

TEMPERATURE COMPENSATION OF LOW-COST SENSORS FOR ACCURATE TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENT

Abstract:

Temperature measurement plays a key role in various industrial, scientific, and agricultural applications. The study investigates the performance of three temperature humidity sensors.

DHT11, DHT22 and LM35. The sensors are analyzed under different conditions, including

compensation, and with a temperature compensation algorithm, and with proportional P

and proportional-integral-derivative PID controllers. Sensors are interfaced with a Raspberry

Pi 4B model. The sensors were tested in controlled environments with temperatures ranging

from 10 degrees to 100 degrees C, and their accuracy was evaluated by comparing their

outputs with the reference values. Results revealed that the error percentages for all sensors

exceeded permissible limits when used outside their specified ranges. Incorporating

temperature compensation algorithm and P and PID controllers significantly improved

measurement accuracy, reducing error percentages and root mean square errors (RMSE)

across all sensors. Out of the three sensors, LM35 demonstrated a 5-fold reduction in error

percentage at higher temperatures compared to other methods.

Keywords: DHT11, DHT22, LM35, Raspberry PI 4B model, temperature compensation

algorithm, root mean square error

Introduction:

Temperature is expression for denoting a physical condition of matter, similar to how mass,

dimensions and time are expressed. Heat is a form of energy associated with the continuous

motion of minute particles present in every state of matter. Thus temperature is measure of

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24 that energy known as heat. The range of temperature within the universe lies in the range of
 25 near zero of black space to billions of degrees of nuclear fusion. This is the tremendous
 26 range of temperature variation, hence no single sensor is able to measure such wide range
 27 of temperature. Selection of the sensors is based on the temperature range to be measured,
 28 the environment for it is used and the economical constraints. There are many ways of how
 29 temperature can be measured and numerous sensors are available according to the range
 30 and the transduction principle. The table below summaries the types of sensors available^[1]
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Type of sensor	Transduction principle	Temperature range	Applications	Advantages	Disadvantages
Traditional filled system like liquid in glass thermometer	Expansion of filled system on application of temperature	-300 deg to 538 deg C	Heating, ventilation, air conditioning in industrial applications	Easy to construct	The filled substance are generally toxic like mercury, gas filling is also disappeared as it requires large size bulb if temperature is increased beyond

					ambient.
Bimetallic thermometers	Change of metallic volume due to change in temperature, the change coefficient is different for two metals.	100 deg to 550 deg C	Industrial temperature measurement	Less subject to breakage, lower cost and simplicity in design	Rough handling changes their calibration. Confined to local measurement.
Color indicators, crayons, pellets	Change in original color of material when certain temperature value is reached	40 deg C to 1371 deg C	Determining temperature of solid objects in oil	Sensors with different temperature ratings are available	Such type of indicators are highly expensive and used in industry where only end point is to be noted.
Fiber optic thermometers	Absorption of infrared energy by glass fiber	260 deg C to 3000 deg C	Temperature measurement of hot corrosive	Small size sensor, wide range, fast response,	High cost of measurement.

	and total internal reflection		moving and fragile materials. Medical hyperthermia , engine heads, polymer melting.	provide temperature profiles through noninvasive remote measurement s of objects immersed in liquid	
Quartz crystal thermometry	Change in resonant frequency in response to change in temperature	-80 deg C to 250 deg C	Temperature and temperature difference measurement s usually in library	Good accuracy, excellent short term stability, one second response time	Expensive, best used in laboratory environment.
Thermistor	Negative coefficient of temperature resistance, i.e. resistance	-60 deg to 25 deg C	Widely used in temperature measurement in industries,	Relationship between temperature and resistance is	Covers limited temperature range, current

	decreases as temperature increases. Generally semiconductor materials are used		control of temperature and temperature compensation.	linear, response time is fast.	source is required, material used possess problem of self-heating.
Integrated circuit temperature transducers	The measured temperature is directly proportional to the output voltage or current produced during the measurement. Integration of electronics circuitry and primary sensing	-50 deg C to 150 deg C	Used in defence, industrial and commercial measuring of temperature	The relationship between corresponding temperature and voltage of current is highly linear, it is generally inexpensive	Measuring temperature upper limit is less than 200 deg C. power supply is required, available in limited configuration.

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32 Table 1. Comparison between different types of temperature sensors.

33 From the comparison table it is clear that cost effective technique for measurement of
 34 temperature is using integrated circuit temperature sensors or transducers. In this research
 35 article DHT11, DHT22, LM35 sensors are studied, analyzed and compared.

36 It is estimated that over 70% of fresh water globally is used for irrigation purpose ^[3]. The
 37 crops produced through irrigation annually shows increase of 1.3%^[4]. Food production in the
 38 developing world, notably in South, Southeast and East Asia, is at present heavily reliant on
 39 irrigation. The total irrigated area in Asia is 230 million ha, which represents over 70% of the
 40 global irrigated area. Of the 230 million ha of irrigated land area, 60% is located in China and
 41 India^[5]. It has been found out that India uses 4 times water to produce one major unit of
 42 crop as compared to US or Europe^[6]. This means that if efficiency in water use is achieved
 43 then 50 percent of the water conservation can be target reached in upcoming years.
 44 Conventional irrigation method involves uniform supply of water to every part of the field
 45 without taking into account of the spatial variation of the soil and crop water demand. This
 46 leads to over and under irrigation. Thus irrigation has to be performed precisely to reduce
 47 environmental impacts and asses the crop-water demands. The advantages associated with
 48 precision irrigation include increased crop yields, improved crop quality, improved water use
 49 efficiency/savings, reduction of energy costs and reduction of adverse environmental
 50 impacts ^[7]. For assessing the crop water requirement two approaches can be considered,
 51 real time monitoring of the soil moisture and determining the ET value from the ambient
 52 temperature data available. ET which is known as evapotranspiration is indicative of the

53 amount of daily water use by the crop^[8]. The ET process is largely based on solar radiation,
54 vapor pressure at any given time and wind speeds. It is also influenced by soil water content,
55 the rate at which water can be taken out from the soil by plant roots^[9]. The United Nations
56 Food and Agriculture Organization Penman–Monteith (FAO-PM) equation gives the
57 procedure of calculating the hourly or daily ET value using temperature data, humidity, wind
58 speed, solar radiation^[10]. The temperature data can be obtained by daily metrological data
59 or by integrated circuit type of sensors. There are numerous types of temperature sensors
60 ICs available based on their requirement, ratings. In this article three temperature sensors
61 available with package ICs and datasheets are selected and the recording of temperature
62 data is done and analysis is carried out.

63 **Materials and Method**

64 Three different types of temperature humidity sensors with Raspberry Pi are selected for
65 continuous monitoring of temperature. Raspberry Pi is a low cost, credit-card sized
66 computer which plugs into a computer monitor or TV, and requires a standard keyboard and
67 mouse. Raspberry Pi is a dynamic microcontroller and runs with the Python programming
68 language^[11]. The Raspberry Pi used is Raspberry Pi 4B model. Temperature sensors used are
69 DHT11, DHT22 and LM35 which are three terminal ICs. The three different sensors are to be
70 interfaced with Raspberry Pi by using GPIO pins of Raspberry Pi^[12]. In the first method the
71 sensors with entire setup are placed in controlled temperature chamber where the
72 temperature is increased in the step of 5 degrees C. For data collection, the real-time
73 temperature data is sent to AdafruitIO cloud. Adafruit is a cloud server that is specially
74 developed for internet of things projects. It provides various statistical tools on single clicks.
75 The data of parameters are moved over cloud. Multiple post operations are performed on

76 data over cloud and mobile application also access data from cloud^[13]. The temperature
 77 record is taken on every 10 degrees rise in temperature. The starting point of recording of
 78 data is done from 10 degree C and the end point is at 100 degrees C. The data has to be
 79 analysed according to the parameter mentioned in the data sheet of the temperature sensor
 80 IC available^{[14] [15] [16]}. The comparative table of three IC according to their specifications is
 81 given below^{[14] [15] [16]}.

Specifications	DHT11	DHT22	LM35
Temperature range	0 to 50 degrees C	-40 to 80 degrees C	-55 to 150 degrees C
Temperature Accuracy	2 degrees C	0.5 degrees C	0.5 degrees C at 25 degrees C
Operating voltage	3 to 5.5 V DC	3 to 6 V DC	4 to 30 V DC
Output	Digital output via pin	Digital output via pin	Analog voltage proportional to 10mV/degree C

82 Table 2: Comparison of specifications of DHT11, DHT22, LM35 temperature sensors.

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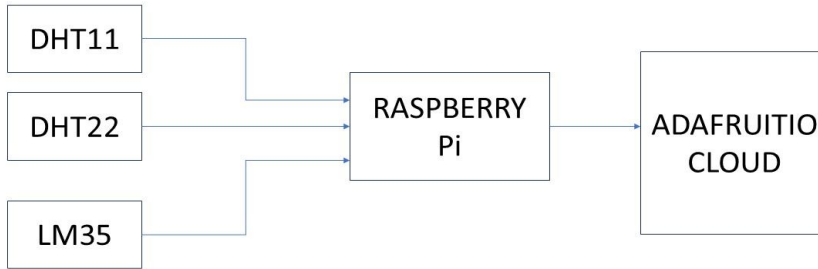


Figure 1: Experimental setup for the measurement and monitoring of temperature.

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Figure 1: Block diagram for experimental setup

89 The readings that are recorded on IoT platform are compared with the actual values of the
90 temperature that are available from the temperature-controlled chamber. The statistical
91 analysis is performed and parameters for obtaining temperature compensation are
92 calculated. In the second method, compensation algorithm is embedded into Raspberry Pi
93 by incorporating correction factor for every temperature range^[17]. The correction factor has
94 to be calculated on the basis of temperature data obtained from the first method^[18]. The
95 correction factor is given as:

$$T_{corrected} = G.T_{measured} + O$$

$$G = \frac{\Delta T_{reference}}{\Delta T_{measured}}$$

$$O = T_{reference} - G.T_{measured}$$

$$G = \frac{T_{reference2} - T_{reference1}}{T_{measured2} - T_{measured1}}$$

$$O = T_{reference1} - (G.T_{measured})$$

96 In the above equations, $T_{corrected}$ is the temperature value after applying compensation
97 algorithm, G is the gain and O is the offset. $\Delta T_{reference}$ is the temperature difference
98 between the reference set of temperature and $\Delta T_{measured}$ is the temperature difference
99 between the measured set of temperature.

100 The sensor arrangement is again placed into the temperature control chamber the
101 temperature of the chamber is increased from 10 degree C to 100 degrees C. The data is
102 sent to AdafruitIO cloud where it is stored and recorded for further statistical analysis. The
103 figure below is the block diagram representation of the second method.

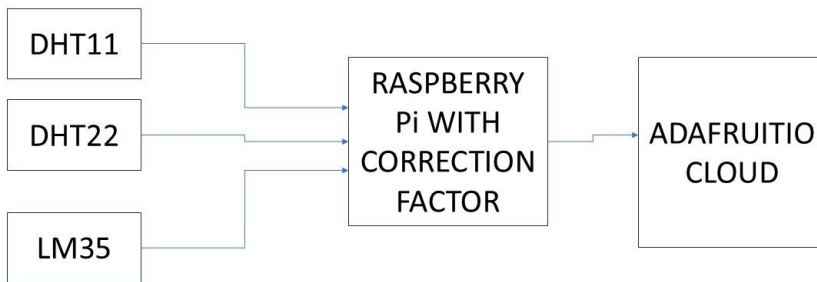


Figure 2: Experimental setup for the measurement and monitoring of temperature with correction factor.

104 Figure 2: Block diagram for experimental setup with temperature compensation algorithm
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107 For the third method, compensation of temperature is achieved using the hardware set-up
108 of operational amplifier and external circuits. AD823 operational amplifier IC is used in this
109 regard. The AD823 is a precision operational amplifier designed by Analog Devices. It is
110 commonly used in applications where low power consumption and small size are crucial. It

111 has low power consumption around 350 micro ampere, low offset voltage typically around
112 50 micro volt. It is 8 pin IC providing outstanding output dynamic range. It can operate from
113 1.8 V to 36V range^[19]. Two types of controlling circuits are designed. First one is the
114 Proportional type (P) and second one is the Proportional Integral Derivative type (PID).
115 Designing parameters for P type controller are determined mathematically. Designing
116 parameters for PID type controller are determined using Ziegler Nichols algorithm^[20]. The
117 parameters of PID type of controller are determined by DHT11 and DHT22 temperature
118 sensor ICs digital ICs, direct temperature and humidity readings can be displayed with their
119 deployment. While LM35 IC is analogue type, the output of this sensor is in terms of
120 analogue value which is 10mV/C which is converted internally in proportion to
121 corresponding ambient temperature^{[14] [15] [16]}. For DHT11 and DHT22 IC digital to analogue
122 convertor IC TiDAC8775 is being used as the output of both ICs is digital in nature. Only P
123 type of controller is used for compensation of DHT11 and DHT22 ICs. For LM35 both the P
124 and PID type controller are used for temperature compensation. TIDAC8775 is a 16-bit quad-
125 channel programmable digital to analogue convertor from Texas Instruments designed for
126 both current and voltage applications. It dynamically adjusts power consumption based on
127 operational requirements and supports a Serial Peripheral Interface for easy integration with
128 micro-controller and processors. It is generally used in industrial process control, signal
129 simulation and data acquisition system^[21]. For the temperature data recorded from the
130 three methods error of measured data and Root Square Mean Error (RMSE) is recorded for
131 statistical analysis. Block diagram for temperature compensation using P and PID controller
132 is given below.

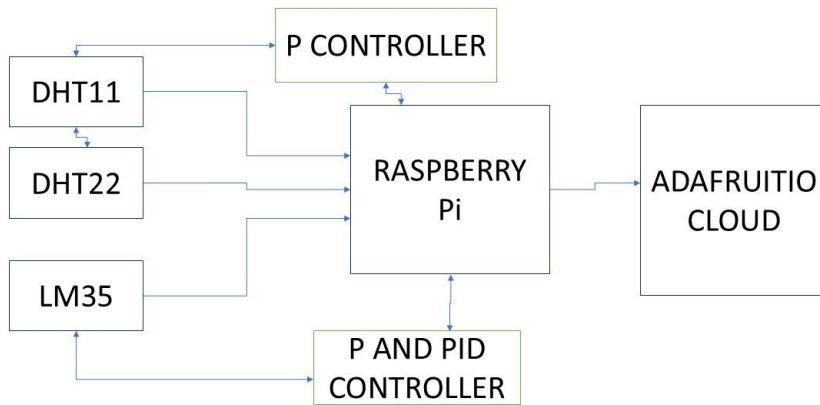


Figure 3: Experimental setup for the measurement and monitoring of temperature with P and PID controller.

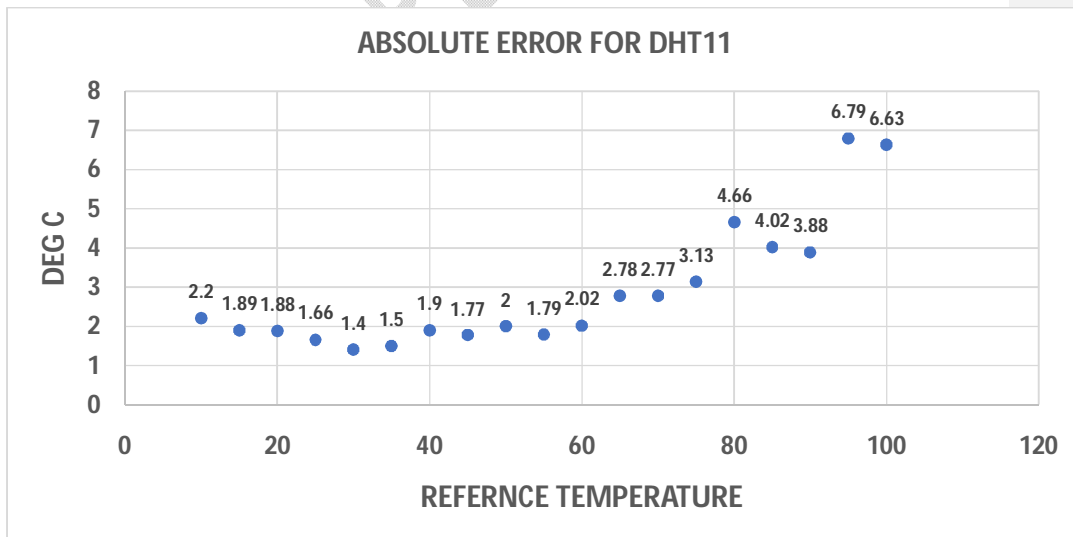
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Figure 3: Block diagram for experimental setup with P and PID controller

135 **Results and observations:**

136 On application of three sensors for temperature measurement and analyzing of the data.

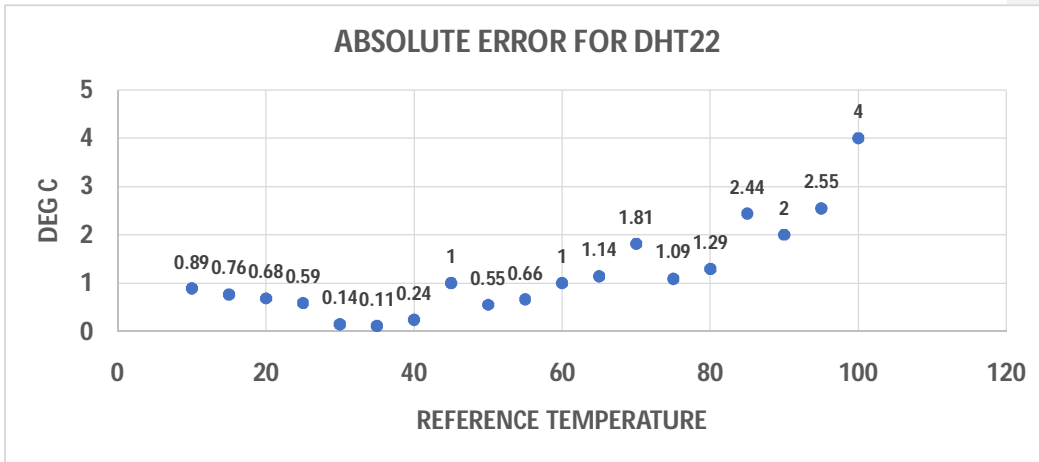
137 Following variations are observed. The following graphs are shown In this regard.



Graph 1. Absolute error of DHT11 with first method

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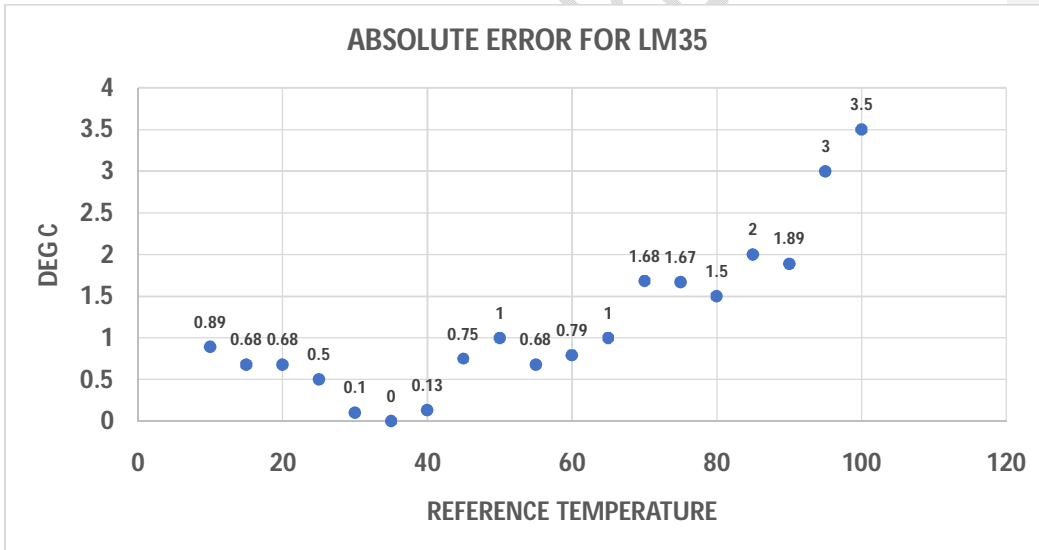
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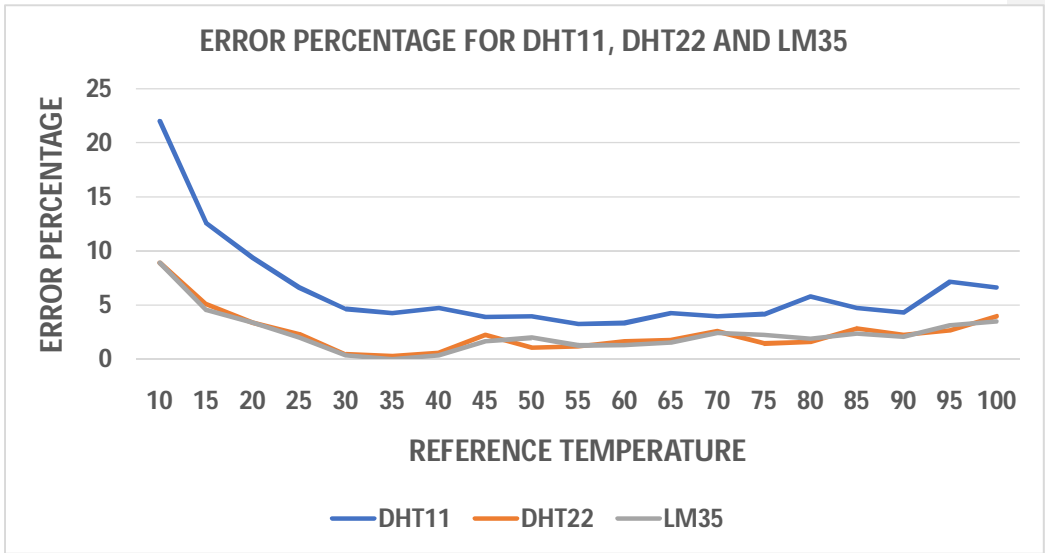
Graph 2: Absolute error for DHT22 with first method.

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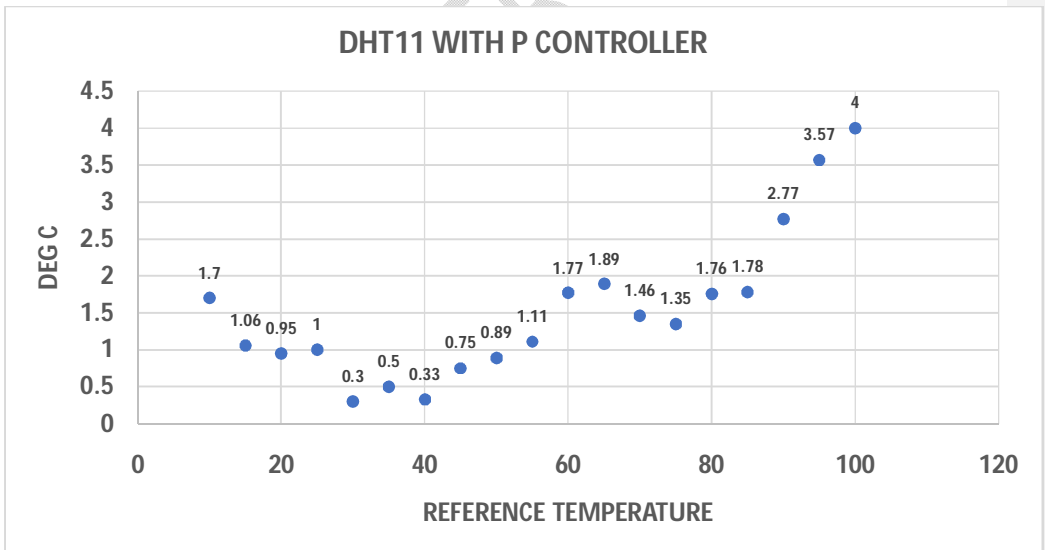
Graph 3: Absolute error for LM35 with first method.



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Graph 4: Comparison of error percentage of DHT11, DHT22, LM35 with first method.

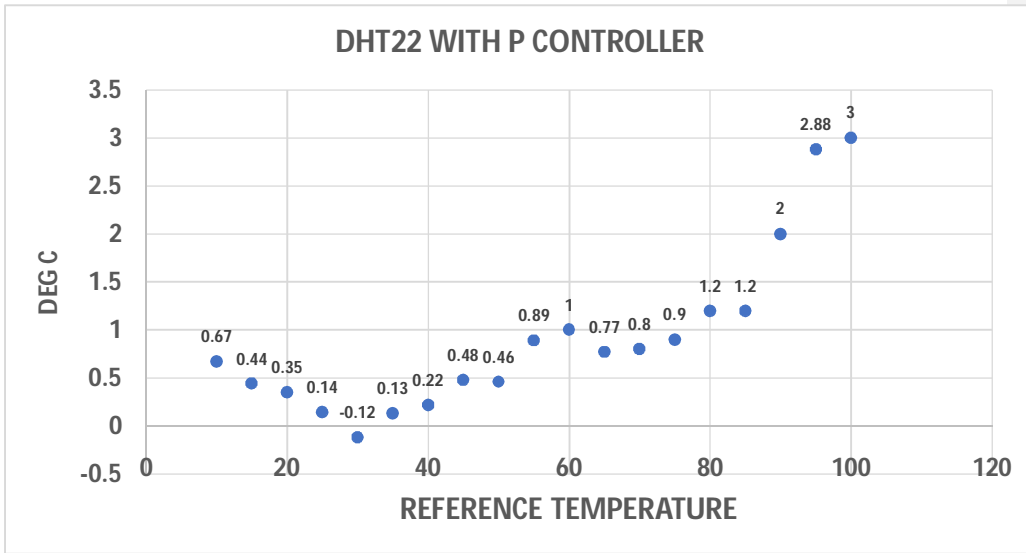
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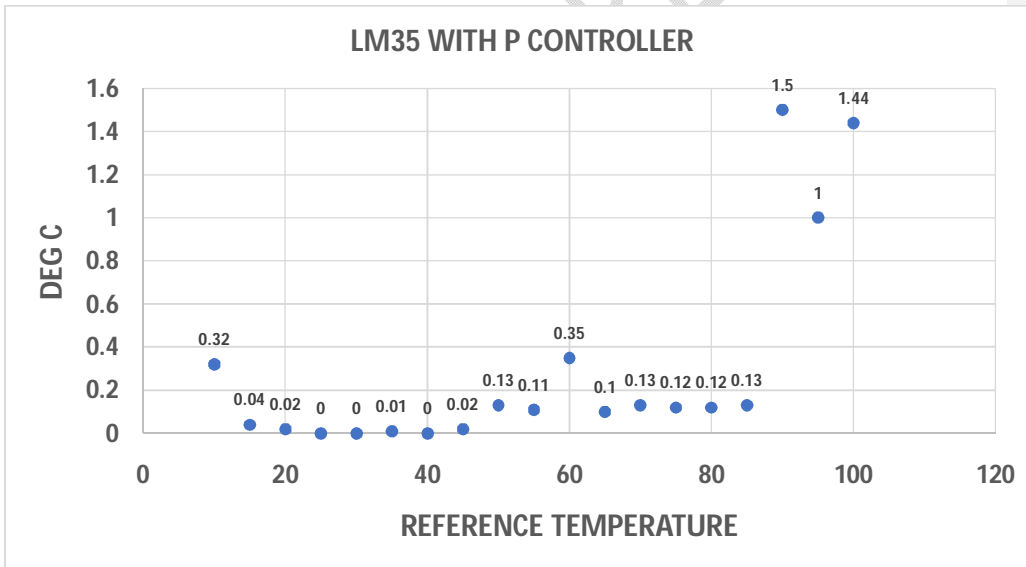
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Graph 5: Absolute error of DHT11 with third method



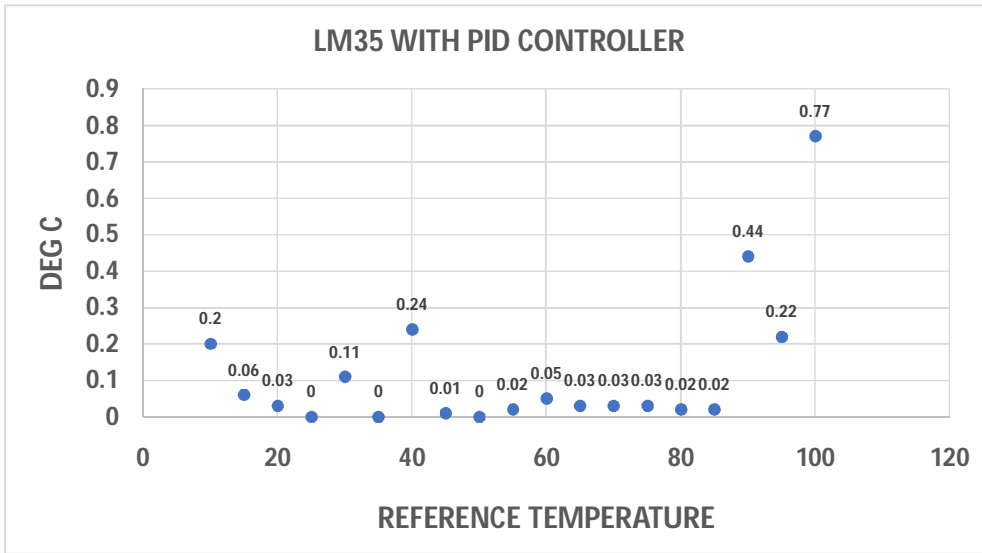
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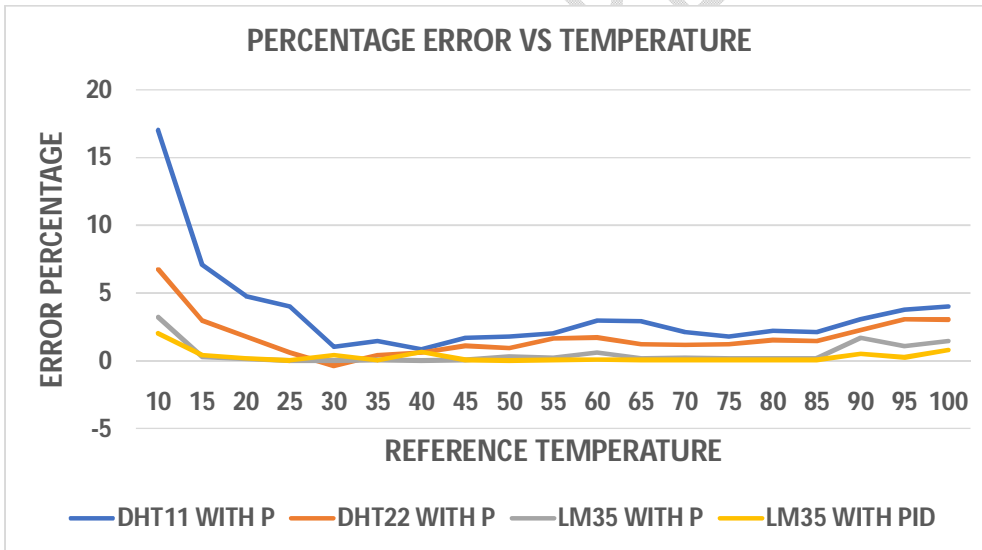
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Graph 8: Absolute error of LM35 with PID controller in third method

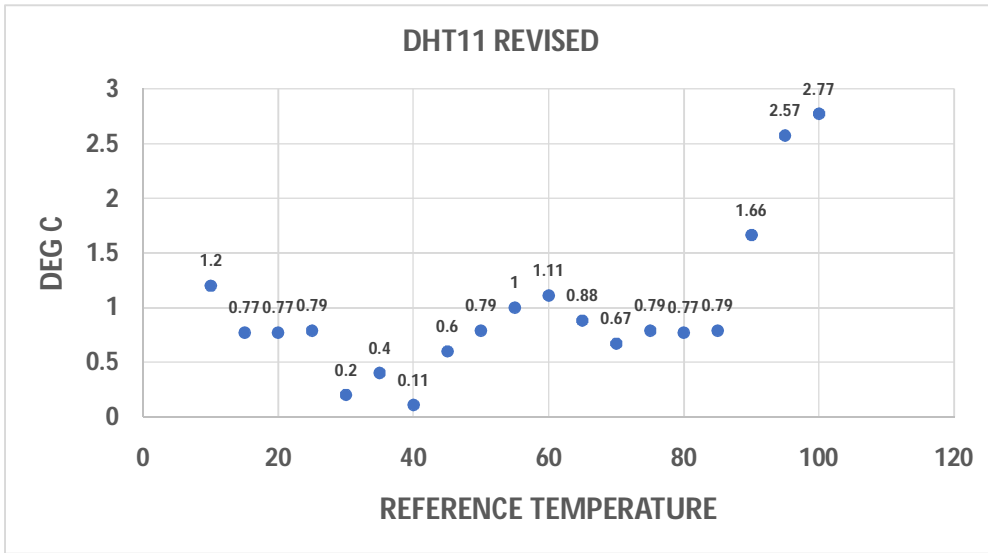


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Graph 9: Comparison of error percentage of DHT11, DHT22, LM35 with P and LM35 with PID

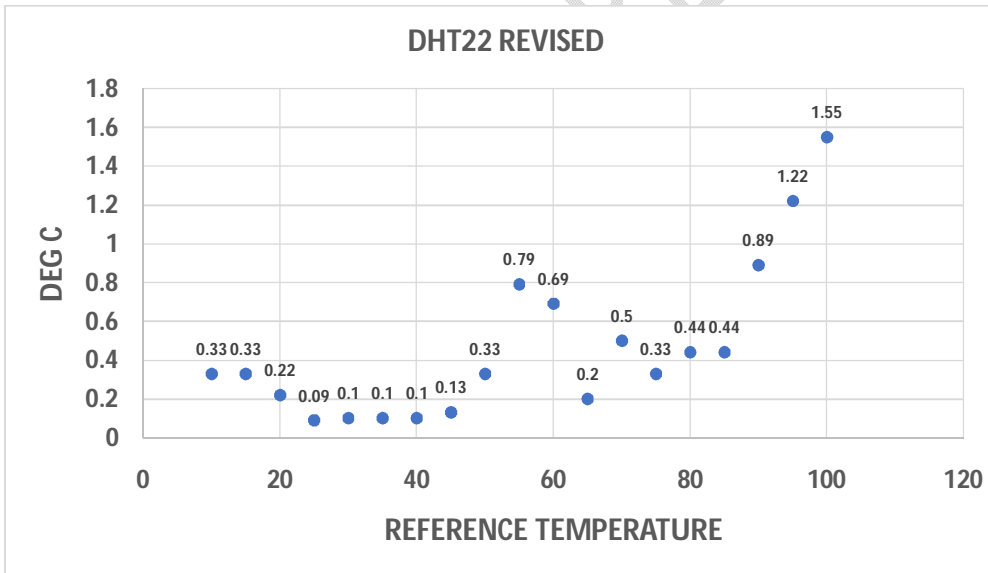
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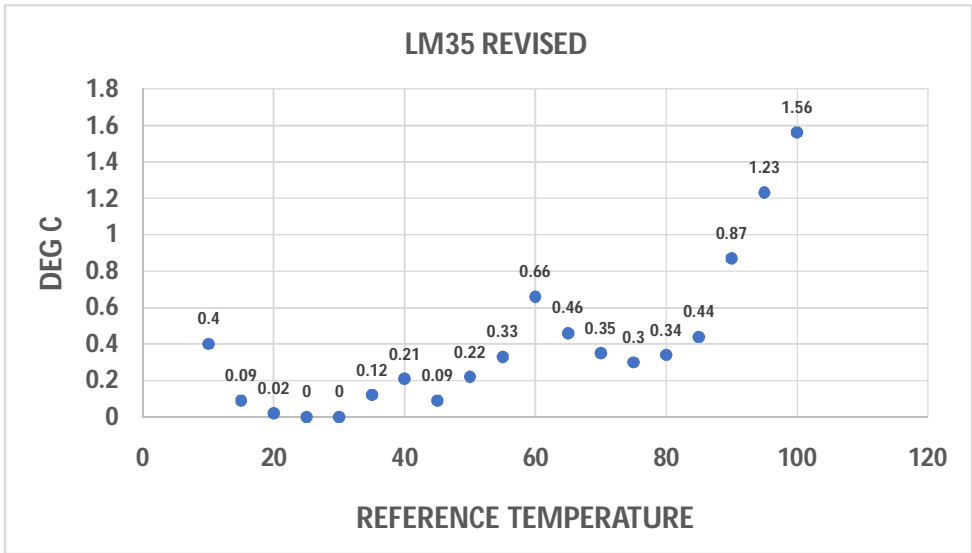
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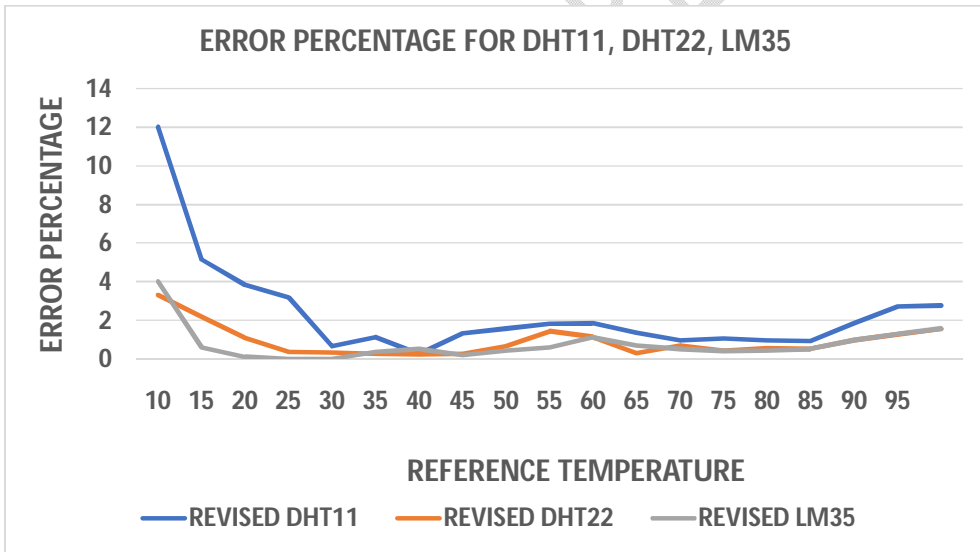
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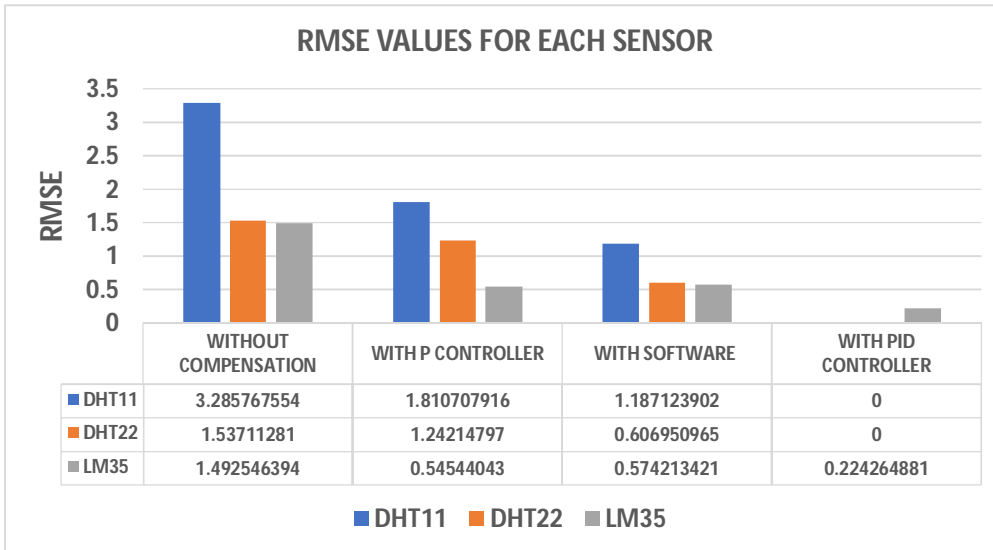
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Graph 12: Absolute error of LM35 with second method

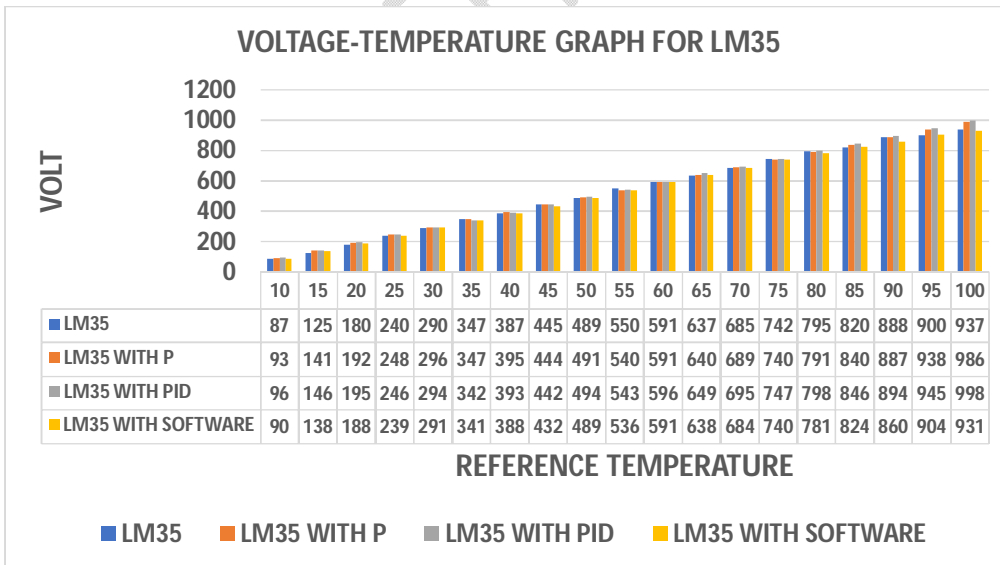


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Graph 13: Comparison of error percentage of DHT11, DHT22, LM35 with third method.



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169 Graph 14: Comparison of RMSE values for DHT11, DHT22, LM35 sensors with and without
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173 Graph 15: Voltage-Temperature sensitivity plot for LM35 with and without compensation.

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- On use of DHT11 sensor for temperature measurement in the range of 10deg C to 100 deg C, the error reduces from 2.2 deg at 10 deg C reference temperature to 1.66 deg C to 1.4 deg C at 25 deg C. Which corresponds to error reduction from 22% to 6.94%.
 - In the temperature range of 30 deg C to 50 deg C, the error increases from 1.4 deg C to 2 deg C, which corresponds to decrease in error percentage from 4.6% to 4%.
 - In the temperature range of 55 deg C to 75 deg C, the deviation from reference value increases from 2 deg to 3.13 deg C which corresponds to gradual increase in percentage error of 4 % to 4.17%.
 - When the DHT11 sensor is operated in the range of 80 deg C to 100 deg C the error in reading increases from 4.66 deg C to 6.63 deg C which is equal to percentage error of 5.8% and 6.63% respectively.
 - DHT22 sensor when used for temperature measurement between the range of 10 deg to 25 deg C results in the increase of absolute error 0.89 deg C to 0.59 deg C respectively. Thus the error percentage reduces from 8.9% to 2.36 percentage at the temperature range of 10 degrees to 25 degrees C.
 - DHT22 sensor shows variation of 0.14 degrees C at 30 degrees C and 0.55 degrees C at 50 degrees from the actual reading. Thus the error percentage is increased from 0.4% to 1.2% in the range of 30 degrees to 50 degrees C.
 - In the range of 55 degrees C to 100 degrees C the absolute error increases from 0.66 degrees C to 4 degrees C which corresponds to increase in error percentage of 1.6% to 4%. According to the datasheet the error percentage should be 2%, which is 2 times the allowable limits of error.

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- LM35 sensor when used in the range of 10 degrees C to 30 degrees C, shows
201 absolute error of 0.89 C and 0.1 degrees C at the 10 degrees C and 30 degrees
202 C temperature respectively. The error percentage reduces from 8.9% to
203 0.33%.
 - When used in the range of 40 degrees to 100 degrees C, the absolute error of
204 0.13 degrees C at 40 degrees C and 3.5 degrees C at 100 degrees can be
205 observed. The error percentage shows increase from 0.325% to 3.5%.
206 According to the datasheet the error percentage should be 0.5% which shows
207 that at 100 degrees C the error percentage is 7 times the allowable limit.
 - From the observations it can be inferred that when all the three sensors are
208 used in the permissible temperature range the error percentage is slightly
209 higher than allowable error percentage limit. When used beyond the
210 permissible temperature range, the error percentage increases beyond the
211 allowable limits.
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215 2. DHT11, DHT22 and LM35 used with compensation software algorithm.

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- DHT11 sensor shows absolute error of 1.2 degrees C and 0.79 degrees C at 10
217 degrees C and 25 degrees C. Thus the error percentage is reduced from 12 %
218 to 3.16 % in this range.
 - When used in the range of 30 degrees C to 100 degrees C absolute error of
219 0.4 degrees C and 2.77 degrees C is been recorded. Thus the error percentage
220 at 100 degrees C is 2.77 percentage. On using DHT11 sensor with
221 compensation algorithm the RMSE reduces from 3.28 to 1.18.
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- DHT22 sensor shows absolute error of 0.33 degrees C at 10 degrees C and 0.1 degrees C at 30 degrees C when used with temperature compensation algorithm. The error percentage also reduces from 3.3% to 0.33% in the temperature range of 10 degrees C and 30 degrees C.
 - For the temperature range of 35 degree C to 100 degrees C absolute error is 0.1 degrees C and 1.55 degrees C at 35 degrees C and 100 degrees C respectively. The error percentage observed in this range is also within the allowable error percentage limits.
 - LM35 sensor when used with temperature compensation algorithm, records absolute error of 0.4 degrees C and 0.12 degrees C at the temperature of 10 degrees C and 35 degrees C respectively. The corresponding error percentage at 10 degrees C and 35 degrees C are 4% and 0.34% respectively.
 - When used in the temperature range of 40 degrees C to 100 degrees C, The absolute error recorded is 0.21 degrees C at 40 degrees C and 1.56 degrees C at 100 degrees C. The error percentage shows reduction from the first method, where error percentage at 100 degrees C is 3.5% and when used with temperature compensation algorithm the error percentage is 1.56% at 100 degrees C.
 - For DHT22, the RMSE decreases from 1.53 to 0.6 when compared with the first method, when DHT22 sensor is used for temperature measurement without temperature algorithm. In the case of LM35 the RMSE recorded in the second method, is 0.57 as in the first method RMSE of 1.49 was observed.
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247 3. DHT11, DHT22, LM35 used with P and PID controller.

- 248 • Operation of temperature measurement of DHT11 in the temperature range
249 of 10 degrees C to 30 degrees C shows absolute error of 1.7 degrees C and 0.3
250 degrees C at the temperature of 10 degrees C and 30 degrees C respectively.
251 In the temperature range of 35 degrees C to 100 degrees C the absolute error
252 of 0.5 degrees C and 4 degrees C at 35 degrees C and 100 degrees C is
253 observed.
- 254 • Thus the error percentage at 10 degrees C with first method 22% and with
255 the third method it is reduced to 17%, while at 100 degrees C the error
256 percentage was 6.63% it is reduced to 4%. The RMSE of 1.81 is recorded
257 where it was 3.28 with the first method.
- 258 • DHT22 sensor when used for the measurement of temperature in the
259 temperature range of 10 degrees C to 40 degrees C shows absolute error of
260 0.67 degrees C and 0.22 degrees C at 10 degrees C and 40 degrees C
261 respectively. For the temperature range of 45 degrees C to 100 degrees C, the
262 absolute error observed is 0.48 degrees C and 3 degrees C.
- 263 • The reduction in error percentage observed at 10 degree C from the first
264 method is from 8.9% to 6.7% at 10 degrees C, while at 100 degrees the error
265 percentage is reduced by 1% from 4% to 3%. The RMSE at the third method is
266 found out to be 1.24 while it was 1.53 for the first method.
- 267 • LM35 with P type of controller shows absolute error of 0.32 degrees C and
268 0.02 degrees C at 45 degrees C. In the temperature range of 50 degrees C and
269 100 degrees C the absolute error recorded is 0.13 degrees C at 50 degrees C
270 and 1.44 degrees C at 100 degrees C.

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- For the error percentage at the extreme points, the first method shows error percentage of 8.9 % at 10 degrees C and LM35 with P type of controller shows 272 1.44% of error percentage. The RMSE is reduced from 1.49 to 0.54 as 273 compared to the first method.
 - LM35 with PID type of controller shows absolute error of 0.2 degrees C at 10 274 degrees C and 0.24 degrees c at 40 degrees C. While using in the temperature 275 range of 45 degrees C and 100 degrees C, the absolute error observed at 45 276 degrees C was 0.01 degrees C and at 100 degrees C the absolute error 277 observed was 0.77 degrees C.
 - The error percentage reduces from 8.9% in the first method to 2% when 278 LM35 when used with PID controller at 10 degrees C. At 100 degrees C the 279 error percentage is reduced from 3.5% to 0.77% which is nearly 5 times 280 reduction in the error percentage. The RMSE is reduced from 1.49 to 0.22.
 - For analogue type of IC such as LM35 the voltage temperature response is 281 also recorded and plotted. From the plot it is observed that better 282 maintenance of slope of 10mV/degrees C is achieved using LM35 with PID 283 controller, followed by P controller.
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289 Conclusion

290 The focus of research is on analyzing and comparing the performance of three temperature
291 sensors, DHT11, DHT22 and LM35 across various temperature ranges and methods. The
292 study demonstrates the importance of temperature compensation in enhancing the
293 accuracy and reducing the error percentages of the sensor readings. The application of

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294 compensating algorithm significantly reduces the RMSE and error percentages for all three
295 sensors across all the tested temperature ranges. It can be concluded that LM35 with the
296 PID controller exhibits the best performance in terms of error reduction and stability,
297 achieving an RMSE of 0.22. DHT is fairly suitable for basic applications but suffers from
298 higher error percentages at extreme temperatures, particularly when operated outside its
299 rated range. DHT22 and LM35 better suits for more precise applications. LM35, being an
300 analog sensor, provides high accuracy and exhibits the least error when paired with a PID
301 controller.

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307 **Future scope**

308 In precision irrigation, accurate temperature measurements are crucial for calculating
309 evapotranspiration for ensuring efficient water usage and minimizing environmental
310 impacts. The temperature sensors used for this purpose needs to be cost effective too.

311 When the low cost temperature sensors are used with compensating algorithms high
312 precision and accuracy in temperature measurement is achieved. Integration and tuning of

313 hardware-based PID controllers with analogue type of temperature sensor IC is difficult for
314 realization, this can be achieved with software. Realization of P or PID type controller with
315 software can increase the memory requirement and increase the power consumption of the

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316 micro-controller used. Thus hybrid model of realization of compensating algorithm is
317 required, where PID controller is designed on hardware and temperature measuring
318 algorithm is embedded in software.

319 **Importance of the research:** Temperature compensation is essential for ensuring the
320 accuracy and reliability of temperature readings. The sensor readings can be affected by
321 factors such as changes in ambient temperature, voltage fluctuations, or sensor
322 characteristics. Digital temperature sensors like DHT11, DHT22 have specific range and
323 performance limits, without temperature compensation, sensor readings may drift,
324 particularly at the edges of these ranges. Sensors can show drift over time or under varying
325 environmental conditions, thus temperature compensations helps reducing drift ensuring
326 stability and consistent readings. Without compensation, sensors report temperatures that
327 are slightly in deviation from actual temperatures, compensation helps to mitigate sensor's
328 performance in changing humidity, air pressure, and even age of the sensor. Temperature
329 compensation may also help reduce sensor wear by keeping the sensor's output stable over
330 long period of use, which is particularly of utmost requirement where high-precision and
331 long term deployment is needed.

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