

The plot above is of current flowing through a 75.0 mH inductor.

a) What is the average emf (voltage) between 0 and 12 ms?

For average emf, we can find the difference in current over difference in time from the plot.

$$\varepsilon = -L\frac{\Delta I}{\Delta t} = -L\frac{\left(I_{f} - I_{0}\right)}{\left(t_{f} - t_{0}\right)}$$

$$\varepsilon = -(75 \times 10^{-3} H)\frac{\left(0.75A - (-0.50A)\right)}{\left(12 \times 10^{-3} s - 0s\right)} = -(75 \times 10^{-3} H)\frac{\left(1.25A\right)}{\left(12 \times 10^{-3} s\right)}$$

$$\varepsilon = -7.81 V$$

b) What is the instantaneous emf (voltage) at 6 ms?

For instantaneous emf, we need to find the slope at 6 ms. Since the current follows a straight line between 4 and 8 ms, we can find the slope by taking the difference in current between these two times.

$$\varepsilon = -L\frac{dI}{dt} = -L\frac{\Delta I}{\Delta t} = -L\frac{\left(I_{f} - I_{0}\right)}{\left(t_{f} - t_{0}\right)}$$

$$\varepsilon = -(75 \times 10^{-3} H)\frac{\left(-1.00A - (-0.50A)\right)}{\left(8.0 \times 10^{-3} s - 4.0 \times 10^{-3} s\right)} = -(75 \times 10^{-3} H)\frac{\left(-0.50A\right)}{\left(4.0 \times 10^{-3} s\right)}$$

$$\varepsilon = 9.38 V$$

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