

- 5 A potentiometer circuit that is used as a means of comparing potential differences is shown in Fig. 5.1.

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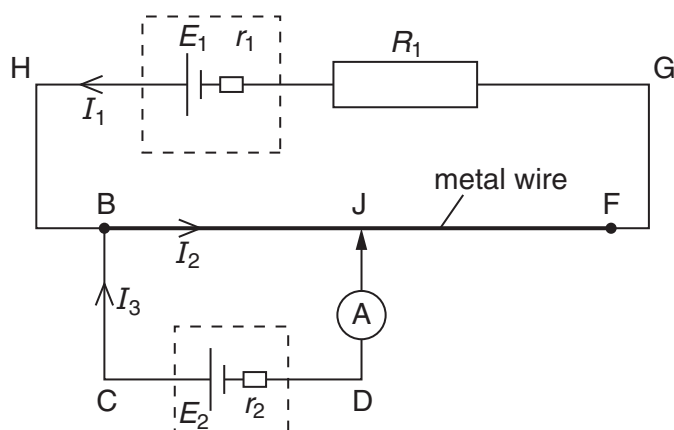


Fig. 5.1

A cell of e.m.f.  $E_1$  and internal resistance  $r_1$  is connected in series with a resistor of resistance  $R_1$  and a uniform metal wire of total resistance  $R_2$ . A second cell of e.m.f.  $E_2$  and internal resistance  $r_2$  is connected in series with a sensitive ammeter and is then connected across the wire at BJ. The connection at J is halfway along the wire. The current directions are shown on Fig. 5.1.

- (a) Use Kirchhoff's laws to obtain the relation

- (i) between the currents  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$  and  $I_3$ ,

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- (ii) between  $E_1$ ,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $r_1$ ,  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  in loop HBJFGH,

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- (iii) between  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$ ,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $I_1$  and  $I_3$  in the loop HBCDJFGH.

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- (b) The connection at J is moved along the wire. Explain why the reading on the ammeter changes.

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