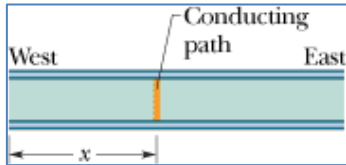


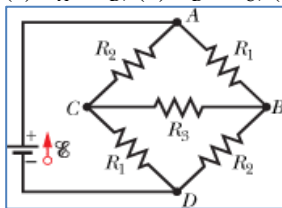
Home Work 7

1. A 10-km-long underground cable extends east to west and consists of two parallel wires, each of which has resistance $13\ \Omega/\text{km}$. An electrical short develops at distance x from the west end when a conducting path of resistance R connects the wires (Fig. 1). The resistance of the wires and the short is then $100\ \Omega$ when measured from the east end and $200\ \Omega$ when measured from the west end. What are (a) x and (b) R ?

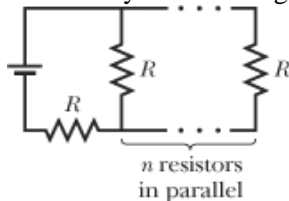


2. A solar cell generates a potential difference of $0.10\ \text{V}$ when a $500\ \Omega$ resistor is connected across it, and a potential difference of $0.15\ \text{V}$ when a $1000\ \Omega$ resistor is substituted. What are the (a) internal resistance and (b) emf of the solar cell? (c) The area of the cell is $5.0\ \text{cm}^2$, and the rate per unit area at which it receives energy from light is $2.0\ \text{mW}/\text{cm}^2$. What is the efficiency of the cell for converting light energy to thermal energy in the $1000\ \Omega$ external resistor?

3. In Fig. 3, $\mathcal{E} = 12.0\ \text{V}$, $R_1 = 2000\ \Omega$, $R_2 = 3000\ \Omega$, and $R_3 = 4000\ \Omega$. What are the potential differences (a) $V_A - V_B$, (b) $V_B - V_C$, (c) $V_C - V_D$, and (d) $V_A - V_C$?



4. In Fig. 4, an array of n parallel resistors is connected in series to a resistor and an ideal battery. All the resistors have the same resistance. If an identical resistor were added in parallel to the parallel array, the current through the battery would change by 1.25% . What is the value of n ? Hint: $0.0125 (= 1/80)$



5. In Fig. 5, R_s is to be adjusted in value by moving the sliding contact across it until points a and b are brought to the same potential. (One tests for this condition by momentarily connecting a sensitive ammeter between a and b ; if these points are at the same potential, the ammeter will not deflect.) Show that when this adjustment is made, the following relation holds: $R_x = R_s R_2 / R_1$. An unknown resistance (R_x) can be measured in terms of a standard (R_s) using this device, which is called a Wheatstone bridge.

