

- 7 A potential divider circuit consists of two resistors of resistances P and Q , as shown in Fig. 7.1.

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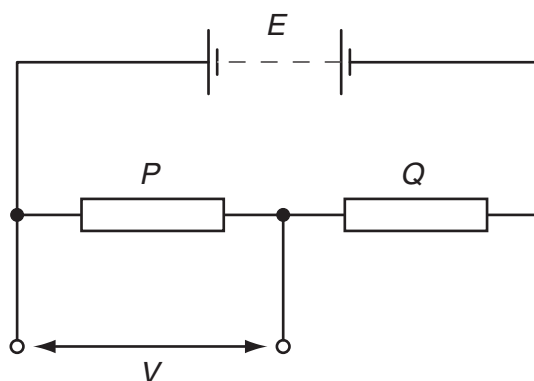


Fig. 7.1

The battery has e.m.f. E and negligible internal resistance.

- (a) Deduce that the potential difference V across the resistor of resistance P is given by the expression

$$V = \frac{P}{P + Q} E.$$

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- (b) The resistances P and Q are $2000\ \Omega$ and $5000\ \Omega$ respectively. A voltmeter is connected in parallel with the $2000\ \Omega$ resistor and a thermistor is connected in parallel with the $5000\ \Omega$ resistor, as shown in Fig. 7.2.

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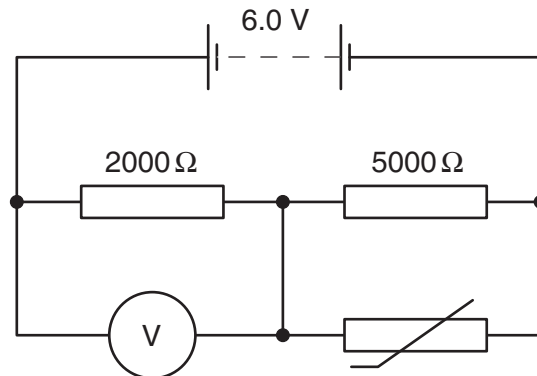


Fig. 7.2

The battery has e.m.f. 6.0V. The voltmeter has infinite resistance.

- (i) State and explain qualitatively the change in the reading of the voltmeter as the temperature of the thermistor is raised.

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- (ii) The voltmeter reads 3.6V when the temperature of the thermistor is 19°C . Calculate the resistance of the thermistor at 19°C .

resistance = Ω [4]