

Potentiometer and its principle explained?

Ans: Potentiometer:

⇒ A potentiometer is a sensitive electronic device used to measure emf of cell, find internal resistance of cell and to compare the emf of two cells.

principle:

⇒ When a constant current is passed through a wire of uniform area of cross-section, the potential drop across any position of wire is directly proportional to the length of that portion.

$$\text{i.e., } V = IR \quad (\because R = \rho \frac{l}{A})$$

$$\therefore V \propto I$$

This is the working principle of potentiometer.

Here, $V \propto$ potential difference (ΔE)

$I \propto$ Current.

$A \propto$ Resistance of wire.

$A \propto$ Cross sectional area of wire.

$P \propto$ Resistivity.

⇒ Determination of the internal resistance 'x' of a cell:

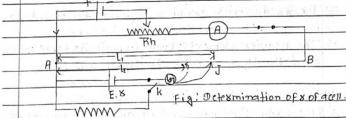


Fig: Determination of x of a cell.

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Suppose 's' be the monochromatic source of light. A and B are two final slits which act as the coherent source of light. 'd' be the distance between them. Suppose the screen is placed at a distance 'l' from the coherent sources. 'c' is the centre of screen which is equidistant from two slits A and B. The path difference of the wave reaching at point C from A & B is zero.

Hence a bright fringe of maximum intensity is observed at point 'c'. Suppose a point 'p' which lies at distance 'x' from point 'c'.

$$\text{Here, } PR = \left(\frac{c-d}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{and, } PR = \left(\frac{x+d}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{Now, } AP^2 = \left(\frac{c-d}{2} \right)^2 + d^2$$

$$\text{and, } BP^2 = \left(\frac{x+d}{2} \right)^2 + d^2$$

$$\text{So, } AP^2 - BP^2 = \left(\frac{c-d}{2} \right)^2 + d^2 - \left(\frac{x+d}{2} \right)^2 - d^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{c+d}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{x+d}{2} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore BP^2 - AP^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore BP - AP = 0$$

As, the point p lies very near to point c, then,

$$BP \approx AP \approx 0$$

$$BP - AP \approx 0$$

$$\therefore BP - AP = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Path difference} = \frac{\pi d}{\lambda}$$

Since, the phase difference $\phi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times (\text{path difference})$

$$\therefore \phi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times \frac{\pi d}{\lambda}$$

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Conversion of a galvanometer into an ammeter?

⇒ If a low resistance is connected in parallel (shunt) with a galvanometer into an ammeter, then the ammeter is a galvanometer with a low resistance parallel to it.

Fig: Symbol.

Let, R_s ⇒ shunt resistance.

I_g ⇒ Galvanometer resistance.

I_g ⇒ Current flowing through the galvanometer.

(I - I_g) ⇒ Shunt current.

Then from the figure,

pd across 'R_s' = pd across 'I_g'

$$I_s R_s = I_g R_g \quad (\because V = IR)$$

$$\therefore I_s R_s = I_g R_g \quad (\because I_s = I - I_g)$$

∴ $I_s = I_g R_g / R_s$ This is the required value of I_s ⇒ Shunt resistance.

Conversion of a galvanometer into an voltmeter?

⇒ If a high resistance is connected in series with a galvanometer.

It can be connected into a voltmeter as shown in figure.

Fig: Symbol.

Let, R_v ⇒ Resistance of galvanometer coil.

I_g ⇒ Galvanometer current to produce full scale deflection.

R_v ⇒ External high resistance in series with galvanometer.

As both 'n' and 'B' in series, then

$$V = I_g (R_v + R) \quad (\text{This relation gives high resistance chosen to convert galvanometer into voltmeter in x-ray tube.})$$

$$V = R_v + R \quad (\text{Resistance chosen to convert galvanometer into voltmeter in x-ray tube.})$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{V}{I_g} - R_v$$

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