

What is Wheatstone bridge? Describe its balanced condition using Kirchhoff's law and principle?

Ans: Wheatstone bridge:

→ An electrical circuit, which can be used for accurate measurement of resistance of a conductor is called Wheatstone bridge.

Ans: Principle

→ The principle of Wheatstone bridge is, when the bridge is balanced, the product of opposite arms are equal.

→ The current flowing through the galvanometer can be changed by varying the resistance 'R'. For particular value of resistance R, the current flowing through the galvanometer (I_g) becomes zero.

→ This condition of the bridge is termed as null condition. In null deflection, the bridge is said to be balanced. The balancing condition of bridge is

$$P = R \quad \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

If 'S' is unknown resistance, then

$$\therefore S = E \times R \quad \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

Ans: Balancing condition:

→ Suppose 'I' be the current at the junction 'A' this current is divided as I_1 be the fraction of current flowing through the resistance 'P' and I_2 be the

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What is electric potential? Describe an expression for electric potential due to a point charge?

Ans: Electric Potential: 'V'

→ "The electric potential at a point inside the electric field is defined as the amount of work done in moving a unit positive (test) charge from infinity to that point", i.e. $V = W_{\text{ap}}$.

where W_{ap} is the amount of workdone.

Derivation: → suppose a point 'P' lies at distance 'x' from a point charge +q at which we have to find the value of electric potential due to a point charge.

→ Suppose a unit positive charge lies at any point 'A' so that $AB = d$. Since the force experienced by unit positive charge is equal to the electric field intensity at the point.

$$\text{i.e. } F = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{x^2}$$

Thus the small work done in moving a unit positive charge from point A to point B so that $AB = dx$, $dW = \text{Force} \times \text{displacement}$.

$$\text{or, } dW = -1 \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{x^2} dx \quad \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

$$\therefore dW = -\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{x^2} dx \quad \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

Hence, negative sign shows that force on the unit positive charge and its displacement is in opposite direction.

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Write the Newton's formula for the velocity of sound in air (gas). How did Laplace correct this equation?

Ans: Newton's formula:

→ According to Newton, when sound waves propagate through gas, compression and rarefaction are produced in the gas medium. The temperature variations in the region of the compression and rarefaction are negligible therefore, the process is an isothermal process. The equation of state for the isothermal change is given by,

$$PV = nRT \quad \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

where, 'P' is pressure and 'V' is volume of the air.

On differentiating equation (i) we get,

$$dP + VdP = nRdT \quad \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{or, } P = -Vdp = -\frac{dp}{dv/v} \quad \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

$$\therefore P = -\frac{\text{stress}}{\text{strain}} = -k \text{ is} \quad \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

where, k is isothermal bulk modulus of elasticity. Negative sign indicates that as the pressure increases its volume decreases or vice-versa.

Hence, the Newton's formula for velocity of sound is given by,

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{k}{\rho}} = \sqrt{\frac{P}{\rho}} \quad \dots \dots \dots (iii)$$

where, P is the pressure and ρ is its density.

For N.T.P. we have,

$$P = 1.013 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$$

$$\text{and } \rho = 1.299 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{Now, } V = \sqrt{\frac{P}{\rho}} = \sqrt{\frac{1.013 \times 10^5}{1.299}} = 330 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

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