ENSC 220 Lab Tutorial

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ENSC LAB (9000 level)



Component rack



Lab bench

Function generator



Bread board

The red lines indicate holes that are electrically connected



Neatly done wiring



Poorly done wiring





If you wire your circuit this manner, please do not bring it to us for troubleshooting.

Dual power supply

Voltage or current display





Voltage/resistance measurement

Power switch

Digital multimeter (current measurement)





Current measurement

DMM specs



Specification and accuracy

Meter accuracy

DC Volts \pm (0.1% of the reading + 1 digit)

DC Amps \pm (0.3% of the reading + 1 digit)

Resistance \pm (0.2% of the reading + 1 digit)

What does the +1 digit mean?

Range	Display
200 mV	00.0
2 V	0.000
20 V	0.00
200 V	00.0



If in a circuit, we read 0.812 Volts using the 2 V range setting: The accuracy is \pm (0.1% of the reading + 1 digit) Hence, the accuracy is \pm 0.000812 V However the meter can only display 3 digits beyond the decimal point (2V range) Therefore, actual reading accuracy is \pm 0.001 V For this measurement, the value is $[0.812 \pm 0.001]$ V 0.813 V 0.811 V¹³



How to set-up power supply: dual supply (source)

Set current limit for both sides as already described



Sample experiment





First level experiment/calculation

Measure the resistance using an Ohm-meter



2 kOhm range, therefore the value is 0.470 ± 0.001 kOhm

Max value = 471 Ohm, Min value = 469 Ohm

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First level experiment/calculation (continued)

Measure the voltage of the supply



2 V range, therefore the value is 0.500 ± 0.001 V Max value = 0.501 V, Min value = 0.499 V

Measure current



2 mA range, therefore the value is 0.877 ± 0.003 mA Max value = 0.880 mA, Min value = 0.874 mA Our theoretical value is = 1.063829 mA Something strange is happening here!



