

Introduction to Sensors

 Sensor is an electronic device that measures physical Quantities such as temperature, pressure, distance, speed, torque, acceleration, etc., from devices, appliances, and other systems.



Characteristics of Sensors

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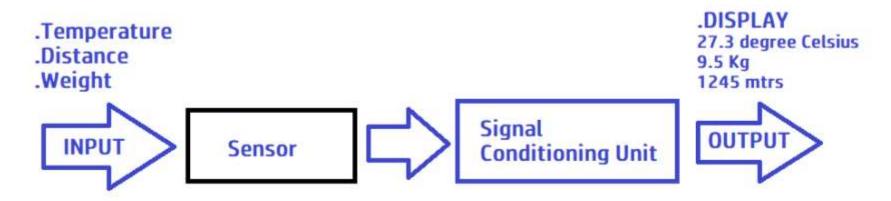
- ➤ Sensitivity: Relative Change in output response divided by the change in input response.
- Example: Weighing Machine used in Jewellery Shop.
- ➤ Range: It is the difference between the smallest and the most significant outputs that a sensor can provide.
- Example: Radio Frequency (RF) Remote-based Central Locking System in Car.

- ➤ Reliability: It is the ratio between the number of times a system operates properly and the number of times it is tried.
- Example: InfraRed (IR) Sensor in TV Remote.

- ➤ Accuracy: It shows how the closer output of the sensor is to the expected value.
- Example: Mercury Thermometer Versus
 Digital Thermometer

Working of Sensors:

- It detects and responds to input from the physical environment, like light, heat, motion, moisture, and pressure; the output is generally a signal converted to a human-readable format.
- In specific Applications, An analog sensor alone may not be sufficient to analyze / process the obtained signal. In those cases, a signal conditioning unit is used to maintain the sensor's output voltage levels in the desired range concerning the end device we



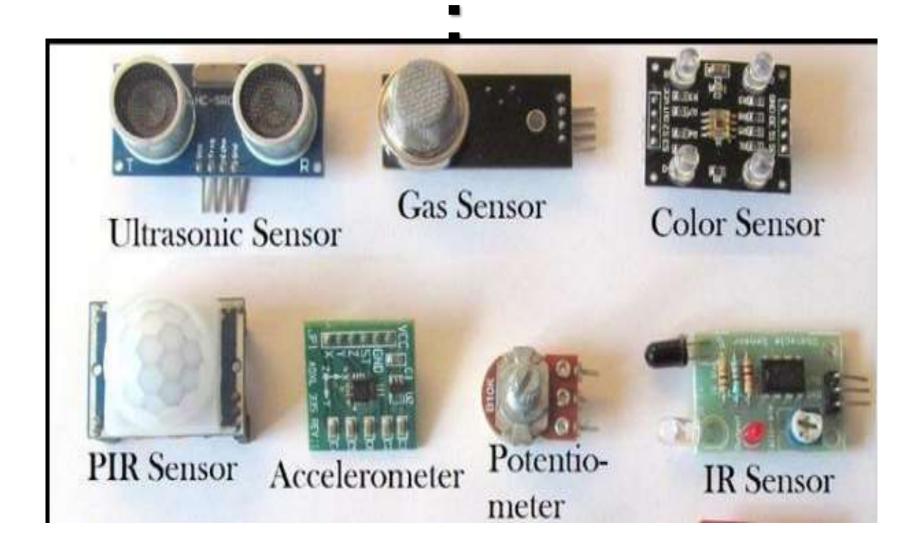
Types of Sensors:

- ➤ Analog Sensor: Analog sensors convert the Physical Quantity input into Output Analog Signals, which vary continuously. Thermocouples used in gas water heaters offer an excellent example of analogue sensors.
- ➤ Digital Sensor: Digital sensors produce a discrete signal that is a digital representation of a measurement. This sensor will display binary output in ones and zeros. (1's ON & 0's OFF)

Need for Sensors:

- To develop Low-Cost Automation Projects like an Automatic Corridor Light control system, Automatic Hand wash/Sanitizer Dispenser, and Drinking Water Tank Control System.
- To Implement Safety and Process
 Control in Appliances like Door Control
 in Microwave ovens, Temperature
 control of AC / Refrigerator.

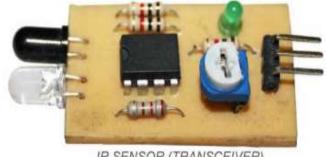
Applications of Sensors



Light-Distance:

- IR Sensor (IR Transmitter / IR LED)
- Photodiode (IR Receiver)
- Light Dependent Resistor
- Ultrasonic sensor





IR SENSOR (TRANSCEIVER)

Temperature:

- Thermistor
- Thermocouple



Pressure/Force/Weight:

- Strain Gauge (Pressure Sensor)
- Load Cells (Weight Sensor)

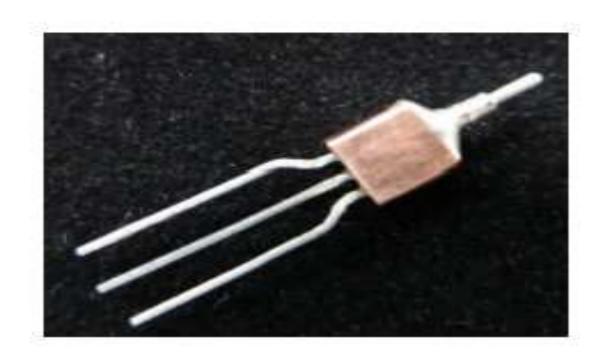


Position:

- Potentiometer
- Encoder



Hall Sensor (Detect Magnetic Field)



Touch Sensor-Smart Phone Screen



Accelerometer / Tilt Sensor-Smart Phone Games



Color Sensor

