

- 6 A potentiometer wire PR, mounted on a metre rule (not shown), is used to measure the electromotive force (e.m.f.)  $E$  of a solar cell with internal resistance as shown in Fig. 6.1.

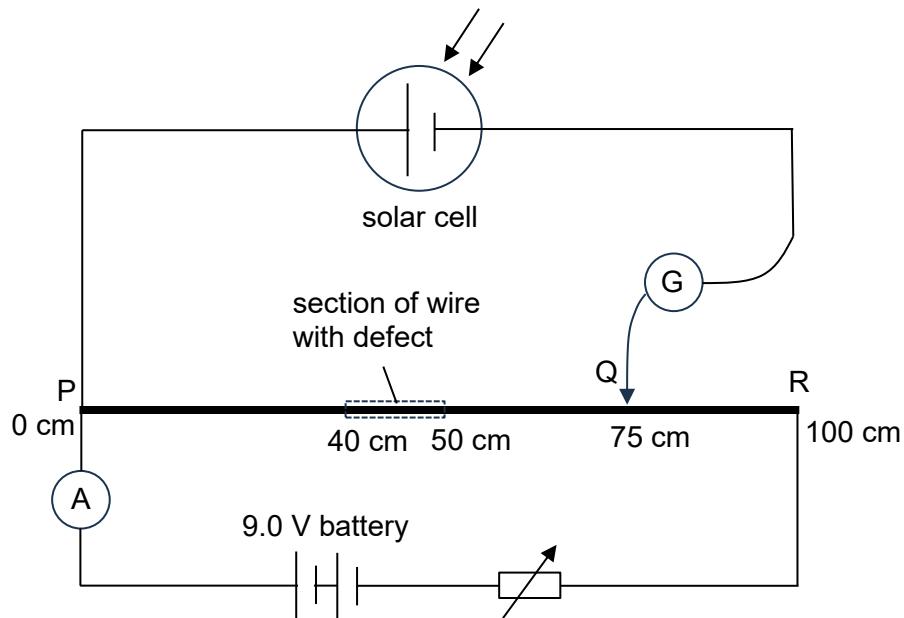


Fig. 6.1

Points P and R of the wire are at the 0 cm and 100 cm marks on the metre rule respectively. The 9.0 V battery has negligible internal resistance.

The potentiometer wire has a resistivity of  $5.0 \times 10^{-7} \Omega \text{ m}$ . It is found that there is defect in a small section of the wire, from 40 cm to 50 cm marks, where the cross-sectional area is 20% smaller than the rest of the wire which has a cross-sectional area of  $5.7 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2$ .

- (a) State what is meant by e.m.f. of a battery.

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- (b) Calculate the resistance of the potentiometer wire PR.

$$\text{resistance} = \dots \Omega \quad [2]$$

- (c) When the variable resistor is set to a resistance of  $25\ \Omega$ , the galvanometer shows no deflection when the jockey Q is in contact with the wire at the 75 cm mark.

- (i) Calculate the current  $I$  shown on the ammeter.

$$I = \dots \text{A} \quad [2]$$

- (ii) Calculate  $E$ .

$$E = \dots \text{V} \quad [2]$$

- (d) (i) Explain why the internal resistance of the solar cell does not have to be considered in the calculation in (c)(ii).

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- (ii) Explain, without calculation, how the balance length would change if the cross-sectional area of the potentiometer wire is uniform throughout with a value of  $5.7 \times 10^{-8}\ \text{m}^2$  and the resistance of the variable resistor is unchanged.

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