

Examples to be solved

Example 3.1. A thermometer reads 73.5°C and the true value of the temperature is 73.15°C . Determine the error and the correction for the given thermometer.

Example 3.2. A temperature transducer has a range of 0°C to 100°C and an accuracy of ± 0.5 percent of full scale value. Find the error in a reading of 55°C .

Example 3.3 A pressure gauge of range 0.20 bar is said to have an error of ± 0.25 bar when calibrated by the manufacturer. Calculate the percentage error on the basis of maximum scale value. What would be the possible error as a percentage of the indicated value when a reading of 5 bar is obtained in a test?

Example 3.4 A pressure gauge having a range of 1000 kN/m^2 has a guaranteed accuracy of 1 percent of full scale deflection (i) What would be the possible readings for a true value of 100 kN/m^2 ? (ii) Estimate the possible readings if the instrument has an error of 1% of the true value.

Example 3.5 The pressure at a remote point has been measured by a system comprising a transmitter, a relay and a receiver element. The specified accuracy limits are :

Transmitter : within $\pm 0.2\%$
Relay : within $\pm 1.1\%$
Receiver : within $\pm 0.7\%$

Estimate the maximum possible error and the root-square accuracy of the measurement system.

Example 3.6 Following data is taken while calibrating a bourdon gauge with a dead weight gauge tester :

Actual Pressure Kg_f/cm^2	5	10	15	20	25	30	25	20	15	10	5
Gauge Reading Kg_f/cm^2	4.5	9.6	14.2	18.0	22.5	28.0	26.0	21.0	16.2	11.4	7.0

Draw the calibration, the error and the correction curves. Make suitable comments on your results.

Example 3.7 A spring scale requires a change of 15 kg_f in the applied weight to produce a 2 cm change in the deflection of the spring scale. Determine the static sensitivity.

Example 3.8 Explain the following statements:

- (i) A galvanometer has a sensitivity specified of $15 \text{ mm}/\mu\text{A}$.
- (ii) An automatic balance has a quoted sensitivity of 1 vernier division/0.1 mg.

Example 3.9 A measuring system consists of a transducer, an amplifier and a recorder, and their individual sensitivities are stated as follows:

Transfer sensitivity $K_1 = 0.25 \text{ mV}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
Amplifier gain $K_2 = 2.5 \text{ V/mV}$
Recorder sensitivity $K_3 = 4 \text{ mm/V}$

What would be the overall sensitivity of the measuring system?

Example 3.10 A pressure measuring system consists of a piezoelectric transducer, a charge amplifier and a ultra violet charge recorder. The sensitivities of these elements are stated as follows:

Piezoelectric transducer, $K_1 = 8.5 \text{ pC/bar}$

Charge amplifier, $K_2 = 0.004 \text{ V/pC}$

Ultraviolet charge recorder, $K_3 = 20 \text{ mm/V}$

What would be the deflection on the chart due to a pressure change of 30 bar?

Example 3.11 How resolution is reckoned for the analogue and digital read out devices?

Example 3.12 A force transducer measures a range of 0-150 N with a resolution of 0.1 percent of full scale. Find the smallest change which can be measured.

Example 3.13. Distinguish between threshold and resolution (or discrimination). The pointer scale of a thermometer has 100 uniform divisions, full scale reading is 200°C and $1/10^{\text{th}}$ of a scale division can be estimated with a fair degree of accuracy. Determine the resolution of the instrument.

Example 3.14 When a step input of 100 kg/cm^2 is applied to a pressure gauge, the pointer swings to pressure of 102.5 kg/cm^2 and finally comes to rest at 101.3 kg/cm^2 . Determine the overshoot of the gauge reading and express it as a percentage of the final reading. Also calculate the percentage error of the gauge.

Example 3.15 The dynamic performance of a thermocouple in a protective sheath has been described by the following differential equation:

$$25 \frac{d\theta_o}{dt} + 2.5\theta_o = 1.25 \times 10^{-5} \theta_i$$

where θ_o is the output volts and θ_i is the input temperature in $^\circ\text{C}$. Determine the time constant and the static sensitivity of the thermocouple.