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| Title of Experiment | : **9. Displacement measurement using LVDT and pressure measurement using Strain gauge** |
| Name of the candidate | : |
| Register Number | : |
| Date of Experiment | : |

| Sl. No. | Marks Split up | Maximum marks (50) | Marks obtained |
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| 1 | Pre Lab questions | 5 | |
| 2 | Preparation of observation | 15 | |
| 3 | Execution of experiment | 15 | |
| 4 | Calculation / Evaluation of Result | 10 | |
| 5 | Post Lab questions | 5 | |
| **Total** | | **50** | |

**Staff Signature**

| Experiment No. 9 a)<br>Date : | **Displacement measurement using Linear Variable Differential Transformer** |
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**Aim**: To measure the displacement and to determine the characteristics of LVDT (Linear Variable Differential Transformer).

**Apparatus required**: LVDT, Digital displacement indicator, Calibration jig (with micrometre).

## THEORY: LVDT (LINEAR VARIABLE DIFFERENTIAL TRANSFORMER)

The most widely used inductive transducer to translate the linear motion into electrical signals is the linear variable differential transformer (LVDT). The basic construction of LVDT is shown in Figure 1.

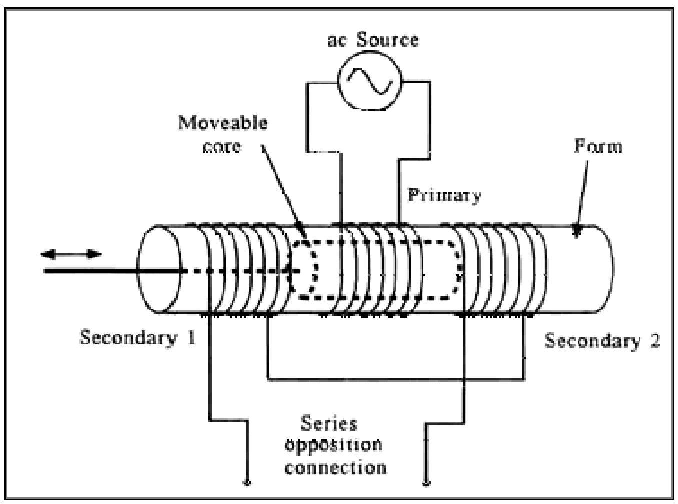



Figure 1. Linear Variable Differential Transformer

The transformer consists of a single primary P and two secondary windings S1 and S2 wound on a cylindrical former. The secondary windings have equal number of turns and are identically placed on either side. A moveable soft iron core is placed inside the transformer. The displacement to be measured is applied to the arm attached to the soft iron core. In practice the arm is made of highly permeability, nickel iron which is hydrogen annealed. This gives low harmonics low null voltage and high sensitivity. This is slotted longitudinally to reduce eddy current losses. The assembly is placed in stainless steel housing and the end leads provides electrostatic and electromagnetic shielding. The frequency of AC applied to primary windings may be between 50 Hz to 20 kHz. Since the primary winding is excited by an alternating source, it produces an alternating magnetic field which in turn induces alternating current voltage in the two secondary windings. Figure 2 depicts a cross-sectional view of an LVDT. The core causes the magnetic field generated by the primary winding to be coupled to the secondary. When the core is centred perfectly between both secondary and the primary as shown, the voltage induced in each secondary is equal in amplitude and 180 degree out of phase. Thus the LVDT output (for the series-opposed connection shown in this case) is zero because the voltage cancels each other. E0 = Es1 - Es2 = 0.

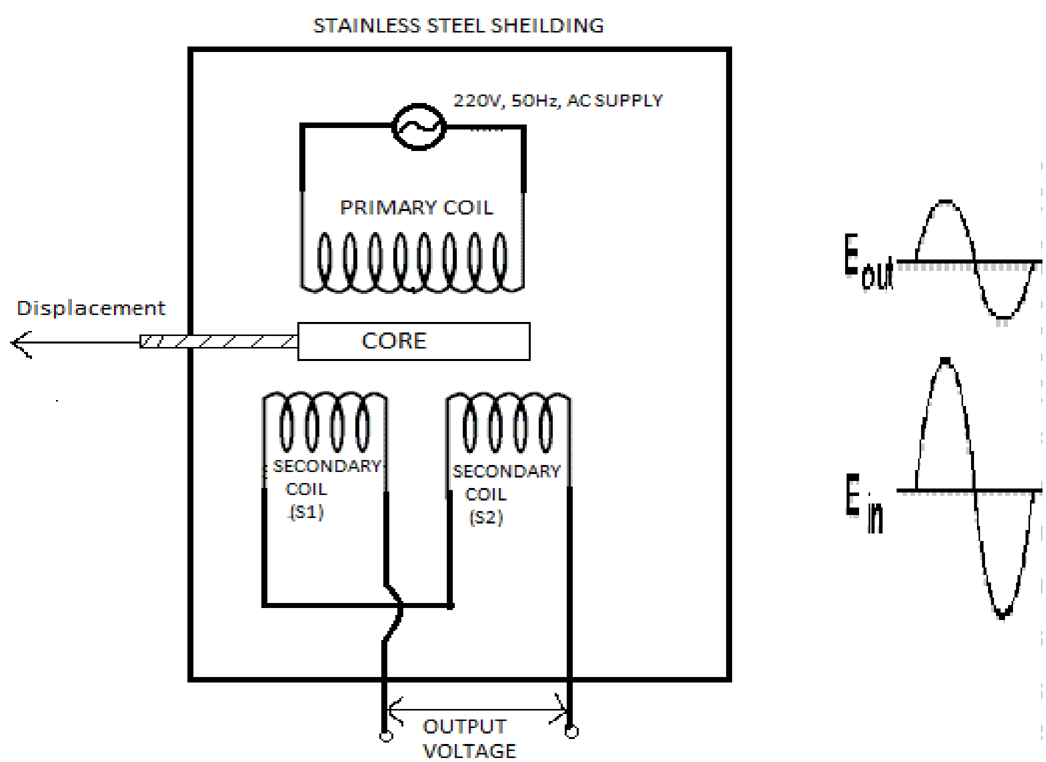


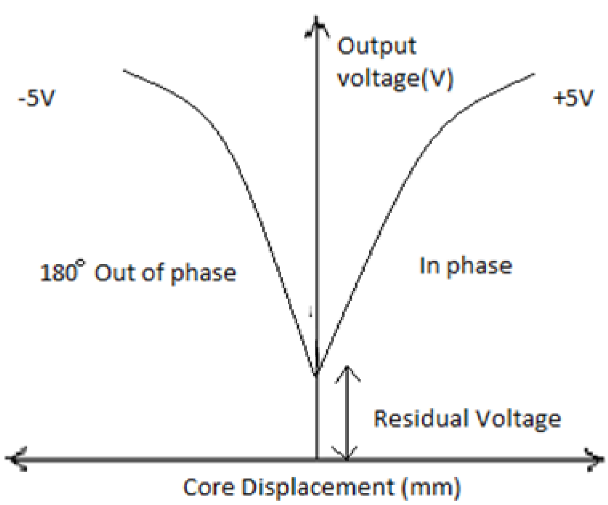

Figure 2. View of LVDT Core and Windings

Displacing the core to the left causes the first secondary to be more strongly coupled to the primary than the second secondary. The resulting higher voltage of the first secondary in relation to the second secondary causes an output voltage that is in phase with the primary voltage. Likewise, displacing the core to the right causes the second secondary to be more strongly coupled to the primary than the first secondary. The greater voltage of the second secondary causes an output voltage to be out of phase with the primary voltage.

**Procedure**:

1. Plug power chord to AC mains 230 V, 50 Hz and switch on the instrument.
2. Place the READ/CAL switch at READ position.
3. Balance the amplifier with the help of zero knob so that display should read zero without connecting the LVDT to instrument.
4. Replace the READ/CAL switch at CAL position.
5. Adjust the calibration point by rotating CAL knob so display should read 10.00 i.e., maximum calibration range.
6. Again keep the READ/CAL switch at READ position and connect the LVDT cable to instrument.
7. Make mechanical zero by rotating the micrometre. Display will read (00.00) this is null balancing.
8. Give displacement with micrometre and observe the digital readings.
9. Plot the graph of micrometre reading v/s digital reading.

**Model Graph:**



**Tabulations:**

| MICROMETER DISPLACEMENT(mm) | CORE DISPLACEMENT (mm) | SECONDARY OUTPUT VOLTAGE(V) |
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**GRAPH:**

**Result:**

## POST LAB QUESTIONS:

**1. What are the three principles of Inductive transducers?**

**2. What are the limitations of LVDT?**

**3. Where LVDT is used?**

**4. What are the different types of transducers used for displacement measurement?**

**5. What is the difference between variable resistance & variable inductance displacement transducer?**

## PRE LAB QUESTIONS (Strain gauge):

**1. How does a strain gauges work?**

**2. What is piezo-resistive effect?**

**3. What are the types of strain gauge?**

**4. Define gauge factor**

**5. Mention some practical applications of strain gauge**

| Experiment No. 9 b)<br>Date : | **Strain measurement using Strain gauge** |
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**Aim**: To measure the strain using strain gauge.

**Apparatus Required**: Strain gauge, weight, LABVIEW software.

**Theory**: Strain is the amount of deformation of a body due to an applied force. More specifically, strain (e) is defined as the fractional change in length, Strain can be positive (tensile) or negative (compressive). Although dimensionless, strain is sometimes expressed in units such as in./in. or mm/mm. In practice, the magnitude of measured strain is very small. Therefore, strain is often expressed as microstrain (me), which is e x 10-6. When a bar is strained with a uniaxial force, as in Figure 1, a phenomenon known as Poisson Strain causes the girth of the bar, D, to contract in the transverse, or perpendicular, direction. The magnitude of this transverse contraction is a material property indicated by its Poisson's Ratio. The Poisson's Ratio n of a material is defined as the negative ratio of the strain in the transverse direction (perpendicular to the force) to the strain in the axial direction (parallel to the force), or n = eT/e. The most widely used gage is the bonded metallic strain gage. The metallic strain gauge consists of a very fine wire or, more commonly, metallic foil arranged in a grid pattern. The grid pattern maximizes the amount of metallic wire or foil subject to strain in the parallel direction (Figure 2). The cross-sectional area of the grid is minimized to reduce the effect of shear strain and Poisson Strain. The grid is bonded to a thin backing, called the carrier, which is attached directly to the test specimen.

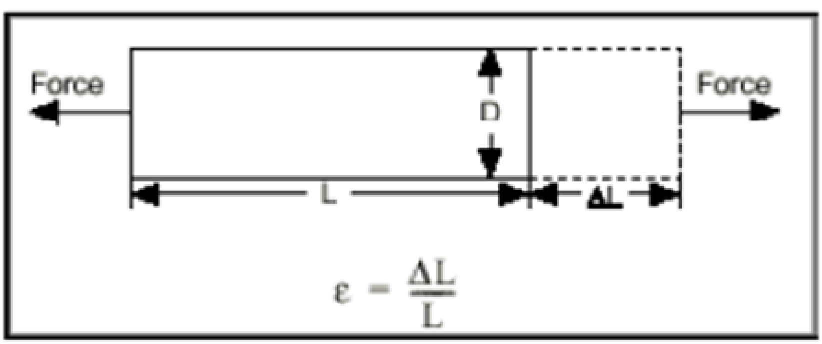


**Figure 1. Strain measurement**

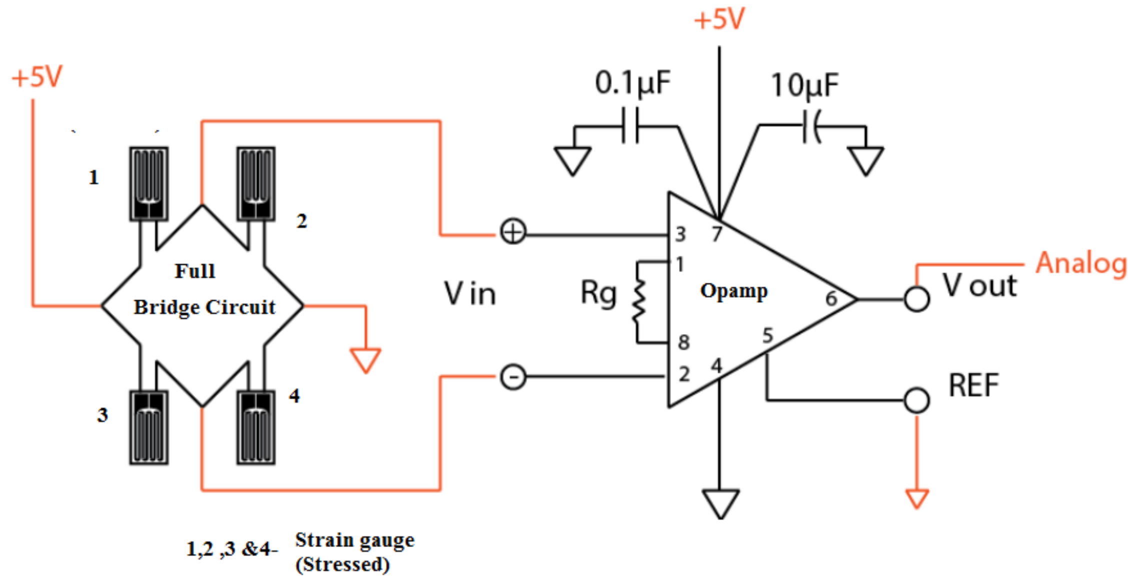


**Figure 2. Full- Bridge Strain gauge circuit**

**Procedure**:

1. Connect the cantilever strain measurement assembly to the main trainer and switch ON the trainer
2. Connect the multi meter at the Instrument output with multimeter in DC VOLTAGE mode and 20 V Range.
3. Connect this STRAIN output also to display section marked Vout.
4. Now without any strain or load in the cantilever beam. So adjust the OFFSET CONTROL to 0 volts at the output.
5. Now place 500 grams weights on the pan suspended n the beam and adjust the gain or call control to read 0.5 volt by multimeter at the strain output terminal.
6. Now remove the weight from the pan and the output must be 0 volt. IF not then readjust OFFSET Control
7. Table the readings for different weight or strain on the load cell as well as display readings.

**Tabulation:**

| S.no | Weight in Pan (Grams) | Voltage measured | Display reading | Calculated value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 100 | | | |
| 2 | 200 | | | |
| 3 | 300 | | | |
| 4 | 400 | | | |
| 5 | 500 | | | |
| 6 | 600 | | | |
| 7 | 700 | | | |
| 8 | 800 | | | |
| 9 | 900 | | | |
| 10 | 1000 | | | |

**Result:**

## POST-LAB QUESTIONS:

**1. How can you apply the principle of stain gauge?**

**2. What is meant by passive transducer?**

**3. What is sensitivity of strain gauge?**

**4. What is a microstrain?**

**5. What are the limitations of a strain gauge?**