

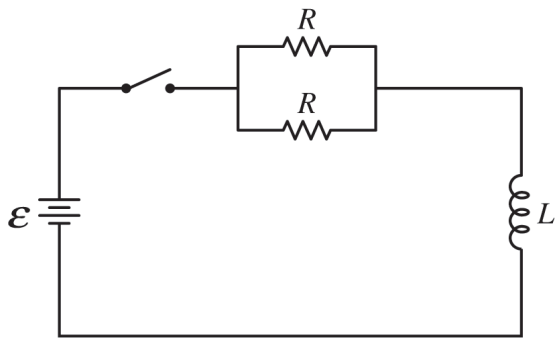


Figure 1

2. Students are asked to determine the resistance R of two identical resistors. The resistors are in parallel with each other and are connected in series to a battery of known emf $\mathcal{E}$, an inductor of known inductance L , and a switch, as shown in Figure 1. The students have access to a voltmeter that can measure potential difference as a function of time. The students are required to measure a quantity that decreases with time to determine R .

- (a)
- i. On the circuit diagram shown in Figure 1, **draw** the voltmeter, using the following symbol, with connections that would allow the students to correctly measure a potential difference that decreases with time.



Voltmeter Symbol

- ii. **Describe** a procedure for collecting data that would allow the students to graphically determine the experimental value for R using the measured quantity that decreases with time. Provide enough detail so that another student could replicate the experiment.

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- (b)
- i. On the axes shown in Figure 2, produce a graph that represents the expected trend of the data by completing the following tasks.
- **Label** the quantities graphed on the vertical and horizontal axes.
 - **Sketch** a line or curve that represents the expected trend of the collected data.
 - **Label** any appropriate intercepts and/or asymptotes in terms of the quantities provided.



Figure 2

- ii. **Describe** how the information from the graph in part (b)(i) would be used to determine the experimental value for R .

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- (c) Starting with an appropriate application of Kirchhoff’s loop rule, **derive**, but do NOT solve, a differential equation that can be used to determine the current I in the inductor at time t after the switch is closed. Express your answer in terms of R , $\mathcal{E}$, L , t , and physical constants, as appropriate.

After reaching steady state, the absolute value of the potential difference across the inductor is $|\Delta V_1|$. The students replace the original inductor with a new inductor that has nonnegligible resistance. The experiment is repeated. After a long time, the absolute value of the potential difference across the new inductor is $|\Delta V_2|$.

- (d) **Indicate** whether $|\Delta V_2|$ is greater than, less than, or equal to $|\Delta V_1|$.

_____ $|\Delta V_2| > |\Delta V_1|$ _____ $|\Delta V_2| < |\Delta V_1|$ _____ $|\Delta V_2| = |\Delta V_1|$

Justify your answer.

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