

7 An electric heater is rated as 240 V, 1.2 kW and has constant resistance.

- (a) For the heater operating at 240 V,
- (i) show that the current in the heater is 5.0 A,
- (ii) calculate its resistance.

resistance = Ω
[4]

- (b) The heater in (a) is connected to a mains supply by means of two long cables, as illustrated in Fig. 7.1.

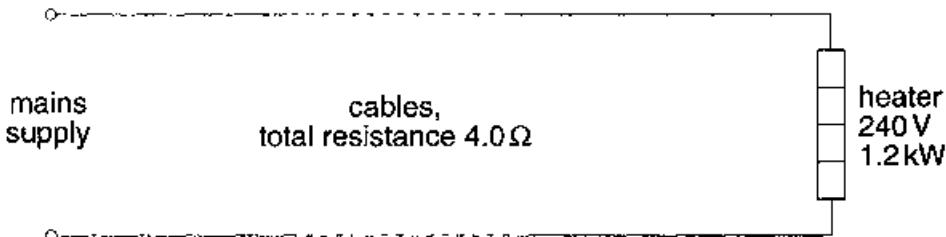


Fig. 7.1

The cables have a total resistance of $4.0\ \Omega$. The voltage of the mains supply is adjusted so that the heater operates normally at 240 V. Using your answers in (a), where appropriate, calculate

- (i) the potential difference across the cables,

$$\text{potential difference} = \dots \text{V}$$

- (ii) the voltage of the mains supply,

$$\text{voltage} = \dots \text{V}$$

- (iii) the power dissipated in the cables.

power dissipated = W
[3]

- (c) Using information from (b), determine the efficiency ε at which power is transferred from the supply to the heater. That is, calculate

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\text{power dissipated in heater}}{\text{power input from supply}} .$$

efficiency = [2]