



# INTERFACING TECHNIQUES

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## Question#1

(a) Develop a model for acceleration sensor using Matlab based on the model developed in class. You should specify the following:

- Discuss the effect of B/M on the system response when unit step and ramp are applied.
- Discuss the frequency response of the system and the effect of B/M

## Question#2

Discuss different types of acceleration sensors and Gyroscopes exists today, i.e. in your smart phone. I expect to do the following:

- Discuss concept of operation of the sensor
- Technology used in manufacturing it
- Static and dynamic characteristics of the sensor
- Simple interface to take some measurements from the sensor.

## Question#3

A temperature measuring system, with a time constant 2 s, is used to measured temperature of a heating medium, which changes sinusoidal between 250 and 350C with a periodic of 10 s. find the maximum and minimum values of temperature, as indicated by the measuring system and the time lag between the output and input signals

## Question#4

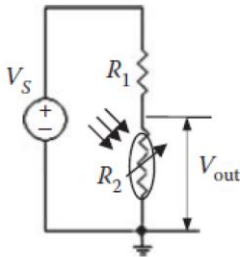
An amplifier in a sensor circuit has a signal voltage level of  $4\ \mu\text{V}$  and a noise voltage level of  $2\ \mu\text{V}$  at input. If the gain of the amplifier is 40 and a  $4\ \mu\text{V}$  of noise is added by the amplifier at the output, determine the signal to noise ratio at output.

#### Question#5

The nominal transfer function of an MPX4250A piezoresistive pressure sensor provided by the manufacturer is  $V_{\text{out}} = V_s(0.004P_{\text{in}} - 0.04)$ , where  $V_s$  is the supply voltage (in V),  $P_{\text{in}}$  is the input pressure (in kPa), and  $V_{\text{out}}$  is the sensor's output (in V). (1) If  $V_s = 5.1\ \text{V}$ , find the sensor's nominal sensitivity and nominal offset. (2) If the supply voltage applied to the sensor fluctuates from  $4.85\ \text{V DC}$  to  $5.35\ \text{V DC}$ , that is,  $V_s = 5.1 \pm 0.25\ \text{V}$ , find the maximum and minimum absolute output error caused by the unstable power supply when measuring a  $100\ \text{kPa}$  pressure.

#### Question#6

The circuit shown in Figure below can be used as a "dark sensor" to turn ON a lighting system automatically in the evening. If  $R_1 = 10\ \text{k}\Omega$ ,  $V_{\text{in}} = 9\ \text{V}$ , and  $R_2$  has a resistance of  $500\ \Omega$  in bright light and  $200\ \text{k}\Omega$  in the dark, find  $R_2$ 's output voltage when (1)  $R_2$  is in the bright light; (2)  $R_2$  is in the dark.



#### Question#7

The approximate time constant of a thermometer is determined by immersing it in a bath and noting the time it takes to reach 63% of the final reading. If the result is 38 s, determine the delay when measuring the temperature of a bath that is periodically changing 3 times per minute

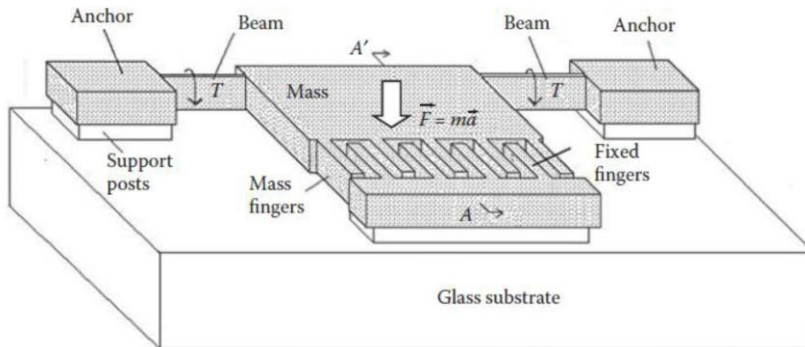
#### Question#8

Compare the resistance change produced by a  $160 \mu\text{m} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$  strain in a metallic gauge with  $GF = 2.13$  and a semiconductor gauge with  $GF = -161$ .

Assume the nominal resistances for both gauges are  $120 \Omega$ .

#### Question#9

An area-variation-based capacitive accelerometer, as shown in Figure below, has the following parameters: finger length  $l_f = 300 \mu\text{m}$ , mass length  $l_m = 280 \mu\text{m}$ , number of fingers  $n = 100$ , air gap  $d_f = 1 \mu\text{m}$ , and the relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r = 7$ . If the measured capacitance change  $\Delta C$  is  $50.34 \text{ pF}$ , find the angle  $\theta$  in degrees (o)



#### Question#10

An Accelerometer is selected to measure a time-dependent motion. In particular, input signal frequencies below 200 Hz are of prime interest. Select a set of acceptable parameter specifications for the sensor (i.e.  $\omega_n$ ), assuming a dynamic error of  $\pm 5\%$  and damping ratio  $\zeta = 0.6$ . Use Matlab to verify your results.

**End Questions**