

16. (a) Let the emf of the solar cell be \mathcal{E} and the output voltage be V . Thus,

$$V = \mathcal{E} - ir = \mathcal{E} - \left(\frac{V}{R}\right)r$$

for both cases. Numerically, we get $0.10\text{ V} = \mathcal{E} - (0.10\text{ V}/500\,\Omega)r$ and $0.15\text{ V} = \mathcal{E} - (0.15\text{ V}/1000\,\Omega)r$. We solve for \mathcal{E} and r : $\mathcal{E} = 0.30\text{ V}$, $r = 1000\,\Omega$.

- (b) The efficiency is

$$\frac{V^2/R}{P_{\text{received}}} = \frac{0.15\text{ V}}{(1000\,\Omega)(5.0\text{ cm}^2)(2.0 \times 10^{-3}\text{ W/cm}^2)} = 2.3 \times 10^{-3} .$$