The resistance of a wire is R. It is bent at the middle by 180° Q. 04 and both the ends are twisted together to make a shorter wire. The resistance of the new wire is

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(a) 2R

- (b) R/2 (c) R/4

04 (c) Resistance of wire  $(R) = \rho \frac{l}{A}$ 

If wire is bent in the middle then

$$l'=\frac{l}{2}, A'=2A$$

∴ New resistance,  $R' = \rho \frac{l'}{A'}$ 

$$=\frac{\rho\frac{l}{2}}{2A}=\frac{\rho l}{4A}=\frac{R}{4}.$$