

- 5 (a) Explain what is meant by the *resistance* of a resistor.

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- (b) A student is given a resistor of resistance R in the range of kilo-ohms and wishes to determine its value accurately. To do so, he sets up the circuit as shown in Fig. 5.1.

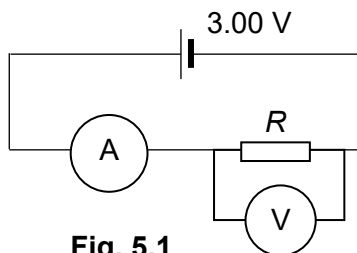


Fig. 5.1

The voltmeter has a resistance of $6000\ \Omega$ and the ammeter has negligible resistance. The voltmeter reading V is $3.00\ \text{V}$ and the ammeter reading I is $1.50\ \text{mA}$.

- (i) The student calculates the value of R using

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

Explain why this value of R is inaccurate.

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- (ii) Calculate the actual value of R .

$R = \dots\dots\dots\ \Omega$ [3]

- (iii) Using the circuit components in Fig. 5.1, draw a circuit that will allow the student to calculate R accurately with the equation in (b)(i).

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- (c) The student then decides to use a second method to determine R . He sets up the potentiometer circuit as shown in Fig. 5.2.

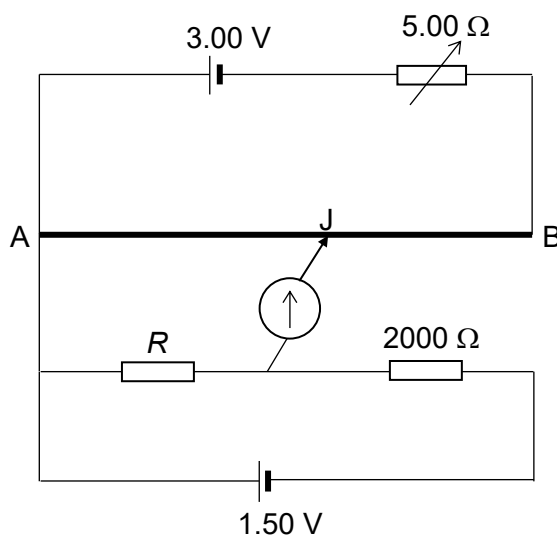


Fig. 5.2

In the potentiometer circuit, a variable resistor connected to the 3.00 V e.m.f. source is set to $5.00\ \Omega$. The potentiometer wire AB has a length of 100 cm and a resistance of $10.0\ \Omega$. No current flows through the galvanometer when the sliding contact is at point J.

- (i) Calculate the potential difference across the wire AB.

potential difference = V [2]

- (ii) Using your answer for R in (b)(ii), determine the balance length AJ.

balance length = cm [2]