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**FINAL EXAMINATION
SEMESTER I
SESSION 2018/2019**

COURSE NAME : INSTRUMENTATION AND MEASUREMENT
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INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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- Q1**
- (a) Discuss the main advantage of Maxwell Bridge over other AC bridges? (2 marks)

 - (b) Two resistors (R_1 and R_2), two strain gauges (R_{G1} and R_{G2}), a voltage meter, and a 9V battery are given to measure the force applied on an aluminum plate. If $R_1 = R_2 = R_{G1} = R_{G2}$.
 - (i) Design a circuit that can measure the applied force and compensate the effect of temperature change using the given components. (4 marks)

 - (ii) Show that the designed circuit can compensate the effect of temperature. (5 marks)

 - (c) Discuss the **TWO (2)** differences between DC and AC bridges in a measurement (4 marks)

 - (d) A Maxwell bridge is used to measure an inductive impedance as illustrated in **Figure 1 (d)**. Show that $R_x = \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_1}$ and $L_x = R_2 R_3 C_1$ when the bridge is balanced. (10 marks)

- Q2**
- (a) List three selection criteria for each component below;
 - (i) Selection of transducer classification. (3 marks)
 - (ii) Selection criteria of a sensor. (3 marks)

 - (b) The relay of **Figure Q2(b)** is to be controlled by a photoconductive cell with the characteristics. The circuit delivers 10 mA at a 30-V setting when the cell is illuminated with about 400 Im/m^2 . The circuit becomes deenergized when the cell is dark. Calculate:
 - (i) The required series resistance. (4 marks)
 - (ii) The level of the dark current. (4 marks)

 - (c) During experiment with a copper - constantan thermocouple, it was found that $c = 3.75 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mV/}^\circ\text{C}$ and $k = 4.50 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mV/}^\circ\text{C}$. If $T_1 = 100^\circ\text{C}$ and the cold junction T_2 is kept in the ice, compute the resultant electromotive force, emf. (6 marks)

 - (d) An inductive transducer as shown in **Figure Q2(d)**. Propose a solution to use an inductive transducer to measure the liquid flowmeter. (5 marks)



- Q3** (a) A resistive position transducer with a resistance of $10\text{ k}\Omega$ and shaft stroke of 8 cm with a bridge circuit is used to measure the bumpiness of a roadway by moving it to the right as shown in **Figure Q3(a)**.
(Note: the initial position to be used as a reference point is when the shaft is at the middle of stroke).
- (i) Illustrate the equivalent circuit of the system. (2 marks)
 - (ii) Derive the formula for V_{out} in terms of the value resistor in the circuit. (2 marks)
 - (iii) Find the value of V_{out} when the shaft at initial position. (2 marks)
 - (iv) Calculate the value of V_{out} when the shaft reached point A. (4 marks)
- (b) An accelerometer in **Figure Q3(b)** has a seismic mass of 0.05 kg and a spring constant of $3.0 \times 10^3\text{ N/m}$. Maximum mass displacement is $\pm 0.02\text{ m}$ (before the mass hits the stops).
- (i) Analyse the maximum measurable acceleration in **g**. (5 marks)
 - (ii) Calculate the natural frequency, F_N . (5 marks)
- (c) (i) Describe the steps to convert a binary number to gray code. (3 marks)
- (ii) Illustrate the conversion of the binary number, 01001 into its gray code equivalent. (2 marks)



- Q4 (a) List **TWO (2)** advantages and **TWO (2)** disadvantages of a digital instrument compared to analog instrument. (4 marks)
- (b) **Figure Q4(b)** shows a circuit for voltage to frequency converter.
- (i) Describe the function of a voltage to frequency converter. (2 marks)
- (ii) Given $V_i = f / 50$. Calculate the amplitude input voltage V_i of the voltage to frequency converter, if 600 pulses are passes by the AND gate during a 0.1 sec gating pulse. (7 marks)
- (c) **Figure Q4(c)** shows a block diagram of an Single-slope Analog to Digital Converter (ADC).
- (i) Determine the component for “A” and “B” in **Figure Q4(c)** (2 marks)
- (ii) Sketch the output waveform of the circuit labeled ‘V_{io}’, ‘V_c’ and ‘Pulse’. (4 marks)
- (iii) A Single-slope ADC as shown in **Figure Q4(c)** consists of a 1000 k Ω resistor and a 1 μ F capacitor. The reference is 12 V. Calculate the conversion time for a 6.8 V analog input. (6 marks)

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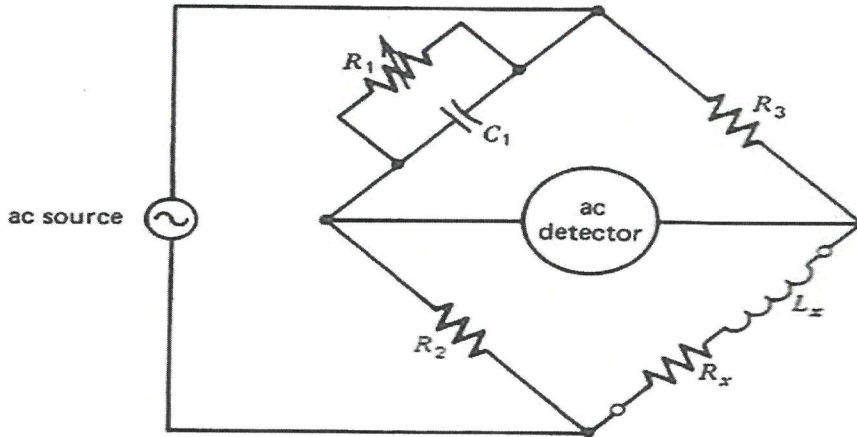
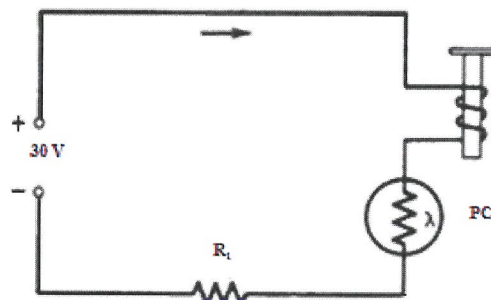
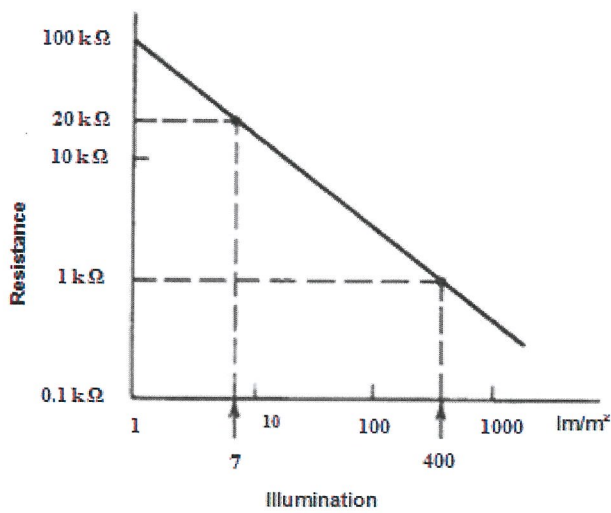


Figure Q1(d)



(a)



(b)

Figure Q2(b)

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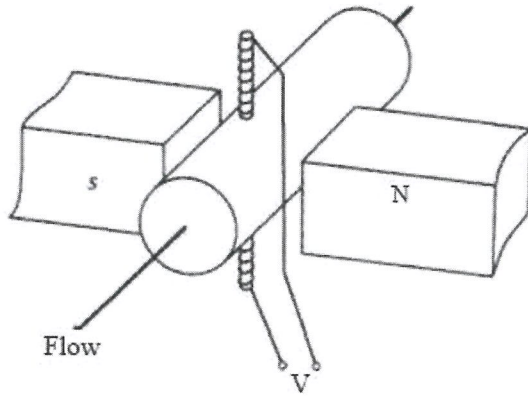


Figure Q2 (d)

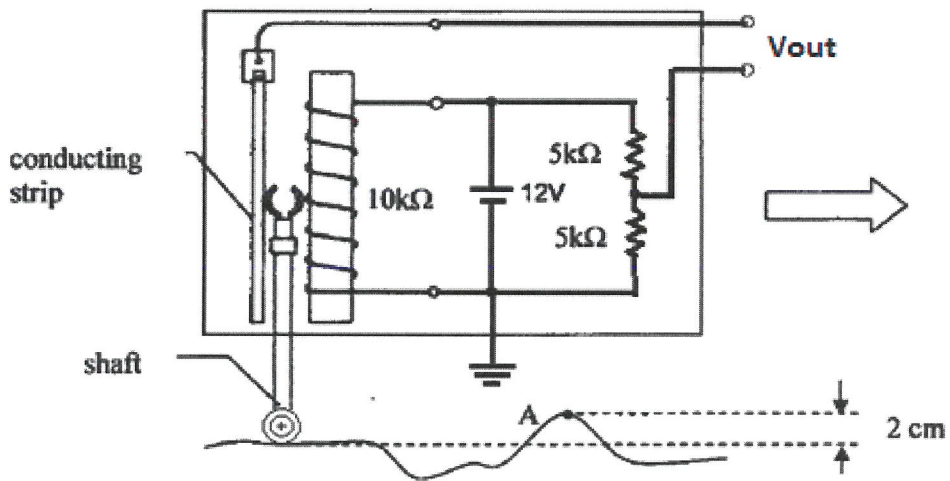


Figure Q3(a)

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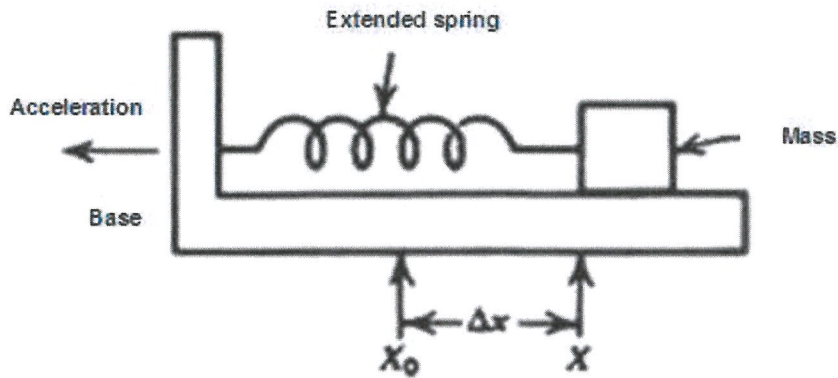


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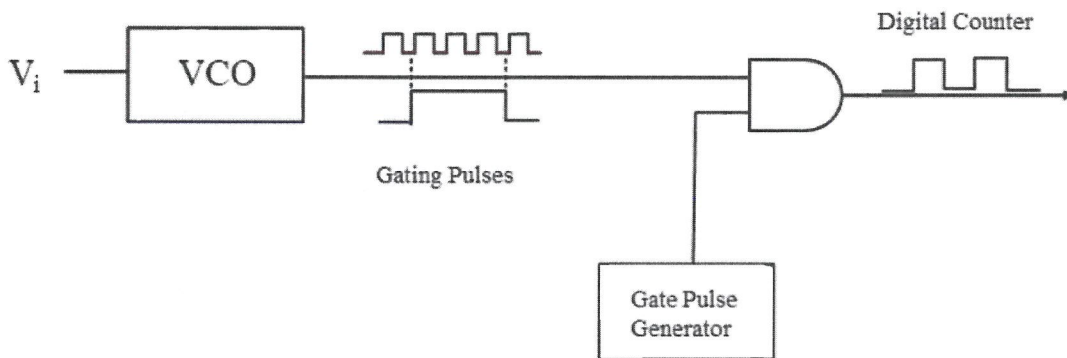


Figure Q4(b)

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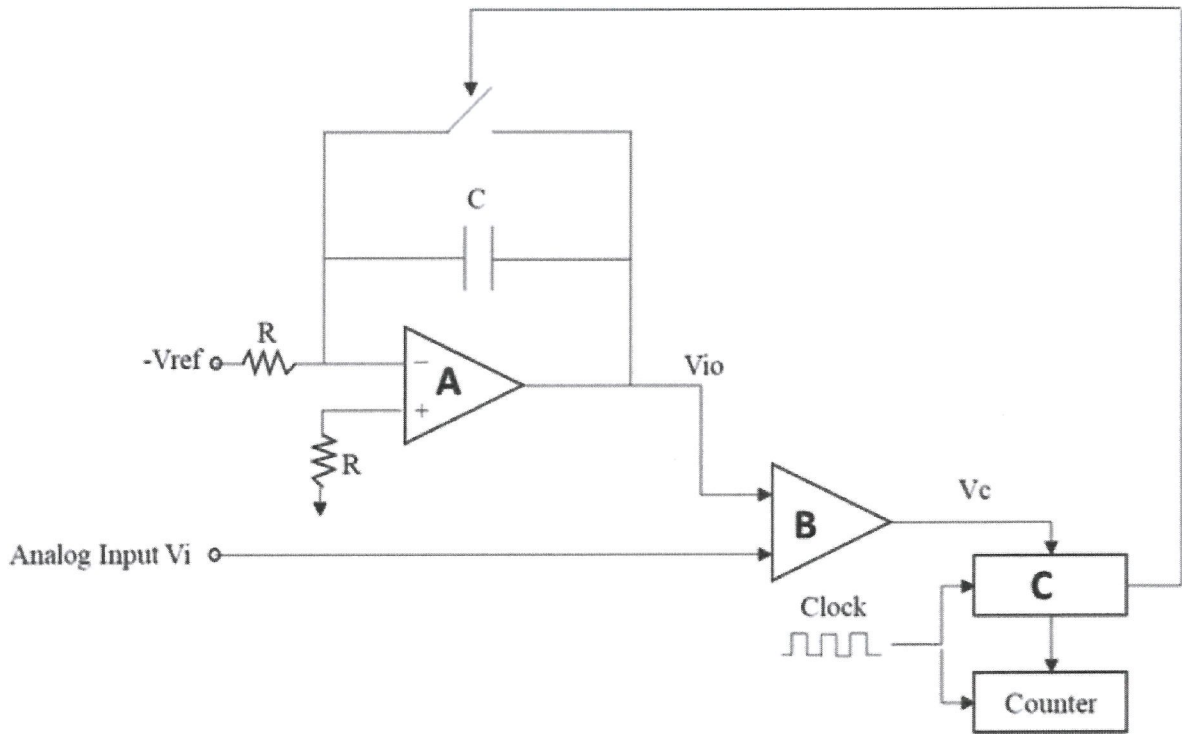


Figure Q4(e)

