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Exercise E1 Resistivity and temperature dependent Resistance (written test, approx. 7 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

The conductivity of a dielectric material is described by the Arrhenius law: $\rho = \rho_0 \cdot \exp(-E/kT)$ with $\rho_0 = 10^{17} \Omega^{-1}m^{-1}$ and $E = 0.8016 \text{ eV}$. The resistivity of the dielectric material is $\rho(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 10^{17} \Omega m$ at $T = 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $\rho(55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 80 \text{ } \Omega m$ at $T = 55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

Solution
The resistivity of the dielectric material is $\rho(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 10^{17} \Omega m$ at $T = 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $\rho(55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 80 \text{ } \Omega m$ at $T = 55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

For the given material the temperature coefficients in the range $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ are given as $\alpha = -0.048 \text{ } 1/K$ and $\beta = +0.00057 \text{ } 1/K^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} R(55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) &= R(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot T^2 + \dots) \\ &= 80 \text{ } \Omega m \cdot (1 - 0.048 \text{ } 1/K \cdot (35 \text{ } K) + 0.00057 \text{ } 1/K^2 \cdot (35 \text{ } K)^2) \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the resistance for the dielectric material for $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} R(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) &= \rho \cdot \frac{d}{A} \\ &= 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega m \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho = \frac{R \cdot A}{l} = \frac{0.33 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot \pi \cdot (3.57 \cdot 10^{-3})^2}{4}$$

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Exercise E4 Resistance of a Wire by Resistivity (written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

A heating element made of nichrome wire with a temperature coefficient of \$1.80 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}\$ is used. An electric power dissipation (= heat flow) of \$P=40 \text{ W}\$ is necessary. Calculate the current \$I\$ and the operating voltage \$U\$. The Nichrome wire has a resistivity of \$1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}\$.

The heating element is \$3 \text{ m}\$ long and has a diameter of \$3.57 \text{ mm}\$.
 Solution: $R = 1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot 3}{(3.57 \cdot 10^{-3})^2 \cdot \pi}$
 \therefore Calculate the resistance \$R\$ of the heating element.

Solution

$$P = U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{40 \text{ W}}{0.33 \text{ } \Omega}} \quad \rightarrow \quad I = 11.0 \text{ A}$$

$$R = \rho \cdot \frac{l}{A} \quad | \quad A = r^2 \cdot \pi = \frac{1}{4} d^2 \cdot \pi \quad | \quad R = \rho \cdot \frac{4 \cdot l}{d^2 \cdot \pi} \quad | \quad R = 1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot 3 \text{ m}}{(3.57 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m})^2 \cdot \pi} = 0.33 \text{ } \Omega$$

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Exercise E1 Resistivity and temperature dependent Resistance (written test, approx. 7 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

The conductivity of a dielectric material is described by the Arrhenius law: $\sigma = \sigma_0 \cdot \exp(-\frac{E_a}{kT})$. The conductivity is \$1.0 \text{ S/m}\$ at \$20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}\$ and \$100 \text{ S/m}\$ at \$55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}\$. Calculate the activation energy \$E_a\$ and the pre-exponential factor \$\sigma_0\$.

Solution

The resistivity of the dielectric material is $\rho_{PP}(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}$.

$$\rho(50 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = \frac{1}{\sigma(50 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})} = \frac{1}{80 \text{ S/m}} = 0.0125 \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}$$

for the given material the temperature coefficients in the range \$20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}\$ and \$55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}\$ are given as $\alpha = -0.048 \text{ } 1/\text{K}$ and $\beta = +0.00057 \text{ } 1/\text{K}^2$.

$$\rho(55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = \rho(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot T^2 + \dots) = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot (1 - 0.048 \text{ } 1/\text{K} \cdot (35 \text{ K}) + 0.00057 \text{ } 1/\text{K}^2 \cdot (35 \text{ K})^2)$$

Calculate the resistance for the dielectric material for $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

Solution

$$R(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = \rho \cdot \frac{d}{A} = 10^{17} \frac{\Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot 0.8 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}}{1 \text{ m}^2}$$

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**Exercise E1 Resistance of a Wire by Resistivity
(written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

Result

A minimum power dissipation (= heat flow) of $P=40 \text{ W}$ is necessary.
 Calculate the minimum resistance R of the heating element.
 The Nichrome wire has a resistivity of $1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}$.
 The heating element is 3 m long and has a diameter of 3.57 mm .
 1. Calculate the resistance R of the heating element.

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Solution
\begin{align*} P &= U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad I = \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{40 \text{ W}}{0.33 \text{ } \Omega}} \end{align*}

\begin{align*} R &= \rho \cdot \frac{l}{A} \quad | \quad \text{with } A = r^2 \cdot \pi = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} d^2 \cdot \pi \quad || \quad R = \rho \cdot \frac{l}{\frac{1}{4} d^2 \cdot \pi} \quad || \quad R = \\ &= 1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot 3 \text{ m}}{(3.57 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m})^2 \cdot \pi} \quad || \quad \end{align*}
  
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