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Course Outline

- DC/AC Bridges: Resistance, Capacitance and Inductance Measurement
- Transducers
- Single Phase Circuits
- Complex J - Notation
- AC Circuits
- Impedance
- Admittance
- Susceptance

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DC/AC Bridges

- ❑ Bridge circuits are used very commonly as a variable conversion element in measurement systems and produce an output in the form of a voltage level that changes as the measured physical quantity changes.
- ❑ They provide an accurate method of measuring resistance, inductance and capacitance values, and enable the detection of very small changes in these quantities about a nominal value.
- ❑ They are of immense importance in measurement system technology because so many transducers measuring physical quantities have an output that is expressed as a change in resistance, inductance or capacitance.

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Resistance Measurement

- ❑ Although the ohmmeter method provides the simplest way to measure resistance, more accurate measurement may be obtained using the Wheatstone bridge.
- ❑ While ohmmeters are designed to measure resistance in low, mid, or high range, a Wheatstone bridge is used to measure resistance in the mid range, say, between 1Ω and $1M\Omega$
- ❑ Very low values of resistances are measured with a milliohmmeter, while very high values are measured with a Megger tester.

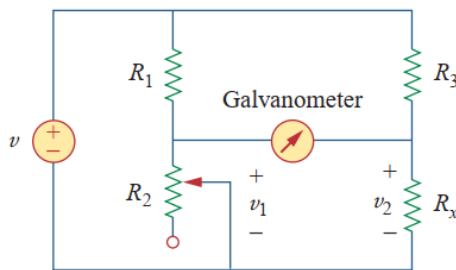
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Wheatstone bridge

The Wheatstone bridge (or resistance bridge) circuit is used in a number of applications. Here we will use it to measure an unknown resistance.



$$v_1 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}v = v_2 = \frac{R_x}{R_3 + R_x}v$$

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{R_x}{R_3 + R_x} \Rightarrow R_2 R_3 = R_1 R_x$$

$$R_x = \frac{R_3}{R_1} R_2$$

If $R_1 = R_3$, and R_2 is adjusted until no current flows through the galvanometer, then $R_x = R_2$.

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Example 1.

Consider a balanced DC Wheatstone bridge with $R_1=500\Omega$ and $R_3=200\Omega$. Det. The unknown resistance when $R_2=125\Omega$.

Example 2.

A Wheatstone bridge has $R_1=R_3=1k\Omega$. R_2 is adjusted until no current flows through the galvanometer. At that point, $R_2=3.2k\Omega$. What is the value of the unknown resistance? And $=3.2k\Omega$

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Unbalanced Wheatstone Bridge

To find the current through the galvanometer when the Wheatstone bridge is *unbalanced*?

Find the Thevenin equivalent (V_{th} and R_{th}) with respect to the galvanometer terminals. If R_m is the resistance of the galvanometer, the current through it under the unbalanced condition is:

$$I = \frac{V_{Th}}{R_{Th} + R_m}$$

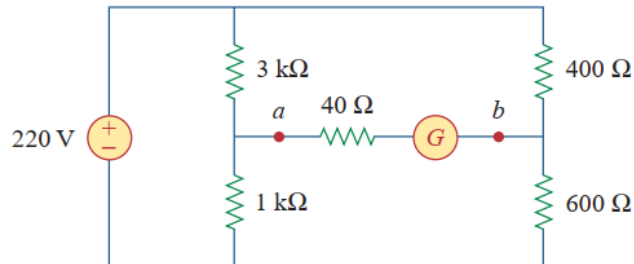
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Example 3

The circuit below represents an unbalanced bridge. If the galvanometer has a resistance of $40\ \Omega$, find the current through the galvanometer.



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AC Bridges

- Maxwell's Inductance Bridge
- Maxwell-Wien Bridge
- Anderson Bridge
- Hay's Bridge
- Owen Bridge
- Heaviside Compbell Equal Ratio Bridge
- Capacitance bridge
- Schering Bridge
- Wien Bridge (Series/Parallel)

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