

- 5 (a) A metal wire in a circuit has a damaged part. The resistivity of the metal is unchanged but the cross-sectional area of the wire is reduced over a 4.0 mm length, as shown in Fig. 5.1.

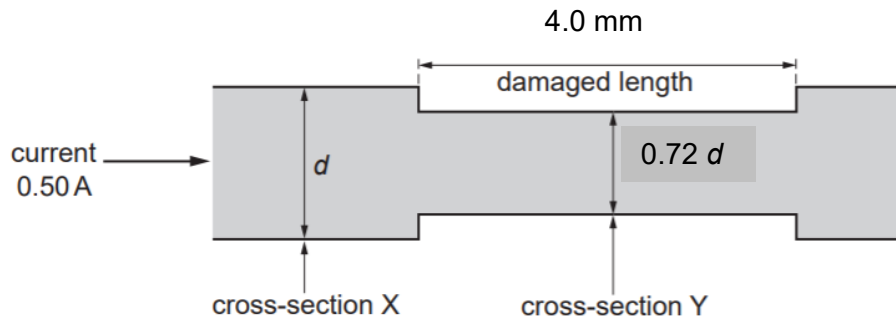


Fig. 5.1

The wire has diameter d at cross-section X and diameter $0.72 d$ at cross-section Y. The current in the wire is 0.50 A.

- (i) Determine the ratio of $\frac{\text{average drift speed of electrons at cross-section Y}}{\text{average drift speed of electrons at cross-section X}}$.

ratio = [2]

- (ii) If the resistivity of the material of the wire is $1.12 \times 10^{-6} \Omega \text{ m}$ and $d = 0.21 \text{ mm}$, determine the resistance of the damaged length.

resistance = Ω [2]

- (iii) When current flows through the wire, explain why the damaged part of the wire has a higher voltage per unit length as compared to the rest of the wire.

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- (b) Fig. 5.2 shows a cell of e.m.f. E_1 and internal resistance r_1 connected in series with a resistor of resistance R_1 and a uniform metal wire of resistance R_2 with length 1.000 m placed between points B and F.

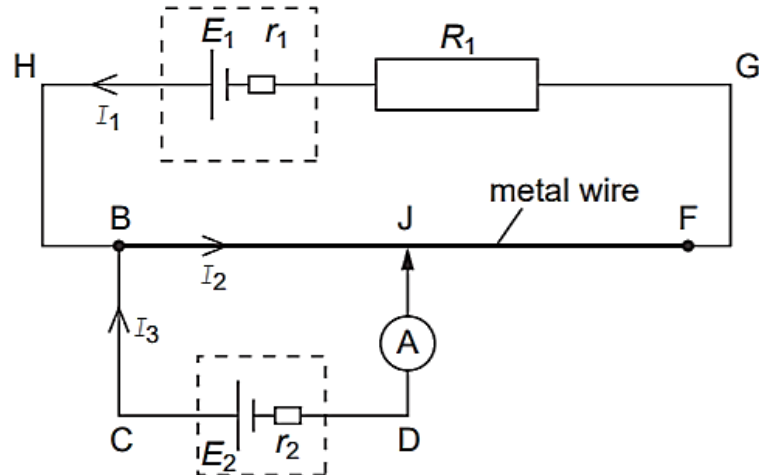


Fig. 5.2

A second cell of e.m.f. E_2 and internal resistance r_2 is connected in series with a sensitive ammeter and is then connected across the wire at points B and J. The current directions are shown on Fig. 5.2.

- (i) Write down the relationship between the three currents at B.

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- (ii) The connection at J is moved along the wire. Explain why the reading on the ammeter changes.

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(iii) The values of the e.m.f.s and resistances are as follows.

$$E_1 = 4.5 \text{ V}$$

$$E_2 = 1.2 \text{ V}$$

$$r_1 = 1.5 \, \Omega$$

$$r_2 = 0.8 \, \Omega$$

$$R_1 = 3.0 \, \Omega$$

$$R_2 = 3.5 \, \Omega$$

Determine the length of BJ for which the ammeter reads zero.

length = m [3]

[Total: 11]

