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Lecture 3: Electromechanical Instruments (part2).

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Chapter Outline:

- 1) Permanent Magnet Moving Coil (PMMC).
- 2) Galvanometer.
- 3) DC Ammeters
- 4) **DC Voltmeters**
- 5) Ohmmeters
- 6) AC Voltmeters
- 7) AC Ammeters

3.4 DC Voltmeter: Voltmeter Circuit

- ▶ The scale of the PMMC meter can be calibrated to **indicate voltage** since the **current through the coil is proportional to the voltage**.
- ▶ The PMMC is modified by adding a **series resistance** to measure **higher voltmeter range**.
- ▶ Because it increases the range of the voltmeter, the series resistance is termed a **multiplier resistance**.
- ▶ A multiplier resistance that is nine times the coil resistance will increase the voltmeter range by a factor of 10.

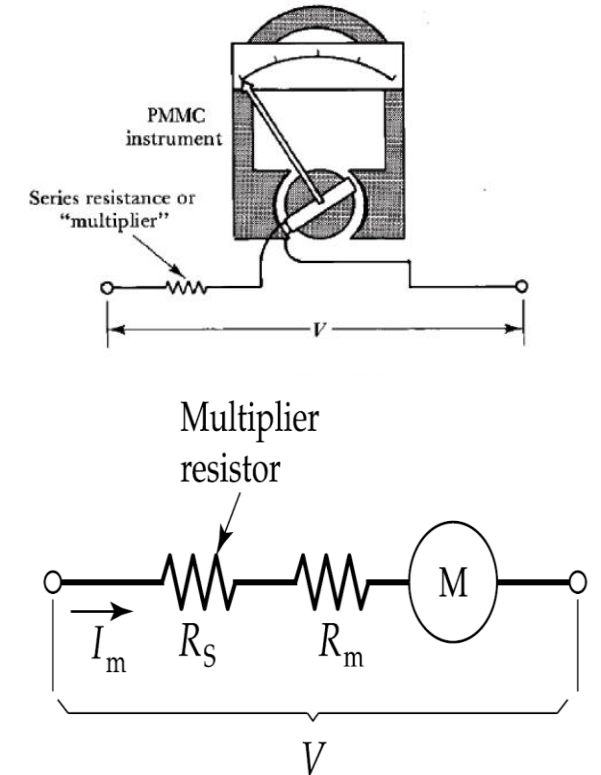


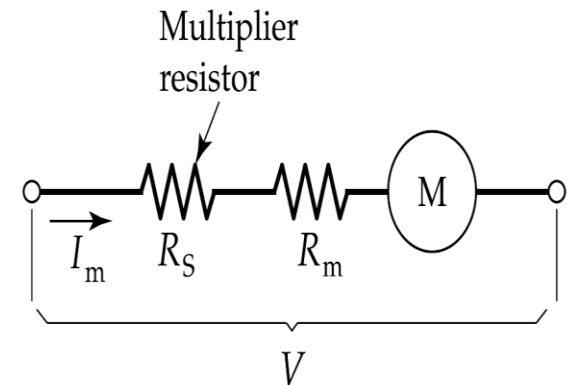
Figure 4-5 A dc voltmeter is made up of a PMMC instrument and a series multiplier resistor. The meter current is directly proportional to the applied voltage, so that the meter scale can be calibrated to indicate the voltage.

3.4 DC Voltmeter (Cont.):

Example 3.6:

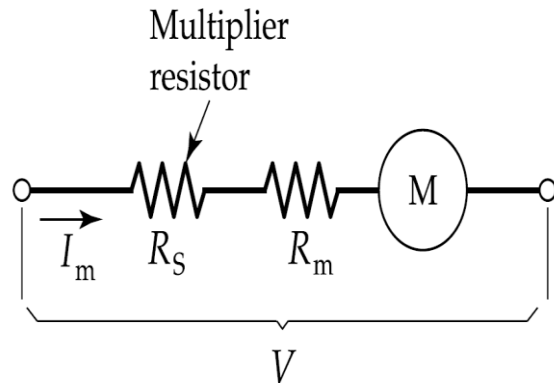
- ▶ A PMMC instrument with FSD of $100\ \mu\text{A}$ and a coil resistance of $1\ \text{k}\Omega$ is to be converted into a voltmeter. **Determine** the required multiplier resistance if the voltmeter is to measure $50\ \text{V}$ at full scale.

Also **calculate** the applied voltage when the instrument indicates 0.8 , 0.5 , and 0.2 of FSD.



Solution

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$$V = I_m(R_s + R_m)$$

$$R_s + R_m = \frac{V}{I_m}$$

$$R_s = \frac{V}{I_m} - R_m$$

For $V = 50 \text{ V FSD}$,

$$I_m = 100 \mu\text{A}$$

$$R_s = \frac{50 \text{ V}}{100 \mu\text{A}} - 1 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$= 499 \text{ k}\Omega$$

At 0.8 FSD:

$$I_m = 0.8 \times 100 \mu\text{A}$$

$$= 80 \mu\text{A}$$

$$V = I_m(R_s + R_m)$$

$$= 80 \mu\text{A}(499 \text{ k}\Omega + 1 \text{ k}\Omega)$$

$$= 40 \text{ V}$$

At 0.5 FSD:

$$I_m = 50 \mu\text{A}$$

$$V = 50 \mu\text{A}(499 \text{ k}\Omega + 1 \text{ k}\Omega)$$

$$= 25 \text{ V}$$

At 0.2 FSD:

$$I_m = 20 \mu\text{A}$$

$$V = 20 \mu\text{A}(499 \text{ k}\Omega + 1 \text{ k}\Omega)$$

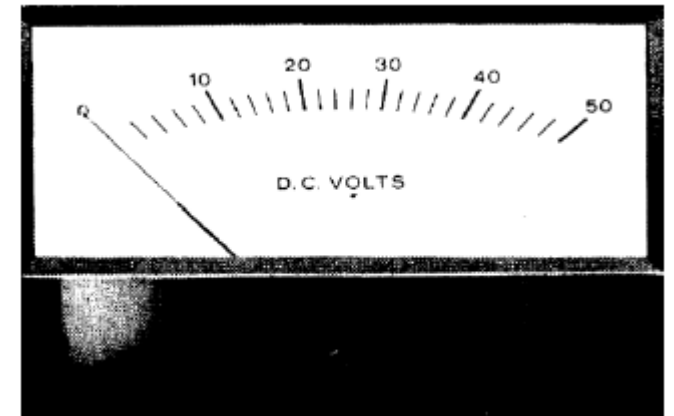
$$= 10 \text{ V}$$

3.4 DC Voltmeter: Voltmeter Sensitivity:

The sensitivity of a voltmeter is equal to the resistance per volt:

$$S_v = \frac{R_m + R_s}{FSD} \quad \Omega/V$$

- ❑ The voltmeter sensitivity is always specified by the manufacturer.
- ❑ If the sensitivity is known, the total voltmeter resistance is easily calculated as (sensitivity x range).
- ❑ Ideally, a voltmeter should have an **extremely high resistance**.
- ❑ If the voltmeter resistance is **too low**, it can alter the circuit voltage. This is known as **voltmeter loading effect**.

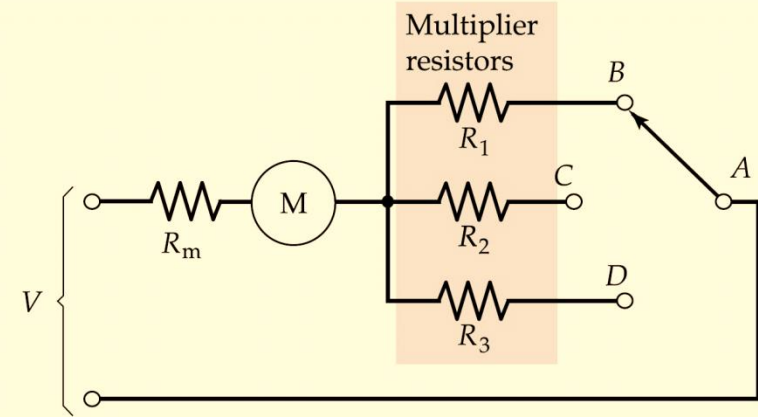


3.4 DC Voltmeter: Multirange Voltmeter

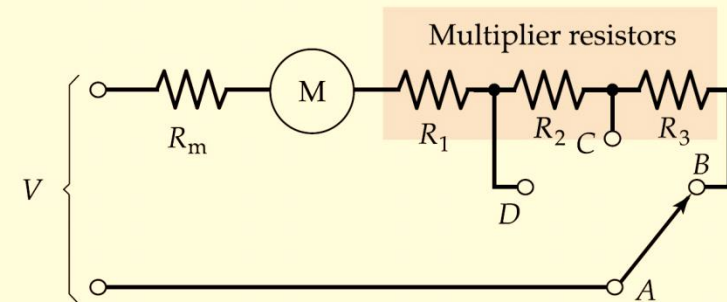
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- ▶ It consists of a deflection instrument, several multiplier resistors, and a selector switch.
- ▶ Two possible circuits are proposed.
- ▶ Only one of the three multiplier resistors is connected in series with the meter at any time.
- ▶ The range of this voltmeter is

$$V = I_m(R_m + R)$$



(a) Multirange voltmeter circuit using switched multiplier resistors



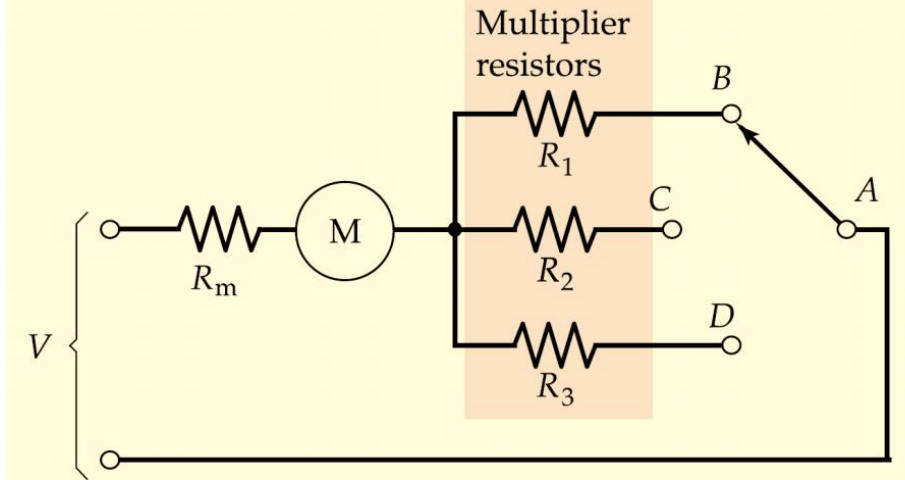
(b) Multirange voltmeter circuit using series connected multiplier resistors

Figure 4-6 A multirange voltmeter consists of a PMMC instrument, several multiplier resistors, and a switch for range selection. Individual or series-connected resistors may be used.

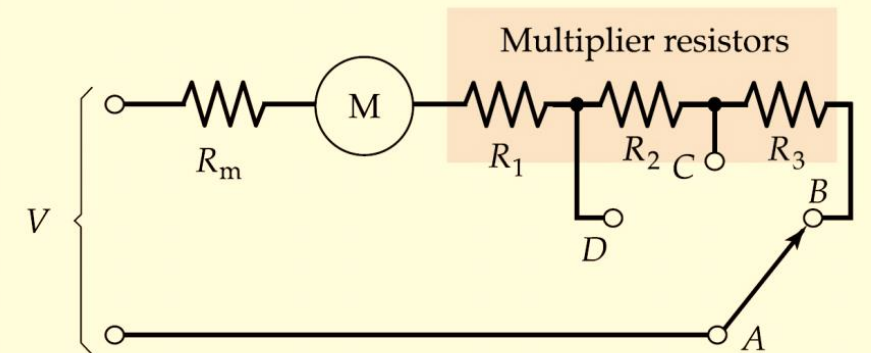
Example 3.7:

A PMMC instrument with FSD = $50 \mu\text{A}$ and $R_m = 1700 \Omega$ is to be employed as a voltmeter with ranges of 10 V, 50 V, and 100 V. **Calculate** the required values of multiplier resistors for the two circuits

Solution:



(a) Multirange voltmeter circuit using switched multiplier resistors



(b) Multirange voltmeter circuit using series connected multiplier resistors

Solution (Cont.)

$$R_m + R_1 = \frac{V}{I_m}$$

$$R_1 = \frac{V}{I_m} - R_m$$

$$= \frac{10 \text{ V}}{50 \mu\text{A}} - 1700 \Omega$$

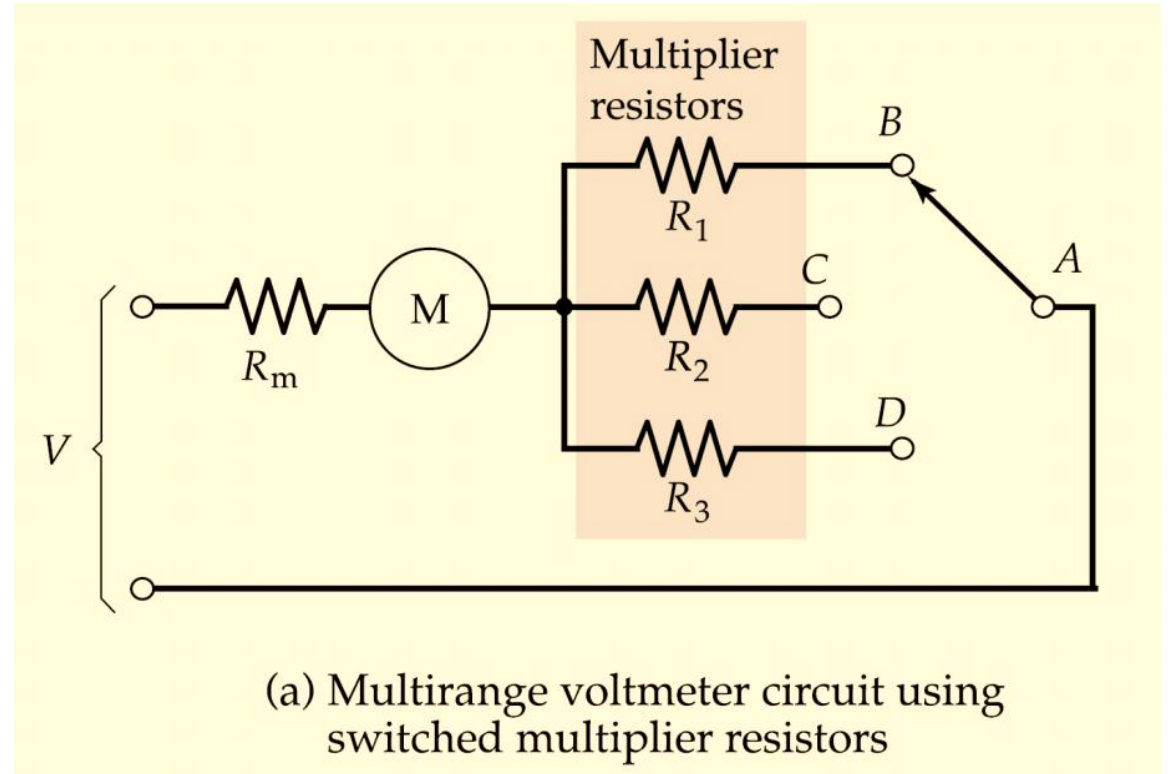
$$= 198.3 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_2 = \frac{50 \text{ V}}{50 \mu\text{A}} - 1700 \Omega$$

$$= 998.3 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_3 = \frac{100 \text{ V}}{50 \mu\text{A}} - 1700 \Omega$$

$$= 1.9983 \text{ M}\Omega$$



Solution (Cont.)

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$$R_m + R_1 = \frac{V_1}{I_m}$$

$$R_1 = \frac{V_1}{I_m} - R_m$$

$$= \frac{10 \text{ V}}{50 \mu\text{A}} - 1700 \Omega$$

$$= 198.3 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_m + R_1 + R_2 = \frac{V_2}{I_m}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{V_2}{I_m} - R_1 - R_m$$

$$= \frac{50 \text{ V}}{50 \mu\text{A}} - 198.3 \text{ k}\Omega - 1700 \Omega$$

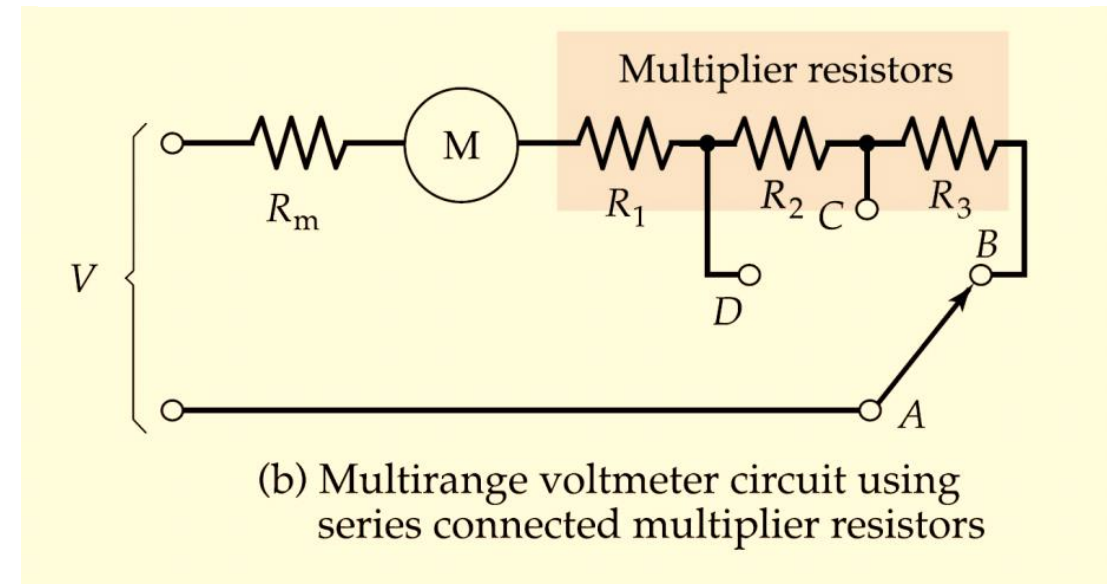
$$= 800 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_m + R_1 + R_2 + R_3 = \frac{V_3}{I_m}$$

$$R_3 = \frac{V_3}{I_m} - R_2 - R_1 - R_m$$

$$= \frac{100 \text{ V}}{50 \mu\text{A}} - 800 \text{ k}\Omega - 198.3 \text{ k}\Omega - 1700 \Omega$$

$$= 1 \text{ M}\Omega$$



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3.5 Ohmmeter: Basic Circuit: Series Ohmmeter:

- ▶ The series ohmmeter consists of a PMMC with a battery voltage E_b connected in series.
- ▶ The unknown resistance is connected between terminals, A and B.
- ▶ A standard (known) resistance R_1 is connected to protect the device from high current when low resistance is connected.

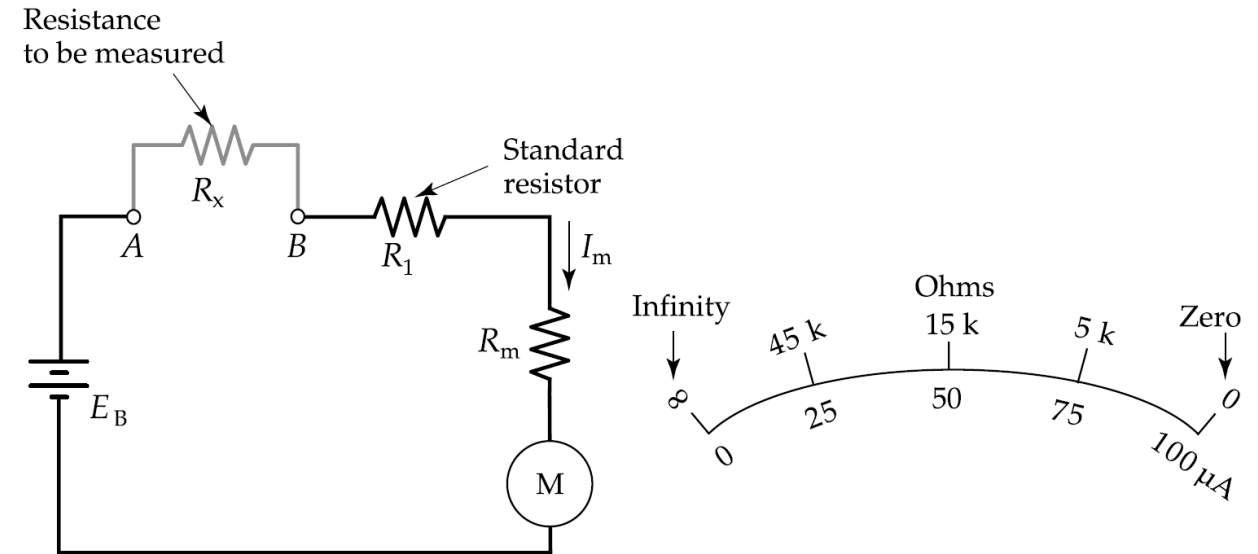


Figure 4-11 Basic series ohmmeter circuit consisting of a PMMC instrument and a series-connected standard resistor (R_1). When the ohmmeter terminals are shorted ($R_x = 0$) meter FSD occurs. At half-scale deflection $R_x = R_1$, and at zero deflection the terminals are open-circuited.

$$I_m = \frac{E_b}{R_1 + R_x + R_m}$$

If $R_x = 0$, $I_m = FSD$ and if $R_x = \infty$, $I_m = 0$.

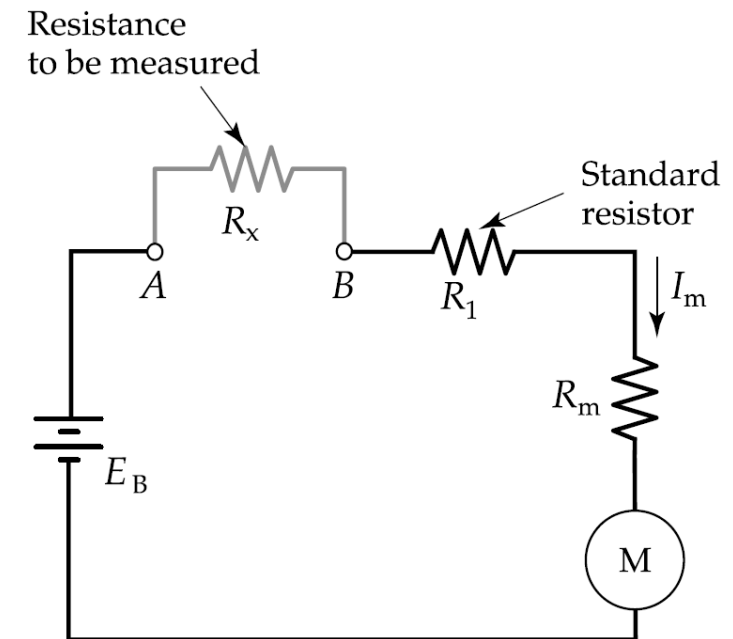
If $0 < R_x < \infty$, $FSD < I_m < 0$

Example 3.8:

Series ohmmeter shown in the figure is made up of a 1.5 V battery and $(R_1 + R_m) = 15 \text{ k}\Omega$.

(a) Determine the instrument indication when $R_x = 0$.

(b) Determine how the resistance scale should be marked at 0.5 FSD, 0.25 FSD, and 0.75 FSD.



Solution

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$$(a) I_m = \frac{E_b}{R_x + R_l + R_m} = \frac{1.5 \text{ V}}{0 + 15 \text{ k}\Omega} \\ = 100 \mu\text{A (FSD)}$$

(b) At 0.5 FSD:

$$I_m = \frac{100 \mu\text{A}}{2} = 50 \mu\text{A}$$

$$R_x + R_l + R_m = \frac{E_b}{I}$$

$$R_x = \frac{E_b}{I_m} - (R_l + R_m)$$

$$= \frac{1.5 \text{ V}}{50 \mu\text{A}} - 15 \text{ k}\Omega$$

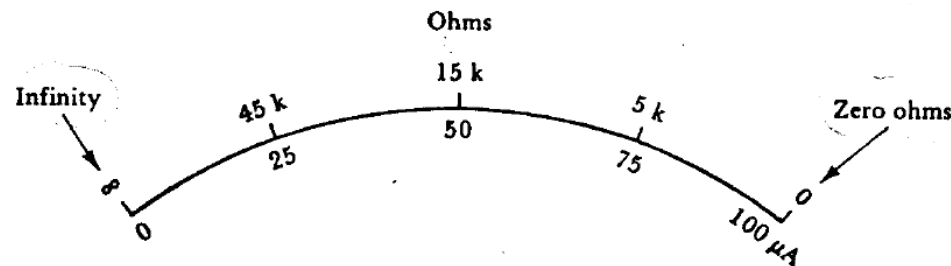
$$= 15 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$(c) \text{ At 0.25 FSD: } I_m = \frac{100 \mu\text{A}}{4} = 25 \mu\text{A}$$

$$R_x = \frac{1.5 \text{ V}}{25 \mu\text{A}} - 15 \text{ k}\Omega \\ = 45 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$(d) \text{ At 0.75 FSD: } I_m = 0.75 \times 100 \mu\text{A} = 75 \mu\text{A}$$

$$R_x = \frac{1.5 \text{ V}}{75 \mu\text{A}} - 15 \text{ k}\Omega \\ = 5 \text{ k}\Omega$$



3.5 Ohmmeter: Ohmmeter with Zero Control:

- ▶ In the series ohmmeter, if the battery voltage drops, the instrument scale no longer gives correct reading.
- ▶ An adjustable resistor R_2 is connected in parallel with the meter to adjust the falling battery voltage.
- ▶ Ohmmeter is calibrated by making $R_x = 0$ and adjusting R_2 to give FSD (0)

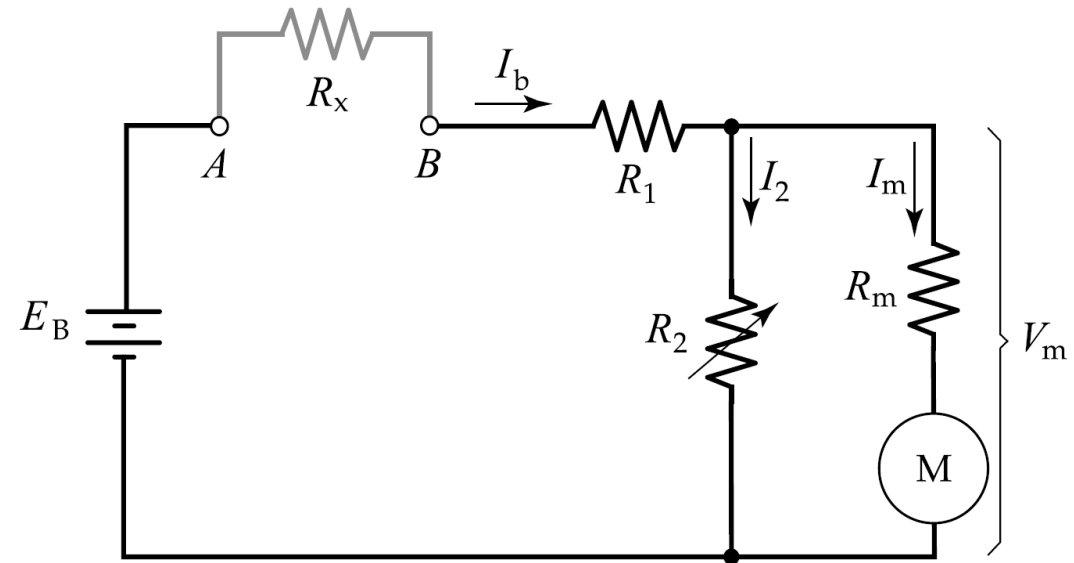


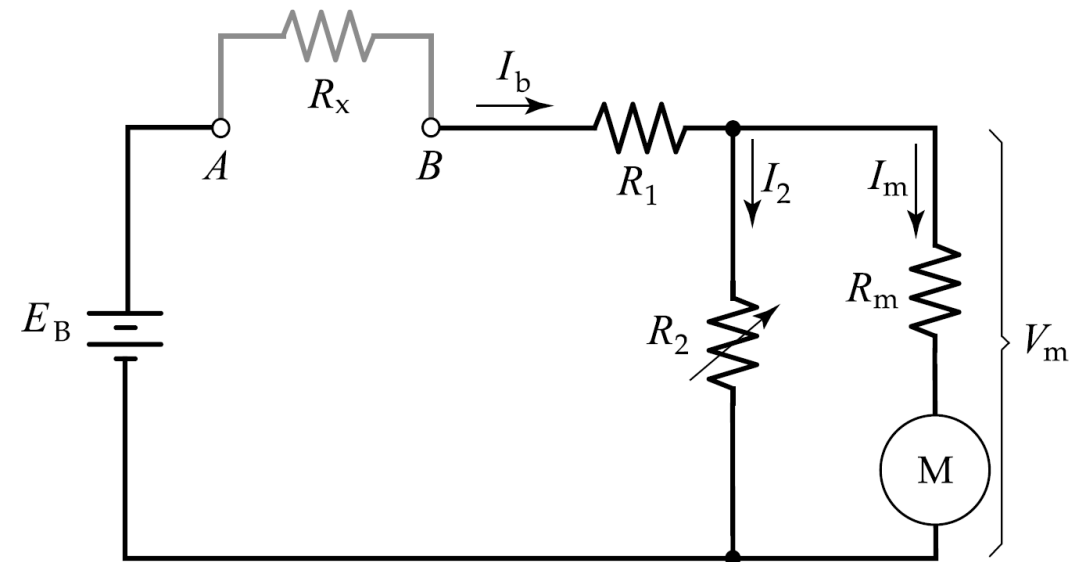
Figure 4-12 An adjustable resistor (R_2) connected in parallel with the meter provides an ohmmeter zero control. The ohmmeter terminals are initially short-circuited and the zero control is adjusted to give a zero-ohm reading. This eliminates errors due to variations in the battery voltage.

$$I_m = V_m / R_m, \quad V_m = I_b \cdot (R_2 // R_m)$$

$$I_m = I_b \cdot \frac{R_2 // R_m}{R_m}$$

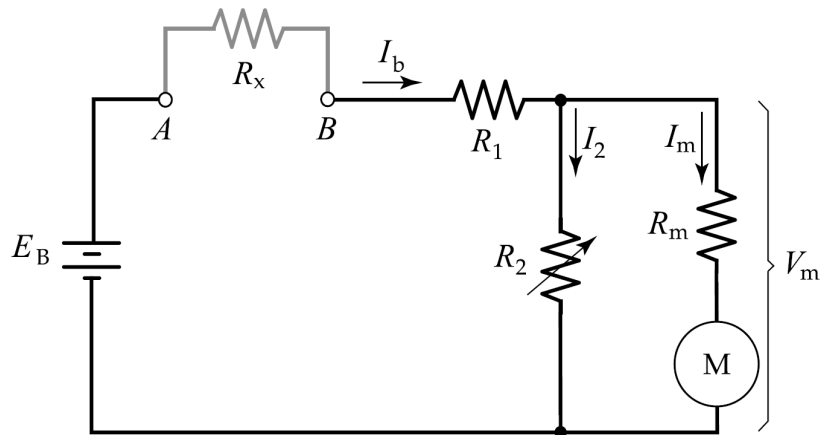
Example 3.8:

The ohmmeter circuit in the figure has $E_b = 1.5 \text{ V}$, $R_1 = 15 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_m = R_2 = 50 \text{ }\Omega$, and meter FSD = $50 \text{ }\mu\text{A}$. **Determine** the ohmmeter scale reading at 0.5 FSD, and **determine** the new resistance value that R_2 must be adjusted to when E_b falls to 1.3 V. Also, recalculate the value of R_x at 0.5 FSD when $E_b = 1.3 \text{ V}$.



Solution

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At 0.5 FSD, with $E_b = 1.5 \text{ V}$,

$$V_m = I_m \times R_m = 25 \mu\text{A} \times 50 \Omega \\ = 1.25 \text{ mV}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{V_m}{R_2} = \frac{1.25 \text{ mV}}{50 \Omega} \\ = 25 \mu\text{A}$$

$$I_b = I_2 + I_m = 25 \mu\text{A} + 25 \mu\text{A} \\ = 50 \mu\text{A}$$

$$R_x + R_1 \approx \frac{E_b}{I_b} = \frac{1.5 \text{ V}}{50 \mu\text{A}}$$

$$= 30 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_x = 30 \text{ k}\Omega - R_1 = 30 \text{ k}\Omega - 15 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$= 15 \text{ k}\Omega$$

With $R_x = 0$ and $E_b = 1.3 \text{ V}$,

$$I_b \approx \frac{E_b}{R_x + R_1} = \frac{1.3 \text{ V}}{0 + 15 \text{ k}\Omega} \\ = 86.67 \mu\text{A}$$

$$I_2 = I_b - I_{m(\text{FSD})} = 86.67 \mu\text{A} - 50 \mu\text{A} \\ = 36.67 \mu\text{A}$$

$$V_m = I_m R_m = 50 \mu\text{A} \times 50 \Omega \\ = 2.5 \text{ mV}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{V_m}{I_2} = \frac{2.5 \text{ mV}}{36.67 \mu\text{A}} \\ = 68.18 \Omega$$



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