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## (i) Light Dependent Resistors (LDR)

An LDR will have a resistance that varies according to the amount of visible light that falls on it.

Materials are: Cadmium Sulphide (Cds) Cadmium Selenide (Cd Se)



The light falling on the brown zigzag lines on the sensor, causes the resistance of the device to fall. This is known as a negative co-efficient.

When the cell is kept in darkness, its resistance is called dark Resistance, in the range of  $M\Omega$ 

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$$r = \left(\frac{1}{r_d} + \frac{I^{\frac{1}{\beta}}}{\alpha}\right)^{-1}$$

Where, r = Resistance of the sensor $r_d = \text{Dark resistance}$ I = Intensity of illumination $\alpha, \beta = \text{Constant, metal dependent}$ 







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### Application

- The pulse rate meter uses a finger transducer to detect the peripheral pulse i.e. heart beat.
- It is based on photoelectric method. The construction of the sensor or transducer is shown in the fig.
- It consists of transmitter & receiver. Here, LED is used as a transmitter and LDR as a receiver.



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- They are placed adjacent to each other with a distance of about 3mm. The part of the light emitted by LED is reflected and scattered from the skin & tissues and falls on the LDR.
- The quantity of the light reflected is determined by the blood saturation of the capillaries.
- Therefore, the voltage drop across the LDR connected as a voltage divider varies in proportion to the volume changes in the blood vessels.
- Thus, it provides a voltage pulse for each heart beat. The light source LED is biased from constant current source to have a stable light output



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#	Binary		
0	0	000	
1	1	001	
2	10	011	Encoder
3	11	010	
4	100	110	
5	101	111	
6	110	101	• Incremental
7	111	100	• Absolute
8	1000		
9	1001		