

- 6 (a) A circuit suitable for temperature measurement includes the use of a thermistor as shown in Fig. 6.1. Any change in temperature will cause a change in the value of the thermistor  $R_T$  so that there is a significant change in potential difference between X and Y which is connected to a voltmeter. A cell of electromotive force (e.m.f)  $E$  supplies current to the circuit.

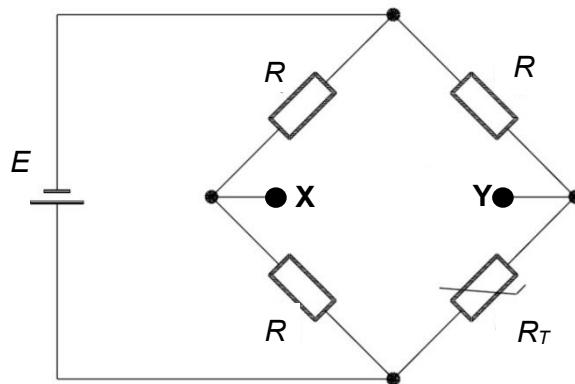


Fig. 6.1

- (i) Distinguish between electromotive force (e.m.f) and potential difference.
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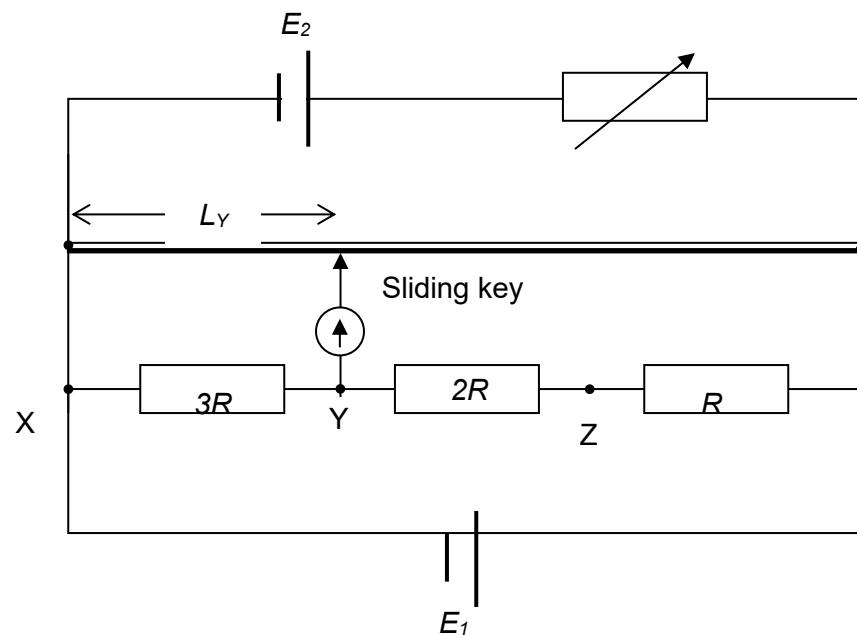
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- (ii) Show that the potential difference between X and Y is given as

$$V_{XY} = \frac{R - R_T}{2(R + R_T)} E$$

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- (c) Another cell of e.m.f.  $E_1$  is then connected in a simple series circuit, which is connected to a potentiometer as shown in Fig. 6.2. The potentiometer consists of a battery of e.m.f.  $E_2$ , a variable resistor and a uniform slide-wire of length  $L$ . The balance length,  $L_Y$ , is achieved by sliding the key along the slide-wire till the galvanometer shows a null deflection.



**Fig. 6.2**

- (i) Explain in detail how a *decrease* in the resistance of the variable resistor will affect the magnitude of  $L_Y$ .

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- (ii) A balance length of  $L_Z$  is found when one end of the wire attached to the galvanometer is connected to Z. Calculate the ratio of  $L_Y : L_Z$ .

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- (iii) State and explain any change in the answer to (c)(ii) if the internal resistance of the cell  $E_1$  is not negligible.

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