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ENGINEERING MATHS

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

$$P = \frac{E^2}{R} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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 ohms in R .

Solution:

$$P = \frac{E^2}{R} \quad \therefore \frac{dP}{dR} = \frac{-E^2}{R^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dP}{dE} = \frac{2E}{R}$$

$$\delta P = \frac{dP}{dR} \cdot \delta R + \frac{dP}{dE} \cdot \delta E$$

$$\text{where } \frac{dP}{dR} = \frac{-E^2}{R^2} = \frac{-200^2}{8^2} = \frac{40,000}{64} = 625$$

$$\frac{dP}{dE} = \frac{2E}{R} = \frac{2 \times 200}{8} = \frac{400}{8} = 50$$

$$\delta R = 0.2 \text{ ohms}, \quad \delta E = 5 \text{ V}$$

$$\therefore \delta P = \frac{dP}{dR} \cdot \delta R + \frac{dP}{dE} \cdot \delta E$$

$$= -625 \times 0.2 + 50 \times 5$$

$$= -125 + 250$$

$$\delta P = 375$$

2. The deflection y at the centre of a circular plate suspended at the edge and uniformly loaded is given in Equation (2).

$$y = \frac{K w d^4}{t^3}$$

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% and t is increased by 4 percent.

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$$Y = \frac{KWd^4}{t^3} \quad \therefore \frac{dY}{dW} = \frac{Kd^4}{t^3}, \quad \frac{dY}{dd} = \frac{4KWd^3}{t^3}, \quad \frac{dY}{dt} = \frac{-3KWd^4}{t^4}$$

$$\Delta Y = \left(\frac{Kd^4}{t^3} \times \frac{3W}{100} \right) + \left(\frac{4Wd^3}{t^3} \times \frac{2 \cdot 5d}{100} \right) + \left(\frac{-3KWd^4}{t^4} \times \frac{4t}{100} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3KWd^4}{100t^3} + \frac{10KWd^4}{100t^3} - \frac{12KWd^4}{100t^3}$$

$$= \left(\frac{3}{100} + \frac{10}{100} - \frac{12}{100} \right) \frac{KWd^4}{t^3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{100} \frac{KWd^4}{t^3}$$

$$\Delta Y = 1\% \text{ of } Y.$$