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1. The power P dissipated in a resistor 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 drop of 5 Volts in E and increase of 0.2 ohm in R

Soln

$$P = \frac{E^2}{R} \dots (1)$$

$$dP = \frac{dP}{dE} dE + \frac{dP}{dR} dR \dots (2)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dE} = \frac{2E}{R} \dots (3)$$

$$dE = -5 \text{ Volts} = \frac{-5}{200} \times 100\% = -2.5\% \text{ of } E = \frac{-2.5E}{100} \dots (4)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dR} = \frac{-E^2}{R^2} \dots (5)$$

$$dR = +0.2 \text{ Ohms} = \frac{0.2}{8} \times 100\% = 2.5\% \text{ of } R = \frac{+2.5R}{100} \dots (6)$$

Substituting eqn (3), (4), (5) and (6) into

Eqn (2)

Equation (2) becomes

$$dP = \frac{2E}{R} \left(\frac{-2.5E}{100} \right) + \left(\frac{-E^2}{R} \right) \left(\frac{+2.5R}{100} \right)$$

$$dP = \frac{E^2}{R} \left(\frac{-2.5 \times 2}{100} - \frac{2.5}{100} \right)$$

$$dP = \frac{E^2}{R} \left(\frac{-5 - 2.5}{100} \right) = \frac{E^2}{R} \left(\frac{-7.5}{100} \right)$$

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

$$\therefore dP = \frac{-7.5}{100} P$$

However $E = 200$ Volts

$R = 8$ ohms

The actual change in P with respect to both d and R is and an increase of 0.20 ohms in R is

$$dP = \frac{-7.5}{100} P = \frac{-7.5}{100} \times \frac{E^2}{R}$$

$$dP = \frac{-7.5}{100} \times \frac{200^2}{8} = -375 \text{ watts}$$

There was a 375 watt decrease in the power P dissipated by the resistor.

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

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

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 4 per cent

$$y = \frac{kw d^4}{t^3} \dots (2)$$

Recall

$$dy = \frac{dy}{dw} dw + \frac{dy}{dd} dd + \frac{dy}{dt} dt \dots (3)$$

$$\frac{ky}{kw} = \frac{kd^4}{t^3} (1) = \frac{kd^4}{t^3} \dots (4)$$

$$dw = + \frac{3}{100} w = + \frac{300}{100} \dots (5)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dd} = \frac{4kwd^3}{t^3} \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\delta d = + \frac{2.5}{100} \times d = \frac{+2.5d}{100} \quad \dots (7)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = - \frac{3kwd^4}{t^4} \quad \dots (8)$$

$$\delta t = + \frac{4}{100} \times t = \frac{+4t}{100} \quad \dots (9)$$

By substituting eqns (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9) into Eq (2)

$$dy = \frac{k d^4}{t^3} \left(+ \frac{300}{100} \right) + \frac{4kwd^3}{t^3} \left(+ \frac{2.5d}{100} \right) + \left(- \frac{3kwd^4}{t^3} \right) \left(\frac{+4t}{100} \right)$$

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

$$\text{But } y = \frac{kwd^4}{t^3}$$

$$\therefore dy = y \left(\frac{3+10-12}{100} \right)$$

$$dy = + \frac{6.5}{100} y = + \frac{1}{100}$$

Therefore there was an approximate percentage increase in the deflection y where w is increased by 3 percent d is increased by 2.5 percent and t is increased by 4 percent