

(\*) Kirchhoff's first law:- The algebraic sum of electric current any junction is always equal to zero.  

$$\Sigma I = 0$$

sign conventions:- The current flowing towards the junction is positive and current flowing away from the junction is negative.

(\*) Kirchhoff's Second law:-

In a closed loop of electrical network, the algebraic sum of potential differences for all components plus the algebraic sum of all e.m.f. is equal to zero.

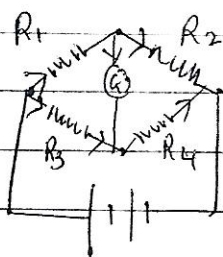
$$\Sigma IR + \Sigma E = 0.$$

Sign conventions:-

(ii) If the direction of tracing is same as that of conventional current flow then p.d. across the resistance is considered as -ve else it is +ve.

(iii) E.M.F. is positive if we traverse from -ve terminal to +ve terminal inside the cell and e.m.f. is negative if we traversed from the +ve terminal to the negative terminal.

(\*) Balanced condition for wheatstone's Network:



$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{R_3}{R_4}$$

$$i_g = 0$$

(\*) Principle of potentiometer:

The potential difference between any two points of the potentiometer wire is directly proportional to the length of wire between these two points.

(\*) potential gradient: - The fall of potential per unit length of potentiometer wire,  $P.G. = \text{constant}$ .

$$P.G. = \frac{V}{L}$$

(\*) Advantage of potentiometer over Voltmeter:

- (1) The voltmeter is used to measure terminal P.D. of cell while potentiometer is used to measure small terminal P.D. as well as E.M.F. of the cell.
- (2) The accuracy of potentiometer can be easily increased by increasing the length of wire.
- (3) A small P.D. can be measured accurately with the help of potentiometer. The resistance of voltmeter is high but not infinity like ideal voltmeter.
- (4) The internal resistance of a cell can be measured with the help of potentiometer.

Formulas:-

1) Kirchhoff's law:

(i)  $\sum I = 0$

(ii)  $\sum IR + \sum E = 0$

(2) Wheatstone's network:

$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{R_3}{R_4}$$

(3) Meter bridge:

(i)  $X = R \left( \frac{l_1}{l_2} \right)$

(ii) Kelvin's method

$$G = R \frac{l_1}{l_2}$$

(4) Potentiometer:-

(i) Potential gradient =  $\frac{E V}{L} = I \rho$

$$P.g. = \frac{I R}{L} = \frac{I \rho L}{L A} = \frac{I \rho}{A}$$

 $\rho \rightarrow$  resistivity of material of wire

(5)  $\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{l_1}{l_2}$  [individual method]

(6)  $\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{l_1 + l_2}{l_1 - l_2}$  [Sum and diff. method]

(7)  $r = R \left( \frac{l_1 - l_2}{l_2} \right)$

 $r \rightarrow$  internal resistance of cell.

(8) P.g. =  $\frac{E R}{(R + r + R') L}$

 $E \rightarrow$  e.m.f. $R \rightarrow$  resistance of wire. $r \rightarrow$  internal resistance of cell $R' \rightarrow$  external resistance of a cell.