

Outline and Equation Sheet for M E 345

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Introduction

- Primary dimensions – mass, length, time, temperature, current, amount of light, and amount of matter.
- Significant digits – the rules for multiplication and division, and for addition and subtraction.
- Rounding off – round *up* if the least significant digit is *odd*, and *truncate* if the least significant digit is *even*.

Dimensional Analysis

- Law of dimensional homogeneity – *Every additive term in an equation must have the same dimensions.*
- The method of repeating variables – there are 6 steps:
 1. List the parameters and count them, n .
 2. List the primary dimensions of each parameter.
 3. Set the reduction, j , as the number of primary dimensions in the problem. Then $k = n - j$. [Reduce j by one if necessary.]
 4. Choose j repeating variables.
 5. Construct the k Π s, and manipulate as necessary.
 6. Write the final functional relationship $\Pi_1 = \text{function}(\Pi_2, \Pi_3, \dots, \Pi_k)$ and check your algebra.
- Dimensional analysis is often extremely useful in setting up and designing experiments.

Errors and Calibration

- Systematic errors (bias errors) – consistent, repeatable errors.
- Random errors (precision errors) – scatter in data, a lack of repeatability, unrepeatability, inconsistent errors.
- Accuracy – *accuracy error is the measured value minus the true value.*
- Precision – *precision error is the reading minus the average of readings.*
- Other errors – zero, linearity, sensitivity, resolution, hysteresis, instrument repeatability, drift.
- Calibration – static (time not relevant) vs. dynamic (time is relevant) calibration.
- Mean bias error – defined as $\text{MBE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i - x_{\text{true}}}{x_{\text{true}}}$, and usually expressed as a percentage.

Basic Electronics Review

- Unity conversion factors – $\left(\frac{1 \Omega}{1 \text{ V/A}}\right) = 1$, $\left(\frac{1 \text{ F}}{1 \text{ C/V}}\right) = 1$, $\left(\frac{1 \text{ H} \cdot \text{A/s}}{1 \text{ V}}\right) = 1$, and $\left(\frac{1 \text{ A} \cdot \text{s}}{1 \text{ C}}\right) = 1$.
- Ohm's law and basic equations – $\Delta V = IR$, $I = C \frac{dV}{dt}$ and $V = L \frac{dI}{dt}$ at any instant in time.
- Voltage divider – $V_{\text{out}} = V_{\text{in}} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$ where V_{out} is measured across resistor R_2 .
- Resistors in series – $R_{\text{total}} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N$ and $I = I_1 = I_2 = \dots = I_N$.
- Resistors in parallel – $R_{\text{total}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_N}}$ and $I_{\text{total}} = I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_N$.
- Capacitors in series – $C_{\text{total}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{C_N}}$ and $I = I_1 = I_2 = \dots = I_N$.
- Capacitors in parallel – $C_{\text{total}} = C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_N$ and $I_{\text{total}} = I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_N$.
- Inductors in series – $L_{\text{total}} = L_1 + L_2 + \dots + L_N$ and $I = I_1 = I_2 = \dots = I_N$.
- Inductors in parallel – $L_{\text{total}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{L_N}}$ and $I_{\text{total}} = I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_N$.
- Impedance – $|Z| = \frac{V_{\text{peak}}}{I_{\text{peak}}}$; resistor $Z = R$, capacitor $Z = \frac{1}{i\omega C}$, inductor $Z = i\omega L$.

Basic Statistics

- Definitions – sample mean $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$, sample standard deviation $S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2}{n-1}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$, sample variance (S^2), sample median (half lower, half higher), sample mode (most probable value – one that occurs most frequently), population (all values) vs. sample (a selected portion of the total population).
- Excel – learn how to use Excel's built-in statistics functions.
- Root mean square error – defined as $\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i - x_{\text{true}}}{x_{\text{true}}} \right)^2}$, and usually expressed as a percentage.

Histograms and Probability Density Functions

- Histogram plots – frequency, bins or classes, bin width or class width, Sturges and Rice rules.
- Normalized histograms – how to normalize the vertical scale and the horizontal scale.
- PDF – how to create a probability density function from a histogram.
- Expected value – same as population mean.
- Standard deviation – same as population standard deviation.
- Normalized PDF – transform from x to z using $z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$ and $f(z) = \sigma f(x)$.
- The Gaussian or normal PDF – how to predict probabilities for systems with purely random errors using the error function, $A(z) = \frac{1}{2} \text{erf}\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ where $\text{erf}(\eta) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{\xi=0}^{\xi=\eta} \exp(-\xi^2) d\xi$. See table of $A(z)$.
- Other PDFs – lognormal, chi-squared distribution, student's t , degrees of freedom, confidence level and significance level.
- How to estimate the population mean μ from a sample using the student's t PDF: $\mu = \bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$ with confidence level $1 - \alpha$, use table of critical values for the student's t PDF.
- How to estimate the population standard deviation σ from a sample using the χ^2 PDF: $(n-1) \frac{S^2}{\chi^2_{\alpha/2}} \leq \sigma^2 \leq (n-1) \frac{S^2}{\chi^2_{1-\alpha/2}}$ with confidence level $1 - \alpha$, use table of critical values for the χ^2 PDF.
- The central limit theorem (CLT) – standard error of the mean = standard deviation of sample means = $S_{\bar{x}} = \frac{S_{\text{overall}}}{\sqrt{n}}$. As n gets large, we write the CLT in terms of population standard deviations: $\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$.

Correlation and Regression

- Linear correlation coefficient – $r_{xy} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$. By definition, r_{xy} must always lie between -1 and 1 , i.e., $-1 \leq r_{xy} \leq 1$. To determine if there is a trend in the data, use the table of critical values of r_{xy} .
 - Regression analysis – least-squares fits (linear, polynomial, and multiple variables), standard error of estimate. Equations are provided in the lecture notes, but we typically use Excel to do the analysis.
- Standard error of estimate – also called **standard error**: $S_{y,x} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} y_i^2 - b \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} y_i - a \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} x_i y_i}{n-2}}$.

Outlier Points

- Outliers in a set of data points – use the modified Thompson tau technique: compare maximum absolute value of the deviation with Thompson τ times sample standard deviation (τS) to determine outliers: **If $\delta > \tau S$, reject the outlier.**

$$S_{y,x} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} (y_i - Y_i)^2}{df}}, \quad df = n - (m + 1)$$

- Outliers in a set of data pairs – for polynomial fit of order m ,
Examine the standardized residual $e_i / S_{y,x}$ to determine outliers. There are **two criteria** for a data pair to be called an outlier:
 - $|e_i / S_{y,x}| > 2$
 - The standardized residual is *inconsistent* with its neighbors (as judged by a plot of $e_i / S_{y,x}$ vs. x).

Experimental Uncertainty Analysis

- Maximum uncertainty – assumes all errors have the same sign and add up (unlikely). Normally, we do not use the maximum uncertainty. Typically, we use instead the RSS uncertainty, as described below:
- RSS uncertainty or expected uncertainty – assumes some errors are positive and some are negative (more likely). Use

$$u_{R,RSS} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{i=N} \left(u_{x_i} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x_i} \right)^2} \quad \text{or, if } R = C \cdot x_1^{a_1} \cdot x_2^{a_2} \dots \cdot x_N^{a_N}, \quad \frac{u_R}{R} = \frac{u_{R,RSS}}{R} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{i=N} \left(a_i \frac{u_{x_i}}{x_i} \right)^2}$$

- Combining elemental uncertainties using RSS uncertainty analysis – use $u_x = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{i=K} u_i^2}$, where K is the number of elemental uncertainties, and u_i are the individual elemental uncertainties.

Experimental Design

- Choosing a test matrix – one parameter at a time (full factorial) vs. Taguchi's experimental design arrays (fractional factorial) test matrices. $N = L^P$ (L = levels, P = parameters) for a full factorial experiment.
- Level averages – E.g., average over all the runs where parameter a is at level 1.
- Optimum Taguchi design array – Meets two criteria:
 - *Each level of each parameter appears the same number of times in the array.*
 - *Repetitions of parameter-level combinations are minimized as much as possible.*
- Taguchi orthogonal arrays – know how to spot a poorly designed experimental design array.
- Response surface methodology (RSM) – goal is to efficiently hunt for the optimum values of parameters a , b , c , etc. such that response y is maximized or minimized.

- Coded variables – transform the physical variables into coded variables, $x_1 = 2 \left(\frac{a - a_{\text{mid value}}}{a_{\text{range}}} \right)$,

$$a_{\text{mid value}} = \frac{a_{\text{min}} + a_{\text{max}}}{2}, \quad a_{\text{range}} = a_{\text{max}} - a_{\text{min}} \quad (\text{with similar equations for the other variables}).$$

This is necessary to properly use the RSM technique.

- Direction of steepest ascent – vector $\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_3} \right)$ determined by regression analysis on coded variables.

$$\text{For known } \Delta x_1, \quad \Delta x_2 = \Delta x_1 \frac{\partial y / \partial x_2}{\partial y / \partial x_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta x_3 = \Delta x_1 \frac{\partial y / \partial x_3}{\partial y / \partial x_1}$$

- Marching – Transform back to physical variables, $\Delta a = \frac{a_{\text{range}}}{2} \Delta x_1$, then march in the direction of steepest ascent until y is no longer improving.

Hypothesis Testing

- **Null hypothesis** – *a theory that is being considered or tested*. Typically, the null hypothesis represents “nothing is happening.”
- There are two parts to the null hypothesis:
 - The critical value (extreme value), μ_0 .
 - The “sides” or “tails” of the null hypothesis – select the least likely scenario ($\mu = \mu_0$, $\mu < \mu_0$, or $\mu > \mu_0$).
- **Alternative hypothesis** – also called the **research hypothesis** – *the complement of the null hypothesis*.
- **t-statistic** – calculate for the extreme value (critical value) of the null hypothesis, $t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{S / \sqrt{n}}$.
- **p-value** – p-value is *the probability of wrongly rejecting the null hypothesis, if it is in fact true*. In Excel, use **TDIST(t, df, tails)** (p-value is the area under the tail(s) of the t-PDF). See also the **tables of p-values for a given value of df**. *Note*: The values in the table are for **one-tail** hypothesis tests; **multiply by 2** for two tails.
- A **small p-value** means that the null hypothesis is **unlikely to be true** – **we reject the null hypothesis if the p-value is less than some level**, typically 0.05 (5%) to standard engineering confidence level.
- **Paired samples hypothesis testing when n is the same for the two samples** – use $\delta = x_B - x_A$ as the variable, set the null hypothesis as $\mu_0 = \mu_\delta = 0$, and set the value of the critical t-statistic to $t = \frac{\bar{\delta} - \mu_0}{S_\delta / \sqrt{n}}$.
- **Two sample hypothesis testing when n is not the same for the two samples** – set the null hypothesis as

$$\mu_A = \mu_B, \text{ set the critical } t\text{-statistic to } t = \frac{\bar{x}_A - \bar{x}_B}{\sqrt{\frac{S_A^2}{n_A} + \frac{S_B^2}{n_B}}}, \text{ and use } df = \text{NINT} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{S_A^2}{n_A} + \frac{S_B^2}{n_B} \right)^2}{\frac{1}{n_A - 1} \left(\frac{S_A^2}{n_A} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{n_B - 1} \left(\frac{S_B^2}{n_B} \right)^2} \right]$$

(Welch’s equation) as a kind of weighted value of the degrees of freedom.

Digital Data Acquisition

- **Binary to decimal and vice-versa** – how to convert: sum columns or successive division, respectively.
- **A/D systems** – resolution = $\frac{(V_{\max} - V_{\min})}{2^N}$, quantization error = $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ resolution = $\pm \frac{1}{2} \frac{(V_{\max} - V_{\min})}{2^N}$.
- **Discrete sampling** – $\Delta t = 1/f_s$, $\omega = 2\pi f$, watch out for clipping and aliasing.
- **Aliasing** – If $f_s > 2f$, then there is no aliasing (**Nyquist criterion**), if $\frac{2}{3}f < f_s < 2f$, then $f_a = |f_s - f|$.
- If $f_s < \frac{2}{3}f$, then $f_a = \left(\frac{f_a}{f_{\text{folding}}} \right) f_{\text{folding}}$ where $f_{\text{folding}} = \frac{f_s}{2}$, and need to use the folding diagram.
- OR, use the general equation $f_{\text{perceived}} = \left| f - f_s \cdot \text{NINT} \left(\frac{f}{f_s} \right) \right|$, where NINT is the “nearest integer”.
- **Signal reconstruction** – the Cardinal series: **reconstruct a digital signal back into an analog signal**.
- **Fourier series** – $f(t) = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(n\omega_0 t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cos(n\omega_0 t)$ where fundamental frequency is $f_0 = 1/T$ and $\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0$. Coefficients are $c_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt$, $a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin(n\omega_0 t) dt$, and $b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos(n\omega_0 t) dt$.
- **Harmonic amplitude plots** – plot of amplitude of each coefficient $|a_1|$, $|a_2|$, etc. versus harmonic number n .
- **Fourier transforms, DFTs and FFTs** – discrete version of Fourier series; $f_{\max} = f_{\text{folding}} = \frac{f_s}{2} = \frac{N}{2} \Delta f$ where N = total number of discrete data points taken, T = total sampling time, $\Delta t = T/N$ = time between data points, $f_s = 1/\Delta t = N/T$ = sampling frequency, and $\Delta f = 1/T$ = frequency resolution.
- **Leakage** – appears when the discrete data acquisition does not stop at exactly the same phase as it started.
- **Windowing** – reduces but does not totally eliminate leakage.
- **Anti-aliasing filter** – use a low-pass filter to remove high frequencies to avoid aliasing.

Filters

- 1st-order low-pass filter – $f_{\text{cutoff}} = \frac{\omega_{\text{cutoff}}}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi RC}$, $G = \frac{|V_{\text{out}}|}{|V_{\text{in}}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+(f/f_{\text{cutoff}})^2}}$, $\phi = -\arctan\left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{cutoff}}}\right)$.
- 1st-order high-pass filter – $f_{\text{cutoff}} = \frac{\omega_{\text{cutoff}}}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi RC}$, $G = \frac{|V_{\text{out}}|}{|V_{\text{in}}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+(f_{\text{cutoff}}/f)^2}}$, $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{f_{\text{cutoff}}}{f}\right)$.
- Higher-order filters – for a **Butterworth low-pass filter of order n** , $G = \frac{|V_{\text{out}}|}{|V_{\text{in}}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+(f/f_{\text{cutoff}})^{2n}}}$.
- Gain expressed in decibels – for any filter or amplifier, $G_{\text{dB}} = 20\log_{10} G = 20\log_{10} \frac{|V_{\text{out}}|}{|V_{\text{in}}|}$.

Operational Amplifiers (op-amps)

- Open-loop gain – $V_o = g(V_p - V_n)$.
- Closed-loop configuration (with feedback loop) – $V_p \approx V_n$.
- Example circuits – buffer: $V_{\text{out}} = V_{\text{in}}$, inverting amplifier: $V_{\text{out}} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1}V_{\text{in}} = GV_{\text{in}}$, inverter: $V_{\text{out}} = -V_{\text{in}}$,
inverting summer: $V_{\text{out}} = -(V_1 + V_2)$, noninverting amplifier: $V_{\text{out}} = (1 + (R_2/R_1))V_{\text{in}} = GV_{\text{in}}$.
- Other circuits – active filters, clipping circuits (high and low voltage clipping), etc.
- Common-mode rejection ratio (CMRR) – $\text{CMRR} = 20\log_{10} \frac{g}{G_{\text{CM}}}$, and G_{CM} is the common-mode gain.
- Gain-bandwidth product (GBP) – op-amp acts like low-pass filter at high frequencies:
 - Noninverting op-amp amplifier: $\text{GBP} = \text{GBP}_{\text{noninverting}} = f_c G_{\text{theory, noninverting}} = \text{constant}$ [GBP supplied by manufacturer's specs].
 - Inverting op-amp amplifier: $\text{GBP}_{\text{inverting}} = \frac{-R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \text{GBP}_{\text{noninverting}}$, $\text{GBP}_{\text{inverting}} = f_c G_{\text{theory, inverting}} = \text{constant}$.
- Loading – input and output loading can cause voltage change due to internal resistances. R_i = input resistance or input impedance.

Stress, Strain, and Strain Gages

- Axial stress and axial strain – $\sigma_a = \frac{F}{A}$, $\epsilon_a = \frac{\delta L}{L}$, $\sigma_a = E\epsilon_a$.
- Transverse strain & Poisson's ratio – $\nu = \text{Poisson's ratio} = -\frac{\epsilon_t}{\epsilon_a}$, $\epsilon_t = \frac{\delta w}{w} = \frac{\delta t}{t}$; $\epsilon_t = \frac{\delta D}{D}$ for round rods.
- Stress-strain relationship on a surface; principal axes – $\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{E}(\sigma_x - \nu\sigma_y)$, $\epsilon_y = \frac{1}{E}(\sigma_y - \nu\sigma_x)$.
- Wire resistance – $R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$, $\frac{\delta R}{R} = S\epsilon_a$, where S is the **strain gage factor**, defined as $S = \frac{\delta R/R}{\epsilon_a}$.
- Wheatstone bridge – $V_o = V_s \frac{R_3 R_1 - R_4 R_2}{(R_2 + R_3)(R_1 + R_4)}$, bridge is balanced when $R_3 R_1 = R_4 R_2$. Approximate relationship when resistances change: $\frac{V_o}{V_s} \approx \frac{R_{2,\text{initial}} R_{3,\text{initial}}}{(R_{2,\text{initial}} + R_{3,\text{initial}})^2} \left(\frac{\delta R_1}{R_{1,\text{initial}}} - \frac{\delta R_2}{R_{2,\text{initial}}} + \frac{\delta R_3}{R_{3,\text{initial}}} - \frac{\delta R_4}{R_{4,\text{initial}}} \right)$.
- Quarter, half, and full bridge – $\epsilon_a \approx \frac{4 V_o}{n V_s S}$ or $V_o \approx \frac{n}{4} \epsilon_a S V_s$, where $n = 1$ for a quarter bridge. $n = 2$ for a half bridge, and $n = 4$ for a full bridge.
- Unbalanced bridge – $\epsilon_a \approx \frac{4 (V_o - V_{o,\text{reference}})}{n V_s S}$ or $V_o \approx V_{o,\text{reference}} + \frac{n}{4} \epsilon_a S V_s$.

Dynamic System Response

- General governing equation (ODE): $a_n \frac{d^n y}{dt^n} + a_{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dt^{n-1}} + \dots + a_2 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{dy}{dt} + a_0 y = bx$.
- First-order system: $\tau \frac{dy}{dt} + y = Kx$, $K = b/a_0$, $\tau = a_1/a_0$.
 - For step-function input, $\frac{y - y_i}{y_f - y_i} = \text{nondimensionalized output} = 1 - e^{-t/\tau}$, $\Gamma(t) = \frac{y - y_f}{y_i - y_f} = e^{-t/\tau}$.
 - For ramp function input, $y_{\text{measured}} = KA \left[t - \tau \left(1 - e^{-(t/\tau)} \right) \right]$, $\text{time lag} = \tau$, $\text{error} = y_{\text{measured}} - y_{\text{ideal}} = -KA\tau$.
- Second-order system: $\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} \frac{dy}{dt} + y = Kx$, $K = b/a_0$, $\omega_n = \sqrt{a_0/a_2}$, $\zeta = \frac{a_1}{2\sqrt{a_0 a_2}}$. For step-function:
 - **Underdamped**, $\zeta < 1$, $\frac{y - y_i}{y_f - y_i} = 1 - e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}} \sin(\omega_n t \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} + \phi) \right]$, $\phi = \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2})$.
Undamped natural frequency and **ringing frequency**: $f_n = \frac{\omega_n}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{a_0}{a_2}}$, and $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$ or $f_d = f_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$.
 - **Critically damped**, $\zeta = 1$, $\frac{y - y_i}{y_f - y_i} = 1 - e^{-\omega_n t} (1 + \omega_n t)$, and there is no phase shift.
 - **Overdamped**, $\zeta > 1$, $\frac{y - y_i}{y_f - y_i} = 1 - e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} \left[\cosh(\omega_n t \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}) + \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}} \sinh(\omega_n t \sqrt{\zeta^2 - 1}) \right]$.
 - **Log-decrement method**: $\ln\left(\frac{y_i^*}{y_{i+n}^*}\right) = n\delta$, $\zeta = \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^2 + \delta^2}}$, $\omega_d = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f_d$, $\omega_n = 2\pi f_n = \frac{\omega_d}{\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}}$.

Temperature Measurement

- Mechanical devices – liquid-in-glass thermometers, bimetallic strips, pressure thermometers.
- Thermojunctive devices – thermocouples, sensing junctions, reference junctions, type K, T, etc.
- Thermocouple laws – notation: $V_{1-2} = V_{1-R} - V_{2-R}$.
 - **Law of intermediate metals**: A third (intermediate) metal wire can be inserted in series with one of the wires without changing the voltage reading (provided that the two new junctions are at the same temperature).
 - **Law of intermediate temperatures**: If identical thermocouples measure the temperature difference between T_1 and T_2 , and the temperature difference between T_2 and T_3 , then the sum of the corresponding voltages $V_{1-2} + V_{2-3}$ must equal the voltage V_{1-3} generated by an identical thermocouple measuring the temperature difference between T_1 and T_3 , i.e., $V_{1-3} = V_{1-2} + V_{2-3}$ for any 3 temperatures T_1 , T_2 , and T_3 .
 - **Statement of the law of additive voltages**: For a given set of 3 thermocouple wires, A, B, and C, all measuring the same temperature difference $T_1 - T_2$, the voltage measured by wires A and C must equal the sum of the voltage measured by wires A and B and the voltage measured by wires B and C, i.e., $V_{1-2, A\&C} = V_{1-2, A\&B} + V_{1-2, B\&C}$.
- Thermopile – Several thermocouples in series.
- Thermoresistive devices – RTDs (metal, R increases with increasing T), thermistors (semiconductor, R decreases with increasing T).
- Radiative devices – e.g., infrared pyrometer: $E = \epsilon \sigma T^4$, $\sigma = 5.669 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2 \text{K}^4}$, $T_H = \left(\frac{\epsilon_{\text{assumed}}}{\epsilon_{\text{actual}}} \right)^{1/4} T_{\text{ind}}$.
- Tables – how to use thermocouple tables and RTD tables, and interpolation. Reference temperature is 0°C for all temperature tables.

Measurement of Mechanical Quantities

- Position – mechanical devices; interferometer; potentiometer; linear variable displacement transducer (LVDT); ultrasonic transducer: pulse-echo $x = \frac{a\Delta t}{2}$; through transmission $x = a\Delta t$; capacitance sensor: $C = K\epsilon_0 A/d$; $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \frac{C^2}{N \cdot m^2}$; laser displacement meter.
- Angular velocity and rpm – $\left(N_{\text{rpm}} \frac{\text{rotation}}{\text{min}} \right) = \left(\omega \frac{\text{radian}}{\text{s}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{rotation}}{2\pi \text{radian}} \right) \left(\frac{60 \text{ s}}{\text{min}} \right)$; contacting tachometer, noncontacting tachometer: $N_{\text{rpm}} = \frac{P}{n_{\text{teeth}}}$. For stroboscopic tachometers, watch out for *aliasing*.
- Torque and power – $\dot{W}_{\text{shaft}} = \omega T = \frac{2\pi}{60} N_{\text{rpm}} T$; dynamometers: [prony brake](#), [cradled DC motor](#), [eddy current](#).

Pressure Measurement

- Types of pressure – absolute, gage: $P_{\text{gage}} = P_{\text{abs}} - P_{\text{atm}}$, vacuum: $P_{\text{vac}} = P_{\text{atm}} - P_{\text{abs}}$; $P_{\text{vac}} = -P_{\text{gage}}$.
- Hydrostatics – $P_{\text{below}} = P_{\text{above}} + \rho g |\Delta z|$; applications include:
 - Liquid manometers (U-tube manometers): typically, $\Delta P = (\rho_m - \rho) gh$ if measurement locations are at the same elevation on either side of the manometer.
 - McCleod gage – a special type of liquid manometer used to measure very low pressures.
 - Hydraulic jacks – the ideal mechanical advantage is $\frac{F_2}{F_1} = \frac{A_2}{A_1}$.
- Mechanical pressure gages – work by mechanical means, without any electricity or liquid columns:
 - Bourdon tube – flattened hollow tube that is coiled, bent, or twisted.
 - Deadweight tester – weights applied to a piston of known area, thus $P = F/A_e$.
- Electronic pressure transducers – diaphragm type, with displacement measured by:
 - Strain gage – a strain gage is mounted on the diaphragm itself, sensing strain in the diaphragm.
 - Capacitance – the diaphragm is mounted close to a fixed parallel plate, capacitance is measured.
 - LVDT – diaphragm is attached to the core of a linear variable displacement transducer.
 - Optical – various optical techniques used to measure the degree of diaphragm deformation.
- Piezoelectric pressure transducers – compression causes a voltage that can be calibrated with pressure.

Velocity Measurement

- Linear velocity transducer (LVT) – Similar in principle to LVDT, but measure velocity, not displacement.
- Doppler radar velocimeter – Doppler frequency shift $\Delta f_D = \frac{2V \cos \theta}{\lambda}$.
- Displacement sensors – $V(t) = dx(t)/dt$, *noise is amplified by differentiation*.
- Acceleration sensors – $V(t) = V_0 + \int_0^t a(t)dt$, *noise is attenuated by integration*.
- Velocity of fluids – Lagrangian methods follow fluid particle moving with the flow: $V(t) = dx(t)/dt$; Eulerian methods measure velocity field with a probe sitting in the flow.
- Laser Doppler velocimeter (LDV) – particles in fringe pattern of focal volume, $V = fs = \frac{f\lambda}{2 \sin(\alpha/2)}$.
- Particle image velocimetry (PIV) – velocity vectors calculated from moving particles in the plane illuminated by a laser sheet, $V = \Delta s / \Delta t$.
- Hot-wire and hot-film anemometer – wire heated to constant temperature; King's law $E^2 = a + bV^n$.
- Pitot-static probe – Pitot formula $V = \sqrt{\frac{2(P_1 - P_2)}{\rho}}$.
- Other – rotating velocimeter (cup anemometer, turbine or vane anemometer), electromagnetic velocimeter.

Volume Flow Rate Measurement

- Mass flow rate vs. volume flow rate – $\dot{m} = \rho\dot{V}$. Notation: V = volume, V = velocity, \dot{V} = volume flow rate.
- End-line measurement – $\dot{V} = V / \Delta t$ vs. in-line measurement – various types:
- Obstruction – orifice, flow nozzle, and Venturi: $\beta = d / D$, $\dot{V} = A_o C_d \sqrt{\frac{2(P_1 - P_2)}{\rho(1 - \beta^4)}}$, where d = orifice diameter, D = pipe diameter, A_o = orifice area, V_1 = average speed through the pipe, V_2 = average speed through the orifice (or throat), $P_1 - P_2$ = measured pressure drop from upstream to downstream, C_d = discharge coefficient, and Reynolds number is based on the *pipe* not the orifice, i.e., $Re = \frac{\rho V_1 D}{\mu} = \frac{V_1 D}{\nu}$.
 - For a standard orifice flowmeter, $C_d = 0.5959 + 0.0312\beta^{2.1} - 0.184\beta^{8.0} + 91.71\beta^{2.5} / Re^{0.75}$
 - For a standard flow nozzle flowmeter, $C_d = 0.9975 - 6.53\beta^{0.50} / Re^{0.50}$
 - For a standard Venturi flowmeter, $C_d = 0.98$
- Laminar flow element – pressure drop calibrated against volume flow rate, typically linear calibration because flow through the small tubes is laminar even though flow through the pipe may be turbulent.
- Positive displacement – measure how many “trapped” or “captured” volumes pass through per unit time.
- Turbine and paddlewheel – spin a turbine or paddlewheel connected to a shaft, measure rpm and calibrate.
- Rotameters or floatmeters or variable-area flowmeters – float hovers when forces balance.
- Miscellaneous flowmeters – ultrasonic (transit time and Doppler shift), electromagnetic, vortex, others.