

Fault Detection and Protection of Transformer by Using Microcontroller

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Abstract-This paper presents a novel digital technique for transformer protection. This paper describes the fault detection and protection of transformer. The transformer is a key element in electrical power system. Proper protection is needed for economical and safe operation in electrical power system. Transformer protective relay should sense the fault occurs in transformer and trip the circuit during internal fault measuring. This study describes the design and implementation of microcontroller based system for protecting transformer.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The electrical equipment and circuit in a substation must be protected in order to avoid the fault. The primary objective of transformer protection is to detect internal fault in the transformer. This paper was based on microcontroller due to which hardware requirement is reduced. In this project three parameters are measured such as oil level detection, temperature and current. Also step down transformer are used. These transformers operate on +5V and +12V DC supply. This project has built in us confidence that any problem can be solved with sheer determination. We feel that our product serves something good to this world and we like to present it before this prosperous world. By doing this project we were better able to understand the various facts of doing an embedded system project which is emerging as one of the most in demand technologies right now. Embarking on this project has use in developing a team spirit. Patience and time management necessary for today's technical professionals.

II. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

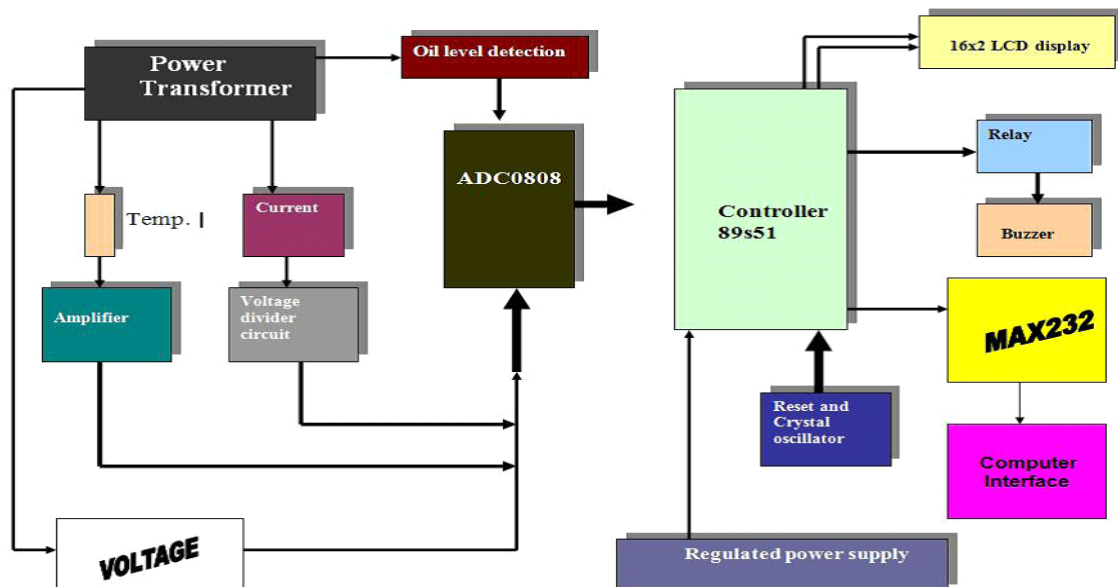


Fig 1. Block diagram of system

III. HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

Sensor:

Sensors are basically used to convert physical quantity into electrical form. There are different sensors available for various physical quantities. In our project, we control three parameters: first is Temperature, current, and oil level. For these four parameters, we use three different sensors.

1.Temp Sensor:

Temperature sensors are used to control the temperature of a transformer. There are various types of temperature sensors available in the market, such as NTC Thermistor, PTC thermistor, PT-100, Thermocouple, etc. Out of which NTC & PTC thermistors and PT-100 give a change in resistance with a respective change in temperature, so there is a need of a resistance bridge circuit which is critical and lacks accuracy. But a thermocouple type sensor gives a directly output in millivolt with respect to change in temperature. An instrumentation amplifier further modifies this temperature, so it was an easy and simple way to convert temperature into the required electrical form, so we use a thermocouple as a temperature sensor in our project.

2.Current:

In our project, we have to calculate the total current taken by the transformer. So a current transformer is our first block of the project.

3.Oil level Sensor:

Transformer oil is usually a highly-refined mineral oil that is stable at high temperatures and has excellent electrical insulating properties. Its functions are to insulate, suppress corona and arcing, and to serve as a coolant. Oil is used in transformers to insulate and cool the windings. Since heat reduces the efficiency of every electrical machine, oil is used in a transformer for example to cool and maintain the efficiency level of the transformer.

Amplifier:

An amplifier is required to amplify the signal. The output signal strength is greater than the input signal.

Analog to digital converter:

To convert current, temperature, etc. into its equivalent binary form, we use an 8-bit type Analogue to digital converter. This converter converts 0 to 5 volts D.C. at input and converts its corresponding binary value. This IC is very easy to interface with a microcontroller.

Micro- controller unit:

Microcontroller IC 89S51 is the heart of our project. We select this microcontroller IC for our project for the following no. of advantages.

Internal 8 K bytes of electrically erasable programmable read only memory for feeding programmed so that there is no need of external EPROM.

Four 8 bit input, output ports p0, p1, p2, p3 out of which we use two ports to read ADC and other ports are used to connect 16x2 alphanumeric display for written current & temperature purpose. Operating voltage of 3.5 to 6v d.c. which is easily available by using voltage regulator IC. Internal 128 byte RAM to store temporary storage of data. In which we can feed a table to turn ON/OFF relay. Three 8-bit timer/counters are present for timing and counting purpose.

Four external and two internal interrupts are available. Microcontroller can read the data (for the corresponding channel) available at output of ADC and convert it into equivalent alphanumeric code & display on 16x2 dot matrix liquid crystal display.

16 X 2 Dot matrix liquid crystal display:

In our project we use alpha numeric display instead of 7 segment led display because on 7 segment reading and writing alphanumeric such as X,Q W,M is quit difficult, so we use directly readymade alpha numeric display available in market this Display has two column of 16 character each i.e. we can writ message up to 32 character on it .

Relay and Buzzer:

When any one-parameter crosses its level then micro-controller turn on relay and buzzer and through relay , and cutoff main 230 volt supply so that system is trapped.

Crystal and Reset Circuit:

12MHz quartz ceramic crystal is connected between pin XTAL1, and XTAL2 of microcontroller

Power Supply

For our all IC we require 5 v d.c. Supply, which can be generated by step down transformer, full wave bridge rectifier, and filter condenser and voltage regulator IC 7805.

Transformer:

Transformer is the main component of the power supply module. There are two types of transformer namely Step up and Step Down. We have used Step down transformer as we have to generate 5 volts and 12 volts DC supply from the 230 volts input AC supply so we have used 15 volts / 500 mA transformers which mean its output will be 15 volts AC with current rating of 500 mA.

Types of Transformer:

- Core type Transformer
- Shell type Transformer
- Berry type Transformer

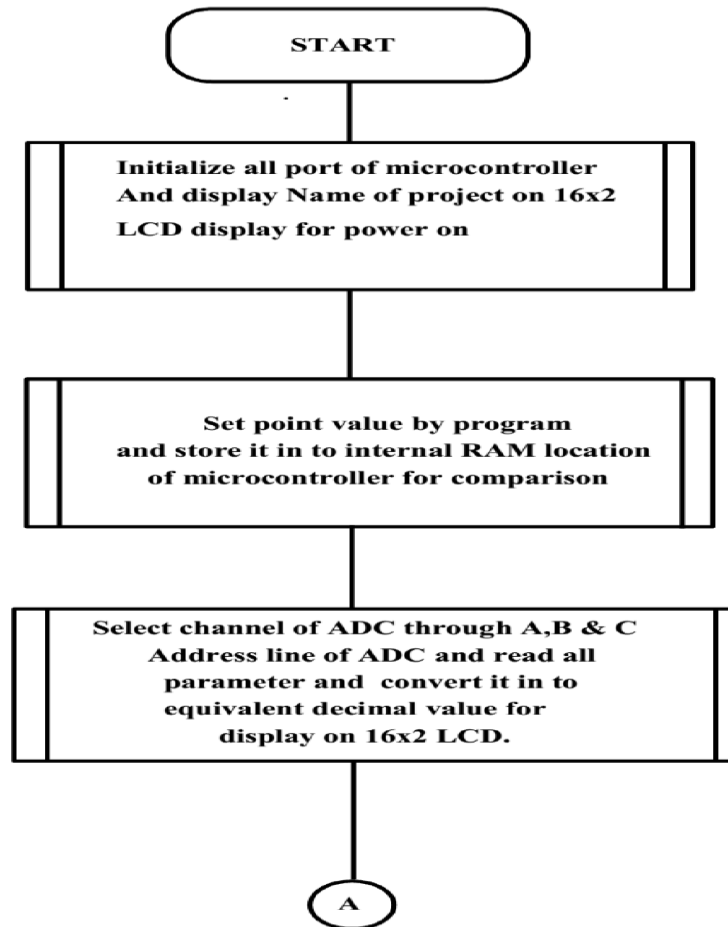
Rectifier:

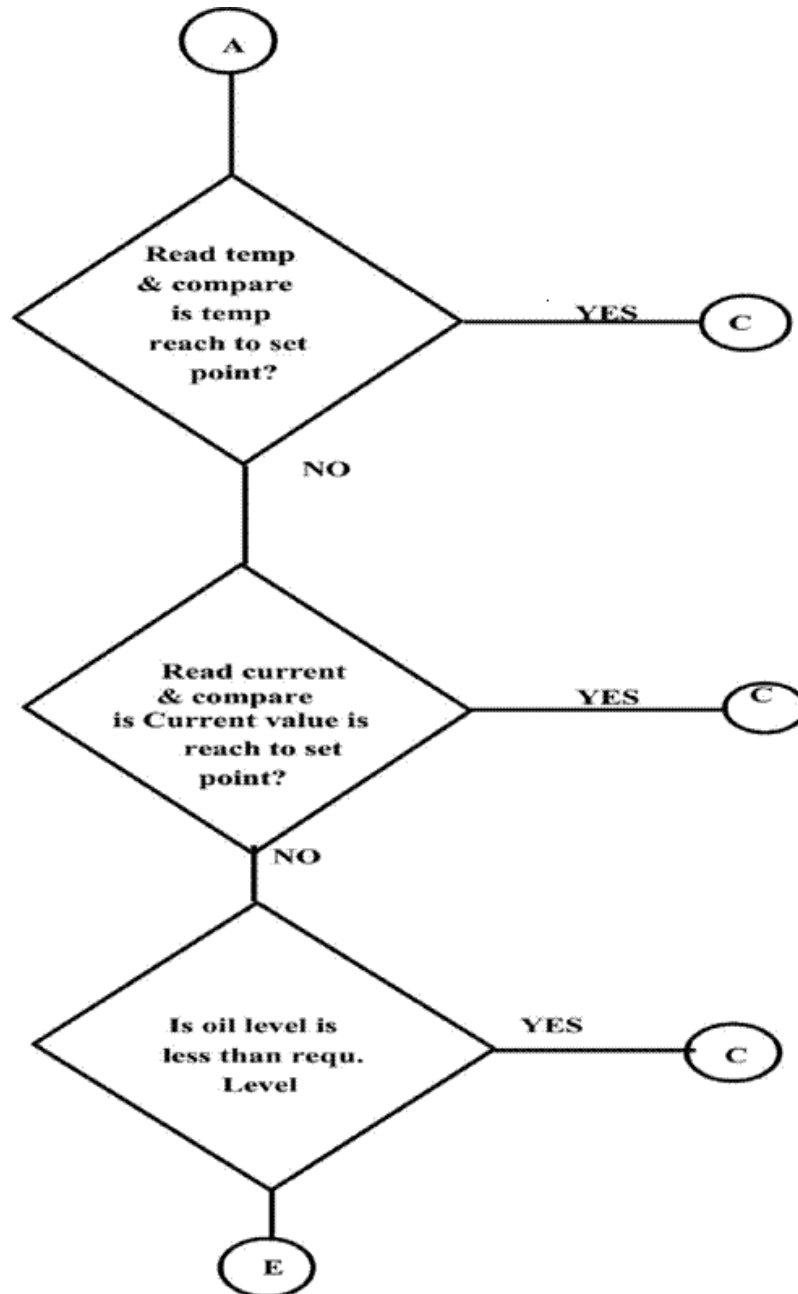
Rectifiers used to rectify the negative half cycles of the output signal of the secondary of the transformer. So at the input of the rectifier We have AC signal with both positive and negative cycles and at the output of the rectifier We have signal with only positive cycles but as this signal is also AC We have to use capacitor to filter out the AC of the output signal.

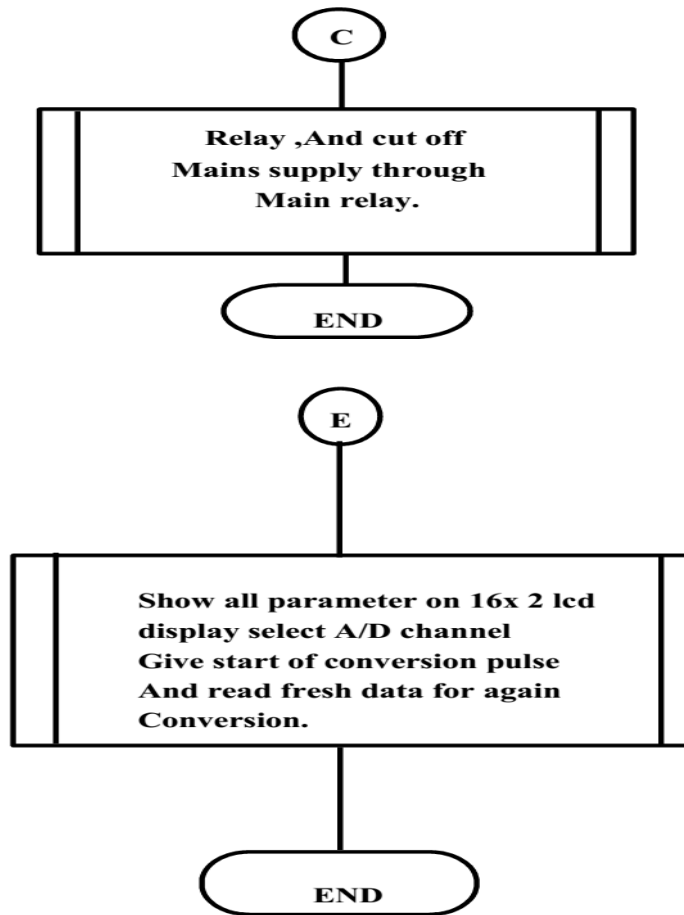
IV. SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION

The software was designed in C Language. Also three soft ware used Eagle, ISP programmer.

V.WORKING

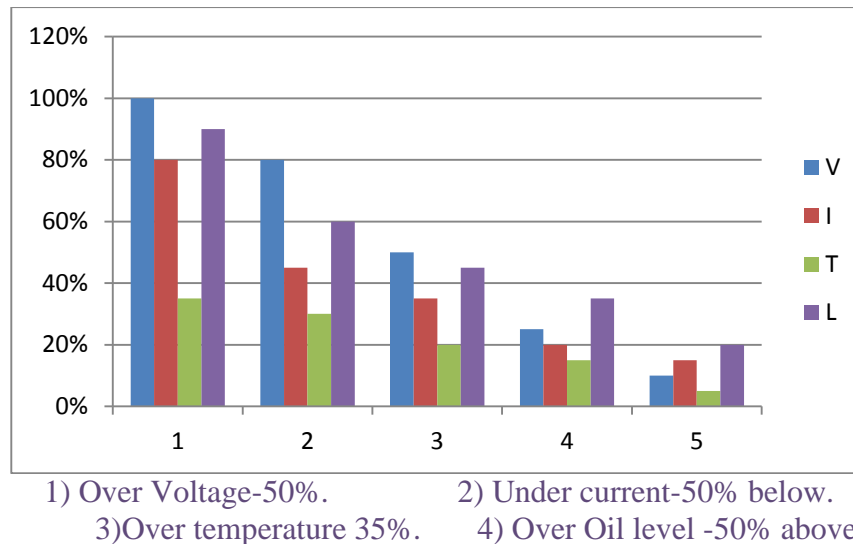






V.RESULT

V	I	T	L
100%	80%	35%	90%
80%	45%	30%	60%
50%	35%	20%	45%
25%	20%	15%	35%
10%	15%	5%	20%



VI. CONCLUSION

With the knowledge of new techniques in 'Electronics' we are able to make our life more comfortable. One such application of electronics is used in "Fault Detection and protection of transformer". The approach we followed and which is explained in this paper is novel and has achieved the target of "Fault Detection and protection of transformer" satisfying user needs and requirements.

The development of this paper has shown how much hard work goes into the creation of a system. "Fault Detection and protection of transformer" was a paper based on microcontroller, so that hardware requirement is reduced. Embarking of this paper has helped us in developing a team spirit, patience and time management required for today's technical professionals.

Hence we conclude that the required goals and objectives of our project have been achieved.

This project has built in us confidence that any problem can be solved with sheer determination, hard work and optimism. We feel that our product serves something good to this world and we like to present it before this prosperous world. By doing this project, we were better able to understand the various facets of doing an embedded system project which is emerging as one of the most 'in demand' technologies right now.

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