



## PHYSICS

### BOOKS - CHHAYA PHYSICS (BENGALI ENGLISH)

#### KIRCHHOFF'S LAWS AND ELECTRICAL MEASUREMENT

##### Numerical Examples

1. Two cells , one of emf 1.2 V and internal resistance  $0.5\Omega$  the other of emf 2 V and internal resiatnce  $0.1\Omega$  are connected in series with an external resistance of  $5\Omega$  . What is the current through this resistor ?



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2. Determine the current flowing through the resistor of resistance  $200\Omega$  shown in the circuit diagram and potential difference across its ends .



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3. Twelve equal wires , each of resistance  $r$  ohm , are connected so as to form a frame of a cube . An electric current enters this cube at one corner and leaves from the diagonally opposite corner . Calculate the total resistance between the corners .



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4. Determine the current flowing through the resistor of resistance  $5\Omega$  shown in the circuit diagram (Please note that the solution of the problem has been shown in a different way in the beginning of this chapter .)



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5. the resistance of the ammeter and the voltmeter are  $10\Omega$  and  $900\Omega$  respectively . What are the readings of the ammeter and the voltmeter ?



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6. The length of the wire of a potentiometer is 100 cm and the emf of a standard cell connected to it is E volt. While measuring the emf of a battery having internal resistance  $0.5\Omega$  the null point is obtained at a length of 30 cm . Determine the emf of the battery .



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7. A potential difference of 220 V is applied at the two ends a rheostat of  $12000\Omega$  . A voltmeter of resistance  $6000\Omega$  is connected between the points A and D . If the point D divides AB in the ratio of 1 : 4 what will be the reading of the voltmeter ?



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8. In a potentiometric arrangement ,a cell is connected to the potentiometer wire of 60 cm in length to make the deflection zero in galvanometer . Now if the cell is shunted with a  $6\Omega$  resistor , a null point is found in 50 cm length of the wire . What is the internal resistance of the cell ?

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9. A length of potentiometer wire of 155 cm balances the emf of a cell in a circuit and a length of 135 cm when the cell has a conductor of resistance  $8\Omega$  connected between its terminals . Find the internal resistance of the cell .

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10. Resistance of the ratio arms of a Wheatstone bridge are  $100\Omega$  and  $10\Omega$  respectively . An unknown resistance is placed in fourth arm and the galvanometer current becomes zero when  $153\Omega$  resistance is placed in third arm . What is value of unknown resistance ?

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11. Five resistance are connected according to the . What is the effective resistance between the points A and B ?



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12. In a Wheatstone bridge, a  $15\Omega$  resistance and an unknown resistance are placed in third arm and fourth arm respectively . Current through galvanometer becomes zero when ratio of resistance of first and second arms is  $3:2$  , Find the value of unknown resistance .

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13. The resistance of the four arms of a wheatstone bridge are  $100\Omega$ ,  $10\Omega$ ,  $300\Omega$  and  $30\Omega$  respectively . A battery of emf  $1.5\text{ V}$  and negligible internal resistance is connected to the bridge . Calculate the current flowing through each resistance .

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14. In Fig every resistance is of magnitude  $r$  . What is the equivalent resistance between A and B ?



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15. Each resistance in the given circuit in Fig is of value  $R$  . Calculate the equivalent resistance of the circuit with respect to the points A and B .





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16. A coil of wire is kept in melting ice . Its resistance measured by a Wheatstone bridge is  $5\Omega$  . If the coil is heated to  $100^\circ C$  and another wire of resistance  $100\Omega$  is connected in parallel to it , the balanced condition of the bridge remains unchanged . Determine the temperature coefficient of resistance of the wire of the coil .



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17. An electrical circuit is show in Fig . Calculate the potential difference across the resistance  $400\Omega$  as will be measured by the voltmeter V of resistance  $400\Omega$



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**18.** ABCD is a Wheatstone bridge in which the resistances are  $2\Omega$ ,  $4\Omega$ ,  $6\Omega$  and  $8\Omega$ . The points A and C are connected to the terminals of a cell of emf 2 V and negligible internal resistance. The points B and D are connected to a galvanometer of resistance  $50\Omega$ . Using Kirchhoff's laws find the current flowing through the galvanometer.

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**19.** We determine the value of the fourth resistance to be  $8\Omega$  with the help of a Wheatstone bridge with three known resistances  $100\Omega$ ,  $10\Omega$ ,  $80\Omega$  respectively. If the emf of the cell and its internal resistance be 2 V and  $1.1\Omega$  respectively, find the current passing through the cell.

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**20.** In a metre bridge experiment, a null point is obtained at a length of 39.8 cm when a  $2\Omega$  resistance is placed in the left gap and a  $3\Omega$  resistance

in the right gap . If the two resistance are interchanged , the null point is obtained at 60.8 cm . Calculated the end errors of the bridge .

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**21.** In the left gap of a meter bridge there is a coil of copper and in the right gap there is fixed resistance . If the coil of copper is dipped in ice the balance point is obtained at 41.2 cm of the bridge wire . Next the coil is taken of form ice and placed in a container of hoy water . Now the balcnce point is shifted by a distance 8.1 cm towards right . What is the temperature of hot water ? (Tempertaure coefficient of resistance of copper =  $42.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$  .)

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**22.** In a meter bridge the balance point is found to the be at 40 cm from one end when the resistor at the end is  $15\Omega$  , Find the resistance at the other side .

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23. In the circuit given ,  
 $E_1 = 6V, E_2 = 2V, E_3 = 3V, C' = 5\mu F, R_1 = 2R_2 = 6\Omega, R_3 = 2R_4 = 4\Omega$   
.. Find the current in  $R_3$  and the energy stored in the capacitor .

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24. If the resistance  $X$  and  $Y$  ( $X < Y$ ) be placed in the two gaps of a metre bridge , null point is obtained at a length of 20cm . Keeping  $Y$  unchanged if a resistance  $4X$  is placed in place of  $X$  what will be the position of the null point ?

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25. The distance between the positions of two null points obtained in a metre brige wire of length 100 cm , by interchaging a known resistance of

$2.5\Omega$  and an unknown resistance in the two gaps , is 28.6 cm . Find the value of the unknown resistance .

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## Section Related Questions

1. What do you mean by node analysis and mesh analysis?

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2. What do you mean by junction rule and loop rule related with electrical circuits?

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3. Write down kirchhoff's laws for electrical circuits.

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4. Kirchhoff's law of current is the practical form of the principal of conservation of charge' -discuss.

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5. Kirchhoff's law of voltage is the practical from of the principal of conservation of energy'-discuss.

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6. State kirchhoff's second law on the from of a mathematical equation, mentioniong what the symbols used stand for.

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7. Give a brief description of a potentiometer.



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8. Explain how a potentiometer can be used as the source of varying electromotive force?

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9. Draw the circuit diagram of a Wheatstone bridge and write down its balance condition .

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10. Determine the condition of a balanced wheatstone bridge with the help of Kirchhoff's laws .

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**11.** How resistance can be determined using the principle of Wheatstone bridge ? Derive the principle .

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**12.** What do you mean by sensitivity of a Wheatstone bridge ? What are the conditions for it ?

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**13.** Draw the circuit diagram for the determination of unknown resistance with the help of a metre bridge .

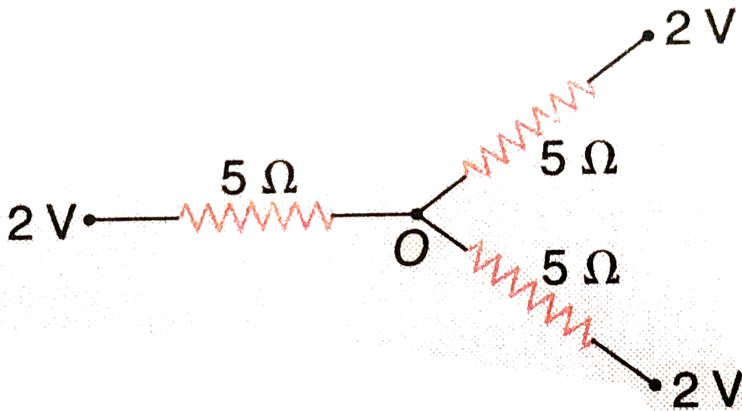
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**14.** What do you mean by end error of a metre bridge ? How can this error be remedied ?

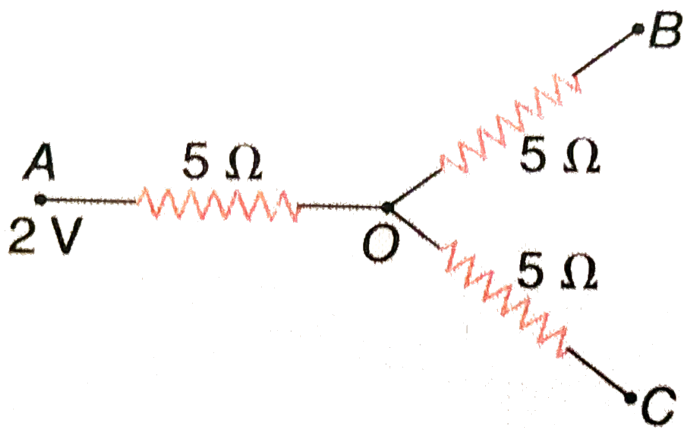


HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILL (HOTS) QUESTIONS

1. What is the potential at the point O of the circuit shown in the ?



2. If the points B and C in the circuit as shown in are earthed what is the current flowing through each  $5\ \Omega$  resistance ?



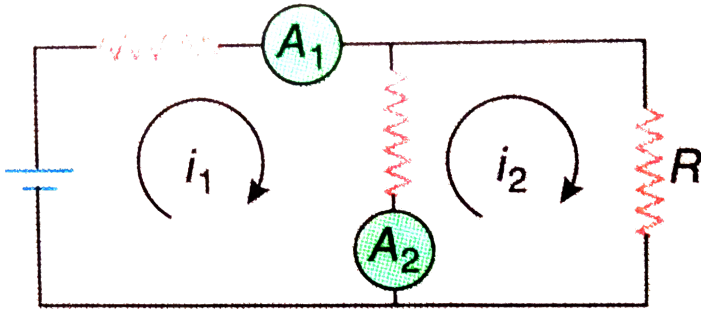
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3. On what principle does a potentiometer work ?

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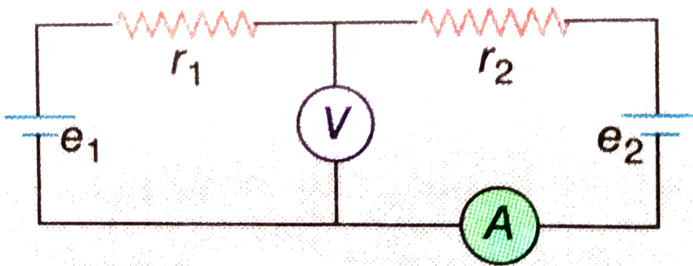
4. The readings of the two ammeters  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  in the circuit as shown in the are  $1.5A$  and  $1.0A$  respectively . What is the current through the

resistance  $R$  ?



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5. The readings of the ammeter in the circuit shown in the is zero . What is the reading of the voltmeter ?



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6. Why is potentiometer preferred to voltmeter for the measurement of emf of a cell ? Explain .

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7. Can we apply Kirchhoff's laws in the circuit having non - ohmic conductors ?

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8. What type of cell should be used in wheatstone bridge?

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9. Why is it not possible to measure the emf a cell correctly by a voltmeter ? Under what condition correct measurements is possible ?

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11. A cell of  $V$  volts and negligible internal resistance is connected across a potentiometer whose sliding contact is placed exactly at the middle . A voltmeter is connected between the sliding contact and one fixed end of the potentiometer . If it is assumed that the resistance of voltmeter is not very high compared with the resistance of the potentiometer , what voltage will the voltmeter show : higher than or less than  $\frac{V}{2}$  ? Justify your answer .

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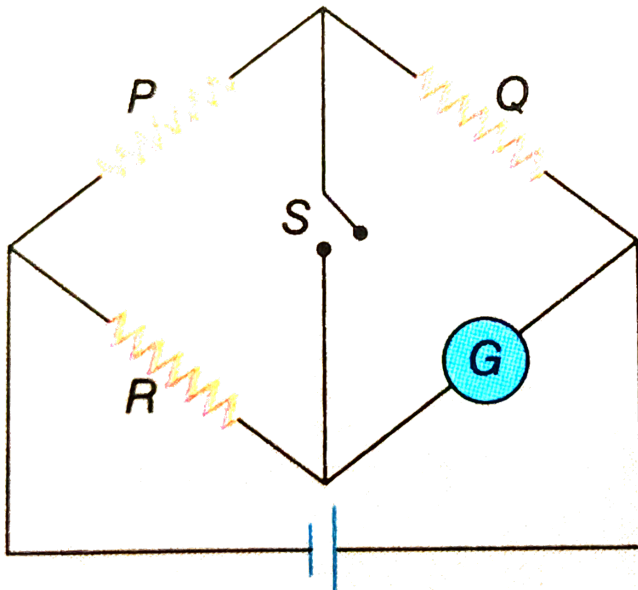
12. Will the position of the null point change if the galvanometer is replaced by another one of a different resistance in a wheatstone bridge?

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13. How will the position of null point of a Wheatstone bridge change if we interchange the battery and galvanometer in the circuit ?

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14. In the circuit given in the . Irrespective of whether the switch  $S$  is open or closed , the reading of the galvanometer remains unaltered . Select the correct answer from the following statemnts .





A.  $I_R = I_G$

B.  $I_P = I_G$

C.  $I_Q = I_G$

D.  $I_Q = I_R$

**Answer: A**

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**15.** Can we compare the two resistance  $1\Omega$  and  $100\Omega$  accurately with the help of a metre bridge ?

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**16.** Sometimes the balance point in the potentiometer may not be obtained on the wire of the potentiometer . Under what condition does it happen ?

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17. Three resistances  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are connected in parallel . This combination is then connected to a cell of negligible internal resistance .Applying Kirchhoff's law prove that the equivalent resistance of the whole combination is give by ,

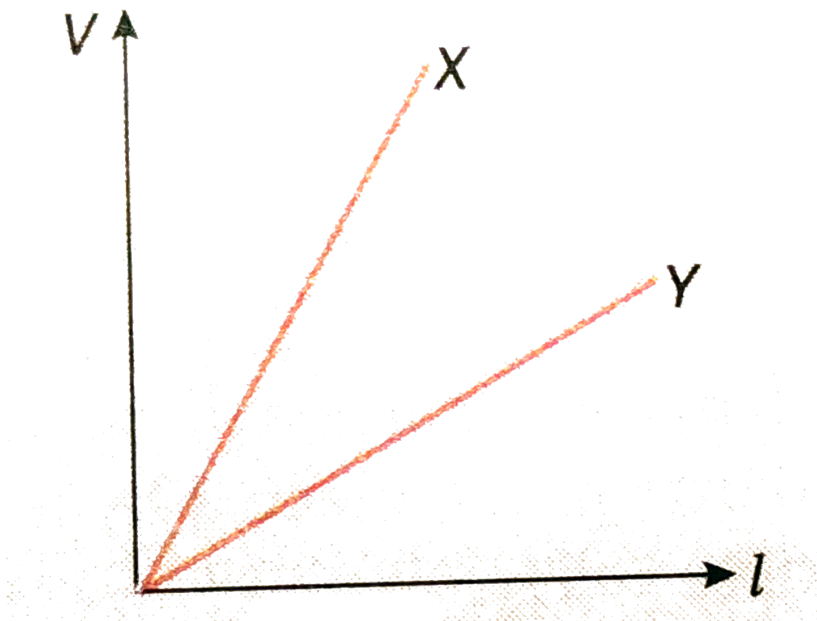
$$R = \frac{R_1 R_2 R_3}{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_1 R_3}$$



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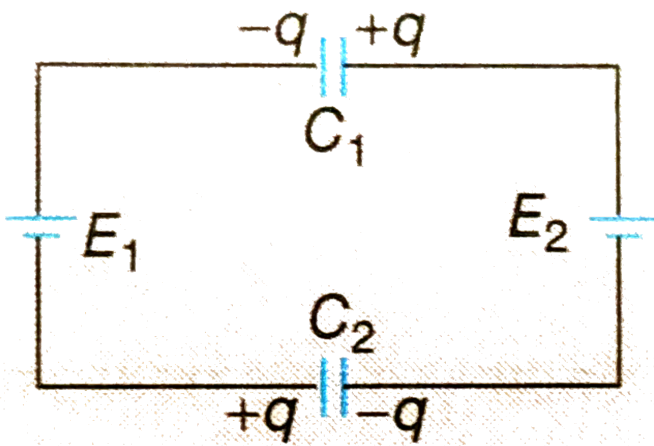
18. The variation of potential difference  $V$  with length  $l$  in case of two potentiometers X and Y is shown in the figure . Which one of the two will

you prefer for comparing emfs of the two cells and why ?



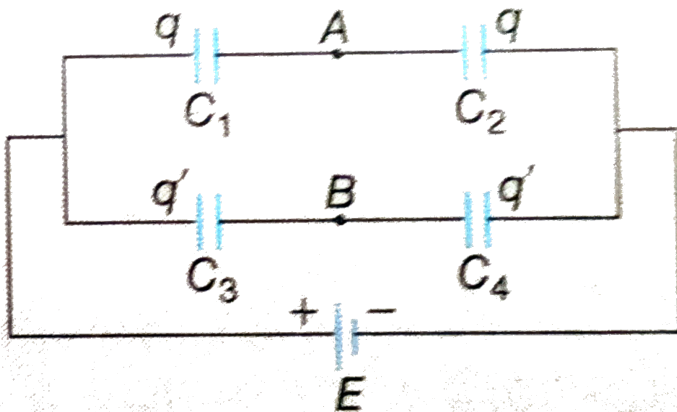
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19. Find the potential difference between the left and right plates of each capacitor in the circuit shown in the figure . (Assume  $E_2 > E_1$ )



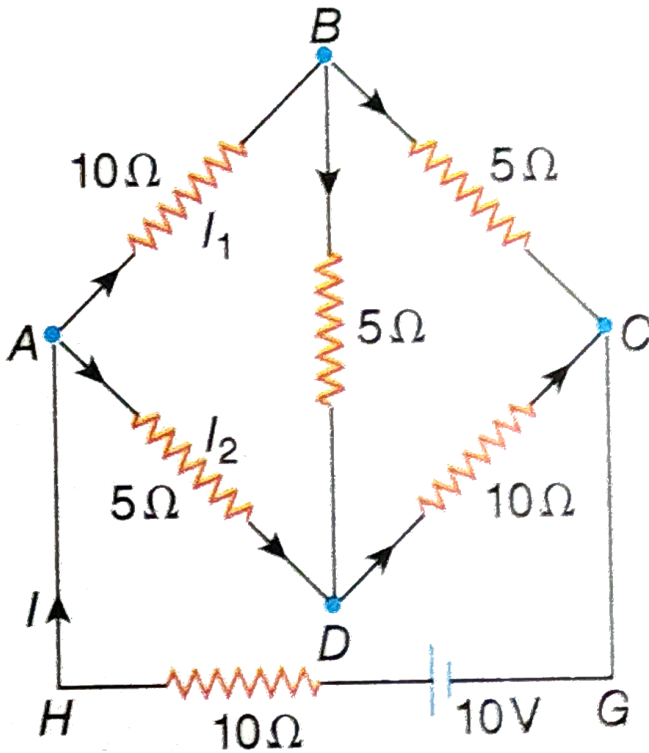
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20. In the given circuit , determine the condition for which  $V_A - V_B = 0$ ?



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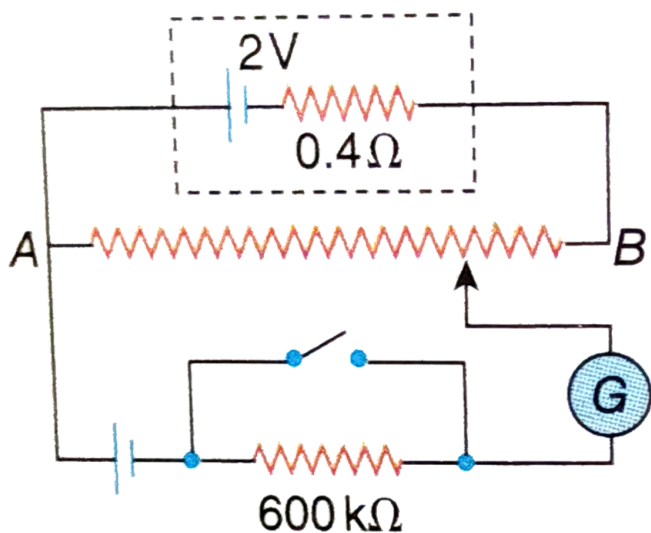
1. Determine the current in each branch of the network shown in Fig



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2. Shows a potentiometer with a cell of 2.0 V and internal resistance  $0.40\Omega$  maintaining a potential drop across the resistor wire AB . A

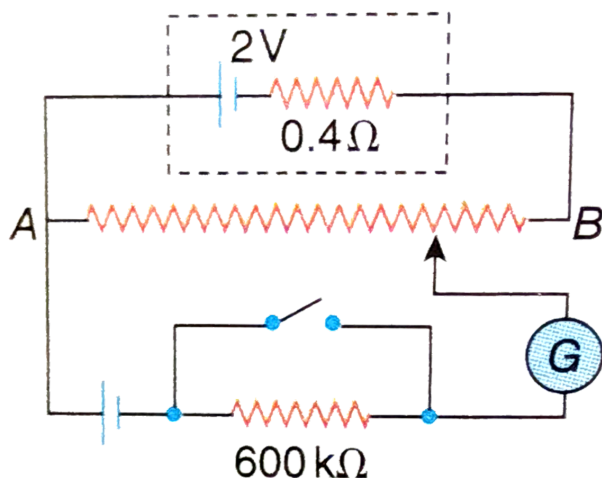
standard cell which maintain a constant emf of 1.02 V (for very moderate currents up to a few mA ) gives a balance point at 67.3 cm length of the wire . To ensure very low currents from the standard cell , a very high resistance of  $600\text{k}\Omega$  is put in series with it , which is horrted close t the balance point . The standard cell is then replaced by a cell of unknown emf  $e$  and the balance ponit found similarly , turns out to to be at 82.3 cm length of the wire .



What is the value of  $e$  ?

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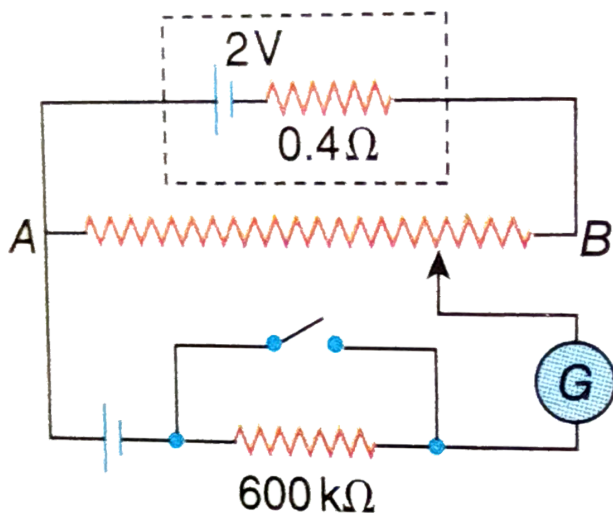


What purpose does the high resistance of  $600k\Omega$  serve ?



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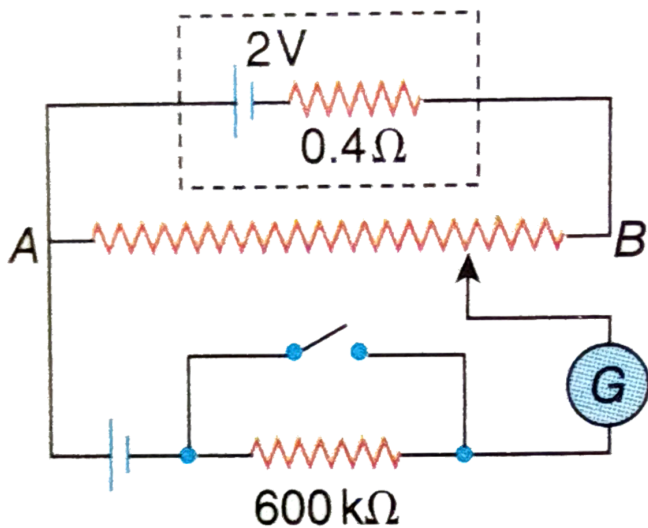


Is the balance point affected by this high resistance ?





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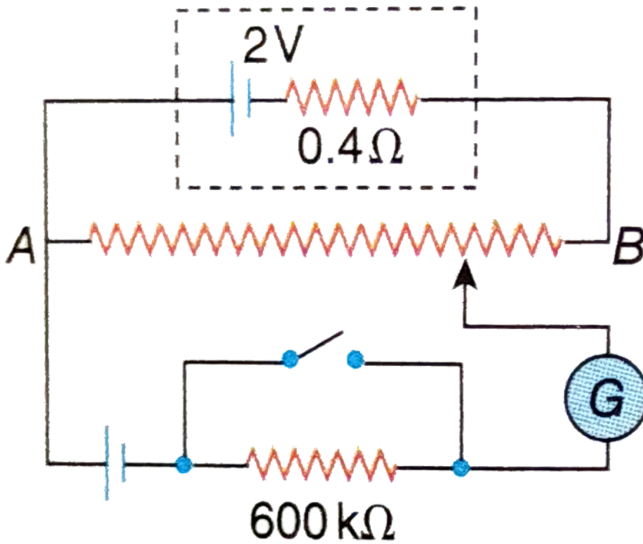


Is the balance point affected by the internal resistance of the driver cell ?

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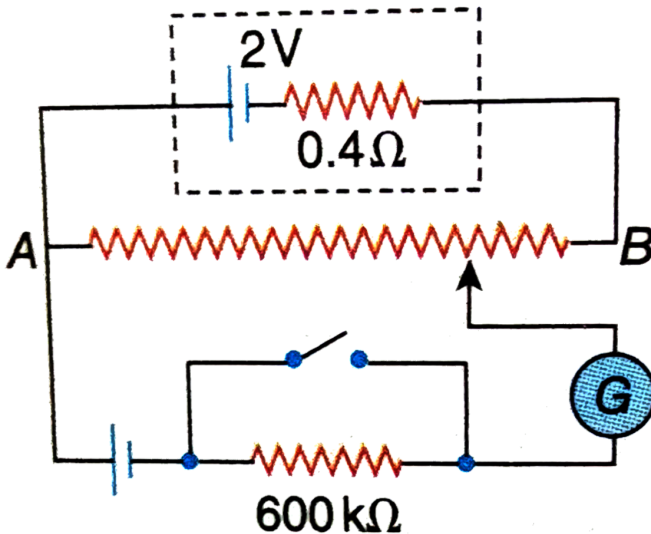


Would the method work in the above situation if the drive cell of the potentiometer had an emf of 1.0 V instead of 2.0 V ?

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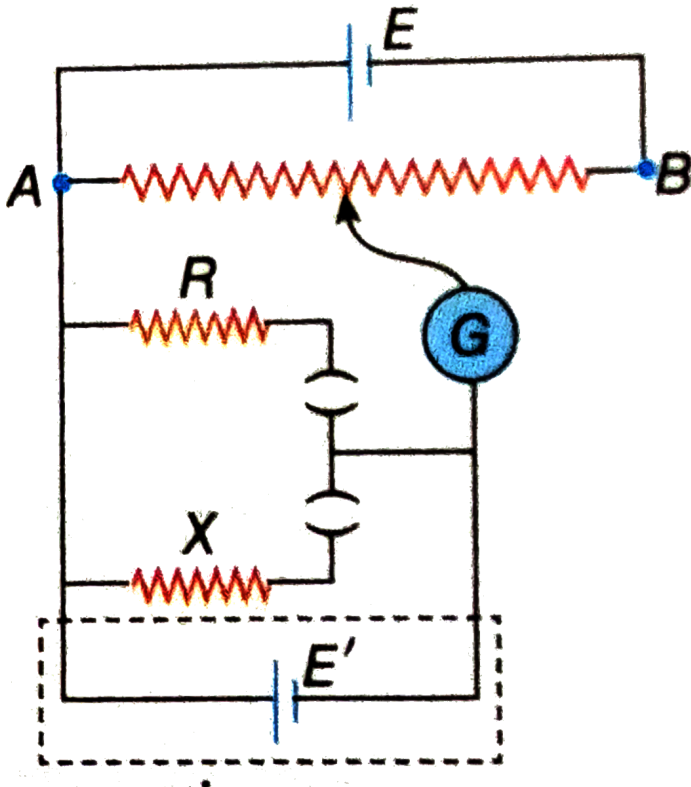
wire . To ensure very low currents from the standard cell , a very high resistance of  $600\text{k}\Omega$  is put in series with it , which is horrted close t the balance point . The standard cell is then replaced by a cell of unknown emf  $e$  and the balance ponit found similarly , turns out to to be at  $82.3\text{ cm}$  length of the wire .



Would the circuit work well for determining an extremely small emf , say of the order of a few  $\text{mV}$  ? If not , how will you modify the circuit ?

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8. Two resistances are compared by a potentiometer . The balance point with a standard resistor  $R = 10.0\Omega$  is found to be 58.3 cm , while the unknown resistance  $X$  is 68.5 cm .

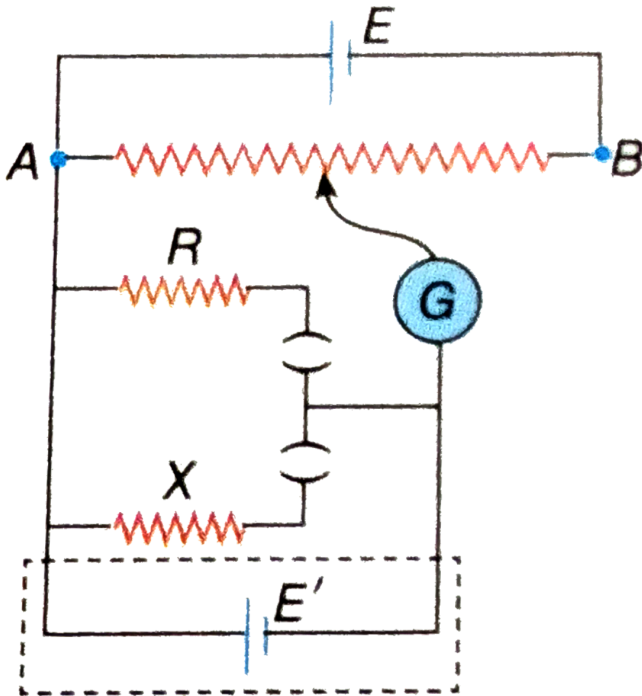


(a) What is the value of  $X$  ?



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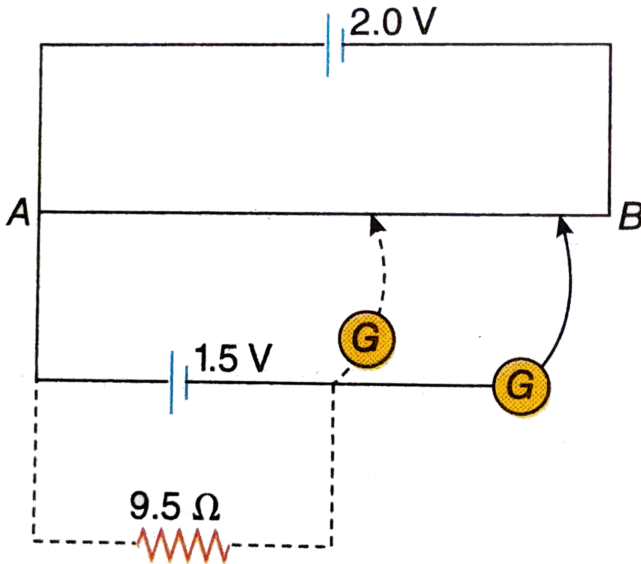
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What would you do if no balance point is obtained using the given cell of emf  $E$  ?

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10. Shows 2.0 V potentiometer used for the determination of internal resistance of a 1.5 V cell . The balance point of the cell in open circuit is 76.3 cm . When a resistor of  $9.5\Omega$  is used in the external circuit of the ,the balance point shifts to 64.8 cm length of hte potentiometer wire . Determine the internal resistance of the cell .



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NCERT EXEMPLAR QUESTIONS WITH ANSWER HINT (MCQ -1)

1. A student chooses the standard resistance  $S$  to be  $100\Omega$  while measuring a resistance  $R$  by using a metre bridge. He finds the null point at  $l_1 = 2.9$  cm. He is told to attempt to improve accuracy. Which of the following is a useful way?

- A. He should measure  $l_1$  more accurately
- B. He should change  $S$  to  $1000\Omega$  and repeat the experiment
- C. He should change  $S$  to  $3\Omega$  and repeat the experiment
- D. He should give up hope of a more accurate measurement with a metre bridge

**Answer: C**



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2. Two cells of emf's approximately 5 V and 10V are to be accurately compared using a potentiometer of length 400cm.



- A. The battery that runs the potentiometer should have voltage of 8 V
- B. The battery of potentiometer can have a voltage of 15V and R adjusted so that the potential drop across the wire slightly exceeds 10V
- C. The first 50 cm portion of wire itself should have a potential drop of 10 V
- D. Potentiometer is usually used for comparing resistance and not voltages

**Answer: B**



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## NCERT EXEMPLAR QUESTIONS WITH ANSWER HINT (MCQ -2)

1. Kirchhoff's junction rule is a reflection of

A. conservation of current density vector

B. conservation of charge

C. the fact that the momentum with which a charged particle approaches a junction is unchanged (as a vector ) as the charged particle leaves the junction

D. the fact there is no accumulation of charges at the junction

**Answer: B::D**



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## EXERCISE (Multiple Choice questions )

1. Kirchoff's laws are valid for

A. linear circuits only

B. non-linear circuits only


C. both linear and non-linear circuits

D. none of the above

**Answer: C**



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2. When the switch S is closed in Fig ., the current passing through the  $4\Omega$  resistance is  $I_{tBRgt}$  

A.  $4.5A$

B.  $6A$

C.  $3A$

D. zero

**Answer: A**



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3. In the circuit shown in , if the potential at point A is taken to zero , the potential B is



A.  $+1V$

B.  $-1V$

C.  $+2V$

D.  $-2V$

**Answer: A**



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4. In the circuit shown in the , the potential of point A with respect to point B is



A.  $2 V$

B.  $-2V$

C.  $-1.5V$

D.  $+1.5V$

**Answer: C**



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5. For a potentiometer wire of fixed length, the potential gradient can be decreased by

A. increasing the current by the potentiometer wire

B. reducing the current in the potentiometer wire

C. decreasing the value of attached resistances

D. none of the above

**Answer: B**



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6. In which case will the null condition of a wheatstone beidge change ?

- A. If the resistance in different arms are changed
- B. If the positions of the battery and galvanmeter are interchanged
- C. If a battery of different emf is used
- D. If a glvanometer of different resistance is used

**Answer: A**



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7. The resistance of the four arms of a Wheatstone bridge are  $1\Omega$ ,  $3\Omega$ ,  $2\Omega$  and  $6\Omega$  respectively and the resistance of the galvanometer is  $100\Omega$ . The equivalent resistance of the combination is

- A.  $12\Omega$
- B.  $1000\Omega$

C.  $2.67\Omega$

D.  $2.4\Omega$

**Answer: C**



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8. The resistance in the first and the second arms of a Wheatstone bridge are  $P = 10\Omega$  and  $Q = 20\Omega$ . The third and the fourth arm resistance R and S are so chosen that the bridge is balanced. Now, R is kept fixed, but P and Q are interchanged. The new value of the fourth arm resistance at balance is  $x\%$  of the old value of S. The value of x is

A. 25

B. 50

C. 200

D. 400

**Answer: A**



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9. Five equal resistances , each of resistance  $R$  , are connected as shown in figure below .A battery of  $V$  volt is connected between A and B ,. The current flowing in FC will be



- $\frac{3V}{R}$
- $\frac{V}{R}$
- $\frac{R}{V}$
- $\frac{2R}{2V}$
- $\frac{2V}{R}$

Answer: C



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10. In the given figure it is observed that the current  $I$  is independent of the value of the resistance  $R_6$  . Then the resistance values must satisfy the relation





A.  $R_1 R_2 R_3 = R_3 R_4 R_5$

B.  $R_1 R_4 = R_2 R_3$

C.  $\frac{1}{R_5} + \frac{1}{R_6} = \frac{1}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3 + R_4}$

D.  $R_1 R_3 = R_2 R_4 = R_5 R_6$

**Answer: B**

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11. Copper wire is not used as the bridge wire in a meter bridge because

- A. resistance of copper wire changes due to change in temperature
- B. resistance of a copper wire is very small
- C. in case of copper the error due to thermoelectric effect is very great
- D. thermoelectric effect sets in at the two ends of a copper

**Answer: B**

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12. The effective length of the wire of a metre bridge is, in general, more than 1 cm because of

- A. Joule heating of the wire
- B. thermoelectric effect at the two ends of the wire
- C. junction defects at the two ends of the wire
- D. elastic stress generated in the wire

**Answer: C**



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13. A resistance of  $1\Omega$  is kept in the left gap of a metre bridge and another resistance of  $3\Omega$  is kept in the right gap. The left and right end errors of the metre wire are 3 cm and 1 cm respectively. The null point would be at

A. 22.0cm

B. 23.0cm

C. 25.0cm

D. 26.0cm

**Answer: B**



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14. Resistance in the two gaps of a meter bridge are  $10\Omega$  and  $30\Omega$  respectively . If the resistances are interchanged the balance point shifts by

A. 33.3 cm

B. 66.67 cm

C. 25 cm

D. 50 cm

**Answer: D**



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## EXERCISE (Very Short Answer Type Questions )

1. In which part of an electrical circuit can Kirchhoff's law of currents be applied ?



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2. In which part of an electrical circuit can Kirchhoff's law of voltage be applied ?



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3. Kirchoff's law of current expresses the principle of conservation of ..... (Fill in the blank)



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4. At a junction of three wires , the inward currents through two of the wire are 1 A and 2 A . What is the inward current though the third wire ?



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5. With the help of a potentiometer , the emf of a cell can be measured accurately , because in this experiment .....of the cell becomes zero . (fill in the blank)



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6. A battery of steady emf 2.0 V is connected across the two ends of a potentiometer wire . With the help of this arrangement , the emf of more than .... V of a cell can not be determined . (Fill in the blank )



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7. Why do we prefer a potentiometer with longer wire ?



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8. What kind of cell should be used in a wheatstone bridge circuit ?



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9. Of battery and galvanometer segments - which one should be closed first during the operation of a wheatstone bridge circuit ?



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10. The resistance of each of the four arms of a wheatstone bridge is  $10\Omega$  and the resistance of the galvanometer is  $500\Omega$  . What is the equivalent resistance of the combination



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11. The resistance in the left and the right gaps of a metre bridge circuit are  $3\Omega$  and  $2\Omega$  respectively . For what length of the bridge wire is the null point found if there is no end error ?

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12. Keeping a resistance of  $2\Omega$  in the left gap of a metre bridge , an unknown resistance is placed in the right gap and the null point is obtained at a distance of 40.0 cm . If no end error is present , what will be the value of the unknown resistance ?

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**EXERCISE ( Short Answer Type Questions - I )**

1. In a wheatstone bridge resistance  $P$  ,  $Q$  ,  $R$  are connected in the first three arms and the 4 th arm is formed by two resistors  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  connected in parallel . What is the balance condition for the bridge ?



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2. Why is it preferred to obtain the null point in a metre bridge between 40 cm and 60cm of the wire ?



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3. Why is end - correction necessary in a metre - bridge?



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4. The metre wire of a metre bridge is made of mangnin or german silver , but is never made of copper . Why ?





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5. A very high resistance cannot be measured with a wheatstone bridge .

Why ?



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6. A very low resistance cannot be measured with a wheatstone bridge .

Why ?



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7. The resistance of one coil is nearly  $1\Omega$  and that of another is nearly  $100\Omega$  . Disuss whether a metre bridge can compare these two resistances accurately .



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## EXERCISE ( Short Answer Type Questions - II )

1. How does the null condition of a Wheatstone bridge change when the position of battery and galvanometer are exchanged ?

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## EXERCISE ( Problem Set - I )

1. In a potentiometer experiment , a particular cell produces balance in the wire at 560 cm . If a  $10\Omega$  resistance is connected with the cell in parallel ,then this balanced length change to 412 cm . Find out the internal resistance of the cell .

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2. The resistance of a potentiometer wire is  $10k\Omega$  Its two ends are connected with a 200 V source of electricity .If a voltmeter of resistance

$5k\Omega$  is connected in parallel with one-fourth of the wire then what will be the reading of the voltmeter?

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3. In a potentiometer experiment . A cell produces balance in the wire at 240 cm. balancing length change to 120 cm when a resistance  $2\Omega$  is connected parallel to the cell. Find out the internal resistance of the cell.

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4. A null point is obtained when two resistors , of resistance  $r$  each, are connected in series and placed in the fourth arm of a wheatstone bridge . Now , the resistance  $R$  of the third arm is kept fixed ,and  $r$ , connected in parallel, are placed in the fourth arm. then a null point is obtained only by interchanging the resistances  $P$  and  $Q$  , and also the value of  $r$ .

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5. If a potential difference of 2.1 V is applied between the points A and B then what will be the currents through the resistances  $40\Omega$  and  $45\Omega$ ?

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6. The magnitudes of the resistances in the four arms of a Wheatstone bridge are  $10\Omega$ ,  $12\Omega$ ,  $20\Omega$  and  $24\Omega$  respectively and the galvanometer resistance is  $100\Omega$ . If current is sent through the bridge from a cell of emf  $1.5V$  and  $1.3\Omega$  of internal resistance, calculate the current through the '10 ohm' resistance.

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7. The value of an unknown resistance is found to be  $8\Omega$  when it is determined with the help of a Wheatstone bridge by using known resistances  $100\Omega$ ,  $10\Omega$  and  $80\Omega$ . The emf of the electric cell used is 2 V and its internal resistance is  $1.1\Omega$ . Determine the value of current flowing through the cell.



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8. In a Wheatstone bridge a resistance  $S$  is fixed in fourth arm . Keeping resistance  $R_1$  in third arm null condition is obtained . Now if the resistance  $P$  and  $Q$  are interchanged , resistance  $R_1$  has to be replaced by  $R_2$  to get the balance condition again . Find the ratio of  $P$  and  $Q$  and also the value of  $S$  .



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### EXERCISE ( Problem Set - II)

1. With a uniform potentiometer wire  $AB$  of resistance  $100\Omega$  , an electric cell of emf  $2\text{ V}$  of negligible internal resistance and voltmeter of  $360\Omega$  is connected in between the point  $A$  and a point  $C$  on the wire . If the reading in the voltmeter be  $0.72\text{ V}$  then in what ratio does the point  $C$  divide the wire  $AB$  ?



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2. With a uniform potentiometer wire AB of resistance  $100\Omega$  , an electric cell of negligible internal resistance and a voltmeter  $360\Omega$  is connected in between A and the mid -point C of the wire . If the reading of the voltmeter be  $1.0\text{ V}$  , determine the emf of the cell .

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3. The resistance in the three arms of a Wheatstone bridge are repectively  $15\Omega$ ,  $10\Omega$  and  $22.5\Omega$ . when a copper coil is placed in the fourth arm of the bridge at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  the bridge remains balanced . But to restore the balance of the bridge at  $50^\circ\text{C}$  of the coil temperature an additional resistance  $r$  has to be arranged in parallel with the coil . What is the value or ? (temperture coefficient of resistance of copper  $= 0.00425^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ )

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4. A current of 0.1 A enters a Wheatstone bridge from a source of the electricity . The resistance of each of the first three arms of the bridge is  $10\Omega$  and the resistance of its fourth arm is  $20\Omega$  . If the resistance of the galvanometer be  $100\Omega$  what will be the galvanometer current ?

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5. In a metre bridge , null point is obtained at 42.1cm on the wire when a  $30\Omega$  resistance is kept in the left gap and a  $4\Omega$  resistance in the right gap of the bridge . The null point is shifted towards right by 15.0 cm when the two resistance are interchanged . Determine the end error of the bridge .

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**ENTRANCE CORNER (Assertion -reason type )**

1. Statement I : A balance is obtained at the position of 40 cm of the meter wire, when  $2\Omega$  and  $3\Omega$  resistances are put in the left and right gaps respectively of a meter bridge

Statement II : The balanced condition of a Wheatstone bridge is  $P/Q = R/S$ .

- A. Statement I is true, statement II is true, statement II is a correct explanation for statement I.
- B. Statement I is true, statement II is true, statement II is not a correct explanation for statement I.
- C. Statement I is true, statement II is false.
- D. Statement I is false, statement II is true.

**Answer: A**



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2. Statement I : An alloy like manganin or German silver is used , instead of copper , as the material of the wire of a metre bridge .

Statement II : The temperature coefficient of resistance is very low for alloys .

A. Statement I is true , statement II is true , statement II is a correct explanation for statement I.

B. Statement I is true , statement II is true , statement II is not a correct explanation for statement I.

C. Statement I is true , statement II is false .

D. Statement I is false , statement II is true .

**Answer: B**



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3. Statement I : a potentiometer arrangement is more suitable than a voltmeter arrangement for the accurate measurement of the emf of an electric cell .

Statement II : It is possible to connect an electric cell in a potentiometer circuit in such a way that no current passes through the cell .

A. Statement I is true ,statement II is true , statement II is a correct explanation for statement I.

B. Statement I is true , statement II is true , statement II is not a correct explanation for statement I.

C. Statement I is true , statement II is false .

D. Statement I is false , statement II is true .

**Answer: A**



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4. Statement I : If the resistance of the first two arms P and Q of a balanced Wheatstone bridge are exchanged , the balanced condition is not disturbed .

Statement II : The balanced condition of a Wheatstone bridge is independent of the resistance of the galvanometer used .

A. Statement I is true ,statement II is true , statement II is a correct explanation for statement I.

B. Statement I is true , statement II is true , statement II is not a correct explanation for statement I.

C. Statement I is true , statement II is false .

D. Statement I is false , statement II is true .

**Answer: D**



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5. Statement I : Kirchhoff's voltage law indicates that electrostatic field is conservative .

Statement II : Potential difference between two points in a circuit does not depend on path .

A. Statement I is true ,statement II is true , statement II is a correct explanation for statement I.

B. Statement I is true , statement II is true , statement II is not a correct explanation for statement I.

C. Statement I is true , statement II is false .

D. Statement I is false , statement II is true .

**Answer: A**



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6. Statement I : In an electrical circuit the algebraic sum of currents meeting at a point is zero .

Statement II : In case of flow of current in electrical circuit total energy is conserved .

A. Statement I is true ,statement II is true , statement II is a correct explanation for statement I.

B. Statement I is true , statement II is true , statement II is not a correct explanation for statement I.

C. Statement I is true , statement II is false .

D. Statement I is false , statement II is true .

**Answer: B**



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**ENTRANCE CORNER (Multiple correct answers type )**

1. Between the Kirchhoff's laws of electric circuits ,

- A. the first law signifies conservation of charge
- B. the first law signifies conservation of energy
- C. the second law signifies conservation of charge
- D. the second law signifies conservation of energy

**Answer: A::D**



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2. The null point of a metre bridge is at 40 cm when resistance X and Y are placed in left and the right gaps , respectively . The following observations show the resistance in the left right gaps and the nul point respectively . Which of them are correct ?

A.  $2X, \frac{Y}{3}, 80\text{cm}$

B.  $3X, 2Y, 50\text{cm}$

C.  $\frac{X}{2}, Y + \frac{X}{2}, 20\text{cm}$

D.  $X + \frac{Y}{2}, \frac{Y}{2}, 70\text{cm}$

**Answer: A::B::C::D**



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### ENTRANCE CORNER (Comprehension type)

1. A wire of length 12 cm ,resistance  $12\Omega$  and of uniform area of cross section is cut into twelve equla parts ,which are connected to form a sketeton cube . A cell of efm 2V is connected across the two diagonally opposite corners of the cube . Using both the Korchhoff's laws answer the follwing questions .

The effective resistance of the circuit is

A.  $\frac{4}{5}\Omega$

B.  $\frac{5}{6}\Omega$

C.  $\frac{6}{7}\Omega$

D.  $\frac{7}{12}\Omega$

**Answer: A**



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2. A wire of length 12 cm ,resistance  $12\Omega$  and of uniform area of cross section is cut into twelve equal parts ,which are connected to form a skeleton cube . A cell of emf 2V is connected across the two diagonally opposite corners of the cube . Using both the Kirchhoff's laws answer the following questions .

The current drawn from the battery is

A.  $2.5A$

B.  $2.4A$

C.  $2.3A$

D.  $3.4A$



**Answer: B**



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3. A wire of length 12 cm ,resistance  $12\Omega$  and of uniform area of cross section is cut into twelve equal parts ,which are connected to form a skeleton cube . A cell of emf 2V is connected across the two diagonally opposite corners of the cube . Using both the Kirchhoff's laws answer the following questions .

The maximum current flowing in an arm of network is

A.  $0.4A$

B.  $0.8A$

C.  $1.2A$

D.  $2.4A$

**Answer: B**



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4. A wire of length 12 cm ,resistance  $12\Omega$  and of uniform area of cross section is cut into twelve equal parts ,which are connected to form a skeleton cube . A cell of emf 2V is connected across the two diagonally opposite corners of the cube . Using both the Kirchhoff's laws answer the following questions .

The minimum potential difference across an arm of network is

A.  $0.4V$

B.  $0.8V$

C.  $1.2V$

D.  $2.4V$

**Answer: B**



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**ENTRANCE CORNER (Integer answer type )**

1. The length of a potentiometer wire is 10cm . A cell of emf E is balanced at a length  $\frac{10}{3}$  cm from the positive end of the wire .If the length of the wire is increased by 5 cm , at what distance (in cm ) from positive end will the same cell give a balance point ?

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## EXAMINATION ARCHIVE (WBCHSE )

1. Why is potentiometer preferred to voltmeter for the measurement of a cell ? Explain .

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2. State Kirchoff's laws in a network of conductors carrying current . State which law obeys the principle of conservation of energy .

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3. Establish the balanced condition of Wheatstone's bridge by applying Kirchhoff's laws .

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4. Very high or very low resistance cannot be measured correctly by using the Wheatstone bridge principle Give reason .

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5. How can the sensitivity of a potentiometer be increased ?

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6. A potentiometer of  $20\Omega$  has 10 wires each of 1 metre length and the total resistance to be connected to the driving battery of emf 2 volts to

produce a potential drop of  $1\mu V$  per millimetre . (Graph sheet is not required ) .

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7. Determine the value of I in the circuit .



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8. Establish Wheatstone bridge principle using Kirchhoff's laws .

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**EXAMINATION ARCHIVE (WBJEE )**

1. The current I in the circuit shown is



A.  $1.33A$

B. zero

C.  $2.00A$

D.  $1.00A$

**Answer: A**

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2. Two cells A and B emf 2 V and 1.5 V respectively , are connected as shown in figure through an external resistance  $10\Omega$  . The internal resistance of each cell is  $5\Omega$  . The potential difference  $E_A$  and  $E_B$  across the terminals of the cells A and B respectively are



A.  $E_A = 2.0V, E_B = 1.5V$

B.  $E_A = 2.125V, E_B = 1.375V$

C.  $E_A = 1.875V, E_B = 1.625V$

D.  $E_A = 1.875V$ ,  $E_B = 1.375V$

**Answer: C**



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3. Consider the circuit shown in the figure where all the resistances are of magnitude  $k\Omega$  . If the current in the extreme right resistance X is 1 mA , the potential difference between A and B is



A. 34V

B. 21V

C. 68V

D. 55V

**Answer: A**



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4. Consider the circuit given here . The potential difference  $V_{BC}$  between the points B and C is



- A. 1 v
- B. 0.5V
- C. 0 V
- D.  $-1V$

**Answer: B**



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5. A non- zero current passes through the galvanometer G shown in the circuit when the K is closed and its value does not change when the key is opened . The which of the following statement (S) is /are true ?





- A. The galvanometer resistance is infinite .
- B. The current through the galvanometer is 40mA .
- C. After the key is closed , the current through the  $200\Omega$  resistor is same as the current through the  $300\Omega$  resistor .
- D. The galvanometer resistance is  $150\Omega$  .

**Answer: B::C::D**



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## EXAMINATION ARCHIVE (JEE Main)

1. In the circuit shown , the current in the  $1\Omega$  resistor is



- A. 1.3 A , from P to Q
- B. 0A
- C. 0.13 a , from Q to P

D. 0.13 a , from P to Q

**Answer: C**



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2. In the given circuit the current in each resistance is



A. 1A

B. 0.25A

C. 0.5A

D. zero

**Answer: D**



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3. Which of the following statements is false ?

- A. Wheatstone bridge is the most sensitive when all the four resistances are of the same order of magnitude .
- B. In a balanced wheatstone bridge if the cell and the galvanometer are exchanged , the null point is disturbed .
- C. A rheostat can be used as a potential divider .
- D. Kirchhoff's second law represents energy conservation .

**Answer: B**



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4. In a potentiometer experiment , it is found that no current passes through the galvanometer when the terminals of the cell are connected across 52 cm of the potentiometer wire . If the cell is shunted by a

resistance of  $5\Omega$  , a balance is found when the cell is connected across 40 cm of the wire . Find the internal resistance of ht cell .

- A.  $2\Omega$
- B.  $2.5\Omega$
- C.  $1\Omega$
- D.  $1.5\Omega$

**Answer: D**



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5. Two batteries with emf 12 V and 13V are connected in parallel across a load resistor of  $10\Omega$  . The internal resistances of the two batteries are  $1\Omega$  and  $2\Omega$  respectively . The voltage across the load lies between

- A.  $11.4V$  and  $11.5V$
- B.  $11.7V$  and  $11.8V$
- C.  $11.6V$  and  $11.7V$

D.  $11.5V$  and  $11.6V$

**Answer: D**



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6. On interchanging the resistance , the balance point of a metre bridge shifts to the left by 10 cm . The resistance of their series combination is  $1k\Omega$  . How much was the resistance on the left slot before interchanging the resistance ?

A.  $500\Omega$

B.  $910\Omega$

C.  $990\Omega$

D.  $505\Omega$

**Answer: A**



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1. Circuit has been set up for finding the internal resistance of a given cell . The main battery used across the potentiometer wire itself is 4 m long . When the resistance  $R$  , connected across the given cell , has values of (i) infinity , (ii)  $9.5\Omega$  the balancing lengths on the potentiometer wire are found to be 3 cm and 2.85 m respectively . The value of internal resistance of the cell is

A.  $0.25\Omega$

B.  $0.95\Omega$

C.  $0.5\Omega$

D.  $0.75\Omega$

**Answer: C**



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2. In an ammeter 0.2 % of main current passes through the galvanometer .

If resistance of galvanometer is  $G$  , the resistance of ammeter will be

A.  $\frac{1}{499}G$

B.  $\frac{499}{500}G$

C.  $\frac{1}{500}G$

D.  $\frac{500}{499}G$

**Answer: C**



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3. The resistance in the two arms of the metre bridge are  $5\Omega$  and  $R\Omega$  respectively . When the resistance  $R$  is shunted with an equal resistance , the new balance point is at  $1.6l_1$ .

The resistance  $R$  is



A.  $10\Omega$

B.  $15\Omega$

C.  $20\Omega$

D.  $25\Omega$

**Answer: B**



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4. A potentiometer wire has length 4m and resistance  $8\Omega$  the resistance that must be connected in series with the wire and an accumulator of emf 2 V so as to get a potential gradient 1 mV ,per cm on the wire is

A.  $32\Omega$

B.  $40\Omega$

C.  $44\Omega$

D.  $48\Omega$



**Answer: A**



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## EXAMINATION ARCHIVE (NEET)

1. A potentiometer wire is 100 cm long and a constant potential difference is maintained across it. Two cells are connected in series first to support one another and then in opposite direction. The balance points are obtained at 50 cm and 10 cm from the positive end of the wire in the two cases. The ratio of emf's is

A. 5 : 4

B. 3 : 4

C. 3 : 2

D. 5 : 1

**Answer: C**



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1. Calculate the value of the resistance of  $R$  in the circuit shown in the so that the current in the circuit is  $0.2A$  .What would be the potential difference between points  $B$  and  $E$  ?

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2. Two identical cells , each of emf  $E$  , having negligible internal resistance ,are connected in parallel with each other across an external resistane  $R$  . What is the current through this resistance ?



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3. Describe briefly , with the help of a circuit diagram , how a potentiometer is used to determine the internal resistance of a cell .

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4. Figures shows two circuits each having a galvanometer and a battery of 3 V . When the galvanometers in each arrangement do not show any deflection , obtain the rasion  $R_1 / R_2$  . 

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5. Why are the connections between the resistance in a metre bridge made of thick copper strips ?

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6. Why is it generally preferred to obtain the balance point in the middle of the metre bridge wire ?



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7. Which material is used for the metre bridge wire and why ?



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8. A resistance of  $R\Omega$  draws current from a potentiometer as shown in . The potentiometer has a total resistance  $R_0\Omega$  . A voltage  $V$  is supplied to the potentiometer .

Derive an expression for the voltage across  $R$  when sliding contact is in middle of the potentiometer ?



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9. In the potentiometer circuit shown , the null point is at X . State with reason , where the balance point will be shifted when resistance R is increased , keeping all other parameters unchanged ,

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10. In the potentiometer circuit shown , the null point is at X . State with reason , where the balance point will be shifted when resistance S is increased , keeping R constant .



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11. Write the principle of working of a metre bridge .

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12. In a metre bridge , the balance point is found at a distance  $l_1$  with resistane R and S as show in the figure .



Amn unknown resistance X is now connected in parallel to the resistance S and the balance point is found at a distance  $l_2$  Obtain a formula for X in terms of  $l_1$ ,  $l_2$  and S .



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13. State the two Kirchoff's laws . Explain briefly how these rules are justified .



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14. The current is drawn from a cell of emf E and internal resitance r connected to the network of resistors each of resistance r as shown in the figure . Obtain the expression for (i) the current drawn from the cell

and (ii) the power consumed in the network .



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15. A resistance of  $R$  draws current from a potentiometer . The potentiometer wire  $AB$ , has a total resistance of  $R_0$  . A voltage  $V$  is supplied to the potentiometer . Derive an expression for the voltage across  $r$  when the sliding contact is in the middle of the potentiometer wire .



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16. In a potentiometer arrangement for determining the emf of a cell , the balance point of the cell in open circuit is 350 cm . When a resistance of  $9\Omega$  is used in the external circuit of the cell the balance point shifts to 300cm . Determine the internal resistance of the cell .

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