

# ECE 3600 DC Motor Examples

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**Ex.1** A 3-hp dc motor has the following nameplate information: 150 V, 1400 rpm, 18 A,  $R_A = 0.8 \Omega$ , and  $R_F = 300 \Omega$ . The field is shunt connected and the 18 A includes the field current. Assume rotational losses are constant.

a) Find the efficiency of the motor at nameplate operation. (Include the field in your calculations)  $1 \text{ hp} = 745.7 \text{ W}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_T &:= 150 \text{ V} & n_{FL} &:= 1400 \text{ rpm} & I_{FL} &:= 18 \text{ A} & R_A &:= 0.8 \Omega & R_F &:= 300 \Omega \\
 P_{out} &:= 3 \text{ hp} \cdot \frac{745.7 \text{ W}}{\text{hp}} & P_{out} &= 2.237 \text{ kW} \\
 P_{in} &:= V_T \cdot I_{FL} & P_{in} &= 2.7 \text{ kW} & \eta &= \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} = 82.86\%
 \end{aligned}$$

b) Find the rotational losses at nameplate operation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{field current: } I_F &:= \frac{V_T}{R_F} & I_F &= 0.5 \text{ A} \\
 \text{armature full-load current: } I_{AFL} &:= I_{FL} - I_F & I_{AFL} &= 17.5 \text{ A} \\
 E_{AFL} &:= V_T - I_{AFL} \cdot R_A & E_{AFL} &= 136 \text{ V} \\
 P_{conv} &:= E_{AFL} \cdot I_{AFL} & P_{conv} &= 2.38 \text{ kW} \\
 P_{rot} &:= P_{conv} - P_{out} & P_{rot} &= 142.9 \text{ W} & P_{rot} &= 0.192 \text{ hp} \\
 & & & & \text{either answer}
 \end{aligned}$$

c) Find the required current for a developed power of 1.5 hp with  $V_T = 150 \text{ V}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{conv} &:= 1.5 \text{ hp} & P_{conv} &= 1.119 \text{ kW} = E_A \cdot I_A \\
 V_T &= E_A + I_A \cdot R_A = \frac{P_{conv}}{I_A} + I_A \cdot R_A & \text{Rearrange} & 0 = R_A \cdot I_A^2 - V_T \cdot I_A + P_{conv} \\
 \text{Solving for } I_A &= \left[ \frac{1}{(2 \cdot R_A)} \cdot \left( V_T \pm \sqrt{V_T^2 - 4 \cdot R_A \cdot P_{conv}} \right) \right] & I_A &:= 7.78 \text{ A} \\
 & & I_S &:= I_A + I_F \\
 & & I_S &= 8.28 \text{ A}
 \end{aligned}$$

d) Find the output power if the developed power is 1.5 hp with  $V_T = 150 \text{ V}$ .

$$P_{out} := P_{conv} - P_{rot} \quad P_{out} = 975.7 \text{ W} \quad P_{out} = 1.308 \text{ hp}$$

e) Find the shaft speed if the developed power is 1.5 hp with  $V_T = 150 \text{ V}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_A &:= \frac{P_{conv}}{I_A} & E_A &= 143.773 \text{ V} & n &:= \frac{E_A}{E_{AFL}} \cdot n_{FL} & n &= 1480 \text{ rpm} & \text{either answer} \\
 \omega &:= n \cdot \frac{2 \cdot \pi \text{ rad}}{60 \cdot \frac{\text{sec}}{\text{min}} \cdot \text{rev}} & \omega &= 155 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}
 \end{aligned}$$

f) A deranged Mouse chews through part of the field winding so that the field current drops and the field flux drops to 40% of its former value. Find the shaft speed if the developed power is still 1.5 hp with  $V_T = 150 \text{ V}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_A = K \cdot \phi \cdot \omega & \quad \text{so... } \frac{n}{n_{FL}} = \frac{\omega}{\omega_{orig}} = \frac{\left( \frac{E_A}{\phi_{new}} \right)}{\left( \frac{E_A}{\phi_{orig}} \right)} = \frac{E_A \cdot \phi_{orig}}{E_A \cdot \phi_{new}} & n_{new} &:= \frac{E_A \cdot 100\%}{E_A \cdot 40\%} \cdot n & n_{new} &= 3700 \text{ rpm} & \text{either answer}
 \end{aligned}$$

g) Find the load torque if the developed power is still 1.5 hp with  $V_T = 150 \text{ V}$ .

$$\tau := \frac{P_{out}}{n_{new} \cdot \left( \frac{2 \cdot \pi \text{ rad}}{60 \cdot \frac{\text{sec}}{\text{min}} \cdot \text{rev}} \right)} \quad \tau = 2.518 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$$

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**Ex.2** A dc motor has the following nameplate information: 5-hp, 1200 rpm, Armature: 200 V, 22 A, 1 Ω; Field: 200 V, 1 A

a) Find the rotational losses at nameplate operation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_T &:= 200 \cdot \text{V} & n_{FL} &:= 1200 \cdot \text{rpm} & I_{FL} &:= 22 \cdot \text{A} & R_A &:= 1 \cdot \Omega \\
 P_{\text{outFL}} &:= 5 \cdot \text{hp} \cdot \frac{745.7 \cdot \text{W}}{\text{hp}} & P_{\text{outFL}} &= 3.728 \cdot \text{kW} \\
 E_{AFL} &:= V_T - I_{FL} \cdot R_A & E_{AFL} &= 178 \cdot \text{V} \\
 P_{\text{convFL}} &:= E_{AFL} \cdot I_{FL} & P_{\text{convFL}} &= 3.916 \cdot \text{kW} \\
 P_{\text{rotFL}} &:= P_{\text{convFL}} - P_{\text{outFL}} & P_{\text{rotFL}} &= 187.5 \cdot \text{W} & P_{\text{rotFL}} &= 0.251 \cdot \text{hp}
 \end{aligned}$$

b) The load torque is constant (not dependent on speed) and the rotational losses are proportional to speed, find the shaft speed at half the rated armature voltage and full rated field voltage.

$P = \tau \cdot \omega_m$  so, if a power is proportional to speed, then the torque is constant.

OR, conversely, if the torque is constant, the power is proportional to speed.

In this case, ALL the power converted is proportional to speed and ALL the the induced torque is constant.  $P_{\text{conv}} = \frac{n_{\text{new}}}{n_{FL}} \cdot P_{\text{convFL}}$

One way:  $\tau_{\text{ind}} = K \cdot \phi \cdot I_A$  so, if  $\tau_{\text{ind}}$  and the field current are constant, then  $I_A$  is constant.  $I_A := I_{FL}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_T &:= \frac{200 \cdot \text{V}}{2} & E_A &:= V_T - I_A \cdot R_A & E_A &= 78 \cdot \text{V} & n_{\text{new}} &= \frac{E_A}{E_{AFL}} \cdot n_{FL} = 525.8 \cdot \text{rpm}
 \end{aligned}$$

Another solution: recognize that:  $E_A = \frac{n_{\text{new}}}{n_{FL}} \cdot E_{AFL}$  because the field is constant

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_T &= E_A + I_A \cdot R_A = E_A + \frac{P_{\text{conv}}}{E_A} \cdot R_A = E_A + \frac{\frac{n_{\text{new}}}{n_{FL}} \cdot P_{\text{convFL}}}{\frac{n_{\text{new}}}{n_{FL}} \cdot E_{AFL}} \cdot R_A = E_A + \frac{P_{\text{convFL}}}{E_{AFL}} \cdot R_A \\
 E_A &:= \frac{200 \cdot \text{V}}{2} - \frac{P_{\text{convFL}}}{E_{AFL}} \cdot R_A & E_A &= 78 \cdot \text{V} & n_{\text{new}} &= \frac{E_A}{E_{AFL}} \cdot n_{FL} = 525.8 \cdot \text{rpm}
 \end{aligned}$$

c) The torque is constant (like part b)) , find the shaft speed at half the rated voltage for both the armature and field. You may assume that the flux is proportional to the field current.

$$\phi_{100} = \frac{\phi_{200}}{2}$$

One way:  $\tau_{\text{ind}} = K \cdot \phi \cdot I_A$  so, if  $\tau_{\text{ind}}$  is constant and the field current (and flux) is halved,

then  $I_A$  is constant at twice the value it used to be.

$$I_A := 2 \cdot I_{FL} \quad I_A = 44 \cdot \text{A}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_T &:= \frac{200 \cdot \text{V}}{2} & E_A &:= V_T - I_A \cdot R_A & E_A &= 56 \cdot \text{V} & n_{\text{new}} &= \frac{\left( \frac{E_A}{\phi_{100}} \right)}{\left( \frac{E_{AFL}}{\phi_{200}} \right)} \cdot n_{FL} = \frac{2 \cdot E_A}{E_{AFL}} \cdot n_{FL} = 755.1 \cdot \text{rpm}
 \end{aligned}$$

Another solution: recognize that:  $E_A = K \cdot \phi \cdot \omega_m$  is halved because the flux is halved  $E_A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{E_{AFL}}{n_{FL}} \cdot n_{\text{new}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_T &= E_A + I_A \cdot R_A = E_A + \frac{P_{\text{conv}}}{E_A} \cdot R_A = E_A + \frac{\frac{n_{\text{new}}}{n_{FL}} \cdot P_{\text{convFL}}}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{n_{\text{new}}}{n_{FL}} \cdot E_{AFL}} \cdot R_A = E_A + 2 \cdot \frac{P_{\text{convFL}}}{E_{AFL}} \cdot R_A \\
 E_A &:= \frac{200 \cdot \text{V}}{2} - 2 \cdot \frac{P_{\text{convFL}}}{E_{AFL}} \cdot R_A & E_A &= 56 \cdot \text{V} & n_{\text{new}} &= \frac{2 \cdot E_A}{E_{AFL}} \cdot n_{FL} = 755.1 \cdot \text{rpm}
 \end{aligned}$$

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d) If the load torque and rotational loss torque are both proportional to speed (most like real life), find the shaft speed when the motor armature is hooked to half the rated voltage. The field is at rated voltage.

$$\tau_{ind} = \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot \tau_{indFL} \quad P = \tau \cdot \omega_m \quad \text{which leads to:} \quad P_{conv} = \left(\frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}}\right)^2 \cdot P_{convFL}$$

One way:  $\tau_{ind} = K \cdot \phi \cdot I_A$  so, if  $\tau_{ind}$  is proportional to speed and the field current is constant,

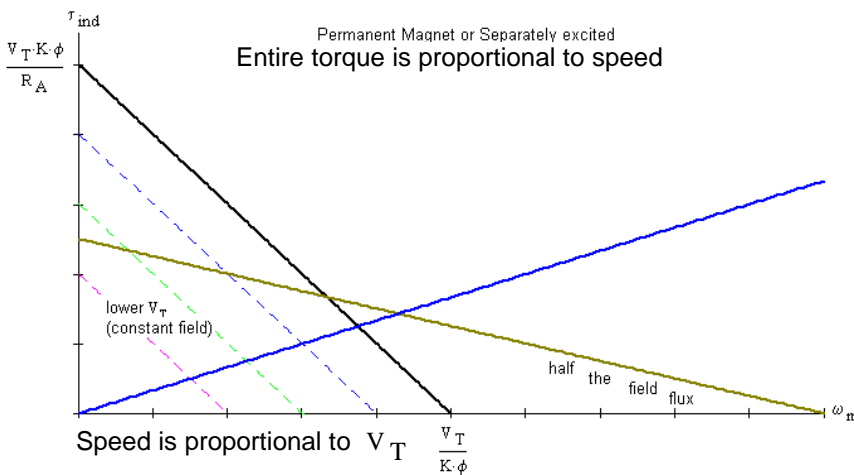
then  $I_A$  is also proportional to speed.  $I_A := \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot I_{FL}$

$$\begin{aligned} V_T &= E_A + I_A \cdot R_A = E_A + \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot I_{FL} \cdot R_A = E_A + \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot I_{FL} \cdot R_A = \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot E_{AFL} + \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot I_{FL} \cdot R_A \\ &= \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot (E_{AFL} + I_{FL} \cdot R_A) = \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot (200 \cdot V) \quad n_{new} = \frac{100 \cdot V}{200 \cdot V} \cdot n_{FL} = 600 \cdot \text{rpm} \end{aligned}$$

Another solution:  $E_A = \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot E_{AFL}$  because the field is constant

$$\begin{aligned} V_T &= E_A + I_A \cdot R_A = E_A + \frac{P_{conv}}{E_A} \cdot R_A = E_A + \frac{\left(\frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}}\right)^2 \cdot P_{convFL}}{\frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot E_{AFL}} \cdot R_A = \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot E_{AFL} + \frac{\frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot P_{convFL}}{E_{AFL}} \cdot R_A \\ &= \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot \left( E_{AFL} + \frac{P_{convFL} \cdot R_A}{E_{AFL}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

same as above



e) If the load torque is proportional to speed and rotational loss torque is constant, find the shaft speed when the motor armature is hooked to half the rated voltage. The field is at rated voltage.

$$\tau_{load} = \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot \tau_{loadFL} \quad \tau_{loss} = \tau_{lossFL} = \frac{P_{rotFL}}{\omega_{mFL}}$$

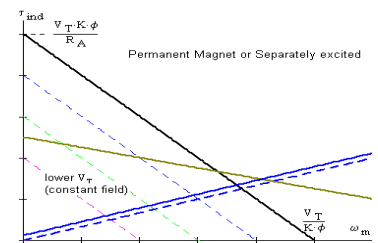
$$\tau_{ind} = \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot \tau_{loadFL} + \tau_{lossFL} = K \cdot \phi \cdot I_A$$

$$I_A = \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot \frac{\tau_{loadFL}}{K \cdot \phi} + \frac{\tau_{lossFL}}{K \cdot \phi} = \frac{n_{new}}{n_{FL}} \cdot I_{AloadFL} + I_{AlossFL}$$

$$I_{AloadFL} := \frac{P_{outFL}}{E_{AFL}} \quad I_{AloadFL} = 20.947 \cdot A$$

$$I_{AlossFL} := \frac{P_{rotFL}}{E_{AFL}} \quad I_{AlossFL} = 1.053 \cdot A$$

Note:  $I_{AloadFL} + I_{AlossFL} = 22 \cdot A = I_{AFL}$ , exactly as it should be



the current can be thought of as composed of two parts

$$V_T = E_A + I_A \cdot R_A = \frac{n_{\text{new}}}{n_{\text{FL}}} \cdot E_{\text{AFL}} + \left( \frac{n_{\text{new}}}{n_{\text{FL}}} \cdot I_{\text{AloadFL}} + I_{\text{AlossFL}} \right) \cdot R_A$$

$$= \frac{n_{\text{new}}}{n_{\text{FL}}} \cdot E_{\text{AFL}} + \frac{n_{\text{new}}}{n_{\text{FL}}} \cdot I_{\text{AloadFL}} \cdot R_A + I_{\text{AlossFL}} \cdot R_A$$

$$V_T - I_{\text{AlossFL}} \cdot R_A = \frac{n_{\text{new}}}{n_{\text{FL}}} \cdot (E_{\text{AFL}} + I_{\text{AloadFL}} \cdot R_A) \quad n_{\text{new}} = \frac{V_T - I_{\text{AlossFL}} \cdot R_A}{E_{\text{AFL}} + I_{\text{AloadFL}} \cdot R_A} \cdot n_{\text{FL}} = 596.8 \cdot \text{rpm}$$

**Ex.3** An unknown, permanent-magnet dc motor is tested at two different loads. In each case the armature voltage is: 24 V.

$$V_T := 24 \cdot \text{V} \quad \text{Load 1: } I_{A1} := 10 \cdot \text{A} \quad n_1 := 163 \cdot \text{rpm} \quad \text{Load 2: } I_{A2} := 30 \cdot \text{A} \quad n_2 := 127 \cdot \text{rpm}$$

a) Find the parameters of this motor.

$$\text{Load 1: } I_{A1} := 10 \cdot \text{A} \quad n_1 := 163 \cdot \text{rpm}$$

$$\omega_1 := n_1 \cdot \left( \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \text{rad}}{60 \cdot \frac{\text{sec}}{\text{min}} \cdot \text{rev}} \right) \quad \omega_1 = 17.069 \cdot \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$V_{T1} = 24 \cdot \text{V} = I_{A1} \cdot R_A + K \cdot \phi \cdot \omega_1$$

$$\text{Load 2: } I_{A2} := 30 \cdot \text{A} \quad n_2 := 127 \cdot \text{rpm}$$

$$\omega_2 := n_2 \cdot \left( \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \text{rad}}{60 \cdot \frac{\text{sec}}{\text{min}} \cdot \text{rev}} \right) \quad \omega_2 = 13.299 \cdot \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$V_{T2} = 24 \cdot \text{V} = I_{A2} \cdot R_A + K \cdot \phi \cdot \omega_2 \quad \text{solve for } R_A = \frac{24 \cdot \text{V} - K \cdot \phi \cdot \omega_2}{I_{A2}}$$

Solve:

$$V_{T1} = 24 \cdot \text{V} = I_{A1} \cdot R_A + K \cdot \phi \cdot \omega_1 \quad \text{substitute in for } R_A$$

$$V_{T1} = 24 \cdot \text{V} = I_{A1} \cdot \left( \frac{24 \cdot \text{V} - K \cdot \phi \cdot \omega_2}{I_{A2}} \right) + K \cdot \phi \cdot \omega_1$$

$$= \frac{I_{A1}}{I_{A2}} \cdot 24 \cdot \text{V} - \frac{I_{A1}}{I_{A2}} \cdot K \cdot \phi \cdot \omega_2 + K \cdot \phi \cdot \omega_1 = \frac{I_{A1}}{I_{A2}} \cdot 24 \cdot \text{V} + K \cdot \phi \cdot \left( \omega_1 - \frac{I_{A1}}{I_{A2}} \cdot \omega_2 \right)$$

$$K \cdot \phi = \frac{24 \cdot \text{V} - \frac{I_{A1}}{I_{A2}} \cdot 24 \cdot \text{V}}{\left( \omega_1 - \frac{I_{A1}}{I_{A2}} \cdot \omega_2 \right)} = 1.266 \cdot \text{V} \cdot \text{sec}$$

$$R_A = \frac{24 \cdot \text{V} - K \cdot \phi \cdot \omega_2}{I_{A2}} = \frac{24 \cdot \text{V} - (1.266 \cdot \text{V} \cdot \text{sec}) \cdot \omega_2}{I_{A2}} = 0.239 \cdot \Omega$$

b) The rotational loss torque is proportional to speed.  
Find the parameters of this motor.

Notice that the induced torque is NOT part of the calculation above. Therefore it doesn't matter how it is split between the loss and the load. The calculations are exactly the same.