

AS Level Physics B
H157/02 Physics in depth

Question Set 1

1

In a computer chip, the connections between the chip terminals and the semiconductor are thin gold wires.

Fig. 1 shows one gold wire and the section of silicon to which it is connected. The p.d.s V_1 and V_2 across the gold wire and the silicon section result in the current I shown.

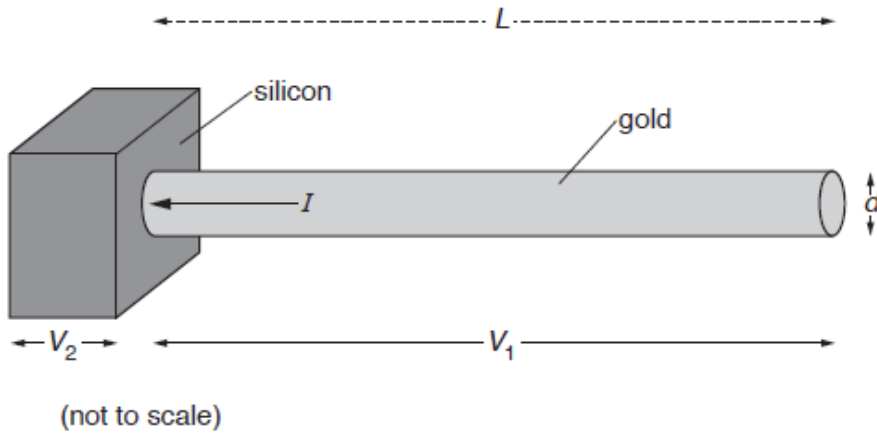


Fig. 1

- (a) The gold wire has length $L = 3.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ and diameter $d = 2.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$. It carries a current $I = 4.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ A}$.

Calculate the p.d. V_1 across the length L of wire.

resistivity of gold, $\rho = 2.3 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$

$$V_1 = \dots\dots\dots \text{ V} \quad [3]$$

- (b) The conductance of the silicon section, in the direction of current, is 1.7 mS .

Calculate the p.d. V_2 across the silicon section.

$$V_2 = \dots\dots\dots \text{ V} \quad [2]$$

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Fig. 2 shows a simple model of the structure of a metal.

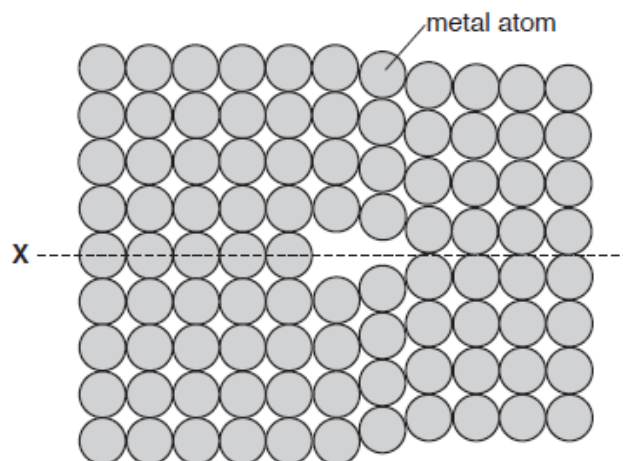


Fig. 2

- (a) (i) Identify the structure marked **X**. [1]
- (a) (ii) Explain how structure **X** makes the metal ductile.
You may wish to draw on **Fig. 2** to help your explanation. [2]
- (b) A pure metal is alloyed by adding a small proportion of atoms of a different metal while the metal is molten. The alloy is often much stiffer and harder than the pure metal of **Fig. 2**.
Explain why alloying can produce these changes. [2]

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3

A book is held 25cm from an eye. This is the smallest distance from an object for which a normal eye can form a clear image. Light is refracted by the cornea and the lens together, and a clear image is formed on the sensitive retina, 2.1cm behind the lens. The ray diagram for this arrangement is shown in **Fig. 3**.

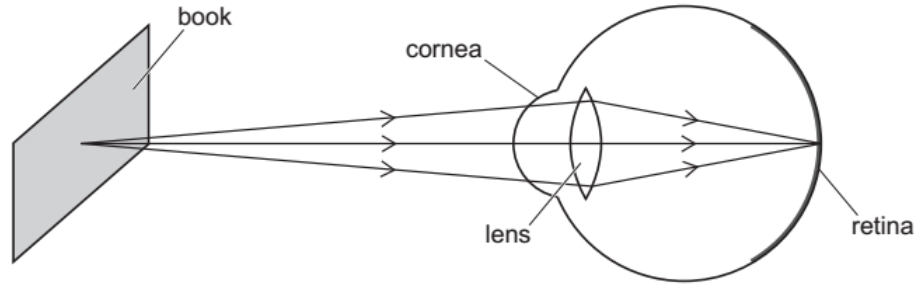


Fig. 3

- (a) Calculate the power P of the combination of the cornea and the lens.

$$P = \dots\dots\dots D \quad [2]$$

- (b) The sensitive cells at the centre of the retina are separated by $2.5\mu\text{m}$. Calculate the distance d on the book that would correspond to this separation in the image on the retina.

$$d = \dots\dots\dots\text{m} \quad [2]$$

- (c) A long-sighted person cannot focus on an object 25cm from the eye. Carol is long-sighted and the closest object that forms a sharp image on her retina is 1.5m from the eye.

Explain why Carol has difficulty reading small print in a book when she is not using her glasses [2]

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4

A modern digital television has a screen measuring 1280 pixels by 720 pixels (**Fig. 4**).

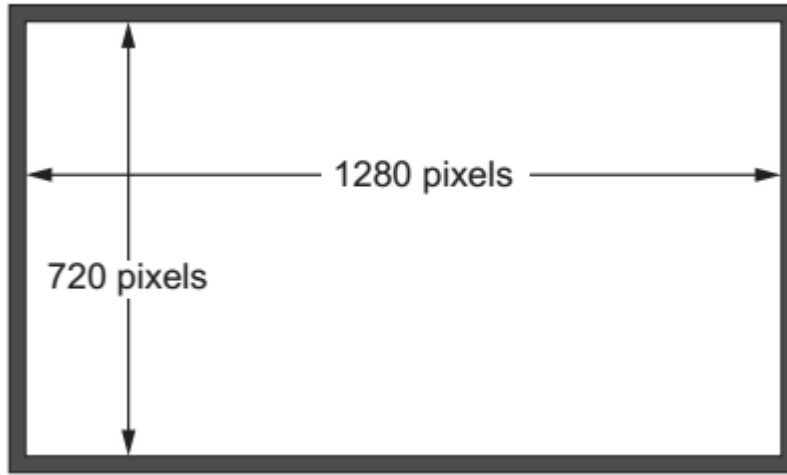


Fig. 4

- (a) Each pixel is encoded by 3 bytes, one for each of the colours red, green and blue. A new image is displayed on the screen 30 times each second.

Calculate the number of gigabytes needed to encode a high-definition video lasting for one hour. You can assume that every pixel must be encoded every time a new image appears on the screen.

number = GB [2]

- (b) When this one-hour high-definition video is downloaded, it takes up 13GB on the digital storage. This value is much smaller than the value calculated in (a).

Suggest and explain **one** reason for this.

[2]

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5

Fig. 5 shows a lift designed for a very tall building. It consists of a 'cage' that can hold up to eight passengers. The total mass of the cage and passengers must not exceed 1200kg. The cage is supported by a steel cable of cross-sectional area $2.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$ and density 7800 kg m^{-3} .

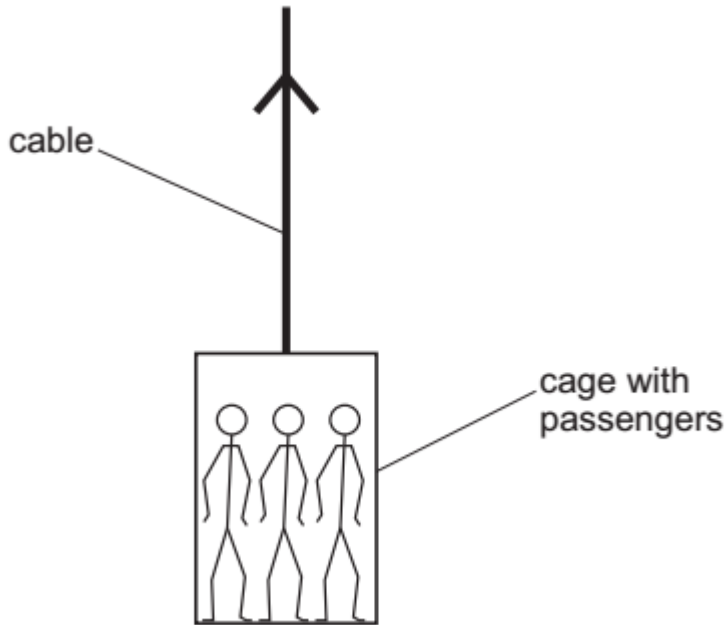


Fig. 5

- (a) The lift cable is 420m long when completely unwound. Calculate the tensile stress at the **top** of the cable, when it is completely unwound and supporting a fully-loaded cage.
 $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

$$\text{density } \rho = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$$

stress = Pa **[3]**

- (b) Explain why it is incorrect to use the value of the stress calculated in (a) and the equation $E = \frac{\text{stress}}{\text{strain}}$ to calculate the extension of the cable.

[2]

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Fig. 6 is the stress-strain graph for a sample of steel which was extended until it fractured.

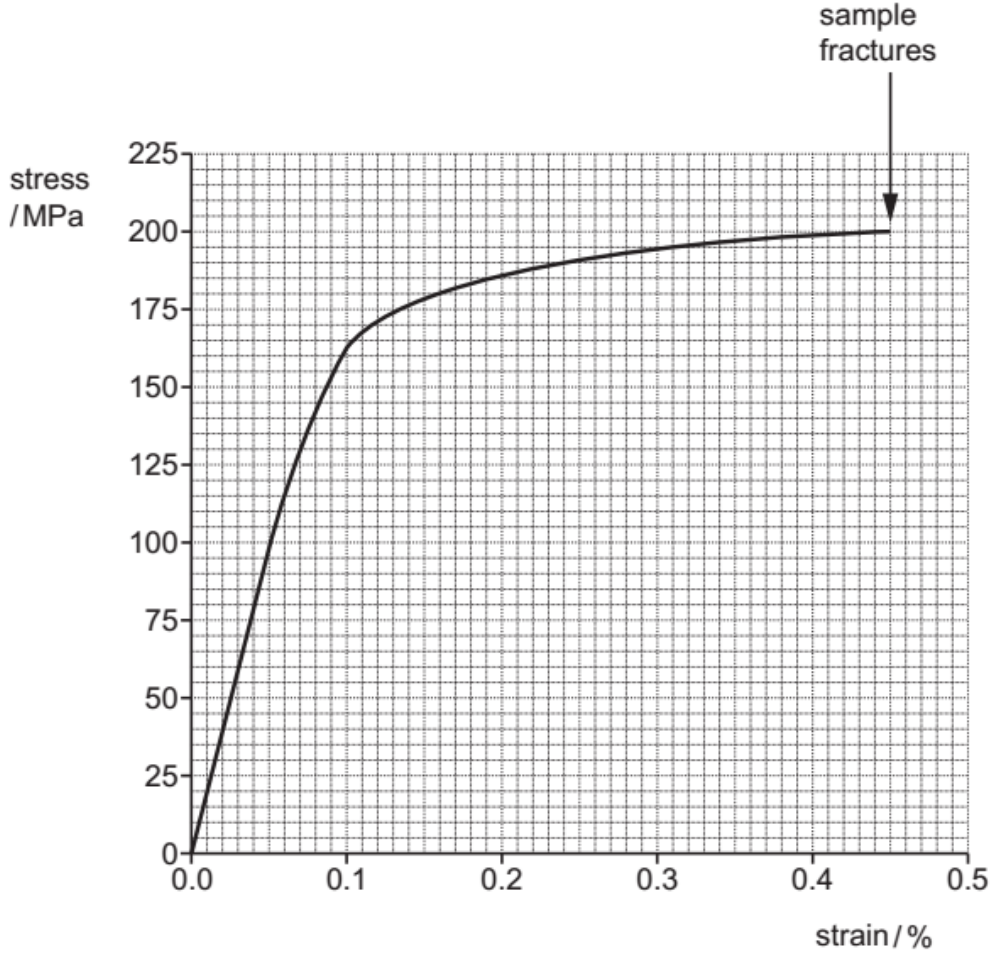


Fig. 6

The sample used to obtain these results was a cylindrical rod of length 31.0cm and diameter 13.0 mm.

Use these data, together with the graph, to make the following calculations. Show your working clearly in each case.

- (a) Calculate the length of the rod just before fracture. Express your answer to 3 significant figures.

length = cm **[2]**

- (b) Calculate the force F that was required to produce a strain of 0.1%.

$F = \dots\dots\dots$ N **[3]**

- (c) Calculate the Young modulus E for small strains.

$E = \dots\dots\dots$ Pa **[3]**

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7 The graph of **Fig. 7** shows the current in each of two different components **A** and **B** when potential differences from 0 to 7.0 V are applied across them.

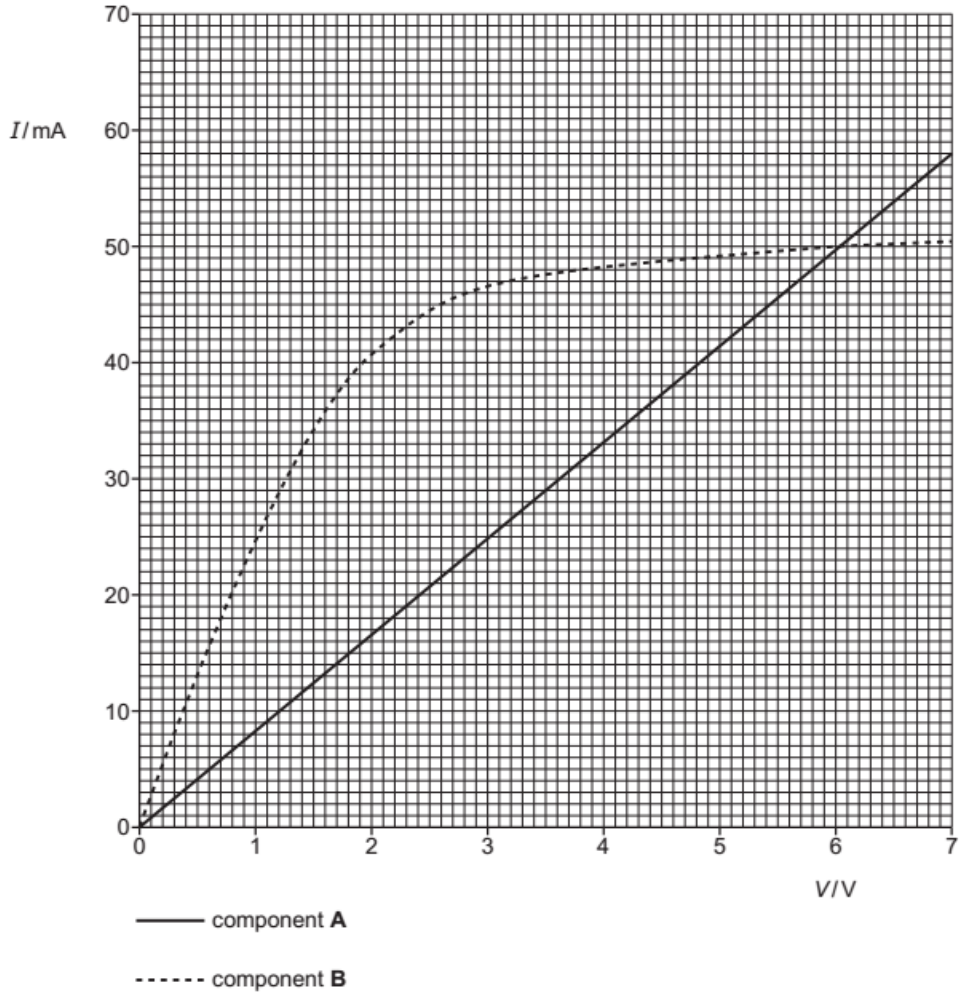


Fig. 7

(a) The two components are connected, in parallel, between the terminals of a battery of e.m.f. 3.0 V with negligible internal resistance.

Calculate the conductance of the parallel combination of **A** and **B** in this case. Show your working clearly.

conductance =S [3]

(b) **A** and **B** are now connected in series to a battery of e.m.f. 6.0 V with negligible internal resistance.

Explain why the graph of **Fig. 7** shows that the current through **A** and **B** must be about 36 mA. [2]

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Total Marks for Question Set 1: 38

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