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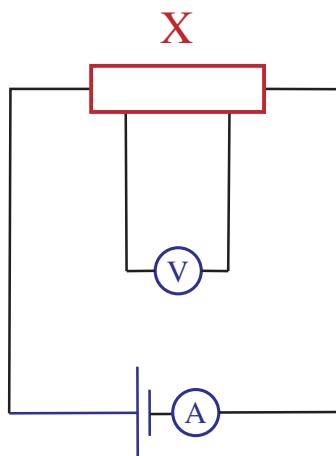
## MJERENJE MALIH OTPORA

## ZADACI

1. Mjerenjem geometrijskih dimenzija i otpora bakrene šipke odredite otpornost bakra. Napomena: Izmjerite  $V - I$  karakteristiku koristeći oba smjera struje. Iz nagiba pravca odredite otpor.
2. Kao i u prethodnom zadatku mjerenjem geometrijskih dimenzija i otpora aluminijске šipke odredite otpornost aluminija.
3. Odredite otpor spojne bakrene žice, te prijelazne otpore priključnica.

## Metoda četiri kontakta

Za mjerjenje vrlo malih otpora (manjih od oko  $0.1 \Omega$ ), mjerjenje otpora metodom dva kontakta postaje neprecizno jer počinju smetati prijelazni otpori na priključnicama preko kojih je nepoznati otpor spojen, te parazitni otpori dovodnih žica. Problem rješava metoda četiri kontakta. Na nepoznati otpor se spajaju dva vanjska kontakta, koji se koriste za priključivanje na strujni izvor, te dva unutrašnja kontaka, koja se spajaju na voltmetar. Na ovaj način su eliminirani padovi napona na spojnim žicama i priključnicama u krugu strujnog izvora. S druge strane, padovi napona na spojnim žicama i priključnicama u krugu voltmetra su zanemarivi u odnosu na pad napona na nepoznatom otporu, jer u krugu voltmetra teče vrlo mala struja.



Slika 1. Shema sklopa pri mjerenuju metodom četiri kontakta.

## Related topics

Ohm's law, resistivity, contact resistance, conductivity, four-wire method of measurement.

## Principle

The resistances of various DC conductors are determined by recording the current/voltage characteristic. The resistivity of metal rods and the contact resistance of connecting cords are calculated.

## Equipment

Heat conductivity rod, Cu	04518.11	1
Heat conductivity rod, Al	04518.12	1
Universal measuring amplifier	13626.93	1
Digital multimeter	07134.00	2
Power supply 0-12 V DC/6 V, 12 V AC	13505.93	1
Connection box	06030.23	1
Connecting cord, $l = 100$ mm, yellow	07359.02	2
Connecting cord, $l = 250$ mm, red	07360.01	1
Connecting cord, $l = 250$ mm, blue	07360.04	1
Connecting cord, $l = 500$ mm, red	07361.01	2
Connecting cord, $l = 500$ mm, blue	07361.04	1
Connecting cord, $l = 750$ mm, yellow	07362.02	2
Connecting cord, $l = 750$ mm, blue	07362.04	1
Connecting cord, $l = 2000$ mm, yellow	07365.02	2

## Tasks

1. To plot the current/voltage characteristics of metal rods (copper and aluminium) and to calculate their resistivity.
2. To determine the resistance of various connecting cords by plotting their current/voltage characteristics and calculating the contact resistances.

## Set-up and procedure

1. Connect the metal rod to the mains with an ammeter. Measure the voltage drop across the rod at two sockets on the side, using the amplifier (four-wire method of measurement, see Fig. 1).  
Settings of the amplifier: Low drift,  $R = 10^4 \Omega$ , Amplification:  $10^3$ , Timer constant: 0 sec.
2. Connect a connecting cord into the circuit in place of the metal rod, using two double sockets with cross hole (Fig. 2a). Connect the voltmeter to the sockets of the connecting cord connector (similar to the four-wire method; measuring  $U_1$  as shown in Fig. 2). The voltage drops not only across the pure line resistor  $R_1$  but also across the two line/plug contact resistors  $R_{1p}$  as well.

Fig. 1: Recording the current/voltage characteristic of a metal rod.

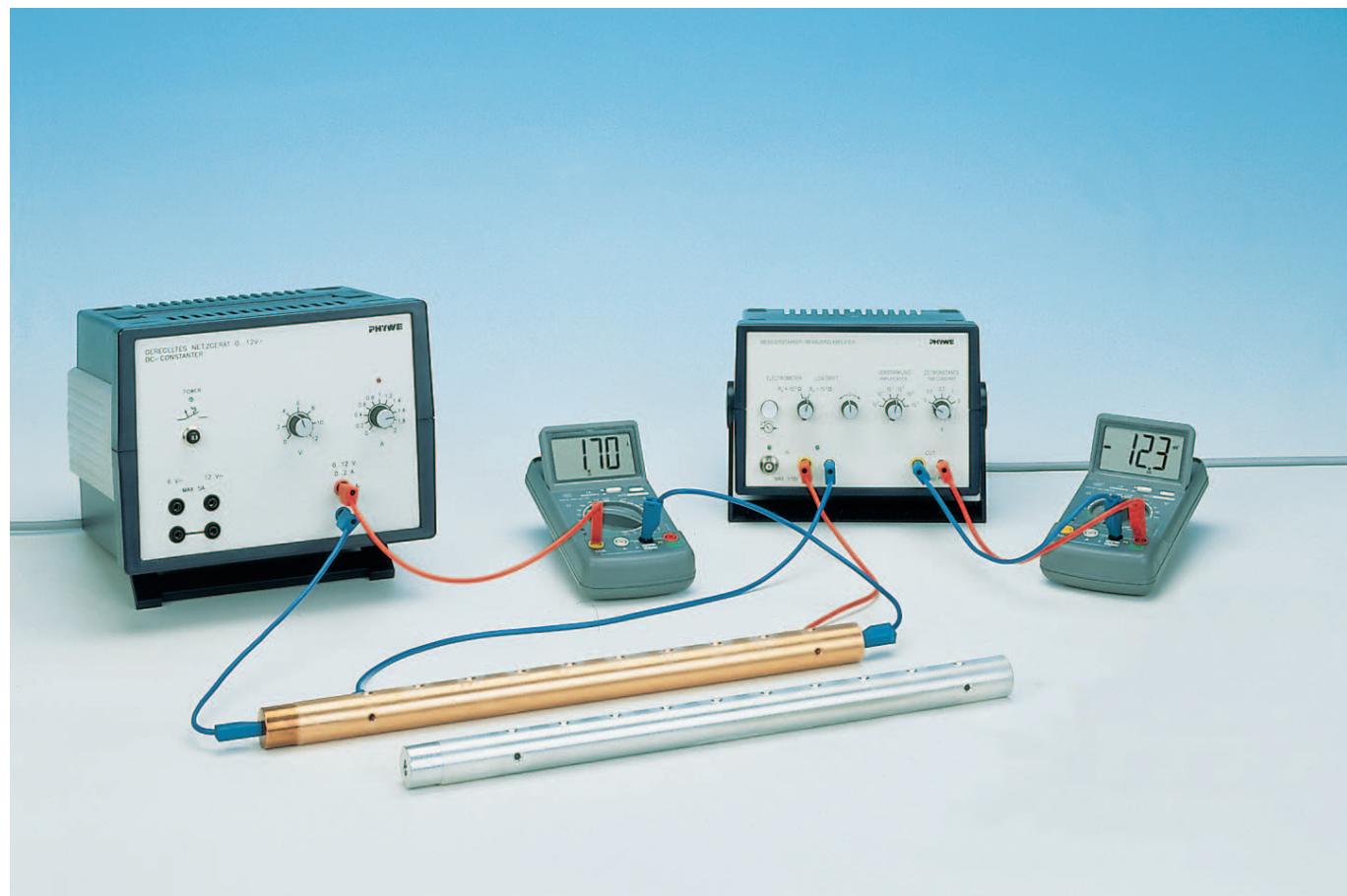
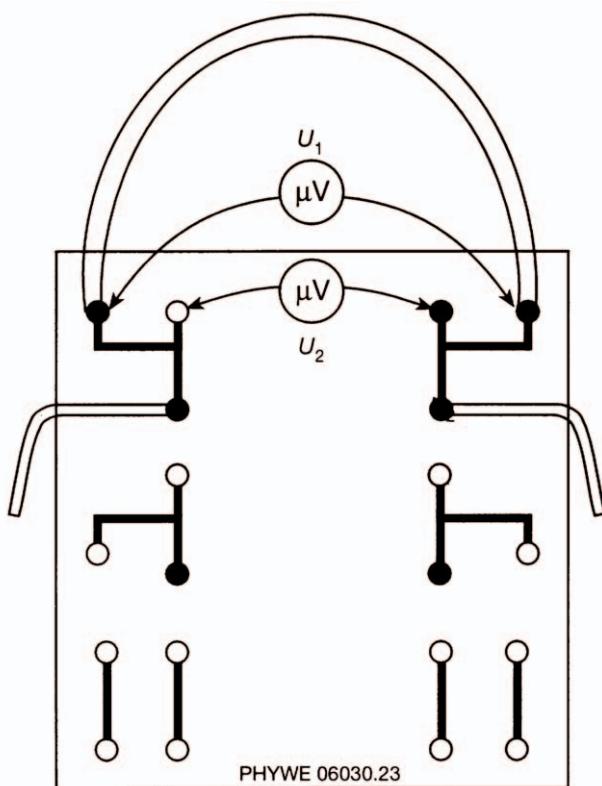
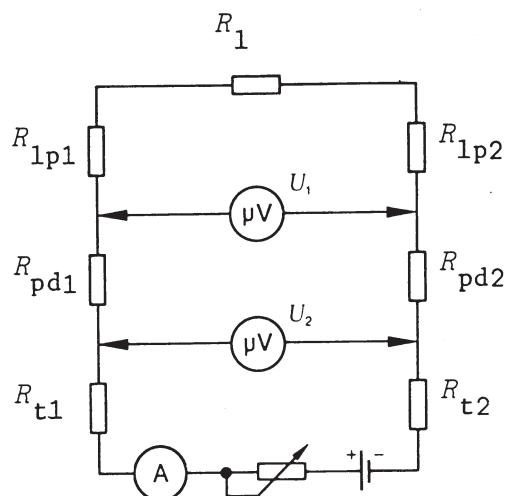


Fig. 2: Measuring the contact resistance and resistivity of connecting cords  
a) sketch of the set-up

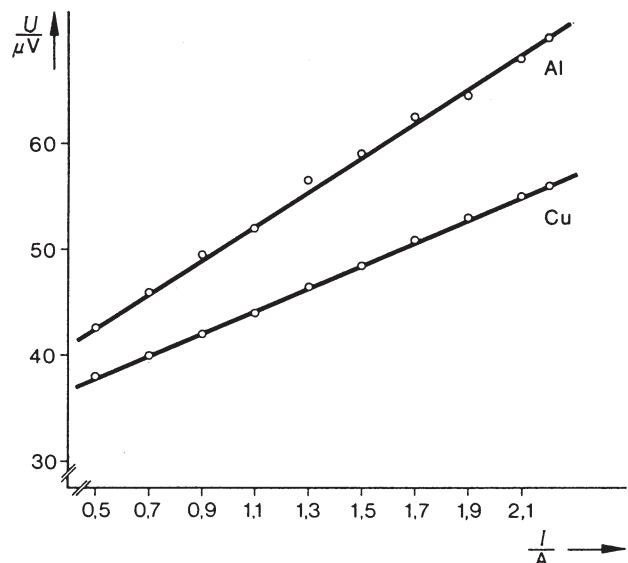


Determine the total resistance of the connecting cord with connectors by connecting the Voltmeter to the holes in the double sockets (measuring  $U_2$  in Fig. 2). The plug/double socket contact resistances  $R_{pd}$  are obtained by comparing  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ .



b) equivalent circuit diagram:  $R_t$ ,  $R_{pd}$  and  $R_{1p}$  are contact resistors,  $R_1$  a line resistor.

Fig. 3: Current/voltage characteristics of a copper rod and an aluminium rod.



### Theory and evaluation

The resistivity  $\rho$  of the metal is determined from the resistance  $R$  of the rod and its dimensions. The rod has a diameter of 2.5 cm (cross section  $A = 4.91 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ ) and is 31.5 cm long (length  $l$ ) between the two voltmeter connections.

$$\rho = \frac{A \cdot R}{l} \quad (1)$$

Ohm's law

$$U = R \cdot I \quad (2)$$

The regression lines of the measured values in Fig. 3 give

$$R_{Cu} = 11.5 \pm 0.3 \mu\Omega$$

for the copper rod, and

$$R_{Al} = 19.1 \pm 0.2 \mu\Omega$$

for the aluminium rod.

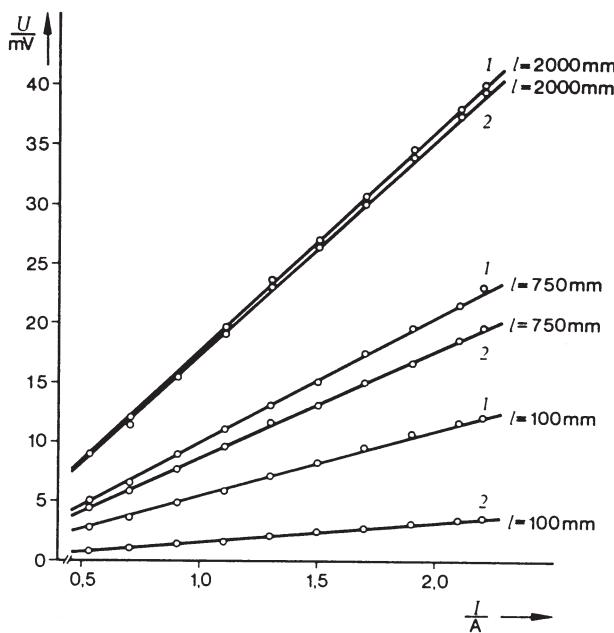
The values of resistivity obtained using equation (1) are:

	measured $\rho/10^{-8} \Omega$	Bibliographic data at 20 °C $\rho/10^{-8} \Omega$
Cu	1.79	1.68
Al	2.98	2.72

The aluminium rod is not pure, it contains other additions.

The copper wire in the cords has a cross section  $A$  of  $2.5 \text{ mm}^2$ .

Fig. 4: Current/voltage characteristics of some connecting cords of different lengths.



The line resistance  $R_1$  of the connecting cords can be calculated using (1):

$$R_1 = \rho \cdot \frac{I}{A}$$

The line/plug contact resistance can be established from the difference between the line resistance  $R_1$  calculated and the resistance  $R_1$  measured.

$R_1$  is determined from the slope of the straight lines in Fig. 4.

$l/\text{mm}$		$R_1/\text{m}\Omega$	$R_1/\text{m}\Omega$	$(R_1 - R_1)/\text{m}\Omega$
100	1	0.67	5.6	4.9
	2		1.6	0.9
750	1	5.0	10.7	5.7
	2		9.1	4.1
2000	1	13.4	18.6	5.2
	2		18.2	4.8

The average of the line/plug contact resistance values is:

$$R_{1p} = \frac{R_1 - R_2}{2} = 2.1 \text{ m}\Omega$$

The plug/double socket contact resistance can be determined by comparing the voltages  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  (see Figs. 2):

$$R_{pd} = \frac{U_1 - U_2}{I}$$

In accordance with Figs. 2b,

$$U_1 = R_1 \cdot I$$

with

$$R_1 = R_1 + R_{1p1} + R_{1p2}$$

and

$$U_2 = R_2 \cdot I$$

with

$$R_2 = R_1 + R_{pd1} + R_{pd2}$$

For a connecting cord 100 mm long the measured values give:

$$R_2 = 64.4 \text{ m}\Omega$$

$$R_1 = 5.6 \text{ m}\Omega$$

The plug/double socket contact resistance is therefore of the order of

$$R_{pd} = 30 \text{ m}\Omega$$

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