

Homework 3 :



3.17. In order to determine the power dissipated across a resistor, the current flow and resistance values are measured separately. If $I = 3.2 \text{ A}$ and $R = 1000 \Omega$ are measured values, determine the uncertainty if the following instruments are used:

Instrument	Resolution	Uncertainty (% of reading)
Voltmeter	1.0 mV	0.5%
Ohmmeter	1.0 Ω	0.1%
Ammeter	0.1 A	0.5%

Assume $V_{nom} = I \cdot R = 3200 \text{ V}$

$$P = I^2 \cdot R \rightarrow \begin{array}{|l} \text{Ammeter} \\ \text{Ohmmeter} \end{array}$$

$$P = I \cdot V \rightarrow \begin{array}{|l} \text{Ammeter} \\ \text{Voltmeter} \end{array}$$

• Which method is more Accurate?

• What is largest contributing Error source?

Hints:

$$P = I^2 \cdot R \rightarrow$$

Ammeter
Ohmmeter

Assume $V_{nom} = I \cdot R = 3200V$

Use Error Propagation Formula:

$$P = I \cdot V \rightarrow$$

Ammeter
Voltmeter

$$z = f(x, y, u, v)$$

$$U_z^2 \cong U_x^2 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^2 + U_y^2 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)^2 + U_u^2 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right)^2 + U_v^2 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \right)^2 + \dots$$

$$U_x^2 = (U_{x-resolution})^2 + (U_{x-uncertainty})^2$$

$$\rightarrow U_{y*}^2 = (U_{y-resolution})^2 + (U_{y-uncertainty})^2$$

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