

Voltage Divider Quick Sheet

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Measured Voltages for Part 1.

$$V_{in} = \underline{12 \text{ V}}$$

Slope from Excel graph and calculated value of pencil resistance

$$\text{Slope} = \underline{0.040084} \quad R_2 \pm S_{R2} = \underline{24.94734 \text{ ohms}} \quad \% \text{ error} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Measured Voltages for Part 2.

$$\text{Voltage drop across } R_2 \text{ and wire. } V_{in} = \underline{12 \text{ V}}$$

$$\text{Voltage drop across wire. } V_{\text{wire}} = \underline{.042 \text{ V}}$$

$$\text{Calculated } V_2 = \underline{11.958 \text{ V}} \quad V_2 = V_{in} - V_{\text{wire}}$$

Calculate Current I in the circuit using V_2 and R_2 . Use R_2 measured from part (1) above.

$$I = \underline{0.01214 \text{ amps}}$$

Diameter D and Cross-sectional area A of the wire.

$$D = \underline{0.63 \text{ mm}} \quad A = \underline{3.12 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2}$$

Slope from Excel graph and calculated resistivity of the wire

$$\text{Slope} = \underline{3.39} \quad \rho \pm S_\rho = \underline{1.06 \pm 0.02 \text{ microohms} \cdot \text{m}} \quad (\text{This should be a positive number.})$$

Percent error to the accepted value of $\rho = 1.08 \mu\Omega\text{m}$.

$$\% \text{ error} = \underline{2.26\%}$$

Resistance of wire using Ohm's Law ($R_{3, \text{wire, Ohm}} = V_{\text{wire}}/I$).

$$R_{3, \text{wire, Ohm}} = \underline{3.46 \text{ ohms}}$$

Calculated value of resistance of the wire, $R_{3, \text{wire}}$, using length $L = 1.00$ meter, and the above values of A and ρ (parts 6 and 7). Calculate the percent error using the above measured value of $R_{3, \text{wire, Ohm}}$ as the accepted value.

$$\text{Calculated } R_{3, \text{wire, } \rho} = \underline{3.39 \text{ ohms}} \quad \% \text{ error} = \underline{2.12\%}$$