

Phy 2049
Exam I Solutions

For answers to problems 1-12, go to solutions for exam I summer 2007.

13. A nichrome wire is 1m long and $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$ in cross-sectional area. When connected to a potential difference of 2V, a current of 4A exists in the wire. The resistivity of this nichrome is:

- A. $5 \times 10^{-7} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$
- B. $2 \times 10^{-7} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$
- C. $4 \times 10^{-7} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$
- D. $8 \times 10^{-7} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$
- E. $10^{-7} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$

The resistance $R = V/I = 0.5 \Omega$. The relation $R = \rho l/A$ relates the resistivity ρ to $\rho = RA/l = 5 \times 10^{-7} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$.

14. A flat iron is marked “120V, 600W”. In normal use, the current in it is:

- A. 5A
- B. 4A
- C. 2A
- D. 7.2A
- E. 0.2A

Power $P = VI$. It follows that $I = P/V = 5A$.