

2 A student investigates an electric circuit to find the resistance of an unknown resistor Z.

The student sets up the incomplete circuit shown in Fig. 2.1. There is a gap between the points labelled X and Y.

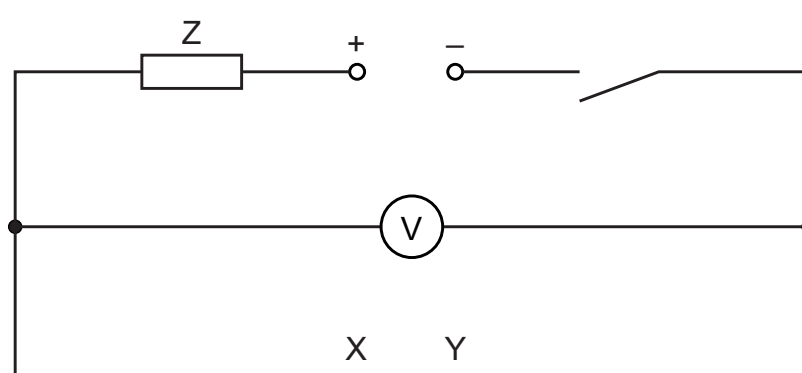


Fig. 2.1

(a) The student:

- closes the switch
- records the voltmeter reading V_0
- opens the switch.

The reading on the voltmeter is shown in Fig. 2.2.

Record the voltmeter reading V_0 .

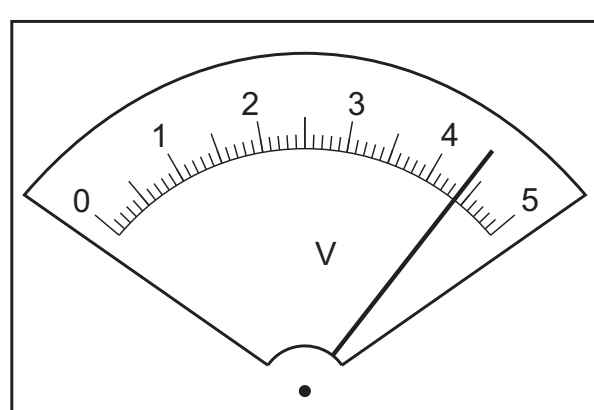


Fig. 2.2

$V_0 = \dots\dots\dots$ V [1]

(b) The student:

- connects a $10\ \Omega$ resistor between points X and Y
- closes the switch
- records, in Table 2.1, the reading V on the voltmeter
- opens the switch
- repeats this procedure for resistors of resistances $R = 22\ \Omega, 39\ \Omega, 47\ \Omega$ and $68\ \Omega$.

Table 2.1

resistance R/Ω	voltmeter reading V/V	current I/A
10	1.35	
22	2.20	0.10
39	2.85	0.073
47		0.064
68	3.37	0.050

(i) Use the voltmeter reading in Table 2.1 when the $10\ \Omega$ resistor is connected between X and Y to calculate the current I in the circuit. Use the equation:

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

Record your value of I in Table 2.1 to 2 significant figures. [2]

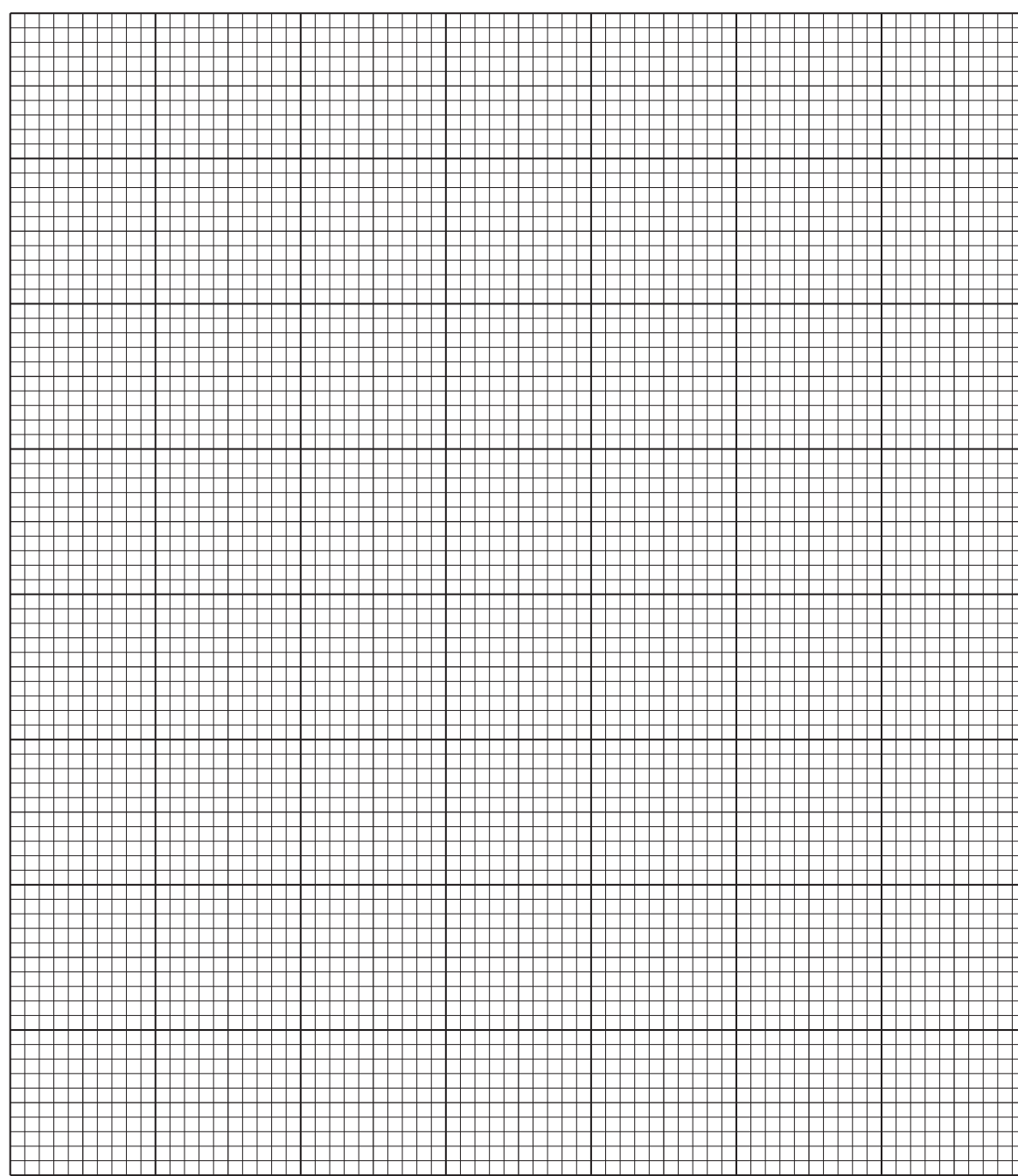
(ii) The voltmeter reading V for the $47\ \Omega$ resistor is missing. Calculate V .

$V = \dots\dots\dots$ V

Add your answer to Table 2.1. [1]

(c) Plot a graph of V/V (y -axis) against I/A (x -axis). Start your axes at the origin (0,0).

Draw a best-fit straight line.



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(d) Determine the gradient G of your line. Show all working and indicate on the graph the values you use.

$G = \dots\dots\dots$ [2]

(e) The gradient of your line is numerically equal to the resistance R_Z of the unknown resistor Z.

Write down the value of the resistance R_Z .

Record your answer to the nearest ohm.

$R_Z = \dots\dots\dots$ Ω [1]