

Title :- Study of different types of sensors, actuators, transducers.

Aim :- To study about types and different applications of sensors, actuators and transducers.

Theory :-

Sensors

Sensors detect the presence of energy, changes in or the transfer of energy.

Types of sensors.

All types of sensors can be basically classified into analog sensors & digital sensors. But, there are few types of sensors such as temperature sensors, IR sensors, ultrasonic sensors, pressure sensors, & touch sensors are frequently used in most of the electronics applications.

• Temperature Sensor.

A temp. sensor plays an important role in many applications. e.g., maintaining a specific temperature is essential for equipment used to fabricate medical drugs, heat liquids, or clean other equipment.

Commonly used temperature sensor types.

- Negative Temperature Coefficient (NTC) thermistors
- Resistance Temperature Detector (RTD)
- Thermocouple
- Semiconductor-based sensors.

ii) IR sensor:- An infrared sensor is an electronic instrument which is used to sense certain characteristics of its surroundings by either emitting & / or detecting infrared radiation.

iii) Ultrasonic sensor :-

Ultrasonic transducers or ultrasonic sensors are a type of acoustic sensor divided into 3 broad categories :-

- transmitters
- receivers
- Transceivers

iv) Proximity sensors

A proximity sensor is a sensor able to detect the presence of nearby objects without any physical contact.

v) Pressure sensor :-

A pressure sensor measures pressure, typically of gases or liquids.

vi) Level sensors :-

The level sensors provide measure concerning the content of tanks, silos, boilers, tanks, wells, tanks & other containers of liquid & solid material.

Transducer

Transducer is a device that converts input energy into output energy, the latter usually differing in kind but bearing a

known relation to input.

Types of Transducer.

- (i) Electrochemical Transducers
- (ii) Electro acoustic, Electromagnetic, and Electrostatic Transducers.
- (iii) Electromechanical Transducers.

Actuators :-

An actuator is something that actuates or moves something. More specifically, an actuator is a device that converts energy into motion or mechanical energy.

Therefore, an actuator is a specific type of a transducer.

- 1) Thermal Actuators.
- 2) Electric Actuators
- 3) Mechanical Actuators.

Conclusion :- Thus we have studied various sensors used in IoT with it's pin layouts.