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Sensors, transducers, and transmitters

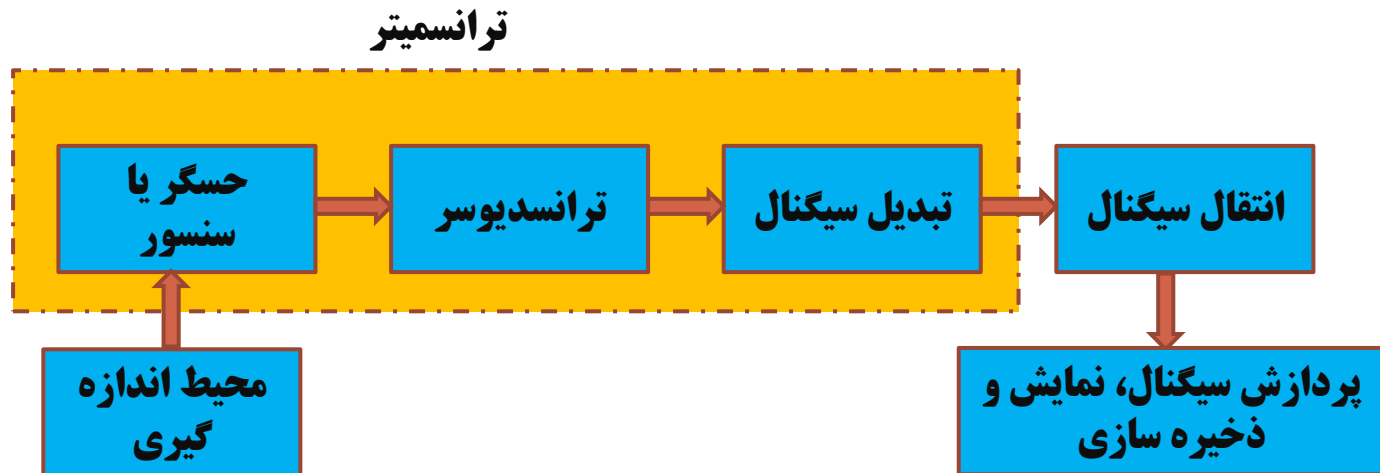
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ساختار کلی یک سیستم اندازه گیری



محیط اندازه گیری: محیطی است که ما می‌خواهیم اندازه گیری ما را، فشار، دما، و غیره در آن قرار دارد.

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حکمرانیم (سینسور) : قطعه ای است که در پاسخ به شدت پارامتر فیزیکی از خود عکس العمل نشان می دهد و ما می توانیم در پاسخ آن به شدت پارامتر فیزیکی پیوسته خروجی آن می تواند انرژی الکتریکی یا دیگر صورت های انرژی باشد.

تبدیل کننده (transducer) : تبدیل کننده پارامتر فیزیکی به پارامتر الکتریکی یا دیگر صورت های انرژی است. تبدیل کننده (transducer) : تبدیل کننده پارامتر فیزیکی به پارامتر الکتریکی یا دیگر صورت های انرژی است.

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تبدیل‌کننده: در تبدیل‌کننده، حوضی می‌تواند نویز که به صورت استاندارد تبدیل می‌شود، این قسمت شامل

تقویت‌کننده‌ها، انواع فیلترها، مدل‌های آنالوگ دیجیتال و غیره می‌باشد. معمولاً حوضی این قسمت به صورت‌های

۵ الی ۱۵ ولت، ۵ الی ۵۰ ولت، ۵ الی ۵۰ میلی‌آمپر و ۳ الی ۱۵ PSI است.

اتصال‌کننده: در مواردی که محل و دایره‌ای که اتصال از محیط اندازه‌گیری در می‌باشد، حوضی قسمت تبدیل‌کننده را می‌تواند

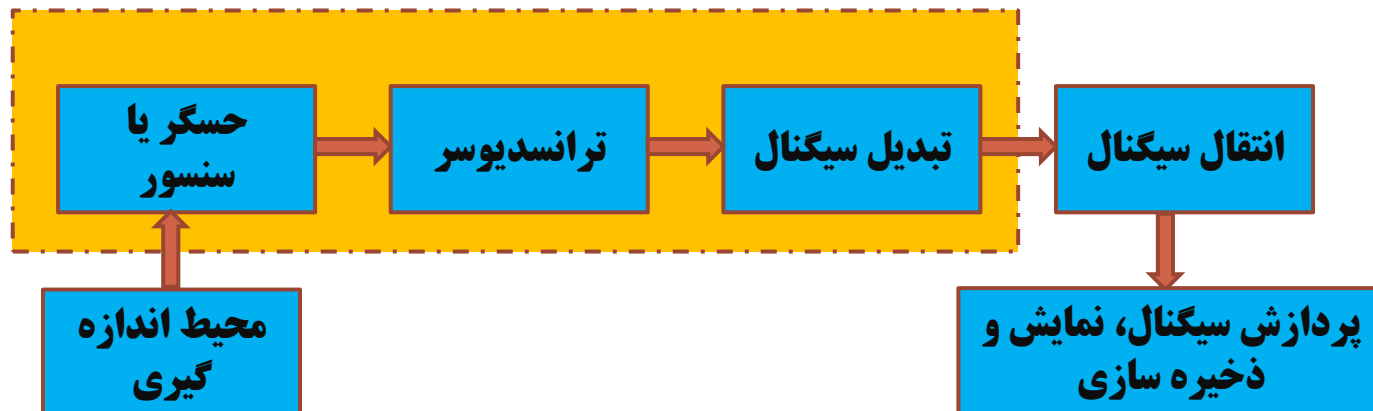
قسمت اتصال‌کننده، آن محل اتصال می‌دهیم. اتصال‌کننده شامل طول‌های خاص‌های عایق‌بندی شده، فیلترهای

نویز و ولورهای هوامی می‌تواند باشد.

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پردازش سیگنال، نمایش و ذخیره سازی: با استفاده از این سیستم، سیگنال‌های اندازه‌گیری شده مورد پردازش قرار می‌گیرند و برای استفاده‌های بعدی ذخیره می‌شوند. همچنین این سیستم می‌تواند برای اندازه‌گیری‌های فیزیکی باشد.

ترانسمیتر



Static & Dynamic characteristics

The performance characteristics of an instrument are mainly divided into two categories:

- i) Static characteristics**
- ii) Dynamic characteristics**

Static characteristics:

The set of criteria defined for the instruments, which are used to measure the quantities which are slowly varying with time or mostly constant, i.e., do not vary with time, is called 'static characteristics'.

- i) Accuracy ii) Precision iii) Resolution iv) Linearity

Dynamic characteristics

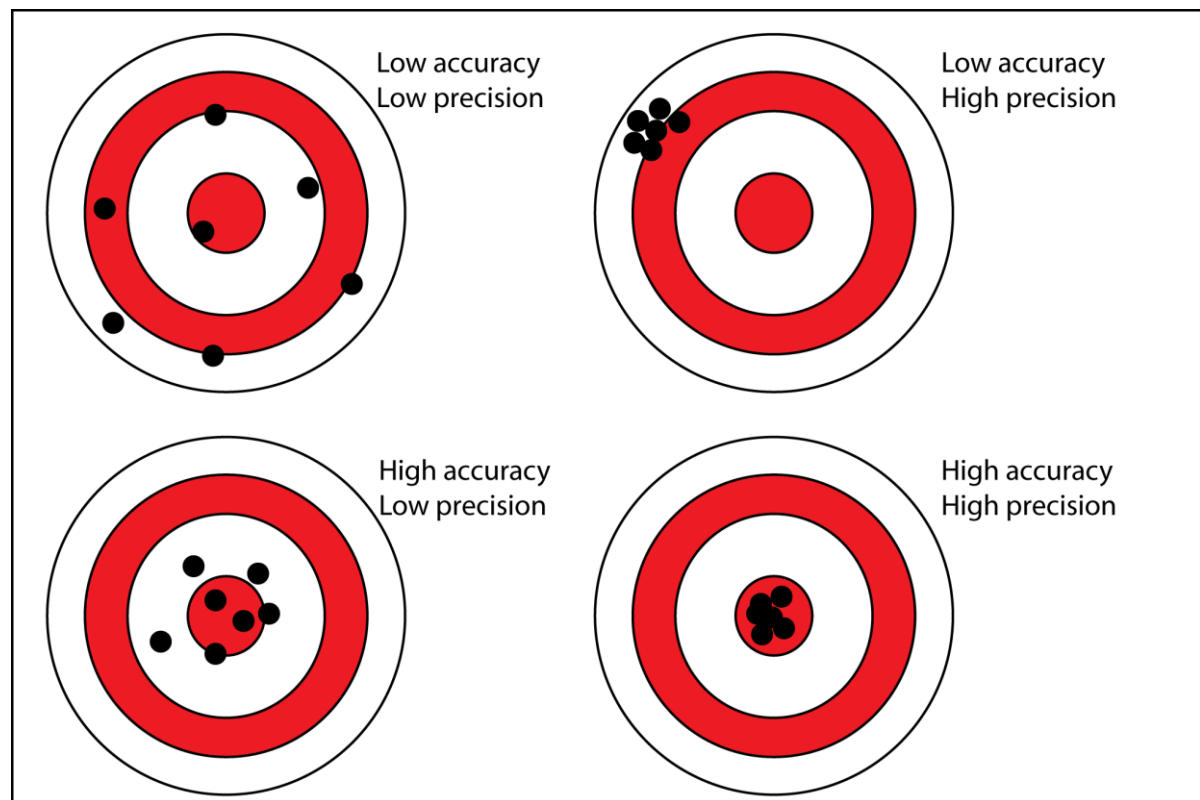
The set of criteria defined for the instruments, which are changes rapidly with time, is called 'dynamic characteristics'.

- i) Speed of response**
- ii) Measuring lag**
- iii) Dynamic error**

Static Ch. Accuracy vs. Precision

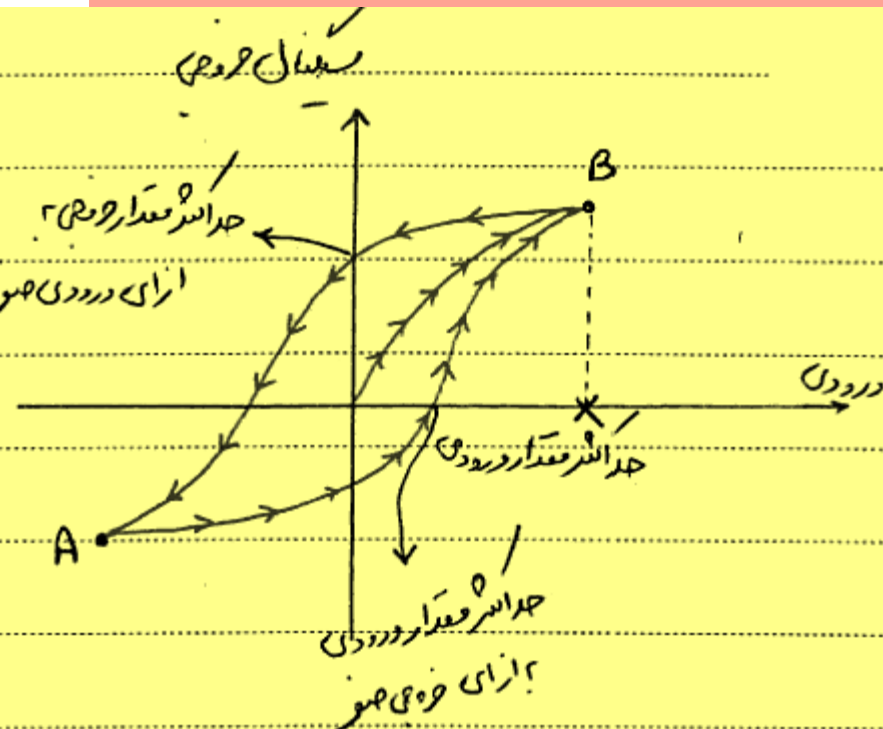
Accuracy (صحت یا درستى)

Precision (دقت)



Hysteresis

نشان مایه هysterisis: در صورتیکه مقدار خروجی یک تداوم در برابر یک ورودی معین، آنگاه از جهت ورودی افزایش یا کاهش یک ورودی و خروجی باشد، مدل دارای پدیده هysterisis است.



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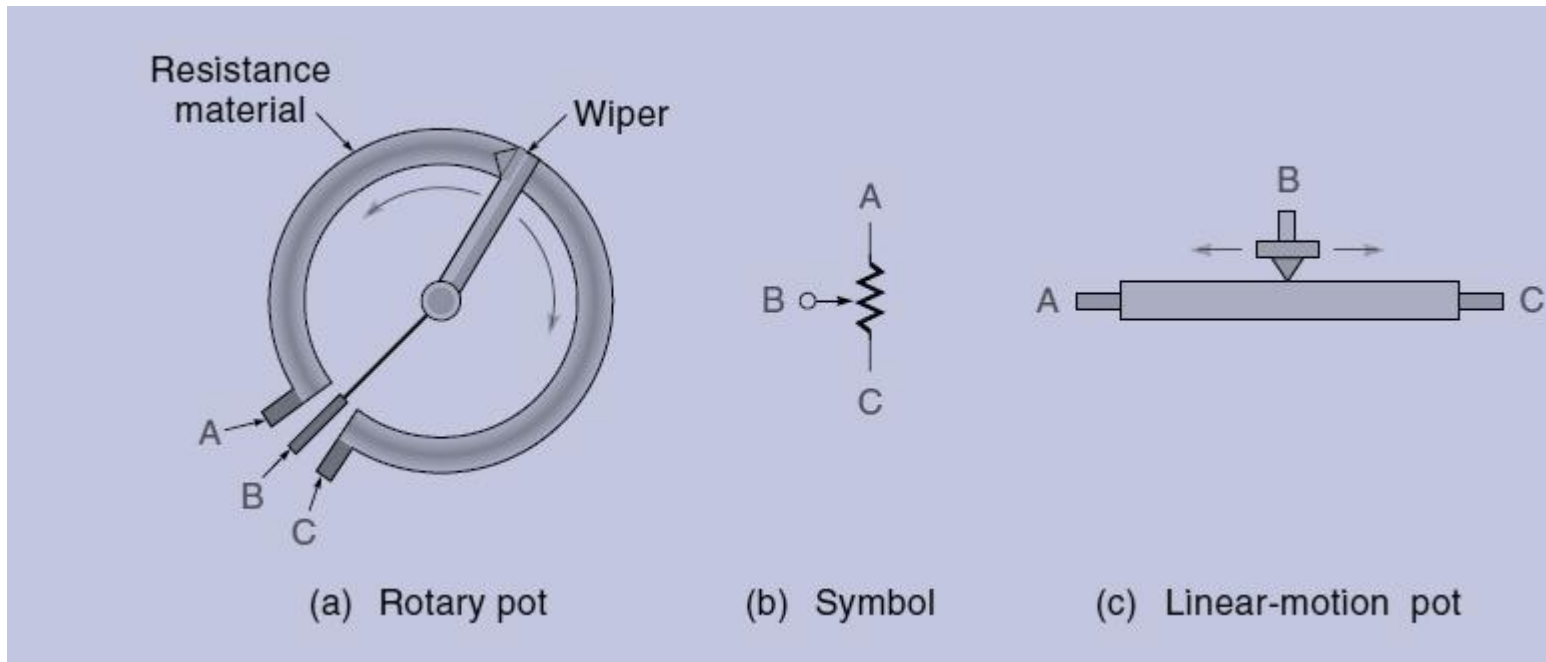
Position Sensors

Position sensors report the physical position of an object with respect to a reference point. The information can be an angle, as in how many degrees a radar dish has turned, or linear, as in how many inches a robot arm has extended.

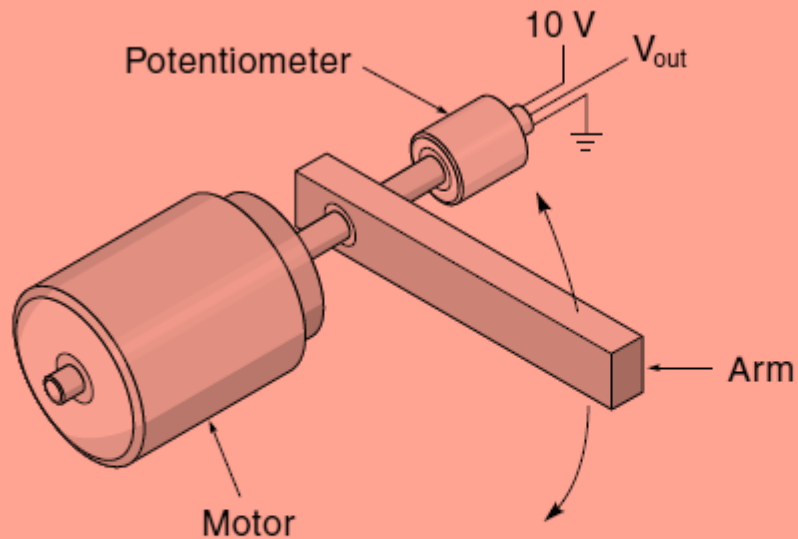
- 1- Potentiometers
- 2- Optical rotary encoders
- 3- Linear variable differential transformers

Potentiometers

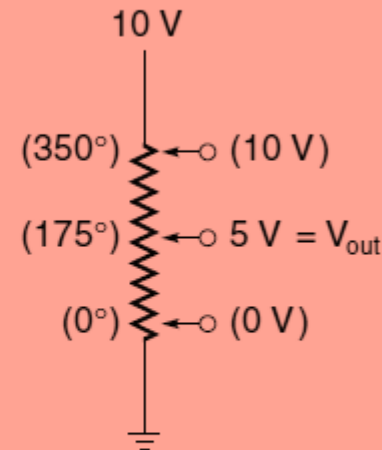
A **potentiometer** (pot) can be used to convert rotary or linear displacement to a voltage.



Potentiometers



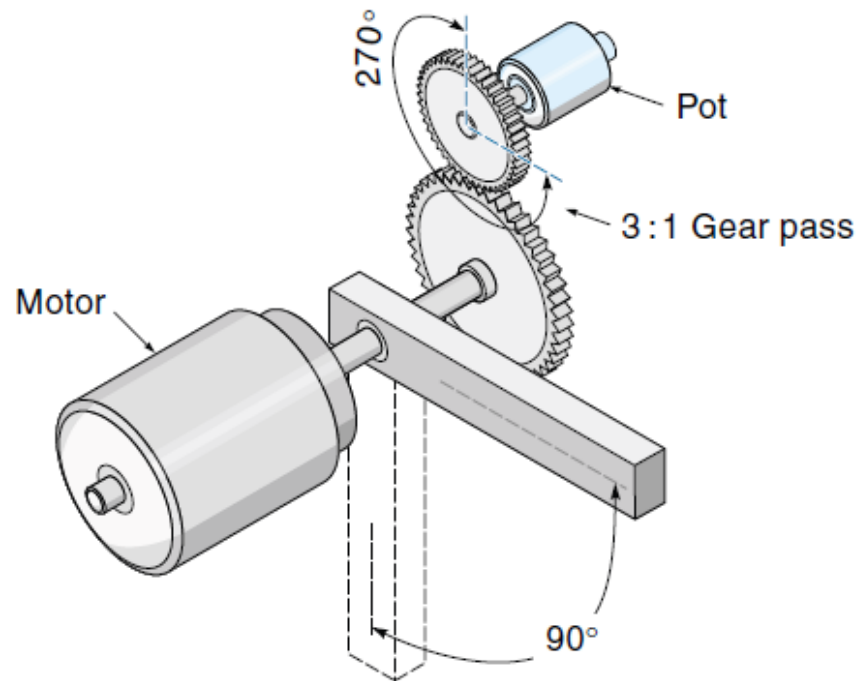
(a) Motor driving robot arm; pot connected to a motor shaft



(b) Circuit

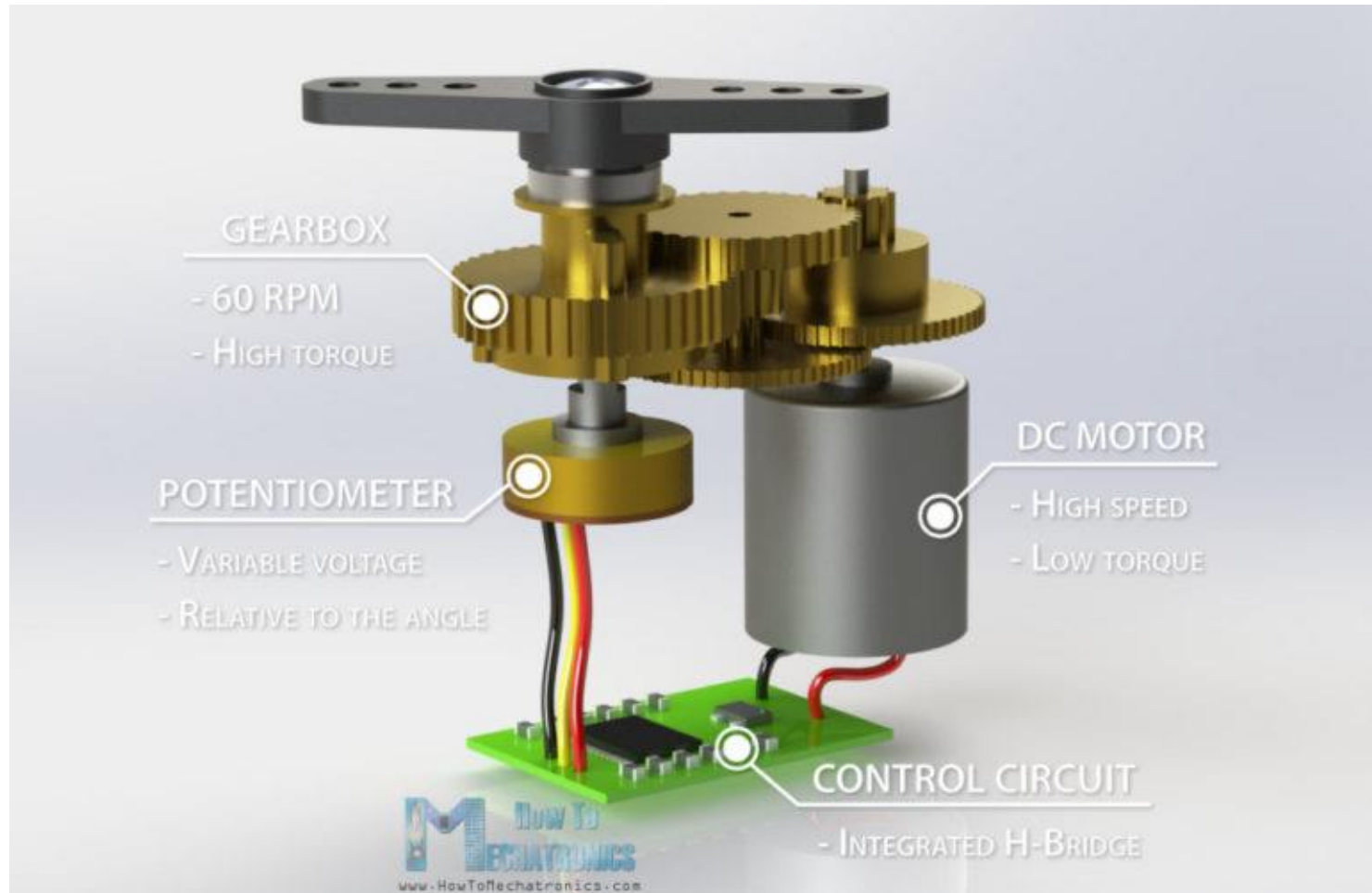
When the wiper is at the top, the output is 10 V corresponding to 350°; in the exact middle, a 5-V output indicates 175° ($350^\circ/2 = 175^\circ$).

Average error decrease using Gearbox



Using as much of the pot's range as possible in order to get a lower average error rate.

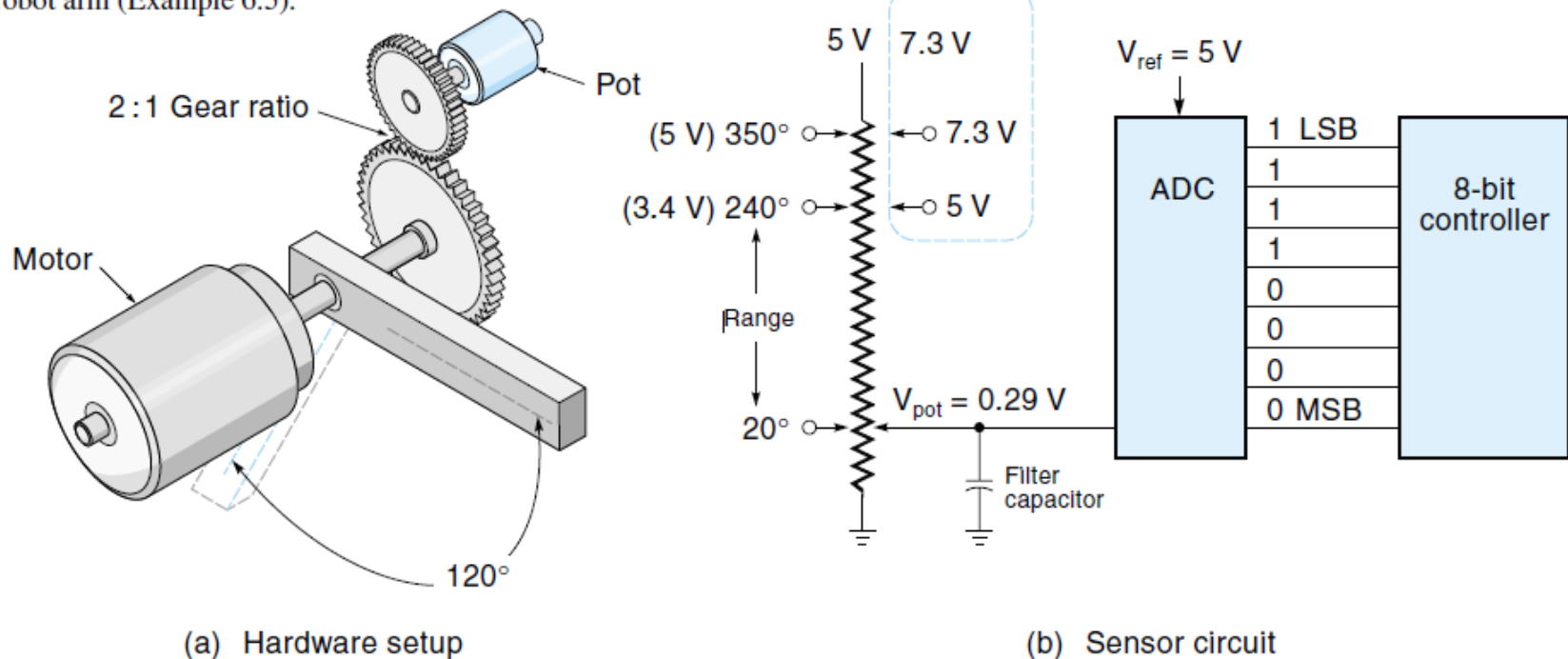
Experimental POT for control



POT for a digital feedback control

Figure 6.7

Pot sensor position system for robot arm (Example 6.5).



$$\underbrace{\frac{1^\circ_{\text{arm}}}{2^\circ_{\text{pot}}}}_{\text{Gears}} \times \underbrace{\frac{350^\circ_{\text{pot}}}{5\text{ V}}}_{\text{Pot}} \times \underbrace{\frac{5\text{ V}}{255\text{ states}}}_{\text{ADC}} = \frac{0.686^\circ_{\text{arm}}}{\text{state}}$$

$$\frac{1^\circ_{\text{arm}}}{2^\circ_{\text{pot}}} \times \frac{350^\circ}{7.3\text{ V}} \times \frac{5\text{ V}}{255\text{ states}} = 0.470^\circ/\text{state}$$

Potentiometer sensors

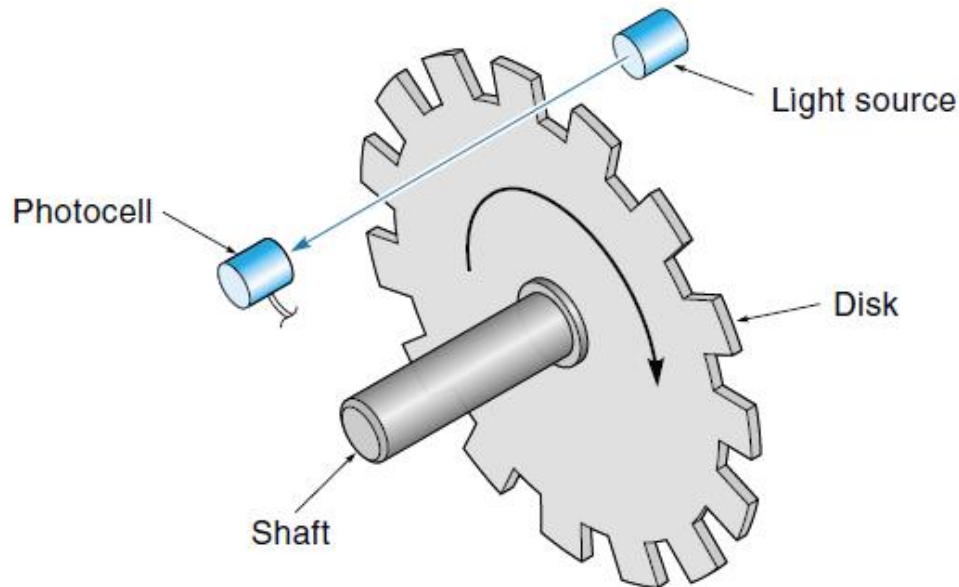


Linear Potentiometer Sensors



Optical Rotary Encoders

An **optical rotary encoder** produces angular position data directly in digital form, eliminating any need for the ADC converter.



The angle of the shaft is deduced from the output of the photocell

Optical Rotary Encoders

There are two types of optical rotary encoders: the absolute encoder and the incremental encoder:

absolute encoder's problem(binary)

Figure 6.9

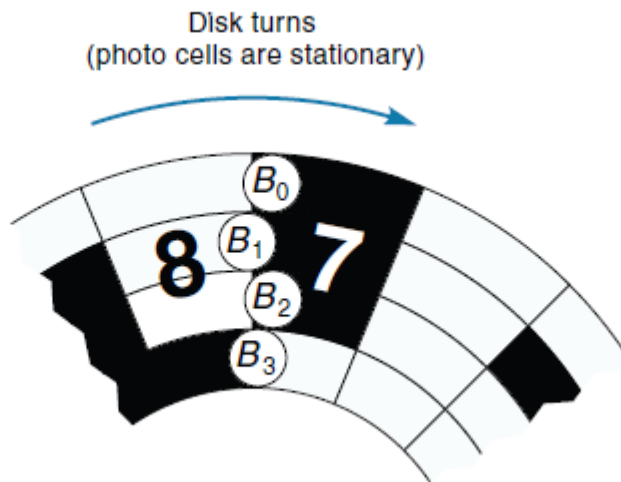
An absolute optical

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Figure 6.10

An absolute optical encoder showing how an out-of-alignment photocell can cause an erroneous state. (Note: Dark areas produce a 1, and light areas produce a 0.)



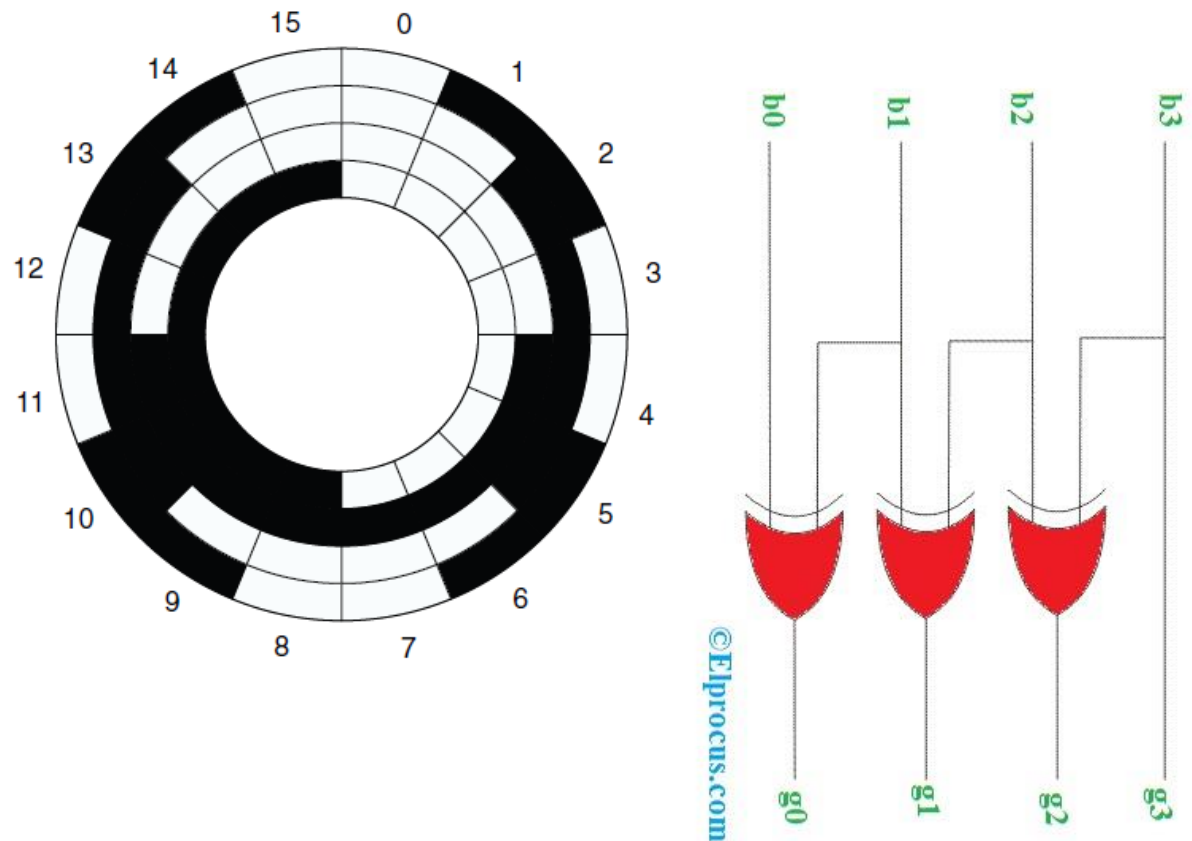
8	5	7	
0	1	1	B_0
0	0	1	B_1
0	1	1	B_2
1	0	0	B_3

↑
Erroneous state

Optical Rotary Encoders:

absolute encoder: Grey coding

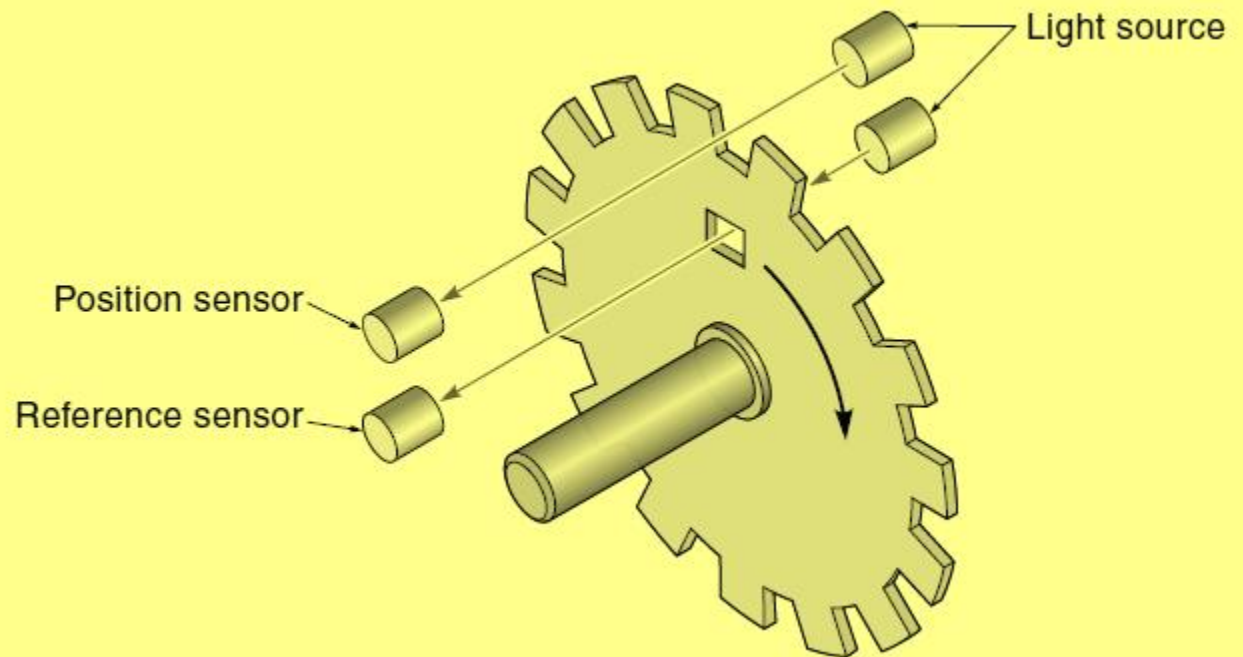
Figure 6.11
An absolute optical encoder using a grey code.



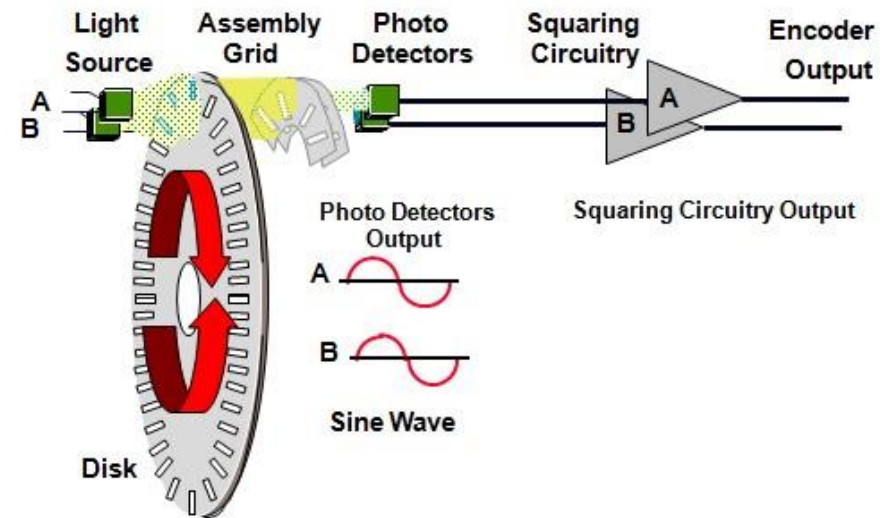
Incremental Optical Encoders

The **incremental optical encoder** has only one track of equally spaced slots. Position is determined by counting the number of slots that pass by a photo sensor, where each slot represents a known angle

Figure 6.12
An incremental
optical encoder.



Optical Rotary Encoders

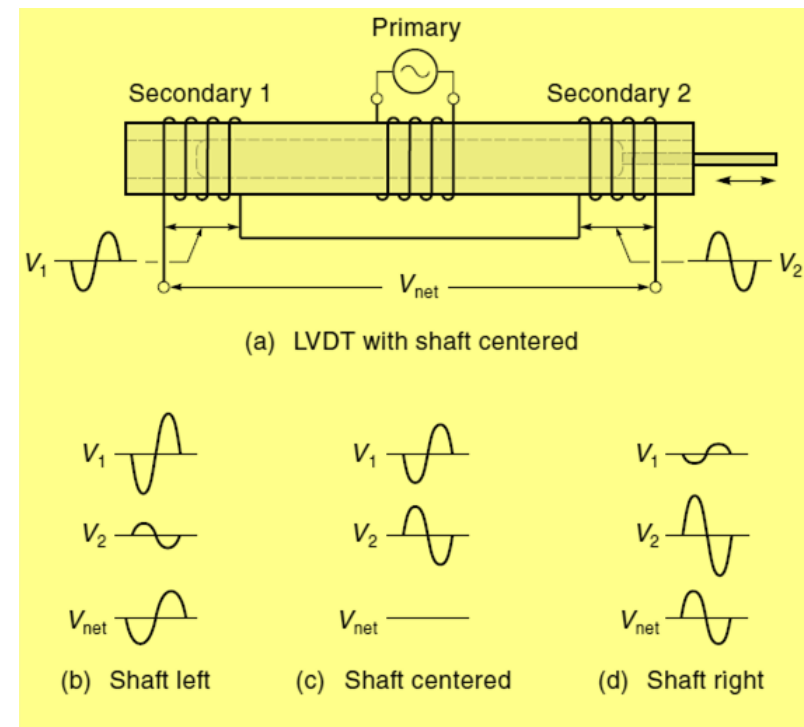


Linear Variable Differential Transformers

The **linear variable differential transformer** (LVDT) is a high-resolution position sensor that outputs an AC voltage with a magnitude proportional to linear position. It has a relatively short range of about 2 in., but it has the advantage of no sliding contacts

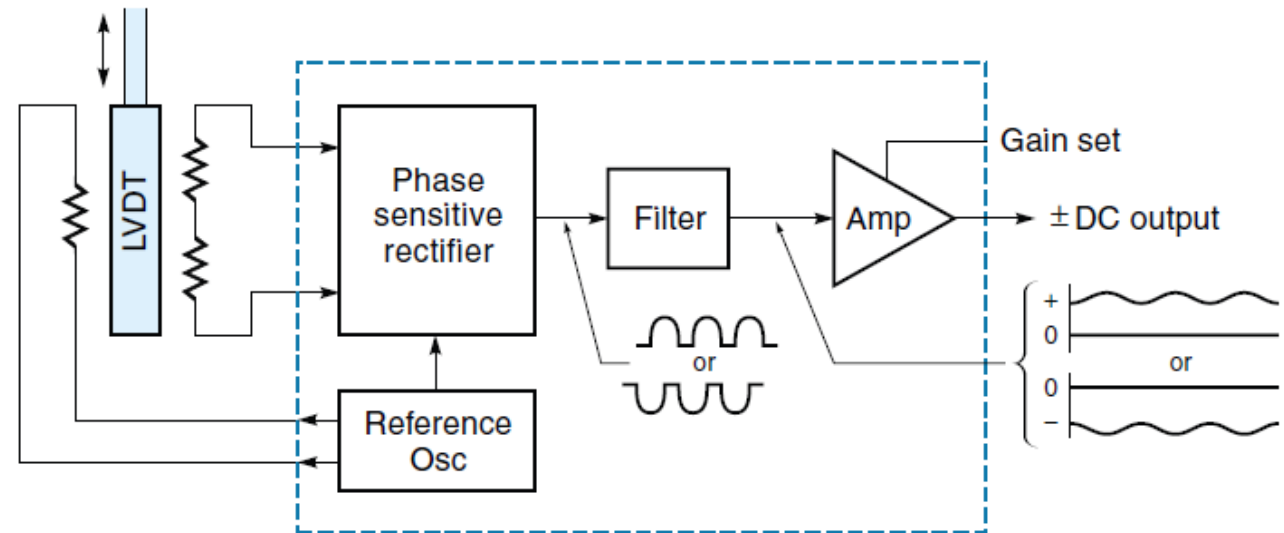
the output of the LVDT is an AC voltage with a magnitude and phase angle.

The magnitude represents the distance that the core is off center, and the phase angle represents the direction of the core (left or right.)



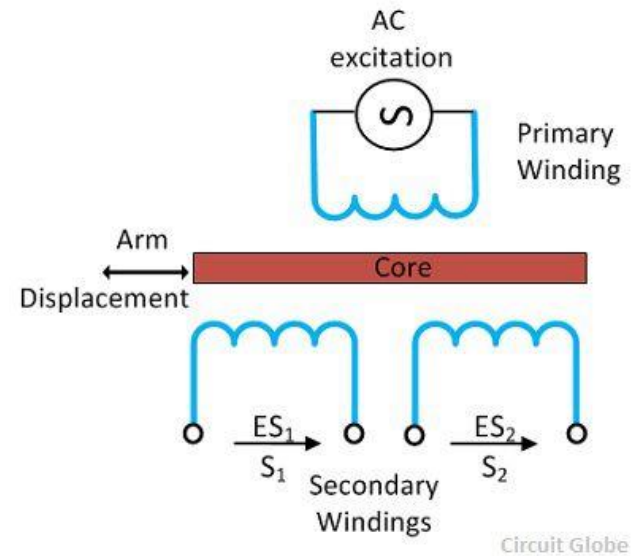
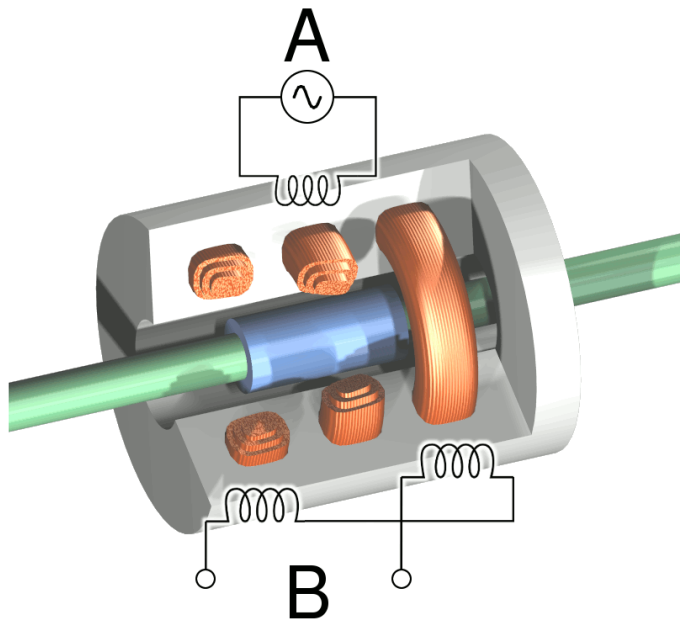
Interface Circuit for LVDT

Figure 6.21
An interface circuit
for an LVDT.



An **oscillator provides** the AC reference voltage to the primary—typically, 50-10 KHz at 10 V or less. The output of the LVDT goes first to a phase-sensitive rectifier. This circuit compares the phase of LVDT output with the reference voltage. If they are in phase, the rectifier outputs only the positive part of the signal. If they are out of phase, the rectifier outputs only the negative parts. Next, a low-pass filter smooths out the rectified signal to produce DC. Finally, an amplifier adjusts the gain to the desired level. The output of the LVDT interface circuit is a DC voltage whose magnitude and polarity are proportional to the linear distance that the core is offset from the center.

Schematic for LVDT



ANGULAR VELOCITY SENSORS

Angular velocity sensors are devices that give an output proportional to angular velocity

If the system already has a position sensor, such as a potentiometer, using this approach eliminates the need for an additional (velocity) sensor

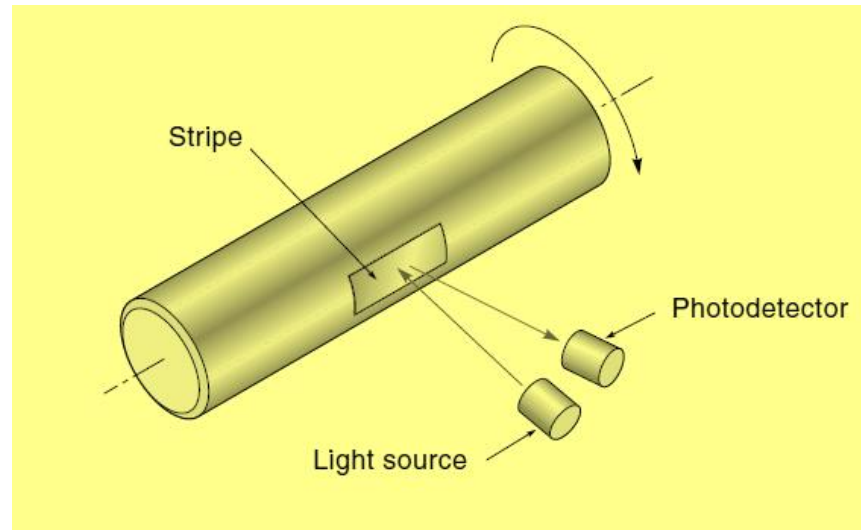
$$velocity = \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t} = \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{t_2 - t_1}$$

Velocity data can be derived from an optical rotary encoder, too.

Tachometers

The **optical tachometer**, a simple device, can determine a shaft speed in terms of revolutions per minute (rpm).

a contrasting stripe is placed on the shaft. A photo sensor is mounted in such a way as to output a pulse each time the stripe goes by. The period of this waveform is inversely proportional to the rpm of the shaft and can be measured using a counter circuit

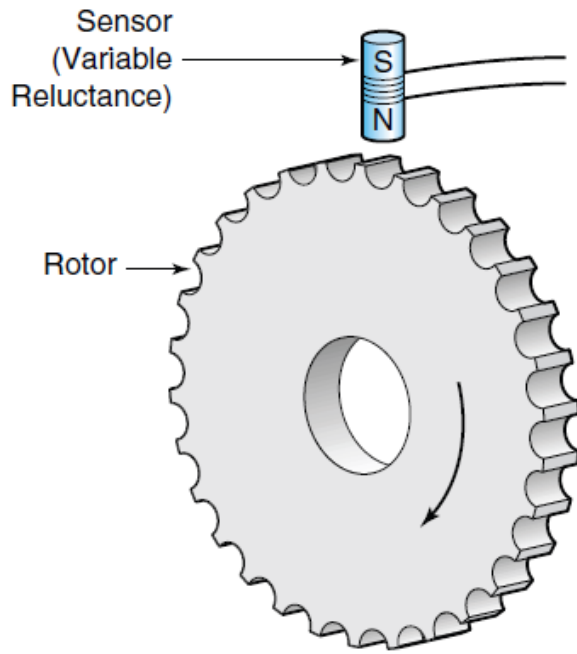


optical tachometer



Toothed-Rotor Tachometers

A **toothed-rotor tachometer** consists of a stationary sensor and a rotating, toothed, iron-based wheel



The sensor generates a pulse each time a tooth passes by. The angular velocity of the wheel is proportional to the frequency of the pulses. For example, if the wheel had 20 teeth, then there would be 20 pulses per revolution.

Direct Current Tachometers

A **direct current tachometer** is essentially a DC generator that produces a DC output voltage proportional to shaft velocity. The output polarity is determined by the direction of rotation.

CK20 DC TACHOMETER

The model CK20 is a moving coil tachometer designed for use in applications requiring velocity feedback with minimum system inertia load.



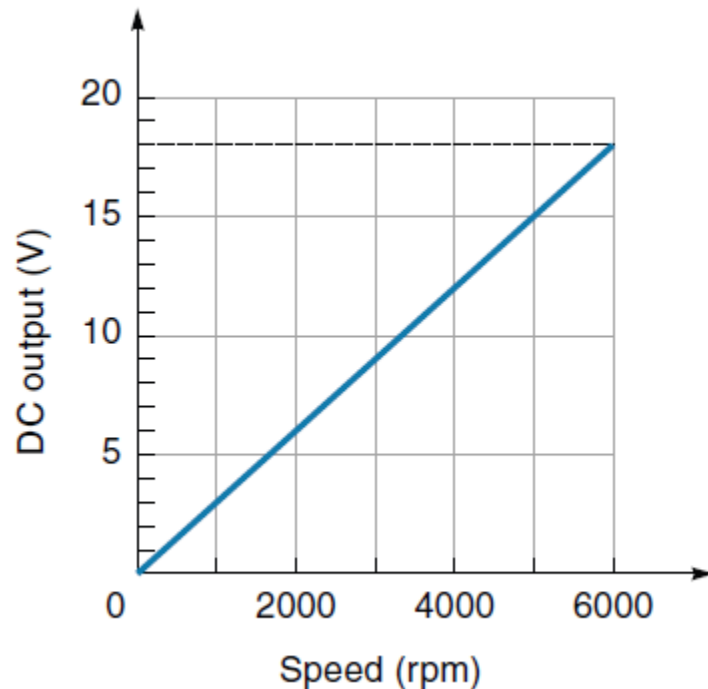
Parameter	Value	Units
Linearity	.2	% max. deviation
Ripple	1.5	max, % peak to peak AC
Ripple Frequency	19	Cycles per revolution
Speed Range	1-6000	RPM
Armature Inertia	9×10^{-4}	in-oz-sec ²
Friction Torque	.25	in-oz, max.
Rated Life	10,000	Hours at 3000 RPM

WINDING VARIATIONS

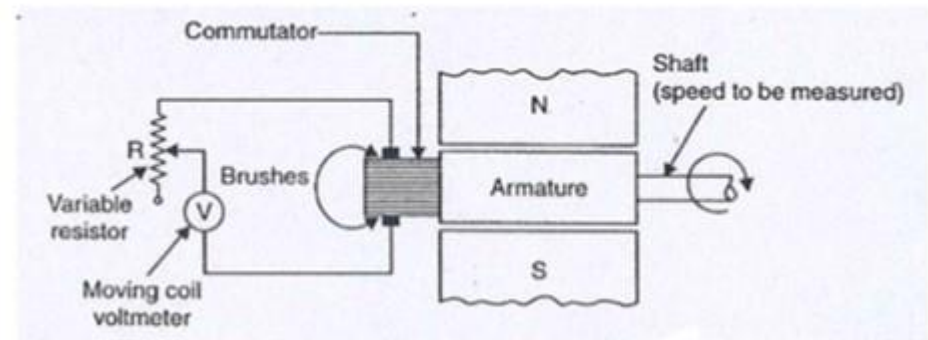
	CK20-A	CK20-B	CK20-C
Output Voltage Gradient (V/KRPM)	3.0	2.5	1

One can see that the CK20 comes in three models. For example, the CK20-A outputs 3 V for 1000 rpm (3 V/Krpm). It has a speed range of 0-6000 rpm, so the maximum voltage would be 18 V at 6000 rpm.

Direct Current Tachometers

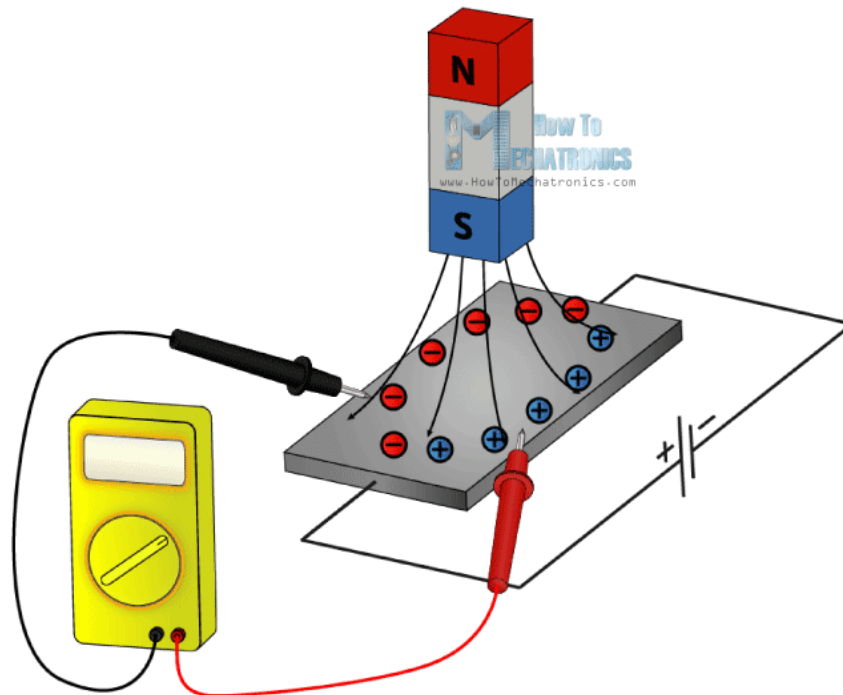


The polarity of the output voltage indicates the direction of rotation, which is a major advantage of using a DC tachometer generator.

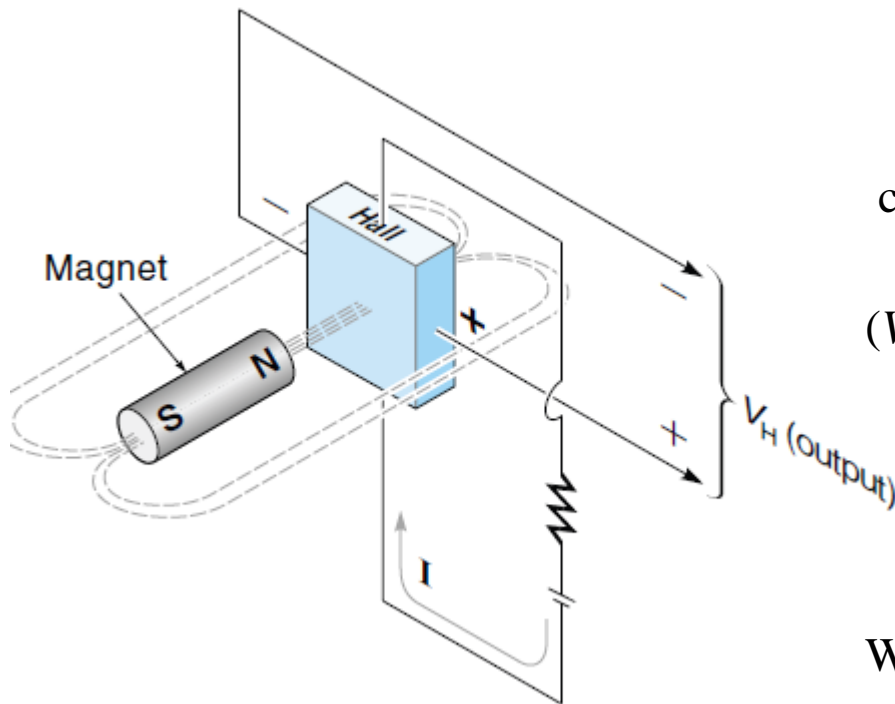


Hall Effect Speed Sensor

The Hall Effect is the most common method of measuring magnetic field and the Hall Effect sensors are very popular and have many contemporary applications. For example, they can be found in vehicles as wheel speed sensors as well as crankshaft or camshaft position sensors. Also they are often used as switches, MEMS compasses, proximity sensors and so on.



Hall Effect Speed Sensor



$$V_H = \frac{KIB}{D}$$

current (I) in the semiconductor crystal

(V_H) is sensed across the sides of the crystal

When a magnetic field is brought near, the negative charges are deflected to one side producing a voltage.

Hall Effect

Video#1

TEMPERATURE SENSORS

Temperature sensors give an output proportional to temperature. Most temperature sensors have a *positive temperature coefficient* (desirable),

bimetallic temperature sensor

Thermocouples

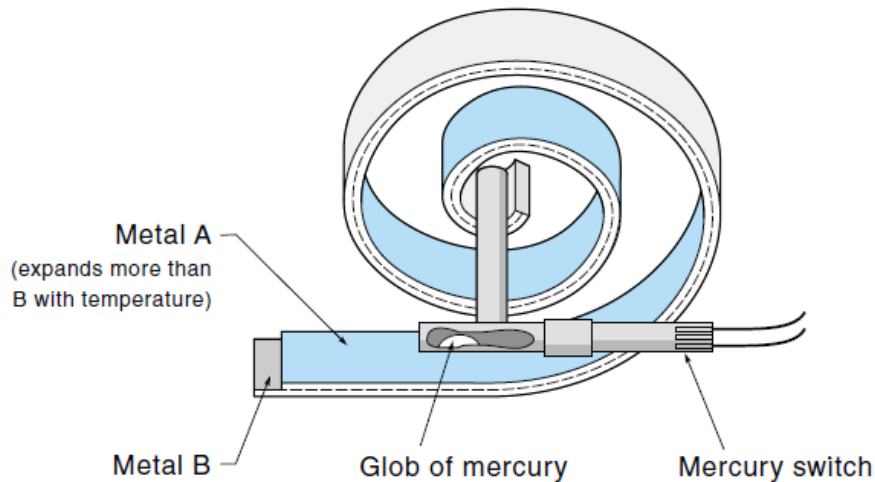
Resistance temperature detector (RTD)

Thermistors

Integrated-Circuit Temperature Sensors

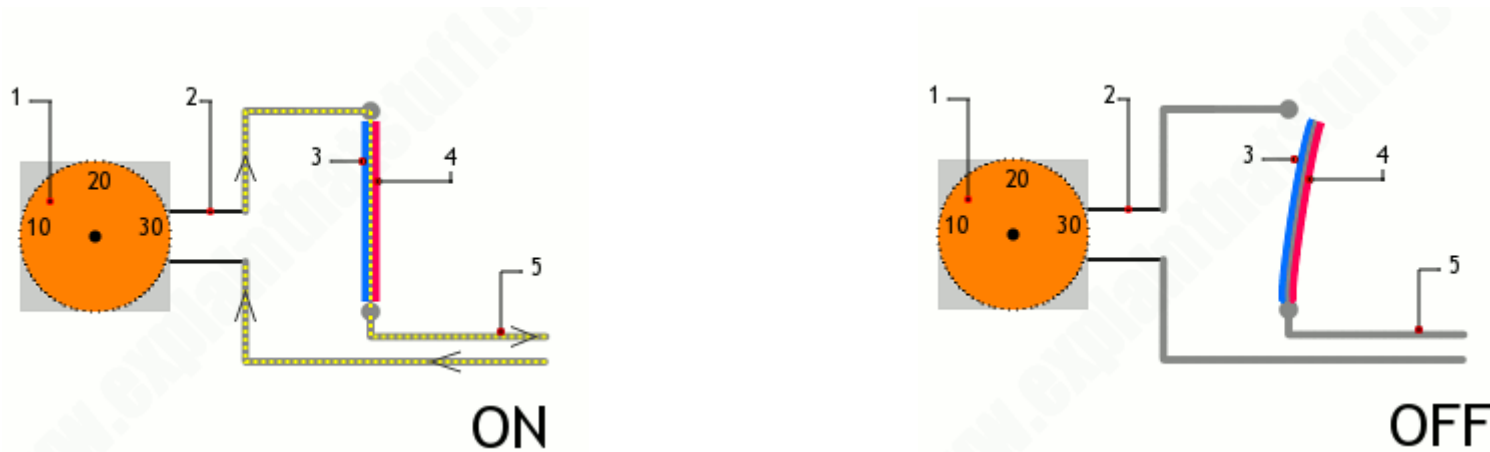
bimetallic temperature sensor

The **bimetallic temperature sensor** consists of a bimetallic strip wound into a spiral (Figure 6.44). The bimetallic strip is a laminate of two metals with different coefficients of thermal expansion. As the temperature rises, the metal on the inside expands more than the metal on the outside, and the spiral tends to straighten out.



bimetallic thermostat switches on and off

The bimetal ("two metal") strip is made of two separate metal strips fastened together: a piece of brass (blue) bolted to a piece of [iron](#) (red).

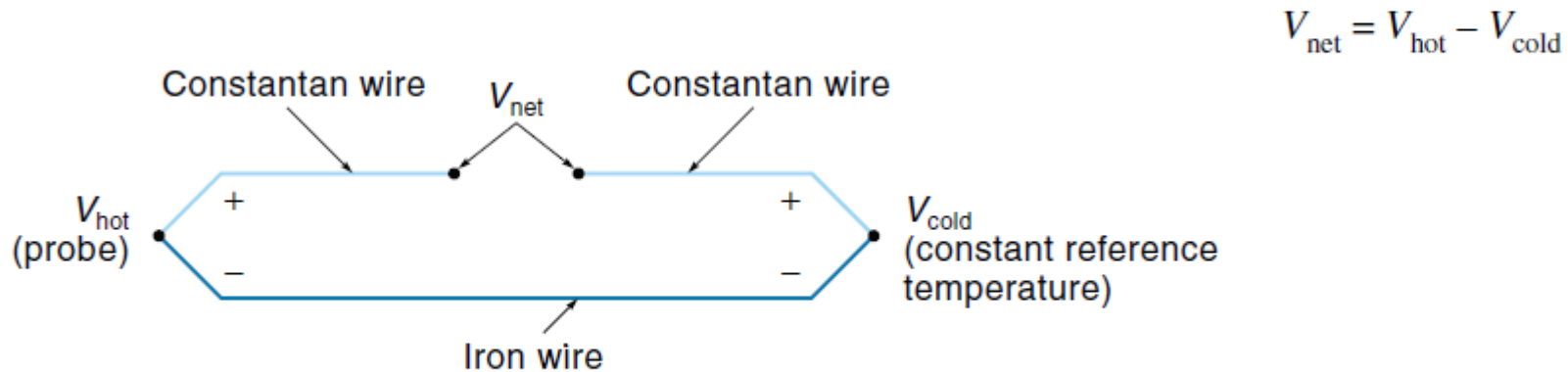


Iron expands less than brass as it gets hotter, so the bimetal strip curves inward as the temperature rises. (on-off control)

Thermocouples

The **thermocouple** was developed over 100 years ago and still enjoys wide use, particularly in high-temperature situations

voltage that is proportional to temperature can be produced from a circuit consisting of two dissimilar metal wires



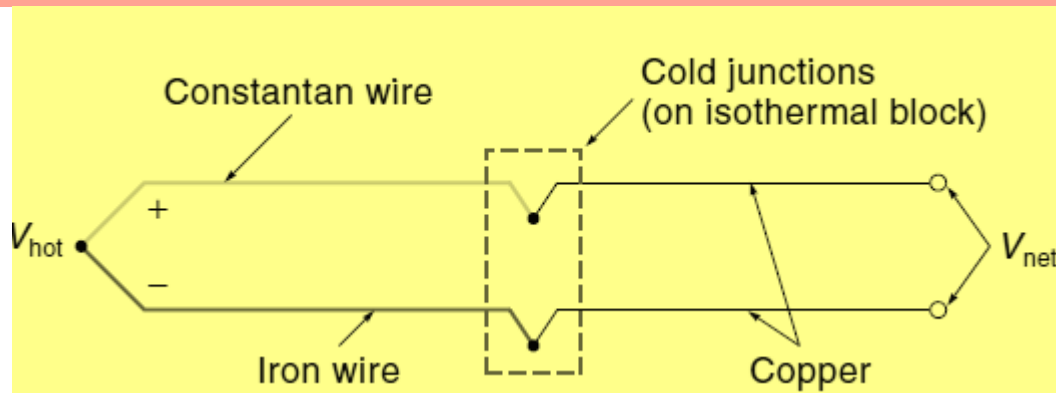
(a) Basic principle

generates a voltage of approximately
 $35 \mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{F}$

Thermocouples

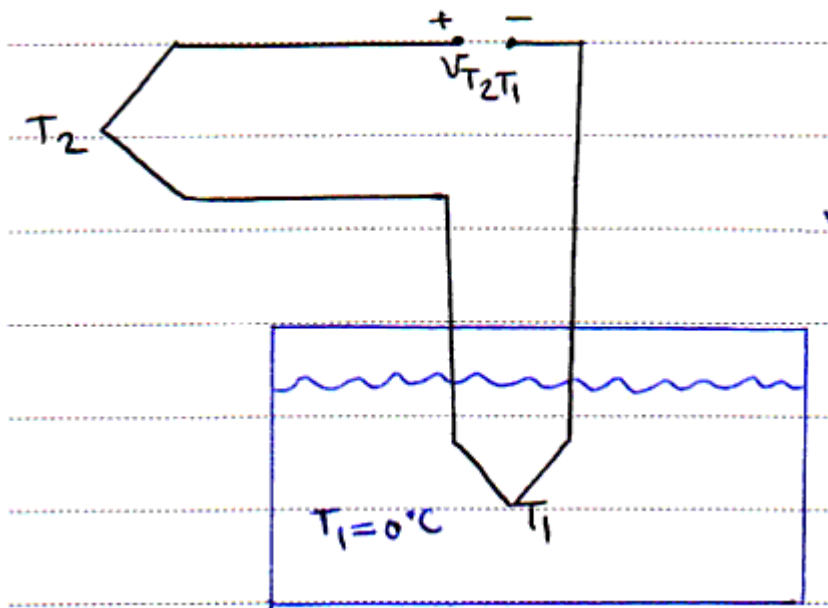
وقتی که سرب و آلومینیوم سلفید از دمای سیم‌کشی را با یک یو.یو. وسط به دمای محل اتصالات متصل دارد.

در صورتی که سیم C به مدار A یا B اضافه شود به گرمی به اتصالات جدید دارای دمای یکسان باشند و تفاوت سرب و آلومینیوم تغییر نخواهد کرد.



Thermocouples

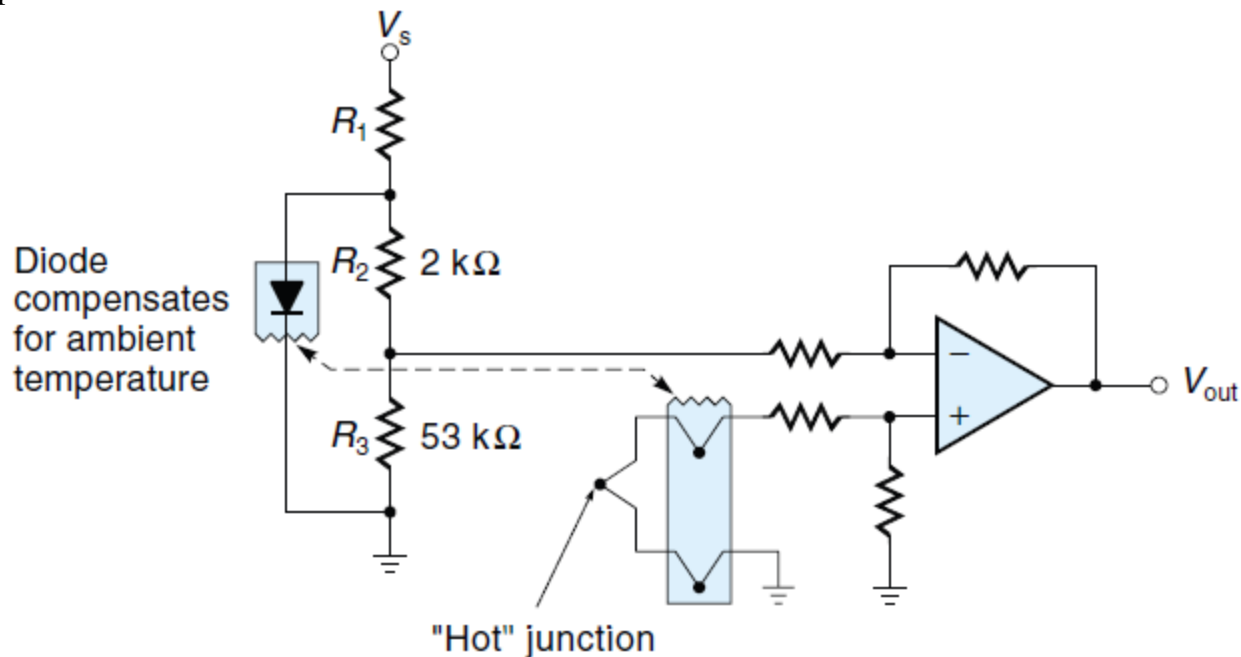
Traditionally, the cold junction was kept at 32°F in an **ice-water bath**, which is water with ice in it.



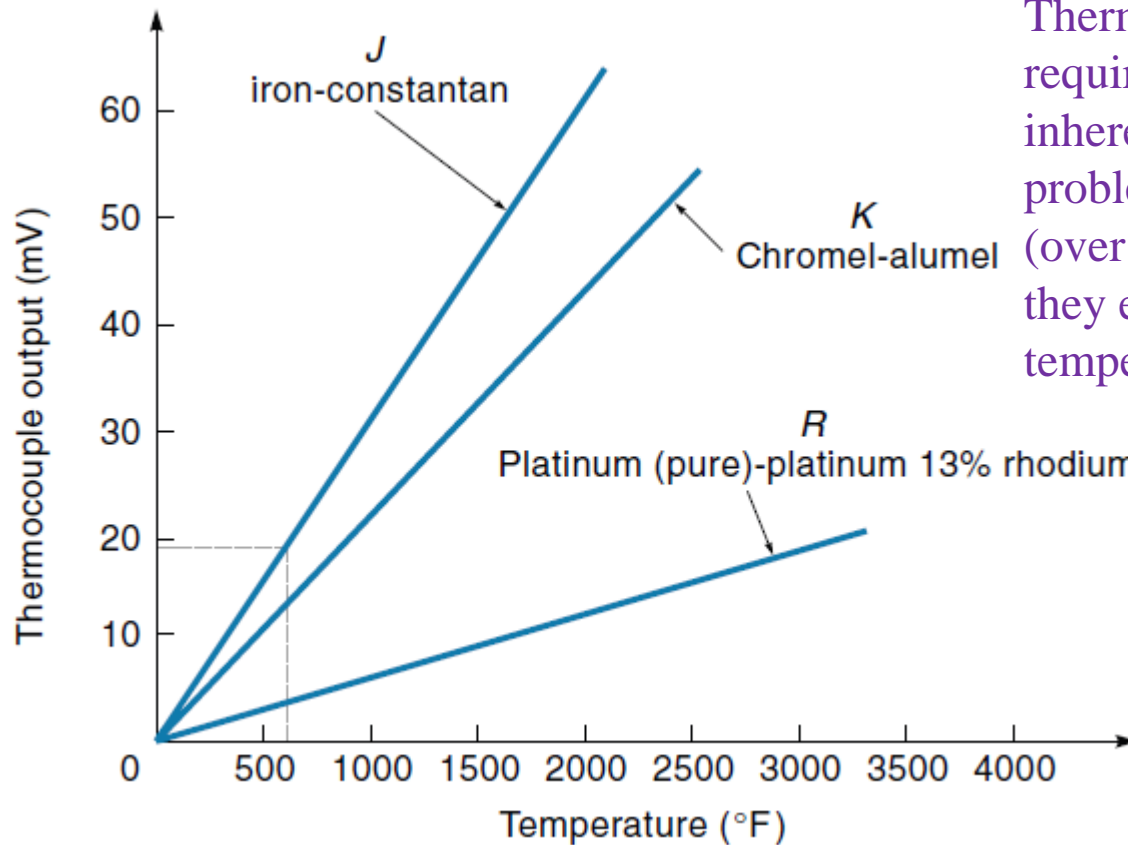
$$V_{T_2 T_1} = \alpha_1 T_2 + \alpha_2 T_2^2 + \alpha_3 T_2^3 + \dots + \alpha_n T_2^n$$

Thermocouples

The cold junctions are maintained at the same temperature as the diode by mounting them all on an *isothermal* block. As the ambient temperature increases, the diode forward-voltage drop (about 0.6 V) decreases at a rate of about 1.1 mV/°F. This voltage is scaled down (with R_2 and R_3) to 28 $\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{F}$, which is the same rate that the real cold-junction voltage increases with ambient temperature.



Thermocouples



Thermocouples are simple and rugged but require extra electronics to deal with the inherent low-sensitivity and cold-junction problems. However, because they are linear (over a limited range), reliable, and stable, they enjoy wide use in measuring high temperatures in furnaces and ovens.

Thermocouples

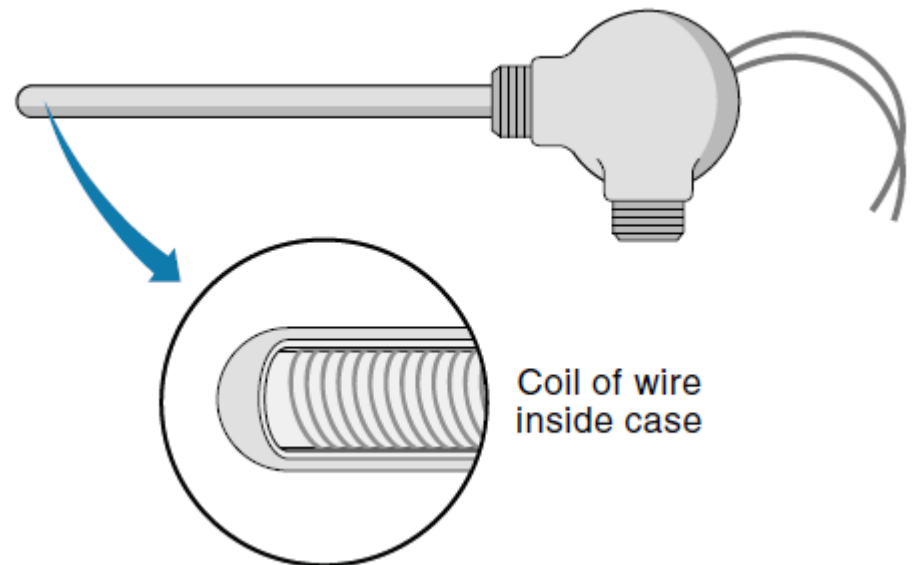


resistance temperature detector (RTD)

The **resistance temperature detector** (RTD) is a temperature sensor based on the fact that metals increase in resistance as temperature rises. A typical RTD, A wire, such as platinum, is wrapped around a ceramic or glass rod (sometimes the wire coil is supported between two ceramic rods). Platinum wire has a temperature coefficient of $0.0039 \text{ } \Omega / \text{ } \Omega / ^\circ\text{C}$, which means that the resistance goes up 0.0039 Ω for each ohm of wire for each Celsius degree of temperature rise

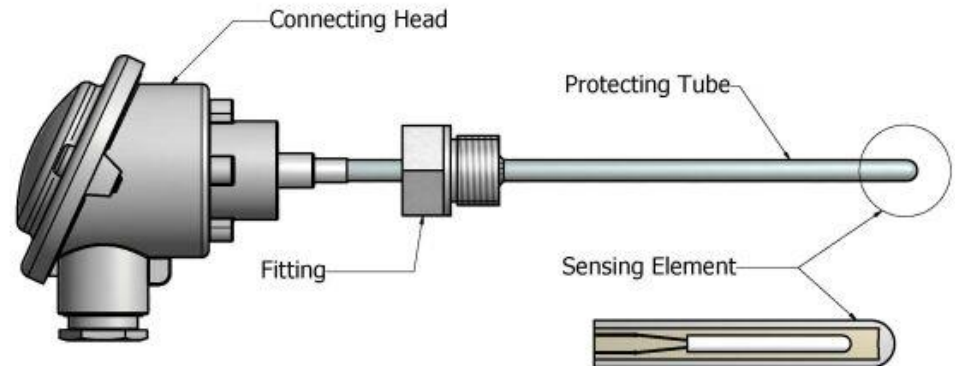
Each ohm of wire for each Celsius degree of temperature rise

RTDs have the advantage of being very accurate and stable (characteristics do not change over time). The disadvantages are low sensitivity



RTD

Pt100	Pt1000	<u>PTC</u>	<u>NTC</u>	NTC	NTC
Typ: 404	Typ: 501	Typ: 201	Typ: 101	Typ: 102	Typ: 103

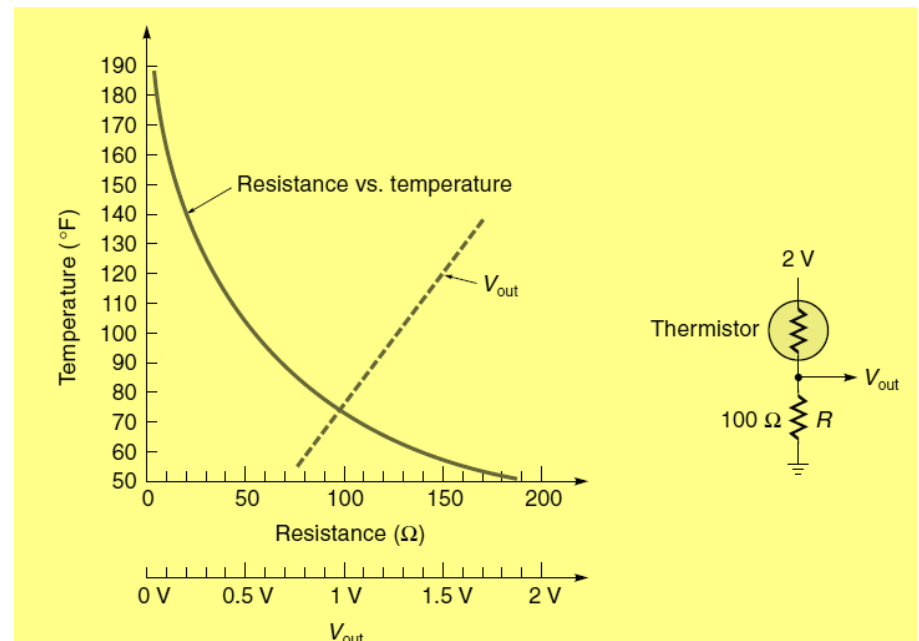


Thermistors

A **thermistor** is a two-terminal device that changes resistance with temperature. Thermistors are made of oxide-based semiconductor materials and come in a variety of sizes and shapes.

most thermistors have a negative temperature coefficient, which means the resistance decreases as temperature increases

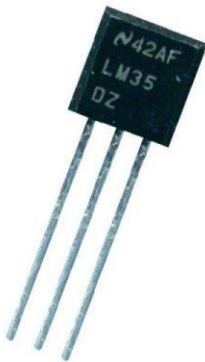
Negative temperature coefficient (NTC)



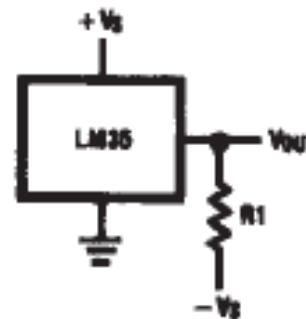
Integrated-Circuit Temperature Sensors

Integrated-circuit temperature sensors come in various configurations. A common example is the LM34 and LM35 series. The LM34 produces an output voltage that is proportional to Fahrenheit temperature, and the LM35 produces an output that is proportional to Celsius temperature.

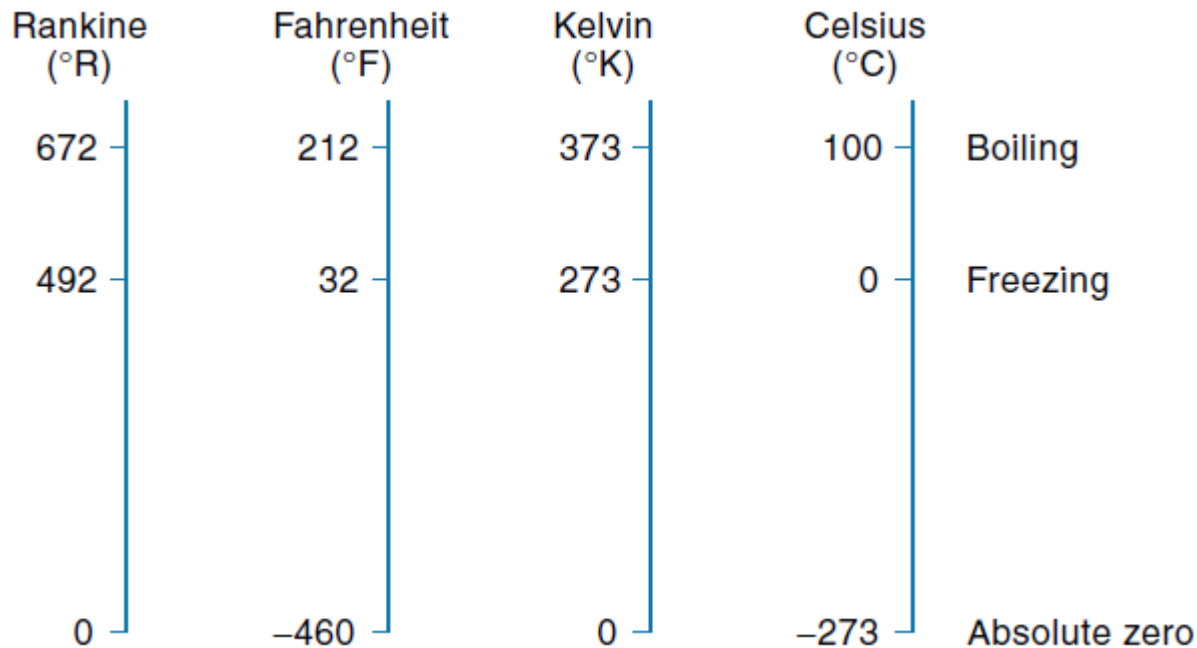
supply voltage (V_s), ground,
and V_{out} .



$$V_{out} = 10 \text{ mV}/^{\circ}\text{C}$$



Comparison of Rankine, Fahrenheit, Kelvin, and Celsius temperature scales



comparison

$200^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 2350^{\circ}\text{C}$ رنج وسیع
 تکرار پذیری و درستی بالا
 نیاز به اتصال سرد
 دلتا عرضی کوچک
 غیر خطی

ترموکوپل ۱:

$200^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 400^{\circ}\text{C}$ رنج
 خطی
 نیاز به تحریک توسط منبع خارجی
 سازه از ان قیمت
 تکرار پذیری و درستی بالا

۲. RTD

$0 \rightarrow 100^{\circ}\text{C}$ رنج
 غیر خطی
 نیاز به تحریک خارجی
 حساسیت بالا
 دقت زیاد

ترمستور:

$50^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 200^{\circ}\text{C}$ رنج
 خطی
 درستی بالا
 نیاز به منبع تحریک خارجی

۳. مدار یک مجتمع IC

Proximity Sensors

A **proximity sensor** simply tells the controller whether a moving part is at a certain place

Limit Switches

Optical Proximity Sensors

Hall-Effect Proximity Sensors

limit switch

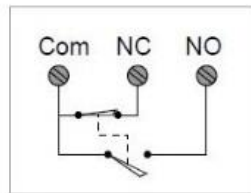
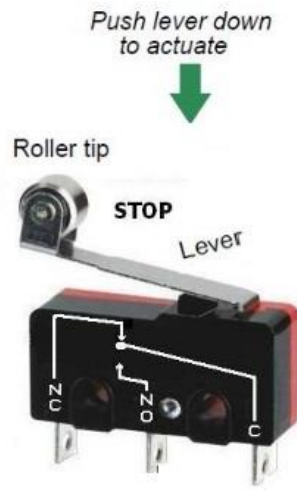
A **limit switch** is an example of a proximity sensor. A limit switch is a mechanical push-button switch that is mounted in such a way that it is actuated when a mechanical part or lever arm gets to the end of its intended travel

in an automatic garage-door opener

Video#2



limit switch



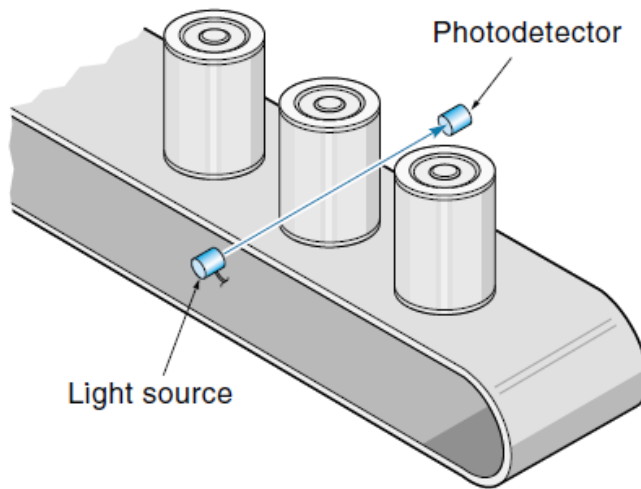
Equivalent schematic



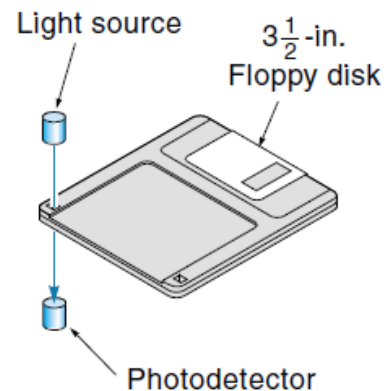
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Optical Proximity Sensors

Optical proximity sensors, sometimes called *interrupters*, use a light source and a photo sensor that are mounted in such a way that the object to be detected cuts the light path.



(a) Counting cans on a conveyor belt



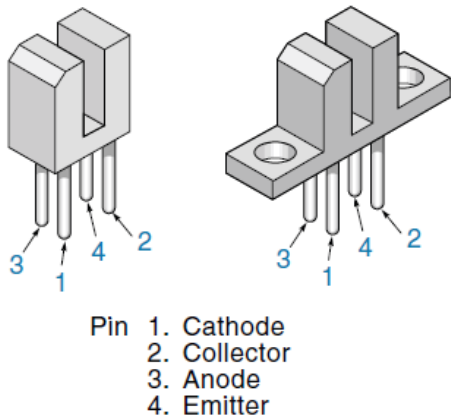
(b) Detecting "read only" hole in a floppy disk

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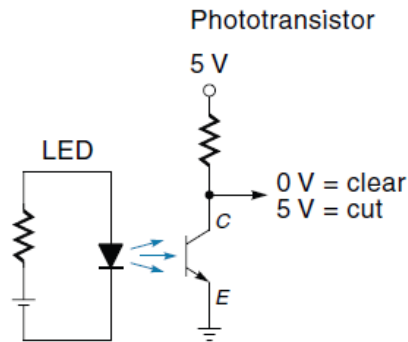
Optical Proximity Sensors

Some applications make use of an optical proximity sensor called a **slotted coupler**, also called an *optointerrupter*

This device includes the light source and detector in a single package.



(a) Case types

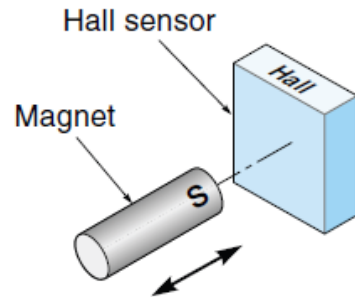


(b) Circuit

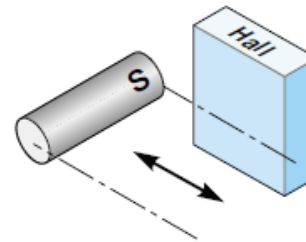
When the slot is open, the light beam strikes the transistor, turning it on, which grounds the collector.

When the beam is interrupted, the transistor turns off, and the collector is pulled up to 5 V by the resistor.

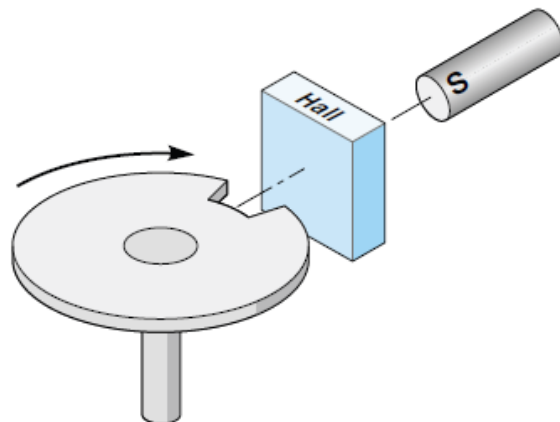
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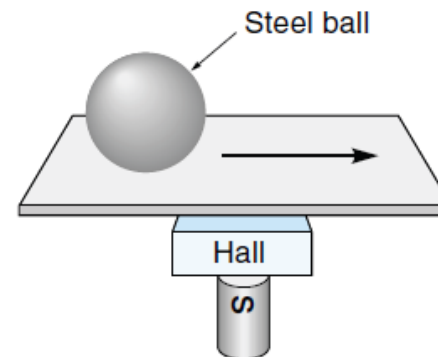
(a) Head-on



(b) Slide-by



(c) Notch sensor
(notch reduces flux)



(d) Metal detector
(ball increases flux)

Hall-Effect Proximity Sensors



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LOAD SENSORS

Load sensors measure mechanical force. The forces can be large or small—for example, weighing heavy objects or detecting low-force tactile pressures. In most cases, it is the slight deformation caused by the force that the sensor measures, not the force directly

The ratio of the force to deformation is a constant for each material, as defined by Hooke's law:

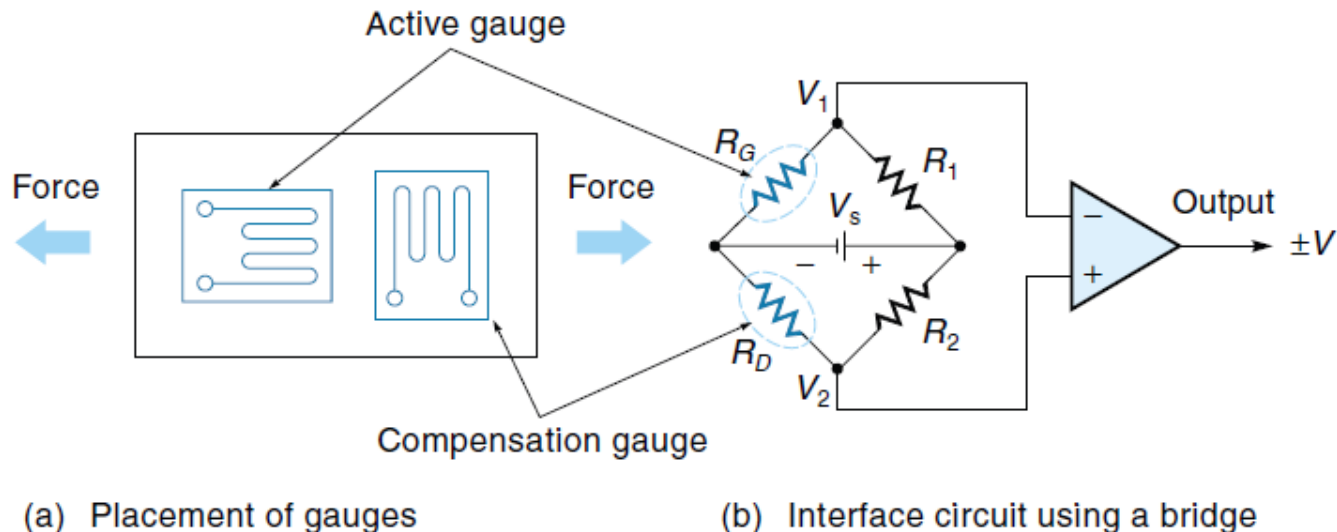
$$F = KX$$

For example, if a mechanical part has a spring constant of 1000 lb/in. and it compresses 0.5 in. under the load, then the load must be 500 lb.

Bonded-Wire Strain Gauges

The **bonded-wire strain gauge** can be used to measure a wide range of forces, from 10 lb to many tons.

If the object is put under tension, the gauge will stretch and elongate the wires. The wires not only get slightly longer but also thinner. Both actions cause the total wire resistance to rise



Bonded-Wire Strain Gauges

$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$

where

R = resistance of a length of wire (at 20°C)

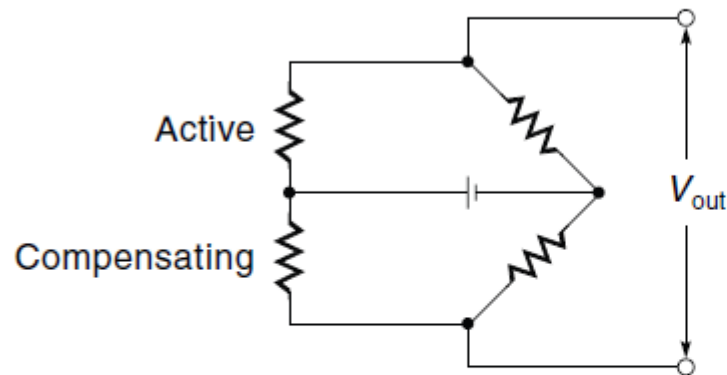
ρ = resistivity (a constant dependent on the material)

L = length of wire

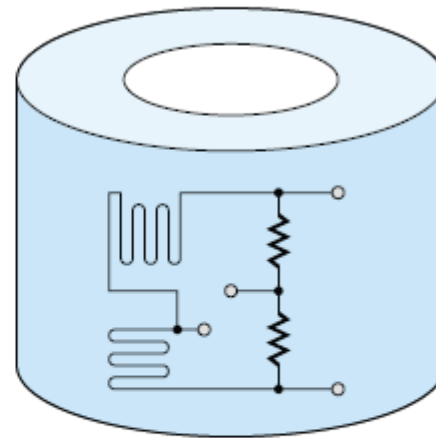
A = cross-sectional area of wire

The change in resistance of the strain-gauge wires can be used to calculate the elongation of the strain gauge. If you know the elongation and the spring constant of the supporting member, then the principles of Hooke's law can be used to calculate the force being applied.

Bonded-Wire Strain Gauges



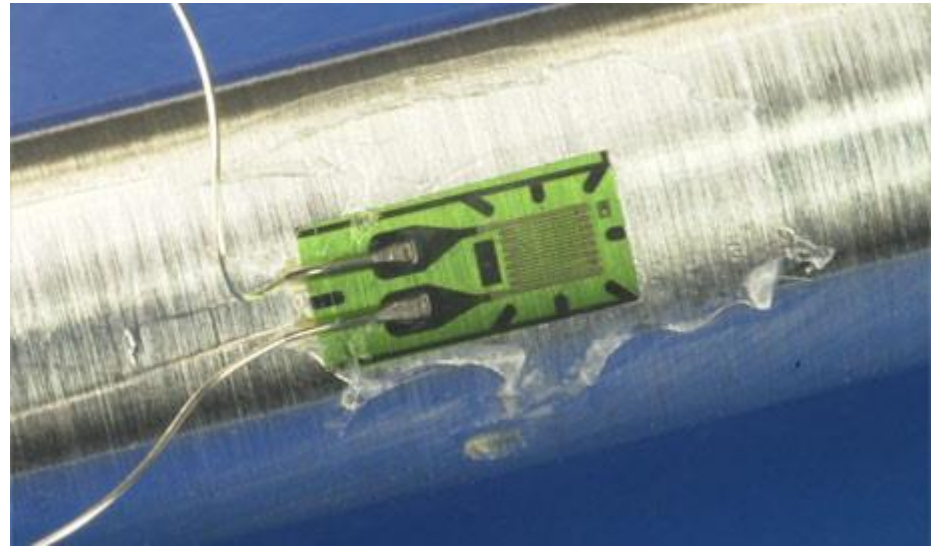
(a) Active and compensating gauges are placed together so that they will be at the same temperature



(b) Load cell with strain gauge and bridge

Bonded-Wire Strain Gauges

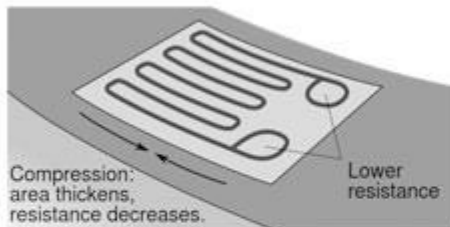
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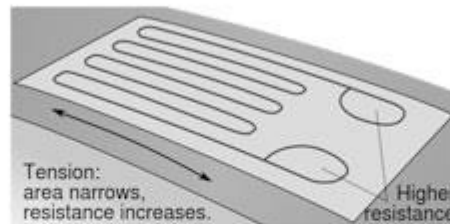
Bonded-Wire Strain Gauges

تغییرات استرین گیج در برابر کشیدگی و فشردگی



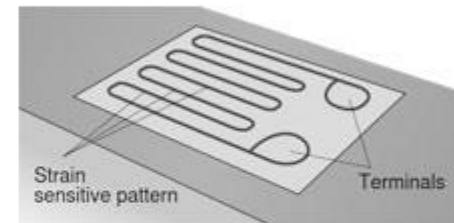
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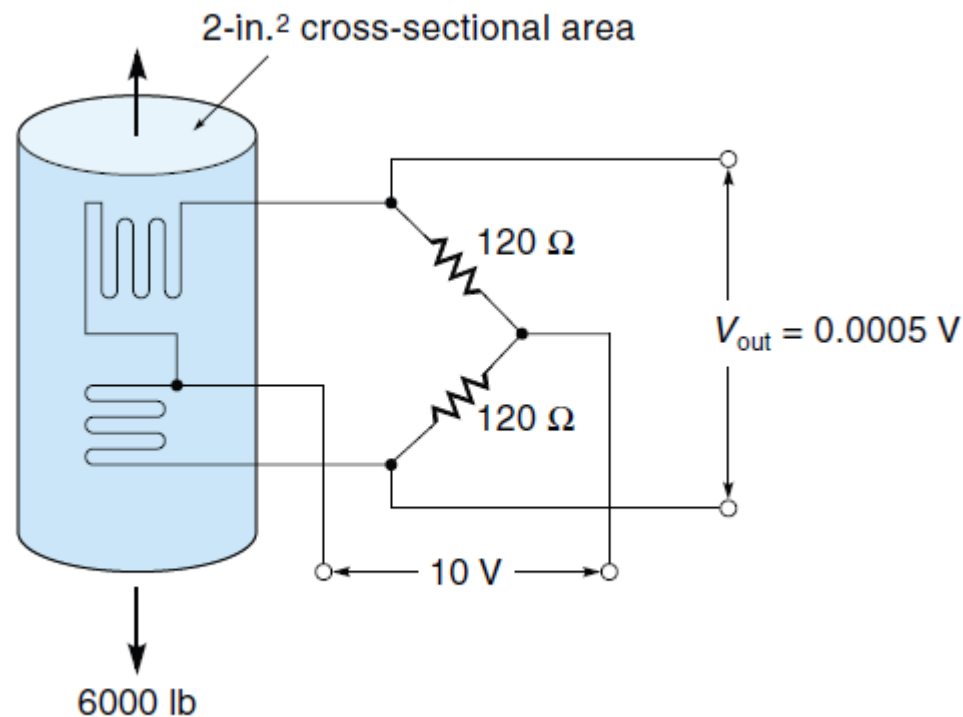
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حالت عادی

Strain-gauge measuring tension in steel bar



PRESSURE SENSORS

Pressure is defined as the force per unit area that one material exerts on another

Pressure sensors usually consist of two parts: The first converts pressure to a force or displacement, and the second converts the force or displacement to an electrical signal.

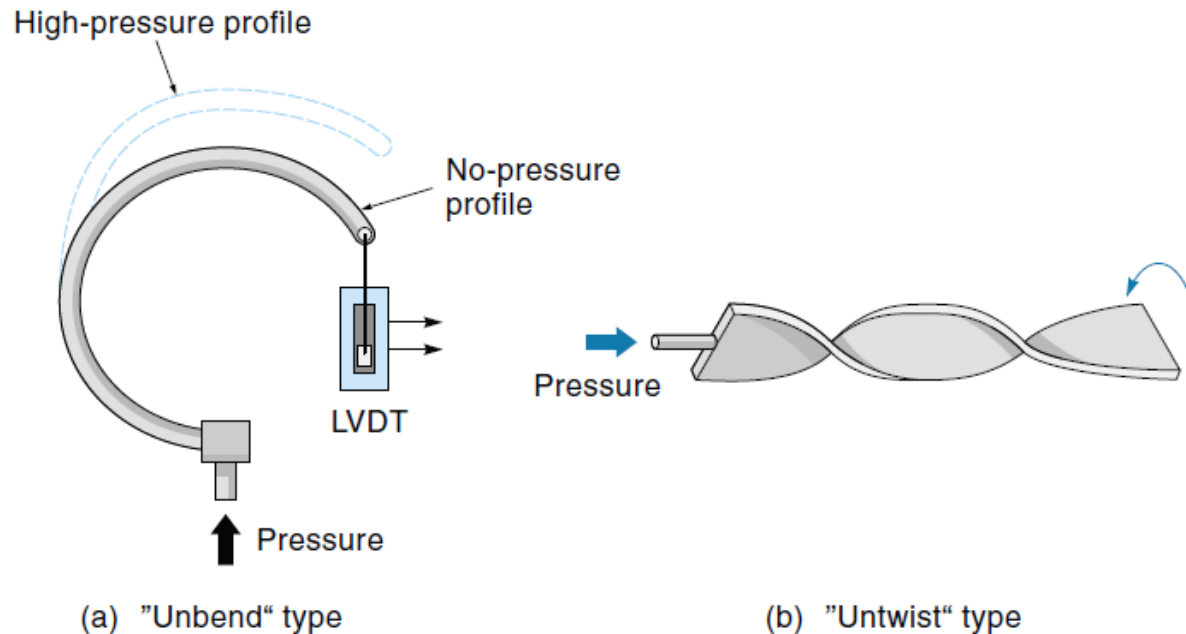
Bourdon Tubes

Bellows

Semiconductor Pressure Sensors

Bourdon Tubes

A **Bourdon tube** is a short bent tube, closed at one end. When the tube is pressurized, it tends to straighten out. This motion is proportional to the applied pressure. Notice that the displacement can be either linear or angular. A position sensor such as a pot or LVDT can convert the displacement into an electrical signal. Bourdon-tube sensors are available in pressure ranges from 30 to 100,000 psi. Typical uses include steam- and water-pressure gauges.

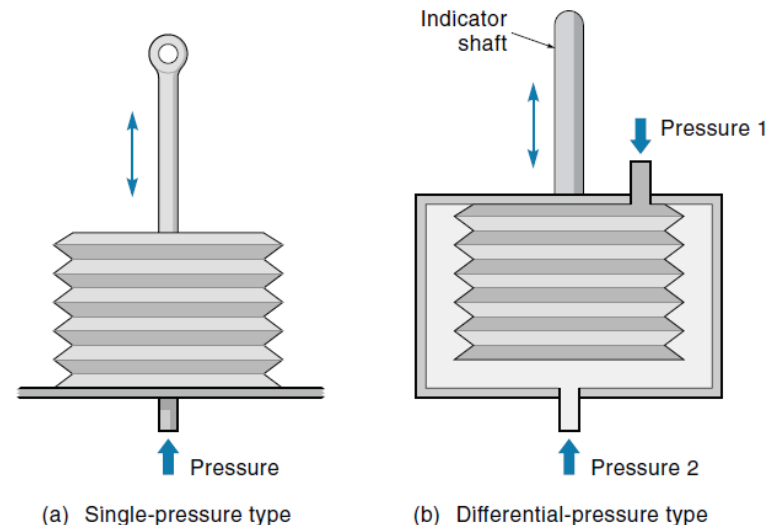
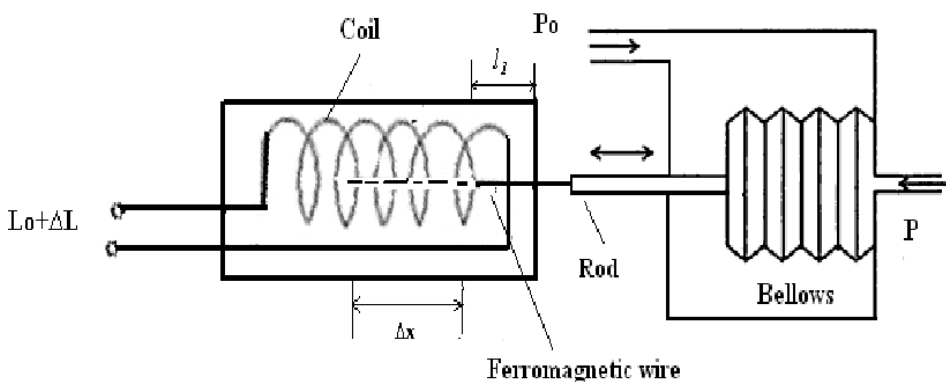


Bellows

This sensor uses a small metal bellows to convert pressure into linear motion

As the pressure inside increases, the bellows expand against the resistance of a spring (the spring is often the bellows itself). This motion is detected with a position sensor such as a pot

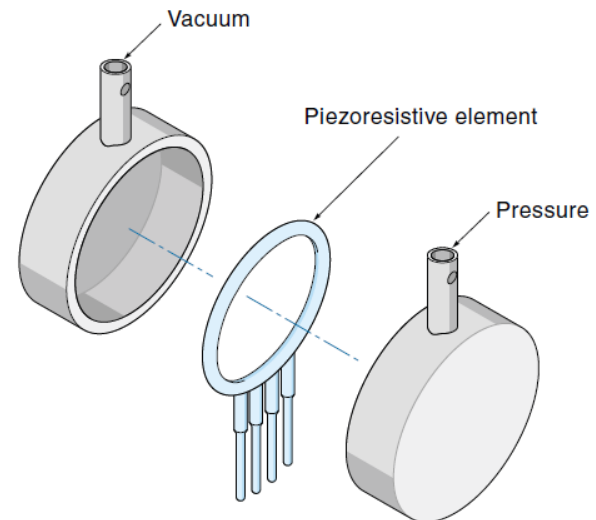
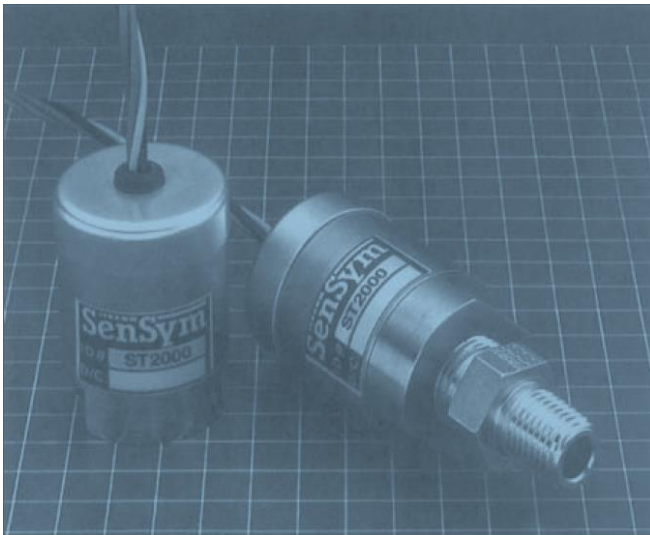
Bellows are capable of more sensitivity than the Bourdon tube in the lower-pressure range of 0-30 psi.



Semiconductor Pressure Sensors

Some commercially available pressure sensors use the piezoresistive property of silicon

The piezoresistive element converts pressure directly into resistance, and resistance can be converted into voltage. These sensors have the advantage of “no moving parts” and are available in pressure ranges from 0-1.5 psi to 0-5000 psi. An example of a commercial semiconductor pressure sensor is the ST2000 series from Sen Sym Inc.



FLOW SENSORS

Flow sensors measure the quantity of fluid material passing by a point in a certain time. Usually, the material is a gas or a liquid and is flowing in a pipe or open channel

Pressure-Based Flow Sensors

Turbine Flow Sensors

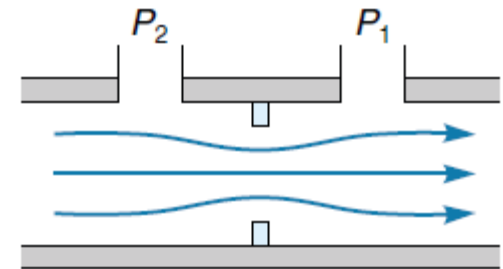
Magnetic Flowmeters

Pressure-Based Flow Sensors

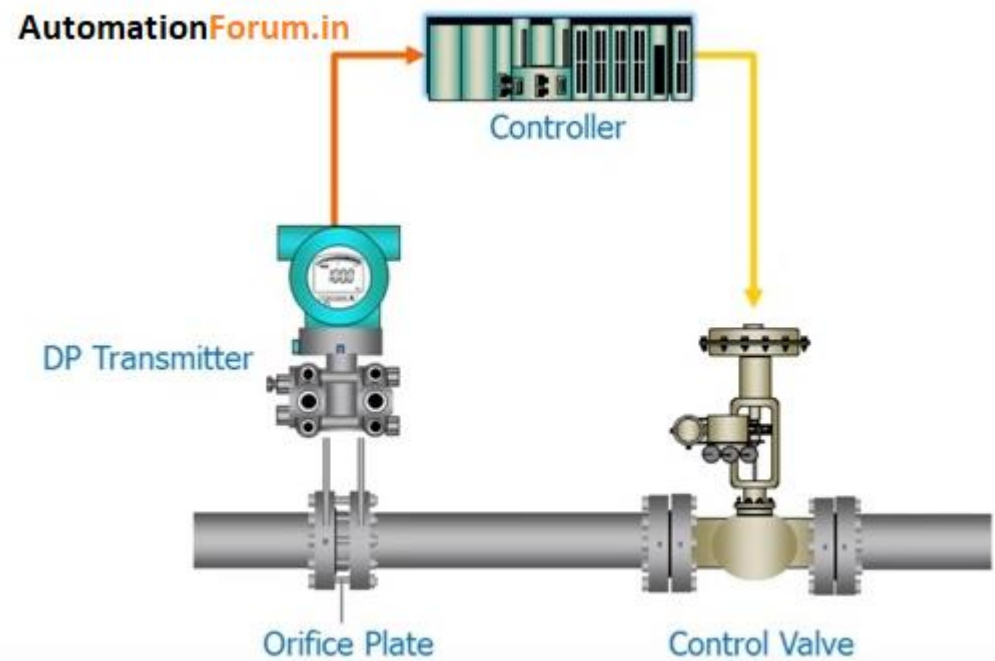
This group of flow sensors is based on the fact that pressure in a moving fluid is proportional to the flow. The pressure is detected with a pressure sensor; based on the physical dimensions of the system, the flow can be calculated. The simplest flow sensor is called the **orifice plate**

The flow is proportional to the pressure difference between these ports and is calculated as follows:

$$Q = CA\sqrt{\frac{2g}{d}(P_2 - P_1)}$$



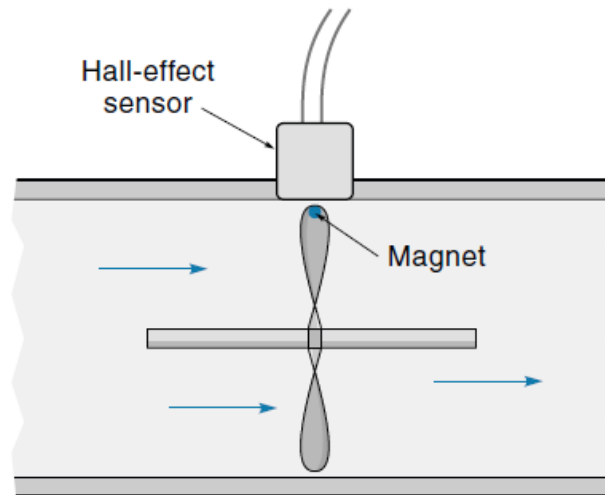
orifice plate



Turbine Flow Sensors

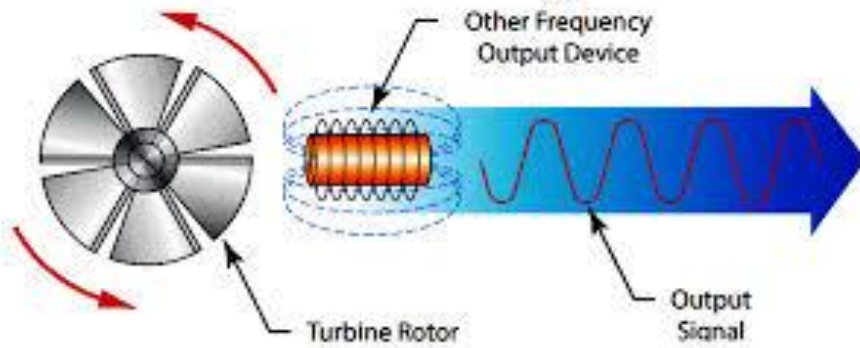
Turbine, or spin-type, flow sensors (also called flowmeters), employ a paddle wheel or propeller placed in the line of flow. The rotational velocity of the wheel is directly proportional to flow velocity

A small magnet is attached to one of the blades, and a Hall-effect sensor is mounted in the housing. The Hall sensor gives a pulse for each revolution of the blades.



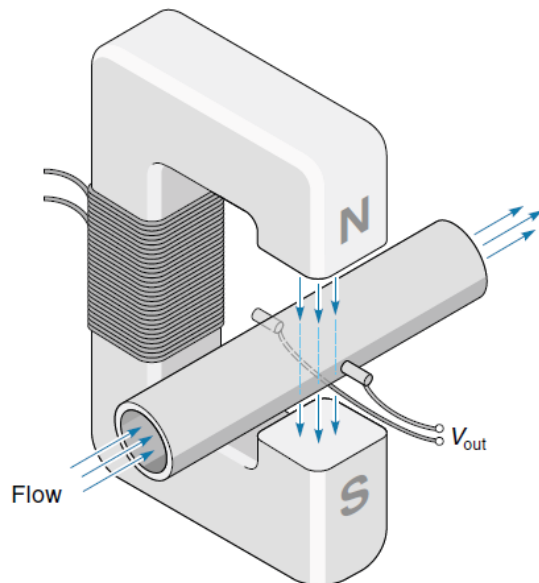
Turbine Flow Sensors

Turbine Flow Meter



Magnetic Flowmeters

If a liquid is even slightly conductive (and many are), a magnetic flowmeter can be used. The magnetic flowmeter has no moving parts and presents no obstruction to the flow. A nonconducting section of pipe is placed in a magnetic field. The moving fluid in the pipe is like the moving conductor in a generator—it produces a voltage. The voltage, which is proportional to the fluid velocity, is detected from electrodes placed in the sides of the pipe.



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