

- 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  $8.0 \times 10^{28}$  electrons per cubic metre and tungsten can be assumed to have  $3.4 \times 10^{28}$  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.

$$\text{power dissipated} = \dots \text{W} [2]$$

- (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.

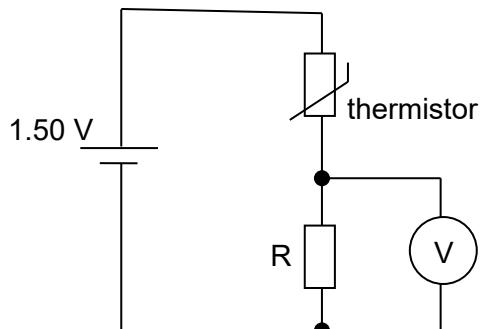
$$\text{drift speed} = \dots \text{m s}^{-1} [2]$$

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 °C and resistance 1250  $\Omega$  at 30 °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 V has negligible resistance and the voltmeter has infinite resistance.

The reading on the voltmeter is 1.00 V at 0 °C.

- (i) The temperature of the thermistor is increased to 30 °C. Determine the reading on the voltmeter.

$$\text{reading} = \dots \text{V} [2]$$

- (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 °C.

$$\text{reading} = \dots \text{V} [2]$$