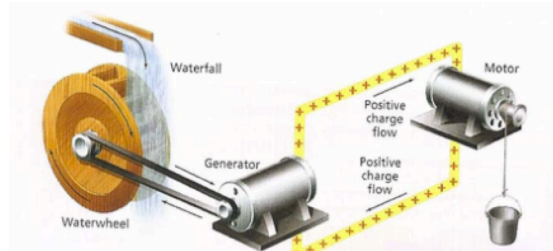


Electricity Review

1 – Electricity Basics

- Electricity is *loosely* defined as the flow of electrons through an electric circuit.
- Electric circuits must always have a source of energy, a load (which uses the energy and a closed path for electrons to flow).
- Batteries or generators are examples of energy sources.



In an electric circuit the battery or generator does work moving electrons to a higher potential and then the charge does work turning the motor, or lighting the bulb, etc.

Electric current: How much charge flows by a through a given point in a given time (Coulomb/sec or Amperes).

$$I = \frac{q}{t}$$

Where:

I = Current (A)

q = Charge (C)

t = Time (s)

Example:

A normal household circuit can carry a maximum of 15 amps. How many coulombs' pass through the circuit each minute?

$$I = \frac{q}{t}$$

$$q = I \cdot t$$

$$q = (15 \text{ A})(60 \text{ s}) = \boxed{900 \text{ C}}$$

Example:

A net charge of 45 mC passes through the cross-sectional area of a wire in 15 s. What is the current in the wire?

$$I = \frac{q}{t}$$

$$I = \frac{0.045 \text{ C}}{15 \text{ s}}$$

$$I = \boxed{0.0030 \text{ A}}$$

Potential Difference: the difference in electric potential (V) between the final and the initial location when work is done upon a charge to change its potential energy. (note: *we really haven't studied this... more next chapter!*)

$$\Delta V = \frac{\text{Work}}{\text{Charge}} = \frac{W}{q}$$

Where:

ΔV = Potential Difference (V)

q = Charge (C)

W = Work (J)

Example:

How much work will it take to move 1 electron through a potential difference of 9 volts? ($1 e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$)

$$\Delta V = \frac{W}{q}$$

$$W = \Delta V \cdot q$$

$$W = (9 \text{ V})(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})$$

$$W = 1.44 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$$

Example:

If a 20.0 mA current flows through a 5.0 volt circuit in 15 seconds, what is the total work done by the circuit?

$$q = I \cdot t = (0.0200 \text{ A})(15 \text{ s}) = 0.30 \text{ C}$$

$$W = \Delta V \cdot q = (5.0 \text{ V})(0.30 \text{ C})$$

$$W = 1.5 \text{ J}$$

Resistance: the opposition to electron flow due to both the shape and properties of the material the electrons are flowing through.

Ohm's Law: Can basically be summed up as....

Higher Voltage = *more current*

Higher Resistance = *less current*

$$V = IR$$

Where:

V = Voltage (V)

I = Current (A)

R = Resistance (Ω)

Example:

You have an air conditioner which operates at 120 V and draws 7.5 A. Find the equivalent resistance.

$$V = IR$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$R = \frac{120 \text{ V}}{7.5 \text{ A}}$$

$$R = 16 \Omega$$

Example:

A person notices a mild shock if the current along a path through the thumb and index finger exceeds $80.0 \mu\text{A}$. Determine the maximum allowable potential difference without shock across the thumb and index finger for the following:

a) a dry-skin resistance of $4.0 \times 10^5 \Omega$.

b) a wet-skin resistance of $2.0 \times 10^3 \Omega$.

$$\text{a) } V = IR = (8.00 \times 10^{-5} \text{ A})(4.0 \times 10^5 \Omega) = 32 \text{ V}$$





$$\text{b) } V = IR = (8.00 \times 10^{-5} \text{ A})(2.0 \times 10^3 \Omega) = 0.16 \text{ V}$$

Why???

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2 – Schematic Diagrams

- A Schematic Diagram is an electric blueprint.
- It uses standard symbols and is usually drawn in straight lines.

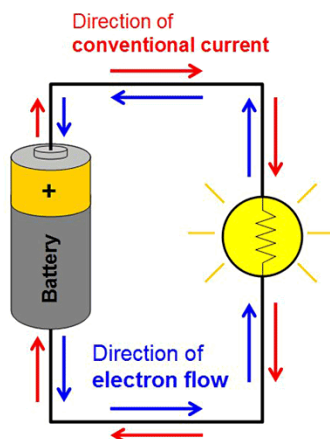
Circuit Element	Symbol	Physical Characteristics
Resistor		Resists the flow of electric current. Converts electric energy into thermal energy.
Ideal wire		An ideal wire has zero resistance. It is used to connect various elements in a circuit.
Battery		A device that produces a constant difference in electrical potential between its two terminals.
Switches (open and closed)		Devices used to control whether electric current is allowed to flow through a circuit or a portion of a circuit.

AC vs. DC

- Batteries produce a current, Direct Current (DC) that always flows in the Same direction.
(We will focus on this!)
- Household outlets supply Alternating Current (AC), which constantly reverses direction.
- In North America AC current switches direction 60 times each second (60 Hz).

Conventional Current vs. Electron Flow

Before scientists discovered that subatomic particles such as protons, electrons, and neutrons were the building blocks of the atom... they believed that electricity was the result of positive charges moving in a circuit. This flow of positive charges from High Potential (+) to Low Potential (-) was known as **Conventional Current**. It is now known that the particle moving in an electric circuit is instead the electron. This flow of negative charges from Low Potential (-) to High Potential (+) was known as **Electron Flow**. Unfortunately... some habits are hard to break and therefore we will focus on Conventional Current in this course.



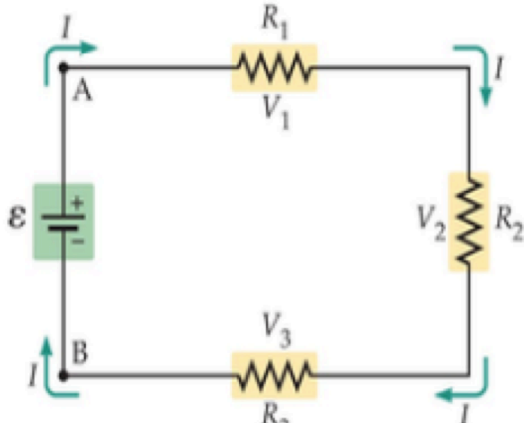
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3 – Circuits

There are three kinds of electric circuits, series, parallel and combination (both series and parallel elements).

Series Circuit

Only one path for the current to flow. (Current is constant everywhere)



Rules for series circuits!

$$V_T = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$$

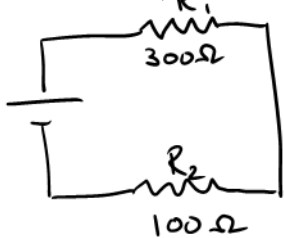
$$I_T = I_1 = I_2 = I_3$$

$$R_T = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

Example:

You have 2 resistors in series. One is $100\ \Omega$ and the other is $300\ \Omega$.

Draw the circuit; find the total resistance of the circuit.



$$R_T = R_1 + R_2 = 100\ \Omega + 300\ \Omega = \boxed{400\ \Omega}$$

If the battery is $8\ \text{V}$ what is the current in the circuit?

$$V_T = IR_T$$

$$I = \frac{V_T}{R_T} = \frac{8\ \text{V}}{400\ \Omega} = \boxed{0.020\ \text{A}}$$

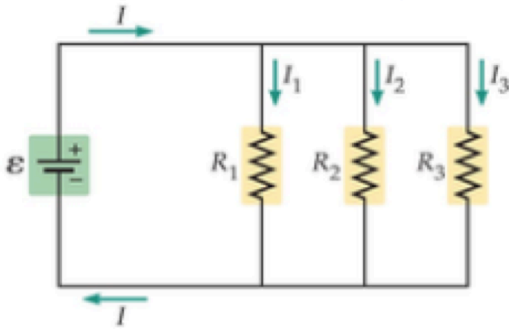
How many volts are across the $100\ \Omega$ resistor?

$$V_2 = IR_2$$

$$V_2 = (0.020\ \text{A})(100\ \Omega) = \boxed{2\ \text{V}}$$

Parallel Circuit

More than one path for current. (Current is **NOT** constant everywhere)



$$V_T = V_1 = V_2 = V_3$$

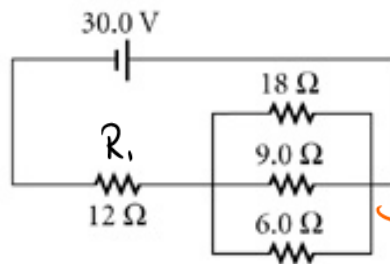
$$I_T = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$$

$$1/R_T = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + 1/R_3$$

Rules for parallel circuits

Example:

From the circuit below, find the....



$$R_p = \left(\frac{1}{18} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{6} \right)^{-1}$$

$$R_p = 3\ \Omega$$

Equivalent (total) Resistance of the circuit.

$$R_T = R_1 + R_T = 12\ \Omega + 3\ \Omega = \boxed{15\ \Omega}$$

The current drawn from the battery.

$$V_T = I_T R_p$$

$$I_T = \frac{V_T}{R_p} = \frac{30.0\text{ V}}{15\ \Omega} = \boxed{2.0\text{ A}}$$

The voltage drop across the $12\ \Omega$ and across the $6.0\ \Omega$ resistor.

$$V_1 = I R_1 = (2.0\text{ A})(12\ \Omega) = \boxed{24\text{ V}} \leftarrow \text{drop across } 12\ \Omega \text{ resistor.}$$

$$30\text{ V} - 24\text{ V} = \boxed{6\text{ V}} \leftarrow \text{drop across } 6\ \Omega \text{ resistor}$$

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4 – Power

Power is the rate as which electrical E is used. The units for Electrical Power are Watt's.

$$P = \frac{W}{T}$$

and $I = \frac{q}{T}$, $V = \frac{W}{q}$ so...

$$P = VI$$

Where: $P = \text{Power (W)}$
 $I = \text{Current (A)}$
 $V = \text{Voltage (V)}$

Note: Using Ohm's Law we can easily find to other formulas for Power.

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

$$P = I^2 R$$

Example:

A 40 Watt light bulb and 75 Watt light bulb operate at 120 V. Which bulb has a larger current running through it?

$$P_{40} = VI$$

$$I = \frac{P_{40}}{V} = \frac{40W}{120V} = \boxed{0.33A}$$

$$P_{75} = VI$$

$$I = \frac{P_{75}}{V} = \frac{75W}{120V} = \boxed{0.63A}$$

Winner!!

Example:

Most stereo speakers are designed to have a resistance of 8.0Ω . If the 8.0Ω speaker is connected to a stereo amplifier with a rating of 100 W, what is the maximum possible potential difference the amplifier can apply to the speakers?

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

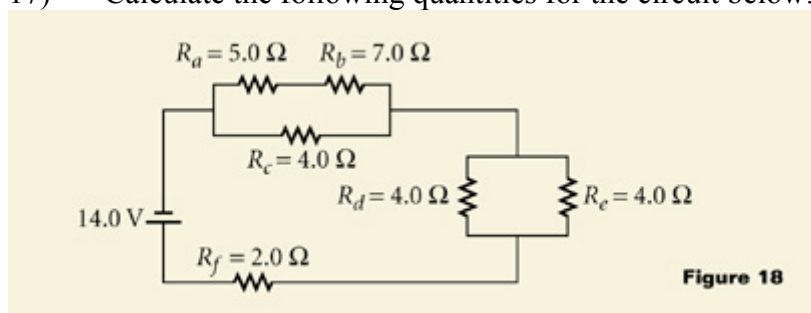
$$V = \sqrt{PR} = \sqrt{(100W)(8.0\Omega)}$$

$$\boxed{V = 28.3V}$$

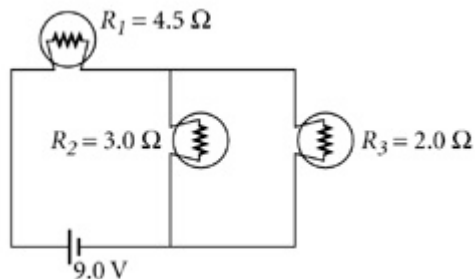
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- 1) As resistors are added in series to a circuit, the current in the circuit
 - a. increases
 - b. decreases
 - c. remains the same
- 2) As you plug more appliances into a circuit in your house, the total current in that circuit
 - a. increases
 - b. decreases
 - c. remains the same
- 3) Current is the same throughout in a _____ circuit.
- 4) The total resistance is less than the smallest resistor in a _____ circuit.
- 5) If one resistor in a parallel circuit is removed, the total current
 - a. increases
 - b. decreases
 - c. remains the same
- 6) Differentiate between an open and a closed circuit.
- 7) A high voltage transmission line carries 1.0×10^3 A of current at 7.0×10^5 V for a distance of 160 km. The resistance in the wire is $0.30 \Omega/\text{km}$.
 - a. What is the total power transmitted?
 - b. What is the power dissipated due to resistive losses? (note: always use $P = I^2 R$)
 - c. What percent of the total power is lost due to resistance?
- 8) A pocket calculator draws 5.0×10^{-5} A of current when connected to a 9.0 V battery.
 - a. What is its power rating?
 - b. How much energy does it use if it is left on for 20. minutes?
- 9) What is the voltage of a battery which sends 0.700 A of current through a $15.0\text{-}\Omega$ light bulb?
- 10) A toaster connected to a 120 V outlet uses electrical energy at the rate of 1500 W. What is the resistance of the toaster?
- 11) A microwave oven draws 15 A when operated on 120 V.
 - a. Calculate its power output.
 - b. If it takes 15 minutes to cook a meal, how much energy is used?
 - c. At 8.0¢ per kilowatt.hour, what is the cost of cooking the meal?
- 12) A $10.\text{-}\Omega$ resistor, a $20.\text{-}\Omega$ resistor, and a $30.\text{-}\Omega$ resistor are connected in series and placed across a 120-V source.
 - a. What is the effective resistance of the circuit?
 - b. What is the total current in the circuit?
 - c. What is the voltage drop across the $20.\text{-}\Omega$ resistor?
- 13) A $10.0\text{-}\Omega$ resistor, a $20.0\text{-}\Omega$ resistor, and a $30.0\text{-}\Omega$ resistor are connected in parallel and placed across a 120.0-V source.
 - a. What is the equivalent resistance of the circuit?
 - b. What is the current through the $20.0\text{-}\Omega$ resistor?

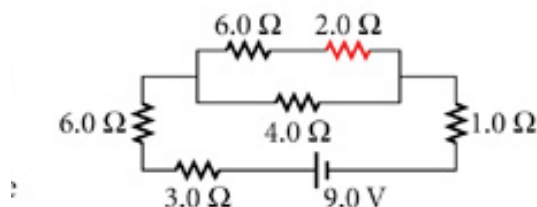
- 14) A $15\text{-}\Omega$ resistor is connected in series with a parallel arrangement consisting of two $10\text{-}\Omega$ resistors. This entire structure is placed across a 120-V potential difference.
- What is the total current in the circuit?
 - What is the voltage drop across the $15\text{-}\Omega$ resistor?
 - What is the current through one of the $10\text{-}\Omega$ resistors?
- 15) The following appliances are connected to the 120-V electrical circuit in a kitchen: a $15.0\text{-}\Omega$ electric fry pan, a $25.0\text{-}\Omega$ refrigerator, a $20.0\text{-}\Omega$ mixer, and a $12.0\text{-}\Omega$ toaster. The circuit breaker protecting this circuit trips at a current of 25 A . If all of the appliances are on at the same time, will the circuit breaker trip? Show proof.
- 16) The stockroom has only $20\text{ }\Omega$ and $50\text{ }\Omega$ resistors.
- You need an equivalent resistance of $45\text{ }\Omega$. How can this resistance be achieved under these circumstances?
 - What can you do if you need a $35\text{ }\Omega$ resistor?
- 17) Calculate the following quantities for the circuit below: R_{Total} , I_{Total} , I_c , V_a , V_d , I_e , and V_f .



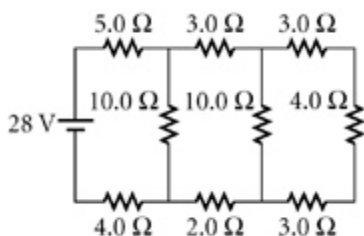
- 18) What is the current draw from the battery in the diagram below.



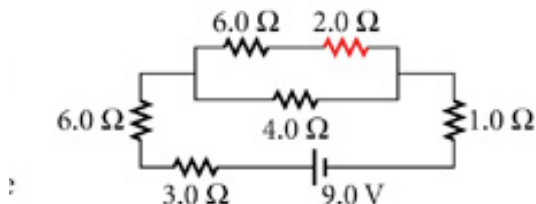
- 19) Find the equivalent resistance and current drawn from the battery from the following schematic.



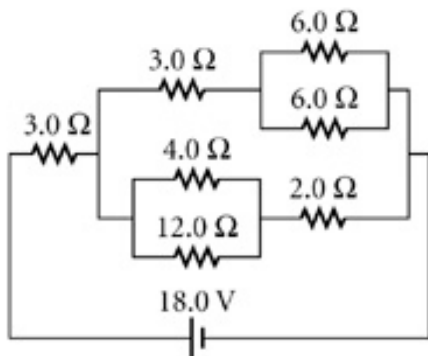
- 20) Find the equivalent resistance and current drawn from the battery from the following schematic.



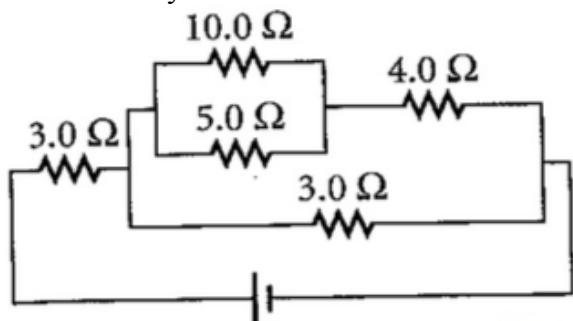
- 21) Find the voltage drawn from the $2.0\ \Omega$ resistor.



- 22) What is the power rating across the $4.0\ \Omega$ resistor?



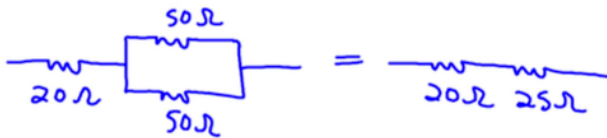
- 23) The power supplied to the circuit shown below is $4.00\ \text{W}$. Determine the potential difference across the battery.



- 24) Your toaster oven and coffee maker each dissipate $1200\ \text{W}$ of power. Can you operate them together if the $120\ \text{V}$ power source has a circuit breaker rated at $15\ \text{A}$. Explain your answer.

ANSWERS:

1. Decreases
2. Homes are wired in parallel and therefore adding resistors/loads decreases the overall resistance. Current should increase.
3. series
4. parallel
5. decreases
6. Open circuits have incomplete loops and therefore current stops flowing.
7. a. $7.0 \times 10^8 \text{ W}$ b. $4.8 \times 10^7 \text{ W}$ c. 93%
8. a. $4.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ W}$ b. $1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ kW-hr}$
9. 10.5 V
10. 9.6Ω
11. a. 1800 W b. 0.45 kW-hr c. 3.6¢
12. a. 60Ω b. 2.0 A c. 40. V
13. a. 5.45Ω b. 6.00 A
14. a. 6.0 A b. 90. V c. 3.0 A
15. yes; $I_{\text{total}} = 28.8 \text{ A}$



- 16.
17. $R_T = 7.00 \Omega$, $I_T = 2.00 \text{ A}$, $I_c = 1.50 \text{ A}$, $V_a = 2.50 \text{ V}$, $V_d = 4.00 \text{ V}$, $I_e = 1.00 \text{ A}$, $V_f = 4.00 \text{ V}$
18. 1.6 A
19. 12.7Ω and 0.71 A
20. 14Ω and 2 A
21. 0.47 V
22. 6.6 W
23. 4.5 V
24. NO! Current draw will be 20 A, remember households are wired in parallel.

