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

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

If  $E = 200V$  and  $R = 8\Omega$  find the change in  $P$  resulting from a drop of  $5V$  in  $E$  and an increase of  $0.2\Omega$  in  $R$

Solution

$$P = E^2 \cdot R^{-1}$$

$$\Delta P = \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta E} \Delta E + \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta R} \Delta R$$

$$\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta E} = 2ER^{-1}$$

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

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$$\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta R}$$

$$\Delta E = 5V, \quad \Delta R = 0.2\Omega$$

$$\Delta P = \frac{2 \times 200 \times 5}{8} + \left[ \frac{(-200)^2 \times 1 \times 0.2}{8} \right]$$

$$\Delta P = \frac{2000}{8} + \frac{8000}{64}$$

$$\Delta P = 250 + 125$$

$$\Delta P = 375 \text{ Watts}$$

The power  $P$  dissipated increased by 375 Watts

2. The deflection  $y$  at the centre of a circle plate suspended at the edge and uniformly loaded is equ. (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 % change in  $y$  if  $w$  is increased by 3% and  $d$  is

increased by  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  and  $t$  increased by  $4\%$

Solution

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

$$y = Kwd^4 t^{-3}$$

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

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial d} = 4d^3 wt^{-3}$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = -3t^{-4} wd^4$$

$$\Delta y = \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \cdot \Delta w + \frac{\partial y}{\partial d} \cdot \Delta d + \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \cdot \Delta t$$

$$\Delta y = d^4 t^{-3} \left[ \frac{3w}{100} \right] + 4d^3 wt^{-3} \left[ \frac{5d}{200} \right] - 3t^{-4} wd^4 \left[ \frac{4t}{100} \right]$$

$$\Delta y = \frac{3d^4 t^{-3} w}{100} + \frac{20d^4 wt^{-3}}{200} - \frac{12t^{-3} wd^4}{100}$$

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

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

$$\Delta y = \frac{Kwd^4}{t^3} \left[ \frac{1}{100} \right]$$

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

$\therefore$  The percentage change in  $y$  is  $1\%$