

UNIT-2Transducers

① A resistance strain gauge with a gauge factor of 2 is cemented to a steel member, which is subjected to a strain of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ . If the original resistance value of the gauge is  $130\Omega$ , calculate the change in resistance.

Sol:-

$$K = \frac{\Delta R}{R} \times \frac{1}{\Delta L/L}$$

$$\therefore \Delta R = K R \Delta L/L$$

$$\Delta R = 2 \times 130 \times 1 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\boxed{\Delta R = 260 \mu\Omega}$$

② ~~The circuit~~ A variable reluctance type inductive transducer has a coil of inductance of  $2500\mu H$  when the target made of ferromagnetic material is 1mm away from the core. calculate the value of inductance when a displacement of 0.04mm is applied to the target in a direction moving it towards the core.

Sol:- Give inductance with gap length of 1mm is  $L = 2500\mu H$

Step 1:- Length of air gap when a displacement is applied to the target

$$= 1.00 - 0.04$$

$$= 0.96\text{mm}$$

Step 2:- Now inductance is inversely proportional to the length of air gap

$\therefore L'$  with gap length of  $0.96\text{mm}$

$$= L + \Delta L = 2500\mu H \times \frac{1}{0.96\text{mm}}$$

$$= 2604\text{mH}$$

Step 3: ... change in inductance

$$\Delta L = 2604 \mu H - 2500 \mu H$$

$$\boxed{\Delta L = 104 \mu H}$$

③ An ac LVDT has the following data:

i/p = 6.3V, o/p = 5.2V, range  $\pm 0.5$  in. Determine

(i) calculate the o/p vol vs core position for a core movement going from  $\pm 0.45$  in to  $-0.30$  in.

(ii) The o/p voltage when the core is  $-0.25$  in. from the centre

Sol: i)  $0.5$  in. core displacement produces  $5.2V$ ,  $\therefore$  a  $0.45$  in. core movement produces  $(0.45 \times 5.2) / 0.5$

$$= 4.68V$$

a  $-0.30$  in. core movement produces

$$(-0.30 \times 5.2) / (-0.5)$$

$$= -3.12V$$

(ii)  $-0.25$  in. core movement produces

$$(-0.25 \times -5.2) / (-0.5)$$

$$= -2.6V$$

④ A platinum resistance thermometer has a resistance of  $180 \Omega$  at  $20^\circ C$ . calculate its resistance at  $60^\circ C$  ( $\alpha_{20} = 0.00392$ )

Sol: Given  $R = R_0 (1 + \alpha \Delta T)$

$$R = 180 [1 - 0.00392(60^\circ C - 20^\circ C)]$$

$$R = 180 [1 - 0.00392 \times 40^\circ C]$$

$$= 180 [1 - 0.1568]$$

$$= 180 \times 0.8432 \Rightarrow R = 151.78 \Omega$$

⑤ A platinum resistance thermometer has a resistance of ~~100~~  $100\Omega$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . Find its resistance at  $50^\circ\text{C}$ . The resistance temperature coefficient of platinum is  $0.00392 \Omega/\Omega^\circ\text{C}$ .

If the thermometer has a resistance of  $200\Omega$ , calculate the value of temperature.

Sol: Step 1:-

$$R = R_0(1 + \alpha_0 \Delta T)$$

$$R = 100(1 + [0.00392] \times (50 - 25)^\circ\text{C})$$

$$= 100(1 + [0.00392 \times 25]^\circ\text{C})$$

$$= 109.8 \Omega$$

Step 2:- Suppose  $t_2$  is the unknown temperature then

$$200 = 100(1 + [0.00392] \times (t_2 - 25)^\circ\text{C})$$

$$2 = (1 + [0.00392] \times (t_2 - 25)^\circ\text{C})$$

$$2 - 1 = [(0.00392) \times (t_2 - 25)^\circ\text{C}]$$

$$(t_2 - 25)^\circ\text{C} = \frac{1}{0.00392}$$

$$\therefore t_2 = 280^\circ\text{C}$$

⑥ A thermistor has a resistance temperature coefficient of  $-5\%$  over a temperature range of  $25^\circ\text{C}$  to  $50^\circ\text{C}$ . If the resistance of thermistor is  $100\Omega$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , what is the resistance at  $35^\circ\text{C}$ ?

Sol:-

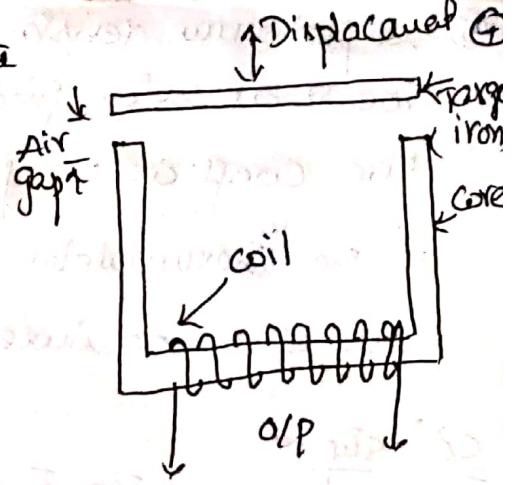
$$R = R_0(1 + \alpha_0 \Delta T)$$

$$R_{35} = R_{25}(1 + \alpha(35 - 25))$$

$$= 100[1 - 0.05(35 - 25)]$$

$$= 50 \Omega$$

(f) A variable reluctance type proximity inductance transducer in which the coil has inductance of  $2\text{mH}$  when the target made of ferromagnetic material is  $1\text{mm}$  away.



- i) calculate the value of inductance when a displacement of  $0.02\text{mm}$  is applied to the target in a direction moving it towards the core.
- ii) show that the change in inductance is linearly proportional to the displacement. Neglect the reluctance of the iron parts.

Sol: Inductance with air gap length of  $1.00\text{mm}$ ,  $L = 2\text{mH}$

i) value of inductance when a displacement of  $0.02\text{mm}$  is applied  
Length of air gap when a displacement of  $0.02\text{mm}$  is applied towards the core

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1.00 - 0.02 \\ &= 0.98\text{mm} \end{aligned}$$

Now, the inductance is inversely proportional to the length of air gap as the reluctance of flux paths through iron are neglected. since the gap length decreases the inductance increases by  $\Delta L$ .

$$\therefore L + \Delta L = 2 \times \frac{1}{0.98}$$

$$= 2.04\text{mH}$$

$$\Delta L = 2.04 - 2$$

$$= 0.04\text{mH}$$

ii)  $\Delta L \propto \text{displacement}$ :

The ratio of change in inductance to the original inductance:

$$= \frac{\Delta L}{L} = \frac{0.04}{2} = 0.02$$

Also, the ratio of displacement to original gap length

$$= 0.02/1 = 0.02$$

⑧ In a linear Vol differential transformer (LVDT) the o/p vol is ~~1.8V~~ 5  
 1.8V at max. displacement. At a certain load the deviation from  
 linearity is max & it is  $\pm 0.0045$  V from a straight line through  
 the origin. Find the linearity at the given load.

Sol: Given

The o/p voltage of LVDT at max. displacement = 1.8V

The deviation from a straight line through the origin =  $\pm 0.0045$ V

$$\% \text{ linearity} = \pm \frac{0.0045}{1.8} \times 100 \\ = \pm 0.25\%$$

⑨ The o/p of a LVDT is connected to a 4V voltmeter through an amplifier whose amplification factor is 500. A o/p of 1.8mV appears across the terminals of LVDT when the core moves through a distance of 0.6mm. If the millivoltmeter scale has 100 divisions ~~&~~ the scale can be read to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a division, calculate:

(i) The sensitivity of LVDT

(ii) The resolution of the instrument in mV.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{Sol:}} \quad \text{(i)} \quad \text{The Sensitivity of LVDT} &= \frac{\text{O/P Vol}}{\text{Displacement}} \\ &= \frac{1.8}{0.6} \\ &= 3 \text{mV/mm} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

Sensitivity of measurement = amplification factor  $\times$  sensitivity of LVDT

$$= 500 \times 3$$

$$\boxed{= 1500 \text{mV/mm}}$$

$$1 \text{ scale division} = \frac{4}{100} \text{V} = 140 \mu\text{V}$$

Min. voltage that can be read on the voltmeter

$$\boxed{= \frac{1}{4} \times 40 = 10 \mu\text{V}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Resolution of the instrument} \rightarrow 10 \times \left(\frac{1}{1500}\right) = 0.0067 \text{ mV}$$