

PRACTICAL ZONE

CLASS - 12

PHYSICS

PHYSICS PRACTICAL TERM-1& 2
EXPERIMENT – 1

Aim: To determine resistance per cm of a given wire by plotting a graph of potential difference versus current.

Apparatus: A metallic conductor (coil or a resistance wire), a battery, one way key, a voltmeter and an ammeter of appropriate range, connecting wires and a piece of sand paper, a scale.

Formulae Used: The resistance (R) of the given wire (resistance coil) is obtained by Ohm's Law $\frac{V}{I} = R$

Where, V : Potential difference between the ends of the given resistance coil. (Conductor)

I: Current flowing through it.

If l is the length of resistance wire, then resistance per cm of the wire = $\frac{R}{l}$

Observation:

(i) Range:

Range of given voltmeter = 3 v

Range of given ammeter = 500 mA

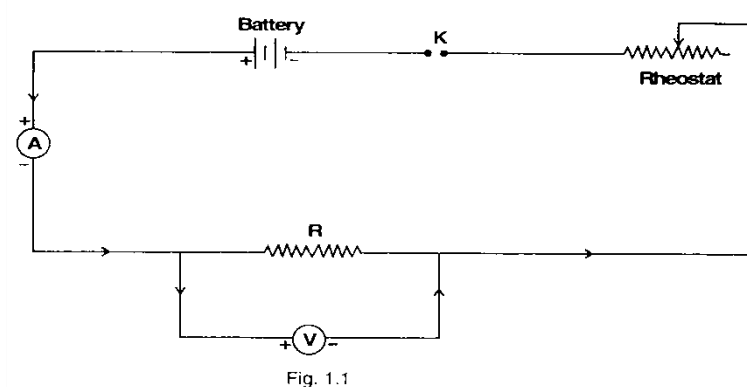


Fig. 1.1

(ii) Least count:

Least count of voltmeter = 0.05v

Least count of ammeter = 10 mA

(iii) Zero error:

Zero error in ammeter, $e_1 = 0$

Zero error in voltmeter, $e_2 = 0$

Ammeter and Voltmeter Readings:

Sr. No.	Ammeter Reading I (A)		Voltmeter Reading, V (v)		$\frac{V}{I} = R$
	Observed	Value	Observed	Value	
1	50	500 mA	16	$16 \times 0.05 = 0.8$	1.6Ω
2	35	350 mA	11	0.55	1.57Ω
3	32	320 mA	10	0.50	1.56Ω
4	19	190 mA	6	0.30	1.58Ω
5	10	100 mA	3	0.15	1.5Ω

Mean R = 1.56

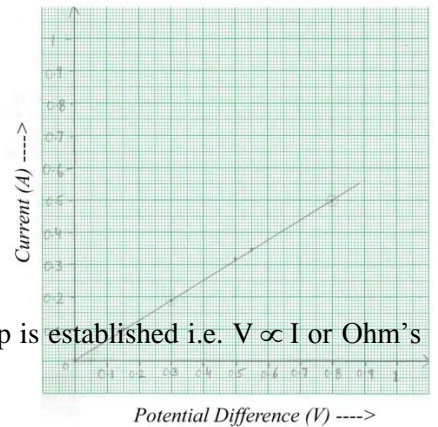
Length of resistance wire: 28 cm

Graph between potential difference & current:

Scale: X – axis : 1 cm = 0.1 V of potential difference

Y – axis: 1 cm = 0.1 A of current

The graph comes out to be a straight line.



Result: It is found that the ratio V/I is constant, hence current voltage relationship is established i.e. $V \propto I$ or Ohm's Law is verified.

Unknown resistance per cm of given wire = $5.57 \times 10^{-2} \Omega \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Precautions: Voltmeter and ammeter should be of proper range.

- The connections should be neat, clean & tight.

Source of Error: Rheostat may have high resistance.

The instrument screws may be loose.

EXPERIMENT – 2

Aim: To find resistance of a given wire using Whetstone's bridge (meter bridge) & hence determine the specific resistance of the material.

Apparatus: A meter bridge (slide Wire Bridge), a galvanometer, a resistance box, a laclanche cell, a jockey, a one-way key, a resistance wire, a screw gauge, meter scale, set square, connecting wires and sandpaper.

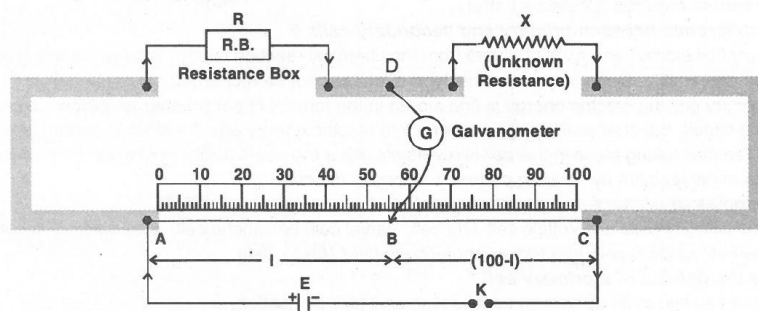


Fig. 2.1 Circuit Diagram - Meter Bridge

Formulae Used:

(i) The unknown resistance X is given by:

$$X = \frac{(100-l)}{l} \times R \quad \text{Where,}$$

R = known resistance placed in left gap.

X = Unknown resistance in right gap of meter bridge.

l = length of meter bridge wire from zero and upto balance point (in cm)

(ii) Specific resistance (ρ) of the material of given wire is given $\rho = \frac{X\pi D^2}{4L}$

Where,

D: Diameter of given wire

L: Length of given wire.

Observation Table for length (l) & unknown resistance, X :

Sr. No.	Resistance from resistance box R (ohm)	Length $AB = l$ cm	Length $BC = (100-l)$ cm	Unknown Resistance $X = R \cdot \frac{(100-l)}{l} \Omega$
1	2	41	59	2.87
2	4	60	40	2.66
3	6	69	31	2.69
4	8	76	24	2.52

Table for diameter (D) of the wire:

Sr. No.	Linear Scale Reading (N) mm	Circular Scale Reading		Observed diameter $D = N + n \times L.C.$ mm
		No. of circular scale divisions coinciding (n)	Value $n \times (L.C.)$ mm	
1	0	34	0.34	0.34
2	0	35	0.35	0.35
3	0	36	0.36	0.36
4	0	35	0.35	0.35

Observations:

- Least count of screw gauge: 0.001 cm

Pitch of screw gauge: 0.1 cm

Total no. of divisions on circular scale: 100

$$\text{Least Count} = \frac{\text{Pitch}}{\text{No. of divisions on circular scale}}$$

$$\therefore LC = 0.001 \text{ cm}$$

- Length of given wire, $L = 25 \text{ cm}$

Calculation:

- For unknown resistance, X :

$$\text{Mean } X = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + X_4}{4} = 2.68 \Omega$$

- Mean diameter, $D = \frac{D_1 + D_2 + D_3 + D_4}{4} = 0.035 \text{ cm}$

- Specific Resistance, $\rho = X \cdot \frac{\pi D^2}{4L} = 1.03 \times 10^{-4} \Omega \text{ cm}$

Result: Value of unknown resistance = 2.68Ω

Specific resistance of material of given wire = $1.03 \times 10^{-4} \Omega \text{ cm}$

Precautions: All plugs in resistance box should be tight. Plug in key, K should be inserted only while taking observations.

Sources of Error: Plugs may not be clean.

Instrument screws maybe loose.

EXPERIMENT – 3

Aim: To compare the E.M.F.'s of two given primary cells using a potentiometer.

Apparatus: A potentiometer, a laclanche cell, a Daniel cell, an ammeter, a voltmeter (0-5v), a galvanometer, a battery (or battery eliminator), a rheostat of low resistance, a resistance box, a one-way key, a two-way key, a jockey, a set square, connecting wires and a piece of sand paper.

Circuit Diagram :

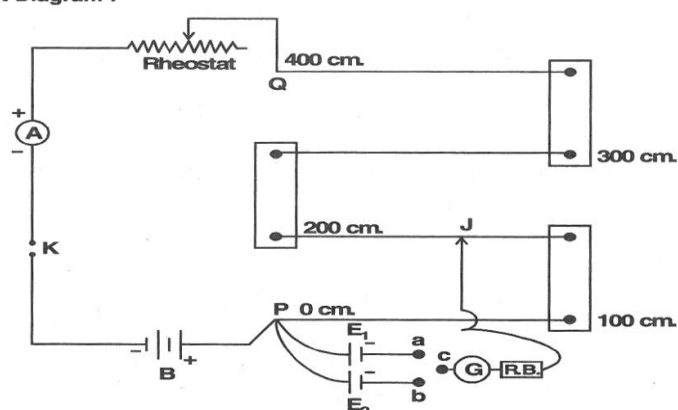


Fig. 4.1 : Comparison of e.m.f.'s of two cells

Observations:

Range of voltmeter: 5V

Least count of voltmeter: 0.05V

E.M.F. of battery E: 3V

E.M.F. of Laclanche Cell, E_1 : 1.45V

E.M.F. of Daniel Cell, E_2 : 1.125V

Table for Lengths:

S. No.	Balancing length when E_1 (Leclanche Cell) is in the circuit (cm) (l_1)	Balancing length when E_2 (Daniel Cell) is in circuit (cm) (l_2)	Ratio $\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{l_1}{l_2}$
1	558	437	$558/437 = 1.277$
2	789	617	1.278
3	848	670	1.266
4	893	706	1.265
5	662	521	1.270

Calculations: Mean $\frac{E_1}{E_2} = 1.271$ (Unit less)

Result: The ratio of E.M.F.'s $\frac{E_1}{E_2} \approx 1.27$

Precautions:

- (i) The connections should be neat, clean & tight.

- (ii) The positive poles of the battery E and cells E₁ and E₂ should all be connected to the terminals at the zero of the wires.
- (iii) The jockey should not be rubbed along the wire. It should touch the wire gently.

Sources of Error:

- (i) The auxiliary battery may not be fully charged.
- (ii) The potentiometer wire may not be of uniform cross-section and material density throughout its length.
- (iii) Heating of potentiometer wire by current, may introduce some error.

EXPERIMENT – 4

Aim: To determine the internal resistance of a primary cell using a potentiometer.

Apparatus: A potentiometer, a battery, two one-way keys, a rheostat of low resistance, a galvanometer, a high resistance box, a fractional resistance box (1-10Ω), an ammeter, a voltmeter (0-5V), a cell, a jockey, a set square, connecting wires & piece of sand paper.

Circuit Diagram :

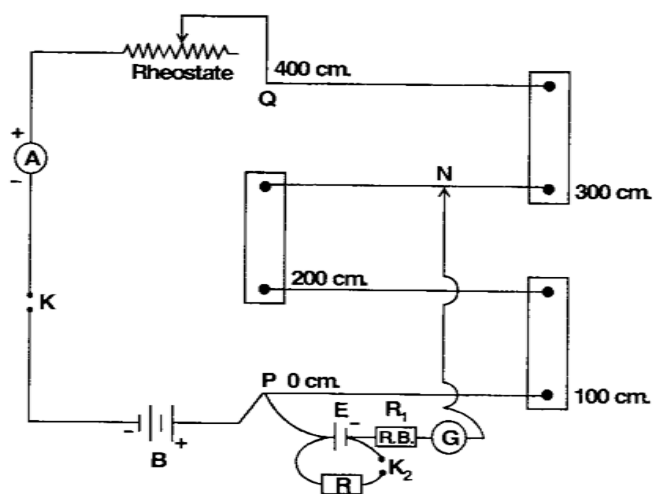


Fig. 5.1 : Internal Resistance of a Cell

Observations:

- (i) EMF of battery = 2V
EMF of cell = 1.35V
- (ii) Table for lengths:

Sr. No.	Position of Null pt (cm)		Value of shunt resistance R (Ω)	Internal resistance $r = \left(\frac{l_1 - l_2}{l_2}\right) R \Omega$
	Without shunt R, l ₁ cm	With shunt R ₁ , l ₂ cm		
1	571	67	1	7.53
2	619	91	1.5	8.10
3	689	129	2	8.68
4	749	196	2.5	7.05
5	882	221	3	8.97
6	950	289	3.5	7.9

Result: The internal resistance of the given cell is 8.11 Ω

Precautions:

- (i) The EMF of the battery should be greater than that of cell.
- (ii) For one set of observations, the ammeter reading should remain constant.
- (iii) Rheostat should be adjusted so that initial will point lies on last wire of potentiometer.

Sources of Error:

- (i) The auxiliary battery may not be fully charged.
- (ii) End resistance may not be zero.
- (iii) Heating of potentiometer wire by current, may introduce some error.

EXPERIMENT – 5

Aim: To find the focal length of a convex mirror using a convex lens.

Apparatus: An optical bench with four uprights (2 fixed upright in middle two outer uprights with lateral movement), convex lens, convex mirror, a lens holder, a mirror holder, 2 optical needles (one thin, one thick), a knitting needle, a half meter scale.

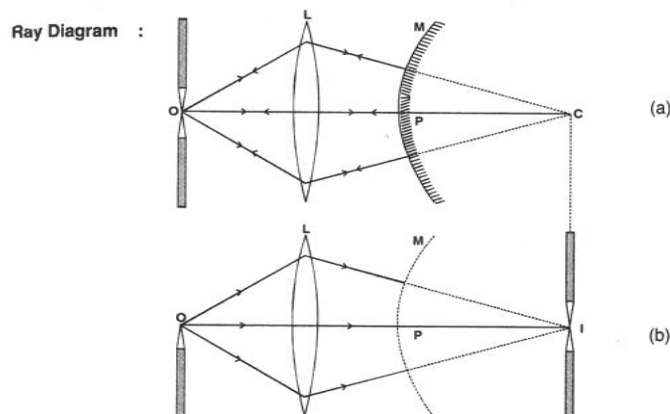


Fig. : 10.1 Focal Length of Convex Mirror

Formula Used:

Focal length of a convex mirror $f = \frac{R}{2}$

Where R is radius of curvature of the mirror.

Observation:

- (i) Actual length of knitting needle, $x = 15$ cm.
- (ii) Observed distance between image needle I and back of convex mirror, $y = 15$ cm
- (iii) Index error = $y - x = 15 - 15 = 0$ cm No index correction

Observation Table:

S. N.	Position of:				Radius of Curvature MI (cm)
	Object needle O (cm)	Lens L cm	Mirror M cm	Image needle I (cm)	
1	25	50	56	70.5	14.5
2	28.5	50	60	73.3	13.3
3	31.5	50	65	78.4	13.4
4	30.5	50	60	74	14

Mean R = 13.8

Calculation:

Mean corrected MI = R = 13.8 cm $f = \frac{R}{2} = 6.9$ cm

Result:

The focal length of the given convex mirror = 6.9 cm

Precautions:

- (i) The tip of the needle, centre of the mirror & centre of lens should be at the same height.
- (ii) Convex lens should be of large focal length.
- (iii) For one set of observations, when the parallax has been removed for convex lens alone, the position of the lens & needle uprights should not be changed.

EXPERIMENT – 6

Aim: To find the focal length of a convex lens by plotting a graph:

- (i) between u and v (ii) between $\frac{1}{u}$ and $\frac{1}{v}$

Apparatus: An optical bench with three uprights, a convex lens, lens holder, two optical needles, a knitting needles & a half-metre scale.

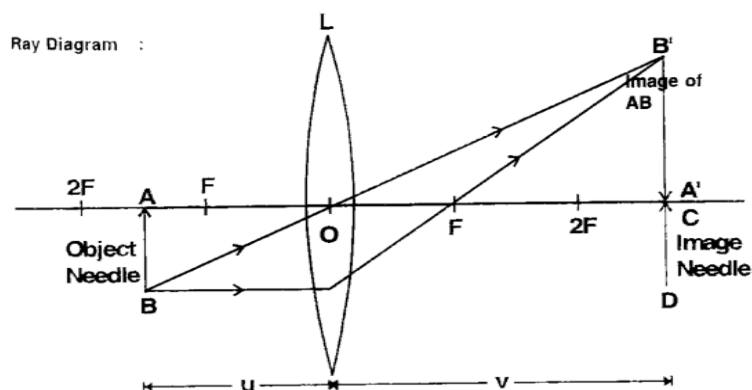


Fig. 11.1 : Focal Length of Convex Lens

Formula Used:

The relation between u , v and f for convex lens is:

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{u}$$

Where f : focal length of convex lens

u : distance of object needle from lens' optical centre.

v : distance of image needle from lens' optical centre.

Observations:

- (i) Rough focal length of the lens = 10 cm
- (ii) Actual length of knitting needle, $x = 15$ cm.
- (iii) Observed distance between object needle & the lens when knitting needle is placed between them, $y = 15.2$ cm.
- (iv) Observed distance between image needle & the lens when knitting needle is placed between them, $z = 14.1$ cm.
- (v) Index correction for the object distance u , $x - y = -0.2$ cm
- (vi) Index correction for the image distance v , $x - z = +0.9$ cm

Observation Table:

S. No.	Position of: (cm)			u (cm)	v (cm)	$1/v$ (cm^{-1})	$1/u$ (cm^{-1})
	Object needle	Lens	Image needle				
1	66	50	26	16	24	0.041	0.062
2	67	50	27	17	23	0.043	0.058
3	68	50	28	18	22	0.045	0.055
4	70	50	30	20	20	0.05	0.05
5	75	50	33	23	17	0.058	0.043
6	80	50	34	24	16	0.062	0.041

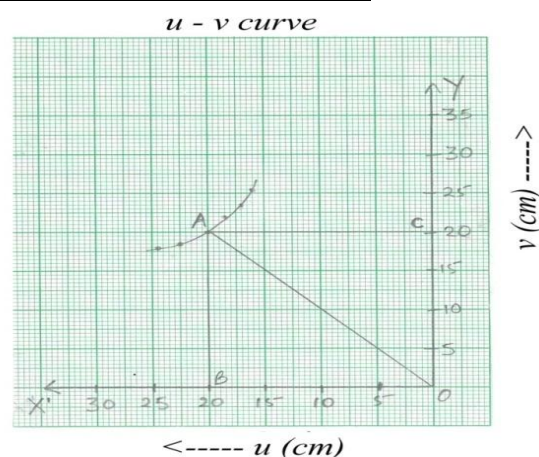
Calculation of focal length by graphical method:

(i) $u - v$ graph: The graph is a rectangular hyperbola:

Scale: X' axis: 1 cm = 5 cm of u

Y' axis: 1 cm = 5 cm of v

$AB = AC = 2f$ or $OC = OB = 2f$



$$\therefore f = \frac{OB}{2} \text{ and also } f = \frac{OC}{2}$$

\therefore Mean value of $f = 10.1 \text{ cm}$.

(ii) $\frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{v}$ graph: The graph is a straight line.

Scale; X' axis: 1 cm = 0.01 cm^{-1} of $\frac{1}{u}$

Y' axis: 1 cm = 0.01 cm^{-1} of $\frac{1}{v}$

Focal length, $f = \frac{1}{OP} = \frac{1}{OQ} = 10.2 \text{ cm}$.

Result:

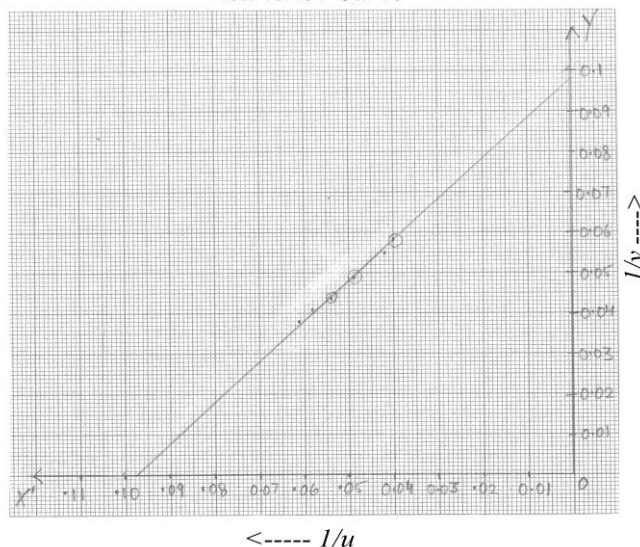
(i) From $u-v$ graph is, $f = 10.1 \text{ cm}$

(ii) From $\frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{v}$ graph is, $f = 10.2 \text{ cm}$

Precautions:

- (i) Tips of object & image needles should be at the same height as the centre of the lens.
- (ii) Parallax should be removed from tip-to-tip by keeping eye at a distance at least 30 cm. away from the needle.
- (iii) The image & the object needles should not be interchanged for different sets of observations.

1/u vs 1/v Curve



EXPERIMENT -7

Aim: To find the focal length of a concave lens using a convex lens.

Apparatus: An optical bench with four uprights, a convex lens (less focal length), a concave lens (more focal length), two lens holder, two optical needles, a knitting needle & a half – metre scale.

Ray Diagram :

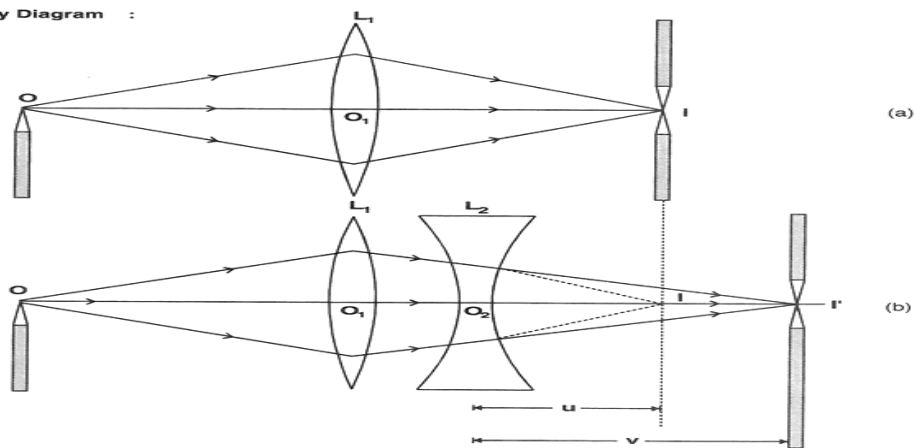


Fig. 12.1 : Focal Length of a concave lens

Formulae Used: From lens formula, we have:

$$f = \frac{uv}{u - v}$$

Observations:

Actual length of knitting needle, $x = 15 \text{ cm}$.

Observed distance between object needle & the lens when knitting needle is placed between them, $y = 15 \text{ cm}$.

Observed distance between image needle & the lens when knitting needle is placed between them, $z = 15 \text{ cm}$.

Index correction for $u = x - y = 0 \text{ cm}$

Index correction for $v = x - z = 0 \text{ cm}$

Observation Table:

S. No.	Position of (cm)					$u = IL_2$	$v = I'L_2$	$f = \frac{uv}{u-v}$
	θ (cm)	L_1 at O_1	I	L_2	I'			
1	29	50	75	69	78	6.0	9.0	-18.0
2	27	50	71.5	65	77.5	6.5	12.5	-13.54
3	25	50	70.5	65	72.8	5.5	7.8	-18.64
4	28	50	71.3	63	71.2	8.3	8.2	-17.45

Calculations:

$$\text{Mean } f = \frac{f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + f_4}{4}$$

$$= -16.9 \text{ cm} \approx -17 \text{ cm.}$$

Result: The focal length of given concave lens = -17 cm.

Precautions:

- (i) The lenses must be clean.
- (ii) A bright image should be formed by lens combination.
- (iii) Focal length of the convex lens should be less than the focal length of the concave lens, so that the combination is convex.