

The methods used to solve each problem are outlined below. The number solutions may vary.

Assignment 1: Electric Current Resistance and Circuits

Assigned: Jan 13th

Due: Jan 20th 6:00PM

- 1 2 m long copper wire of 1mm diameter is stretched permanently to 3 m length. What is its new resistance ?

$$R_1 = \rho \frac{l_1}{A_1} \quad R_2 = \rho \frac{l_2}{A_2} \quad V_1 = V_2 \Rightarrow l_1 A_1 = l_2 A_2$$

$$R_1 = \rho \frac{l_1}{A_1} \quad R_2 = \rho \frac{1.5l_1}{A_1/1.5} = (1.5)^2 \rho \frac{l_1}{A_1} = 2.25 R_1$$

2. A toaster is rated at 720 W when connected to a 120-V source. What current does the toaster carry, and what is its resistance?

$$I = \frac{P}{\Delta V} = \frac{600 \text{ W}}{120 \text{ V}} = \boxed{5.00 \text{ A}} \quad \text{and} \quad R = \frac{\Delta V}{I} = \frac{120 \text{ V}}{5.00 \text{ A}} = \boxed{24.0 \Omega}.$$

- 3 A toy battery has an emf of 15.0 V. The terminal voltage of the battery is 12.6 V when it is delivering 20.0 W of power to an external load resistor R . (a) What is the value of R ? (b) What is the internal resistance of the battery?

$$\Delta V_{term} = \Delta V_{load} \Rightarrow P_R = I \Delta V_{term} \Rightarrow 20 \text{ W} = I(11.6 \text{ V}) \Rightarrow I = \frac{20}{11.6} (\text{A})$$

$$\Delta V_{load} = IR \Rightarrow R = \frac{\Delta V_{load}}{I} = \frac{(11.6)^2}{20}$$

$$rI = \varepsilon - \Delta V_{term} \Rightarrow r = \frac{\varepsilon - \Delta V_{term}}{I} = \frac{3.4}{20/11.6} = \frac{(3.4)(11.6)}{20}$$

- 4 How much energy is dissipated as heat during a two-minute time interval by a 0.5-k Ω resistor which has a constant 20-V potential difference across its leads?

$$P_R = \frac{(\Delta V_{load})^2}{R} \quad ; \quad E = P_R \Delta t = \frac{(\Delta V_{load})^2}{R} \Delta t = \frac{20^2}{1500} 120 = \frac{480}{15} = 32 \text{ J}$$

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5 An air-filled capacitor consists of two parallel plates, each with an area of 6.70 cm^2 , separated by a distance of 1.50 mm . A 30.0-V potential difference is applied to these plates. Calculate (b) the energy stored in the capacitor, (b) the capacitance, and (c) the charge on each plate.

$$(a) \quad C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d} = \frac{(8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2)(7.60 \text{ cm}^2)(1.00 \text{ m}/100 \text{ cm})^2}{1.80 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}} = \boxed{3.74 \text{ pF}}$$

$$(b) \quad U =$$

$$(d) \quad \Delta V = \frac{Q}{C} \quad Q = (20.0 \text{ V})(3.74 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}) = \boxed{74.7 \text{ pC}}$$

6 A 30.0-m length of coaxial cable has an inner conductor that has a diameter of 2.58 mm and carries a charge of $8.10 \mu\text{C}$. The surrounding conductor has an inner diameter of 7.27 mm and a charge of $-8.10 \mu\text{C}$. (a) What is the capacitance of this cable? (b) What is the potential difference between the two conductors? Assume that the region between the conductors is air.

$$(a) \quad C = \frac{\ell}{2k_e \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)} = \frac{50.0}{2(8.99 \times 10^9) \ln\left(\frac{7.27}{2.58}\right)} = \boxed{2.68 \text{ nF}}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Method 1:} \quad \Delta V = 2k_e \lambda \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \quad \lambda = \frac{q}{\ell} = \frac{8.10 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C}}{50.0 \text{ m}} = 1.62 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C/m}$$

$$\Delta V = 2(8.99 \times 10^9)(1.62 \times 10^{-7}) \ln\left(\frac{7.27}{2.58}\right) = \boxed{3.02 \text{ kV}}$$

$$\text{Method 2:} \quad \Delta V = \frac{Q}{C} = \frac{8.10 \times 10^{-6}}{2.68 \times 10^{-9}} = \boxed{3.02 \text{ kV}}$$

7 A) An aluminum rod has a resistance of 2.234Ω at 20.0° . Calculate the resistance of the rod at 120°C by accounting for the changes in both the resistivity and the dimensions of the rod. (check the textbook for the relevant constants)
B) The rod is cooled down to 20°C . And at that temperature it is stretched to twice its length at 20°C . Find the new value of the resistance of the rod.

$$\text{For aluminum, Resistance coeff. } \alpha_E = 3.90 \times 10^{-3} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Length coeff } \alpha = 24.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$$

$$\text{A) } R = \frac{\rho \ell}{A} = \frac{\rho_0(1 + \alpha_E \Delta T) \ell (1 + \alpha \Delta T)}{A(1 + \alpha \Delta T)^2} = R_0 \frac{(1 + \alpha_E \Delta T)}{(1 + \alpha \Delta T)} = (1.234 \Omega) \left(\frac{1.39}{1.0024} \right) = \boxed{1.71 \Omega}$$

$$\text{B) } R_1 = \frac{\rho l_1}{A_1} \quad R_2 = \frac{\rho l_2}{A_2} = \frac{(\rho(2l_1))}{(1/2 A_1)} = 4R_1 = \boxed{4.936 \Omega}$$