



Final exam, 2016

Answer all the following questions:

Problem (1) [15 marks]

a) A bridge circuit shown in Fig. 1 is used with a sensor located 100m away. The bridge is not lead compensated, and the cable to the sensor resistance of 0.45Ω/ft. The bridge nulls with $R_1=3400\Omega$, $R_2=3445\Omega$, and $R_3=1560\Omega$. What is the sensor resistance?

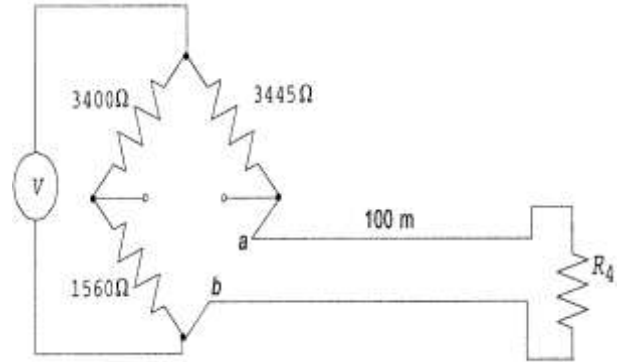


Fig.1

b) For the manufacturing process diagram shown in Fig. 2: The following independent control requirement.

- Control the level at L_{sp} .
- Control temperature at T_{sp} .
- Control the output flow rate at Q_{sp} .

- i. Complete the diagram showing the control loops by using the block diagram error detector symbols and controller blocks. Include blocks for necessary signal converters.
- ii. Explain which of the control loops are self-regulating; give reasons why and why not.

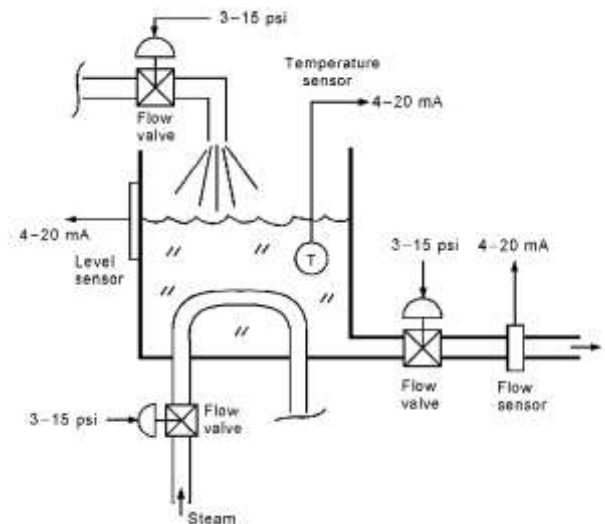


Fig. 2

Problem (2) [15 marks]

- a) What are advantages and disadvantages of Resistance-Temperature Detectors (RTD)?
- b) A 6 bits uni-polar ADC with $V_{ref} = 10.0V$, If 4.22V is applied to the input. The ADC uses successive approximation to estimate the digital output. **Show** the intermediate approximation steps and the final digital output. **Calculate** ADC resolution, minimum and maximum output. **What** is the maximum input signal frequency if the conversion time is 50μs and the input signal is represented by $10 \sin(\omega t)$.

Problem (3) [15 marks]

(a) Consider the shown bridge circuit in Fig. 3. R_T is a temperature sensor which has a resistance of $2\text{ K}\Omega$ at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and increases linearly $10\ \Omega$ per $^\circ\text{C}$. I_c is a current source. $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R_4 = R_5 = 1\text{ K}\Omega$.

- i) Determine I_c which would balance the bridge at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.
- ii) When temperature increases, should you increase, decrease, or keep I_c unchanged in order to keep the bridge balanced? Explain why.

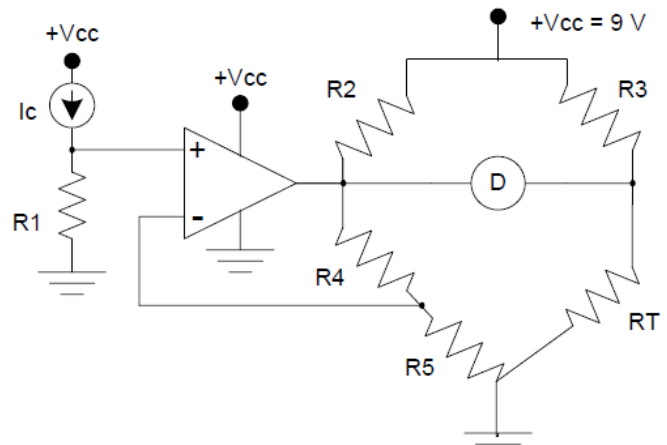


Fig.3

(b) A potentiometric displacement sensor is to be used to measure work-piece motion from 0 to 10 cm. The resistance changes linearly over this range from 0 to $1\text{ k}\Omega$. Develop signal conditioning to provide a linear, 0- to 10- V output.

Problem (4) [15 marks]

- a) Explain TRIAC (Triode for Alternating Current) Operation and its Characteristics?
- b) How much current must be drawn through T2 to turn the GTO in Fig.4 below off if the following specifications apply to the GTO: $\beta_{OFF}=7$, $R_{on} = 2.5\text{ m}\Omega$, $V_B = 75$, and $R_L = 2\ \Omega$? What average power is dissipated by the GTO for a 50% duty cycle?

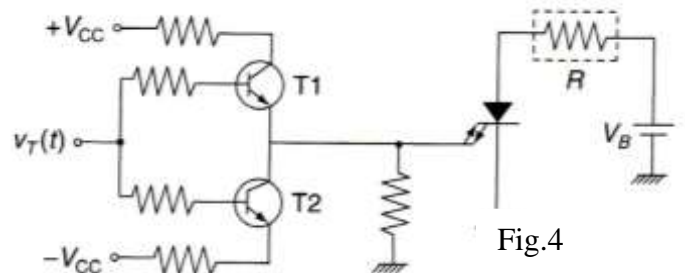


Fig.4

Problem (5) [15 marks]

- a) Develop the digital circuit using AND/OR gates that implements equation:

$$D = \bar{A} \cdot B + A \cdot C + A \cdot \bar{C} \cdot B$$

- b) A 4-bit digital word is intended to control the setting of a $2\text{-}\Omega$ DC resistive heater. Heat output varies as a 0 – 24 V input to the heater. Using a 10–V DAC followed by an amplifier and a unity gain high-current amplifier, calculate: a) the settings from minimum to maximum heat dissipation, and b) how the power varies with LSB changes.