



**Observations and Calculation (resistor -length of wire L=25 cm)**

Trial no	Resistance In the box R in ohm	Resonating length when X is in		Mean $l = \frac{(l_1 + l_2)}{2}$	$(100 - l)$	$X = \frac{Rl}{(100 - l)}$ in ohm
		Left gap $l_1$ in cm	Right gap $l_2$ in cm			
1	1					
2	2					
3	3					
4	4					
5	5					
6	6					

**Mean X = .....ohm**

## THE METER BRIDGE ( R & ρ )

### AIM

1. To determine resistance of the given wire
2. To determine resistivity of the material of given wire

### APPARATUS

Meter bridge, given wire, resistance box, single key, connecting wire, and galvanometer

### THEORY

The working principle of Meter Bridge is Wheatstone bridge. If  $\ell$  is the balancing length the bridge wire from the side of unknown resistance X and R is the known resistance, then

$$\frac{X}{R} = \frac{\ell}{(100 - \ell)}$$

$$\text{Unknown resistance } X = \frac{R \ell}{(100 - \ell)}$$

$$\text{Resistivity of the given wire, } \rho = \frac{\pi r^2 X}{L}$$

Where  $r$  = radius of the wire

$L$  = length of the wire

## To find the radius of wire using screw gauge

$$\text{Least Count} = \frac{\text{pitch}}{\text{No. of divisions on the head scale}} = \frac{1 \text{ mm}}{100} = 0.01 \text{ mm}$$

Zero coincidence = .....

Zero correction, **Z** = .....

Diameter of the wire					
Si No	PSR mm	Observed HSR	Corrected HSR = (HSR+Z)	Corrected HSR X LC mm	Total Reading = PSR + (Corrected HSR x LC) mm
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Mean diameter **d** = ..... mm

Radius of the wire  $r = \frac{d}{2} = \dots\dots\dots \text{ mm} = \dots\dots\dots \text{ m}$

Length of the wire  $L = \dots\dots\dots \text{ cm} = \dots\dots\dots \text{ m}$

Resistivity of material of wire,  $\rho = \frac{\pi r^2 X}{L} = \dots\dots\dots \text{ ohmmeter}$

## PROCEDURE

Connections are made as shown in figure. The unknown resistance is connected in the left gap and resistance box is introduced in the right gap. The key is closed and a suitable resistance  $R = 1$  ohm is introduced in the box. The jockey is moved over the meter bridge wire till null deflection is obtained. The balancing length  $AJ = \ell_1$  is measured from the side of unknown resistance.

Now  $X$  and  $R$  are interchanged and balancing length  $BJ = \ell_2$  is measured. The mean balancing length is obtained. Thus unknown resistance is calculated.

The experiments are repeated for different values of  $R$  and mean  $X$  is calculated.

Radius is determined by using a screw gauge and length by a scale. Then resistivity is calculated.

## RESULT

1. The resistance of the given wire,  $X = \dots\dots\dots$  ohm
2. The resistivity of the material wire,  $\rho = \dots\dots\dots$  ohm meter