

Note

**EMPIRICAL APPROXIMATIONS OF THE THERMAL  
E.M.F.-TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE  
FOR THE STANDARD THERMOCOUPLE  
90 Pt-10 Rh/Pt**

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Thermal e.m.f. as a function of temperature for the standard thermocouple 90 Pt-10 Rh/Pt is very well approximated by functions of the type  $t.e.m.f. = At^B$ , which can be easily inverted.

The dependence of thermal e.m.f. against temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) for the standard thermocouple 90 Pt-10 Rh/Pt is modelled in I.P.T.S.-68 on the temperature intervals:  $(-50, 630.74)$ ,  $(630.74, 1064.43)$ ,  $(1064.43, 1665)$ ,  $(1665, 1767.4)$ , using the polynomials of 6, 2, 3 and 3 degree, respectively [1]. This fact makes difficult to invert these functions.

The present note gives some relations of the type  $t.e.m.f. = A \cdot t^B$ . These functions can be easily inverted.

**Table 1** Empirical relationship between the thermal e.m.f. and temperature for the standard thermocouple 90 Pt-10 Rh/Pt\*

Temperature interval, $^{\circ}\text{C}$	$E = At^{B***}$		$t = A_1 E^{B_1}$		
	$A \cdot 10^3$	$B$	$A_1$	$B_1$	ERR.A
0- 90	4.39	1.07991	152.327	0.9260	<1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
90- 850	2.89	1.17274	146.165	0.8527	<1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
850-1400	2.33	1.20460	153.115	0.8302	$\leq 1$ $^{\circ}\text{C}$
1400-1600	3.25	1.15870	140.306	0.8630	$\leq 0.7$ $^{\circ}\text{C}$
1600-1750	4.90	1.10320	124.140	0.9065	$\leq 1$ $^{\circ}\text{C}^{***}$

\* Reference junction  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

\*\*  $E$  (t.e.m.f.) in mV.

\*\*\* Excepting the interval 1740-1750  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  where  $|ERR.A| \leq 1.4$ .

The parameters for these relations on interval (0, 1750) as well as maximum of the proper absolute error modulus ( $|\text{ERR.A}|$ ) are shown in Table 1.

The importance of these approximations for the automatization of the data processing is visible.

## References

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