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Potentiometer and Meter Bridge

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.

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

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

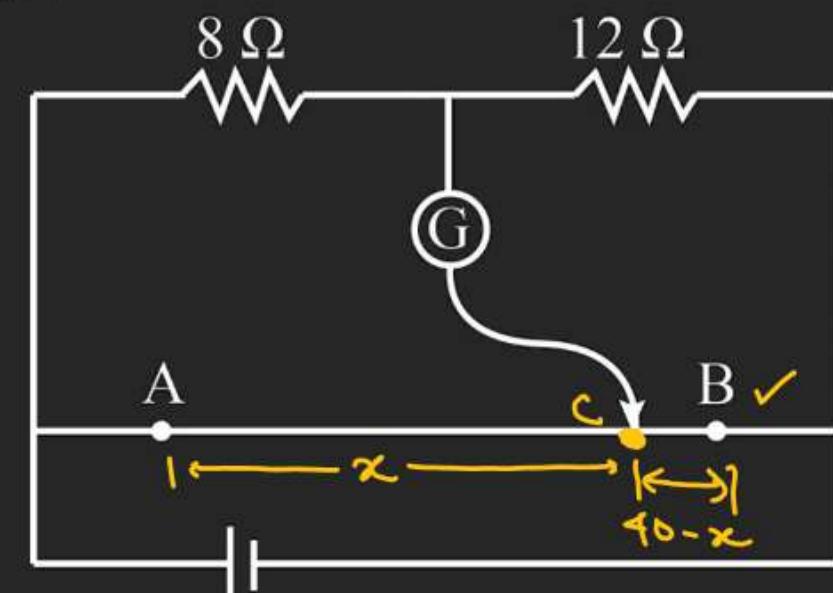
$$R = \frac{\rho l}{A}$$

$$R \propto l$$

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

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

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



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Another Method

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

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

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

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

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

$$R_{AB} = 15$$

$$\frac{\rho \cdot \frac{l}{2}}{A} = 15$$

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

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

- 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.

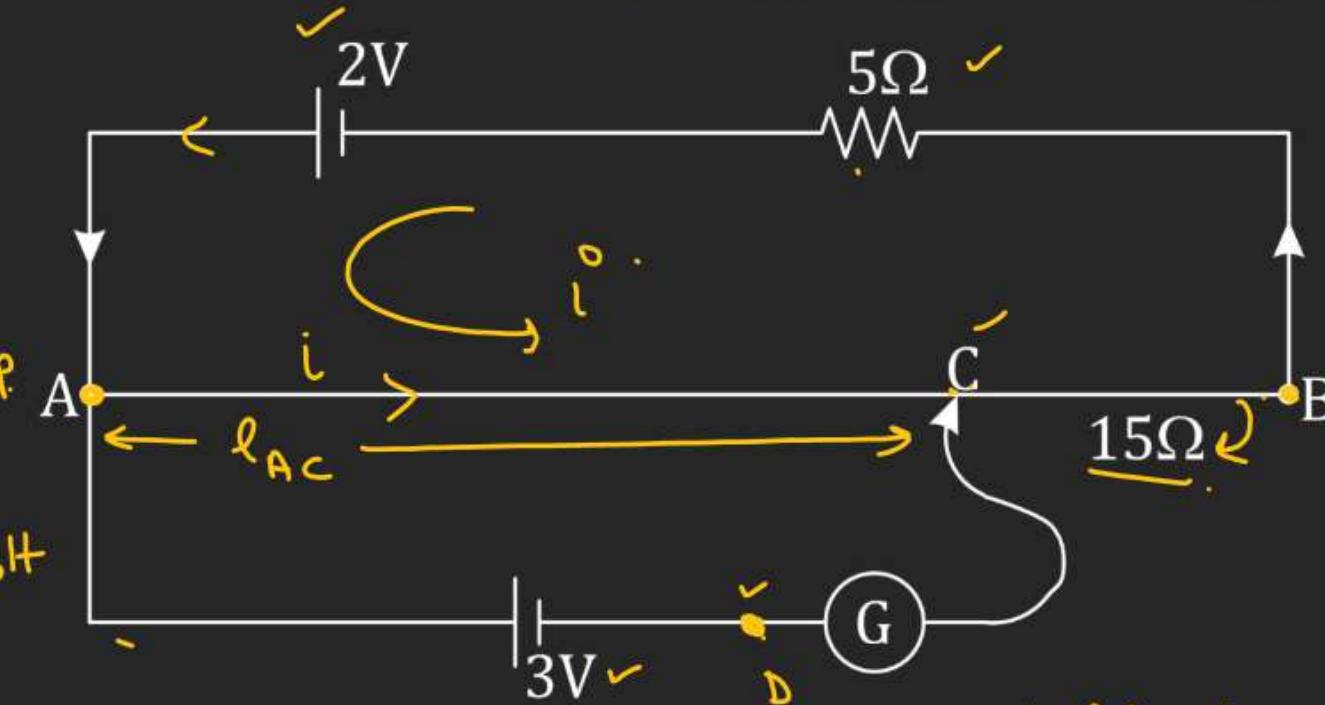
Sol

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Potential gradient} &= \frac{V_{AB}}{L_{AB}} = \frac{3}{2 \times 200 \times 10^{-2}} \\ (\text{Balancing length}) &= \frac{300}{400} = \left(\frac{3}{4} \text{ V/m} \right) \\ \text{not possible} & \end{aligned}$$



At the time of Null deflection

$$\begin{aligned} 3 &= V_{AC} = \frac{3}{4} \times l_{AC} \\ l_{AC} &= 4 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

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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?

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l_{AC}

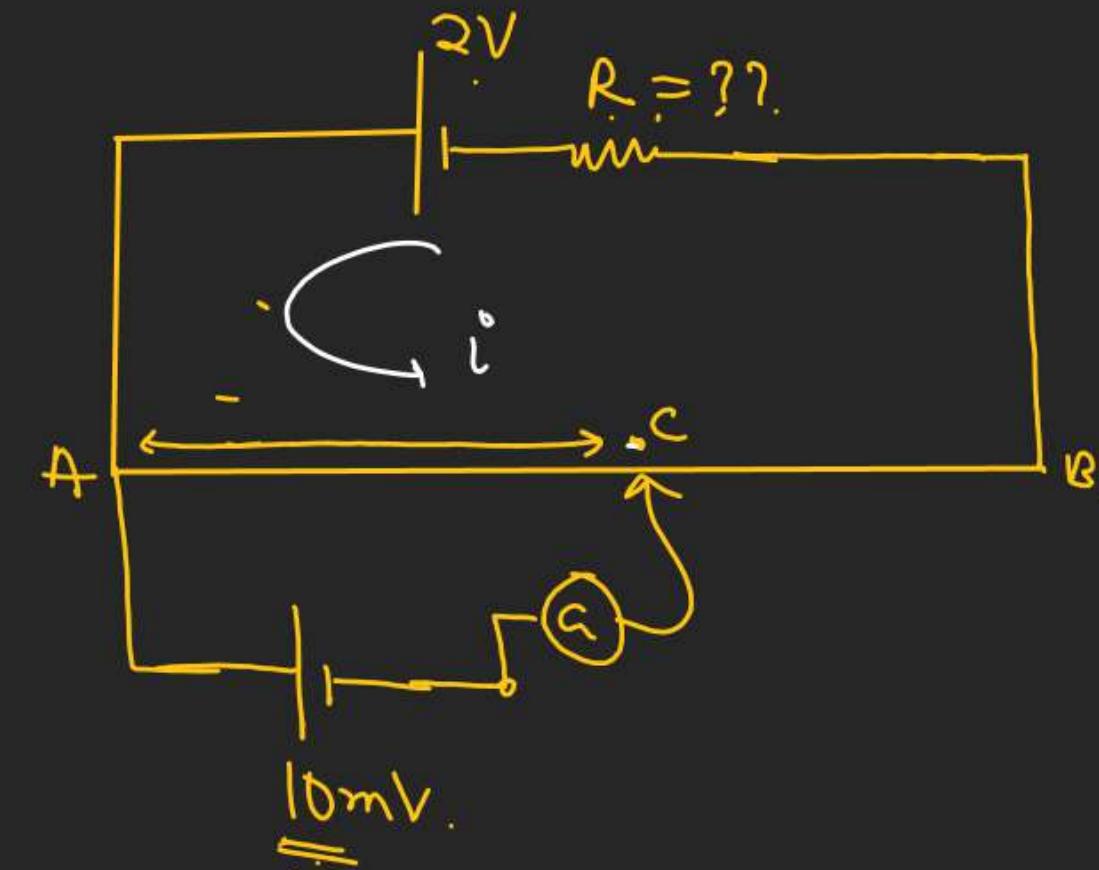
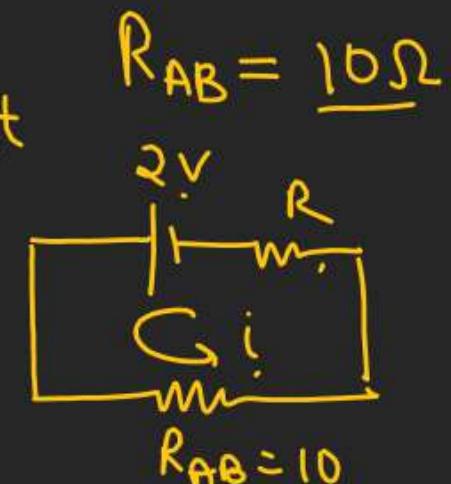
Current in primary Ckt

At the time of 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 = $\frac{V_{AB}}{L_{AB}} = \left(\frac{20}{10+R} \right) \times \frac{1}{1m} = \left(\frac{20}{10+R} \right) V$



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

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

At the time of null deflection

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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V_{PQ} = Potential difference across potentiometer wire

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

(Resistance of Potentiometer Wire)

Potential gradient = $\frac{V_{PQ}}{l_{PQ}}$,

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

From ① & ②

$$0.3 = \frac{4}{5} l_{PC} = \left(\frac{4}{5} l_{PC} \right) - ①$$

$$l_{PC} = \frac{0.3 \times 5}{4} = \frac{1.5}{4} = 3.75 \times 10^{-1}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.375 \text{ m}}} = \underline{\underline{37.5 \text{ cm}}} \checkmark$$

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

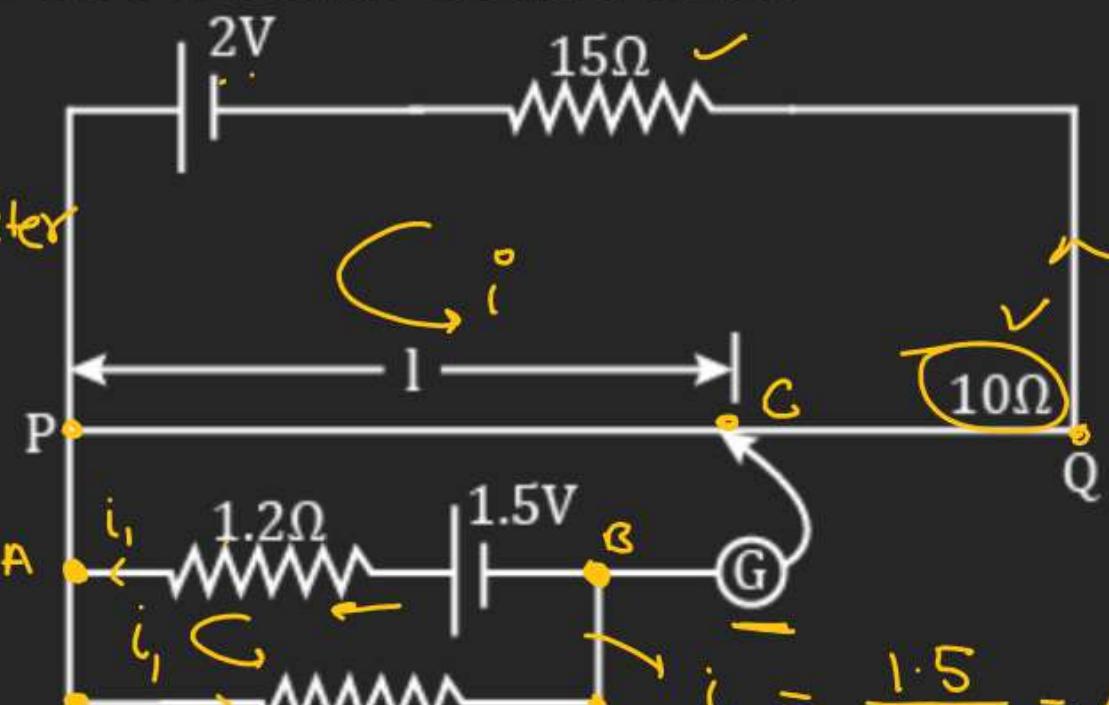
$$V_{PQ} = i R_{PQ}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{25} \right) \times 10$$

$$= \frac{20}{25} = \left(\frac{4}{5} \text{ V/m} \right)$$

At the time of Null deflection

$$V_{PC} = 0.3 \text{ V} - ⑪$$



$$V_B + 1.5 - 1.2 i_1 = V_A$$

$$V_A - V_B = 1.5 - 1.2 \times 1$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.3 \text{ Volt}}}$$

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Q.5

The potentiometer wire AB is 600 cm long.

(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.

$$R_{AB} = 15r.$$

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

At the time of Null deflection

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

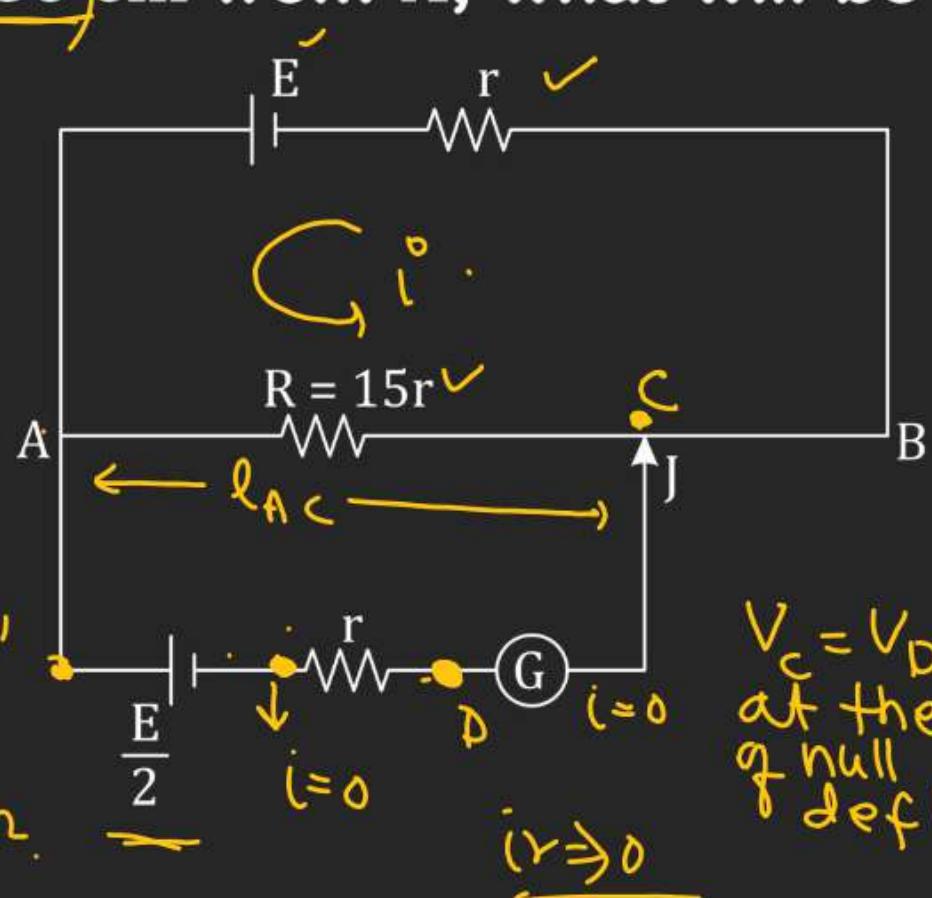
$$V_{AB} = i R_{AB}$$

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

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

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

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



$V_C = V_D$
at the time
of null
deflection

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$$\text{Resistance per Unit length} = \left(\frac{15r}{600} \right)$$

$$\text{Resistance of } 560\text{cm wire} = \frac{15r}{600} \times 560$$

KVL in upper loop

$$-ir + E - (l - l_1)14r - ir = 0 \quad \boxed{= 14r} \quad \checkmark$$

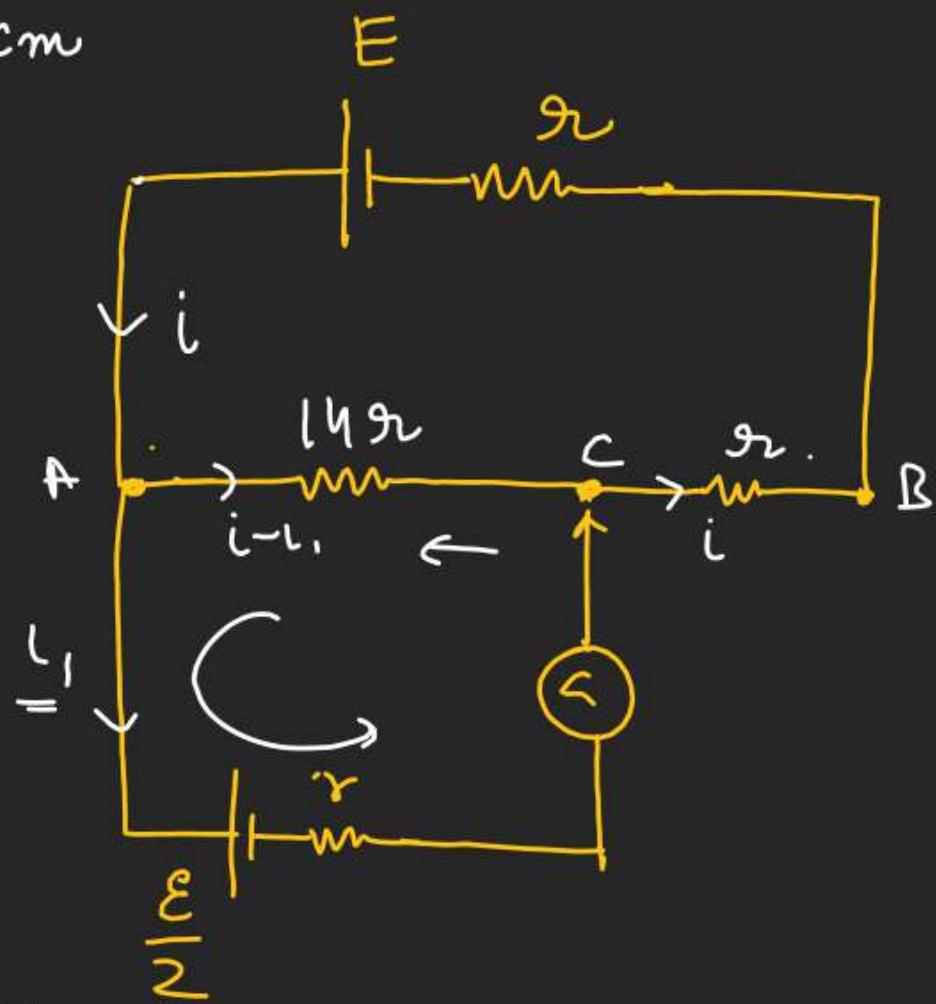
$$-ir + E - 14ir + 14i_1r - ir = 0$$

KVL in lower loop

$$-\frac{E}{2} - i_1r + (l - l_1)14r = 0$$

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

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



$$-\frac{E}{2} + 14ir - 15i_1r = 0 \quad \boxed{2}$$

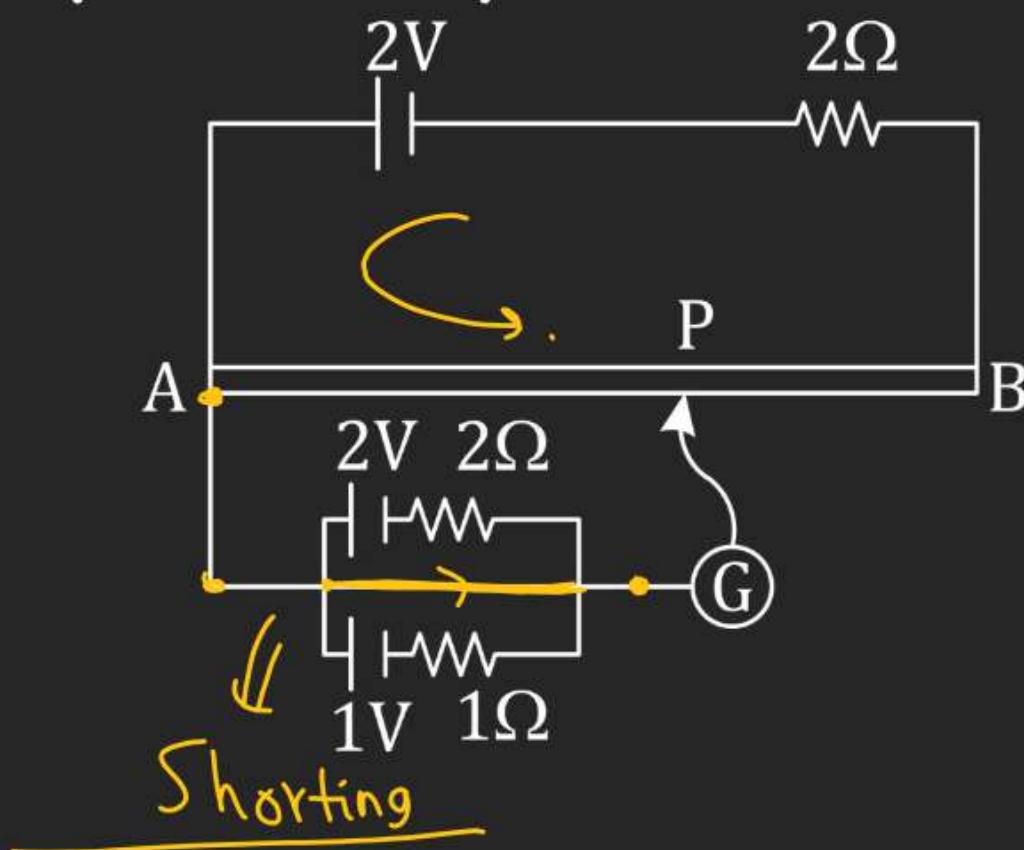
$$\begin{cases} i = ? \\ i_1 = ? \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$

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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 reflection at the point N, the distance of point N from the point A is equal to :

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

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

(C) 25 cm

(D) 50 cm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

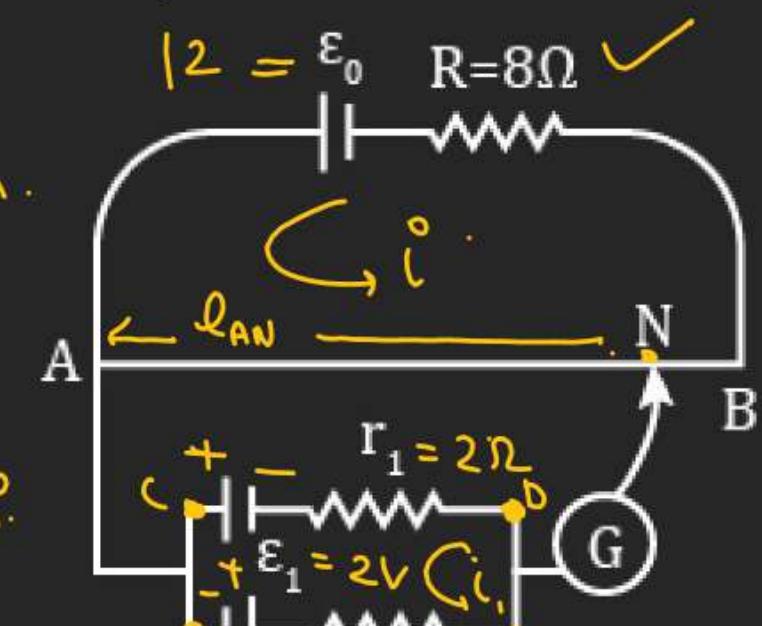
$$\frac{6}{8} = i_1$$

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

$$V_C - \varepsilon_1 + i_1 r_1 = V_D$$

$$V_C - V_D = \varepsilon_1 - i_1 r_1 = 2 - \frac{3}{4} \times 2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \text{ Volt.}$$

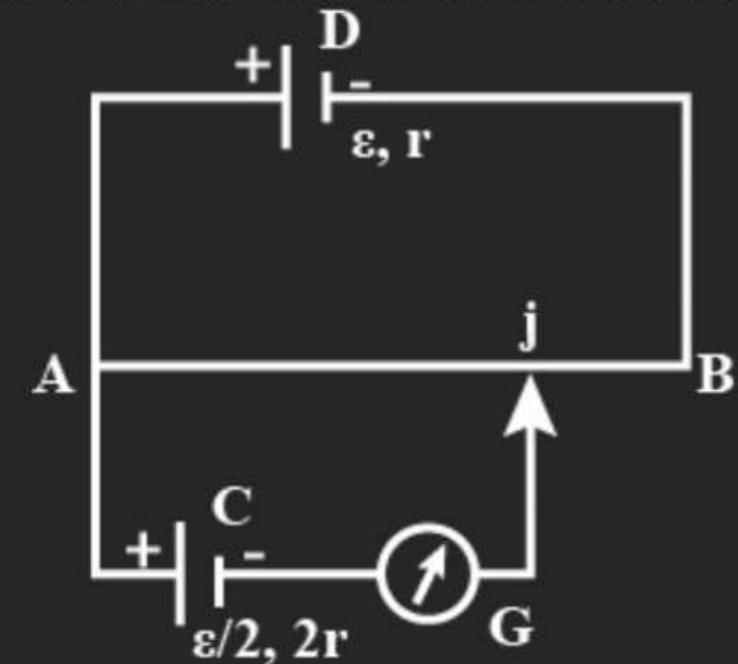


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Q.8 In the figure, the potentiometer wire AB of length L and resistance $9r$ is joined to the cell D of emf \mathcal{E} and internal resistance r . The cell C's emf is $\mathcal{E}/2$ and its internal resistance is $2r$. The galvanometer G will show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

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

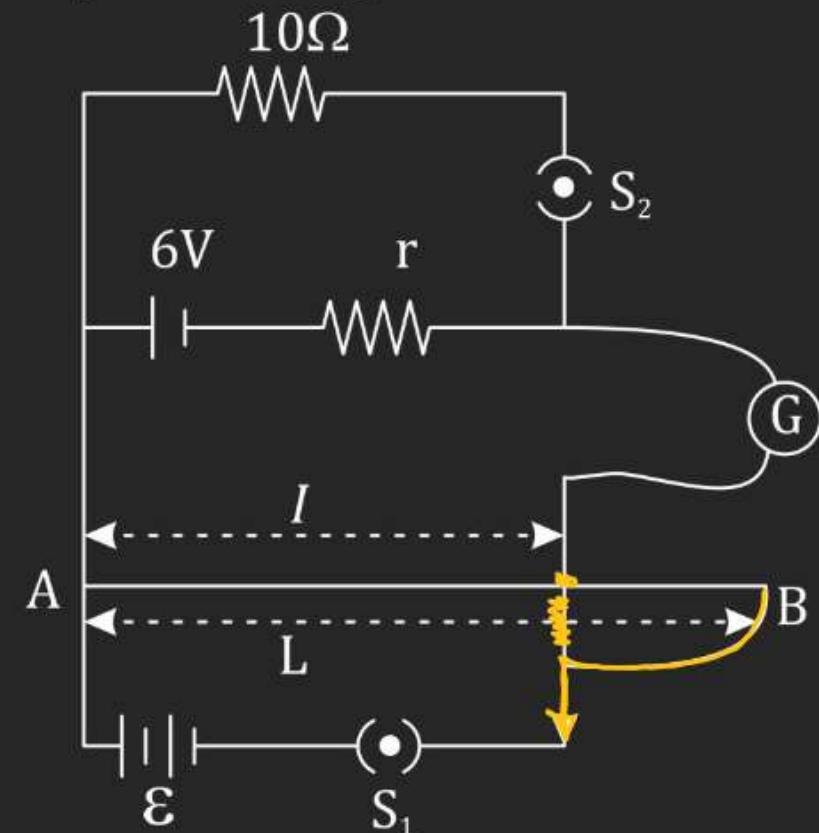


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Q.9 In the arrangement shown in figure when the switch S_2 is open, the galvanometer shows no deflection for $I = L/2$. When the switch S_2 is closed, the galvanometer shows no deflection for $I = 5L/12$. The internal resistance (r) of 6 V cell, and 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) $3\Omega, 12 \text{ V}$



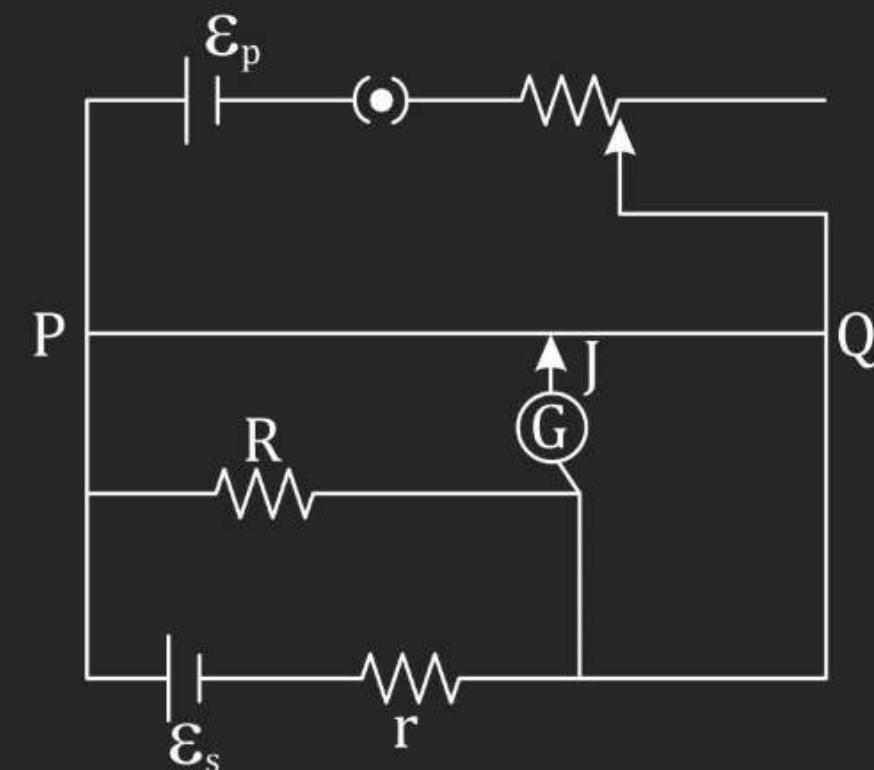
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~~H.W.~~ Q.10 One of the circuits for the measurement of resistance by potentiometer is shown. The galvanometer is connected at point A and zero deflection is observed at length $PJ = 30$ cm. In second case the secondary cell is changed.

Take $\epsilon_s = 10$ V and $r = 1\Omega$ in 1st reading and $\epsilon_s = 5$ 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?

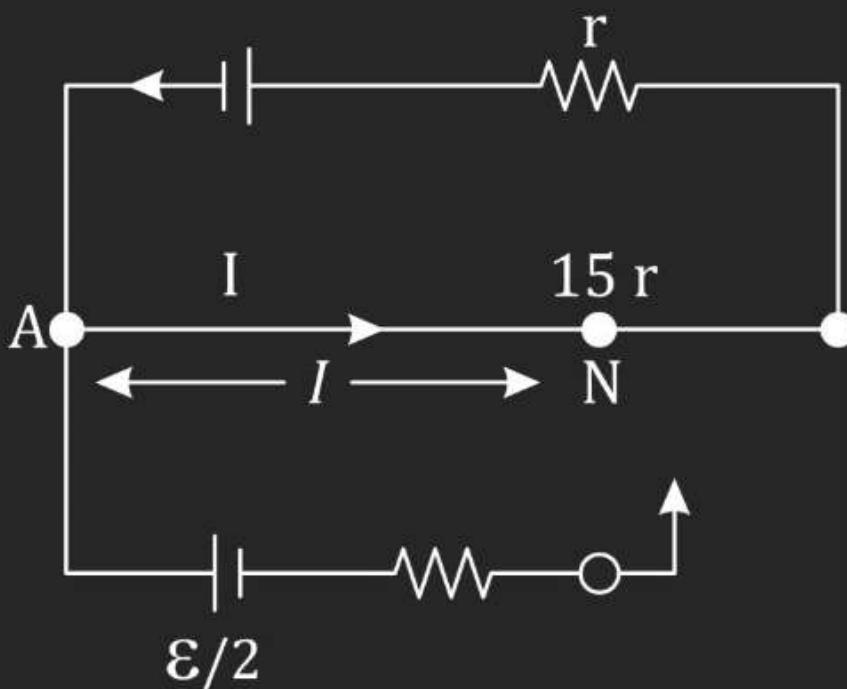


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Q.11 Consider the potentiometer circuit arranged as in the Fig (a). The *H.W.* potentiometer wire is 600 cm long.

- (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 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?

