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05 Sensor Properties

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- Range = Maximum and Minimum values of applied parameter that can be measured.
- **Span:** total range of sensor for minimum to maximum.
- If your instrument can measure from -10V to +10 V your dynamic range/span is 20V

Linearity

 Extent to which actual measure curved or calibration curve departs from ideal curve.

Offset

• output that will exist when it should be zero

Response Time

• Time required for a sensor output to change from previous state to final settle value

Threshold

• The minimum change in input that causes a change in output.

Errors in measurements

• When we measure a variable, we seek to determine the true value.



 maximum difference that will exist between the actual value and the indicated value of the sensor