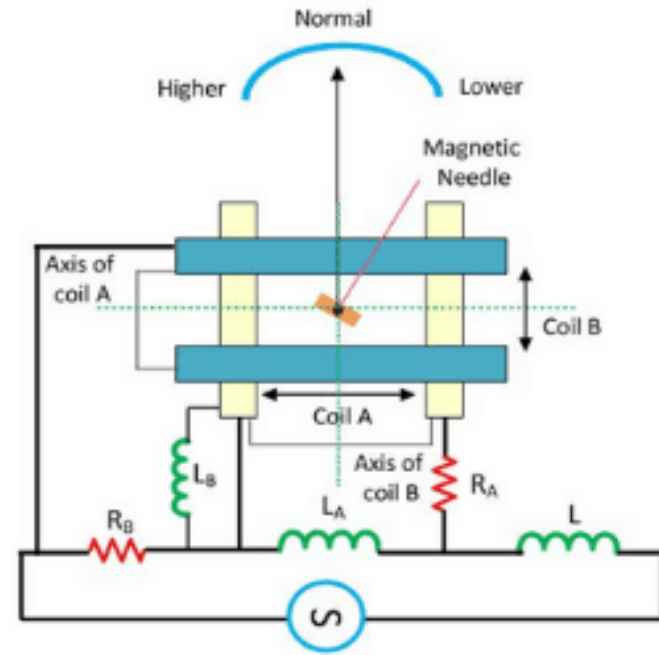
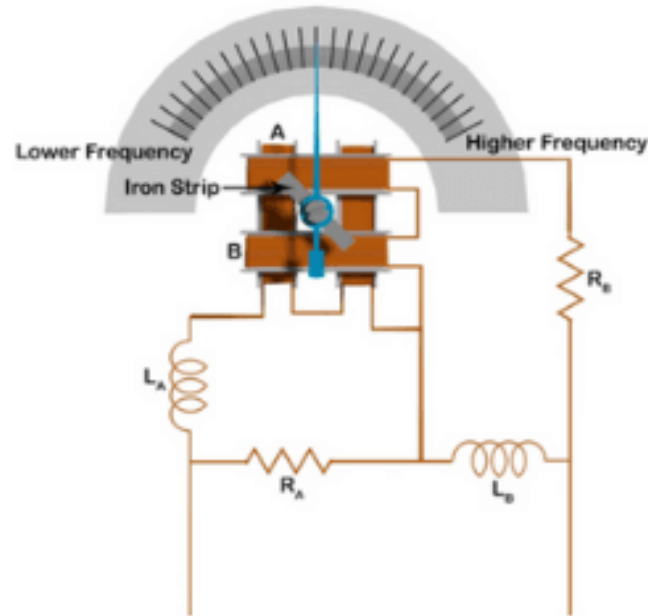


# Chapter-8

(Understand the construction & working principle of  
Frequency Meter)

Lecture-1

# What is Weston Type Frequency Meter?



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# What is Frequency Meter?

- Digital frequency meter is a general purpose instrument that displays the frequency of a periodic electrical signal to an accuracy of three decimal places. It counts the number events occurring within the oscillations during a given interval of time. As the preset period gets completed, the value in the counter display on the screen and the counter reset to zero. Various types of instruments are available which operates at a fixed or variable frequency. But if we operate any frequency meter at different frequencies than the specified range, it could carry out abnormally. For measuring low frequencies, we usually use deflection type meters. The deflection of the pointer on the scale shows the change in frequency. The deflection type instruments are of two types: one is electrically resonant circuits, and other is ratio meter.

## Operating Principle of Digital Frequency Meter:

- A frequency meter has a small device which converts the sinusoidal voltage of the frequency into a train of unidirectional pulses. The frequency of input signal is the displayed count, averaged over a suitable counting interval out of 0.1, 1.0, or 10 seconds. These three intervals repeat themselves sequentially. As the ring counting units reset, these pulses pass through the time-base-gate and then entered into the main gate, which opens for a certain interval. The time base gate prevents a divider pulse from opening the main gate during the display time interval. The main gate acts as a switch when the gate is open; pulses are allowed to pass. When the gate is closed, pulses are not allowed to pass that means the flow of pulses get obstructed.