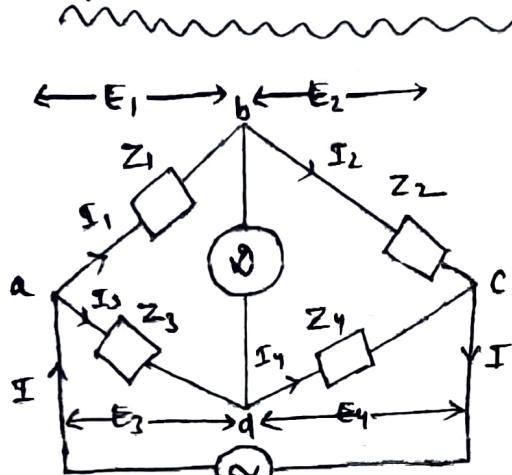


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# Alternating Current Bridges (A.C. Bridges) :-



$E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4 \rightarrow 4$  arms.  
 $Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, Z_4 \rightarrow 4$  impedances  
 $\theta \rightarrow$  detector

When the bridge is balanced;

$$E_1 = E_3$$

$$I_1 Z_1 = I_3 Z_3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\theta_1 = \theta_2 \quad I_1 = I_3$$

$$I_1 = \frac{E}{Z_1 + Z_2} \quad I_3 = \frac{E}{Z_3 + Z_4} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Putting the value of (2) in (1);

$$\frac{E}{Z_1 + Z_2} Z_1 = \frac{E}{Z_3 + Z_4} Z_3$$

$$\Rightarrow Z_1(Z_3 + Z_4) = Z_3(Z_1 + Z_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow Z_1 Z_3 + Z_1 Z_4 = Z_1 Z_3 + Z_2 Z_3$$

$$\Rightarrow Z_1 Z_4 = Z_2 Z_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Z_1}{Z_2} = \frac{Z_3}{Z_4} \rightarrow \text{General balance equation}$$

$$Y = \text{admittance} = \frac{1}{\text{impedance}} \quad (2)$$

$$Z_1 Z_4 = Z_2 Z_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{Y_1} \frac{1}{Y_4} = \frac{1}{Y_2} \frac{1}{Y_3}$$

$$\Rightarrow [Y_1 Y_4 = Y_2 Y_3] \text{ admittance form}$$

Impedance in polar form

$$Z_1 = Z_1 \angle \theta_1 \quad | \quad Z_3 = Z_3 \angle \theta_3$$

$$Z_2 = Z_2 \angle \theta_2 \quad | \quad Z_4 = Z_4 \angle \theta_4$$

$$Z_1 Z_4 = Z_2 Z_3$$

$$\Rightarrow Z_1 Z_4 \angle \theta_1 + \theta_4 = Z_2 Z_3 \angle \theta_2 + \theta_3$$

$$[Z_1 Z_4 = Z_2 Z_3]$$

$\rightarrow$  product of magnitude of opposite impedances must be equal to other product of opposite impedances.

$$\theta_1 + \theta_4 = \theta_2 + \theta_3$$

$\rightarrow$  sum of phase angle of opposite impedances must be equal to sum of other opposite impedances.

for inductive impedances:-

$$Z_L = R + jX_L \quad |Z_L| + \angle \theta$$

for capacitive impedances.

$$Z_C = R - jX_C \quad |Z_C| - \angle \theta$$

$$X_L = 2\pi fL \quad \omega \quad X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi fC} \quad \omega$$

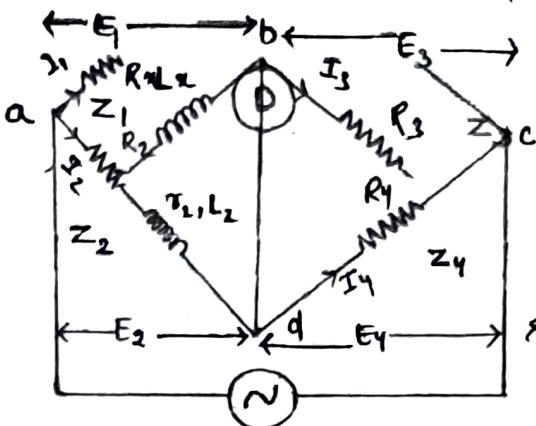
## # Maxwell Inductance Bridge :-

Wavy line

→ measures an unknown inductance

by comparing it with a known inductance.

→ four arms present → 4 impedances 3 known  
1 unknown



$$E_3 = I_3 R_3 + I_1 W L_3$$

$$E_4 = I_4 R_y + I_2 r_2 + I_1 W L_2$$

at balanced condition;  
current in D branch = 0

$$\text{So, } E_1 = E_2$$

$$I_1 = I_3$$

$$I_2 = I_4$$

$$Z_1 Z_4 = Z_2 Z_3$$

$$\Rightarrow (R_x + jWL_x) R_y = (R_2 + r_2 + jWL_2) R_3$$

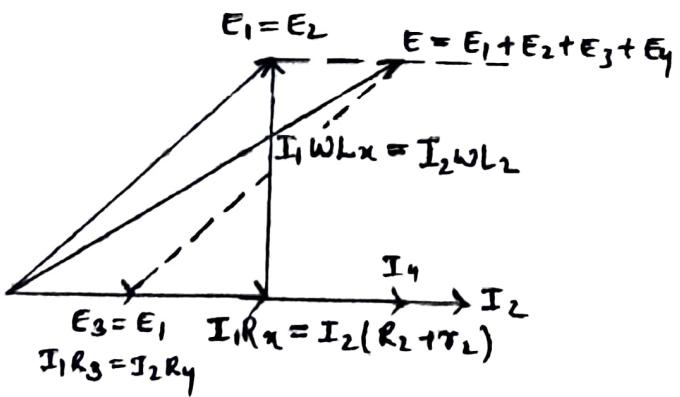
$$\Rightarrow R_x R_y + jWL_x R_y = R_2 R_3 + R_3 r_2 + jWL_2 R_3$$

⇒ So, by comparing;

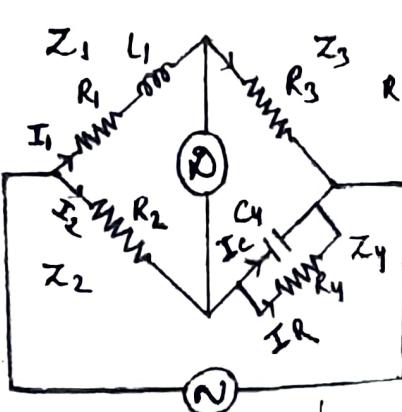
$$L_2 = L_2 \frac{R_3}{R_y}$$

$$R_2 = (R_2 + r_2) \frac{R_3}{R_y}$$

Phasor diagram :-



# Maxwell inductance - capacitance Bridge :-



$L_1 \rightarrow$  unknown instance

$R_1 \rightarrow$  effective resistance of  $L_1$ .

$R_2, R_3, R_4 \rightarrow$  known non-inductive resistances.

$C_y \rightarrow$  variable standard capacitance.

for Balanced eq<sup>n</sup>,

$$z_1 z_4 = z_3 z_2$$

$$(R_1 + j\omega L_1) \left( \frac{R_4 + j\omega L_4}{1 + j\omega L_4 R_4} \right) = R_2 R_3$$

$$\Rightarrow R_1 R_4 + j\omega L_1 R_4 = R_2 R_3 + j\omega C_4 R_2 R_3 R_4$$

$$R_1 R_4 = R_2 R_3$$

$$WL_1R_4 = WC_4R_2R_3R_4$$

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

$$\Rightarrow L_1 = R_2 R_3 C_4$$

# Quality factor  $\rightarrow Q = \frac{WL}{R} = \frac{WL_1}{R_1} = \frac{WR_2R_3R_4}{\frac{R_3R_L}{R_4}} = WLC_4R_4$

$Q = WLC_4R_4$

$$Q = w C y R_y$$

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$Q=100\%$ . → indicates 100% inductive in nature.

$Q = 60\%$  → indicates 60% inductive & 40% resistive

Adv :-  $\rightarrow$  frequency independent  
 $\rightarrow$   $f = \omega_0$

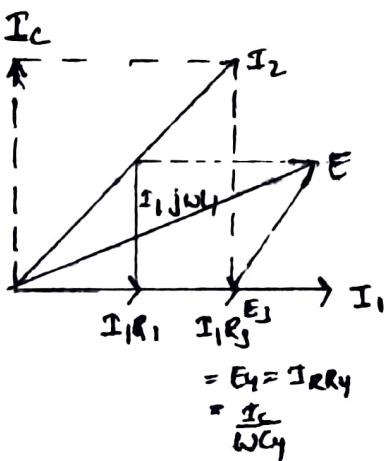
→ Simple expression

→ wide range of power and audio freq

Disadv :-  $\rightarrow$  limited to low Q inductances.

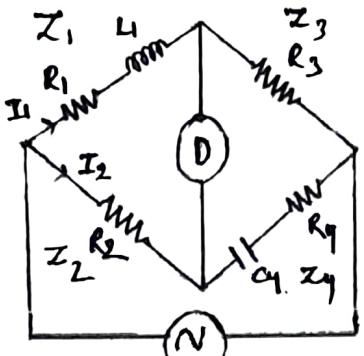
$1(1 < Q < 10) \rightarrow$  required a variable

Standard capacitance, which can be very expensive.



## # Hay's Bridge :-

→ modification of Maxwell's bridge.



$L_1 \rightarrow$  unknown inductances  
 $R_1 \rightarrow$  resistance of  $L_1$   
 $R_2, R_3, R_4 \rightarrow$  non-inductive resistances  
 $C_4 \rightarrow$  Standard capacitance.

At balanced condition;

$$Z_1 = R_1 + j\omega L_1$$

$$Z_2 = R_2$$

$$Z_3 = R_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_4 &= C_4 + R_4 \\ &= \frac{1}{j\omega C_4} + R_4 \\ &= \frac{1 + j\omega C_4 R_4}{j\omega C_4} \end{aligned}$$

$$R_1 - \omega^2 L_1 R_4 C_4 = 0$$

$$R_1 = \omega^2 L_1 R_4 C_4 \leftarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow R_1 = \omega^2 R_4 C_4 \left( \frac{R_2 R_3 R_4}{1 + \omega^2 R_4^2 C_4^2} \right)$$

$$R_1 = \frac{\omega^2 R_2 R_3 R_4 C_4^2}{1 + \omega^2 R_4^2 C_4^2}$$

$$\text{Quality factor } Q = \frac{\omega L_1}{R_1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\omega^2 R_2 R_3 R_4}{\left( 1 + \omega^2 R_4^2 C_4^2 \right)} = \frac{1}{\omega C_4 R_4} \\ &= \frac{\omega^2 R_2 R_3 R_4 C_4^2}{1 + \omega^2 R_4^2 C_4^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{\omega C_4 R_4}$$

$$Z_1 Z_4 = Z_2 Z_3 \Rightarrow (R_1 + j\omega L_1) \left( R_4 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_4} \right) = R_2 R_3$$

$$\Rightarrow (R_1 + j\omega L_1) \left( \frac{1 + j\omega C_4 R_4}{j\omega C_4} \right) = R_2 R_3$$

$$\Rightarrow (R_1 + j\omega L_1) (1 + j\omega C_4 R_4) = j\omega C_4 R_2 R_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow R_1 + j\omega R_1 R_4 C_4 + j\omega L_1 + (-\omega^2 L_1 R_4 C_4) = R_2 R_3 j\omega C_4 \\ &\Rightarrow (R_1 - \omega^2 L_1 R_4 C_4) + j\omega (L_1 + R_1 R_4 C_4) = j\omega R_2 R_3 C_4 \\ &\text{by comparing : } \end{aligned}$$

$$L_1 + R_1 R_4 C_4 = R_2 R_3 C_4$$

$$L_1 = R_2 R_3 C_4 - R_1 R_4 C_4$$

$$L_1 = R_2 R_3 C_4 - (\omega^2 L_1 R_4 C_4) R_4 C_4$$

$$L_1 = R_2 R_3 C_4 - \omega^2 L_1 R_4^2 C_4^2$$

$$R_2 R_3 R_4 = L_1 + \omega^2 L_1 R_4^2 C_4^2$$

$$R_2 R_3 R_4 = L_1 (1 + \omega^2 R_4^2 C_4^2)$$

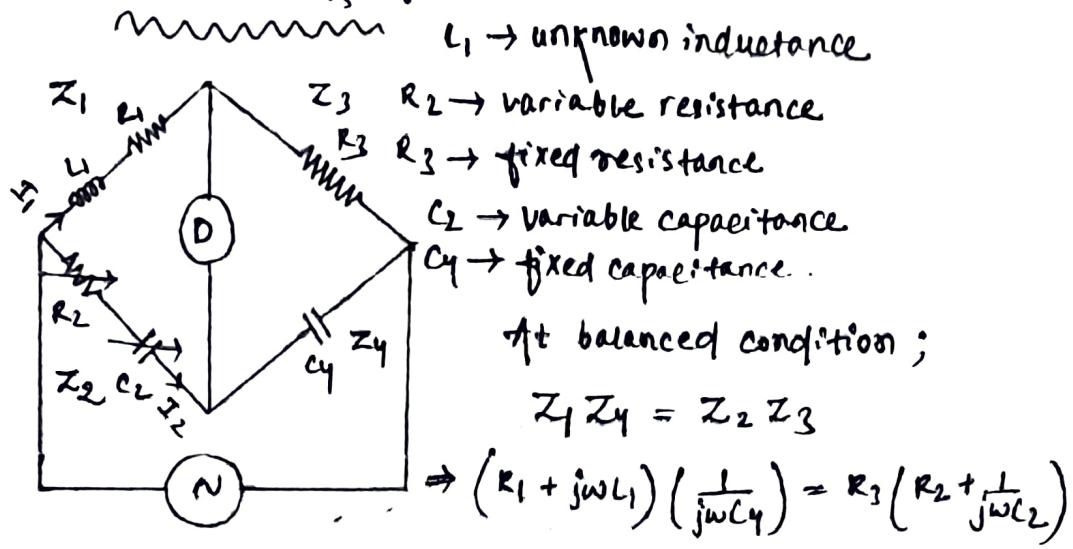
$$L_1 = \frac{R_2 R_3 R_4}{1 + \omega^2 R_4^2 C_4^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= \frac{\omega^2 R_2 R_3 R_4 C_4^2}{1 + \omega^2 R_4^2 C_4^2} \quad | \quad L_1 = \frac{R_2 R_3 R_4}{1 + \omega^2 R_4^2 C_4^2} \\ &= \frac{\omega^2 R_2 R_3 R_4 C_4^2}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{Q}\right)^2} \quad | \quad = \frac{R_2 R_3 R_4}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{Q}\right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$R_1 = \frac{\omega^2 R_2 R_3 R_4 C_4^2}{1 + \left(\frac{1}{Q}\right)^2} \quad | \quad \text{for higher } Q \geq 10$$

$$L_1 = R_2 R_3 C_4$$

# OWEN's Bridge :-



$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{R_1 + j\omega L_1}{j\omega C_4} \right) = R_3 \left( \frac{R_2 j\omega C_2 + 1}{j\omega C_2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (R_1 + j\omega L_1)C_2 = (R_3 + R_2 R_3 j\omega C_2)C_4$$

$$\Rightarrow R_1 C_2 + j\omega L_1 C_2 = R_3 C_4 + j\omega R_2 R_3 C_2 C_4$$

So by comparing;

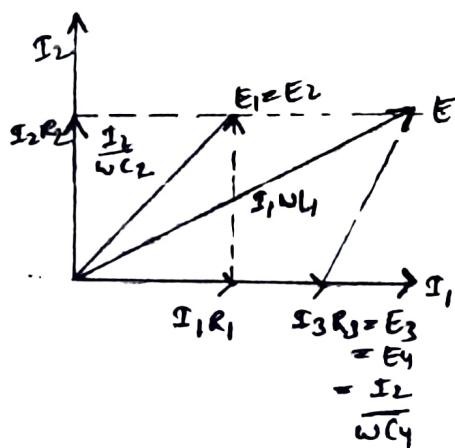
$$R_1 = R_3 \cdot \frac{C_4}{C_2}$$

$$L_1 = R_2 R_3 C_4$$

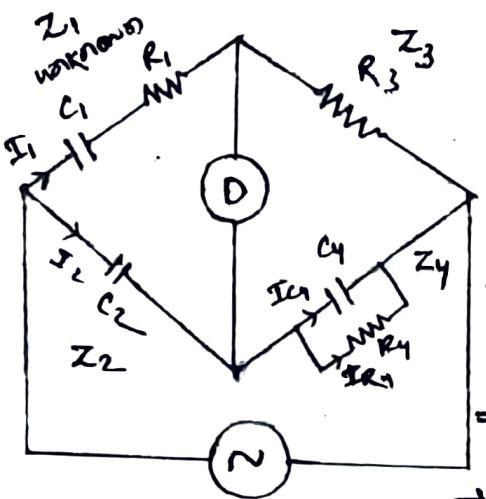
$$Q = \frac{\omega L_1}{R_1} = \frac{\omega R_2 R_3 C_4}{R_3 \frac{C_4}{C_2}}$$

$$Q = \omega R_2 C_2$$

# phasor diagram :-



• # Shearing Bridge :-



At balanced condition ;

$$Z_1 Z_4 = Z_2 Z_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{j\omega C_1} + R_1 \right) (R_4 || C_4) = (C_2) R_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{1 + j\omega C_1 R_1}{j\omega C_1} \right) \left( \frac{R_4}{1 + j\omega C_4 R_4} \right) = \frac{R_3}{j\omega C_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + j\omega C_1 R_1) R_4 C_2 = C_1 R_3 (1 + j\omega C_4 R_4)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_4 C_2 + j\omega C_1 C_2 R_1 R_4 = C_1 R_3 + j\omega C_1 C_2 R_3 R_4$$

So, by comparing ;

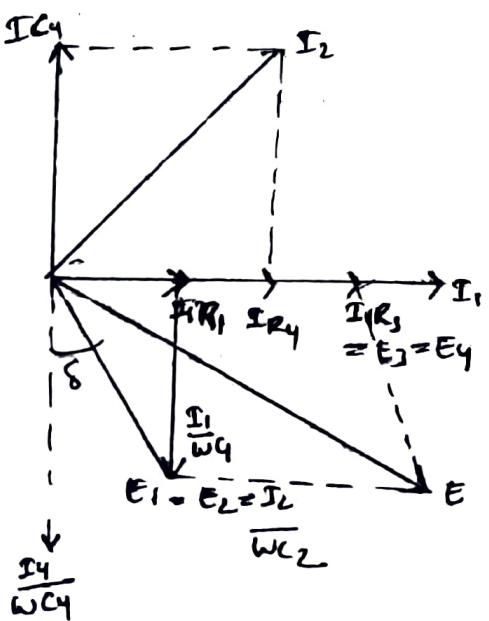
$$C_1 = C_2 R_4 \frac{R_3}{R_3}$$

$$R_1 = R_3 \frac{C_4}{C_2}$$

# Dissipation factor  $= \frac{R}{X_C} = \omega C_1 R_1 = \omega \frac{C_2 R_4}{C_2} \cdot \frac{R_3}{R_3} \frac{C_4}{C_2}$

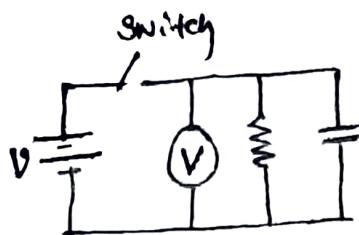
$$\Rightarrow D.F = \omega R_4 C_4$$

phasor diagram :-



# Measurement of high resistance by loss of charge method.  
(high  $R \rightarrow$  greater than  $100\text{ k}\Omega / 0.1\text{ M}\Omega$ )

→ unknown resistance is connected in parallel with a capacitor & a electrostatic voltmeter.



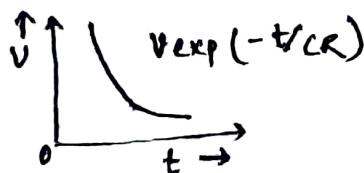
→ the capacitor is initially charged to some suitable voltage by means of a battery of voltage supply 'V' & then allowed to discharge through unknown resistance.

→ The terminal voltage is observed during discharge

$$\rightarrow V = V_0 \exp(-t/CR)$$

← emf of battery      ↓ voltmeter reading

$$\frac{V}{V_0} = \exp(-t/CR)$$



→ insulation resistance :-

$$R = \frac{-t}{C \log_e \frac{V}{V_0}}$$

$$R = 0.4343 t / C \log \frac{V_0}{V}$$

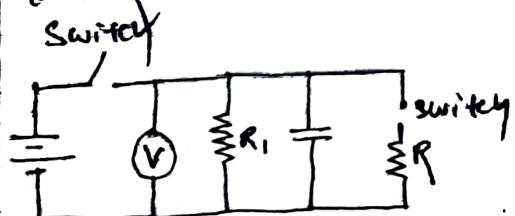
→ If the resistance  $R$  is very large  $\rightarrow$  the process becomes time consuming  $\rightarrow$  errors.

→ Therefore difference b/w the voltages  $V - v$  is calculated.

$$R = \frac{0.4343 t}{C \log_{10} \frac{V}{V-v}}$$

$v$  = small difference b/w  $V - v$

\* Loss of charge method measures high resistance but it requires a capacitor of a very high leakage resistance as compared to unknown resistance.



$R_1$  is the leakage resistance of the capacitor.

$R'$  be the equivalent resistance of  $R$  &  $R_1$ .

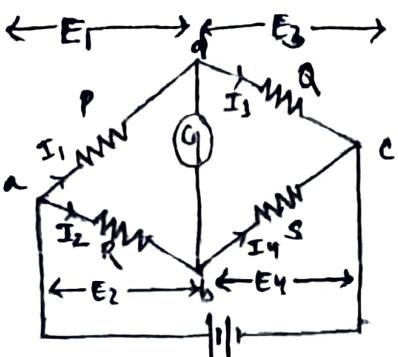
$$R' = \frac{R \times R_1}{R + R_1}$$

\* discharge equation of capacitor :-

$$R' = \frac{0.4343 t}{C \log_{10} \frac{V}{V-v}}$$

$$R_1 = \frac{0.4343 t}{C \log \frac{V_0}{V}}$$

## # Measurement of medium resistance ( $1-100\Omega$ ) by wheatstone Bridge method



$P, Q \rightarrow$  known resistances

$R \rightarrow$  unknown

$S(bc) \rightarrow$  Standard  
resistance.

$G \rightarrow$  Galvanometer.

Working principle :- Null  
deflection principle

→ We vary a parameter until the detector ( $G$ ) shows zero & then we use mathematical relation b/w unknown and known resistance  $R$ .

→ Here standard resistance is varied in order to obtain null deflection in  $G$ ;

→ Null deflection implies no current is flowing b/w point  $b$  &  $d$  branch. They are at same potential. ( $V_b = V_d$ )

$$I_1 = I_3 \quad \& \quad I_2 = I_4$$

$$E_1 = E_3 \quad \& \quad E_3 = E_4$$

$$E_1 = E_2$$

$$\Rightarrow I_1 P = I_2 R - ①$$

$$I_1 = I_3 = \frac{E}{P+Q}, \quad I_2 = I_4 = \frac{E}{R+S}$$

Putting the values of  $I_1$  &  $I_2$  in ①;

$$\frac{E}{P+Q} \cdot P = \frac{E}{R+S} R$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P}{P+Q} = \frac{R}{R+S}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(R+S) = R(P+Q)$$

$$\Rightarrow PR + PS = RP + RQ$$

$$\Rightarrow PS = RQ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P}{Q} = \frac{R}{S}$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{P}{Q} S$$

Balance of equation  
of wheatstone  
bridge.

\* Under unbalanced conditions, a small current will flow through the galvanometer.

By thevenin equivalent :-

$$I_g = \frac{E_{th}}{R_{th} + R_g}$$

$I_g$  = galvanometer current

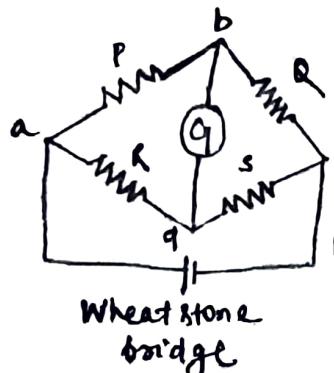
$R_g$  = galvanometer resistance.

$E_{th}$  = Thevenin equivalent voltage

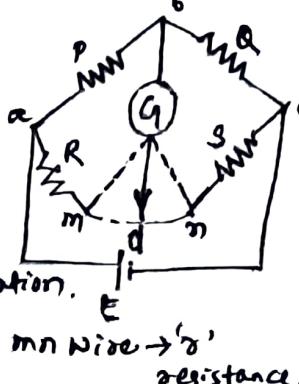
$R_{th}$  = Thevenin equivalent resistance.

## # Measurement of low resistance by Kelvin's Double bridge method.

low resistance  $\rightarrow$  (0 to 1  $\Omega$ )



modification.



$$\frac{P}{Q} = \frac{R}{S}$$

$R \rightarrow$  unknown

at point  $m$  :-

$$\frac{S+r}{S+r}$$

$$R = \frac{P}{Q}(S+r)$$

at point  $m$  :-

$$\frac{R+r}{R+r}$$

$$R+r = \frac{P \cdot S}{Q}$$

(low resistance)

When galvanometer is connected to point 'd' 'r' is divided into  $r_1$  &  $r_2$  such that  $\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{P}{Q}$

$$R+r_1 = \frac{P}{Q}(S+r_2) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{P}{Q} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Adding 1 both side;

$$\frac{r_1+r_2}{r_2} = \frac{P+Q}{Q}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r_1+r_2}{r_2} = \frac{P+Q}{Q}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r_2}{r_1+r_2} = \frac{Q}{P+Q}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_2 = \frac{Q}{P+Q}(r_1+r_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow r_2 = \frac{Q}{P+Q}(r)$$

$$\frac{r_2}{r_1} = \frac{Q}{P}$$

Adding 1 both side;

$$\frac{r_2}{r_1} + 1 = \frac{Q}{P} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r_L+r_1}{r_1} = \frac{Q+P}{P}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 = \frac{P}{P+Q}(r_1+r_L)$$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 = \frac{P}{P+Q}(r)$$

putting the values of  $r_1$  &  $r_L$  in (1);

$$R + \frac{P+r}{P+Q} = \frac{P}{Q}(S + \frac{Q}{P+Q}r)$$

$$\Rightarrow R + \frac{Pr}{P+Q} = \frac{Ps}{Q} + \frac{PPr}{Q(P+Q)}$$

$$\boxed{R = \frac{P}{Q}S}$$

from this expression;

we conclude that, if

we making galvanometer connections in the bridge at a point such that  $\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{P}{Q}$ , the resistance of the connecting lead will have no effect in the circuit.

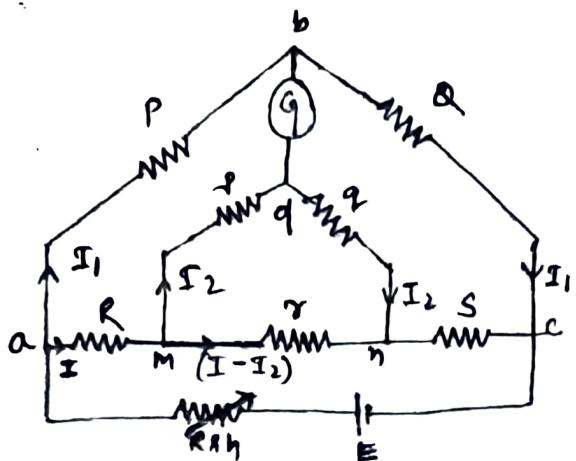
$\rightarrow$  it has a second set of ratio arms, hence the name Kelvin double bridge.

Construction (See next page fig.)

$\rightarrow$  First set of ratio arms  $P$  &  $Q$ .

$\rightarrow$  Second set of ratio arms  $p$  and  $q$ .

$\rightarrow$  Galvanometer is connected in between.



Principle :-

ratio of  $\frac{P}{Q}$  is made equal

to  $\frac{P}{Q}$ , under balance conditions there is no current through the galvanometer which means voltage drop between Eab is equal to Eand & Ecb = End

Voltage e = Voltage across R + Voltage across P

$$V_P = V_R + V_P$$

$$\rightarrow I_1 P = I R + I_2 P \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Similarly;

$$V_Q = V_S + V_Q$$

$$\rightarrow I_1 Q = I S + I_2 Q \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

As 'S' is in parallel with  $P+Q$ .  
So,  $V_{(S)} = V_{(P+Q)}$

$$\rightarrow (I - I_2) \gamma = I_2 (P + Q)$$

$$\rightarrow I \gamma - I_2 \gamma = I_2 P + I_2 Q$$

$$\rightarrow I_2 = \frac{I \gamma}{P + Q + \gamma}$$

Substituting the value of  $I_2$  in eq (1) & (2);

$$I_1 P = I R + \left( \frac{I \gamma}{P + Q + \gamma} \right) P \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$I_1 Q = I S + \left( \frac{I \gamma}{P + Q + \gamma} \right) Q \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Dividing (3) & (4);

$$\frac{P}{Q} = \frac{R + \frac{P \gamma}{P + Q + \gamma}}{S + \frac{Q \gamma}{P + Q + \gamma}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P}{Q} \left( S + \frac{Q \gamma}{P + Q + \gamma} \right) = R + \frac{P \gamma}{P + Q + \gamma}$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{P}{Q} \left( S + \frac{Q \gamma}{P + Q + \gamma} \right) - \frac{P \gamma}{P + Q + \gamma}$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{P}{Q} S + \frac{Q \gamma}{P + Q + \gamma} \left( \frac{1}{Q} - \frac{P}{P + Q + \gamma} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{P}{Q} S$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P}{Q} = \frac{R}{S}$$

$$\therefore \frac{P}{Q} = \frac{P}{Q}$$

This is the required equation.

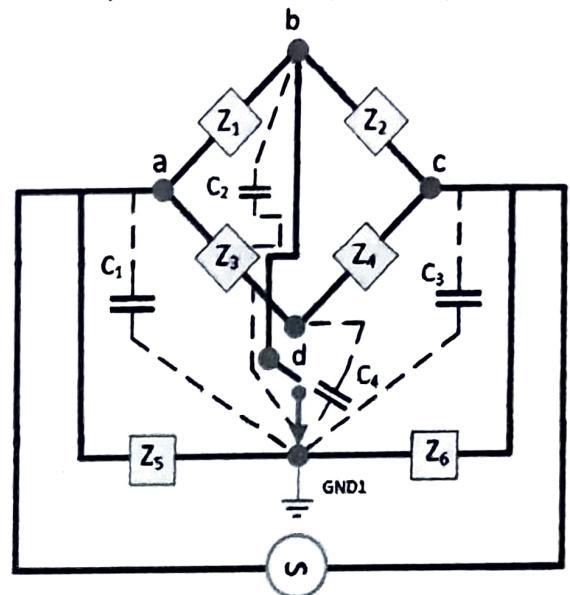
# Wagner Earthing Device

**Definition:** The Wagner earthing device is used for removing the earth capacitance from the bridges. It is a type of voltage divider circuit used to reduce the error which occurs because of stray capacitance. The Wagner Earth device provides high accuracy to the bridge.

At high frequency, stray capacitance is induced between the bridge elements, ground and between the arms of the bridge. This stray element causes the error in the measurement. One of the ways of controlling these capacitances is to enclose the bridge elements into the shield. Another way of eliminating these stray capacitance is to place the Wagner Earthing Device between the elements of the bridge.

## Construction of Wagner Earthing Device

- The circuit diagram of the Wagner Earthing Device is shown in the figure below. Consider the  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_2$ ,  $Z_3$ , and  $Z_4$  are the impedance arms of the bridge. The  $Z_5$  and the  $Z_6$  are the two variable impedances of the Wagner Earthing Device. The central point of the Wagner earthing device is earthed. The impedance of the Wagner device arms is similar to the arms of the bridge. The impedance of the arm consists of resistance and capacitance.
- The Wagner impedance placed in such a way so that they make the bridge balance with  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_3$  and  $Z_2$ ,  $Z_4$ . The  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ ,  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  show the stray capacitances of the bridges. The D is the detector of the bridge.
- The bridge comes in the balanced condition by adjusting the impedances of arms  $Z_1$  and  $Z_4$ . The stray capacitance prevents the bridge to come in the balanced condition. When the S is not thrown on 'e' then the D is connected between the points p and q. But when S is thrown on 'e' then the detector D is connected between the terminal b and earth.
- The impedances  $Z_4$  and  $Z_5$  are adjusted until the minimum sound is obtained. The headphones are again connected between the points b and d for obtaining the minimum sound. The headphones are reconnected between the points b and d,  $Z_4$  and  $Z_5$  are adjusted for obtaining the minimum sound. The process is continuously repeated for obtaining the silent sound.
- The points b, d, and e all are in the same potential. And the capacitances  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ ,  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$  all are eliminated from the bridge circuit along with the impedances  $Z_5$  and  $Z_6$ .



Wagner Earthing Device

Adv- eliminates stray capacitance charging effect .

DisAdv- Time consuming.

## **PYQ'S ASKED IN MID & END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

### **MODULE III**

#### **2MARKERS**

- 1) Derive the balance condition of AC bridges.
- 2) What is Wagner's earthing device ?

#### **4MARKERS**

- 1) Draw the phasor diagram and obtain the unknown inductance by maxwell inductance method.
- 2) Explain and derive expression of measuring unknown resistance by using wheatstone bridge.
- 3) Find out the expression of unknown capacitance by schering bridge.
- 4) Explain double bridge method of measuring low resistance .