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Magnetic Sensors :-

INTRODUCTION :-

Magnetic Sensor usually refers to a sensor that converts the magnitude and variations of a magnetic field into electric signal. (or)

Magnetic Sensor that detects the magnitude of magnetism generated by a magnet. or current.

What is magnetic sensor :-

- The sensor transducer which uses the change in magnetic field for their operation.
- used to measure the current, speed, position, & displacement.
- As the conventional sensor, magnetic sensor does not give output parameter directly.

→ Signal processing is required for desired output.

⇒ A few are being conveniently used in developing sensors. Some of them are:

⇒ Magnetic field sensor :- It developed following 'ΔY' effect. In effect, is observed as the change in Young's modulus with magnetization.

⇒ Magneto-elastic sensors :- Based on the fact that in a longitudinal field, given in a ferromagnetic rod changes its magnetization.

⇒ Magnetic elastic sensors :-

Produced using compressive stress change magnetization or affects magnetization in some way.

⇒ Torque / force sensors :-

'Wiedemann effect' is used to develop the torque / force sensors.

Magnetoresistive Sensor :-

→ Are developed on the basis of Thomson effect.

→ which is basically a change in resistance of specified materials with magnetic field impressed.

=> Hall effect sensor :- (or) magnetogalvanic

Sensors :-

the most common and widely used type magnetic sensor.

→ They operate on the fact that a crystal carrying a current.

→ To a magnetic field perpendicular to the direction of the current, produces a transverse voltage.

⇒ Sensors and the Principles Behind:

→ In effect, the ΔY effect is an outcome of magnetostriction.

→ A demagnetized ferromagnetic material.

→ When undergoes a mechanical stress.

→ It develops two types of stresses.

In its namely.

(1) the plain mechanical elastic strain E_s and.

(2) the magnetoelastic strain E_m .

→ the magnetic domains by the applied stress S_a . Given.

~~Then~~ the Young's modulus of the demagnetized material is.

$$Y_{dm} = \frac{S_a}{E_s + E_m}$$

→ For a saturated sample no magneto-elastic strain is produced. no further reorientation is possible.

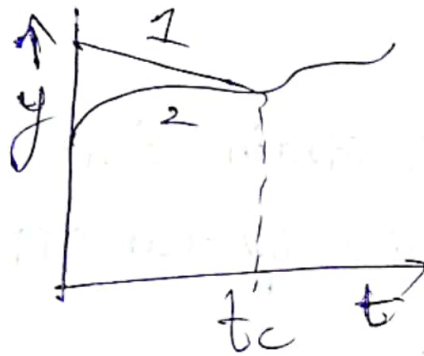
→ And hence the ~~Young~~

Young's modulus becomes.

$$\gamma_{sm} = \frac{S_a}{E_s}$$

where γ_{sm} is the Young's modulus of the saturated material.

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\gamma_{dm}} = \frac{\gamma_{sm} - \gamma_{dm}}{\gamma_{dm}} = \frac{E_m}{E_s}$$

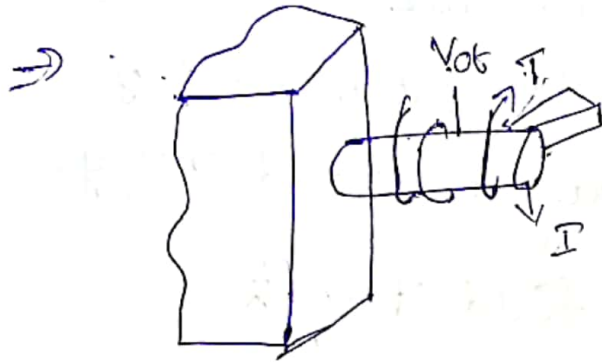


- for the material mentioned,
- In this figure varies depending on the ~~am~~ annealing condition (temperature) of the material.
 - In this figure critical temperature is t_c ... which usually is close to the annealing temperature.

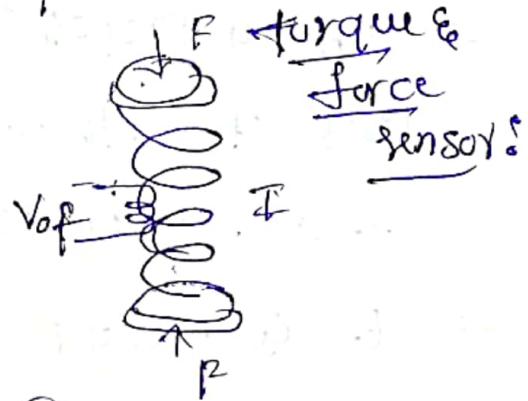
→ Curve 1 in the figure corresponds to the magnetized state.

→ Curve 2 in the nonmagnetized state.

→ Change in V_{of} about 10% can be obtained at room temperature.



(a) Torque sensor



(b) force sensor

→ Wiedemann effect is used to make torque / force sensor.

→ In (a) & (b) with a current 'I' passing in direction as shown in fig. And a torque produced in the rod.

→ An output voltage V_{of} is obtained that gives a measure of the torque.

→ In fig (a) V_{of}

In fig (b) V_{of} is the output voltage for the force. in the balanced condition.

Magnetoelastic Sensor:

Magnetoelastic sensor interactions and conversion of elastic energy E_s into magnetic energy E_m take place.

→ E_m is proportional to the product of field strength and polarization and is often called the magnetic field energy.

→ E_s is product of field strength.
∴ called the elastic stress energy.

→ depending on the material, there appears a crystalline energy E_{cr} .

→ An energy E_{ca} which is called the uniaxial anisotropy energy.

→ The shape anisotropy energy E_N is developed.

→ The magneto mechanical coupling factor k_{33} is defined as the ratio of the elastic stress energy.

to the total storage energy. is

$$k_{33} = \frac{E_s}{E_s + E_m + E_{cr} + E_{at} + E_N}$$

Magnetoresistive Sensors :-

Magnetoresistive sensor uses the fact that the electrical resistance in a ferromagnetic thin ^{film alloy} is changed through an external magnetic field.

→ Magnetoresistive effects are observed in metals specially in ferromagnetic types.

→ It is known as anisotropic magnetoresistive effect.

→ In semiconductor, this effect is sometimes called the geometrical magnetoresistive effect.

→ The effect is due to the fact that under magnetic field.

→ There occur different shifts of energy levels for electrons having negative and positive spins.

- Resulting in a change in density of states at the Fermi level.
- The current lines become longer and the resistivity increases.

Anisotropic Magnetoresistive Sensing:

This type of magnetoresistive effect can be analyzed taking into account the complex ferromagnetic.

- The Relation between the direction of magnetization and resistivity is sufficient as also between the magnetization direction and external fields.
- If the angle between the direction of internal magnetization M and that of current in the sample I is ϕ then, the resistivity is given by.

ρ .

$$\text{Resistivity } \rho(\phi) = \rho_x + (\rho_\beta - \rho_x) \cdot \cos^2 \phi$$

ρ_x is the value of ρ for $\phi = 90^\circ$ &

ρ_β is the value of ρ for $\phi = 0^\circ$

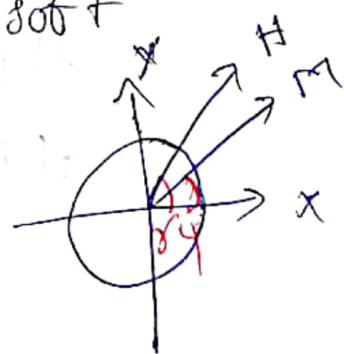
→ Ferromagnetic materials have high internal magnetization because of exchange coupling at the quantum mechanical level.

→ The electron magnetic moments parallel particularly in small areas known as domains which are separated by walls

→ Since different domains have parallelism in different directions.

→ This is specially true for soft ferromagnetic materials.

→ An external field H , magnetization M , rotates which can be calculated by evaluating the energy density E in terms of the angle ϕ b/w M and the axis of lowest energy.



→ The film can be considered to possess an elliptical shape. ~~in fig.~~

→ figure gives the geometry of the assumed structure.

→ The Major axis of the ellipse is the easy axis.

→ Energy E has 3 components

(i) the field energy.

$$E_H = -HM \cos(\gamma - \psi)$$

(2) the anisotropy energy

$$E_A = K_m \sin^2 \psi$$

where K_m is a material constant

(3) the demagnetization energy.

$$H_{dx} = -N_x M \cos \psi$$

$$H_{dy} = -N_y M \sin \psi$$

Semiconductor magnetoresistors:-

- Semiconductor material is exposed to magnetic field. its resistance increases.
- The velocity v of a free charge carrier and the magnetic induction B .
- The Hall angle θ_h between the electric field E_x and the direction of the current.
- This change in the direction of the current.
- Its rotation increases the path length of the current flow as mentioned.
- but is observed as an increase in the resistance of the material.
- The change in resistivity is proportional to the square of the component of the field perpendicular to the current vector, B_p^2 .

$$\text{Then } \rho_B = \rho_0 (1 + \mu^2 B_p^2)$$

HR the coefficient of magneto-resistance.

→ If the magnetic field is large θ_h approaches $\pi/2$ and ρ_B .

→ It shows a linear dependence on field B .

→ The semiconductor plate and magnetic field are included in the resistance ratio of the plate with and without field.

$$\frac{R_B}{R_0} = \frac{\rho_B}{\rho_0} [1 + c_a (\mu_H B)^2]$$

and for $\theta_h \rightarrow \pi/2$

$$\frac{R_B}{R_0} \left(\frac{\rho_B}{\rho_0} \right) (c_b + c_c \mu_H B)$$

where c_a, c_b

c_a, c_b, c_c are factors dependent on the plate geometry.

μ_H is the Hall mobility.

→ Resistance is linearly proportional to field B .

Hall effect and sensors :-

- Hall effect sensor is a type of sensor
- And magnitude of a magnetic field using the Hall effect.
- Hall effect sensors are also galvanomagnetic effect sensors.
- Hall effect is observed both in metals and semiconductors.

The Hall effect:-

- A current is sent through a very long strip
- It is homogeneous semiconductor in the x (long) direction.
- A magnetic field is applied to produce a flux density B_z ; then electric field E_y in the direction of y . which is called the Hall field.
- A voltage V_H ; called the hall voltage. is given by $V_H = B_z I x$ — (1)

- Galvanomagnetic effects
- The Lorentz force on the charge carrier transport phenomena in condensed medium.
- The Lorentz force is expressed as

$$F = eE + e(v \times B) \quad - (2)$$

where e is the charge of the carrier

E is the electrical field

v is the velocity and

B is the magnetic induction

If J is the total current density.

then the carrier transport eqn is

$$J = J_0 + \mu_H [J_0 \times B] \quad - (3)$$

→ The galvanomagnetic effects such as magnetoresistive and Hall effects can be derived from the solutions of Eq. (3) with appropriate boundary conditions.

→ The Hall effect has varying intensity in different materials.

⇒ The materials for this effect are characterized by Hall coefficient

which is defined as

$$h_c = - \frac{E_H}{J \times B}$$

→ The Hall voltage can be expressed in terms of Hall coefficient h_c

$$V_H = h_c J \times B_z W$$

→ The coefficient h_c is reduced, as n_p and n_n are the concentrations r_p and r_n are the Hall scattering factors.

→ μ_p and μ_n are the holes and electrons respectively, then the coefficient is given by

$$h_c = \frac{1}{e} \frac{r_p n_p - r_n n_n (\mu_n / \mu_p)^2}{(n_p + n_n (\mu_n / \mu_p))^2}$$

→ Carrier density n_i equals n_p and n_n which is calculable from standard eqn.

$$n_i = A T^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{-E_g}{2kT}\right)$$

A is coefficient

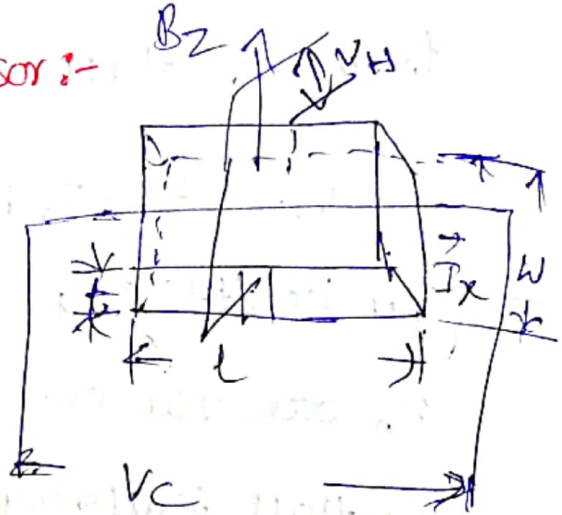
$T =$ Temperature.

$k =$ Boltzmann constant

$E_g =$ band gap energy.

The Hall effect sensor:-

Fig:- Hall sensor



In this fig: A voltage V_c across the supply electrodes produces a current I_x which flows along the length and for a magnetic induction B_z across $l \times w$ face shown in fig.

$$V_{Hi} = \frac{hc B_z I_x}{t}$$

A geometrical correction factor needs to be introduced which is defined

$$\text{as } k_g = V_H / V_{Hi}$$

$$\text{so } V_H = k_g \frac{hc B_z I_x}{t}$$

→ In large drop along the strip which may not be acceptable as a sensor.

→ This voltage drop V_c is given by

$$V_c = R_h I_x = \left(\frac{I_x}{e \mu n_n} \right) \left(\frac{l}{wt} \right)$$

V_H can be written as

$$V_H = - \frac{\mu_{Hn} k_B B_z V_c w}{l}$$

Inductance and eddy current sensor

→ Eddy current sensors are capable of high resolution measurement and are also referred to as inductive sensor.

→ Eddy sensor ~~are~~ current sensors work in magnetic fields.

→ Inductance and eddy current sensors follow the Faraday's law

of induction which is mathematically

$$\text{as } \oint E d\mathbf{l} = - \frac{d}{dt} \iint_A \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$

- The voltage induced in closed turns of a coil is proportional to the time rate of change of flux linkage.
- The inductance sensors use the effect of voltage induction.
- The eddy current types use the current induced due to alternating magnetic field.
- Both these are the most useful. They are easily adapted to measure displacement, rpm, force, weight, acceleration, torque, pressure and so on.
- A voltage in proportion to a variable to be measured, can be induced in a number of ways. Such as
 - (i) By varying the coupling between the two coils.

(ii) By changing inductance of two coils.

when a soft magnetic core is displaced inside them.

(iii) By Varying magnetic flux linkage.

→ when an air gap is varied. or

when the direction of magnetic polarization is changed. and so on.

→ Eddy current is produced by moving an electrical conductor in an alternating magnetic field. and its effects is utilized in the same way.

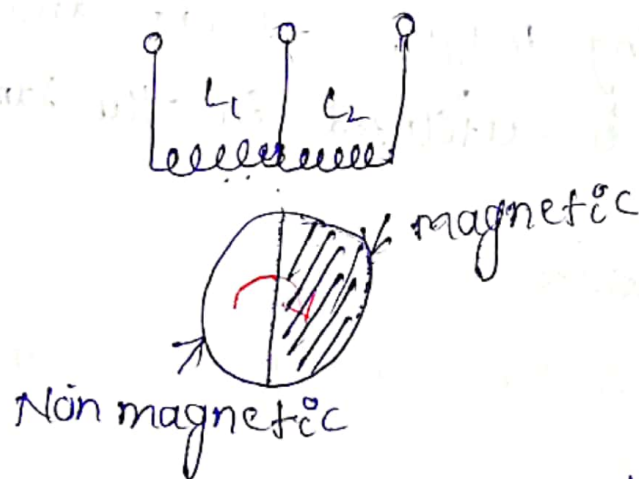
~~Linear Variable~~

Angular / Rotary movement transducers:

An angular movement such as twist or torsion of a shaft.

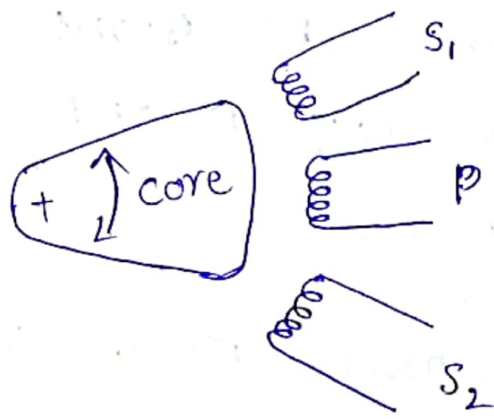
→ A section of the same may be made with half of it made of a ferromagnetic material.

- The half being made of non-magnetic material.
- Two coils are arranged.
- The inductance of the two parts.
- It depends on the amount of magnetic material in the linkage path of the coil fluxes.
- The scheme is shown in fig.



A split coil rotary transducer

Another technique for rotary motion measurement is a modified version of the LVDT as depicted in fig.



Modified version of LVDT for angular movement measurement

Synchros :-

A commonly used error detector of mechanical positions of rotating shafts in AC control systems is the synchro.

- A synchro is a type of transducer which transforms the angular position of the shaft into an electric signal.
- By changing the magnetic coupling between coils.
- As ~~ex~~ ac-excited electromechanical sensors have been developed.

→ for measurement at distant points
It devices are adopted and are
known as synchros.

→ Synchros, as sensors are of two types.
namely (i) torque type and
(ii) control type.

→ the general constructional features
of a synchro are represented in fig.

→ It consists of a stator with
three windings S_1 , S_2 , and S_3 separated
by 120° in space and a rotor R ,

→ which is supplied with an ac
voltage.

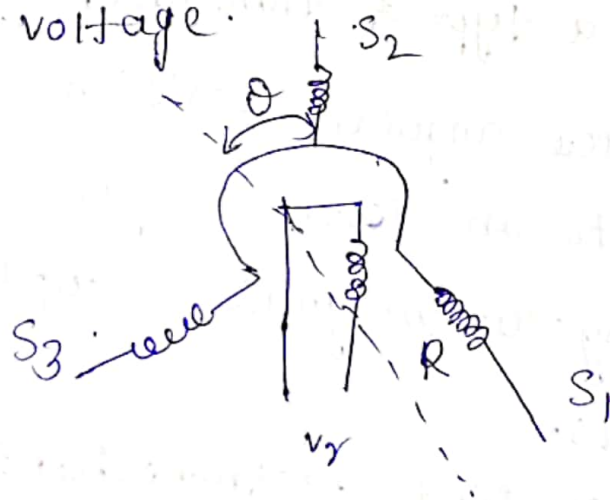


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of a synchro.

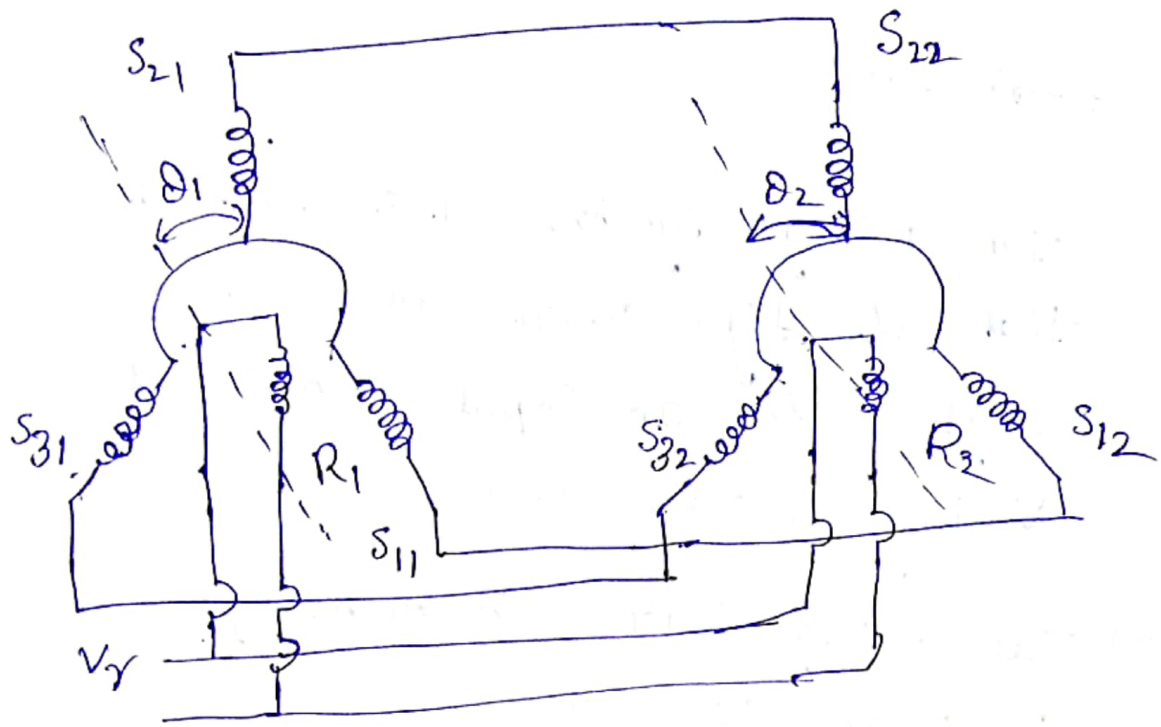


Fig:- Torque type synchro sensor.

- In magnitude and phase, these windings are connected electrically to S_{12} , S_{22} and S_{32} .
- It's same voltage with phase as in those windings of stator 1 produce a field.
- the rotor R_2 , if not oriented as rotor R_1 .
- It is a receive a torque and rotation is to the same rotational position as that of R_1 .

→ for a S.

→ for a single synchro unit such as that of fig. with the rotor angle θ for an input sinusoidal voltage $V_r = V_{r0} \sin \omega t$.

→ The voltage induced in windings S_1, S_2 , and S_3 are

$$V_{S1} = k V_{r0} \sin \omega t \cos(\theta + 120^\circ) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$V_{S2} = k V_{r0} \sin \omega t \cos \theta \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$V_{S3} = k V_{r0} \sin \omega t \cos(\theta + 240^\circ) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where k is a constant, such as the ratio of the rotor to the stator turns. from eqn (3).

The line voltage are

$$V_{S12} = k \sqrt{3} V_{r0} \sin \omega t \sin(\theta + 240^\circ) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$V_{S23} = k \sqrt{3} V_{r0} \sin \omega t \sin(\theta + 120^\circ) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$V_{S31} = k \sqrt{3} V_{r0} \sin \omega t \sin \theta \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

→ In torque type sensors. It is

assumed that $\theta_1 = \theta_2$.

→ There are no unbalanced terminal voltages.

→ The torque is approximately sinusoidal in form.

$$T = k_t \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2). \quad (7)$$

→ This arrangement is known as the Synchro Control transformer.

→ The error voltage $v_e(t)$ is proportional to the cosine of the angle between the two rotors. $\cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$.

$$v_e(t) = k' V_{r0} \sin \omega t \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2). \quad (8)$$

→ If the two rotors are oriented at right angles, $v_e(t) = 0$ and with

$\theta_1 = 0$ and $\theta_2 = 90^\circ$.

If $\theta_1 - \theta_2$ is close to 90° .

Then

$$v_e(t) = k' V_{r0} \sin \omega t \sin[90^\circ - (\theta_1 - \theta_2)]$$
$$\propto (\theta_1 - \theta_2) \quad - \quad 9^\circ$$

the error voltage is proportional to the angular rotational difference of the rotors. In case of synchro control transformer.

- To measure sum or differences of angles.
- The differential unit has star connected windings on both the stator and the rotor.
- The rotor has a cylindrical structure.
- synchro differential unit may also be used as a transmitter when its rotor is a driven one.
- Synchro torque units are used as transmitter ST_1 and ST_2 and the differential unit is used as synchro differential receiver.