Module: PW Physics2 Level: 1st Year ST-LMD

# Practical Work N°1: Electrical measurements

## I- Objective of the experiment:

- How to use simple, non-digital electrical measuring devices.

- Set the measurement accuracy.

- Experimental verification of Ohm's law.

## **II-** Theoretical principle:

We know that the reading on both the ammeter and voltmeter is related to both the caliber

and ladder chosen.

The ladder (N)  $\leftarrow$  Caliber  $X_{mes} = \frac{caliber}{the \ ladder} \ reading$ Reading  $\leftarrow$  X<sub>mes</sub>

N: The number of steps of the ladder

## - Ohm's law between two ends of a resistance:

 $V_{AB} = R \times I$ 

It is given by the potential difference between the two ends of a conductor AB by the

following relationship V

Where:  $V_{AB}$  represents the voltage.

R: is the resistance of the ohmic conductor, and its unit is ohms ( $\Omega$ ).

I: the intensity of the electric current, and its unit is ampere (A).

## - Measurement errors

## **1- Direct measurements:**

When we use the voltmeter and ammeter, there is uncertainty in the measurement and this is due to several sources.

## Error caused by the device $\Delta X_{cl}$

It relates to the device only, according to its design, and this is known by knowing the device type:

Device type for the voltmeter:

- 1.5 voltmeters in alternating current AC.
- 1 voltmeter in DC (direct current).

Device type for the ampermeter:

2.5 In both cases AC and DC.

 $\Delta X_{cl} = device type \times (caliber / 100)$ 

The error resulting from the method  $\Delta X_1$ :

Regarding both scale and caliber. We consider that the error in reading is one-quarter of the scale.

The ladder (N)  $\leftarrow$  Caliber 0.25 grade  $\leftarrow$  X<sub>1</sub>  $\Delta X_l = 0.25 \times (caliber / The ladder)$ 

The total error resulting from using the device is the sum of the previous two errors

$$\Delta X = \Delta X_{\rm cl} + \Delta X_l$$

**2. Indirect errors measurements:** These errors generally result from the use of mathematical relations and relations. The generality in which we find uncertainty is as follows Let us have a function f(x,y,z,...) multivariable, their differential is given by the following relationship:

$$df(x, y, z...) = \frac{\delta f(x, y, z...)}{\delta x} dx + \frac{\delta f(x, y, z...)}{\delta y} dy + \frac{\delta f(x, y, z...)}{\delta z} dz + \dots$$

If the function f(x,y,z,...) A physical quantity, the uncertainty in which is given by the following relationship:

$$\Delta f(x, y, z...) = \left| \frac{\delta f(x, y, z...)}{\delta x} \right| \Delta x + \left| \frac{\delta f(x, y, z...)}{\delta y} \right| \Delta y + \left| \frac{\delta f(x, y, z...)}{\delta x} \right| \Delta z + \dots$$

#### Some examples

Case of addition and subtraction

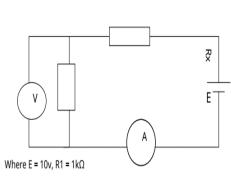
If 
$$f(x, y) = x \pm y$$
 then  $\Delta f(x, y) = \Delta x + \Delta y$ 

The case of multiplication or division

If 
$$f(x, y) = \frac{x}{y}$$
 Or  $f(x, y) = x \cdot y$  Then  $\frac{\Delta f(x, y)}{f(x, y)} = \frac{\Delta x}{x} + \frac{\Delta y}{y}$ 

#### Exercise:

Let us consider the electrical circuit shown in the following figure. Voltmeter type:  $\varepsilon_{cl}$ = 1%, Caliber=10v, the ladder = 100 scales Ampermeter type:  $\varepsilon_{cl}$ =2.5%, Caliber=10mAm, the ladder = 100 scales Measured Voltage: V<sub>mes</sub> =3.8V Measured intensity: I<sub>mes</sub>= 6.4 mA 1- What is the reading on both devices?



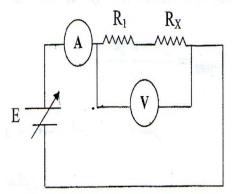
2- Calculate both the absolute and relative uncertainty in electrical voltage and electrical intensity?

- 3- Calculate Rx ?
- 4- Calculate  $\Delta R_x$  And  $\Delta Rx/R_x$ ?

## III. Experiment:

Let the experimental structures shown in Figures 1 and 2.

- Two resistors: one variable  $R_X$  of unknown value and the other constant  $R_1 = \frac{1}{2}K \Omega \pm 1\Omega$ 



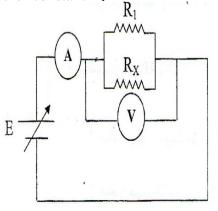


Figure.1



## **Questions:**

Change the potential difference from 0 to  $14_{\rm V}$ , then write down the results in the table.

- 1. Give the method of filling the table?
- 2. Plot the graph  $V_{mes}=f(I_{mes})$  with error barriers graphed?

3. Calculate the slope of the curve and deduce the value of  $R_X(exp)$  and compare it with the theoretical value of  $R_X(th)$ ?

- 4. Calculate the relative uncertainty and absolute uncertainty of  $R_X$ ?
- 5. Write the RX resistance in the form  $R_X = (\dots \pm \dots)$ ?
- 6. Answer the same questions when performing Experiment 2?
- 7. Compare  $R_X(th)$  and  $R_X(exp)$  in both cases (sequence and branching)? .
- 8. What is your general conclusion?

∆ Req	Δ Req / R <sub>eq</sub>	Req	∆V/V	ΔV	V <sub>mes</sub>	القراءة	السلم	العيار			ΔΙ/Ι	ΔΙ	I <sub>mes</sub>	القراءة	السلم	العيار	
						1			V <sub>1</sub>					-			I <sub>1</sub>
à									V <sub>2</sub>	V				1			I <sub>2</sub>
									V <sub>3</sub>	V							I3
								7	<b>V</b> <sub>4</sub>								I <sub>4</sub>
									<b>V</b> <sub>5</sub>								I5

#### Appendix: How to read colored resistors



Let the colored resistor be as in the figure above. Its value can be read from the existing colors

and for each color there is a number corresponding to it. Where

## $R=ab.10^{c} \pm d\%$

You write the number ab. It is not a product, but rather a number. Its ones are the number b and its tens is the number a. d% represents accuracy in the design. The number c is called the multiplier.

As for accuracy d%

Silver = 10%, Gold = 5%,

**Note:** If the number of colors on the resistor is 6, the reading is as follows

- The first three colors: record numbers (ones, tens, hundreds)
- Fourth color: multiplier (power of ten)
- Fifth color: precision in design
- Sixth color: temperature coefficient

الرقم	اللون
2-	الفضي
1-	الذهبي
0	الأسود
1	البني
2	الأحمر
3	البرتقالي
4	الأصفر
5	الأخضر
6	الأزرق
7	البنفسجي
8	الرمادي
9	الأبيض

## **III Used equipment**

- Ampermeter: with different calibers and scales (ladder), connected in series with the electrical element to be measured.

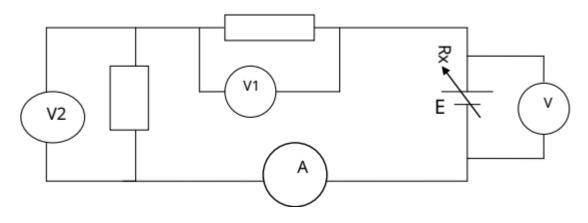
- Voltmeter: connected in parallel with the electrical element to be measured, the potential difference between its two ends

- Electric current generator: the cycle of generating alternating electric current between the two poles

- Fixed and variable resistors, connecting wires.

### **IV Experiment**

I- Achieve the electrical circuit shown in the following figure  $R1=0.1K\Omega$ 



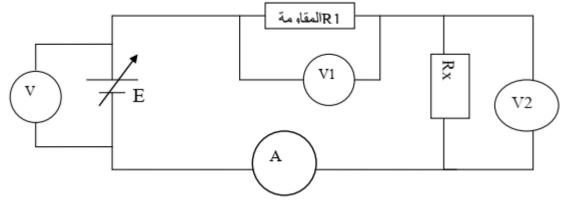
Change the generator voltage E from 0 to 25V and fill out the following table

E (V)		meter		Voltm	eter1			Voltmeter 2				
	Caliber Ladder A LOding (MA)I				Caliber The ladder reading V1(V)				Caliber Ladder A toding 2(V)V			
0												
5												
10												
15												
20												
25									R2			

- 1- Notice the sum of the two voltages recorded on the two voltmeters?
- 2- Draw the graph  $V_1=f_1(I)$ ? Compare the value of the slope of the line with the value of  $R_1$ ,

What do you conclude?

- 3- Draw the graph  $V_2=f_2(I)$ ? Calculate from the statement  $R_x$ ?
- 4- Calculate  $\Delta R_x$  And  $\Delta Rx/R_x$
- 5- Repeat the experiment using alternating current
- 6- What is your conclusion from this experience?
- II- Achieve the electrical circuit shown in the following figure  $R_2=1K\Omega$



## **Questions:**

1- Fill out the following table:

R1(KΩ)			V1	(v)		V2(v)						
	Caliber	Alice did not	reading	V1	Δv	Δv/v	Caliber	A <b>t O</b> ce	reading	V2	Δv	∆v/v
0												
1												
2												
3												
4												
5												
6												
7												
8												
9												
10												

2- Notice the sum of the two voltages recorded on the two voltmeters?

3- Draw the following two graphic curves  $V_1=f_1(R_1)$  and  $V_2=f(R_1)$  on the same millimeter paper?

4- Interpret the curve (is it consistent with theory)?

5- What is your general conclusion?

