## **Lecture Note Electrical Drives**

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## Q: Difference between AC Drives and DC Drives

	AC Drives	DC Drives
Construction	AC Machines are very simple and rugged based on construction.	Due to presence of Brushes and Commutator makes the DC machine design complicated  Rotor / Armature Brush  Commutator
Reliability:	Due to absence of brushes AC motor are more reliable than the DC. It suitable for all location.	DC Drives are less reliable than AC. Due to sparking it not suited for all location.  BRUSH SPARK
Maintenanc e:	AC motors usually require less maintenance because of brushes and have a larger lifespan than DC motors	Brushes need to replace periodically and as results maintenance is high
Cost:	AC Machines are less costlier than the DC machine	In DC machine, rotor (Armature) and stator (Field) both windings are present, cost is high.
Time constant:	As weight of rotor of induction motor is less, mechanical time constant of this machine is higher than the DC drives	As Rotor has windings; weight is higher and less mechanical time constant.
Speed	Complex control	Simple control

Control		
Drives	AC/DC	AC/DC
structure	OR BI-DIRECTIONAL CONVERTER  DC/AC INVERTER  3-Ph AC MACHIN	At higher power level, Few times
		Drives cost is higher than the DC
		Drives
Application	Limited application. Used in high power DC	Almost everywhere AC drives (VFD)
	drives. Underground metro, sugar mill, still	are now used. Traction, EV, Elevator,
	rolling etc.	Cranes, pumps etc.