

Aim

To compare the EMF of two given primary cells (Daniel and Leclanche cells) with the help of a potentiometer.

Apparatus/Material Required

- Potentiometer
- Daniel Cell
- Leclanche Cell
- low resistance Rheostat
- Ammeter
- Voltmeter
- Galvanometer
- A one-way key
- A two-way key
- Set Square
- Jockey
- Resistance Box
- Connecting wires
- Piece of sandpaper

Theory:

Using a voltmeter it is possible to measure only the potential difference between the two terminals of a cell, but using a potentiometer we can determine the value of emf of a given cell. where E_1 and E_2 are EMFs of two cells, l_1 and l_2 are the balancing lengths when E_1 and E_2 are connected to the circuit respectively and ϕ is the potential gradient along the potentiometer wire.

$$E_1 / E_2 = \phi l_1 / \phi l_2 = l_1 / l_2$$

Circuit Diagram

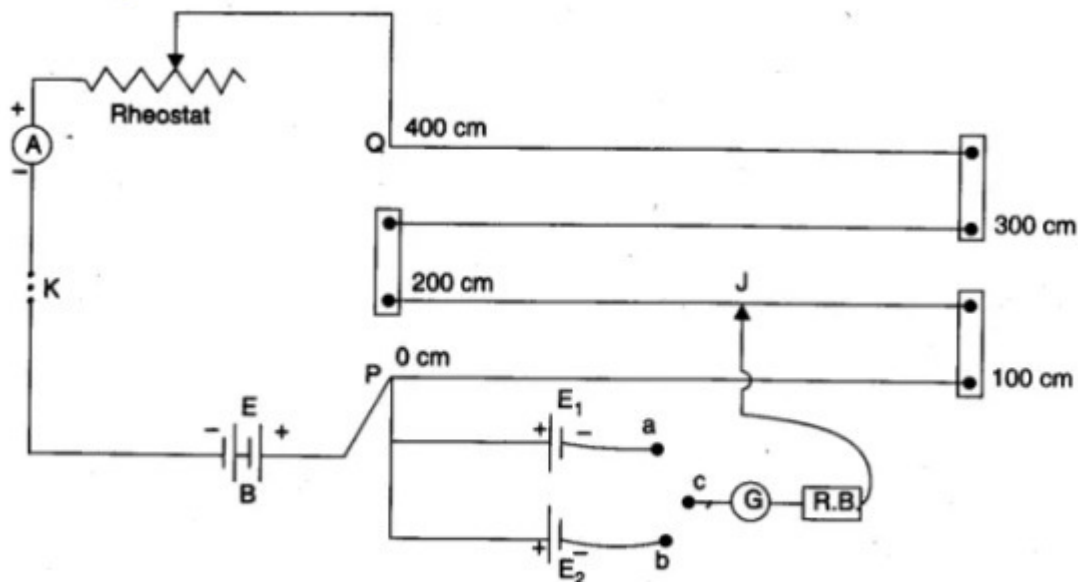


Fig. Comparison of the e.m.f. of two cells.

Procedure

1. Connect the circuit as shown in the figure.
2. With the help of sandpaper, remove the insulation from the ends of connecting copper wire.
3. Measure the EMF (E) of the battery and the EMFs (E_1 and E_2) of the cell and see if $E_1 > E$ and $E_2 > E$.
4. Connect the positive pole of the battery to the zero end (P) of the potentiometer and the negative pole through the one-way key, low resistance rheostat and the ammeter to the other end of the potentiometer (Q).
5. Connect the positive poles of the cells to the terminal at the zero end (P) and the negative poles to the terminals a and b of the two way key.
6. Connect the common terminal c of the two-way key through a galvanometer (G) and a resistance box to the jockey J .
7. Take maximum current from the battery by making the rheostat resistance zero.
8. Insert the plug in the one-way key through the resistance box and the galvanometer to the jockey J .
9. Take out 2000 Ω plug from the resistance box.
10. Note down the direction of the deflection in the galvanometer by pressing the jockey at zero end.
11. Now, press the jockey at the other end of the potentiometer wire. If the deflection is in the opposite direction to that in the first case, the connections are correct.
12. Push the jockey smoothly over the potentiometer up to a point where galvanometer shows no deflection.
13. Put the 2000 Ω plug back to the resistance box and obtain the null point position accurately with the help of the set square.
14. Note the length l_1 of the wire for the cell E_1 .
15. Note the current as indicated by the ammeter.
16. Disconnect the cell E_1 from the plug
17. Connect E_2 by inserting the plug into gap be of the two-way key.
18. take out a 2000 ohms plug from resistance box and slide the jockey along potentiometer wire and obtain no deflection position.
19. put 2000 ohms plug back in the RB and obtain null for E_2 .
20. note the length l_2 of wire in this position for the cell E_2 .
21. by increasing the current and adjusting the rheostat get three sets of observation.

Observation

E.M.F of battery, $E =$

E.M.F of Leclanche cell, $E_1 =$

E.M.F of Daniel cell, $E_2 =$

Range of voltmeter =

Least count of voltmeter =

Least count of ammeter =

Zero error of ammeter =

S. No	Corrected Ammeter Reading	Balance point when E_1 (Leclanche cell) in the circuit l_1 cm			Balance point when E_2 (Daniel cell) in the circuit l_2 cm			$E_1/E_2 = l_1/l_2$
		l (3a)	l (3b)	Mean l_1 (3c)	l (4a)	l (4b)	Mean l_2 (4c)	
(1)	(2)							(5)
1								
2								
3								

Calculations

1. For each observation, find mean l_1 and mean l_2 and record it 3c and 4c respectively.
2. Find E_1/E_2 , by dividing l_1/l_2
3. Find the mean of E_1/E_2

Result

The ratio of EMFs, $E_1/E_2 \cong$ _____.