

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (0.6 \times 10^{-8}) - (-150) \frac{[(0.6 \times 10^{-8}) - (1.25 \times 10^{-8})](\Omega \cdot \text{m})}{-150^\circ\text{C} - (-50^\circ\text{C})} \\
 &= 1.58 \times 10^{-8} (\Omega \cdot \text{m})
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) For this part of the problem, we want to calculate  $A$  from Equation 18.11

$$\rho_i = A c_i (1 - c_i)$$

In Figure 18.8, curves are plotted for three  $c_i$  values (0.0112, 0.0216, and 0.0332). Let us find  $A$  for each of these  $c_i$ 's by taking a  $\rho_{\text{total}}$  from each curve at some temperature (say  $0^\circ\text{C}$ ) and then subtracting out  $\rho_i$  for pure copper at this same temperature (which is  $1.7 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ ). Below is tabulated values of  $A$  determined from these three  $c_i$  values, and other data that were used in the computations.

$c_i$	$1 - c_i$	$\rho_{\text{total}} (\Omega \cdot \text{m})$	$\rho_i (\Omega \cdot \text{m})$	$A (\Omega \cdot \text{m})$
0.0112	0.989	$3.0 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-6}$
0.0216	0.978	$4.2 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.18 \times 10^{-6}$
0.0332	0.967	$5.5 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.8 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.18 \times 10^{-6}$

The average of these three  $A$  values is  $1.18 \times 10^{-6} (\Omega \cdot \text{m})$ .

(c) We use the results of parts (a) and (b) to estimate the electrical resistivity of copper containing 2.50 at% Ni ( $c_i = 0.025$ ) at  $120^\circ\text{C}$ . The total resistivity is just

$$\rho_{\text{total}} = \rho_t + \rho_i$$

Or incorporating the expressions for  $\rho_t$  and  $\rho_i$  from Equations 18.10 and 18.11, and the values of  $\rho_0$ ,  $a$ , and  $A$  determined above, leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_{\text{total}} &= (\rho_0 + aT) + A c_i (1 - c_i) \\
 &= \{1.58 \times 10^{-8} (\Omega \cdot \text{m}) + [6.5 \times 10^{-11} (\Omega \cdot \text{m})/^\circ\text{C}](120^\circ\text{C})\} \\
 &\quad + \{[1.18 \times 10^{-6} (\Omega \cdot \text{m})](0.0250)(1 - 0.0250)\} \\
 &= 5.24 \times 10^{-8} (\Omega \cdot \text{m})
 \end{aligned}$$