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Примерная система оценки

Снятие ВАХ между A и B, проверка на гистерезис и не менее 9 точек либо не менее 15 точек ............................................. 1
Значение $R = 5,45 \pm 5,75$ кОм ............................................. 1
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**Problem 1. Salt density**

Determine average density $\rho$ of a salt crystal.

*Equipment.* Measuring-glass, syringe, plasticine, salt, water, thread.

*Note.* Water density is $\rho_0 = 1000$ kg/m$^3$.

**Problem 2. Black box with delayed response**

Determine the simplest circuit design of a black box and parameters of elements it includes. Inside the black box there can be linear elements, diodes, relays, current supplies.

*Equipment.* 9 V dc current supply, variable resistor, fixed-value resistor, multimeter, stop-watch, black box with three terminals ($A, B$ and $C$).

**ATTENTION!** When making measurements do not connect terminal $C$ to the positive side of the supply because this can damage the circuit. Take into consideration that the black box may include elements with voltage limits, so do not connect it directly to the supply but use a voltage divider - the variable resistor. Damage caused to the equipment may affect your mark.

*Note.* To return the circuit of the black box to initial condition short-circuit terminals $B$ and $C$ after each measurement. Before starting the experiment turn the black box on: switch the key over position «ON». Do not turn the black box off until the experiment is over.
Possible solutions
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Problem 1. Salt density

Pull out the syringe plunger, close the syringe fitting with plasticine to prevent water entry and tie up the syringe with the thread. Pour some water into the measuring-glass, put the syringe into it with its opened end facing upwards and measure volume $V_1$. Put the syringe out with the thread, fill it with salt for about three quarters, put it again into the measuring-glass (the syringe must float) and measure volume $V_2$. According to the condition of syringe floating determine mass of the salt in the syringe $m = \rho_0(V_2 - V_1)$.

Now determine volume of this mass of salt. One cannot measure salt volume by simply putting it into the measuring-glass without water because there is an air between salt crystals and its volume should not be taken into account. Also one cannot put salt into the measuring-glass with unsalted water because some amount of salt will dissolve. Therefore it is necessary to make saturated solution by dissolving some amount of salt (not the measured one), put down its volume $V_3$, then put the measured salt into this solution and measure new volume $V_4$. Then find the salt volume $V = V_4 - V_3$.

Thus, required salt density is

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V} = \frac{V_2 - V_1}{V_4 - V_3} \rho_0.$$

The participants were offered to carry out the experiment using syringes with volume $V_4 = 20 \text{ ml}$ and measuring-glasses with volume $V_3 = 100 \text{ ml}$. By the results of measurements $V_1 = 57 \text{ ml}$, $V_2 = 81 \text{ ml}$, $V_3 = 53 \text{ ml}$, $V_4 = 64 \text{ ml}$ find

$$\rho = (2.18 \pm 0.15) \text{ kg/m}^3.$$

Tabulated value of salt density is $\rho = 2.165 \text{ kg/m}^3$.

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Problem 2. Black box with delayed response

According to the statement of the problem, the circuit may include current supplies, so check for their availability. For this purpose connect the multimeter in voltmeter mode to each pair of terminals and check for voltage. In any case the voltage is zero. Thus, there are no obvious facts indicating that there are any current supplies.

Now check if there are any condensers. First connect a pair of terminals to the current supply for a while, then connect them to the multimeter in voltmeter mode. Doing this for four times (as far as terminal $C$ must not be connected to the positive side of the supply), find out that there is no condenser between terminals $A$ and $B$, but between $B$ and $C$ and between $A$ and $C$ there is, so it is no use measuring volt-ampere characteristics between these pairs of terminals.
With the multimeter in ohmmeter mode determine resistances of the resistors given in the equipment. Variable resistors with full resistance $R_1 = (4.9 \pm 0.5) \, \Omega$ (nominal resistance is 5 k$\Omega$) and fixed-value resistors with resistance $R_2 = (1.01 \pm 0.04) \, \Omega$ (nominal resistance is 1 k$\Omega$) were given.

Using the variable resistor as a voltage divider and the fixed-value resistor as a current indicator (fig. 13), measure volt-ampere characteristics between terminals $A$ and $B$, compare data received at increasing and decreasing voltage. The diagram is a straight line with no hysteresis (fig. 14). So it can be concluded that a resistor is connected between terminals $A$ and $B$. By angular coefficient its resistance can be determined. The black boxes include resistors with resistance $R = (5.6 \pm 0.1) \, \Omega$ (nominal resistance is 5.6 k$\Omega$).

Pay attention to the fact that if voltage supplied to terminals $B$ and $C$ is lower than some definite value the light-emitting diode (LED) does not light up, in the other case it lights up immediately. Besides, if voltage supplied to terminals $A$ and $B$ is lower than some definite value the LED also does not light up, in the other case it lights up after a while.

Taking what has been said into consideration, the circuit design may be supposed (fig. 15). According to the statement, terminal $C$ must not be connected to the positive side of the current supply, therefore it can be proposed that condenser is polar.

Determine the open voltage of the LED (as will soon become evident, it is the barrier voltage of a solid-state relay). Wire up the circuit (fig. 16) and, turning the dial of the variable resistor very slowly, wait for the LED to light up. It must not be doing on a sudden because the condenser must have time to charge. Notice that the voltage across the black box does not rise above 1.5–2 V. Diodes (as will soon become evident, solid-state relays) in the black boxes open at voltage $U_0 = (1.16 \pm 0.02) \, V$.

Now wire up the circuit (fig. 17). Law of voltage variation across the condenser is:

$$U_c(t) = U_{in} \left(1 - e^{-t/(RC)}\right),$$

where $U_{in}$ is the voltage between terminals $A$ and $B$. This voltage should be measured in a steady state with complete circuit. It differs from the voltage between the middle and the end terminals of the voltage divider with open circuit, as far as the active resistance of the black box is comparable with the resistance of the part of the variable resistor with which the black box is multiplied. Determine a time needed to the LED to light up dependence on voltage supplied to the black box:

$$t = \frac{RC \ln \left(1 - \frac{U_0}{U_{in}}\right)}{U_0 - U_{in}}.$$

Linearize this law: plot $\ln \left(1 - \frac{U_0}{U_{in}}\right)$ (fig. 18). Since resistance of the resistor in the black box is known, condenser capacity may be determined by angular coefficient of the plot. Nominal capacity of the condensers in the black boxes is 4700 $\mu F$.

Results of measurements made for one of the black boxes: $R = (5.7 \pm 0.3) \, \Omega$, $\alpha = (30 \pm 4) \, s$ — angular coefficient, $C = (5300 \pm 700) \, \mu F$.

The capacity is quite large. With such capacities the LED should light for about few minutes after charging the condenser, but in our situation it goes out
almost immediately (in less than half of a second). According to the statement of
the problem, the black box may include relays and current supplies, so design the
final circuit (fig. 19), where the relay and its normally open contact are lettered \( P \)
and the brought-out key is lettered \( K \).

![Circuit Diagram](image)

Fig. 19

Considering that voltage across the black box does not rise above 1.5–2 \( V \),
conclude that the relay is a solid-state relay and the key's assignment is to
prevent current supply's gradual discharging through large but finite resistance
of a contact of the solid-state relay. Parameters of secondary circuit elements can't
be determined within this problem.

**Grading system**

Measuring volt-ampere characteristics between \( A \) and \( B \), checking for
hysteresis and at least 9 points or at least 15 points on the diagram ... 1
Value \( R = 5.45–5.75 \; k\Omega \) ... 1
Errors for \( R \) ... 1
Analysing the circuit, general investigation ... 2
Explaining presence of the condenser ... 1
Preliminary circuit design ... 2
Linearizing the plot \( t(U) \) ... 1
Diagram, at least 6 measurements ... 1
Value \( C \) ... 1
Errors for \( C \) ... 1
Final circuit design ... 1
Explanation ... 1
Other significant conclusions (for example, about polarity of the condenser) ... 1