

We know that the electrical resistivity changes with temperature. If the temperature  $T$  doesn't vary too much, a linear approximation is typically used:  $\rho(T) = \rho_0(1 + \alpha(T - T_0))$ .

So, from the given data we will have:

$$9.75 = 52.5 \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot (100 - 0)) \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{9.75 - 52.5}{52.5 \cdot 100} \approx -0.008143 \frac{1}{^\circ\text{C}}$$

Now we can find the temperature when thermometer's resistance is 8.25 Ohms. In this case we will have:  $T_0 = 100^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\rho_0 = 9.75 \text{ Ohms}$ . And we need to find  $T$ , when  $\rho = 8.25 \text{ Ohms}$ .

$$\text{We will have: } \rho(T) = \rho_0(1 + \alpha(T - T_0)) \Rightarrow T = T_0 + \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0 \cdot \alpha} = 100 + \frac{8.25 - 9.75}{9.75 \cdot (-0.008143)} = 118.9^\circ\text{C}.$$

Answer:  $118.9^\circ\text{C}$ .