



BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY  
Physics Department

## Physics 112

### **Experiment No. 1**

### **Linear and non-linear components**

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– **Abstract:**

**1) The aim of the experiment:**

To check whether the (carbon resistor , Si diode , Light bulb ) are linear or non-linear conductors.

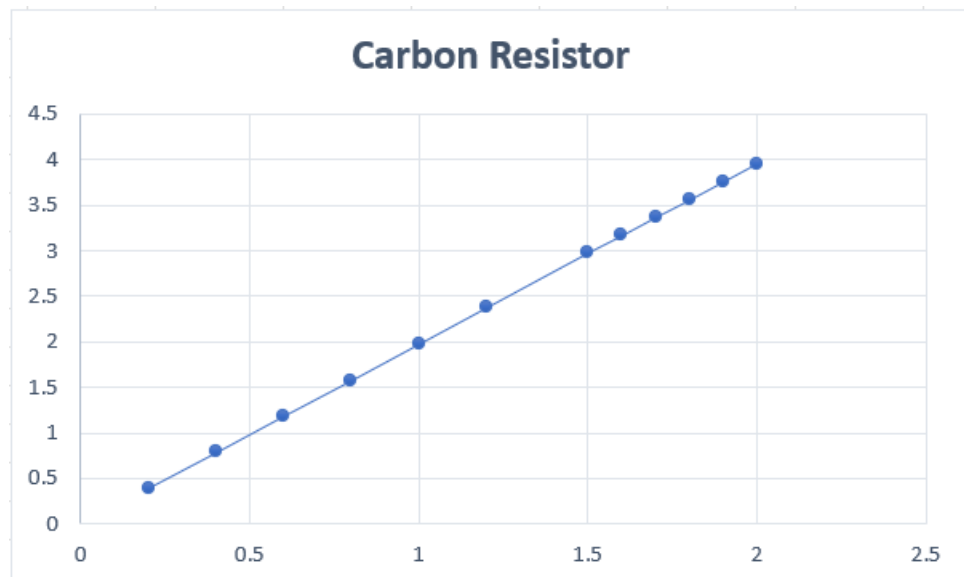
**2) The method used:**

is direct measurements of Voltage and electrical current through those components , then doing the proper calculations.

**3) The main results are:**

The resistor is linear component , whereas the diode and the light bulb aren't .

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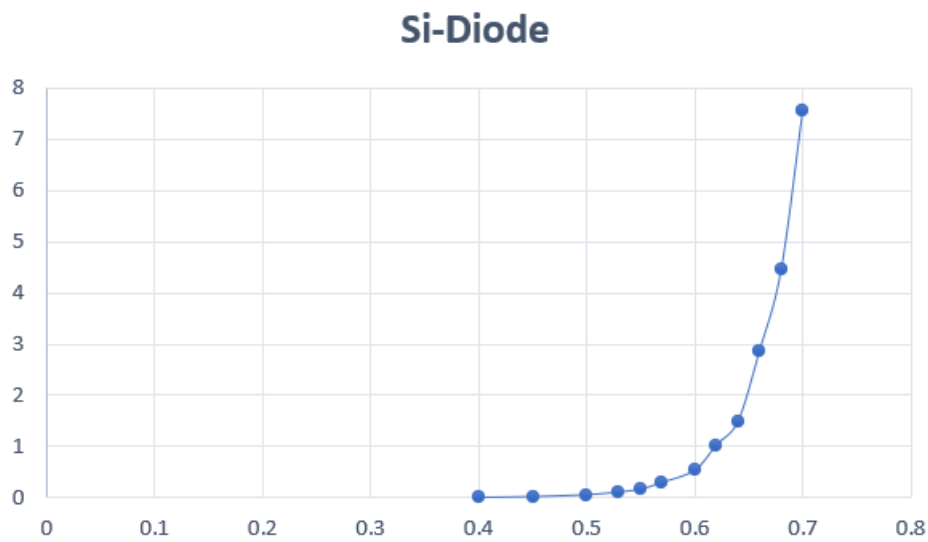
We conclude from the figure that the relationship is linear .

Calculation for Carbon Resistor:

The Slope (Resistance):

$$R = \frac{V_2 - V_1}{I_2 - I_1} = \frac{2 - 0.2}{3.96 \times 10^{-3} - 0.40 \times 10^{-3}} = 505.6$$

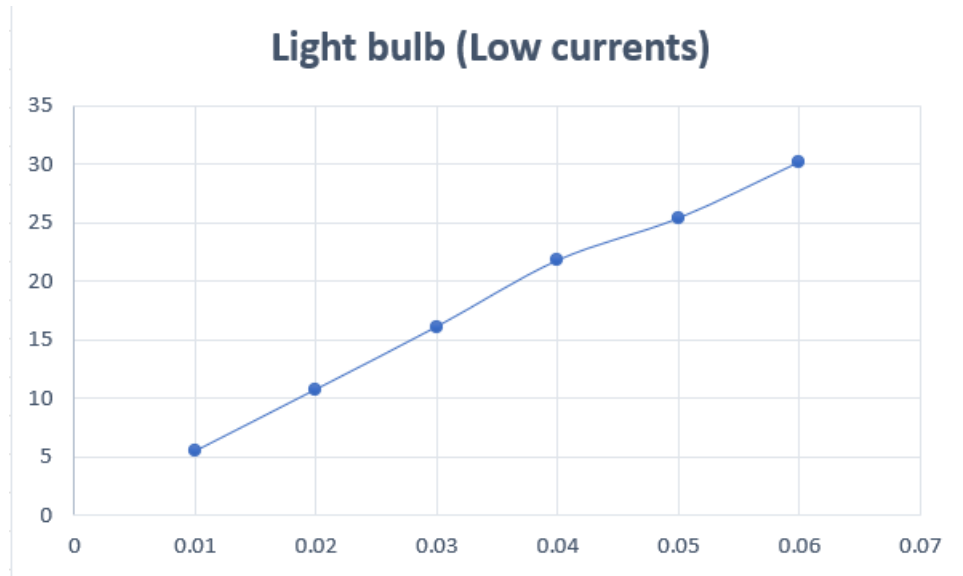
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This is graph for Si diode . And we conclude from the figure that the relationship is non-linear .

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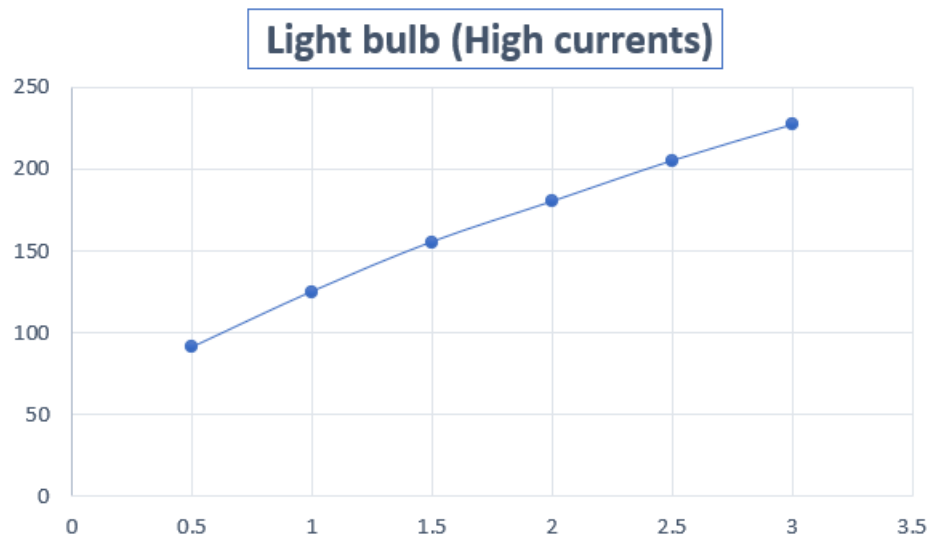
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We conclude from the figure that the relationship is linear.

– Calculation for Light Bulbs (Low Currents):

$$R = \frac{V_2 - V_1}{I_2 - I_1} = \frac{0.05 - 0.01}{25.4 * 10^{-3} - 5.47 * 10^{-3}} = 2.007$$

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We conclude from the figure that the relationship is non-linear.

– Calculation for Light Bulbs (High Currents):

$$R = \frac{V_2 - V_1}{I_2 - I_1} = \frac{3.0 - 0.5}{227 * 10^{-3} - 90.9 * 10^{-3}} = 18.36$$

## – Calculation:

- The calculations for Temperature of the Lamp :

$$\begin{aligned}R &= R_0 [1 + \alpha (T - T_0)] \\18.36 &= 2.007 [1 + (4.5 * 10^{-3}) * (T - 20)] \\T &= 1827.24\end{aligned}$$

And under each graph you find a calculation .

## – Results and Conclusion:

- The value of the resistance that we got experimentally , is quite reasonable , since it comes within the range of value we obtained from the color code.  $R=510$
- The carbon resistor is a linear component .
- The diode is non-linear.
- The light bulb with high current non-linear while starting to turn on because of the increase of temperature, and then obtains a linear resistance after a while , but light bulb with low current linear .

**So , the Diode and the light bulb are non linear components , and don't obey Ohm's law.**