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ENG 281 Assignment 3.

① The Power  $P$  dissipated in a resistor is given as in Equation (1)  
 $P = E^2/R$  ----- 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  $R$ .

Soln

$$P = E^2/R \text{ ----- } ①$$

$$\delta P = \frac{\partial P}{\partial E} \delta E + \frac{\partial P}{\partial R} \delta R \text{ --- } ②$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial E} = \frac{2E}{R} \text{ --- } ③$$

$$\delta E = -5 \text{ Volts} = -\frac{5}{200} \times 100\% = -2.5\% \text{ of } E = -\frac{2.5E}{100} \text{ --- } ④$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial R} = -\frac{E^2}{R^2} \text{ --- } ⑤$$

$$\delta R = +0.2 \text{ ohms} = \frac{0.2}{8} \times 100\% = 2.5\% \text{ of } R = +\frac{2.5R}{100} \text{ --- } ⑥$$

~~$\delta P = 2$~~  By substituting eqns. (3), (4), (5) and (6) into Eqn (2).

Equation ② becomes:

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

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

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

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

$$\delta P = -\frac{7.5}{100} P$$

However,  $E = 200$  volts  
 $R = 8$  ohms

∴ The actual change in  $P$  with respect to 5 volts drop in  $E$  and an increase of 0.2 ohms in  $R$  is:

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

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

∴ There was a 375 watts decreased in the power  $P$  dissipated by the resistor.

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

$$y = \frac{K W d^4}{t^3} \quad \text{--- --- ②}$$

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 2.5 percent and  $t$  is increased by 4 percent.

Soln.

$$y = \frac{K W d^4}{t^3} \quad \text{--- --- ②}$$

Recall :

$$\delta y = \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \delta w + \frac{\partial y}{\partial d} \delta d + \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \delta t \quad \text{--- --- ③}$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial w} = \frac{K d^4}{t^3} (1) = \frac{K d^4}{t^3} \quad \text{--- --- ④}$$

$$\delta w = +\frac{3}{100} \times w = +\frac{3w}{100} \quad \text{--- --- ⑤}$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial d} = \frac{4Kwd^3}{t^3} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

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

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = -\frac{3Kwd^4}{t^4} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

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

By substituting eqns (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9) into eqn (3).

Equation (3) becomes:

$$\delta y = \frac{Kd^4}{t^3} \left( +\frac{3w}{100} \right) + \frac{4Kwd^3}{t^3} \left( +\frac{2.5d}{100} \right) + \left( -\frac{3Kwd^4}{t^4} \right) \left( +\frac{4t}{100} \right)$$

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

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

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

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

Therefore, there was an <sup>approximate</sup> ~~1~~ 1 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.