

64. A least squares fit of the data gives  $R = \frac{537}{5} + \frac{1111}{1750}T$  with  $T$  in degrees Celsius.

(a) At  $T = 20^\circ\text{C}$ , our expression gives  $R = \frac{21017}{175} \approx 120\ \Omega$ .

(b) At  $T = 0^\circ\text{C}$ , our expression gives  $R = \frac{537}{5} \approx 107\ \Omega$ .

(c) Defining  $\alpha_R$  by

$$\alpha_R = \frac{R - R_{20}}{R_{20}(T - 20^\circ\text{C})}$$

then we are effectively requiring  $\alpha_R R_{20}$  to equal the  $\frac{1111}{1750}$  factor in our least squares fit. This implies that  $\alpha_R = 1111/210170 = 0.00529/^\circ\text{C}$  if  $R_{20} = \frac{21017}{175} \approx 120\ \Omega$  is used as the reference.

(d) Now we define  $\alpha_R$  by

$$\alpha_R = \frac{R - R_0}{R_0(T - 0^\circ\text{C})} ,$$

which means we require  $\alpha_R R_0$  to equal the  $\frac{1111}{1750}$  factor in our least squares fit. In this case,  $\alpha_R = 1111/187950 = 0.00591/^\circ\text{C}$  if  $R_0 = \frac{537}{5} \approx 107\ \Omega$  is used as the reference.

(e) Our least squares fit expression predicts  $R = 96473/350 \approx 276\ \Omega$  at  $T = 265^\circ\text{C}$ .