

- 2 (a) A copper wire of diameter 1.4 mm connects to the tungsten filament wire of a light bulb of diameter 0.020 mm. A current of 0.42 A flows through both of the wires. Copper has 8.0×10^{28} electrons per cubic metre and tungsten can be assumed to have 3.4×10^{28} electrons per cubic metre.

- (i) The filament is 2.0 m long when uncoiled and has a resistivity of $5.5 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$.

Calculate the power dissipated in the filament bulb.

power dissipated =W [2]

- (ii) The drift speed of electrons in the copper wire is $0.021 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

1. Determine the drift speed of electrons in the tungsten filament.

drift speed = m s^{-1} [2]

2. Explain, in microscopic terms, why the copper wire stays cool although the tungsten filament reaches a high temperature.

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- (b) A thermistor has resistance $3900\ \Omega$ at $0\ ^\circ\text{C}$ and resistance $1250\ \Omega$ at $30\ ^\circ\text{C}$. The thermistor is connected into the circuit of Fig. 2.1 in order to monitor temperature changes.

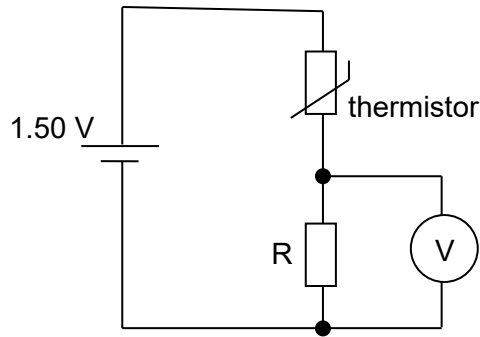


Fig. 2.1

The battery of e.m.f. $1.50\ \text{V}$ has negligible resistance and the voltmeter has infinite resistance.

The reading on the voltmeter is $1.00\ \text{V}$ at $0\ ^\circ\text{C}$.

- (i) The temperature of the thermistor is increased to $30\ ^\circ\text{C}$. Determine the reading on the voltmeter.

reading =V [2]

- (ii) The voltmeter in Fig. 2.1 is replaced with one having a resistance of $7800\ \Omega$. Calculate the reading on this voltmeter for the thermistor at a temperature of $0\ ^\circ\text{C}$.

reading =V [2]