

RESISTIVITY OF A WIRE

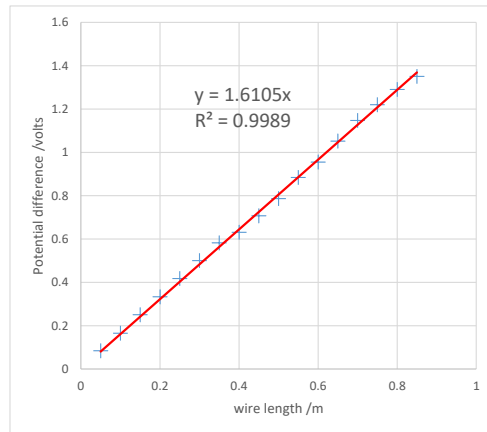
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wire diameter /mm
cross sectional area /m²
current in wire /A

0.29
6.61E-08
0.1173

← measured with digital calipers.

wire length between electrodes /cm	Voltage /volts	L /m
5	0.084	0.05
10	0.165	0.1
15	0.25	0.15
20	0.333	0.2
25	0.417	0.25
30	0.5	0.3
35	0.582	0.35
40	0.631	0.4
45	0.707	0.45
50	0.786	0.5
55	0.884	0.55
60	0.955	0.6
65	1.052	0.65
70	1.147	0.7
75	1.22	0.75
80	1.29	0.8
85	1.35	0.85



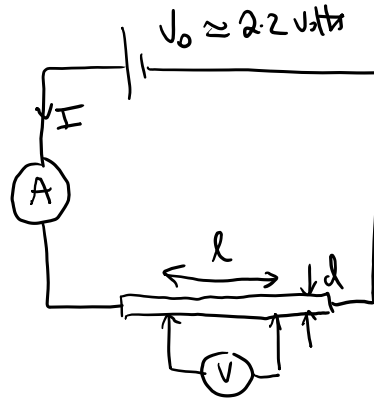
RESISTIVITY OF THE WIRE (ohm m)

9.07E-07

According to: [reference](#)
steel wire has a resistivity of $1 \text{ to } 10 \times 10^{-7} \text{ ohm metres}$.
So our result seems plausible.

$$\rho = \frac{\pi d^2 k}{4I}$$

$$\text{or } \rho = \frac{A k}{I}$$

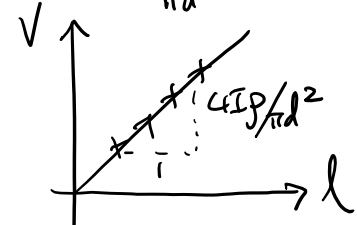


$$R = \frac{\rho l}{\pi (d/2)^2}$$

$$R = \frac{\rho l}{A}$$

$$V = IR$$

$$V = \frac{4I\rho l}{\pi d^2}$$



So if $V = kl$

$$k = \frac{4I\rho}{\pi d^2}$$

$$\therefore \rho = \frac{\pi d^2 k}{4I}$$