

- 1 A student set up the circuit shown in **Fig. 1.1** to determine the resistance R of a wire and hence the resistivity ρ of the metal of the wire.

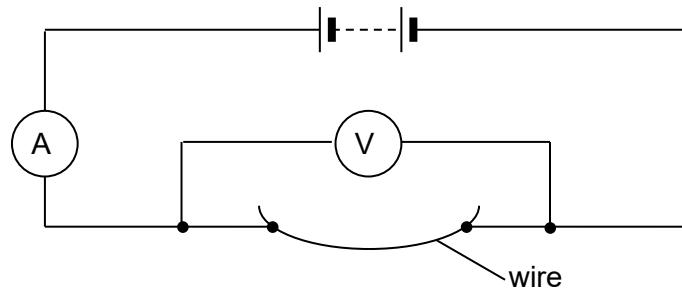


Fig. 1.1

The following readings were obtained for the experiment.

$$\text{Reading of voltmeter} = 1.30 \pm 0.01 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Reading of ammeter} = 0.76 \pm 0.01 \text{ A}$$

$$\text{Length } L \text{ of wire} = 75.4 \pm 0.2 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Diameter } d \text{ of wire} = 0.54 \pm 0.02 \text{ mm}$$

- (a) Calculate the percentage uncertainty of the resistance R from his measurements.

Percentage uncertainty = % [2]

- (b) The resistivity ρ of the metal of the wire is given by the expression

$$\rho = \frac{\text{Resistance of wire} \times \text{Cross - sectional area of wire}}{\text{Length of wire}}.$$

Calculate, with its actual uncertainty, the value of the resistivity ρ of the metal of the wire.

resistivity = Ω m [5]

- (c) A unit for resistivity is Ω m. Express this in base units.