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Operation of digital relays

Digital relays are relays in which microprocessors and microcontrollers are used in the replacement of analogue circuits used in static relays to implement relay functions. It measures digitally the current, voltage and other signals associated with the equipment under protection.

It does this using an analogue to digital converter which converts all measured analogue quantities to digital and uses a microprocessor to implement the protection algorithm. The ~~uses~~ microprocessor uses any type of counting technique or the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) to implement the algorithm.

Components of the digital relay
The digital relay consists of:

1. Analogue input subsystem

- 2 Digital input subsystem
- 3 Digital output subsystem
- 4 A processor along with RAM
- 5 main set memory
- 6 Power supply.

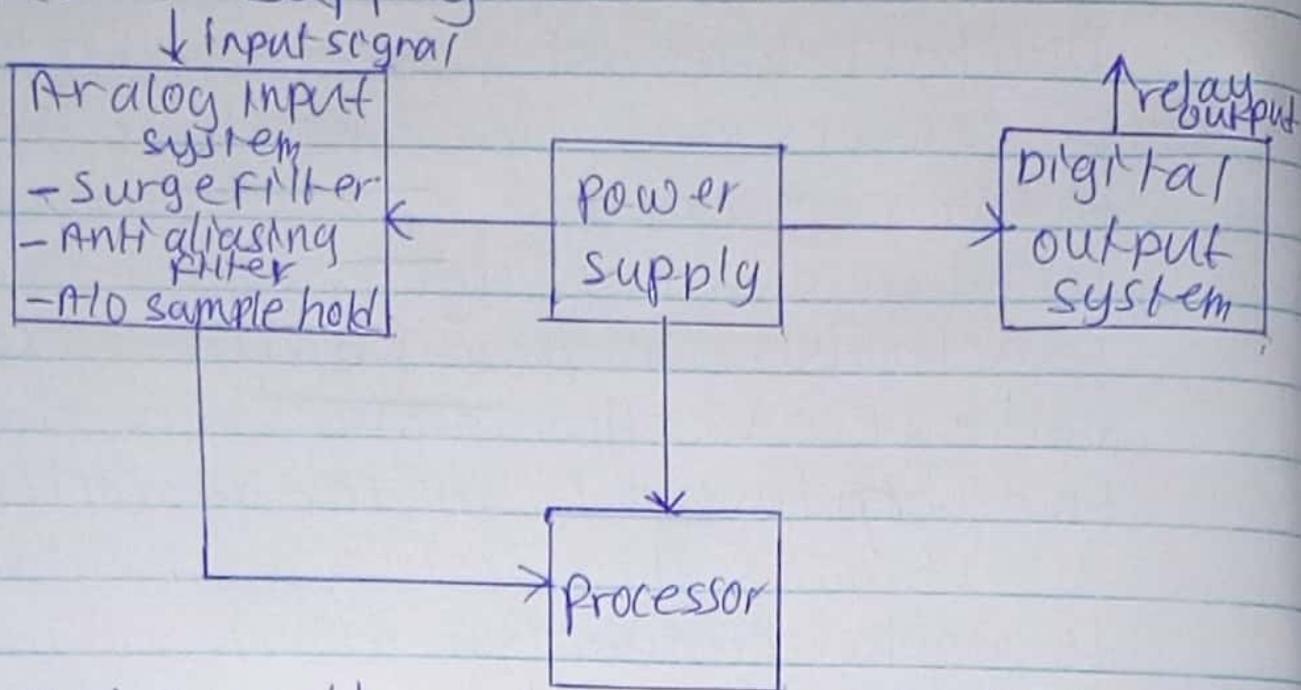


Fig: Operation diagram of digital relay

Operation of the digital relay

The following steps shows how the digital relay operates!

- 1 Conversion of analogue signal to digital
- 2 Processing of digital form.
- 3 Boolean decision to trip or not to trip.