

Subject Name Solutions

4331102 – Summer 2024

Semester 1 Study Material

Detailed Solutions and Explanations

Question 1(a) [3 marks]

Define following term: (1) Accuracy (2) precision (3) Reproducibility

Solution

- **Accuracy:** Closeness of measured value to the true value of measured quantity
- **Precision:** Ability of an instrument to reproduce the same output for repeated applications of same input under identical conditions
- **Reproducibility:** Degree of agreement between results of measurements of same quantity when measured under changed conditions (different method, observer, or time)

Mnemonic

“APR: Accurate-to-truth, Precise-repeats, Reproduce-under-change”

Question 1(b) [4 marks]

Explain construction of RTD Transducer with necessary diagram in detail. Also list application of it.

Solution

RTD (Resistance Temperature Detector) is a temperature sensor that operates on the principle that electrical resistance of metals changes with temperature.

Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR
    A[Sensing Element] --> B[Lead Wires]
    B --> C[Support]
    C --> D[Protective Sheath]
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    style D fill:#bbf,stroke:#333,stroke-width:2px
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- **Sensing Element:** Pure platinum, nickel, or copper wire wound around ceramic core
- **Lead Wires:** Connect RTD to measuring circuit
- **Support:** Provides mechanical stability to sensing element
- **Protective Sheath:** Protects sensing element from external environment

Applications of RTD:

- Temperature measurement in process industries
- Food processing temperature monitoring
- HVAC systems
- Medical equipment

Mnemonic

“RTD: Resistance Temperature Detector - Precise Temperature Measurement”

Question 1(c) [7 marks]

Explain working of Maxwell's Bridge with circuit diagram. List its advantages, disadvantages and applications.

Solution

Maxwell's Bridge is used to measure unknown inductance in terms of known capacitance and resistance.

Circuit Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR  
    A((R1)) --- B((R2))  
    B --- C((R3))  
    C --- D((R4))  
    D --- A  
    E[L1] --- A  
    E --- D  
    F[C4] --- B  
    F --- C  
    G[Supply] --- A  
    G --- C  
    H[Detector] --- B  
    H --- D  
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Working: At balance condition: $L_1 = C_4 \times R_2 \times R_3$

When the bridge is balanced, the detector shows zero current. The unknown inductance L_1 is calculated using above equation, where C_4 is known capacitance and R_2, R_3 are known resistances.

Parameter	Value
Balance Equation	$L_1 = C_4 \times R_2 \times R_3$
Quality Factor	$Q = L_1/R_1 = C_4 R_3$

Advantages:

- High accuracy for medium Q inductors
- Balance equations are independent of frequency
- Simple calculation for inductance

Disadvantages:

- Not suitable for low Q inductor measurement
- Requires variable standard capacitor
- Affected by stray capacitance

Applications:

- Measuring inductance in laboratories
- Calibration of inductance standards
- Testing of inductive components

Mnemonic

“Maxwell's Magic: Inductance equals Capacitance times Resistance squared”

Question 1(c) OR [7 marks]

Explain working of Wheatstone bridge with circuit diagram for balance condition. List its advantages, disadvantages, and applications.

Solution

Wheatstone bridge is used to measure unknown resistance by comparing it with known resistance values.

Circuit Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR  
    A((P)) --- B((Q))  
    B --- C((S))  
    C --- D((R))  
    D --- A  
    E[Battery] --- A  
    E --- C  
    F[Galvanometer] --- B  
    F --- D  
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Working: At balance condition: $P/Q = R/S$ or $R = S \times (P/Q)$

When bridge is balanced, galvanometer shows zero deflection. Unknown resistance R is calculated using the ratio of other resistances.

Component	Function
P, Q, S	Known resistances
R	Unknown resistance
G	Galvanometer (detector)
E	DC voltage source

Advantages:

- High accuracy in resistance measurement
- Simple construction and operation
- Wide range of resistance measurement

Disadvantages:

- Cannot measure very low or very high resistances
- Requires battery as power source
- Temperature effects on resistors cause errors

Applications:

- Precise resistance measurement
- Strain gauge measurements
- Temperature sensing using RTDs
- Transducer applications

Mnemonic

“When WheatStone Balances: Product of opposites are equal ($P = Q$)”

Question 2(a) [3 marks]

Compare moving iron and moving coil type instruments.

Solution

Characteristic	Moving Iron Type	Moving Coil Type
Principle	Magnetic attraction/repulsion	Electromagnetic force
Scale	Non-uniform	Uniform

Damping	Poor	Good
Accuracy	Less accurate (2-5%)	High accuracy (0.1-2%)
Frequency range	DC and AC	DC only (without rectifier)
Power consumption	High	Low
Cost	Less expensive	More expensive

Mnemonic

"IMAP-CAD: Iron-Magnetic-AC-Poor damping, Coil-Accurate-DC-Damped well"

Question 2(b) [4 marks]

Explain working and construction of successive approximation type DVM with necessary diagram.

Solution

Successive Approximation type Digital Voltmeter (DVM) converts analog voltage to digital value using binary search technique.

Block Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR
    A[Input] --> B[Sample & Hold]
    B --> C[Comparator]
    C --> D[DAC]
    D --> E[SAR {"-"} Successive Approximation Register]
    E --> F[Display]
    G[Clock] --> E
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Working:

1. Sample & Hold circuit captures input voltage
2. SAR sets MSB to 1, other bits to 0
3. DAC converts digital word to analog voltage
4. Comparator compares DAC output with input voltage
5. If DAC output > input, bit is reset to 0; otherwise kept 1
6. Process repeats for next bit until all bits are tested
7. Final digital word represents input voltage

Advantages:

- Medium conversion speed (10-100 s)
- Good resolution and accuracy
- Moderate cost

Mnemonic

"SAR DVM: Sample-And-Register by Digital-Voltage-Matching"

Question 2(c) [7 marks]

1- A moving coil ammeter reading up to 10 amperes has a resistance of 0.02 ohm. How this instrument could be adopted to read current up to 1000 amperes? 2- A moving coil voltmeter reading up to 200 mV has a resistance of 5 ohms. How this instrument can be adopted to read voltage up to 300 volts?

Solution

Part 1: Ammeter Range Extension

To extend ammeter range from 10A to 1000A, a shunt resistor is connected in parallel with the meter.

Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR  
    A[Current Input] --> B{Branch}\}  
    B --> C[Rsh]  
    B --> D[Meter Path]  
    C --> E[Join]\}  
    D --> E  
    E --> F[Output]  
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Calculation:

- Original meter resistance (R_m) = 0.02Ω
- Original full-scale current (I_m) = 10 A
- Desired full-scale current (I) = 1000 A
- Current through shunt (I_{sh}) = $I - I_m = 1000 - 10 = 990$ A
- Voltage across meter = Voltage across shunt
- $I_m \times R_m = I_{sh} \times R_{sh}$
- $R_{sh} = (I_m \times R_m) / I_{sh} = (10 \times 0.02) / 990 = 0.0002$

Part 2: Voltmeter Range Extension

To extend voltmeter range from 200mV to 300V, a multiplier resistor is connected in series with the meter.

Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR  
    A[Voltage Input] --> B[Rs]  
    B --> C[Meter]  
    C --> D[Output]  
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Calculation:

- Original meter resistance (R_m) = 5Ω
- Original full-scale voltage (V_m) = 200 mV = 0.2 V
- Desired full-scale voltage (V) = 300 V
- Series resistance (R_s) = $[(V / V_m) - 1] \times R_m$
- $R_s = [(300 / 0.2) - 1] \times 5 = (1500 - 1) \times 5 = 1499 \times 5 = 7495$

Mnemonic

“ShuntSeries: Shunt-for-Current, Series-for-Voltage”

Question 2(a) OR [3 marks]

Explain working and construction of Clamp on Meter with necessary diagram.

Solution

Clamp on Meter (Current Clamp) measures current without breaking the circuit by using electromagnetic induction.

Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR  
    A[Clamp Jaw] --> B[Current Transformer]  
    B --> C[Rectifier Circuit]  
    C --> D[Measuring Circuit]  
    D --> E[Display]  
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Construction & Working:

- **Clamp Jaw:** Split core transformer that can be opened to encircle conductor
- **Current Transformer:** Converts primary current to proportional secondary current
- **Rectifier:** Converts AC to DC for measurement circuit
- **Measuring Circuit:** Processes signal and calculates current value
- **Display:** Shows measured current value

When a current-carrying conductor passes through the clamp jaw, it induces current in the secondary winding proportional to primary current, which is then measured.

Mnemonic

“CLAMP: Current-Loop Amplifies Magnetic Proportionally”

Question 2(b) OR [4 marks]

Explain working of PMMC instruments with necessary diagram.

Solution

PMMC (Permanent Magnet Moving Coil) instruments operate on the principle of electromagnetic force on current-carrying conductor in magnetic field.

Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR  
    A[Permanent Magnet] --> B[Air Gap]  
    B --> C[Moving Coil]  
    C --> D[Pointer]  
    C --> E[Spring]  
    C --> F[Damping Mechanism]  
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Working:

1. Current flows through rectangular coil placed in magnetic field
2. Electromagnetic force produces torque proportional to current
3. Spring provides controlling torque
4. Pointer deflects proportionally to current

5. Damping system prevents oscillations

Components:

- Permanent magnet creates strong magnetic field
 - Soft iron core concentrates magnetic flux
 - Moving coil carries current to be measured
 - Control springs provide restoring force
 - Damping system (air or eddy current) reduces oscillations

Mnemonic

“PMMC: Permanent Magnet Makes Current-proportional movement”

Question 2(c) OR [7 marks]

Draw the block diagram, working and construction of Integrating type DVM with necessary diagram and waveform.

Solution

Integrating type DVM (Digital Voltmeter) converts analog voltage to digital value by integrating the input over a fixed time.

Block Diagram:

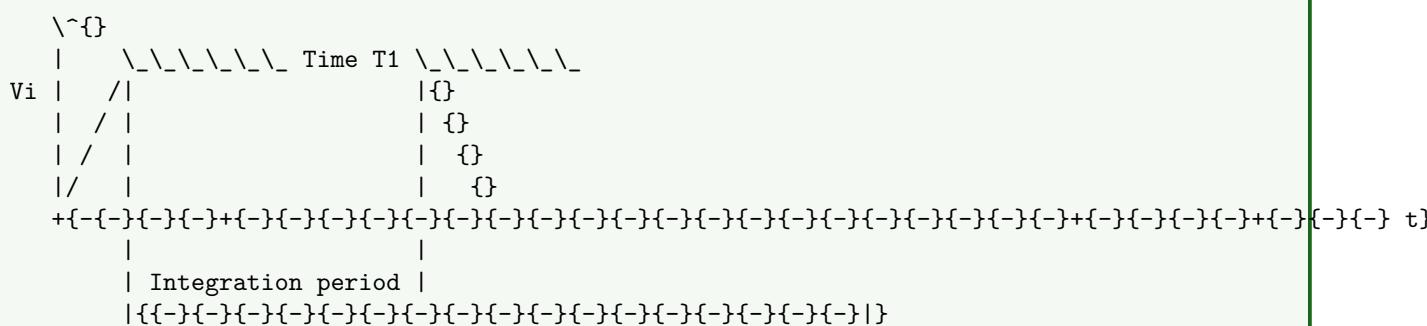
Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR
A[Input Voltage] --> B[Buffer Amplifier]
B --> C[Integrator]
D[Clock] --> E[Control Logic]
E --> C
E --> F[Counter]
C --> G[Comparator]
G --> E
F --> H[Display]
I[Reference Voltage] --> G
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Waveforms:



Working:

1. Dual-Slope Method:

- Input voltage is integrated for fixed time T1
 - Integrator is connected to negative reference voltage
 - Time T2 required to return to zero is proportional to input voltage
 - Digital display shows count proportional to T2

Phase	Action
Phase 1	Integrate unknown voltage for fixed time T1
Phase 2	Integrate known reference voltage until zero
Phase 3	Count clock pulses during phase 2 (T2)

Advantages:

- High noise rejection (especially 50/60 Hz)
- Good accuracy
- Automatic zero adjustment

Mnemonic

“Integrate-twice: Up with unknown, Down with reference”

Question 3(a) [3 marks]

In CRO What is the value of unknown DC voltage, if a straight line below x-axis is obtained with a displacement of 4cm and volt/div knob = 3V. calculate the unknown voltage Vdc.

Solution

Calculation: Displacement = 4 cm (below x-axis) Volt/div setting = 3 V/div Direction = Below x-axis (negative voltage)

$$Vdc = -(Displacement \times Volt/div) \\ Vdc = -(4cm \times 3V/div) \\ Vdc = -12V$$

Therefore, the unknown DC voltage is -12 V.

Mnemonic

“Voltage = Deflection \times Scale”

Question 3(b) [4 marks]

Draw internal structure of CRT. Explain in short.

Solution

CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) is the display device used in analog oscilloscopes.

Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR
    A[Electron Gun] --> B[Focusing System]
    B --> C[Deflection System]
    C --> D[Phosphor Screen]
    E[Glass Envelope] --> A
    E --> B
    E --> C
    E --> D
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    style D fill:#9cf,stroke:#333,stroke-width:2px
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Components:

- **Electron Gun:** Consists of heater, cathode, control grid, and anodes; produces electron beam
- **Focusing System:** Focuses electron beam into sharp point using electrostatic lenses
- **Deflection System:** Deflects electron beam horizontally and vertically using deflection plates

- **Phosphor Screen:** Converts electron energy to visible light
- **Glass Envelope:** Vacuum-sealed container housing all components

Working:

1. Electron gun emits electrons
2. Focusing system narrows electron beam
3. Deflection plates move beam across screen
4. Beam strikes phosphor screen creating visible trace

Mnemonic

“GFDS: Gun-Focus-Deflect-Screen”

Question 3(c) [7 marks]

Explain Construction, Block diagram, working and advantage of DSO with necessary diagram.

Solution

Digital Storage Oscilloscope (DSO) converts analog signals to digital form and stores them for display and analysis.

Block Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR
    A[Input] --> B[Attenuator/Amplifier]
    B --> C[ADC]
    C --> D[Memory]
    D --> E[Microprocessor]
    E --> F[DAC]
    F --> G[Display]
    E --> H[Control Panel]
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Construction and Working:

1. **Input Stage:** Attenuator/amplifier conditions signal
2. **ADC:** Converts analog signal to digital at sampling rate
3. **Memory:** Stores digital samples
4. **Microprocessor:** Controls operation and processes data
5. **DAC:** Converts digital data back to analog for display
6. **Display:** Shows waveform

Advantages of DSO:

- Signal storage capability for later analysis
- Pre-trigger viewing of signal
- Single-shot signal capture
- Automatic measurements and calculations
- Waveform processing (FFT, averaging, etc.)
- Digital interfacing (USB, Ethernet)
- Higher bandwidth and sampling rates

Mnemonic

“SAMPLE: Store-Analyze-Measure-Process-Link-Examine”

Question 3(a) OR [3 marks]

In CRO vertical displacement for peak is = 1cm and volt/div knob = 10mV. Find peak value and RMS value of voltage.

Solution

Calculation: Vertical displacement (peak) = 1 cm Volt/div setting = 10 mV/div
 Peak value (V_p) = Displacement \times Volt/div $V_p = 1\text{cm} \times 10\text{mV/div} = 10\text{mV}$
 For sinusoidal waveform: RMS value (V_{rms}) = $V_p \div \sqrt{2} V_{rms} = 10\text{mV} \div 1.414 = 7.07\text{mV}$
 Therefore, peak value = 10 mV and RMS value = 7.07 mV.

Mnemonic

“Peak-to-RMS: Divide by root-2”

Question 3(b) OR [4 marks]

Explain CRO Screen in detail.

Solution

CRO (Cathode Ray Oscilloscope) screen displays waveforms and provides measurement references.

Diagram:

Components:

- **Phosphor Coating:** Converts electron energy to visible light
 - **Graticule:** Grid pattern for measurements
 - **X-Axis:** Represents time (horizontal)
 - **Y-Axis:** Represents voltage (vertical)
 - **Center Point:** Reference for measurements (0,0)

Screen Features:

- **Divisions:** Typically 8×10 divisions for measurement
 - **Intensity Control:** Adjusts brightness of display
 - **Focus Control:** Sharpens displayed trace
 - **Scale Illumination:** Illuminates graticule

Mnemonic

“PAXED: Phosphor-Axes-X-time-Y-amplitude-Equal-Divisions”

Question 3(c) OR [7 marks]

Explain Measurement of Voltage, Frequency, Time delay and Phase angle using CRO with necessary diagram.

Solution

CRO (Cathode Ray Oscilloscope) can measure various electrical parameters accurately.

1. Voltage Measurement:

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Method:

- Set vertical position to center line
 - Count vertical divisions of waveform
 - Multiply by V/div setting
 - Amplitude = Vertical divisions $\times V/div$

2. Frequency Measurement:

Method:

- Measure time period (T) between similar points
 - Frequency = $1/T$
 - $T = \text{Horizontal divisions} \times \frac{\text{Time}}{\text{div setting}}$
 - Frequency = $1 / (\text{Horizontal divisions} \times \frac{\text{Time}}{\text{div setting}})$

3. Time Delay Measurement:

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Method:

- Trigger on first signal
 - Measure horizontal distance to second signal
 - Time delay = Horizontal divisions \times *Time/divsetting*

4. Phase Angle Measurement:

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Method:

- Measure time period (T) of one complete cycle
- Measure time delay (Td) between corresponding points
- Phase angle = $(Td/T) \times 360^\circ$

Mnemonic

“VFTP: Vertical-Frequency-Time-Phase”

Question 4(a) [3 marks]

Compare active and passive transducers.

Solution

Characteristic	Active Transducers	Passive Transducers
Power source	Self-generating (no external power)	Requires external power
Output	Generates energy from input	Modifies external energy
Examples	Thermocouple, Photovoltaic cell	Strain gauge, RTD, LVDT
Sensitivity	Generally lower	Generally higher
Response time	Faster	Slower
Cost	Usually less expensive	Usually more expensive
Complexity	Simpler	More complex

Mnemonic

“APE-GSR: Active-Produces-Energy, Gets-Signal-Requiring-power”

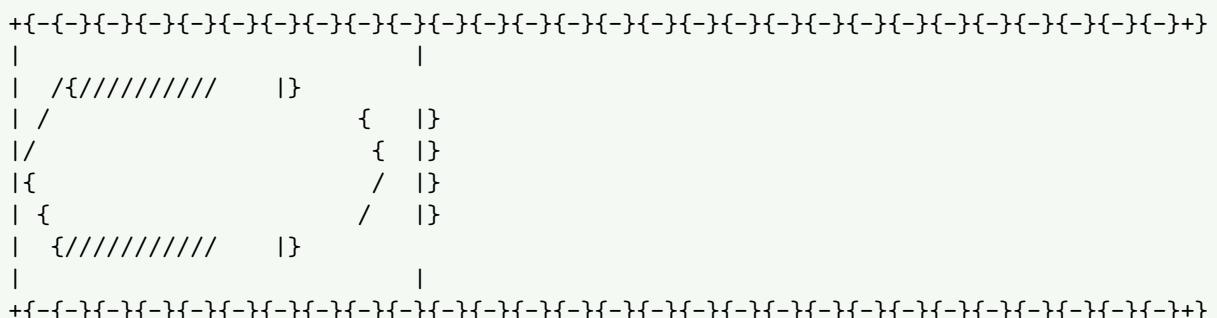
Question 4(b) [4 marks]

Explain Working of strain Gauge with necessary diagram in detail. Also list application of it.

Solution

Strain gauge converts mechanical deformation to electrical resistance change.

Diagram:



Working:

1. When a conductor is stretched, its length increases and cross-sectional area decreases
2. This causes an increase in electrical resistance: $\Delta R/R = GF \times$
 - Where $\Delta R/R$ is fractional change in resistance
 - GF is gauge factor (sensitivity)
 - is strain

Types:

- Metal foil strain gauges
 - Semiconductor strain gauges
 - Wire strain gauges

Applications:

- Load cells for weighing systems
 - Structural health monitoring
 - Pressure sensors
 - Torque measurement
 - Mechanical stress analysis

Mnemonic

“STRAIN: Stretch-To-Resistance-Alteration-In-Narrow-conductor”

Question 4(c) [7 marks]

Explain Gas Sensor MQ2 with necessary diagram in detail.

Solution

MQ2 is a semiconductor gas sensor that detects combustible gases, smoke, and LPG.

Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR
    A[Anti{-explosion Network}] --- B[SnO2 Sensing Element]
    B --- C[Heater Coil]
    D[Electrode] --- B
    E[Housing] --- A
    E --- B
    E --- C
    E --- D
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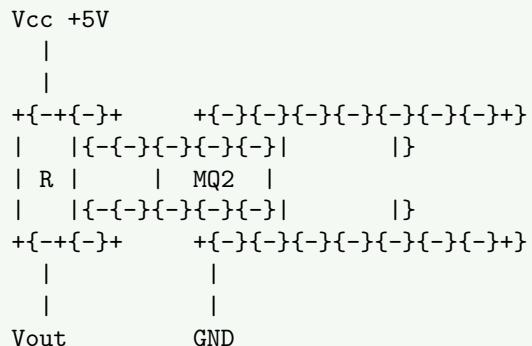
Construction:

- **Sensing Element:** Tin dioxide (SnO_2) semiconductor
 - **Heater:** Maintains operating temperature (around 200-400°C)
 - **Electrodes:** Measure resistance changes
 - **Housing:** Protects components and allows gas flow

Working Principle:

1. In clean air, sensor has high resistance
 2. When combustible gases present, surface reactions occur
 3. Electrons are released, decreasing resistance
 4. Resistance decreases proportionally to gas concentration

Circuit Connection:



Applications:

- Domestic gas leakage detectors
- Industrial combustible gas alarms
- Portable gas detectors
- Air quality monitoring
- Fire alarms

Mnemonic

“MQ2: Measures Quick-leaks of 2+ gases (LPG, Propane)”

Question 4(a) OR [3 marks]

Compare primary and secondary transducers

Solution

Characteristic	Primary Transducers	Secondary Transducers
Definition	Directly convert physical quantity to electrical signal	Convert output of primary transducer to usable form
Function Examples	First stage of conversion Thermocouple, Photocell, Piezoelectric	Second stage of conversion Amplifiers, ADCs, Signal conditioners
Input	Physical parameter	Output from primary transducer
Output	Electrical signal	Modified electrical signal
Location	At sensing point	May be remote from primary transducer
Accuracy	Affects overall system accuracy	Further processes already converted signal

Mnemonic

“PS-FLIP: Primary-Senses, Secondary-Further-Level-Improves-Processing”

Question 4(b) OR [4 marks]

Explain Capacitive Transducer with necessary diagram in detail. Also list application of it.

Solution

Capacitive transducer converts physical displacement into capacitance change which is then converted to electrical signal.

Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR
    A[Fixed Plate] --{-{-}{-}}--> B[Dielectric]
    B --{-{-}{-}}--> C[Movable Plate]
    D[Physical Parameter] --{-{-}{-}}--> C
    E[Circuit] --{-{-}{-}}--> A
    E --{-{-}{-}}--> C
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Working: Capacitance $C = \epsilon_0 A/d$ Where :

- ϵ_0 = Permittivity of free space
- ϵ_r = Relative permittivity of dielectric
- A = Area of plates
- d = Distance between plates

Capacitance changes by:

1. Varying distance between plates
2. Varying overlap area of plates
3. Varying dielectric constant

Applications:

- Pressure sensors
- Displacement measurements
- Level indicators
- Humidity sensors
- Thickness measurement
- Touch screens

Mnemonic

“CAPACITIVE: Change-Area-Plates-And-Change-In-Thickness-Impacts-Value-Electrically”

Question 4(c) OR [7 marks]

Explain LVDT Transducer operation, construction with necessary diagram in detail. Also list advantage, disadvantage and application of LVDT.

Solution

LVDT (Linear Variable Differential Transformer) is an electromagnetic transducer that converts linear displacement to electrical signal.

Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR
    A[Primary Coil] --- B[Core]
    C[Secondary Coil 1] --- B
    D[Secondary Coil 2] --- B
    E[AC Excitation] --- A
    F[Output] --- C
    F --- D
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Construction:

- **Primary Coil:** Center coil excited by AC source
- **Secondary Coils:** Two coils connected in series opposition
- **Core:** Ferromagnetic material that moves with measured displacement
- **Housing:** Protects the coil assembly

Working:

1. AC excitation applied to primary coil
2. At null position (center), equal voltages induced in secondary coils
3. Moving core changes magnetic coupling
4. Differential voltage proportional to displacement
5. Phase indicates direction of movement

Advantages:

- Non-contact operation (frictionless)
- High resolution and sensitivity
- Infinite resolution

- Good linearity
- Robust construction
- Long operational life

Disadvantages:

- Requires AC excitation source
- Sensitive to external magnetic fields
- Larger size compared to other transducers
- Higher cost
- Requires signal conditioning circuit

Applications:

- Machine tool positioning
- Hydraulic/pneumatic cylinder position feedback
- Robotics and automation
- Aircraft control systems
- Structural testing
- Process control systems

Mnemonic

“LVDT: Linear-Variation-Detected-Through electromagnetic induction”

Question 5(a) [3 marks]

Explain working of Thermocouple sensor with necessary diagram in detail.

Solution

Thermocouple is a temperature sensor based on the Seebeck effect, where junction of two dissimilar metals generates voltage proportional to temperature difference.

Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR
    A[Metal A] --- B((Hot Junction))
    B --- C[Metal B]
    A --- D((Cold Junction))
    C --- D
    D --- E[Voltmeter]
    style B fill:#f96,stroke:#333,stroke-width:2px
    style D fill:#9cf,stroke:#333,stroke-width:2px
{Highlighting}
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```

Working:

1. Two dissimilar metals joined at two points (hot and cold junctions)
2. Temperature difference between junctions creates Seebeck voltage
3. EMF generated is proportional to temperature difference
4. Voltage measured is calibrated to temperature

Types:

- Type K (Chromel-Alumel): General purpose, -200^to1260
- Type J (Iron-Constantan): -40^to750
- Type T (Copper-Constantan): -250^to350

Mnemonic

“THC: Temperature-produces Hot-junction Current”

Question 5(b) [4 marks]

Explain working of Digital IC tester with necessary diagram in detail.

Solution

Digital IC Tester is used to test functionality of digital integrated circuits by applying test vectors and analyzing responses.

Block Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

```
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graph LR  
    A[Power Supply] --> B[Control Unit]  
    B --> C[Test Vector Generator]  
    C --> D[IC Under Test]  
    D --> E[Response Analyzer]  
    E --> F[Display Unit]  
    B --> G[User Interface]  
    style C fill:#f96,stroke:#333,stroke-width:2px  
    style E fill:#9cf,stroke:#333,stroke-width:2px  
{Highlighting}  
{Shaded}
```

Working:

1. IC placed in test socket with proper orientation
2. Test mode selected (test, multiple test, or unknown IC)
3. Test vectors applied to IC pins
4. Output responses compared with expected results
5. Pass/Fail indication displayed

Features:

- Tests various IC families (TTL, CMOS, HCMOS)
- Auto-detection of unknown ICs
- Tests for stuck-at faults, open circuits
- Multiple test patterns for thorough verification

Mnemonic

“VECTOR: Verify-Each-Circuit-Through-Output-Response”

Question 5(c) [7 marks]

Explain working of function generator with necessary diagram in detail.

Solution

Function generator produces different waveforms (sine, square, triangle) with adjustable frequency and amplitude.

Block Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

```
{Shaded}  
{Highlighting} []  
graph LR  
    A[Oscillator] --> B[Waveshaping Circuit]  
    B --> C[Attenuator]  
    C --> D[Output Amplifier]  
    D --> E[Output]  
    F[Frequency Control] --> A  
    G[Amplitude Control] --> C
```

```

H[DC Offset Control] {-{-}{}} D}
I[Waveform Selector] {-{-}{}} B}
style A fill:#f96,stroke:#333,stroke{-width:2px}
style B fill:#9cf,stroke:#333,stroke{-width:2px}
{Highlighting}
{Shaded}

```

Working:

1. **Oscillator:** Generates basic waveform (typically triangle)
2. **Waveshaping Circuit:** Converts to sine, square, or triangle waveforms
3. **Attenuator:** Controls amplitude of signal
4. **Output Amplifier:** Provides low output impedance and DC offset
5. **Controls:** Adjust frequency, amplitude, DC offset, duty cycle

Waveform Generation:

- Triangle wave: Basic output of oscillator circuit
- Square wave: Generated by comparator from triangle wave
- Sine wave: Generated by waveshaping from triangle wave

Applications:

- Testing electronic circuits
- Signal source for experiments
- Calibration of instruments
- Educational demonstrations
- Frequency response testing

Mnemonic

“FAST: Frequency-Amplitude-Signal-Type control”

Question 5(a) OR [3 marks]

Explain working of PH sensor with necessary diagram in detail.

Solution

PH sensor measures hydrogen ion concentration in a solution, indicating acidity or alkalinity.

Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

```

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graph LR
    A[Glass Electrode] {-{-}{-}} B[Reference Electrode]
    A {-{-}{-}} C[pH Sensitive Bulb]
    B {-{-}{-}} D[Reference Solution]
    A {-{-}{-}} E[Voltage Measurement Circuit]
    B {-{-}{-}} E
    E {-{-}{-}} F[Display]
    style C fill:#f96,stroke:#333,stroke{-width:2px}
    style D fill:#9cf,stroke:#333,stroke{-width:2px}
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```

Working:

1. Glass electrode contains buffer solution with known pH
2. H^+ ions in test solution interact with glass membrane
3. Potential difference develops proportional to pH difference
4. Reference electrode provides stable comparison voltage
5. Voltage difference = 59.16 mV per pH unit at 25

Components:

- Glass electrode with pH-sensitive membrane
- Reference electrode (often silver/silver chloride)

- Temperature compensation circuit
- Signal conditioning electronics

Mnemonic

“pH-MVH: Potential-of-Hydrogen Measured by Voltage per Hydrogen-ion concentration”

Question 5(b) OR [4 marks]

Describe working of Spectrum Analyzer with necessary diagram in detail

Solution

Spectrum Analyzer displays signal amplitude vs. frequency, showing frequency components of signals.

Block Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

```
{Shaded}
{Highlighting} []
graph LR
    A[Input Signal] --> B[Attenuator/Amplifier]
    B --> C[Mixer]
    D[Local Oscillator] --> C
    C --> E[IF Filter]
    E --> F[Envelope Detector]
    F --> G[Display]
    H[Sweep Generator] --> D
    H --> G
    style C fill:#f96,stroke:#333,stroke-width:2px
    style E fill:#9cf,stroke:#333,stroke-width:2px
{Highlighting}
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```

Working:

1. **Input Stage:** Attenuates or amplifies signal to optimum level
2. **Mixer:** Combines input with local oscillator signal
3. **IF Filter:** Passes only desired frequency components
4. **Detector:** Measures amplitude of IF signal
5. **Display:** Shows amplitude vs. frequency

Types:

- Swept-tuned spectrum analyzer
- FFT (Fast Fourier Transform) spectrum analyzer
- Real-time spectrum analyzer

Applications:

- Signal purity measurement
- EMI/EMC testing
- Modulation analysis
- Communication system testing

Mnemonic

“SAFE-D: Signal-Amplitude-Frequency-Evaluation-Display”

Question 5(c) OR [7 marks]

Explain working of basic frequency counter with necessary diagram in detail

Solution

Frequency counter measures frequency of input signal by counting cycles in a precise time interval.

Block Diagram:

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

```
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graph LR  
    A[Input Signal] --> B[Input Conditioning]  
    B --> C[Schmitt Trigger]  
    C --> D[Gate]  
    E[Time Base] --> F[Control Logic]  
    F --> D  
    D --> G[Counter]  
    G --> H[Display]  
    F --> G  
    style D fill:#f96,stroke:#333,stroke-width:2px  
    style E fill:#9cf,stroke:#333,stroke-width:2px  
    style G fill:#f9f,stroke:#333,stroke-width:2px  
{Highlighting}  
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```

Working:

1. **Input Conditioning:** Amplifies and shapes input signal
2. **Schmitt Trigger:** Converts to square wave
3. **Time Base:** Crystal oscillator provides accurate reference
4. **Gate Control:** Opens gate for precise measurement interval
5. **Counter:** Counts input cycles during gate open time
6. **Display:** Shows counted frequency

Measurement Process:

- Signal cycles are counted during precise gate time
- Gate time determined by time base oscillator
- Frequency = Count / Gate time

Accuracy Factors:

- Time base stability (crystal oscillator quality)
- Gate time (longer time improves resolution)
- Trigger error ($\pm 1\text{ count uncertainty}$)
- Input signal conditioning quality

Applications:

- Frequency measurement in laboratories
- Radio transmitter calibration
- Crystal oscillator testing
- Digital system clock verification

Mnemonic

“COUNT: Cycles-Over-Unit-time-Numerically-Tallied”