

Preface

Introduction

The purpose of *Electrical Measurement, Signal Processing, and Displays* is to provide a reference that is both concise and useful for engineers in industry, scientists, designers, managers, research personnel and students, as well as many others who have measurement problems. The book covers an extensive range of topics that comprise the subject of measurement, instrumentation, and sensors.

The book describes the use of instruments and techniques for practical measurements required in electrical measurements. It includes sensors, techniques, hardware, and software. It also includes information processing systems, automatic data acquisition, reduction and analysis and their incorporation for control purposes.

Chapters include descriptive information for professionals, students, and workers interested in measurement. Chapters include equations to assist engineers and scientists who seek to discover applications and solve problems that arise in fields not in their specialty. They include specialized information needed by informed specialists who seek to learn advanced applications of the subject, evaluative opinions, and possible areas for future study. Thus, *Electrical Measurement, Signal Processing, and Displays* serves the reference needs of the broadest group of users — from the advanced high school science student to industrial and university professionals.

Organization

The book is organized according to the measurement problem. [Section I](#) covers electromagnetic variables measurement such as voltage, current, and power. [Section II](#) covers signal processing such as amplifiers, filters, and compatibility. [Section III](#) covers displays such as cathode ray tubes, liquid crystals, and plasma displays.

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