

**AP5101 SENSORS, ACTUATORS AND INTERFACE ELECTRONICS**

DETAILED SYLLABUS

**OBJECTIVES:**

Understand static and dynamic characteristics of measurement systems.

- Study various types of sensors.
- Study different types of actuators and their usage.
- Study State-of-the-art digital and semiconductor sensors.

**UNIT I INTRODUCTION TO MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS**

Introduction to measurement systems: general concepts and terminology, measurement systems, sensor classification, general input-output configuration, methods of correction, performance characteristics: static characteristics of measurement systems, accuracy, precision, sensitivity, other characteristics: linearity, resolution, systematic errors, random errors, dynamic characteristics of measurement systems: zero-order, first-order, and second-order measurement systems and response.

**UNIT II RESISTIVE AND REACTIVE SENSORS**

Resistive sensors: potentiometers, strain gages, resistive temperature detectors, magneto resistors, light-dependent resistors, Signal conditioning for resistive sensors: Wheatstone bridge, sensor bridge calibration and compensation, Instrumentation amplifiers, sources of interference and interference reduction, Reactance variation and electromagnetic sensors, capacitive sensors, differential, inductive sensors, linear variable differential transformers (LVDT), magneto elastic sensors, hall effect sensors, Signal conditioning for reactance-based sensors & application to the LVDT.

**UNIT III SELF-GENERATING SENSORS**

Self-generating sensors: thermoelectric sensors, piezoelectric sensors, pyroelectric sensors, photovoltaic sensors, electrochemical sensors, Signal conditioning for self-generating sensors: chopper and low-drift amplifiers, offset and drifts amplifiers, electrometer amplifiers, charge amplifiers, noise in amplifiers.

**UNIT IV ACTUATORS DRIVE CHARACTERISTICS AND APPLICATIONS**

Relays, Solenoid drive, Stepper Motors, Voice-Coil actuators, Servo Motors, DC motors and motor control, 4-to-20 mA Drive, Hydraulic actuators, variable transformers: synchros, resolvers, Inductosyn, resolver-to-digital and digital-to-resolver converters.

**UNIT V DIGITAL SENSORS AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE SENSORS**

Digital sensors: position encoders, variable frequency sensors – quartz digital thermometer, vibrating wire strain gages, vibrating cylinder sensors, saw sensors, digital flow meters, Sensors based on semiconductor junctions: thermometers based on semiconductor junctions, magneto diodes and magneto transistors, photodiodes and phototransistors, sensors based on MOSFET transistors, CCD imaging sensors, ultrasonic sensors, fiber-optic sensors.

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