

- 5 (a) Metal wire is used to connect a power supply to a lamp. The wire has a total resistance of $3.4\,\Omega$ and the metal has a resistivity of $2.6 \times 10^{-8}\,\Omega\text{m}$. The total length of the wire is 59 m.

(i) Show that the wire has a cross-sectional area of $4.5 \times 10^{-7}\text{ m}^2$.

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(ii) The potential difference across the total length of wire is 1.8 V.

Calculate the current in the wire.

current = A [1]

(iii) The number density of the free electrons in the wire is $6.1 \times 10^{28}\text{ m}^{-3}$.

Calculate the average drift speed of the free electrons in the wire.

average drift speed = ms^{-1} [2]

- (b) A different wire carries a current. This wire has a part that is thinner than the rest of the wire, as shown in Fig. 5.1.

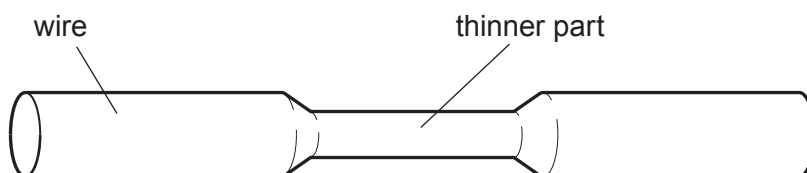


Fig. 5.1

- (i) State and explain qualitatively how the average drift speed of the free electrons in the thinner part compares with that in the rest of the wire.

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- (ii) State and explain whether the power dissipated in the thinner part is the same, less or more than the power dissipated in an equal length of the rest of the wire.

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- (c) Three resistors have resistances of $180\ \Omega$, $90\ \Omega$ and $30\ \Omega$.

- (i) Sketch a diagram showing how **two** of these three resistors may be connected together to give a combined resistance of $60\ \Omega$ between the terminals shown. Ensure you label the values of the resistances in your diagram.



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- (ii) A potential divider circuit is produced by connecting the three resistors to a battery of electromotive force (e.m.f.) 12 V and negligible internal resistance. The potential divider circuit provides an output potential difference V_{OUT} of 8.0 V . Fig. 5.2 shows the circuit diagram.

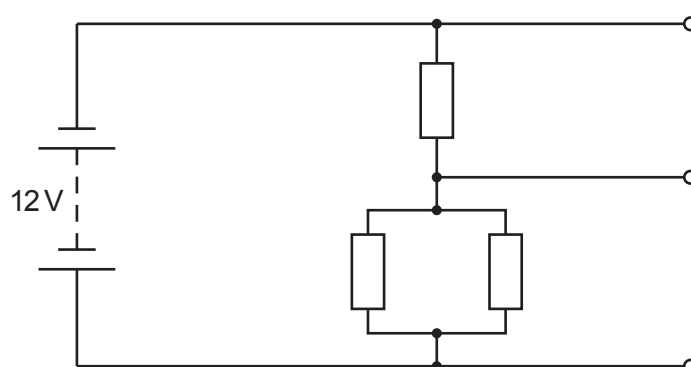


Fig. 5.2

On Fig. 5.2, label the resistances of all three resistors and the potential difference V_{OUT} .

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[Total: 12]