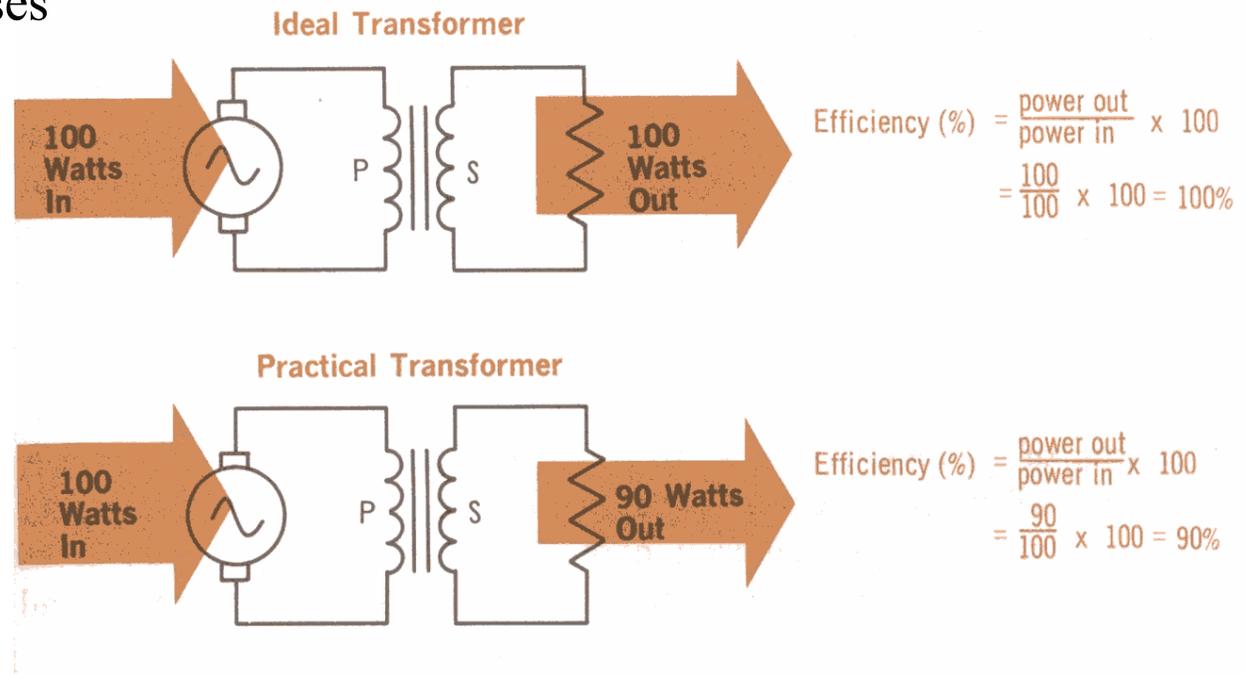
# Real Transformers

- An “Iron Core” Transformer
  - Low frequency use
  - Power supplies
  - Home doorbell



# Transformer Losses

- Conductor resistance
- Eddy currents
- Magnetic losses
  - Hysteresis
  - Saturation



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