

# Problems:

## Of Power Electronics & Batteries

**Problem 1:** A thyristor is connected in series with a **100  $\Omega$**  resistor to a **230 V (rms) sinusoidal supply**. If the thyristor is controlled to switch on at a **firing angle of  $30^\circ$** , determine the average current in the thyristor.

Solution :

The described circuit is half wave controlled rectifier

Given data:  $R = 100 \Omega$ ,  $V_{\text{srms}} = 230 \text{ V}$ , Firing angle =  $30^\circ$ .

Governing equations:

$$V_o = \frac{V_m}{2\pi} (1 + \cos \alpha)$$

$$I_o = \frac{V_o}{R} = \frac{V_m}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} (1 + \cos \alpha)$$

**Problem 2:** A sinusoidal source of  $v = 325.26 \sin(\omega t)$  is applied as input to the full-bridge controlled rectifier feeding resistor of  $15 \Omega$ . The average output current measured flowing through the resistance is  $12.5 \text{ A}$ . Calculate the operating firing angle of the circuit and the average output voltage.

Solution: The circuit is bridge controlled rectifier

Given data:  $v = 325.26 \sin(\omega t)$ ,  $R = 15 \Omega$ ,  $I_0 = 12.5 \text{ A}$

To find: the operating firing angle and  $V_0$ .

Governing equations:

$$I_o = \frac{V_o}{R} = \frac{V_m}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} (1 + \cos \alpha)$$

Find alpha using this equation

$$V_o = \frac{V_m}{\pi} (1 + \cos \alpha)$$

**Problem 3:** Assume that 20 Dry cells of 1.45 V emf are connected in series. When an external resistance of 12 Ohms is connected in series with the battery , the value of current flow is 2A. What is the value of internal resistance of each cell?

$$I = \frac{n E}{R + n r} \text{ Amperes}$$

$$r = \frac{n E}{n I} - \frac{R}{n} \text{ Amperes}$$

Ans.: 0.125 Ohms

**Problem 4:** A battery is formed of six cells connected in series. When the external resistance of 3 Ohms is joined across its terminals, the current is found to be 2.5 A and when it is 9 Ohms the current falls to 1.25 A. Find the emf of each cell and its internal resistance.

$$I = \frac{n E}{R + n r} \text{ Amperes}$$

First case

$$7.5 + 15 r = 6 E$$

$$\text{Ans.: } r = 0.5 \text{ Ohms}$$

Second Case

$$11.25 + 7 r = 6 E$$

$$E = 2.5 \text{ Volts}$$

**Problem 5:** Calculate the i.) Ampere hour efficiency and ii.) Watt-hour efficiency of a secondary cell which is discharged at a uniform rate of 30 A for 6 hours at an average terminal voltage of 2 V. It is then charged at the uniform rate of 40 A for 5 hours to restore it to its original condition. The terminal voltage during charging is 2.5 V

Solution:

**First case**

$$\text{A h output} = 30 \times 6 =$$

$$\text{A h Input} = 40 \times 5 =$$

***Ans.: A h- efficiency % = 90%***

**Second Case**

The terminal voltage during charging is 2.5 V

$$\text{W -h output} = 2 \times 30 \times 6 =$$

$$\text{W- h input} = 2.5 \times 40 \times 5 =$$

***Ans.: W h- efficiency % = 72%***

$$\text{A h efficiency}(\eta_{Ah})\% = \frac{\text{Amperehours on discharging}}{\text{Amperehours on charging}} \times 100$$

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