

Temperature Sensors

↳ RTD's

Temperature Dependent Resistance

METALS
 ↳ Platinum
 ↳ Nickel
 ↳ Copper
 ↳ Thermistors

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A}$$

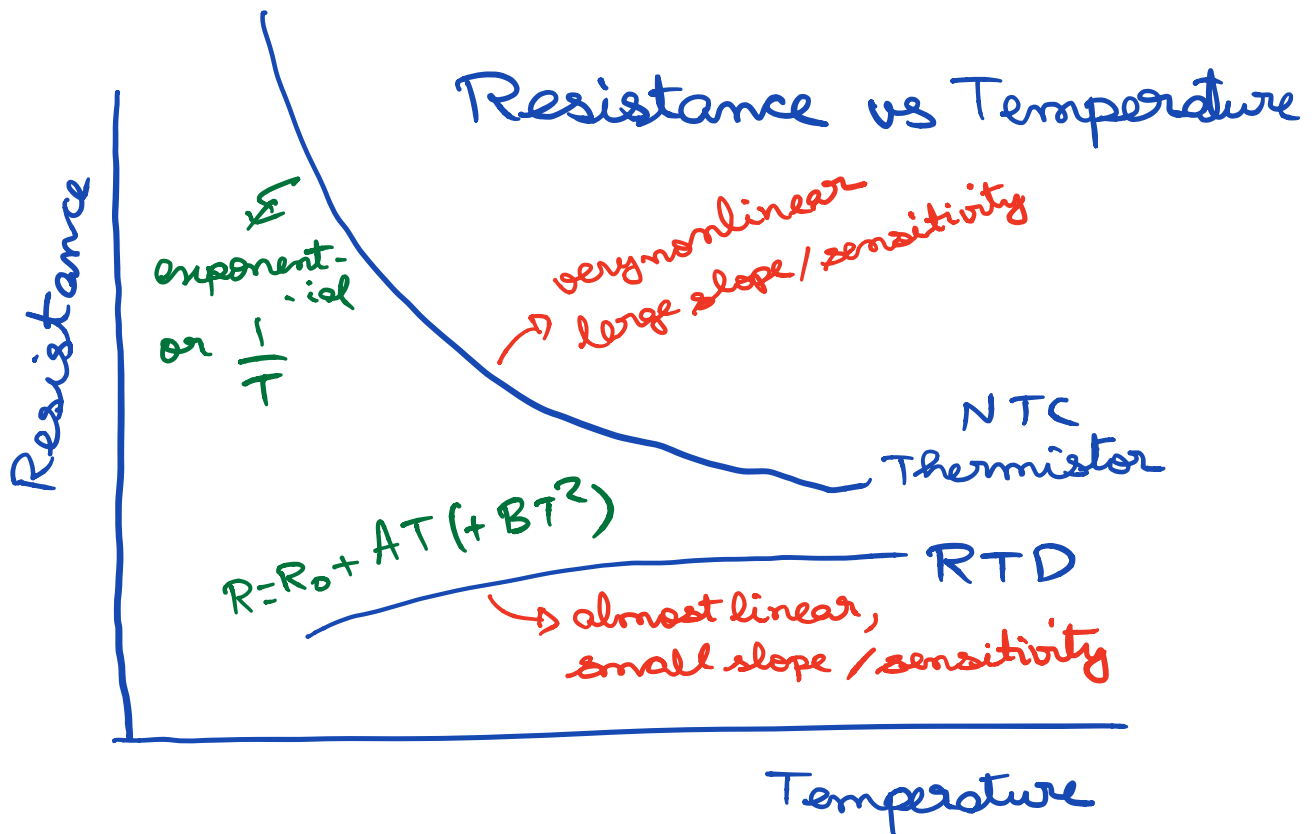
↳ Resistivity changes with temperature, mostly increases

Thermal Resistors

Semiconductor-based

NTC: Negative Temperature Co-efficient

PTC: Positive Temperature Co-efficient

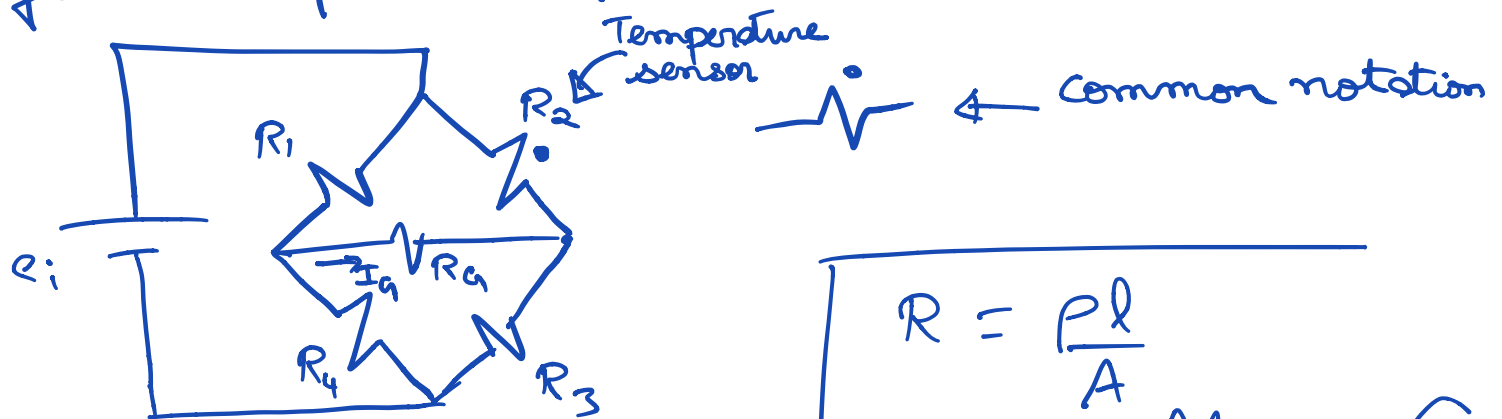


Reminor Test (Q3, last year)

$$aR_0 = 0.1195 \Omega$$

$$b = 2842.8 \text{ K}$$

Wheatstone Bridges commonly used for temperature sensors also.



Same idea as strain sensor-based bridges:

- Initially, bridge is balanced
- When temperature changes, then bridge is unbalanced, $I_G \neq 0$
- Extent of I_G is used to estimate temperature change.

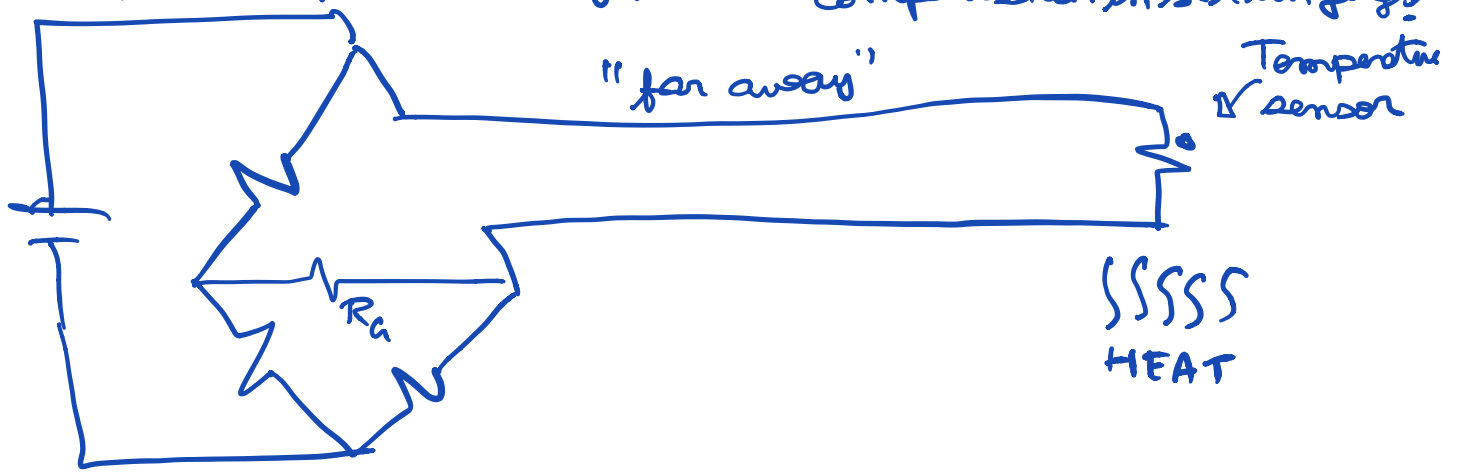
$$R = \frac{\rho l}{A}$$
$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \frac{\Delta l}{l}, \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho}, \frac{\Delta A}{A}$$

For RTD

$$\Delta T \xrightarrow{\text{linearly}} \Delta R \xrightarrow{\text{is it linear?}} I_G$$

(assuming initially $I_G = 0$)

Long leads may introduce errors. How to compensate for their effect? (Just like temperature compensation in strain gauges)



One solution: Three-wire solution

