

# BFF3302 SENSOR AND INSTRUMENTATION SYSTEM

## Introduction to the sensor & instrumentation

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# Chapter Description

- **Aims**

- Obtain basic knowledge about electronic, measurement, sensors, and instrumentation
- Able to analyse particular sensor, instrument, and measurement situation.

- **Expected Outcomes**

- Determine general treatment of instrument elements and their characteristic
- Analyse transducer elements, intermediate elements, and data acquisition system (DAQ)
- Determine principles of the work and derive mathematical model of sensors for measuring motion and vibration, dimensional metrology, force, torque and power, pressure, temperature, flow and acoustics

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# Problem

An elastic type of pressure measuring instrument is of diaphragm type. The central deflection of the diaphragm was founded to be 0.25mm of an applied pressure of  $10^6 Pa$ . The output displacement of diaphragm has been fed to an LVDT (linear variable differential transducer) with a built-in amplifier having a sensitivity of 40V/mm. Finally, the output is displayed on an analog voltmeter which has a radius of scale line as 60mm and has a voltage range from zero to 10 volts in an arc of  $150^\circ$ .

- i. Sketch the block diagram of the pressure-measuring instrument.
- ii. Determine the sensitivity of the given diaphragm gauge in terms of mm/bar (1 bar =  $10^5 Pa$ ).

- A Bourden pressure gauge having a linear calibration which has a 50 mm long pointer. It moves over a circular dial having an arc of  $270^\circ$ . It displays a pressure range of 0 to 15 bar. Determine the sensitivity of the Bourden gauge in terms of scale length per bar (i.e. mm/bar).

- A thermocouple having the following characteristics:
  - sensitivity of  $4.8 \text{ mV}/^\circ\text{C}$
  - output is connected to a moving coil millivoltmeter with sensitivity of  $1^\circ/\text{mV}$ .
  - length of the pointer of the instrument is 30 mm.

Determine the overall sensitivity of the system in  $\text{mm}/^\circ\text{C}$ .