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(1) The power P dissipated in a reactor is given as in Equation (1)

$$P = \frac{E^2}{R}$$

If $E = 200$ Volts and $R = 8$ Ohms, find the change in P resulting from a drop of 5 Volts in E and an increase of 0.2 Ohm in R .

Soln

$$dp = \frac{\partial p}{\partial E} dE + \frac{\partial p}{\partial R} dR$$

$$E = 200V, R = 8\Omega \quad dp = P \quad E_{\text{drop}} = 5V, R_{\text{increase}} = 0.2\Omega$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial E} = \frac{2E}{R} \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial R} = -\frac{E^2}{R^2} = -\frac{E^2}{R^2}$$

$$dE = -5V \quad dR = +0.2V$$

$$dp = \left(\frac{2E}{R}\right)(-5V) + \left(\frac{-E^2}{R^2}\right)(+0.2\Omega)$$

$$dp = \left(\frac{2 \times 200}{8}\right)(-5) + \left(\frac{-(200)^2}{8^2}\right)(0.2(8))$$

$$dp = -250 + (-125)$$

$$dp = -375 \text{ Watts}$$

$\therefore P$ decreases by 375 Watts.

2) The deflection y at the Centre of a Circular plate supported at the edge and uniformly loaded is given in Equation (2)

$$y = \frac{Kwd^4}{t^3}$$

where w = total load, d = diameter of plate, t = thickness and K is a constant

Calculate the approximate percentage change in y if w is increased by 3 percent, d is increased by $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent and t is increased by 4 percent.

Soln

$$y = \frac{Kwd^4}{t^3}$$

$$w = +3\% \quad d = 2\frac{1}{2}\% \approx 5\frac{1}{2}\% \quad t = 4\%$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial w} dw + \frac{\partial y}{\partial d} dd + \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} dt$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial w} = \frac{Kd^4}{t^3}, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial d} = \frac{4Kwd^3}{t^3}, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \frac{-3Kwd^4}{t^4}$$

$$dw = \frac{3}{100} \text{ of } w, \quad dd = \frac{5\frac{1}{2}}{100} \text{ of } d, \quad dt = \frac{4}{100} \text{ of } t$$

$$\delta y = \left(\frac{Kd^4}{t^3} \right) \left(\frac{3w}{100} \right) + \left(\frac{4Kwd^3}{t^3} \right) \left(\frac{5\frac{1}{2}d}{100} \right) + \left(\frac{-3Kwd^4}{t^4} \right) \left(\frac{4t}{100} \right)$$

$$\delta y = \left[\frac{3Kwd^4}{100t^3} + \frac{20Kwd^4}{200t^3} - \frac{12Kwd^4}{100t^3} \right]$$

$$\delta y = \frac{Kkd^4}{t^3} \left[\frac{3}{100} + \frac{20}{200} - \frac{12}{100} \right]$$

$$= \frac{Kkld^4}{t^3} \left[\frac{6 + 20 - 24}{200} \right]$$

$$\frac{Kkld^4}{t^3} \left[\frac{2}{200} \right]$$

$$= \text{Recall } y = \frac{Kkld^4}{t^3}$$

$$= y \left[\frac{1}{100} \right]$$

$$\Delta y = y \left[\frac{1}{100} \right]$$

Therefore y increases by 1 percent.