

- 6 A cell has electromotive force (e.m.f.) E and internal resistance r . It is connected in series with a variable resistor R , as shown in Fig. 6.1.

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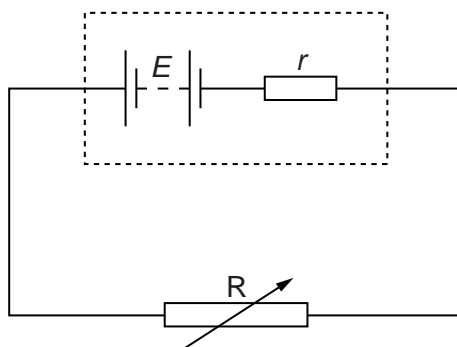


Fig. 6.1

- (a) Define electromotive force (e.m.f.).

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- (b) The variable resistor R has resistance X . Show that

$$\frac{\text{power dissipated in resistor } R}{\text{power produced in cell}} = \frac{X}{X + r}.$$

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- (c) The variation with resistance X of the power P_R dissipated in R is shown in Fig. 6.2.

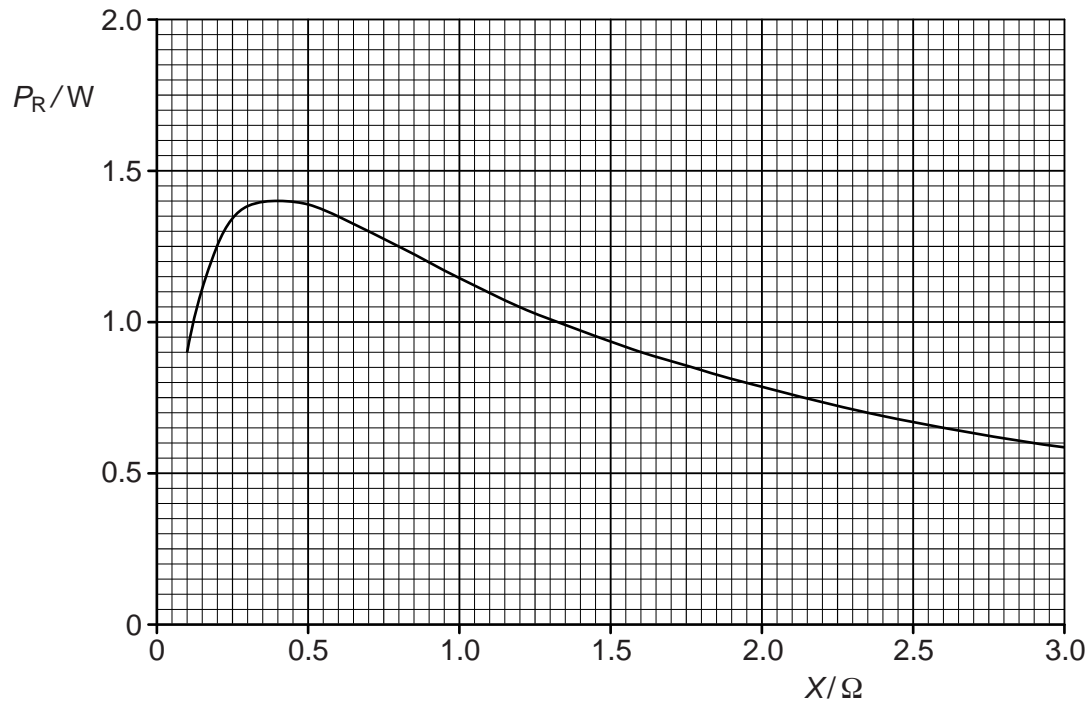


Fig. 6.2

- (i) Use Fig. 6.2 to state, for maximum power dissipation in resistor R , the magnitude of this power and the resistance of R .

maximum power = W

resistance = Ω

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- (ii) The cell has e.m.f. 1.5V.

Use your answers in (i) to calculate the internal resistance of the cell.

internal resistance = Ω [3]

- (d) In Fig. 6.2, it can be seen that, for larger values of X , the power dissipation decreases. Use the relationship in (b) to suggest one advantage, despite the lower power output, of using the cell in a circuit where the resistance X is larger than the internal resistance of the cell.

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