

Definition of measurement:

Measurement is a process of comparing input with pre-defined standard and giving the output.

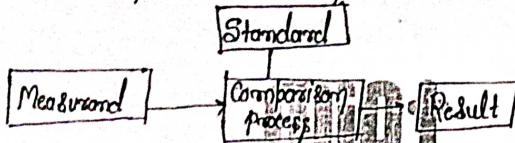
eg:- How long is it = 2 meter

measurement of length is 2-meter

↳ It have two parts. one is number second is unit.

Objective of measurement

The basic objective of measurement is to provide the required accuracy at a minimum cost.



Measurand: A physical quantity such as length, weight and angle to be measured.

Comparison: To compare the measurand with a known standard for evaluation.

Standard/Reference: The physical quantity or property to which quantitative comparisons are to be made, which is internationally accepted.

Modes of measurement:

Based upon the numbers of conversions, three basic modes of measurements have been developed.

1. Primary measurement
2. Secondary measurement
3. Tertiary measurement

1. Primary measurement:

- In this type of measurement direct observation and comparison is done.

→ Not involvement of any conversion.

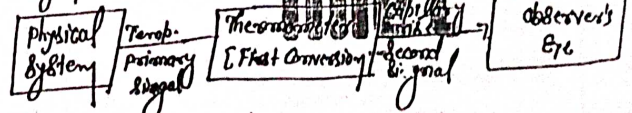
→ eg. length, Height, Depth etc measurement

2. Secondary measurement:

→ In this type of measurement, no-direct observation and comparison is done.

- Involvement of one conversion.

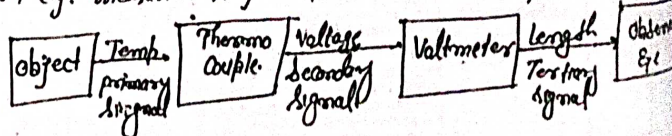
→ eg. pressure, Temperature etc measurement.



Tertiary measurement

- In this type of measurement, involvement of two conversion.

→ eg. measurement of temp. with thermocouple.



Methods of measurement:

In measurement system, there are various

of methods are given below,

- Direct Comparison → Indirect Comparison
- Comparative method → Coincidence method
- Fundamental method → Contact method
- Transposition method → Complementary method
- Deflection method.

→ Direct Comparison: Measurement are directly obtained by some instrument / tool.
e.g. Vernier, scales.

→ Indirect Comparison: Measurement is obtained by some other quantities.

e.g. measurement of force on bar is obtained by measurement of strain by strain gauge.

Q1: Product strain (ε)

Q2: Product stress (σ) = Eε ∴ E = young's modulus

Q3: Product force (F) = σ × Area.

→ Comparative method

Results obtained by comparison with other known value.

e.g. Comparator.

→ Coincidence method:

Results obtained by coincide with existing lines and signals

e.g. Comparison

Transposition method:

In this method quantity to be measured is first balanced by a known value and then balanced by an other now known value.
e.g. determination of mass by balancing method.

Complementary Method:

The value of quantity to be measured is combined with known value of the same quantity.
e.g. determination of the volume of a solid by liquid displacement volume.

Deflection method:

The value to be measured is directly indicated by a deflection of pointer.

e.g. Pressure measurement by Bourdon gauge.

Q1: What do you mean by measurement? What are the different methods of measurement?

Q2: Refer to page No. 29 page No. 3

Q3: With a block diagram, explain the three stages of a generalized measurement system giving suitable e.g.

Q4:

1. Primary sensing element: which sense the quantity under measurement

2. Variable Conversion element: That would modifies suitability the output of primary sensing element.

3. Data presentation element :- That renders the indication on a calibrated scale.

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Generalised Measuring system & Functional Elements

Any measuring system generally composed of three basic elements. These are:

1. Initial sensing elements
2. Signal conditioning elements
3. Reading-recording elements.

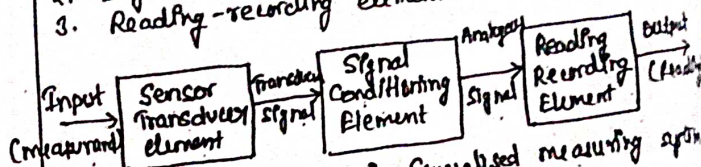
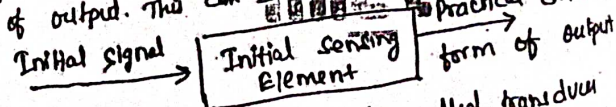


Fig 1 Signal flow in Generalised measuring system

- ① Initial Sensing element
It is first element which detects or senses the measured quantity. It is the part which receives signal from measured medium & converts it into a more convenient form of output. This can be shown by simple block diagram.



Initial sensing element is also called transducer element. A transducer is a device which convert desired info in one physical form into an output in another physical form.

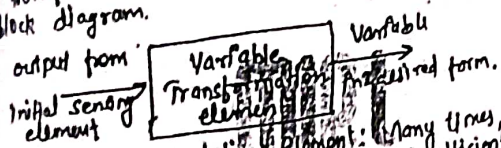
- Common example of transducer element are:
- (i) Solar cell → convert light to voltage
 - (ii) Thermocouple → temp. change to voltage
 - (iii) Hg thermometer → temp change to displacement
 - (iv) Manometer → Pr. to displacement
 - (v) LVDT → Displacement to change in voltage

Signal Conditioning Elements

These elements are used to modify the transduced information into a form that is acceptable to reading/recording elements. These include:

- ① Variable transformation element.
- ② Variable manipulation element.
- ③ Data transmission element.

④ Variable transformation element: The output signal given by the initial sensing element is converted into another suitable form while preserving the information content of original signal. This is done by Variable transformation element. It can be represented by following block diagram.



⑤ Variable Manipulation Element: Many times, the output of transducer is so small that it is insufficient to indicate a measure. Hence these output are manipulated or amplified by manipulation element.

⑥ Data Transmission element: When the functional elements of a measuring instruments are physically separate, it would be necessary to transmit information or data from one element to another using data transmission element. Ex. Shaft & gears are used to transmit power from one location to other, radio transmission from satellites.

⑦ Reading-Recording Elements: They are also known as data presentation element. This element is used to display information of measured quantity to observer.

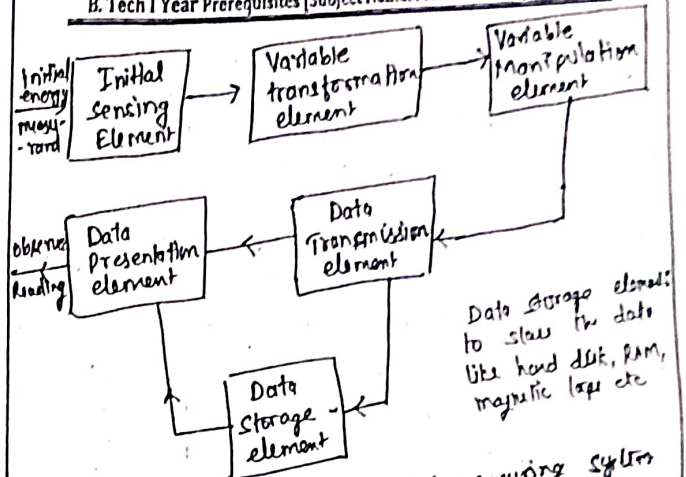


Fig: Block diagram for Generalized measuring system

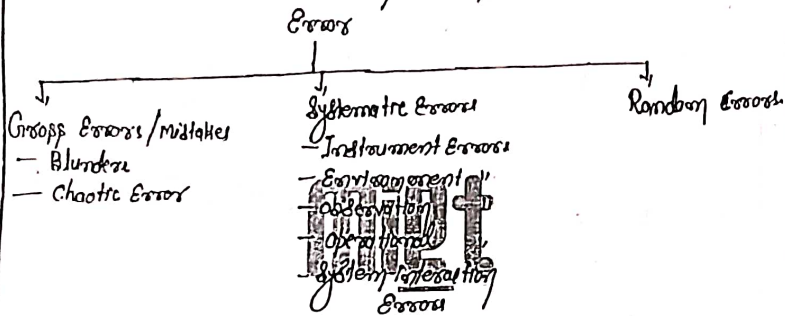
Errors in measurement.

- What is error?

→ It is defined as a difference between indicated or measured value and true value.

- It is impossible to make measurement with perfect accuracy.

Types of Error: Errors are mainly three types



Gross Errors:

- Human mistakes
- Careless readings, mistake in recordings
- Can not treated mathematically
- Can be avoided only by taking care in reading and recording.

Systematic Errors:

- Have definite magnitude and direction.
- Can be repeated consistently with repetition of experiments.
- To avoid these errors, Repeated measurements under different

Conditional or with different equipment or possible by any other different methods.

Instrumental Errors:

- Limiting accuracy
- Due to design or construction
- Improper selection of instrument

Operational Errors

- Misuse of instrument
- Poor operational technique

Environmental Errors

- Due to external conditions to the measuring instrument
- Such as effects of change in temperature, humidity, barometric pressure.

Observation Errors

- Due to poor capabilities and carelessness of operator
- ex. parallax error.

Systematic Errors

- 1) Repetitive in nature
- 2) These errors result from improper conditions and procedures
- 3) Controlled in magnitude and sense

Random Errors

- 1) Random in nature.
- 2) These errors are inherent in measuring system.
- 3) Accidental in nature and difficult to control.

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Low accuracy of operation

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Systematic Error

- 46) After proper analysis these errors can be reduced or eliminated.
- 47) eg: Parallel error, Calibration error

Random Error

- 47) Cannot be eliminated
- 48) Slight displacement of measuring joint, friction of mating parts, combined effect etc.

Calibration in measurement

Instrument Calibration is one of the primary processes used to maintain instrument accuracy.

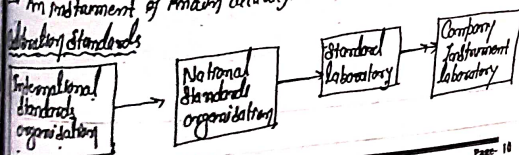
- Calibration is an activity of checking the accuracy and precision of measuring instrument by comparing it with standard.
- Calibration provides confidence in reading and reduces errors thus validating the measurement.

The procedure of Calibration involves a comparison of the particular instrument with either:

- A primary standard
- A secondary standard with a higher accuracy than the instrument to be calibrated.

An instrument of known accuracy.

Calibration Standards



ISO - Make globally acceptable rules

NSO - Make Country level rules and parameters

Standard laboratory - Check and certify

Company standards - Working standards.

Q.1 Explain the term error in measurement. What are different types of errors?

Ans: Refer to page No. 8 & page 9

Q.2 Explain the difference between systematic errors and random errors? What are the typical sources of these two errors?

Ans: Refer to page No. 8 & 10

Q.3 What is Calibration and its purpose?

Ans: Refer to page No. 10

Q.4 What is the basic principle of Calibration?

Ans: - Calibration is the activity of checking, by comparison with a standard, the accuracy of a measurement instrument anytime. It may also include adjustment of the instrument to bring it in alignment with the standard. Even the most precise measurement instrument is of no use if you cannot be sure that it is reading accurately or more realistically than you know that the error of measurement.

Q.5 What are the types of calibration?

Ans: Calibration is basically divided into three types.

- Transducer
- data system
- physical and to end calibration

Q.6 what do you mean by calibration of an instrument?

Ans: Refer to page No. 10

Q.7 Explain various error in measurement and the practice which are needed to be overcome them.

Ans: Refer to page No. 8 & page 3

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Q.1 State the four different pressure measurement units.

1. Gauge: Reference to Atmospheric pressure.
2. Sealed: Reference to sealed chamber filled with atmospheric pressure.
3. Absolute: Reference to vacuum or zero pressure.
4. Differential: where sensors has two ports for the measurement of two different pressures.

Q.2 With the neat diagram, explain the relationship between absolute, gauge and atmospheric pressure.

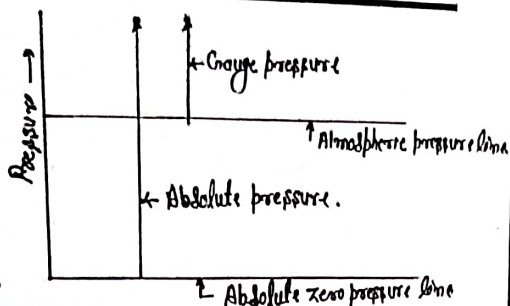
- Ans: Pressure on fluid is measured in two different ways.
1. Absolute pressure
 2. Gauge pressure.

1.7 Absolute pressure: It is defined as the pressure which is measured with reference to absolute zero pressure.

2. Gauge pressure: It is defined as the pressure which is measured with reference to atmospheric pressure. Consider a pressure is zero bar. This is measured with the instruments.

Ans: Absolute pressure is Atmospheric pressure. It is the pressure of a fluid measured with reference to a perfect vacuum.

Principle: The Bourdon tube pressure gauge. The Bourdon tube is a curved tube which is sealed at one end and open at the other. The tube is straightened and returns to its original form when the pressure is released. The tip of the tube moves and the rotation of the tube is converted into a scale.



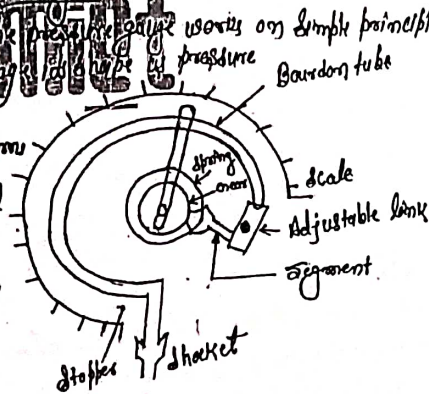
$$\text{Absolute pressure} = \text{Atmospheric pressure} + \text{Gauge pressure}$$

Q.4. Discuss the working of a Bourdon tube pressure gauge with neat sketch.

Ans: Bourdon tube pressure Gauge

Principle: The Bourdon tube works on simple principle that a bent tube will change its shape if pressure is applied internally, the tube straightens and returns to its original form when the pressure is released.

The tip of the tube moves with the internal pressure change and is easily converted with a pointer onto a scale.



Q.4. Write a note on vacuum and high pressure measurement.

Ans: Vacuum pressure: To measure pressure below atmospheric pressure.

High pressure: To measure pressure for above atmospheric pressure.

Q.5. A simple U-tube manometer containing mercury is connected to a pipe in which fluid of sp. gravity 0.8 and having vacuum pressure is flowing. The another end of manometer is open to atm. Find the vacuum pressure in pipe if pressure level difference in manometer limb is 40cm and height of fluid in left tube from the centre of pipe is 15cm.

$$\text{Sol: } S_1 = 0.8$$

$$S_2 = 13.6$$

$$\text{Density of fluid } 1 = \rho_1 = 800 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$2 = \rho_2 = 13600 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

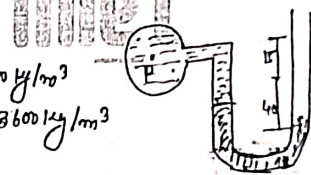
$$h_2 = 40 \text{ cm} = 0.4 \text{ m}$$

$$h_1 = 15 \text{ cm} = 0.15 \text{ m}$$

$$P_1 + \rho_1 g h_1 + \rho_2 g h_2 = 0$$

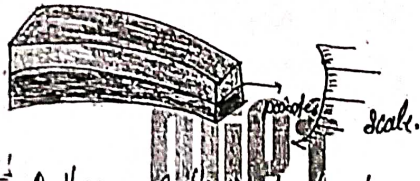
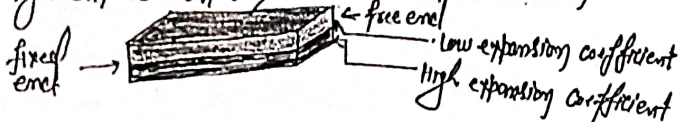
$$P = -5.454 \text{ N/cm}^2$$

⊗ -ve shows vacuum.



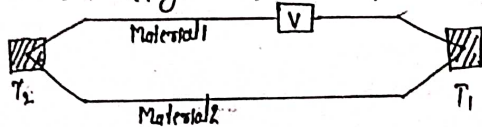
Bimetallic thermometers:

- A metal tends to undergo a volumetric dimensional change according to the change in temperature.
- Different metal have different co-efficient of thermal expansion for different temperature. The rate of volume change depends on this thermal expansion co-efficient.



Thermocouples:

A thermocouple is a temperature-measuring device consisting of two dissimilar conductors that contact each other at one or more spots. It produces a voltage when the temperature of one spot differs from the reference temp at other parts of the circuit.



Principle: Thermocouples are based on the principle that two wires made of dissimilar materials connected at either end will generate a potential between the two ends that is a function of the materials and temp. difference between the two ends (also called Seebeck effect). T_1 = known temp, V = Voltmeter. T_2 = Unknown temp

Q.1 Compare the different temperature scales?

- Ans: 1) Kelvin
2) degree Celsius
3) degree Fahrenheit

Water freezes at

$$255.37K - 0^\circ C - 0^\circ F$$

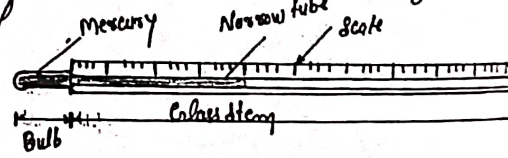
Q.2 Explain different types of temperature measurement discuss construction and working of thermocouple.

Ans: Temperature measuring devices:-

- 1) Liquid in glass thermometer
- 2) Bimetallic thermometer
- 3) Thermocouples

1) Liquid in glass thermometer:- The basis of the thermometer operation is the thermal expansion of a working fluid (mercury).

The volume of mercury changes slightly



with temp. The small change in volume drives the mercury column a relatively long way up the tube. The above the mercury may be filled with nitrogen or it at less than atmospheric pressure, a partial vacuum.

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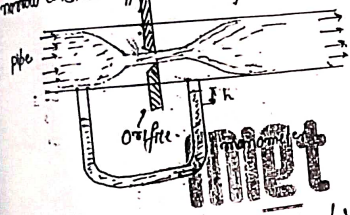
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Q.1. What are the types of flow meters and explain any of them?

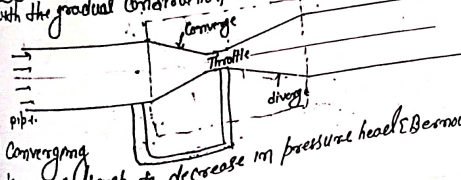
To measure the flow of fluid (water) in m³/sec/litre/sec/per minute.
It is through any pipe.

1) Orifice meter
2) Venturi meter

Orifice meter: When fluid stream is suddenly allowed to pass through a narrow constriction, the velocity of the fluid increases as compared to velocity of the fluid in the upstream. The decreasing of pressure head (Bernoulli's theorem). The difference of pressure head may be measured by manometer.



Venturi meter: It consists of two tapered sections in the pipeline with the gradual constriction at the centre. The increase in velocity at converging section, resultant to decrease in pressure head (Bernoulli's theorem).



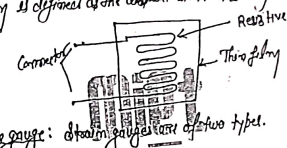
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Q.1. What is strain gauge? Explain different methods to calculate strain?

Ans: Strain gauge: Strain gauge is sensor whose resistance varies with applied force. It converts force, pressure, tension, weight, etc. into a change in electrical resistance which can then be measured.

When external forces are applied to a stationary object, stress and strain are result.

Stress is defined as the object's internal resisting force and strain is defined as the displacement and deformation that occur.

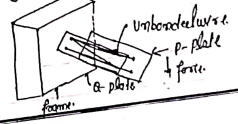


Types of strain gauge: Strain gauges are of two types.

1) Bonded strain gauge
2) Unbonded strain gauge

1) Bonded strain gauge: This type of strain gauge is bonded directly to the surface of the specimen being tested with a layer of adhesive cement.

2) Unbonded strain gauge: The unbonded strain gauge consists of a



Q.2 What are different methods to Calculate force?

Ans: A measure of the unknown force may be accomplished by the method incorporating the following principles:

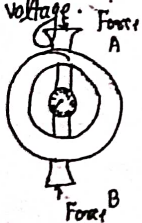
- Balancing the force against known gravitational force on a standard mass.
- Translating the force to a fluid pressure and then measuring the resulting pressure.
- Applying the force to some elastic member and then measuring the resulting deflection.

Types of force measuring devices:

- ① Proving Ring
- ② Spring Scale
- ③ Load cell

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① Proving Ring: A ring used for calibrating tensile testing machines. It works on the principle of LVDT which sense the displacement caused by the force resulting in proportional voltage. When the forces are applied through the integral external force bosses A and B, the diameter of ring changes depending upon the application which known as ring deflection.

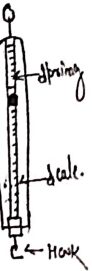


Spring Scale

As shown in figure Spring scale, the unknown weight is suspended from a hook. The deflection of spring with respect to weight is measured on the scale in terms of the weight.

$$F = k \cdot x$$

$\downarrow$ Load $\leftarrow$ deflection
 $\leftarrow$ stiffness of spring



Load cell

A load cell is a device that convert a force or load into a measurable output.

Load cell is a force transducer, which utilizes deflection of any elastic member as a primary transducer and strain gauge as a secondary transducer.

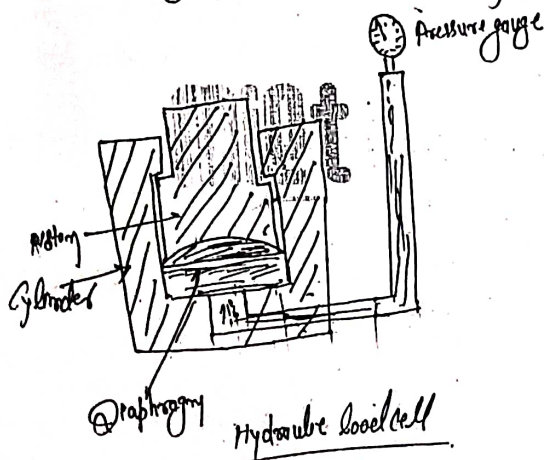
Types of load cell:

- Hydraulic load cell
- Pneumatic load cell
- Strain gauge load cell
- piezo-electric load cell.

Hydraulic load cells

The input force is applied to the piston via a loading platform. piston moves downward and deflects the diaphragm. The deflection in diaphragm increases the pressure in the fluid chamber.

The increase in pressure of fluid is a function of input force which is to be measured. It is indicated by a suitable pressure gauge calibrated in terms of force.



Q.3 Explain with a neat sketch. Determine force using a load cell?

Ans: Refer to page No 25 p 26

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Torque: It is defined as a twisting force that tends to cause rotation.

Torque may be computed by measuring the force at a known radius.

$$T = F \cdot r$$

$$F = \text{force (N)}$$

r : Radius from pivot point (m)

Dynamometer:

A dynamometer is a device that is used to measure torque and the rotational speed of a machine.

Types: Dynamometers are of two types

- ① power absorbing dynamometer
- ② power transmission dynamometer

① Power absorbing dynamometer:

It measures and absorbs the power output of the engine to which they are coupled. It dissipates heat e.g. of power absorbing dynamometer

- Pump brake dynamometer
- Rope " "
- Eddy current " "
- Hydraulic dynamometer

Power Transmission dynamometer

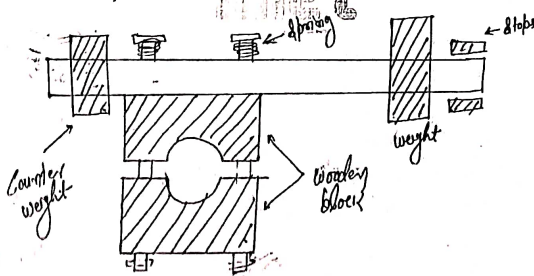
It is power transmitted to the load coupled to the engine after, it is indicated on some scale.

These are called torque meter. The power transmission dynamometer measuring torque through sensors, usually strain gauge that are attached to driving shaft.

Prony brake dynamometer

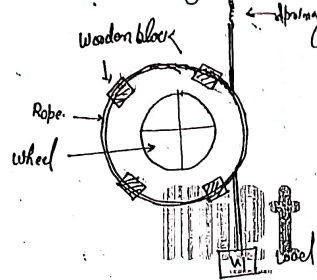
It has two wooden blocks that are placed on a pulley which is fixed on the shaft of the engine whose power is measured.

The wooden blocks are clamped together with two set of belt and nut.



Rope Brake dynamometer

It consists of some turns of rope that is wound around the rotating drum fixed on the output shaft. One end of rope is connected to the body and other end is to spring balance.



Q.1 What are the different methods of calculating torque?

Ans: Refer page No 27, 28, 29

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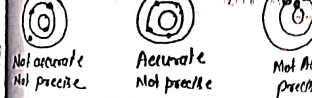
Concept of accuracy and Precision
You will be able to accuracy & precision.

Accuracy: Accuracy is the ability of the accurate value & conformity of.

Accuracy is a measure of rightness.

Precision: It refers to how closely agree with each other & Reproducibility.

Precision is a measure of rightness.



Resolution
The resolution of a measurement is the smallest yet to distinguish different resolution of an instrument has no measurement.

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Concept of accuracy and Precision

You will be able to understand difference between accuracy & precision.

Accuracy: Accuracy is the ability of the instrument to measure the accurate value [Conformity]

Accuracy is a measure of rightness

Precision: It refers to how closely individual measurement agree with each other [Repeatability]

Precision is a measure of exactness.



Not accurate
Not precise

Accurate
Not precise

Not Accurate
precise

Accurate
precise.

Resolution

The resolution of a measurement system is the smallest yet to distinguish different in values. The smallest resolution of an instrument has no relation to the accuracy of measurement.

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Q.1 Differentiate between accuracy and precision?

Ans: Refer to page No 30.

Q.2. Write the short notes on measurement resolution and accuracy

Ans: Refer to page No 31

Q.3 Explain the difference between accuracy and precision in an instrument

Ans

Basis for Comparison
→ Measuring

Accuracy

Accuracy refers to the level of agreement b/w the actual measurement & the absolute measurement

→ Represents

How closely result agree with the standard value?

Degree

Degree of Conformity

Factor

Single factor

Measure of

Statistical bias

Concerned with

Systematic Error

Precision

Precision implies the level of variation that lies in the value of several measurement

How closely the results agree with one another

Degree of reproducibility

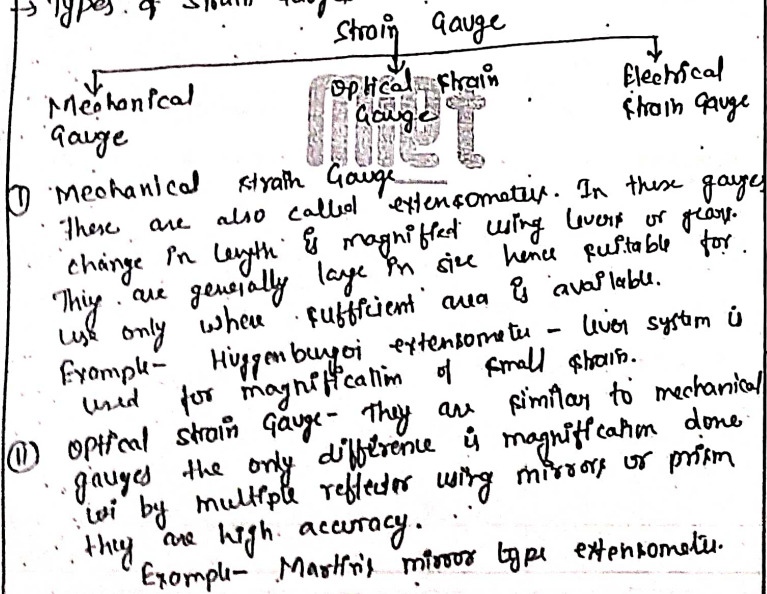
multiple factor

Statistical variability

Random Error.

Q-1. What is strain gauge? Explain different methods to calculate strain.
When a body or component subjected to different loads i.e. tensile, compressive & shear, body experience change in dimension. The ratio of change in dimension to original dimension is known as strain. The transducers used for measurement of strain are generally referred as strain gauge. We usually calculate longitudinal (axial) strain because all other type of strain can be calculated by using Poisson's constants (μ , E , G & K)

→ Types of Strain Gauges



③ Electrical Strain Gauge - These are based on change in resistance, inductance or capacitance. Gauges based on change in resistance are most used. For many metals used as strain gauge the following correlation is applicable.

$$F = 1 + \mu$$

F = Gauge factor
= fraction change in resistance / longitudinal strain

μ = Poisson's Ratio.

$$F = \frac{\Delta R/R}{\Delta L/L}$$

→ electrical strain gauges further sub categories into

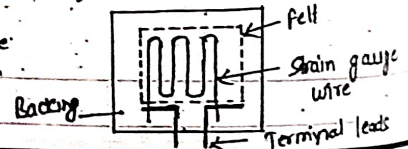
- bonded strain gauges
 - unbonded strain gauges
- based on method of fabrication

① Bonded strain gauges - they are bonded directly to the surface of specimen with the thin layer of adhesive cement. This adhesive cement serves the purpose:

- transfer the strain from specimen to gauge wire.
- act as electrical insulator.

Bonded strain gauge basically consist of grid of resistance wire of 45 μ m diameter.

Fig: Flat grid type Strain Gauge.



In flat grid type, sensing wire (strain gauge wire) is wound as shown in figure. This grid is bonded to a backing material (paper, epoxy) using adhesive. The adhesive hold the wire to base firmly to allow good transfer of strain from base to wire. Wire grid plane should be very close to specimen surface so as to achieve max. transfer of strain.

Unbonded metal wire strain gauge: These type of gauges doesn't having backing material, so strain is transferred to the resistance wire directly. Wires of tungsten alloy are used for these gauges. Wires are wound b/w two insulated pin one of which is fixed in a stationary frame while the other in movable frame.

The gauge employs a set of unbonded metal wires which are connected to wheatstone bridge. When forces act on movable frame, change in length cause change in resistance of wire this leads to change in voltage of wheatstone bridge. This voltage is calibrated in terms of strain.

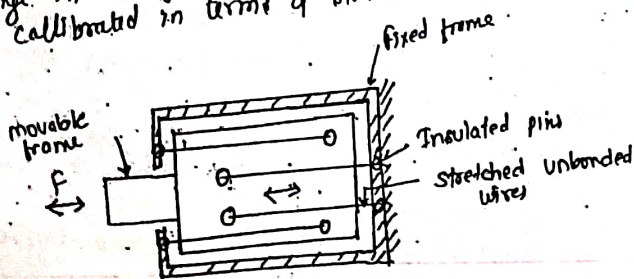


Fig. Unbonded strain gauges.

Bourdon Gauge:

Bourdon gauge is used to measure fluid pressure. The pressure responsive element of bourdon gauge consists of metal tube (called bourdon tube/spring) which is initially oval in cross-section & bent to form a circular segment of approximately 200-300 degrees. This tube 'a' is fixed at one end 'A' while other end 'B' is free to move & close at that end.

When the pressure more than atmospheric pressure is applied to the hollow tube, its cross-section tends to become circular. This makes the tube to straighten itself out with a consequent increase in its radius of curvature.

This deflection of tube is small & for small pressure this tube deflection is difficult to measure. To amplify the tube deflection various linkages are used like spring loaded linkage, sector-pinion linkage, LVDT etc.

→ Bourdon tube shapes & Configuration

The C-type bourdon tube has a small tip travel & this necessitates amplification by a lever, quadrant & pinion arrangement. Although, increased sensitivity can be obtained by using long length of tubing in the form of a helix & a flat spiral. Spiral tubing works on same effect as would be given by C-tubes. But the deflection of tip is sufficient enough to indicate directly against a calibrated dial. Likewise, increased no. of turns of helical bourdon

makes it possible to obtain a greater angle of uncoil. Spiral & helical tubes are generally used as they eliminate the use of multiplication linkage b/w pressure element & recording arm.

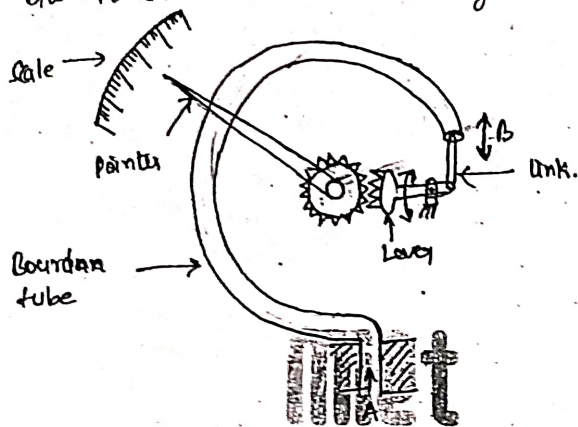


Fig: Bourdon tube Pressure Gauge.

- Advantages: - Low cost & simple in construction.
- Capability to measure gauge, absolute, differential pressure.
 - Calibration is easy.
 - Work in several ranges (high to low pressure)

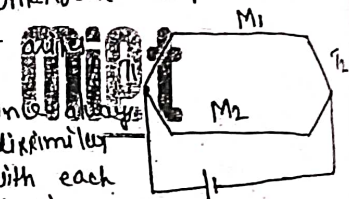
Limitation: due to linkages, losses are more.

- amplification is required.
- Calibration required due to shock & vibration

Thermocouple: Thermocouple is a device used to measure the temperature. When two conductors of dissimilar metals M_1 & M_2 are joined together to form a loop & two unequal temperatures T_1 & T_2 are imposed at the two interfaces, an electric current flows through the loop. The magnitude of current is directly related to material of conductors M_1 & M_2 and temperature difference ($T_1 - T_2$) b/w junction. For the purpose of measurement, temp at one junction is known & other junction are put in contact with unknown temp. the value of current flowing in circuit gives the value of unknown temp.

Thermo-electric effect in two ways:

- potential difference exists b/w two dissimilar metals in contact with each other (Peltier effect).



- a potential gradient exists even in a single conductor having a temp. gradient (Thomson effect)

Thermocouple Materials:

- Thermocouple should have a long-life so that cost associated with replacement of material is reduced.
- Material should withstand high & fluctuating temperatures

① materials must be such that successive batches can produced with same of thermoelectric characteristics.

② EMF produced per degree of temp. change must be detected easily.

③ Thermocouples are further categorised as:

① Base metal thermocouples - pure metal or alloy of iron, Cu & Ni are used.
- measuring temp is lower than 1375°C .

② Base metal thermocouples -
- alloys of platinum & rhodium for temp. upto 1725°C .
- alloys of tungsten, rhenium & molybdenum for temp. upto 2615°C .

③ Bimetallic thermometer - It consist of two different metallic strip of different thermal expansion coefficient bonded together by welding, in the form of cantilever beam, a spiral or helix. With rise or change in temperature, the strip bends according to their expansion coefficient (α). This deflection can be calibrated to temp. change. Usually, a long bimetallic strip is coiled in the form of spiral or helix to improve the sensitivity of the instrument. Thus, by coiling the strip in the form of spiral or helix, it becomes possible to obtain sufficient rotation at free end without using gears or other linkages.

LVDT:- LVDT stands for Linear Variable differential transformer. It is used to measure linear displacements. LVDT is widely used because of high accuracy & reliability. It consists of one primary coil & two secondary coil (S_1 & S_2) with soft iron magnetic core which is free to move inside the coils. Two secondary coils are connected in series opposition. This implies that two secondary winding are identical symmetrically placed and are connected in phase opposition such that emf induced in them are opposite to each other. The net output of LVDT is the difference b/w voltage of two secondary windings.

$$E_o = E_1 - E_2$$

When core is exactly in between the two secondary windings. The voltage across them (E_1 & E_2) are equal in magnitude. Hence, output is zero. But when the position of core gets displaced from its central position, then voltage induced in one secondary will increase compare to other and hence net output (E_o) is proportional to displacement of soft iron core.

$$E_o \propto \text{displacement}$$

Control position when output voltage (E_o) is zero is called as null position. Variation from this null position because of displacement gives the output voltage (E_o) which is calibrated in terms of displacement.

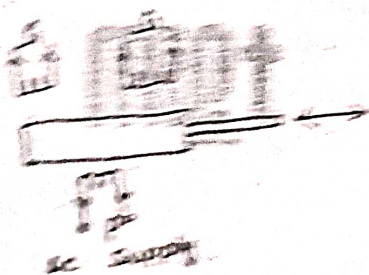
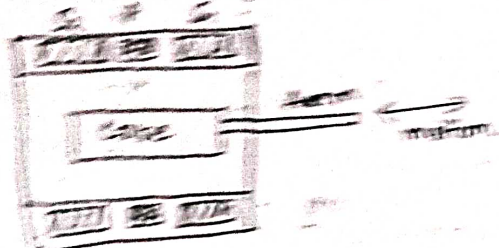


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Positioning System

The electrical circuit to measure displacement and position is called positioning system. Common type of positioning are:
1. Null method
2. Deflection method

(1) Null method: In this method, the output is zero when the system is in the null position. The output is zero when the system is in the null position. The output is zero when the system is in the null position.

(2) Deflection method: In this method, the output is non-zero when the system is in the deflection position. The output is non-zero when the system is in the deflection position.

Equation: $E_o = K(\theta - \theta_0)$

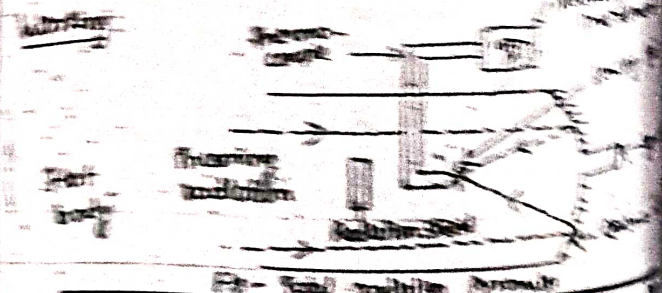
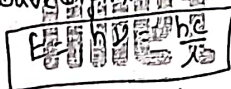


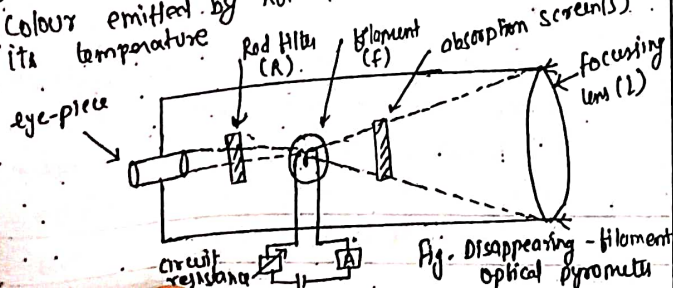
Fig - Deflection method

It is basically thermocouple instrument placed in black hole. One junction of thermo-couple has sensing disc. Radiation coming from hot body are made to focus on disc by using concave mirror which can be adjusted by rack & pinion arrangement. This radiation causes rise in temperature at this junction and emf will be induced which can be read by recording element. This recording can also be calibrated in terms of temperature. Optical Pyrometer: It can be used to measure temperature in the range of 850°C - 1800°C .

Principle: According to Planck's law, energy levels in the radiations emitted by hot body are distributed in different wavelengths.



High energy will have shorter wavelengths & vice-versa. Colours are dependent of wavelengths. Hence we can measure brightness of light of a given colour emitted by hot source, we can estimate its temperature.



Working: Radiation from target surface are focused by an objective lens (L) on filament (F) of electric light bulb. Eye piece (E) is also adjusted until the filament is in sharp focus & under these conditions the filament is seen superimposed on image of target surface. A red filter (R) is placed below eye-piece and filament & allows only narrow band of wavelength 0.65μ to pass through it. Matching of brightness of lamp filament with that of target surface is achieved by adjusting current by changing the value of circuit resistance. Value of resistance is calibrated in terms of target temp.

Three different conditions of filament as sighted through eyepiece are:

- (i) filament is colder than target surface, then it appears as dark wire against light colour background.
- (ii) filament hotter than object, it appears brighter than target surface.



High



Correct



Low

Mechatronics :-

Mechatronics is a concept originated in Japan in 1969. This term was coined by the Japanese scientist Yoshikazu. It is a multidisciplinary engineering design approach.

Definition of Mechatronics :-

Mechatronics can be defined as "a combination of Mechanical, Electrical, Electronics, Computer & Control Engineering in order to design and manufacture useful products."

Scope → Mechatronics has large scope for engineers from all branches of engineering. For example,

- A mechanical engineer can work in the areas like Robotics, Industrial Automation, CAD, CAM, CIM, Product Design & Development, etc.
- A computer engineer can work in the areas like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Simulation, etc.
- An Electronics engineer can seek job in the areas like VLSI Design, Robotics, Avionics, etc.
- An Electrical engineer can work in the areas like Inspection, Robotics, System Engineer, etc.
- An Aerospace Engineer works a lot on Mechatronic Systems, can seek jobs in Avionics, etc.

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Evolution of Mechatronics :-

First Stage :- 1969-1979 :-

During this era, technologies used in Mechatronics developed individually & rather independently of each other.

Second Stage :- 1980-1989 :-

During this era, a synergetic* integration of different technologies started taking place. A notable one is opto-electronics, which is an integration of optics and electronics. The concept of hardware co-design also started in this era.

Third Stage :- 1990 onwards :-

This era is considered as start of 'Mechatronics'. The most notable aspect of this stage is more integration of different engineering disciplines & increased use of computational intelligence in mechatronic products and systems. Another development in this era is the introduction of microactuators & micro-sensors and thereby developing the concept of "micromechatronics".

* Synergic combination of multiple disciplines is the phenomenon where additional benefits are achieved that are not achievable by the separate use of any individual discipline of engineering.

Advantages of Mechatronics :-

1. It provides rapid manufacturing operations.
2. It helps in optimizing performance & quality.
3. It provides high degree of flexibility in operations & processes.
4. It enhances plant utilization.
5. Mechatronic products are better than those obtained from traditional methods.
6. Mechatronics results in greater productivity.
7. Mechatronics results in greater (High) precision & High accuracy.
8. Mechatronics results in better process planning & control.

Objectives of Mechatronics :-

The primary objective of Mechatronics is to integrate the mechanical systems with electrical, electronics & computer systems to make useful products & systems.

The other objectives include :-

- Customer satisfaction & comfort.
- To improve existing products by better design.
- To improve overall efficiency of the system.
- To achieve higher accuracy & precision, etc.

Disadvantages (Limitations) of Mechatronics :-

There are some disadvantages also associated with mechatronic systems :-

1. Mechatronics requires knowledge of different disciplines.
2. The design cannot be finalized easily and it is usually complex.
3. Mechatronic systems require highly skilled manpower.
4. Initial costs of the systems are usually high.
5. Mechatronic systems require more parts than other systems and thus involve a greater risk of component failure.
6. Repairing and maintenance of mechatronic system is costly.

Comparison between Traditional & Mechatronic Design Approach

Traditional Design Approach	Mechatronic Design Approach
1. Bulky System	1. Compact System
2. It is a process involving interactions b/w a few disciplines of engineering.	2. It is based on integration of various emerging technologies.
3. The control is accomplished manually.	3. Usually a microprocessor is used as controller.
4. Synchronization is mechanical.	4. Synchronization is electronic.
5. Less accurate	5. More accurate
6. Low cost	6. High cost
7. Less flexible	7. More flexible
8. Heavy structures	8. Lighter structures

Industrial Applications of Mechatronics

Mechatronics is extensively used in modern industry. Specifically, automobile industry, bio-medical industry and aviation industry have been benefited through mechatronics. The application of mechatronics in these industries have created specialized disciplines of :-

- (1). Autotronics
- (2). Bionics
- (3). Avionics

→ Autotronics is the combination of Automobile Engineering & Mechatronics; resulting in more comfortable, safe, fuel efficient and less polluting vehicles.

→ Bionics involves integration of Biomedical, Biological Sciences and Mechatronics; resulting in enhanced functionality of biomedical equipments/machines, better control for operators, etc.

→ Avionics is the integration of Aviation and Mechatronics, widely applicable in aerospace industry.

A few other applications of Mechatronics are:-

1. Washing Machine
2. Air Conditioner
3. Computer Disk Drive
4. Heat Seeking Missiles
5. Elevators
6. Escalators
7. Automated Crane Systems

Key Elements of a Mechatronic System (Components of a Mechatronic System)

(1). Physical System being controlled—

The system being controlled may be mechanical, fluidic, chemical, thermal or electrical.

(2). Sensors—

Sensors are the eyes and ears of the controller. They detect the state of system parameters & send the signal to the controller.

(3). Controller—

The controller is the brain of the mechatronic system. It reads the input signal, compares them to the required state & sends the output signal to the actuators.

(4). Actuators—

Actuators control the physical system by providing relevant physical input like force or torque. They can be mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic or electrical as per the situation.

Autotronics +

Integration of Automobile Engineering & Mechatronics is called Autotronics. A few examples of autotronic systems are :- (Applications of Autotronics) +

1. ECU (Engine Control Unit.)
2. Windscreen Wiper Mechanism
3. Digital Speedometer & odometer.
4. ABS (Antilock Braking System)
5. Air bag deployment system
6. Automatic headlamps
7. Automatic cooling system for passengers
8. Transmission system

Brief Explanation of a few autotronic systems +

1. ECU + It is Engine Control unit, that consists of an electronic control on various actuators to ensure optimal engine performance.

2. Windscreen Wiper Mechanism +

It is a device used to clear rain water from the front glass of the vehicles. A stepper motor with microprocessor is used to oscillate the wiper back & forth in this mechanism.

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3. AntiLock Braking System (ABS) -Problem without ABS +

Suppose the brakes are suddenly applied with force. This results in locking up of wheels (can't rotate) and the vehicle starts skidding. This results in increased stopping distance, that may cause an accident.

ABS solves the problem of Skidding -

ABS is an automobile safety system that controls the wheels on a vehicle to maintain their contact with the road according to driver's input while braking, preventing the wheels from locking up. ABS offers improved vehicle control and decreases the stopping distances on dry and slippery surfaces.

ABS typically includes a central electronic control unit, four wheel speed sensors and at least two hydraulic valves in the brake hydraulics. The ECU continuously monitors the rotational speed of the wheels.

If it detects a wheel rotating significantly slower than the others; which is a condition of impending wheel lock; it actuates the valves to reduce hydraulic pressure to the brake at the affected wheel, thereby reducing the braking force on the wheel. The wheel then turns in the desired speed.

Conversely, if the ECU detects a wheel turning significantly faster than the others, it actuates the valves to increase hydraulic pressure to the brake at the affected wheel, thereby increasing the braking force to ^{bring} its rotational speed down, in the desired range.

ECU is programmed to disregard differences in wheel rotation speeds below a critical threshold, because when the car is turning, the turn wheels towards the centre of the curve turn slower than the other two.

If a fault is developed in any part of the ABS, usually a warning light is illuminated on the vehicle panel, and the ABS will be disabled until the fault is rectified.

4. Air Bag Deployment System

An Air Bag is a vehicle safety device. It is a type of occupant restraint system that consists of a flexible fabric bag, also known as an airbag cushion. The airbag module is designed to inflate rapidly then quickly deflate during a collision with another object. The purpose of the airbag is to provide protection to the occupants. Air Bag provides an energy-absorbing surface between the occupants & vehicle parts like windscreen, structural body, instrument panel, steering wheel, etc.

Operation of the Bag -

- The bag is the system is initiated by a crash sensing control unit (SCU), which is a part of the ECU.
- SCU monitors a number of sensors within the vehicle, including accelerometers, impact sensors, door pressure sensors, wheel speed sensors, brake pressure sensors, & seat occupancy sensors.
- The firing of the inflation mechanism is controlled within the steering wheel boss (for the driver) and within the dashboard (for the front passenger), behind plastic flaps or doors, which are designed to "clear-open" under the force of inflating bag.
- Once the requisite "threshold" has been reached or exceeded, the SCU will trigger the ignition of a gas generator propellant to rapidly inflate a fabric bag. As the occupants collide with & squeeze the bags, the gas escapes in a controlled manner through small vent holes.

Time taken in deploying an Air-Bag -

Typically, the decision to deploy an airbag in a frontal crash is made (by the SCU) within 15 to 30 milliseconds after the onset of the crash and both - the driver & passenger airbags are fully inflated within approximately 60 to 80 ms after the first moment of vehicle contact.

Bionics →

Bionics is the combination (integration) of Biology and Mechatronics.

Advantages of Bionics -

1. Better Control & functionality of biomedical equipments.
2. Better mobility & easy navigation facilities for biomedical operators.
3. Accurate & fast diagnosis, etc.

Applications of Bionics - A few notable applications

1. Photodynamic Therapy for cancer treatment
2. Photodynamic therapy for several purposes
3. Biostructures (nanoscale bio-structures)
4. Bionic Limbs (Artificial Hands/Legs)
5. Biosensing
6. DNA Sensing.

A few examples of Bionics-based processes +

Glucose Detection +

Detection of glucose levels in blood is a good example of biosensing. Diabetic patients cannot control their insulin level if the level of blood glucose fluctuates tremendously. If the level gets too high or too low, their condition can become life-threatening. Such patients must actually draw blood on daily basis or even more often to monitor blood sugar level.

The optical conduction method & molecular recognition method are not compatible with an "implantable" simple device that could automatically show/sense the glucose level in the body.

This problem has been resolved by CGM (Continuous Glucose monitoring), that works through a tiny sensor inserted under your skin, usually on your belly or arm to measure your interstitial glucose level, which is the glucose

found between the cells. The sensor tests glucose every few minutes. A transmitter wirelessly sends the information to a monitor. The monitor may be a part of an insulin pump or a separate device, which you (patient) might carry in a pocket or purse.

An alarm can also be a part of CGM, triggering sound in case of sudden rise or drop in blood sugar level.

Currently, one CGM model is approved for treatment, the Dexcom G5 Mobile.

The CGM sensor is to be replaced every 3 to 7 days, depending on the model.

Avionics → Avionics is the integration of Aviation & Mechatronics. The major applications of Avionics are as follows:-

Applications of Avionics —

1. Cockpit Instrumentation
2. Aircraft Safety Devices
3. Aircraft Guidance & Control
4. Air Traffic Control (ATC)
5. Aircraft Engine Control
6. Microsatellites, etc.

Cockpit Instrumentation —

A cockpit or flight deck is the area, usually near the front of an aircraft, from which a pilot controls the aircraft. Various instruments available in cockpit are:

(i) Pitot Tube — It is used to measure the stagnation pressure of air, which is used to determine the airspeed of the aircraft; which is the speed of an aircraft relative to the air.

(ii) Aircraft Altimeters — The altimeter shows the true altitude of aircraft (above sea-level). For this purpose, a bellows piezoresistive silicon sensor are mostly used. As the aircraft ascends, the static pressure drops & below — resulting in the expansion of an aneroid capsule (bellows) placed inside the altimeter, causing the altimeter to indicate a higher altitude. The opposite effect occurs when descending.

b). Using — Piezoresistive sensor changes resistivity when pressure acting on it changes.

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When the aircraft ascends, the resistivity of the piezoresistive silicon sensor placed inside the altimeter changes, causing a change in the resistance. An electrical signal proportional to the pressure change is sent through a transducer; which is used to calculate in altitude of the aircraft.

(iii) Vertical Speed Indicator (VSI) —

VSI indicates the rate of rise or drop in the altitude of the aircraft in feet per minute. Newer designs directly measure the static pressure of the atmospheric air using air pressure sensors to detect the changes in altitude, without measuring air. A piezoresistive silicon sensor is mostly used for this purpose.

(iv) Air-data Computers —

The Air-data computers centralize the computer air data from a number of inputs, like Static pressure, Total pressure, Air stagnation Temperature, Angle of Attack, etc.

(v) Air-Speed Indicators — It shows the speed of aircraft relative to the air.

(vi) Angle of Attack Transducer — It measures the angle between the velocity vector of the aircraft and some reference axis, such as chord of an airfoil.

Aircraft Guidance & Control —

To guide & control an aircraft, three functions are required —

- 1). Navigation 2). Guidance 3). Steering

1. Navigation — The determination of position & direction of an aircraft is navigation.

Avionics provides the use of satellite-based systems such as GPS and WAAS, ground-based systems such as VOR and LORAN, or any combination thereof.

2. Guidance — It determines & corrects the deviation from the indicated path.

The aircraft guiding system measures position, velocity, acceleration & predicts the destination, determines a preferred path to correct the error & controls the forces to change the path from steering instructions. All of these functions can be automated.

3. Steering — Steering is used to select a proper series of changes in the path. Steering system design is complex, it depends mainly on the weight of the aircraft.

Air Traffic Control —

Air traffic control is a service provided by ground-based controllers, who direct aircrafts on the ground and also during the flights.

ATC staff can provide advisory services to pilots in controlled/non-controlled airspace. The primary purpose of ATC worldwide is to prevent collisions, to organize & expedite the flow of air traffic; and to provide information & other supports to pilots. In some countries, ATC is operated by the military.

Position reporting by the pilot to the Air Traffic Controller over a voice radio link is the basic source of Air traffic control position data.

The ground controller can ascertain the aircraft location independently using radar. Another important task of ATC is — MSAW. Minimum Safe Altitude Warning (MSAW) may be assured to pilots, if the aircraft is appearing to be flying too low.

Sensor →

Sensor is the first element which is directly coupled to the system under study for measurement purpose. A sensor may be defined as "an element that senses a variation in input energy to produce a proportional variation in another or same form of energy is called a sensor."

Transducer →

Transducer is a device which affects the transformation of information from one form of energy to another. It uses a transduction principle to convert a specified measurand into usable output.

Types of Sensors →

→ There are a lot of ^{types of sensors} based on measurand →

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| (1). Temperature Sensor | (7). Force Sensor |
| (2). Position Sensor | (8). Humidity Sensor |
| (3). Accelerometer | (9). Ultrasonic Sensor |
| (4). Displacement Sensor | (10). Flow & Level Sensor |
| (5). Pressure Sensor | |
| (6). Light Sensor | etc. |

Types of Sensors based on detection →

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| (1). Touch Sensor | (5). Alcohol Sensor |
| (2). Colour Sensor | (6). Smoke Sensor |
| (3). Proximity Sensor | |
| (4). IR Sensor | etc. |

Sensors may also be classified as Internal sensors & External sensors →

Internal Sensors →

Internal sensors are for internal feedback control within a system. They are used to monitor & control the various elements in the mechatronic system.

Examples of Internal sensors are:

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| 1. Potentiometers | 4. Optical encoders |
| 2. Tachometers | 5. Hall effect sensors |
| 3. Resolvers | 6. Moiré's fringes |

External sensors →

These are peripheral devices used in mechatronic systems. External sensors are used when we need to control or measure various parameters of the system.

Examples of External sensors are:

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| 1. Proximity sensors | 4. Tactile sensors |
| 2. Range sensors | 5. Machine vision sensors |
| 3. Force sensors | |

Types of Transducers —

Based on quantity to be measured —

1. Temperature Transducer - (Example - Thermocouple)
2. Pressure Transducer - (Example - Piezometer)
3. Displacement Transducer - (Example - LVDT) etc.

Based on principle of operation —

1. Capacitive
2. Resistive
3. Inductive
4. Photoelectric
5. Chemical

Based on need of an external power source —

1. Active Transducer
2. Passive Transducer

Active Transducers — Those transducers, which do not require external power source for their operations are known as active transducers.
Examples — Thermocouple, Thermometer, etc.

Passive Transducers — Those transducers, which require an external power source for their operations are known as passive transducers.
Examples — Strain Gauge, Thermistors, etc.

Performance Characteristics of Sensors & Transducers —

These are of two types —

- (i) Static characteristics
- (ii) Dynamic characteristics

Static characteristics — Static Performance Characteristics is the criteria considered when the system is used to measure a quantity that is either constant or vary slowly with time. Static performance characteristic parameters define the quality of measurement, they are —

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| (1) Accuracy | (6) Error |
| (2) Precision | (7) Resolution |
| (3) Sensitivity | (8) Hysteresis |
| (4) Threshold | (9) Hysteresis Error |
| (5) Dead zone | (10) Drift |

Dynamic characteristics — The set of criteria, which are defined on the basis of Input-Output relation when the input (measurand) changes rapidly with time, are called dynamic characteristics.

The main dynamic characteristics of an instrument are —

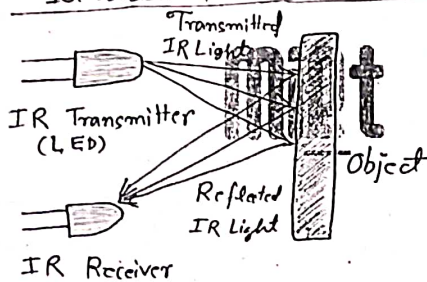
- (1) Speed of Response
- (2) Lag
- (3) Fidelity
- (4) Dynamic Error

Proximity Sensors —

Proximity sensors are a type of position sensors & they are used to trace when an object has moved within a particular critical distance from it. They can be of many types like — Electromagnetic proximity sensor; Eddy current proximity sensor; magnetic proximity sensor, Doppler effect proximity sensor, etc.

Infrared Proximity Sensor —

It consists of an IR emitter & an IR receiver.



IR Receiver indicates the proximity of an object by receiving the reflected IR light.

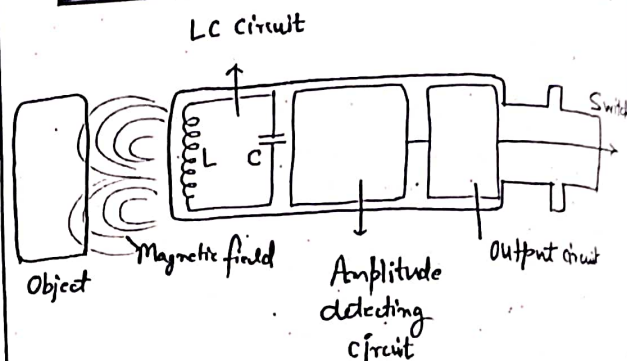
Eddy Current Proximity Sensor —

Eddy current proximity sensors are used to detect conductive-material object in proximity.

They comprise of a coil, L-C circuit, detector & a triggering switch.

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Eddy current Proximity Sensor

An alternating current is passed through the coil, because of which an alternating magnetic field is generated. If a conducting object comes close to the coil, then a voltage difference is induced in the object, which produces the eddy currents (currents in flowing in shape of 'eddy' (A rotary or whirling current) to oppose the magnetic field responsible for their generation. These eddy currents produce their own magnetic field to distort the original magnetic field of the coil, hence changing the amplitude of AC in the coil. This change in amplitude is detected by the switch is triggered.

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X the switch is triggered.

Kinematic Links —

A Kinematic link is a resistant^{*} body that constitutes a part of the machine, connecting other parts which have motion relative to it.

Example: — Piston Rod, crankshaft, CAM, follower, etc.

* Resistant Bodies — These bodies are undeformable for the purpose they are serving, in other words they act as a rigid body in that particular service.

for example. — A bolt is a resistant body, b'coz it doesn't undergo deformation when shear force is applied on it.

* All rigid bodies are resistant bodies but reverse is not true.

Kinematic Pair —

Kinematic pair is defined as the two links (or) elements of a machine having definite relative motion between them; i.e. motion constrained in definite direction. Examples —

(i) CAM-follower (ii) Piston-cylinder, etc.

Kinematic chain — When 2 or more Kinematic pairs are joined together, they form a Kinematic chain. Example: — Four Bar Mechanism.

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Kinematic Pairs may be Sliding, Turning, rolling, few are spherical as shown in figures: —

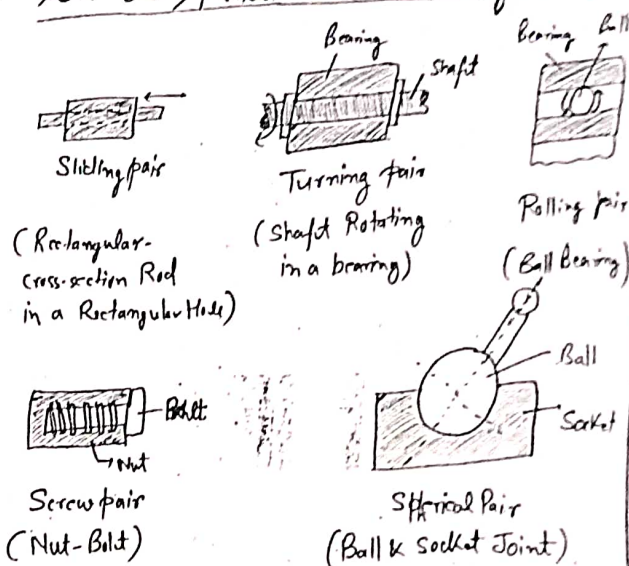


Figure: Various types of Kinematic Pairs

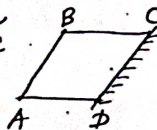
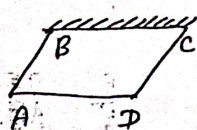
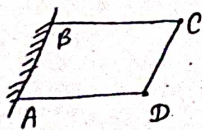
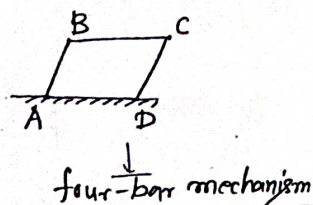
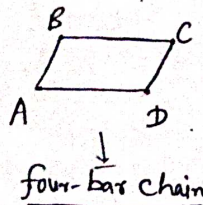
Inversion of a mechanism —

If we fix any one link of a ~~me~~ Kinematic chain, then it is called a mechanism. And different inversions are obtained by fixing different links of the Kinematic chain. So Inversions are

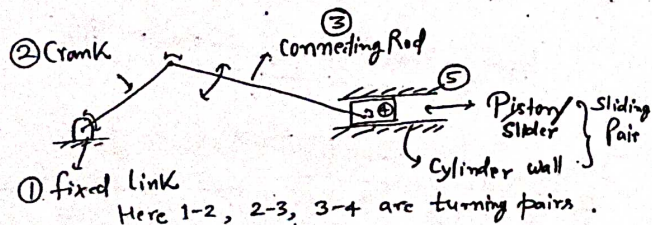
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... basically the various types of a particular mechanism.



Other inversions of 4-Bar mechanism



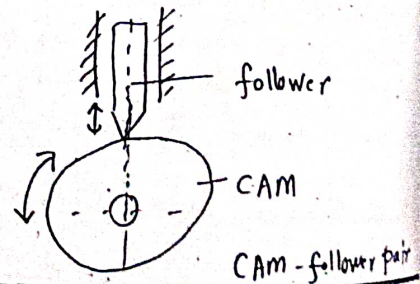
Piston-cylinder pair & [Slider-crank] mechanism

CAMS →

A cam is a rotating or sliding link used to transmit motion to a follower. A rotating cam is of many types like plate or disc cam, cylindrical cam, & A sliding cam is usually a wedge cam. Both rotating & sliding cams provide an oscillatory motion to the follower working as a pair in the CAM-follower assembly; along with the CAM.

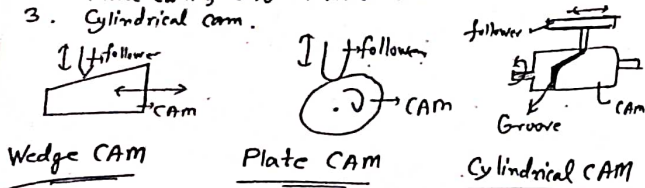
Mostly CAMS are used to convert rotary motion into oscillatory motion.

CAM is the driver member in CAM-follower pair & follower is the driven member in the CAM-follower pair.



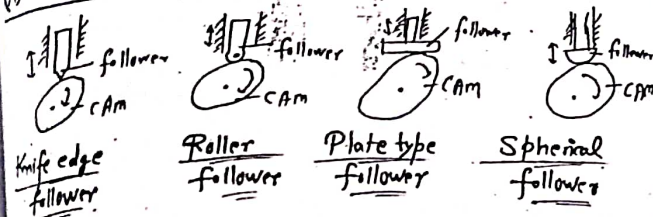
Various types of CAMS —

1. Wedge Cam.
2. Plate cam, also known as radial cam or disc cam.
3. Cylindrical cam.

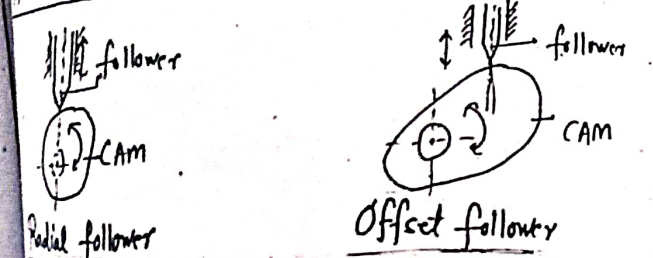


Various types of followers —

(A) On the basis of contact b/w CAM & follower —

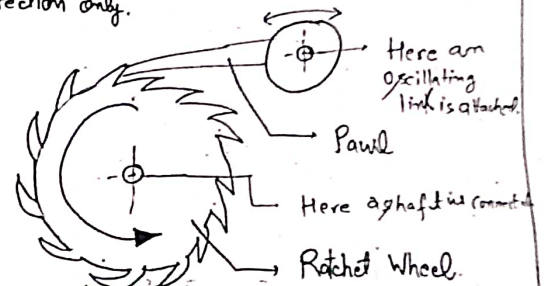


(B) On the basis of line of oscillation of follower —



Train Ratchet Mechanism —

The train-ratchet mechanism is an asymmetric mechanism that allows something to turn in one direction only.



This mechanism consists of a pawl attached to the oscillating link. This pawl has a relative motion with respect to the ratchet wheel having teeth on its periphery is a shape to allow rotation of wheel only in one direction. The ratchet wheel is connected to a shaft.

This mechanism is used to produce an intermittent output motion from an oscillating input motion.

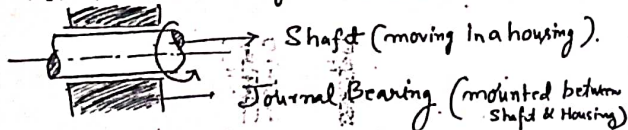
Bearings :-

A bearing is a device which supports, guides & restrains motion between two mating parts of a machine to provide the desired motion. They also reduce the friction between the mating parts.

Types of Bearings — Bearings may be classified into 2 Categories —

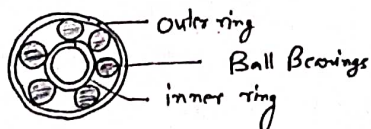
(i) Sliding Contact Bearings —

A type of bearing, where relative sliding is seen between the mating parts. Example —



(ii) Rolling Contact Bearings —

A type of bearing, where there is rolling between the mating parts. Example —

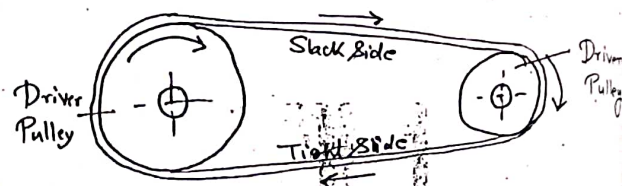


Belt — A belt is a loop of flexible but resistant body used to link two or more rotating shafts to transmit power from one place to another (only in mechanical form).

Belts may transmit power from a shaft to another shaft, which is parallel or non-parallel to the first. Belts are looped over a pulley & may have a twist between the pulleys & the shafts need not be parallel.

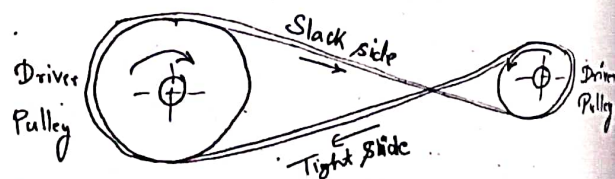
Types of Belt-drives — Belt-drive consists of two pulleys over which a belt is passed.

① Open-Belt Drive —



It provides Rotation in same direction.

② Cross-Belt Drive —



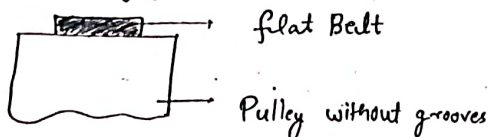
It provides Rotation in opposite direction.

Types of Belts —

The most commonly used belts are as follows —

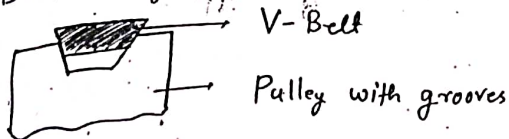
(1) Flat Belts —

(Belts having rectangular cross-section)



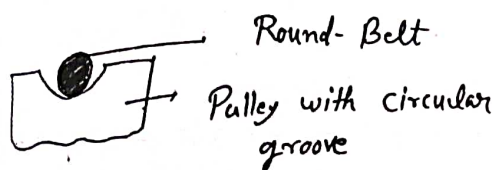
(2) V-Belts —

(Belts having trapezoidal cross-section)



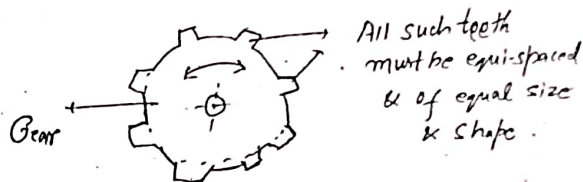
Round-Belts —

(Belts having circular cross-section)



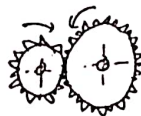
Gears —

A gear is a wheel provided with teeth on its periphery to mesh with the teeth on another wheel, or on a rack; to transmit motion from one component to another.

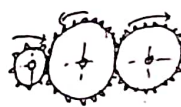


Gear Train —

Two or more gears working together constitute a gear train. A gear train may be defined as 'a system of gears arranged to transfer torque (rotational motion) from one component to another is called a gear train'.



Gear Train of Two gears

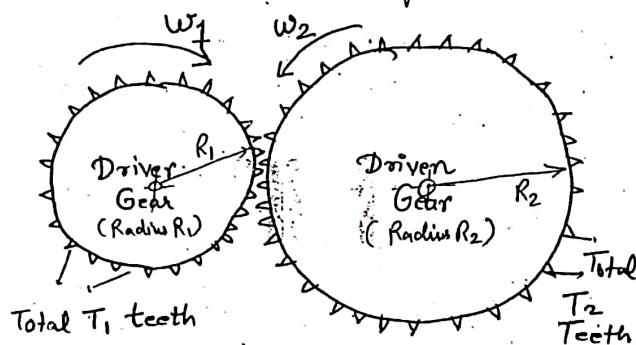


Gear Train of Three gears

Gear Ratio —

Gear Ratio is the ratio of input angular speed to the output angular speed.

$$G.R. = \left[\frac{\omega_{\text{input}}}{\omega_{\text{output}}} \right]$$



$$\text{Gear Ratio} = \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} = \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{\tau_2}{\tau_1} = \frac{R_1}{R_2}$$

Where τ_2 = Output Torque
 τ_1 = Input Torque
 T_2 = No. of teeth on driven gear
 T_1 = No. of teeth on driver gear.

Various Types of Gear —(1). Spur Gear —

Spur gears transmit power through shafts that are parallel. Their teeth are parallel to the axis of shafts.

(2). Helical Gear —

Helical gears are having teeth that are oriented at an angle to the shaft.

(3). Herringbone Gear —

Herringbone gears are very similar to the double helical gears, but they do not have a gap as in case of the gap separating the two helical gears.

(4). Bevel Gear —

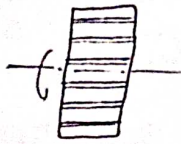
Bevel gears are conical shape gears used to transmit power between shafts intersecting each other at 90° .

(5). Worm Gear —

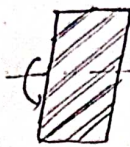
Worm gears transmit power through shafts intersecting at 90° . A worm & worm wheel are used for this purpose.

(6). Rack & Pinion —

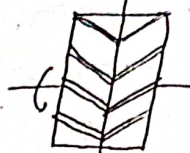
Rack & Pinion are used to convert Rotary motion into translational motion & vice-versa. A rack (Linear Gear) & Pinion (Circular Gear) are used here.



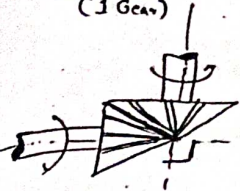
Spur Gear
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Helical Gear
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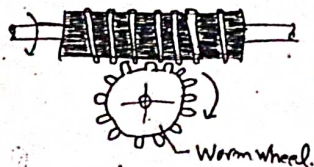


Herringbone Gear
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Worm



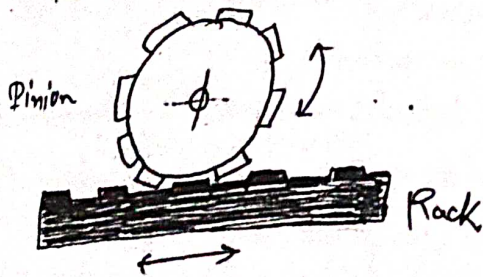
Bevel Gear

{ Two meshing Bevel Gears are shown. }



Worm Gear

{ Meshing worm & worm wheel are shown }



Rack & Pinion

{ Rack & Pinion are shown. }

Control valves

One of the most important functions in any fluid power system is Control. If Control Components are not properly selected, the entire system will fail to deliver the required output. Element for the Control of energy and other Control in fluid power system are generally called 'valves'.

There are 2 basic type of valves

- 1) Directional Control valve
- 2) Pressure Control valve
- 3) Flow Control valve

Directional Control valves

- Directional control valves mainly perform three functions:

- * Stop fluid flow
- * Allow fluid flow
- * Change direction of fluid flow

- Directional control valves can be classified in no. of ways

1. According to the types of construction:

- * poppet valve
- * Spool valve.

2. According to number of working ports:

- * Two way valve
- * Three way valve
- * four way valve

3. According to Number of switching position.

- * Two position
- * three position.

Pressure Control valve

- These valves are responsible for control of pressure. A throttling orifice is present in the valve and by variation of orifice, the pressure level can be controlled or at a pressure, a switching action can be influenced.
- The most common valves for controlling pressure include relief, reducing, sequence, counterbalance and unloading valves.

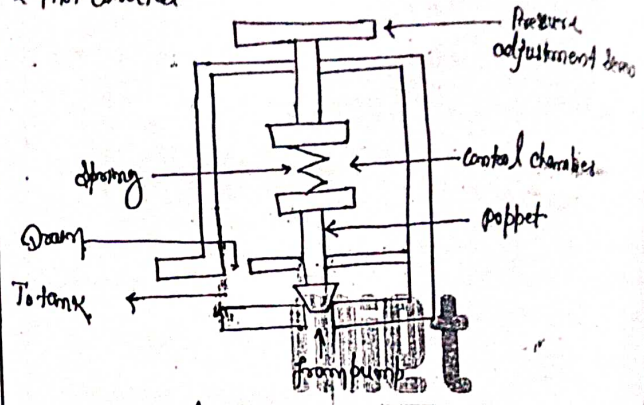
Pressure Relief Valve

- The pressure relief valve is an important type of safety valve. A pressure relief valve protects motors, pumps and actuators from becoming damaged from high pressure.
- The valve remains closed for normal operation and no water passes through the valve.
- When the pressure in the loop exceeds the limit the valve opens and release the excess pressure thus protect the expensive machinery.
- Pressure relief valves limit the maximum pressure in a hydraulic circuit by providing an alternate path for fluid flow.

when the pressure reaches a preset level.

- There are two different types of relief valves in use.

- * Direct acting
- * Pilot operated



Actuators

- The actuator are output devices which convert energy from pressurized hydraulic oil or compressed air into the required type of action or motion.
- In general hydraulic or pneumatic system are used for gripping and for moving operations in industry. these operations are carried out using actuators.

Actuators are classified into two types

1. Linear actuators: These devices convert hydraulic/pneumatic energy into linear motion.

2. Rotary actuators: These devices convert hydraulic/pneumatic energy into rotary motion.

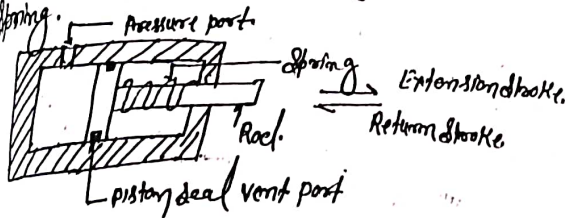
Linear actuators (Cylinders)

All hydraulic cylinder create linear movement but there are different varieties which have their own unique effects.

Some of the most common types of hydraulic cylinders are as follows.

Single acting hydraulic cylinder

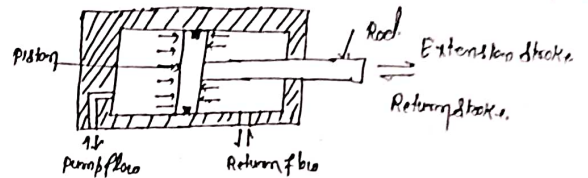
Single acting cylinder operate in one direction only. They have a single port at one end of the cylinder. So when the fluid is pumped into the port it pushes the rod, causing it to extend. The rod returns because of an external force such as the load or spring.



Double acting hydraulic cylinder

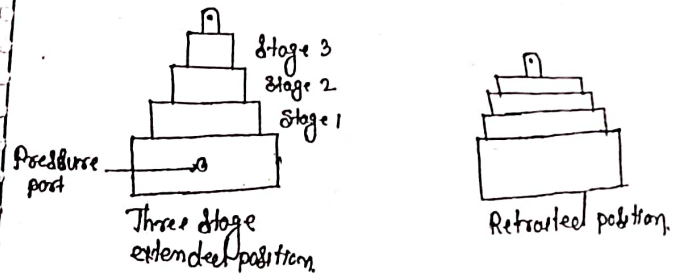
Double acting cylinders which can only push or pull. Double acting cylinders do both. They have ports at both ends of the cylinder so that when oil is pumped into

The head port the piston moves and extends the rod. oil in the rod end of the cylinder is pushed out into a reservoir. To achieve the opposite movement and retract the rod, the oil flow is reversed.



Telescopic hydraulic cylinders

Telescopic cylinder are as their name suggests, a series of some inside one another like a telescope. This means they can achieve a comparatively long stroke when all the rods are extended.



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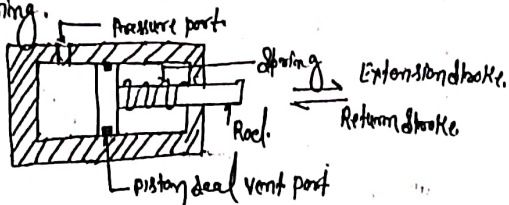
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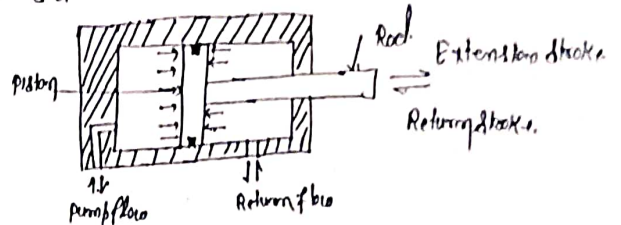
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2. Double acting hydraulic cylinder

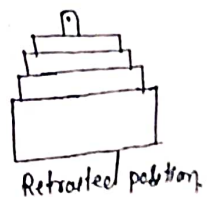
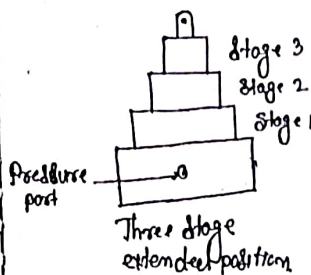
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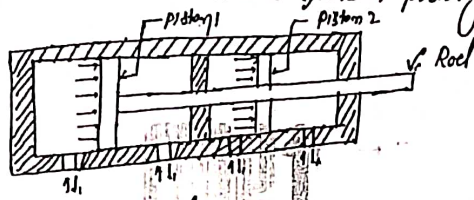
3. Telescopic hydraulic cylinders

Telescopic cylinders are as their name suggests, a series of tubes inside one another like a telescope. This means they can achieve a comparatively long stroke when all the tubes are extended.



4. Tandem hydraulic cylinders

- In a tandem hydraulic cylinder, two pistons connected cylinders operate together to generate a greater force than one cylinder would be able to create on its own. The two cylinders are supplied by different hydraulic systems but they are connected mechanically so that the rod of the first cylinder enters the second cylinder pushing its base.



Rotary actuators

- Rotary actuators convert energy of pressurized fluid into rotary motion. Rotary actuators are similar to electric motors but run on hydraulic or pneumatic power.

Gear motors

- It consists of two intermeshing gears inside a housing with one gear attached to the drive shaft.
- The oil enters from the inlet, causes the rotation of the meshing gear due to difference in the pressure and provides.

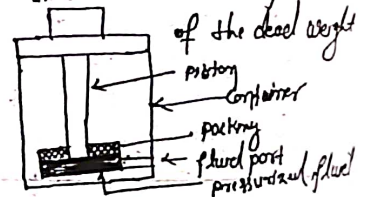
Accumulators

- A hydraulic accumulator is a device that stores the potential energy of an incompressible fluid held under pressure by an external source against some dynamic force.
- The stored potential energy in the accumulator is a quick secondary source of fluid power capable of doing useful work as required by the system.
- There are 3 basic types of accumulator used in hydraulic system. They are:

- 1) weight loaded or gravity type.
- 2) Spring loaded type.
- 3) Gas loaded type.

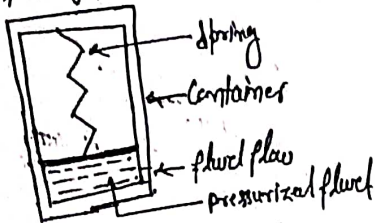
Weight loaded accumulator

- This type consists of a vertical, heavy-wall steel cylinder, which incorporates a piston with plating to pressure being as shown in the figure.
- A dead weight is attached to the top of the piston. The force of gravity provides the potential energy in the accumulator.



Spring loaded accumulator

A spring loaded accumulator is similar to the gas loaded type except that the piston is pre loaded with a spring as shown in the fig.



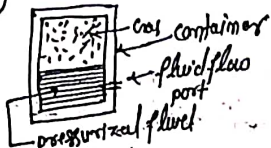
The spring is the source of energy that acts against the piston forcing the fluid into hydraulic system.

The pressure generated by this type of accumulator depends on the size and pre-load of the spring.

Gas loaded accumulator

Non-separator type:

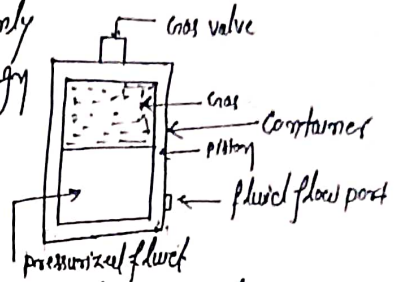
The non-separator type of accumulator as shown in fig, consists of a fully enclosed shell containing an oil port on the bottom and a gas charging valve on the top.



The gas is confined in the top and the oil at the bottom of the shell. There is no physical separator between the gas and oil and thus the gas pushes directly on oil.

Separator type accumulator:

The commonly accepted design of gas loaded accumulator is the separator type. In this type there is a physical barrier between the gas and oil and thus the gas is not in direct contact.



Application of accumulator

1. Accumulator can be used as auxiliary power source.
2. Accumulator can be used as emergency power source.
3. Accumulator can be used as a hydraulic shock absorber.

Amplifiers

An amplifier is a port electronic circuit that uses electric power from a power supply to increase the amplitude of a signal applied to its input terminals, producing a proportionally greater amplitude signal at its output.

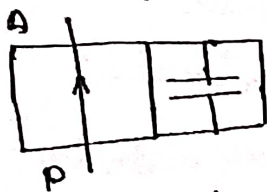
Pneumatic Sequence

The no. of ports on a direction control valve (DCV) is usually identified by the term 'way',

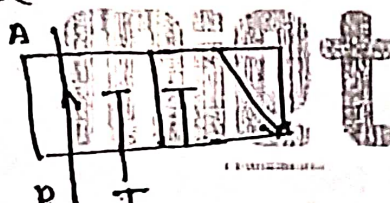
* A valve with 2 service ports and 2 switching position is designated as 2/2 way valve.

* A valve with 3 service ports and 2 positions is designated as 2/3 way valve.

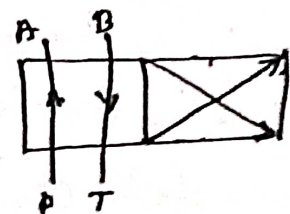
* A valve with 4 service ports and 2 positions is designated as 2/4 way valve.



a) 2/2 way valve.



b) 2/3 way valve.



c) 2/4 way valve.

Q.1 Write the short notes on amplifier.

Ans. Refer to page No. 44

Q.2 Describe accumulator and its function.

Ans! Refer to page No. 42 to 44.

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5 Years AKTU University Examination Questions		Unit-5	
S. No	Questions	Session	Lecture No
1	What do you mean by measurement? What are the different methods of measurement?		
2	Explain the term error in measurement. What are different types of Error?		
3	Explain the difference between systematic and random errors. What are the typical sources of these two types of error?		
4	What is calibration and its need? What is the basic principle of calibration?		
5	With a block diagram, explain the three stages of a generalized measurement system giving suitable examples.		
6	Explain various errors in measurements and the practice which are needed to be minimize them.	2020-21	
7	State the four different pressure measurement scales.		
8	With a neat diagram, explain the relationship between absolute, gauge, and barometric pressures.		
9	Discuss the working of a Bourdon gauge with a neat sketch.		
10	Write a note on vacuum and high pressure measurement.		
11	Compare the different temperature scales.		
12	Explain the different methods for temperature measurement. Discuss the construction and working of thermocouple?		
13	Discuss the types of flow meters and explain any one in detail?		
14	A simple U-tube manometer containing mercury is connected to a pipe in which a fluid of sp. gravity 0.8 and having vacuum pressure is flowing. The another end of manometer is open to atmosphere. Find the vacuum pressure in pipe, if the difference of mercury level in the two limbs is 40cm and the height of the fluid in the left tube from the centre of pipe is 15cm below.		
15	What is a strain gauge? Explain the different methods to calculate strain?		
16	What are the different methods to calculate force?		
17	What are the different methods to calculate torque?		
18	Differentiate between accuracy and precision?	2020-21	
19	Write the short notes on measurement resolution and accuracy.		
20	Define Mechatronics. Write the advantages, disadvantages and application of Mechatronics.		
21	Define mechatronics along with the key elements of a mechatronic system?		
22	Compare the traditional and mechatronic approach.		
23	How mechatronics evolved over the period of time?		
24	Discuss the scope of mechatronics for engineers.		

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25	What are Autotronics, bionics and avionics? Write their applications. Explain any four autotronics systems.		
26	Write the short notes on bionics implants.		
27	What are sensors and transducers? Enumerate the various types of sensors and transducers.		
28	Write the name of sensor or transducer used for measuring displacement, velocity, and pressure and temperature.		
29	Discuss on the static and dynamic characteristics transducers		
30	Define Kinematic chain with the help of diagram. Define the four bar chain and its inversions.		
31	What is the CAM? Define its function and application. What are the types of CAM and followers?		
32	Describe the different types of gears with diagram. Define gear ratio and gear train.		
33	Explain the mechanism of Ratchet -pawl and its applications.		
34	What is the belt drive? What are the different types of flat belts drives.		
35	Write the definition of bearing and its classification.		
36	What is pressure control valve? Also explain its working.		
37	How does direction control valve work?		
38	Describe accumulator and its function? 		
39	Explain the working of rotary actuator. 		
40	Write the short notes on Amplifiers. 		