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Q.1 The wire AB used in a balancing circuit shown in figure is 40 cm long. At what distance from point A the free end of the galvanometer should be connected on AB so that the galvanometer shows zero deflection?

Solⁿ : →

At the time of Null deflection.

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A}$$

$$R \propto l$$

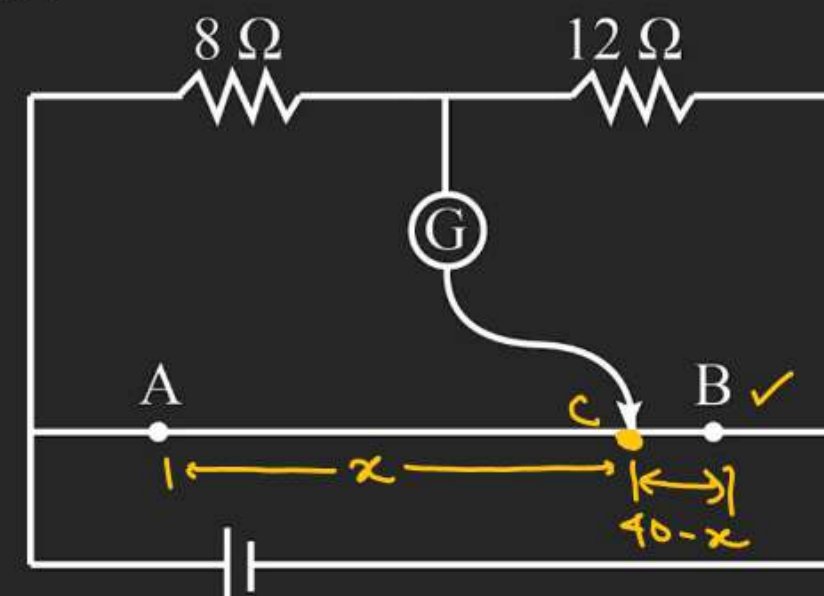
$$R_{AC} = \frac{\rho x}{A}$$

$$R_{CB} = \frac{\rho(40-x)}{A}$$

$$\frac{8}{R_{AC}} = \frac{12}{R_{CB}}$$

$$\frac{R_{CB}}{R_{AC}} = \frac{12}{8} \Rightarrow \frac{40-x}{x} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 80 - 2x = 3x \Rightarrow 5x = 80 \Rightarrow x = 16 \text{ cm}$$



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Another Method

$$R_{AC} = \left(\frac{\rho l_{AC}}{A} \right)$$

$$V_{AC} = i R_{AC}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{\rho}{A} \times l_{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{AC} = \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{15}{2} \times l_{AC}$$

$$i = \frac{1}{10} \text{ Amp.}$$

$$R_{AB} = 15$$

$$\frac{\rho \cdot l}{A} = 15$$

$$\frac{\rho}{A} = \left(\frac{15}{2} \right)$$

At the time of Null deflection.

$$V_{AC} = 3$$

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$$\frac{3}{4} l_{AC} = 3$$

$$\boxed{l_{AC} = 4\text{m}}$$

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$$\left(\frac{V}{L} \right) = \text{Potential gradient}$$

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Q.2 Figure shows a 200 cm potentiometer wire AB with resistance 15Ω . Find the potential gradient of this potentiometer and also find the balancing length for a 3 V cell.

Solⁿ

$$R_{AB} = 15\Omega$$

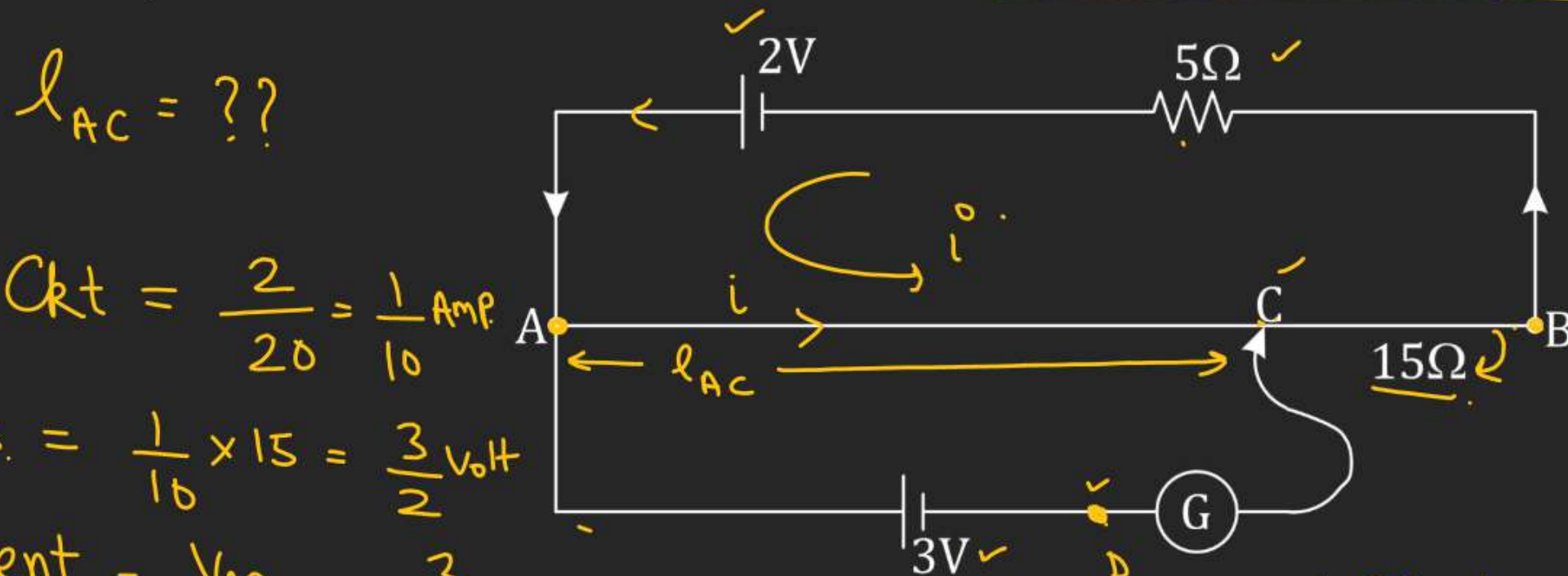
$$\text{Current in primary Ckt} = \frac{2}{20} = \frac{1}{10} \text{ Amp}$$

$$V_{AB} = i R_{AB} = \frac{1}{10} \times 15 = \frac{3}{2} \text{ Volt}$$

$$\text{Potential gradient} = \frac{V_{AB}}{L_{AB}} = \frac{3}{2 \times 200 \times 10^{-2}}$$

(Balancing length not possible)

$$= \frac{300}{400} = \left(\frac{3}{4} \text{ V/m} \right)$$



At the time of Null deflection

$$3 = V_{AC} = \frac{3}{4} \times l_{AC}$$

$$l_{AC} = 4 \text{ m}$$

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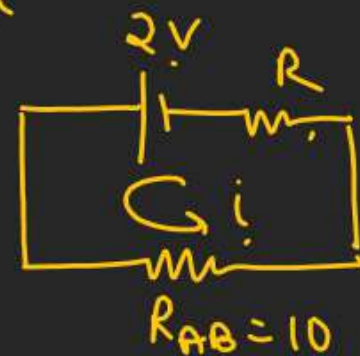
Q.3 A potentiometer wire of length 100 cm has a resistance of 10Ω . It is connected in series with a resistance and a cell of emf 2 V and of negligible internal resistance. A source of emf 10mV is balanced against a length of 40 cm of the potentiometer wire. What is the value of external resistance?

Q.3

l_{AC} Current in primary ckt

$$R_{AB} = 10\Omega$$

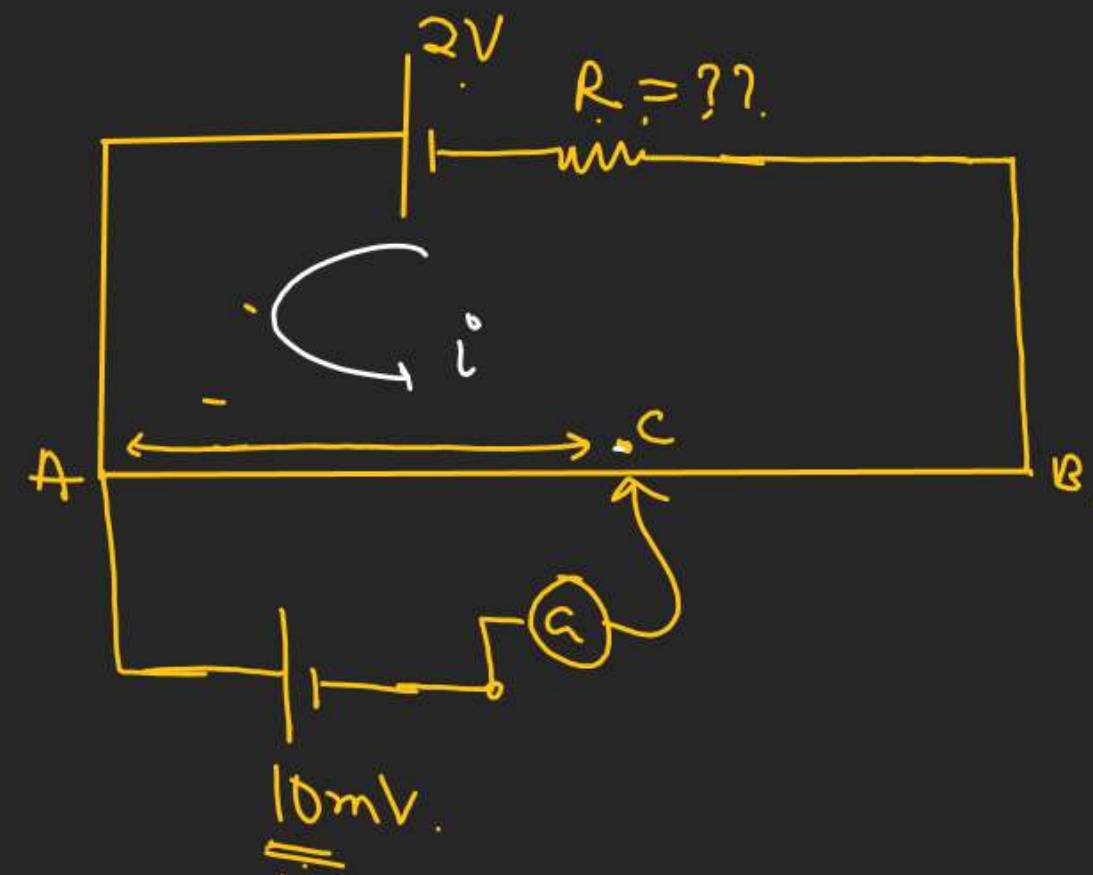
At the time of $i = \left(\frac{2}{10+R}\right)$
Null deflection.



$$V_{AC} = (10 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$V_{AB} = I \cdot R_{AB} = \left(\frac{2}{10+R}\right) \times 10 = \left(\frac{20}{10+R}\right)$$

Potential gradient = $\frac{V_{AB}}{L_{AB}} = \left(\frac{20}{10+R}\right) \times \frac{1}{1m} = \left(\frac{20}{10+R}\right)$ ✓



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$$l_{AC} = 40 \text{ cm}$$

$$V_{AC} = \left(\frac{20}{10+R} \right) l_{AC} = \left(\frac{20}{10+R} \right) \times 40 \times 10^{-2}$$

At the time of null deflection

$$V_{AC} = (10 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$\left(\frac{20}{10+R} \right) \times (40 \times 10^{-2}) = (10 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$\frac{20}{10+R} = \frac{1}{4} \times 10^{-1} = \frac{1}{40}$$

$$800 = 10+R \Rightarrow R = (800-10)$$

$$R = \underline{790 \Omega}$$

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Q.4 Figure shows a potentiometer with length of wire 1 m and resistance 10Ω . In this system find length PC when galvanometer shows null deflection.

Solⁿ

V_{PQ} = Potential difference across potentiometer wire

$R_{PQ} = 10\Omega$ (Resistance of potentiometer wire)

$i = \left[\frac{2}{25}\right]$

Potential gradient = $\frac{V_{PQ}}{L_{PQ}}$

$V_{PC} = \left(\frac{V_{PQ}}{L_{PQ}}\right) \times l_{PC}$

From (i) & (ii)

$0.3 = \frac{4}{5} l_{PC}$

$l_{PC} = \frac{0.3 \times 5}{4} = \frac{1.5}{4} = 3.75 \times 10^{-1} = 0.375m = 37.5cm$ ✓

At the time of null deflection $V_{PC} = 0.3V$ — (ii)

$V_{PQ} = i R_{PQ} = \left(\frac{2}{25}\right) \times 10 = \frac{20}{25} = \left(\frac{4}{5} V/m\right)$

$i_1 = \frac{1.5}{1.5} = 1 \text{ Amp.}$

$V_B + 1.5 - 1.2i_1 = V_A$

$V_A - V_B = 1.5 - 1.2 \times 1 = 0.3 \text{ Volt}$

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Q.5 The potentiometer wire AB is 600 cm long.

Slider

(a) At what distance from A should the jockey J touch the wire to get zero deflection in the galvanometer.

(b) If the jockey touches the wire at a distance (560) cm from A, what will be the current through the galvanometer.

Solⁿ

Let, 'C' be the point of null deflection.

$$R_{AB} = 15\Omega$$

$$i = \left(\frac{E}{16r} \right) \checkmark$$

At the time of Null deflection

$$\left(\frac{15E}{16 \times 6} \right) \times l_{AC} = \frac{E}{2}$$

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 V_{AC}

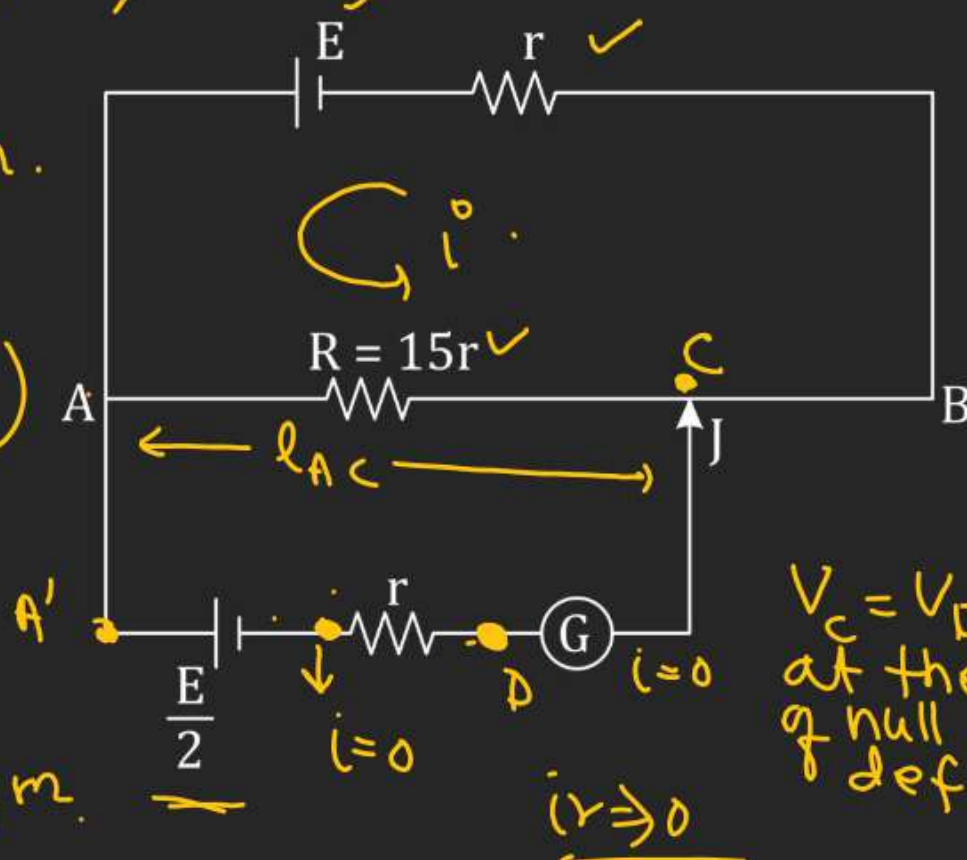
$$V_{AB} = i R_{AB}$$

$$= \frac{E}{16r} \times 15\Omega = \left(\frac{15E}{16} \right)$$

$$\text{Potential gradient} = \frac{V_{AB}}{L_{AB}} = \left(\frac{15E}{16 \times 6} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow l_{AC} = \frac{16 \times 6^2}{2 \times 15} = \frac{16}{5} \text{ m}$$

$$l_{AC} = 3.2 \text{ m} = 320 \text{ cm}$$



$V_C = V_D$
at the time
of null
deflection

$i \geq 0$

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$$L_{AB} = 60 \text{ cm}$$

⑧ Resistance per unit length = $\left(\frac{15r}{600}\right)$
 Resistance of 560 cm wire = $\frac{15r}{600} \times 560$

K.V.L in upper loop

$$-ir + E - (1-l_1)14r - ir = 0 \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} = \frac{15r}{60} \times 56 \\ = 14r \end{array} \right] \checkmark$$

$$-ir + E - 14ir + 14i_1r - ir = 0$$

KVL in lower loop

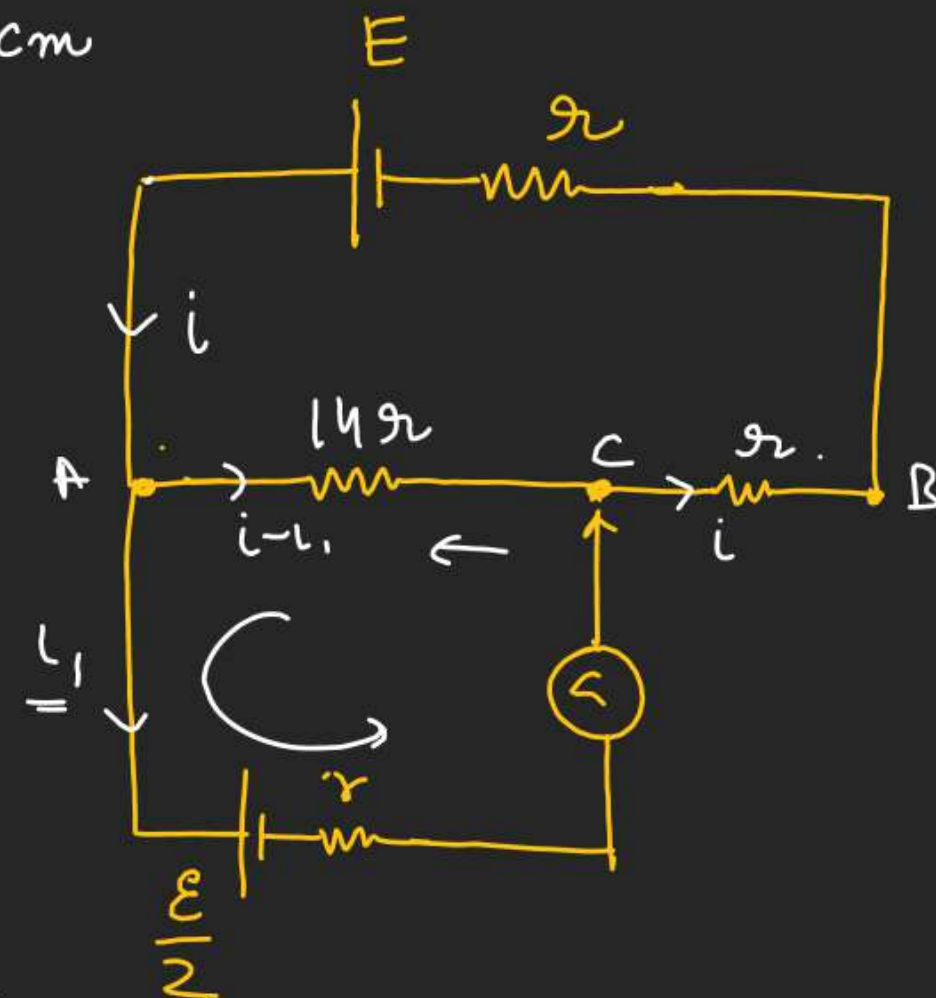
$$E - 16ir + 14i_1r = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$-\frac{E}{2} - l_1r + (1-l_1)14r = 0$$

$$-\frac{E}{2} - l_1r + 14i_1r - 14i_1r = 0$$

$$-\frac{E}{2} + 14i_1r - 15l_1r = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\begin{cases} i = ? \\ i_1 = ? \end{cases} \checkmark$$

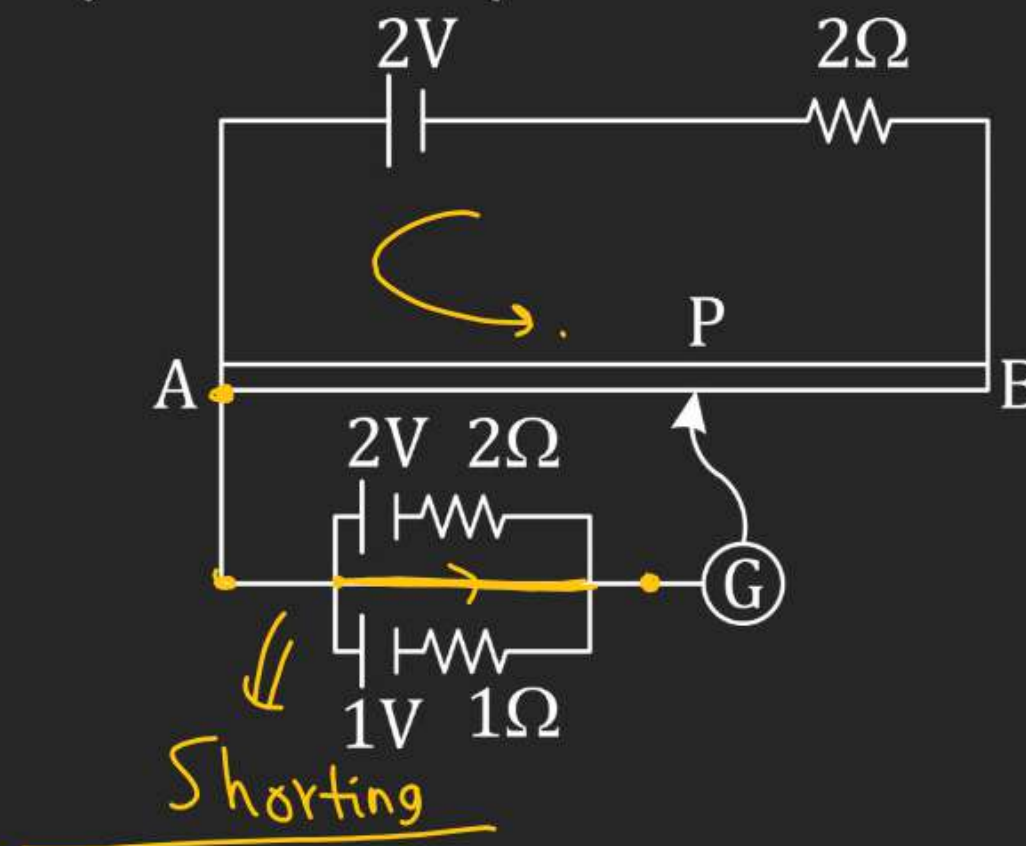


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Q.6 A battery of emf 2 V is connected across a long uniform wire AB of length 1 m and resistance per unit length $2\Omega\text{m}^{-1}$. Two cells of emf $\varepsilon_1 = 1\text{ V}$ and $\varepsilon_2 = 2\text{ V}$ are connected as shown in the fig. If the galvanometer shows no deflection at point P , the distance of point P from point A is equal to :

- (A) 0 ✓
- (B) 50 cm
- (C) 100 cm
- (D) 25 cm



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Q.7 A battery of emf $\varepsilon_0 = 12\text{ V}$ is connected across a 4 m long uniform wire having resistance $4\Omega/\text{m}$. The cells of small emfs $\varepsilon_1 = 2\text{ V}$ and $\varepsilon_2 = 4\text{ V}$ having internal resistance 2Ω and 6Ω respectively, are connected as shown in the figure. If galvanometer shows no deflection at the point N, the distance of point N from the point A is equal to :

(A) $\frac{1}{6}\text{ m}$

(B) $\frac{1}{3}\text{ m3}$

(C) 25 cm

(D) 50 cm

$$R_{AB} = (4 \times 4) = 16\Omega$$

$$i = \frac{12}{16+8} = \frac{12}{24}$$

$$i = \frac{1}{2}\text{ Amp.}$$

$$V_{AN} = \frac{1}{2} \times R_{AN}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times l_{AN} = (2l_{AN})$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{AN} = V_C - V_D$$

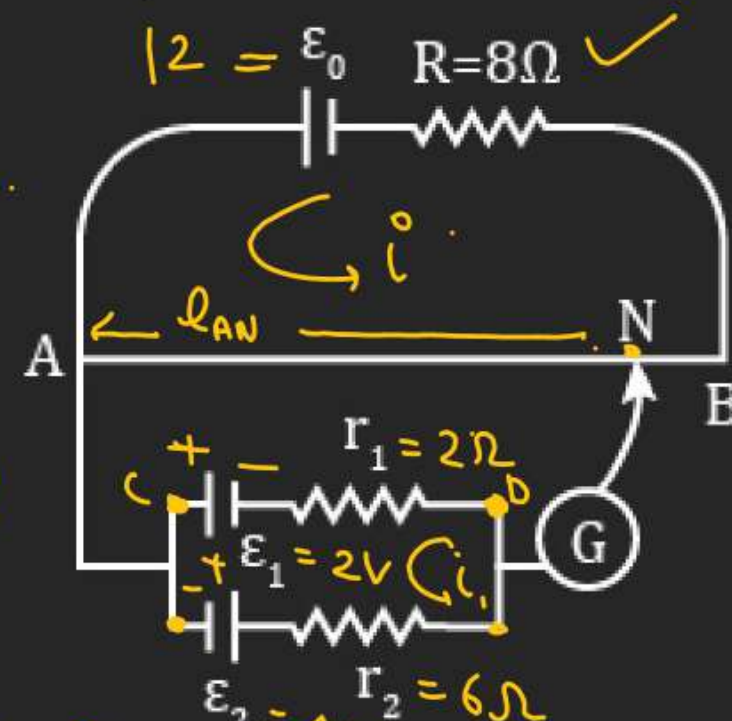
$$\Rightarrow 2l_{AN} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{R_{AB}}{L_{AB}} = 4\Omega/\text{m}, \quad L_{AB} = 4\text{m.}$$

$$2 + 4 - 8i_1 = 0$$

$$\frac{6}{8} = i_1$$

$$i_1 = \frac{3}{4}\text{ Amp.}$$



At the time of Null deflection

$$l_{AN} = \frac{1}{4} \times 100\text{ cm} = 25\text{ cm}$$

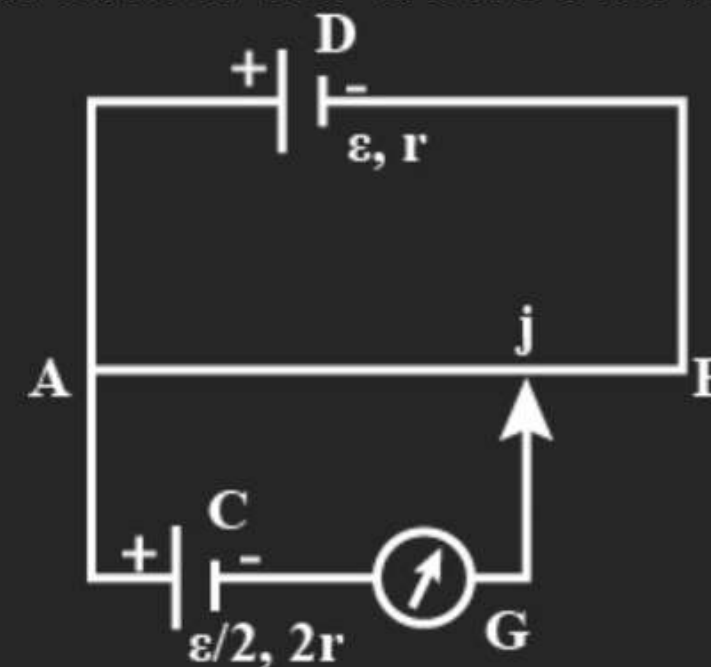
$$\begin{aligned} V_C - \varepsilon_1 + i_1 r_1 &= V_D \\ V_C - V_D &= \varepsilon_1 - i_1 r_1 = 2 - \frac{3}{4} \times 2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} V_{\text{bal.}} \end{aligned}$$

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Q.8 *H.W.* In the figure, the potentiometer wire AB of length L and resistance $9r$ is joined to the cell D of emf \mathcal{E} and internal resistance r . The cell C's emf is $\mathcal{E}/2$ and its internal resistance is $2r$. The galvanometer G will show no deflection when the length AJ is:

- (A) $\frac{4L}{9}$
- (B) $\frac{5L}{9}$
- (C) $\frac{7L}{18}$
- (D) $\frac{11L}{18}$

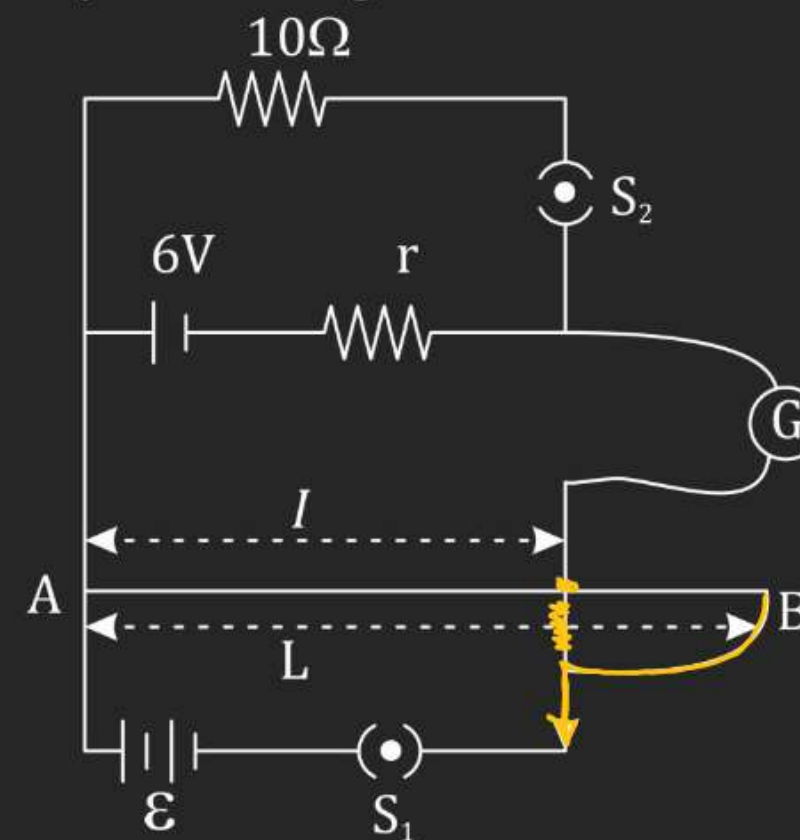


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Q.9 *H.W.* In the arrangement shown in figure when the switch S_2 is open, the galvanometer shows no deflection for $l = L/2$. When the switch S_2 is closed, the galvanometer shows no deflection for $l = 5L/12$. The internal resistance (r) of 6 V cell, and the emf \mathcal{E} of the other battery are respectively:

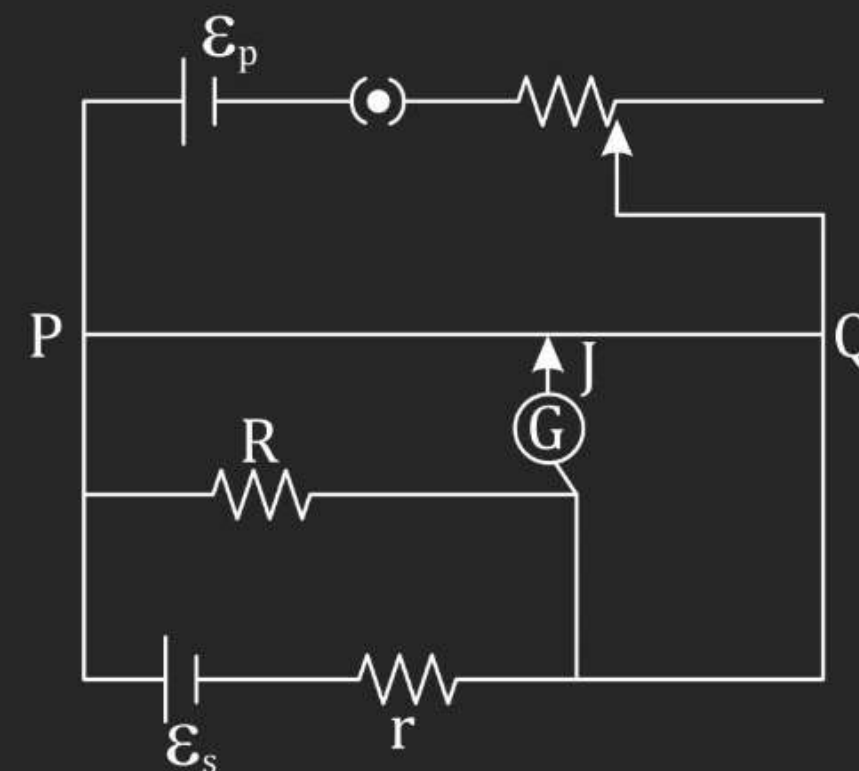
- (A) $3\Omega, 8\text{ V}$
- (B) $2\Omega, 12\text{ V}$
- (C) $2\Omega, 24\text{ V}$
- (D) $3\Omega, 12\text{ V}$



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H.W.
Q.10 One of the circuits for the measurement of resistance by potentiometer is shown. The galvanometer is connected at point A and zero deflection is observed at length $PJ = 30$ cm. In second case the secondary cell is changed. Take $\varepsilon_s = 10$ V and $r = 1\Omega$ in 1st reading and $\varepsilon_s = 5$ V and $r = 2\Omega$ in 2nd reading. In second case, the zero deflection is observed at length $PJ = 10$ cm. What is the resistance R (in ohm) is?

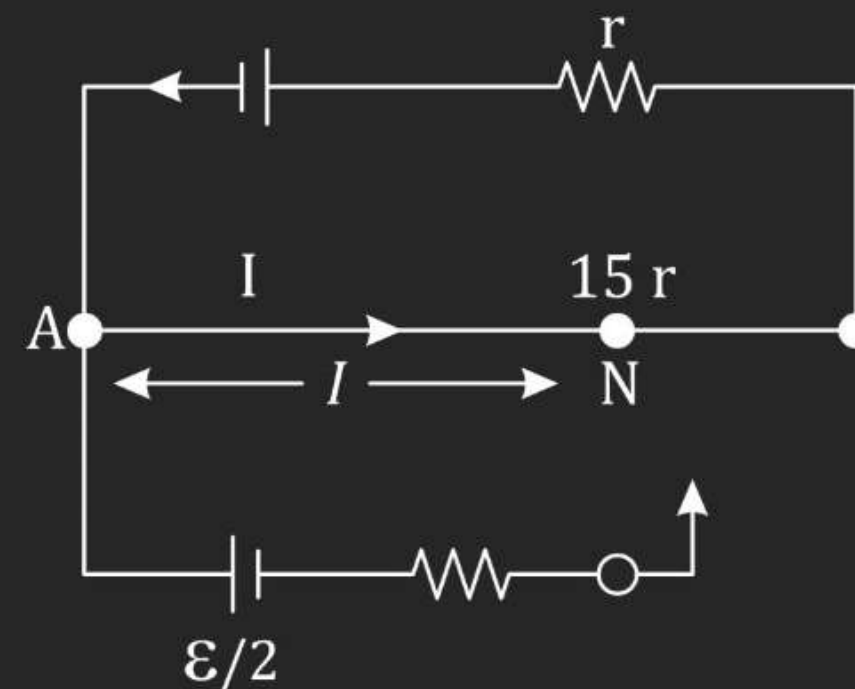


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H.W. **Q.11** Consider the potentiometer circuit arranged as in the Fig (a). The potentiometer wire is 600 cm long.

- (i) At what distance from point A should the jockey touch the wire to get zero deflection in the galvanometer?
- (ii) If the jockey touches the wire at a distance of 560 cm from A, what will be the current in the galvanometer?



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Q.12 *H.W.* The wire AB of a meter bridge changes linearly from radius r to $2r$ from left end to right end. Where should the free end of the galvanometer be connected on AB so that the deflection in the galvanometer is zero?

