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ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

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

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

If $E = 200\text{V}$ and $R = 8\text{ohms}$, find the change in P resulting from a change of 5V in E and an increase of 0.2ohm in R .

Solution

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

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

$$\text{Where } \frac{\delta P}{\delta R} = -\frac{E^2}{R^2} = -\frac{200^2}{8^2} = \frac{40,000}{8} = 625$$

$$\frac{\delta P}{\delta E} = \frac{2E}{R} = \frac{2 \times 200}{8} = \frac{400}{8} = 50$$

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

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

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

$$= -125 - 250$$

$$\delta P = -375$$

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

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

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 3 percent, d is increased by 2½ percent and t is increased by 4 percent

$$Y = \frac{Kwd^4}{t^3} \therefore \frac{\delta Y}{\delta w} = \frac{Kd^4}{t^3}, \frac{\delta Y}{\delta d} = \frac{4Kwd^3}{t^3}, \frac{\delta w}{\delta t} = \frac{-4Kwd^4}{t^4}$$

$$\delta Y = \left(\frac{Kd^4}{t^3} \times \frac{3w}{100} \right) + \left(\frac{4Kwd^3}{t^3} \times \frac{2.5d}{100} \right) + \left(\frac{-4Kwd^4}{t^4} \times \frac{1t}{100} \right)$$

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

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

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

$$\delta Y = 1\% \text{ of } Y$$