Experiment 1: The relationship between the current and voltage in a filament lamp $(V = k I^n)$

To determine the relationship between potential difference (V) and current (I) in a filament lamp

Materials and Apparatus

Ammeter

Connecting wires

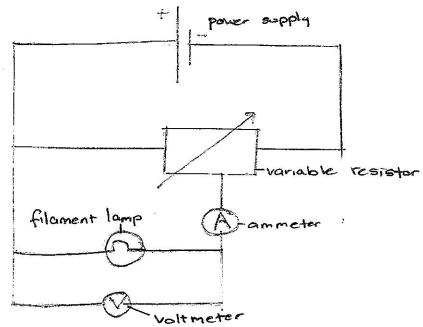
Voltmeter

Rheostat

Filament lamp

Power supply

Diagram:



- a) Set up apparatus as shown in the above diagram.
- b) Switch on the power supply and take readings on the ammeter and voltmeter.
- c) Switch off the power supply between the recording of your readings.
- d) Adjust the rheostat and repeat the procedure to obtain a total of six (6) readings.
- e) Plot a graph of log V vs log I
- f) Use the equation $V = kI^n$ to calculate the values for k and n.
- g) State the relationship between current and voltage.
- h) State two precautions.