

# ELECTRICITY

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# Electrical Properties

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Voltage

Current

Resistance

Power

# Remember back...

What is potential energy?

## Stored Energy

# Voltage

Voltage is the Potential Energy Difference  
between two locations

Voltage = Potential Difference  
p.d.

Symbol: **V**

Unit: **Volts [V]**



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# Current

The rate at which charges move through a conductor

Flow of Electrons

Symbol:

**I**

Unit: **Amperes [A]**



**Voltage**

**Current**

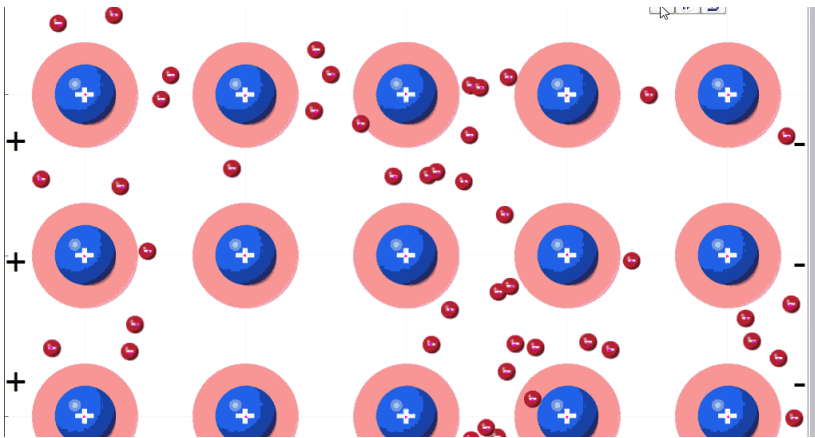
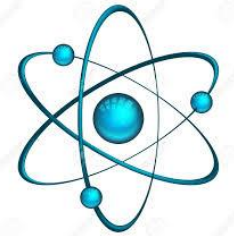
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# Current

Why do the electrons flow instead of protons or neutrons?

Outside of the atom  
so they are more  
easily transferred



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# Resistance

How difficult it is for electrons to flow

Symbol: **R**

Unit: **Ohms  $[\Omega]$**

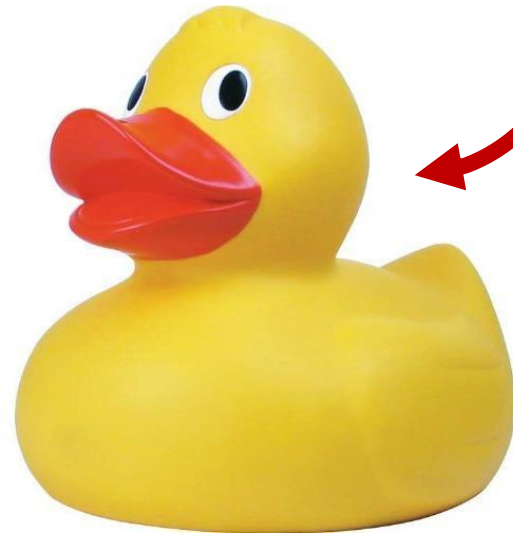


Which one has more resistance for water flow?

# Conductors and Insulators

Conductors have a low resistance

Insulators have a high resistance



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# Electrical Properties

Property	What is it?	Symbol	Unit
Voltage	Potential Difference	V	Volts [V]
Current	The rate at which the charges move through wire	I	Amps [A]
Resistance	How hard it is for current to flow through a conductor	R	Ohms [Ω]

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# How are they Related?



Voltage



Current

$$V \propto I$$



Resistance



Current

$$R \propto 1/I$$



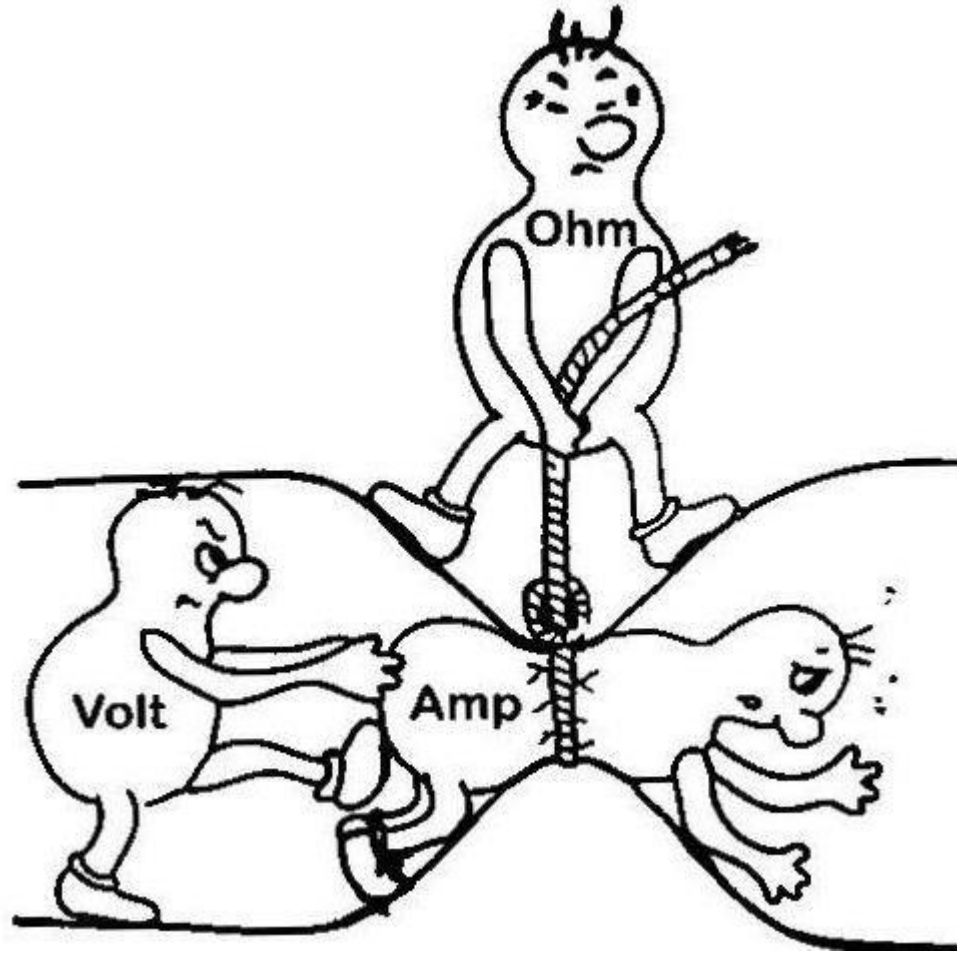
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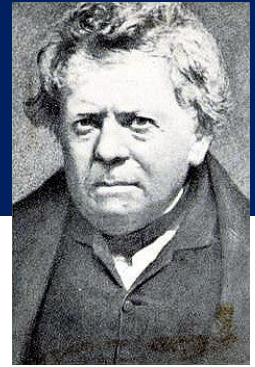
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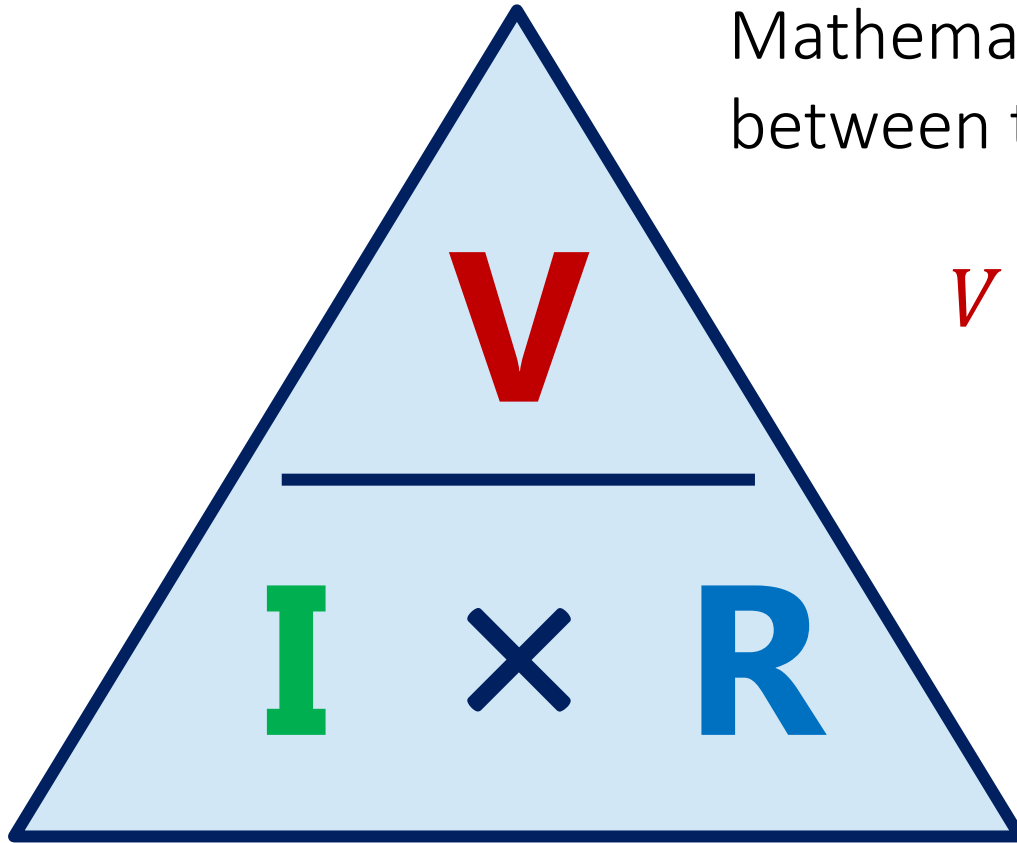
Power

*\*Memorize\**

# Ohm's Law



Mathematical relationship  
between the electrical properties



$$V = I \times R$$

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

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

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# IB Physics Data Booklet

## Sub-topic 5.1 – Electric fields

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

$$F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

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

$$E = \frac{F}{q}$$

$$I = nAvq$$

## Sub-topic 5.2 – Heating effect of electric currents

Kirchhoff's circuit laws:

$$\Sigma V = 0 \text{ (loop)}$$

$$\Sigma I = 0 \text{ (junction)}$$

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

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

$$R_{\text{total}} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{\text{total}}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots$$

$$\rho = \frac{RA}{L}$$

## Sub-topic 5.3 – Electric cells

$$\mathcal{E} = I(R + r)$$

## Sub-topic 5.4 – Magnetic effects of electric currents

$$F = qvB \sin \theta$$

$$F = BIL \sin \theta$$

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# Try this...

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



What is the voltage of a battery that produces a current of 1.5 amps through a 3 ohm resistor?

$$I = 1.5 \text{ A}$$

$$R = 3 \Omega$$

$$V = I \times R = 1.5 \times 3 = 4.5 \text{ V}$$

$$V = ??$$



What resistance would produce a current of 5 amps from a 120-volt power source?

$$I = 5 \text{ A}$$

$$V = 120 \text{ V}$$

$$R = ??$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{120}{5} = 24 \Omega$$

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# Remember Power?

Symbol: **P**

Unit: **Watts [W]**

New Equations:

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

$$V = IR$$

$$P = VI$$

$$P = I^2 R$$

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

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# Calculating Power



A blender runs on 5 amps of current on a 120 V. How much power is it drawing?

$$I = 5 \text{ A}$$

$$V = 120 \text{ V}$$

$$P = VI = (120)(5) \\ = 600 \text{ W}$$

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

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# Different Devices... Different Power

Common Appliances	Estimated Watts
Blender	300-1000
Microwave	1000-2000
Waffle Iron	800-1500
Toaster	800-1500
Hair Dryer	1000-1875
TV 32" LED/LCD	50
TV 42" Plasma	240
Blu-Ray or DVD Player	15
Video Game Console (Xbox / PS4 / Wii)	40-140

What do  
you notice?

**Heat**

**Voltage**

**Current**

**Resistance**

**Power**

# Lesson Takeaways

- ☐ I can describe the properties of Voltage, Current, Resistance, and Power
- ☐ I can use Ohm's Law to mathematically relate these electrical properties and solve for an unknown

# Circuits

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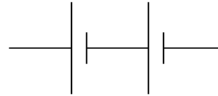
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# Circuits

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battery



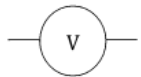
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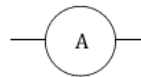
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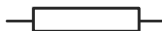
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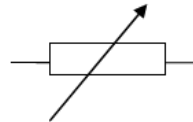
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resistor



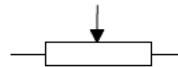
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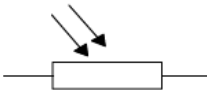
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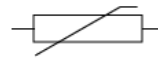
potentiometer



light-dependent resistor (LDR)



thermistor



transformer



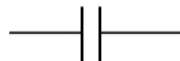
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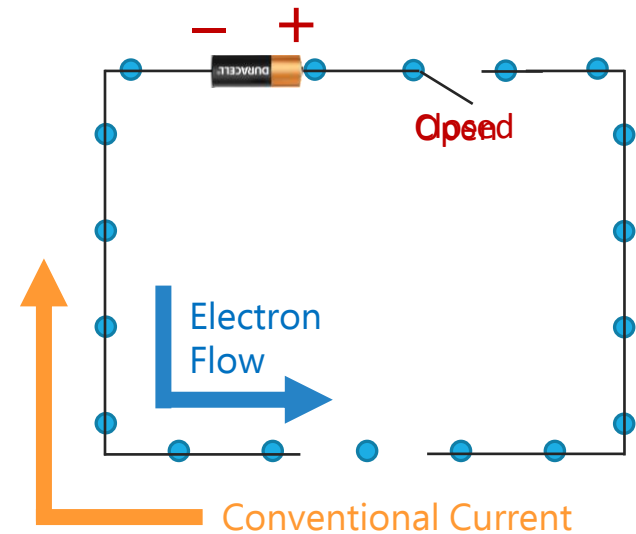
diode



capacitor



Long side indicates the positive terminal



\*Ben Franklin defined current as the flow of positive charges

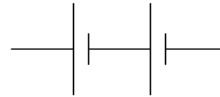


# Resistance in a Circuit

cell



battery



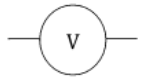
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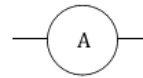
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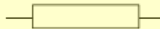
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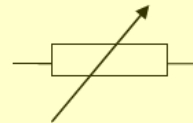
ammeter



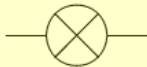
resistor



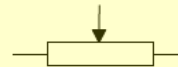
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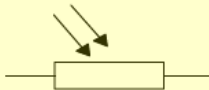
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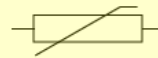
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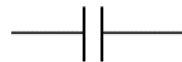
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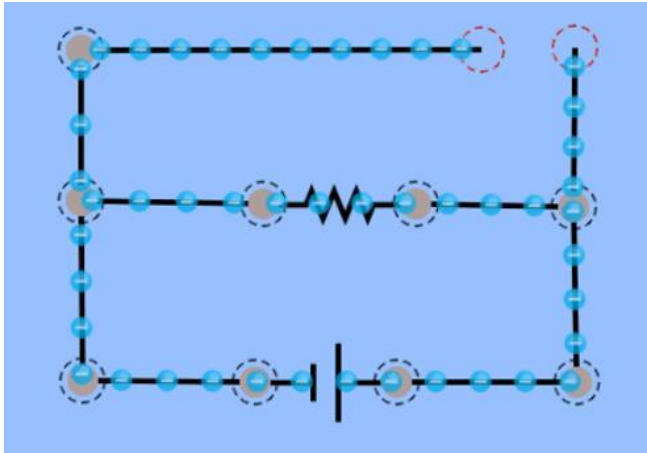
capacitor



There are many different components that act as resistors when placed in a circuit



# Resistance and Electron Flow

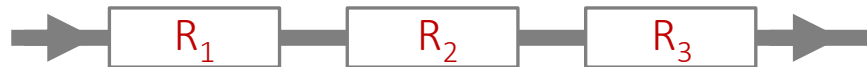


Electrons will follow the path of least resistance

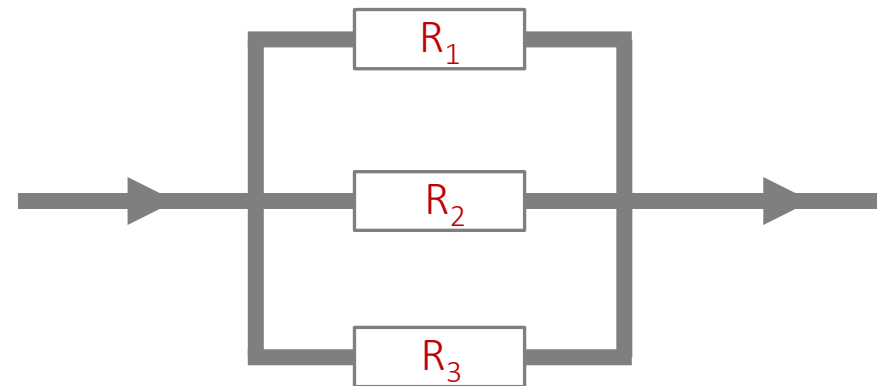
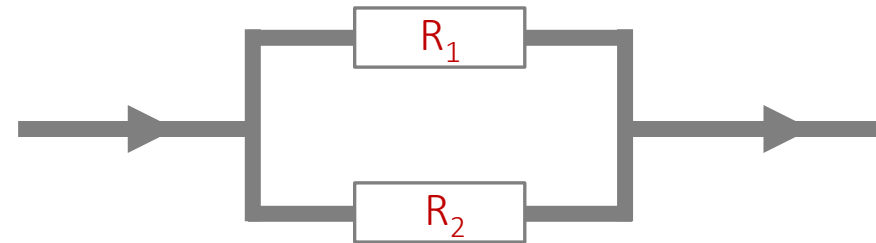
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# Combining Components

## Series



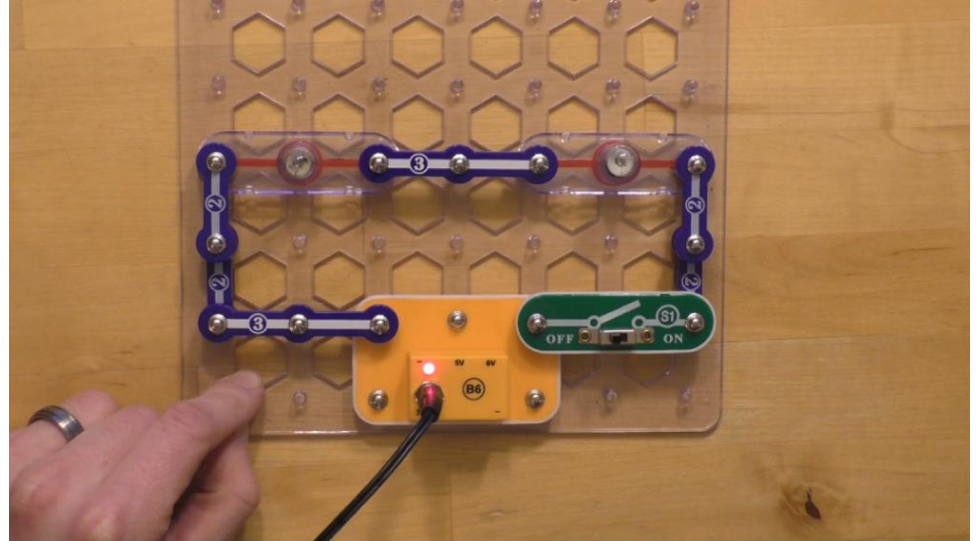
## Parallel





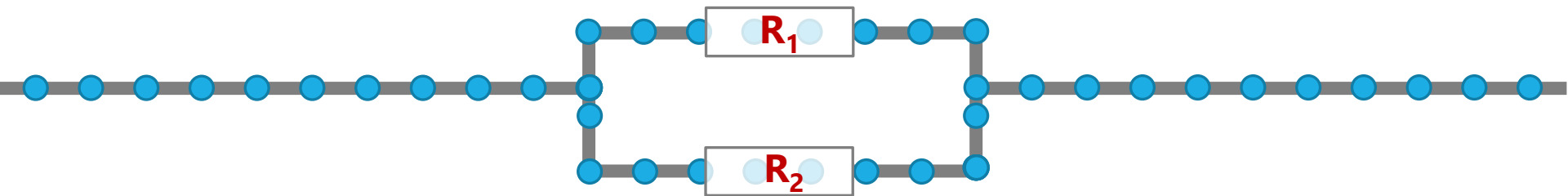
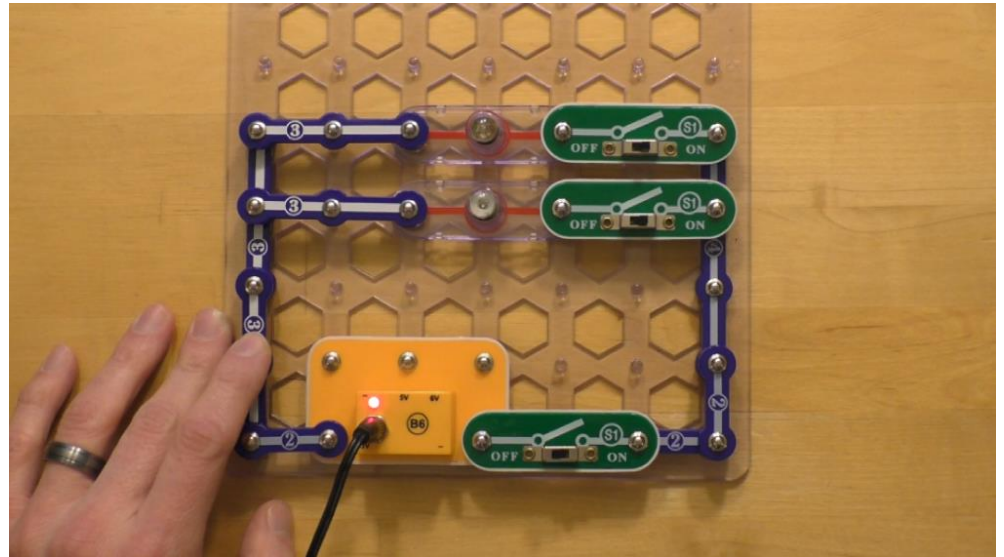
# Connecting in Series

- Components in one single pathway
- Current flows the same through everything

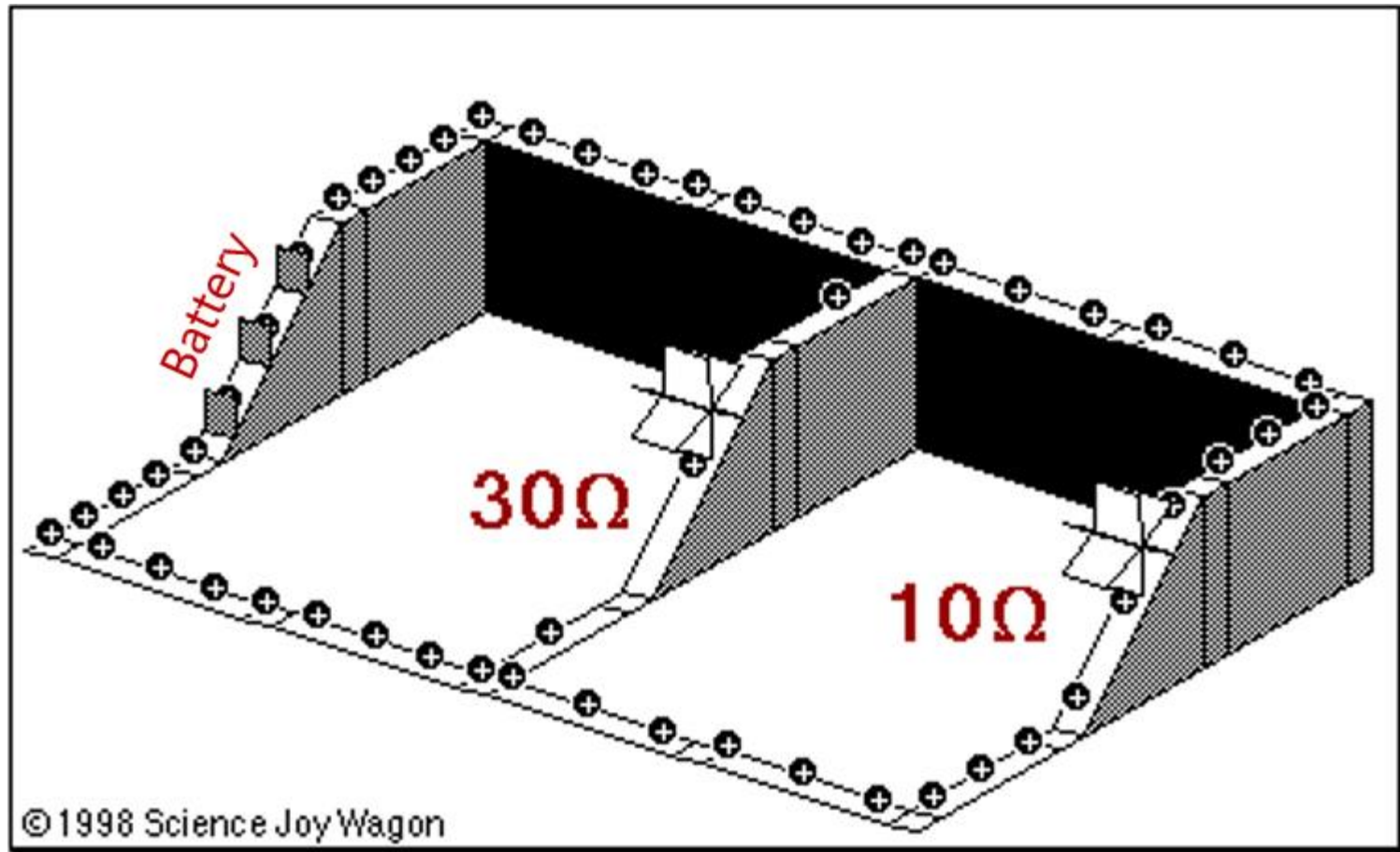


# Connecting in Parallel

- Separate branches
- Current splits up between the different pathways



# Water Flow Model

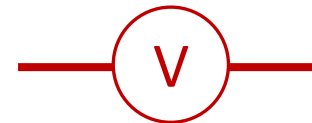


# Measuring Circuits

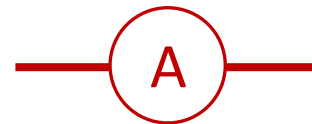
When we measure **voltage** or **current** in a circuit, we need to connect our instrumentation in the right way



Voltmeter

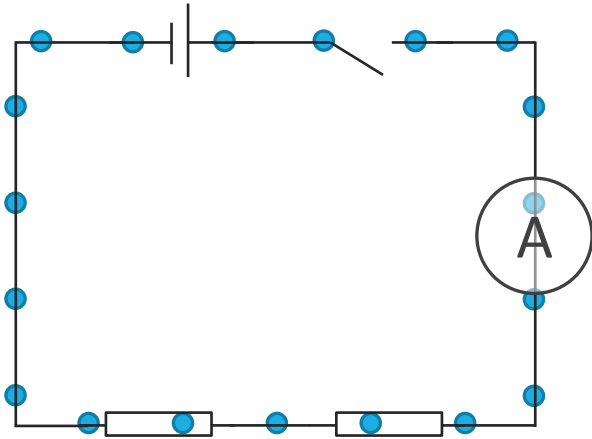


Ammeter



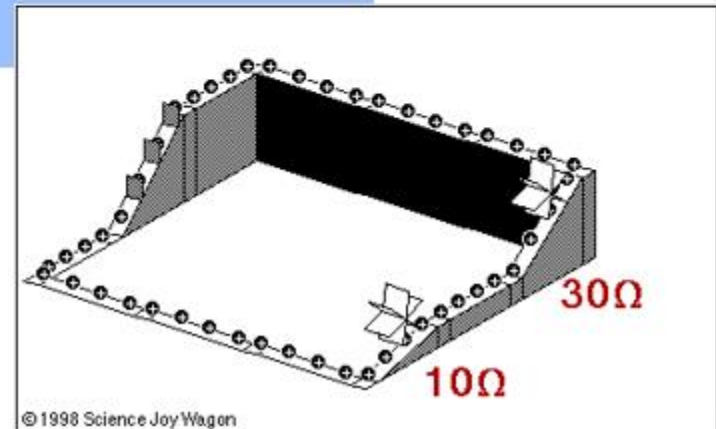
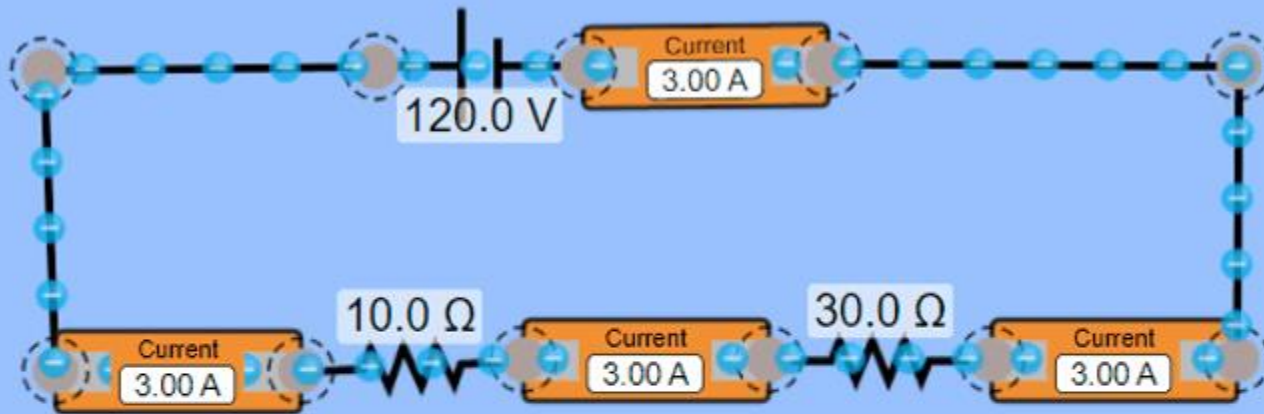
# Ammeter

Hooked up in series with the component being measured



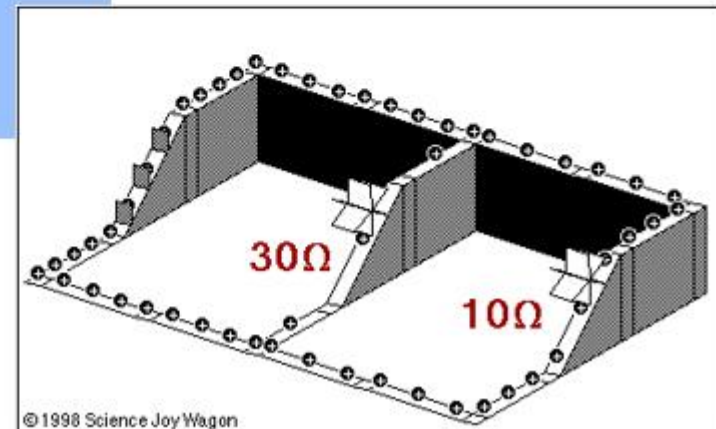
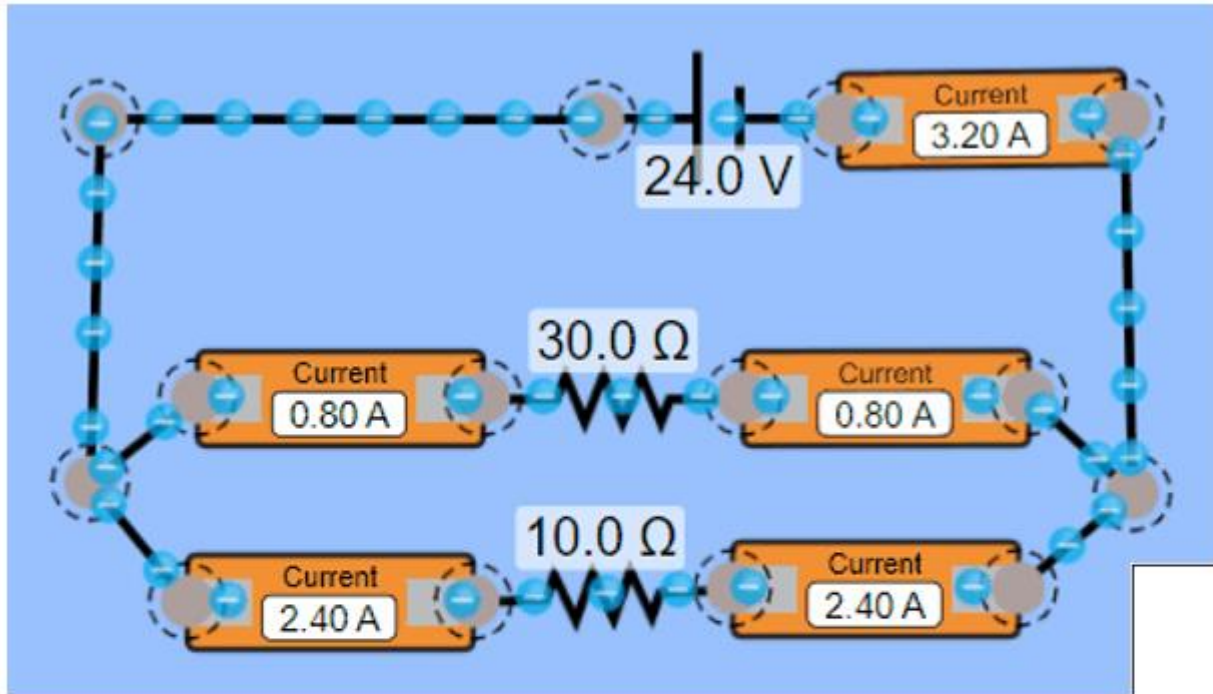
To measure the current, the current must flow through the ammeter

# Measuring Current



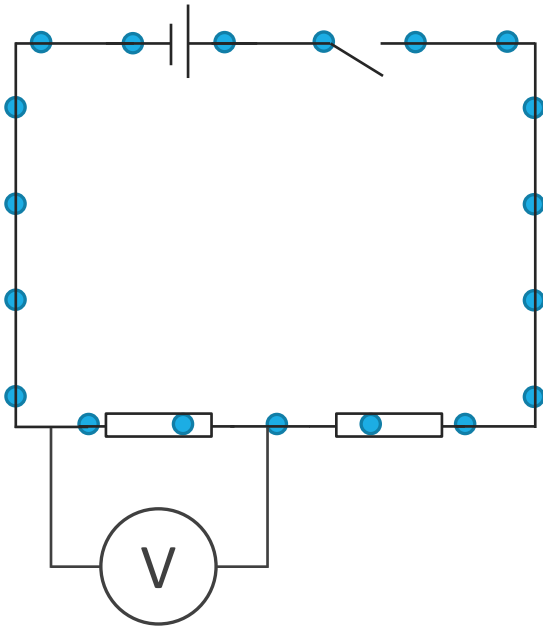


# Measuring Current



# Voltmeter

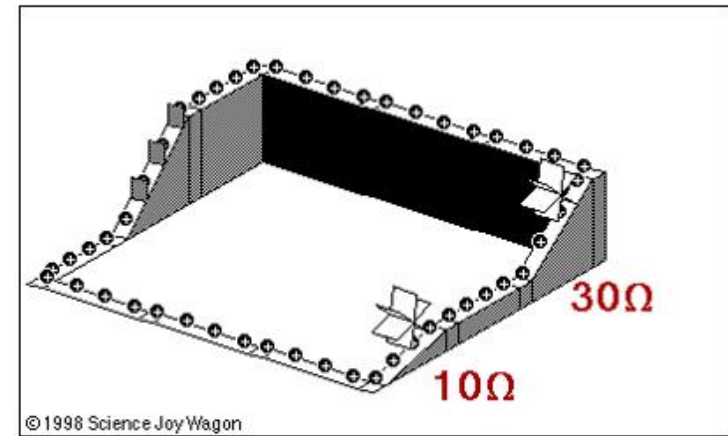
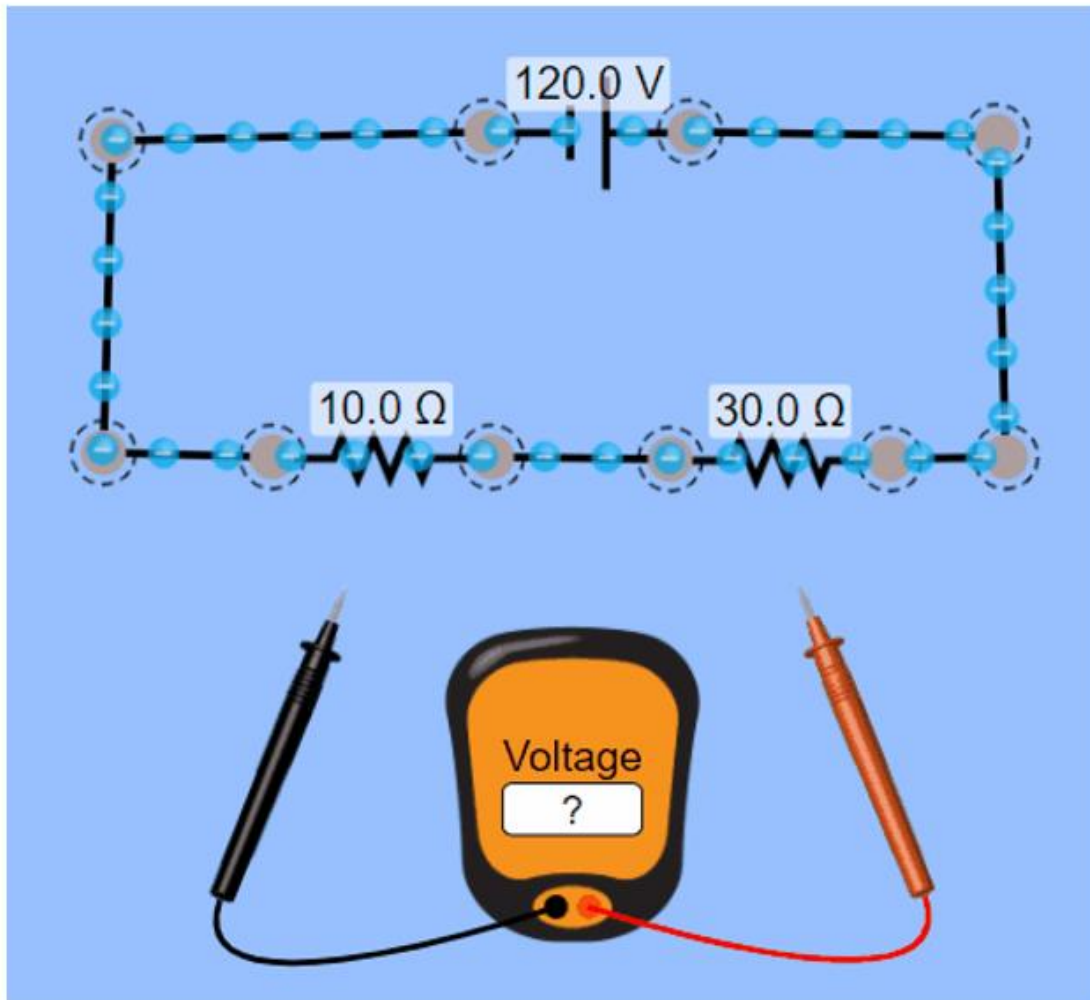
Hooked up in parallel with the component being measured



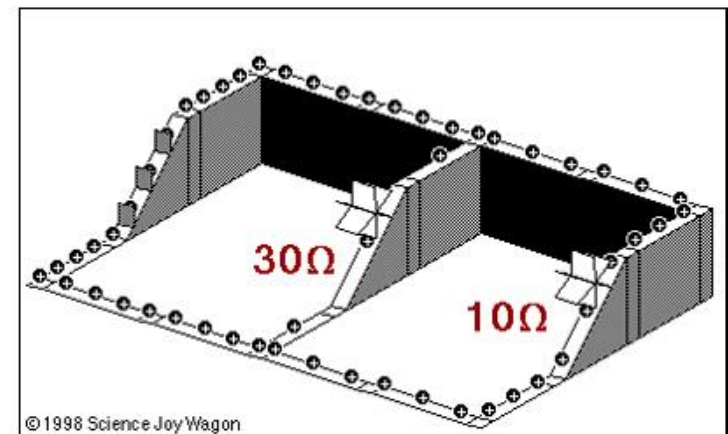
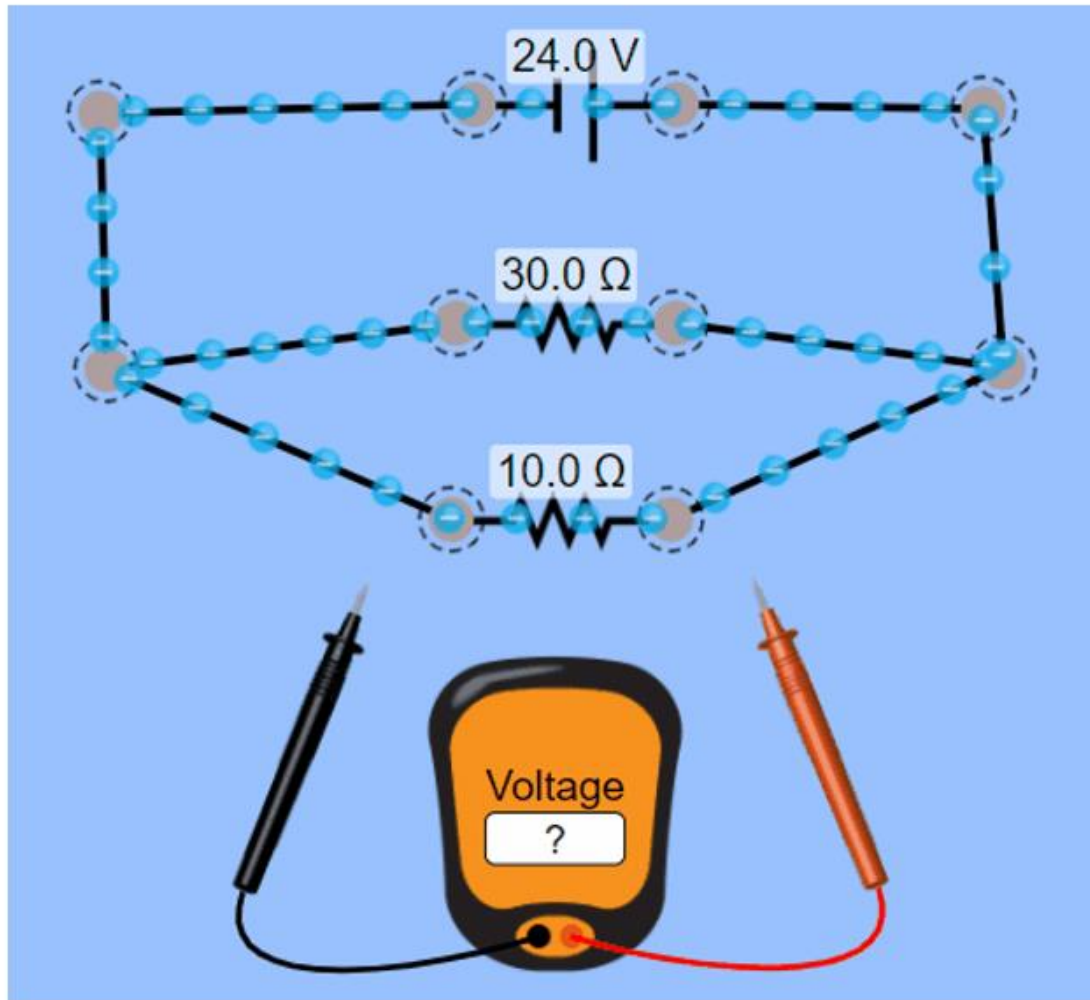
To measure the potential difference (voltage) a voltmeter needs to connect to two locations



# Measuring Voltage



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# Lesson Takeaways

- ☐ I can describe the direction of conventional current compared to the movement of charges through a circuit
- ☐ I can identify component combinations as parallel or series
- ☐ I can describe how current flows through parallel and series resistors
- ☐ I can describe the set up to measure current and voltage in a circuit

# Resistivity

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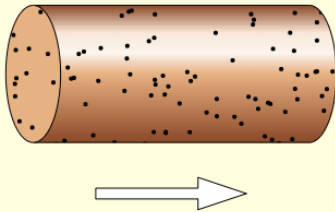
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# Resistance

What factors affect the resistance of a wire?


- Cross-sectional Area
- Length
- Material

$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$



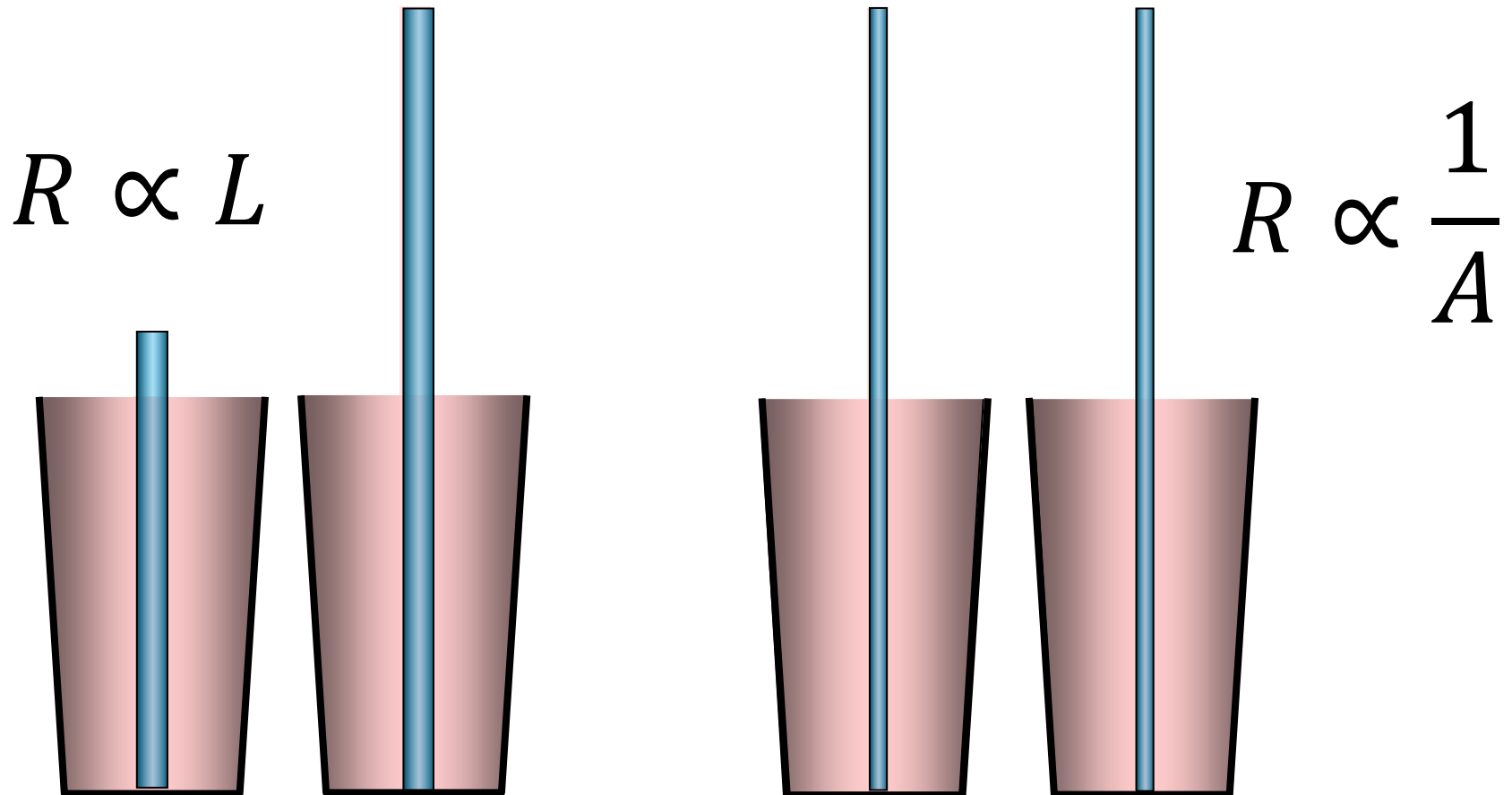
resistance = 0.653 ohms

$\rho$ resistivity	$L$ length	$A$ area
0.49 $\Omega\text{cm}$	10.00 cm	7.50 $\text{cm}^2$



# Resistance

Imagine that you are testing the resistance of a straw while drinking a milkshake...



# Calculating Resistance

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$$

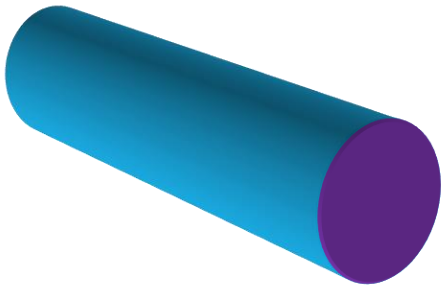
$R \rightarrow$  Resistance [ $\Omega$ ]

$L \rightarrow$  Length [m]

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$A \rightarrow$  Area [ $\text{m}^2$ ]

$\rho \rightarrow$  Resistivity [ $\Omega\text{m}$ ]



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# Resistivity

Resistivity  $\rho$  changes depending on the material used.

Conductor Material	Resistivity (Ohm meters @ 20 °C)
Silver	$1.64 \times 10^{-8}$
Copper	$1.72 \times 10^{-8}$
Aluminum	$2.83 \times 10^{-8}$
Tungsten	$5.50 \times 10^{-8}$
Nickel	$7.80 \times 10^{-8}$
Iron	$12.0 \times 10^{-8}$
Constantan	$49.0 \times 10^{-8}$
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Lower Resistivity → Better Conductor

# Resistivity – Try This #1

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Calculate the resistance of a 1.8 m length of iron wire of with a diameter of 3 mm

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$$

$$L = 1.8 \text{ m}$$

$$\rho = 12.0 \times 10^{-8} \Omega\text{m}$$

$$A = \pi(0.003/2)^2 = 7.07 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

$$R = (12.0 \times 10^{-8}) \frac{(1.8)}{(7.07 \times 10^{-6})}$$

$$R = 0.0306 \Omega$$

# Resistivity – Try This #2

A current of 4 A flowed through a 75 m length of metal alloy wire of area  $2.4 \text{ mm}^2$  when a p.d. of 12 V was applied across its ends. What was the resistivity of the alloy?

$$\rho = \frac{RA}{L}$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{12}{4} = 3 \Omega$$

$$L = 75 \text{ m}$$

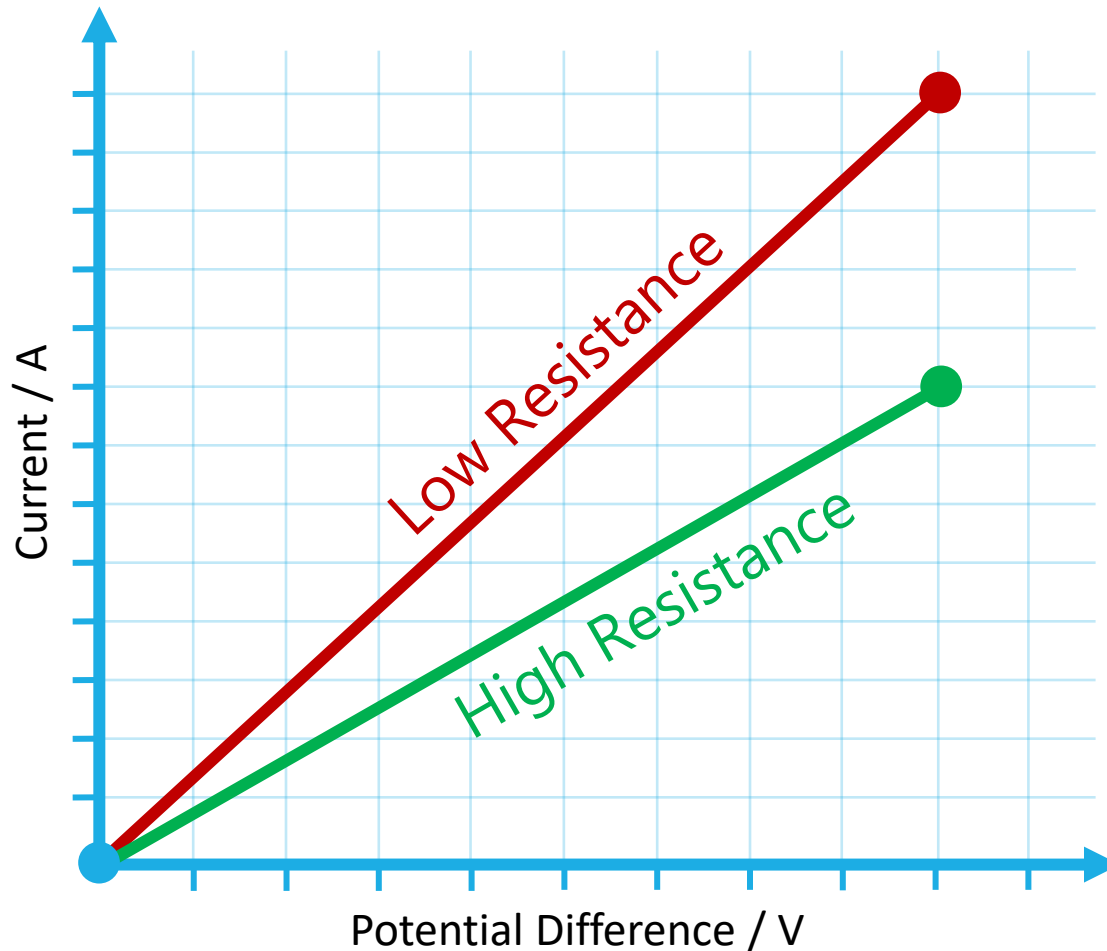
$$A = 2.4 \cancel{\text{mm}^2} \times \left( \frac{1 \text{ m}}{1000 \cancel{\text{mm}}} \right)^2$$

$$A = 2.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\rho = \frac{(3)(2.4 \times 10^{-6})}{(75)}$$

$$= 9.6 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{m}$$

# Graphing Ohm's Law

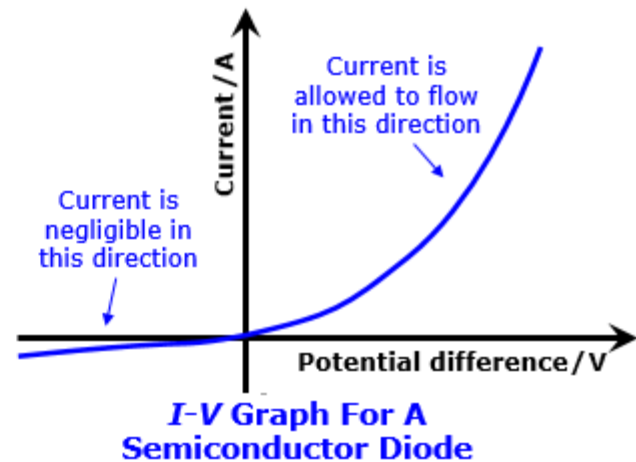
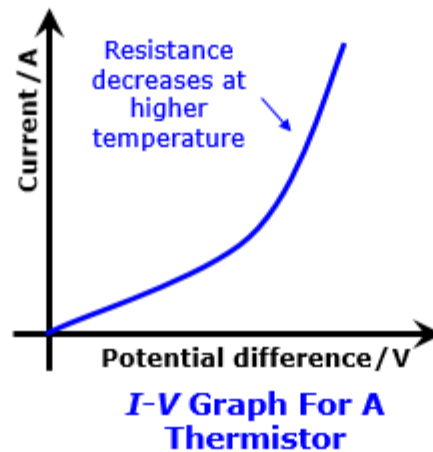
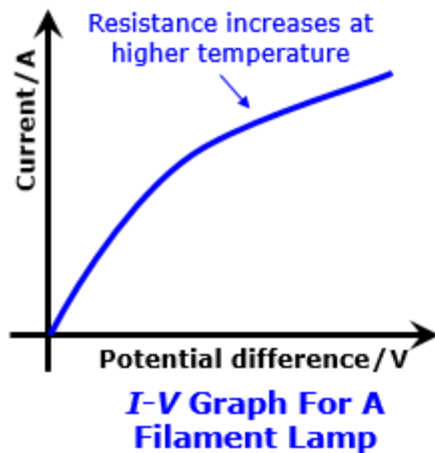


Linear Relationship means  
that our component is  
Ohmic

Resistance  
is constant

# Graphing Ohm's Law

Many/most electrical resistors don't follow Ohm's Law all of the time... For example, incandescent light bulbs have much more resistance as they heat up



Non-linear Relationship means that our component is Non-ohmic

# Graphing Ohm's Law

Find V and R for the resistors X and Y when the current is 2A

X

V	4 V
I	2 A
R	2 $\Omega$

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

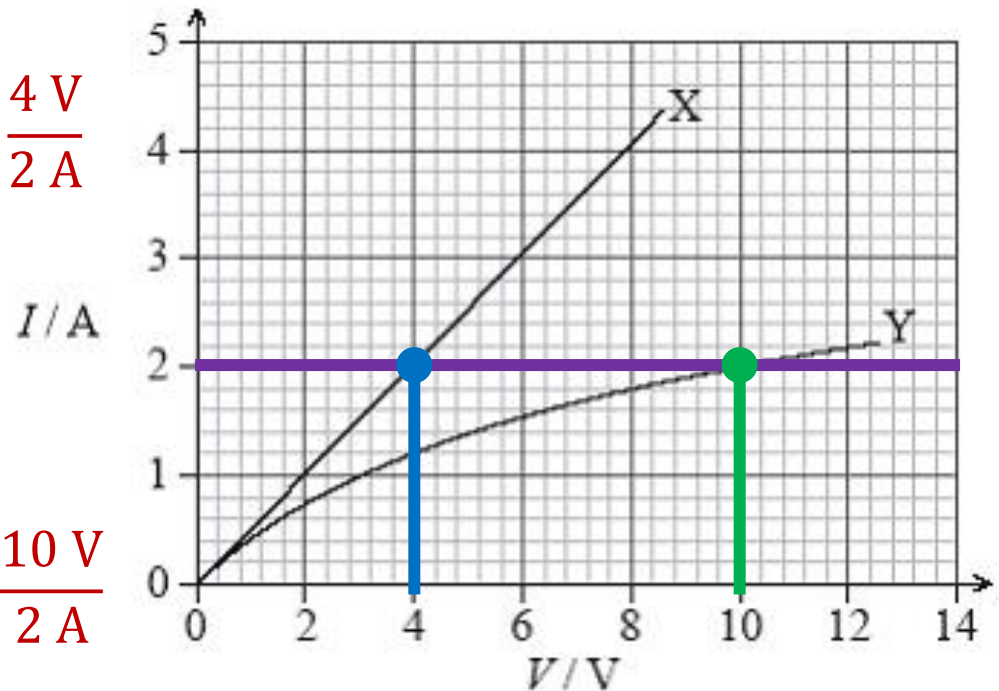
$$R = \frac{4 \text{ V}}{2 \text{ A}}$$

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V	10 V
I	2 A
R	5 $\Omega$

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

$$R = \frac{10 \text{ V}}{2 \text{ A}}$$



# Equivalent Resistance

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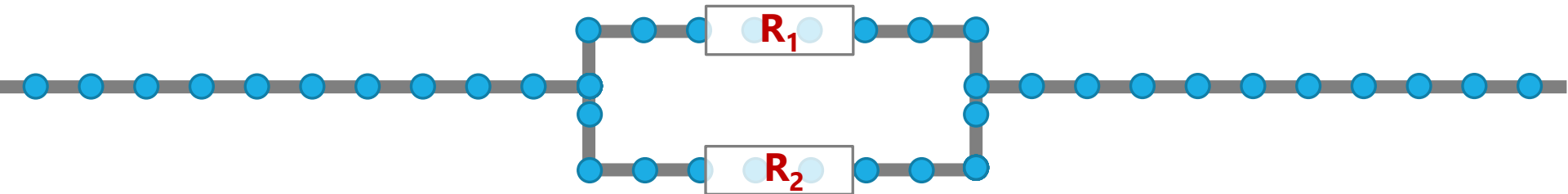
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# Series and Parallel

## Series



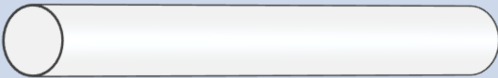

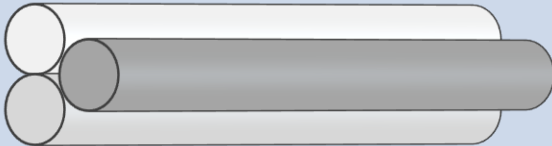
## Parallel





# Straw “Resistor”

A good physical model for current travelling through resistors is blowing through a straw.

<b>1 resistor</b>	
<b>3 resistors in series</b>	
<b>3 resistors in parallel</b>	

# Combining Resistors



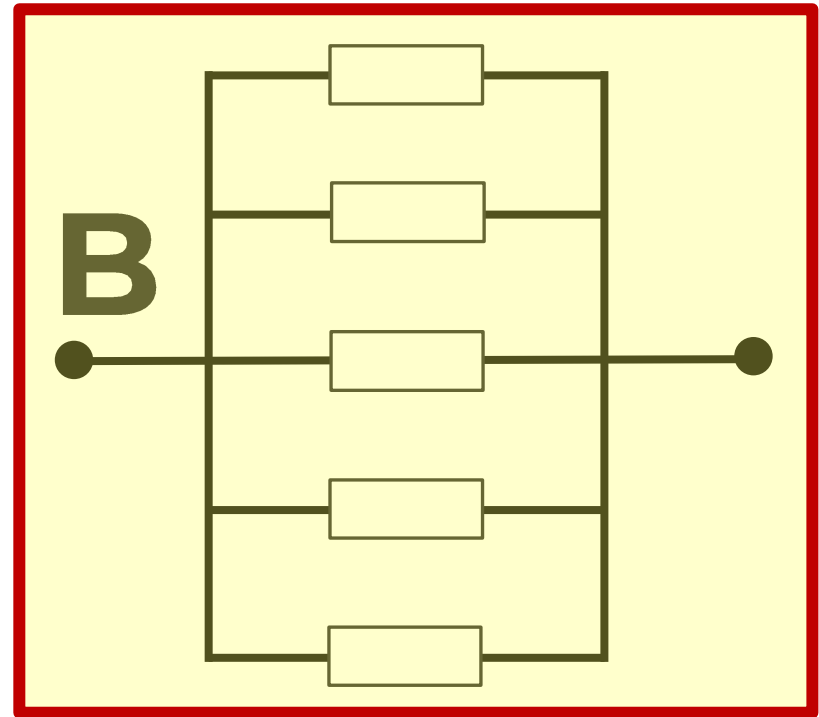
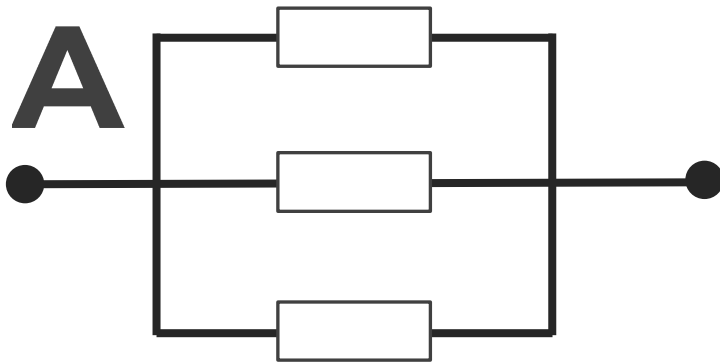
Adding resistors in series  
**increases** overall resistance



Adding resistors in parallel  
**decreases** overall resistance

# Compare these Combos...

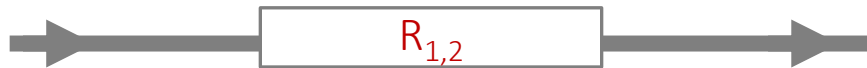
Which example has the lowest overall resistance?  
Assume that every resistor is the same.



# Combining Resistors | Series

When combining resistors in series, the resistances are simply added up as if they were one large resistor

$$R_{total} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$$

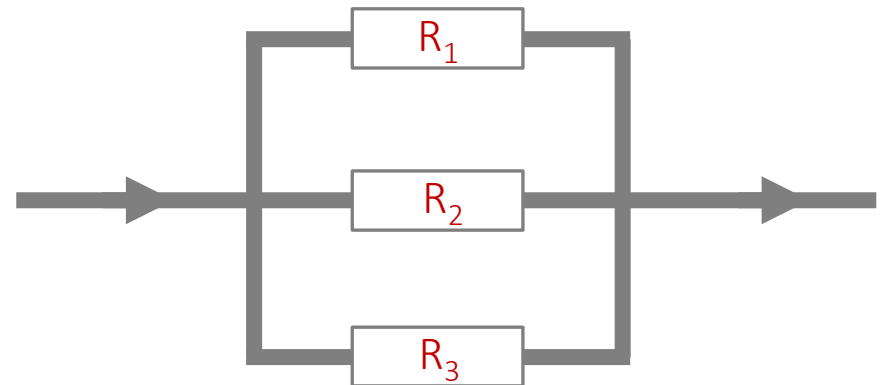
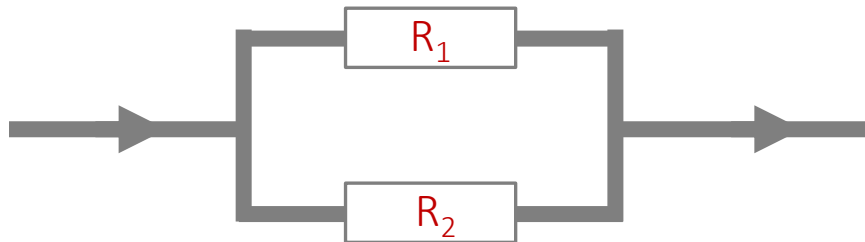


# Combining Resistors | Parallel

When combining resistors in parallel, the overall resistance decreases to produce a smaller equivalent resistance

$$\frac{1}{R_{total}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots$$

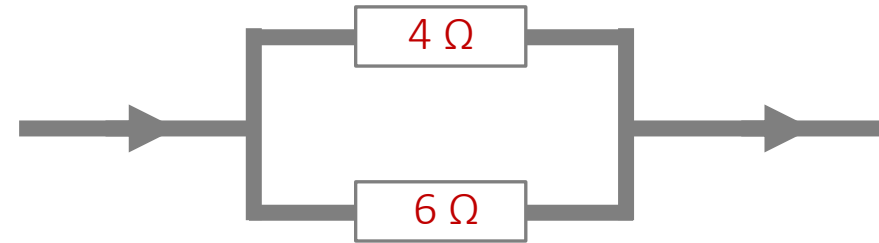
$$R_{total} = (R_1^{-1} + R_2^{-1} + \dots)^{-1} \quad \leftarrow \quad R_{total}^{-1} = (R_1^{-1} + R_2^{-1} + \dots)$$



# Combining Resistors – Try This



$$R_T = 4 + 6 + 8 = 18 \Omega$$



$$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow R_T = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6}}$$
$$R_T = (4^{-1} + 6^{-1})^{-1} = 2.4 \Omega$$

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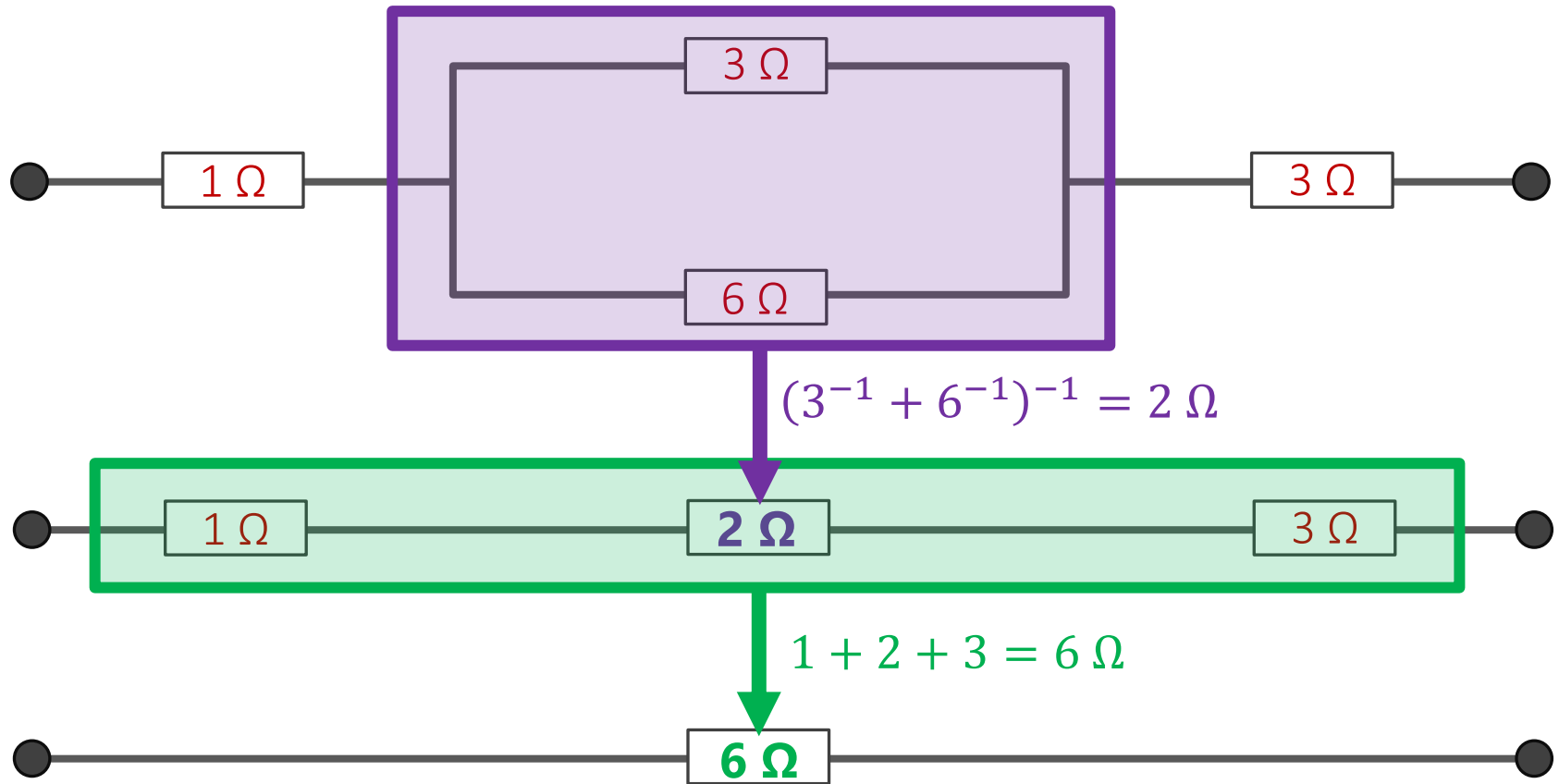
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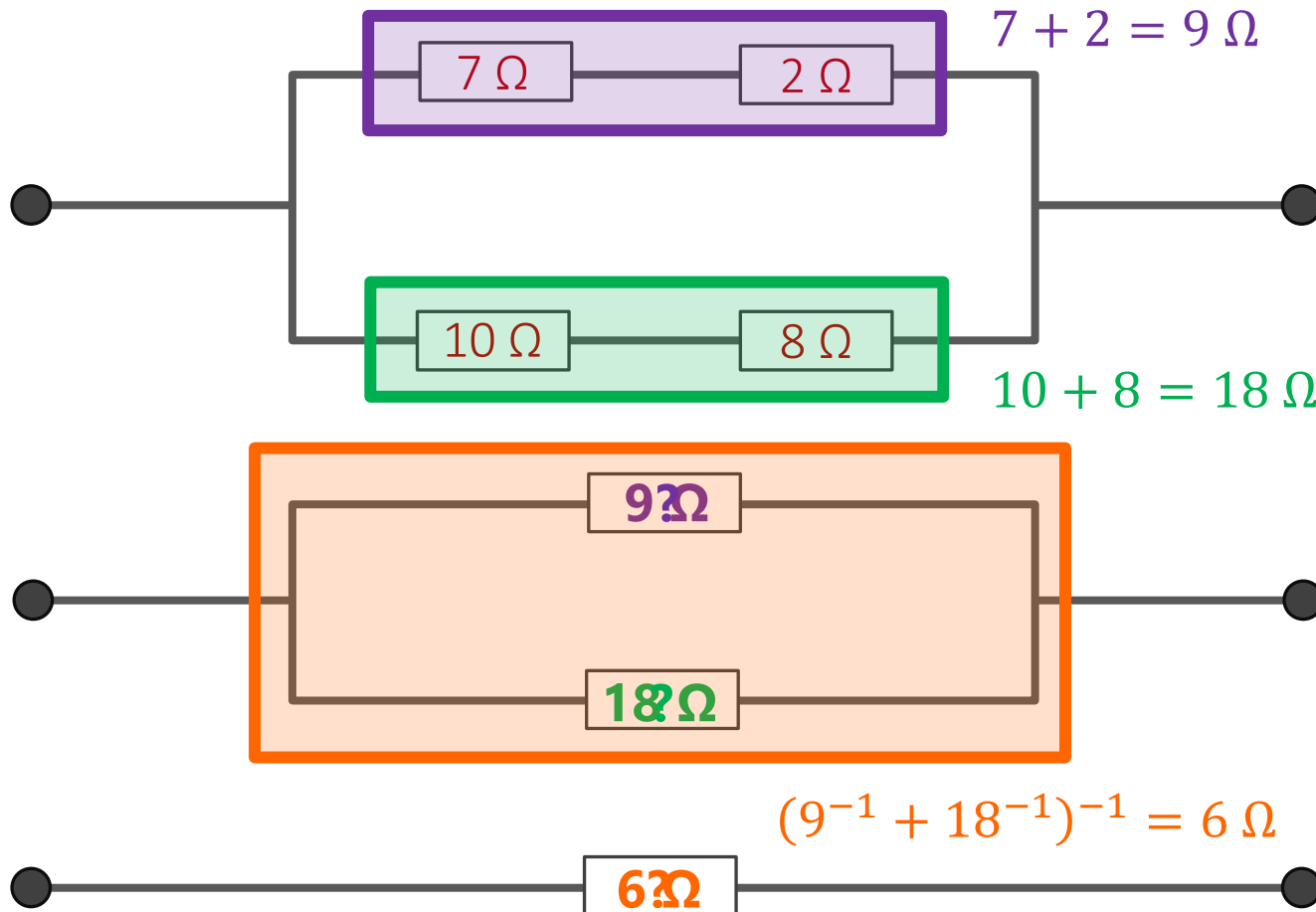
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# Equivalent Resistance

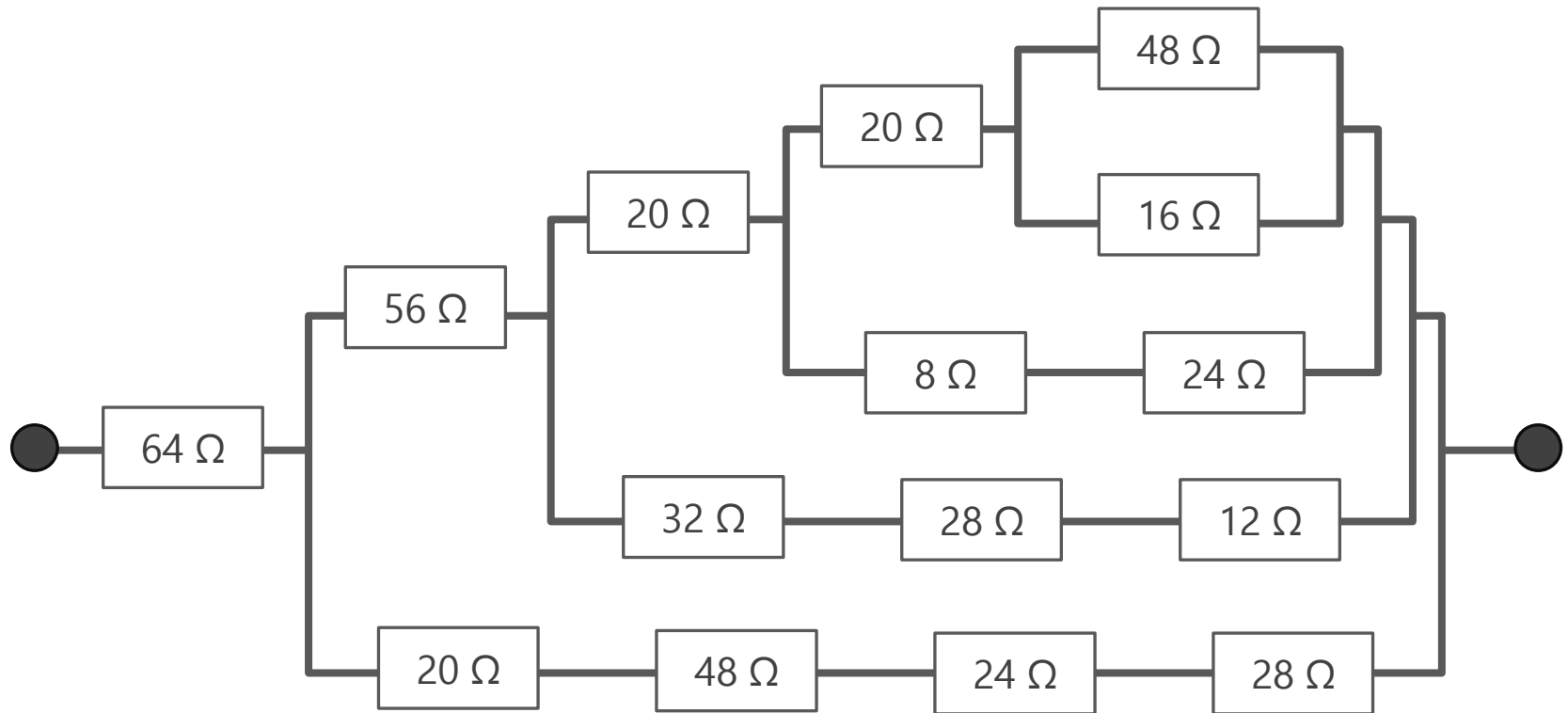




# Try This | Equivalent Resistance



# This could be bigger...



# Lesson Takeaways

- ☐ I can calculate the equivalent resistance for combinations of resistors in series and parallel
- ☐ I can systematically step through the calculation of the equivalent resistance for a complex combination

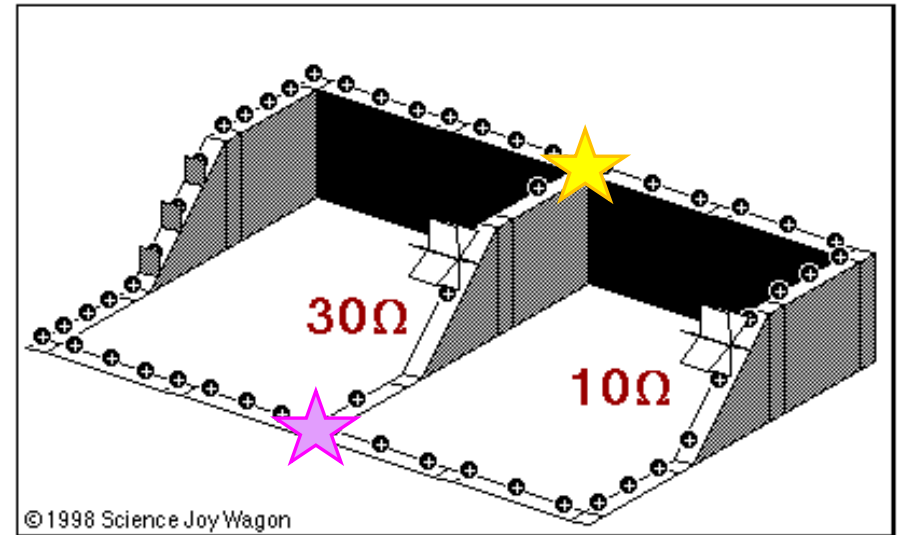
# Circuit Analysis

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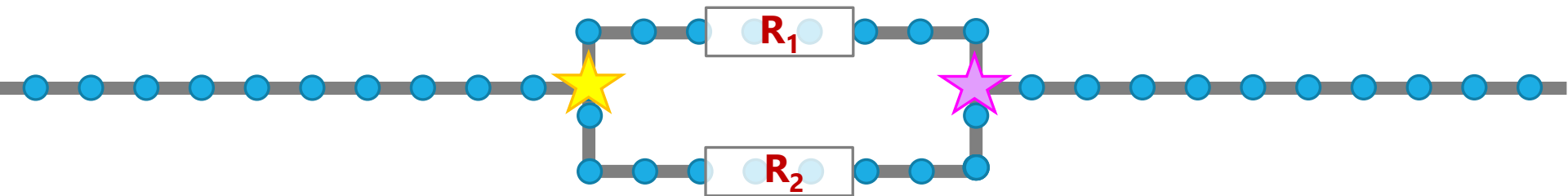
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# Review of Parallel Circuits

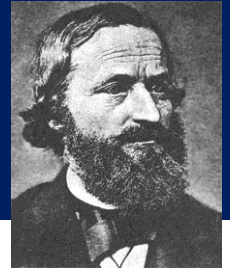
- Separate branches
- Current splits up between the different pathways



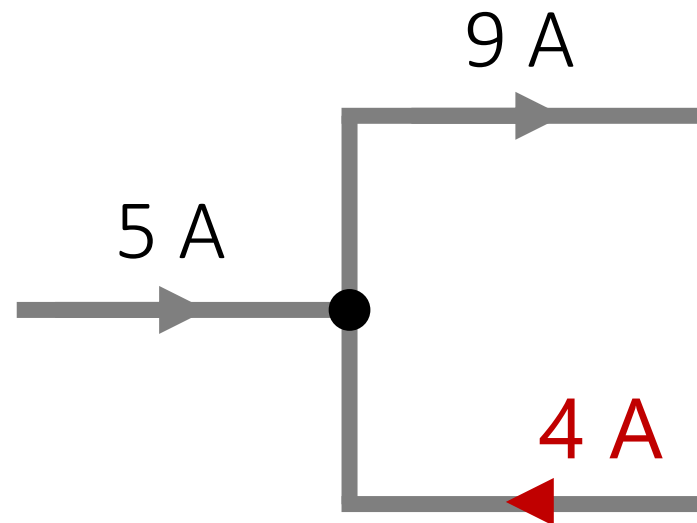
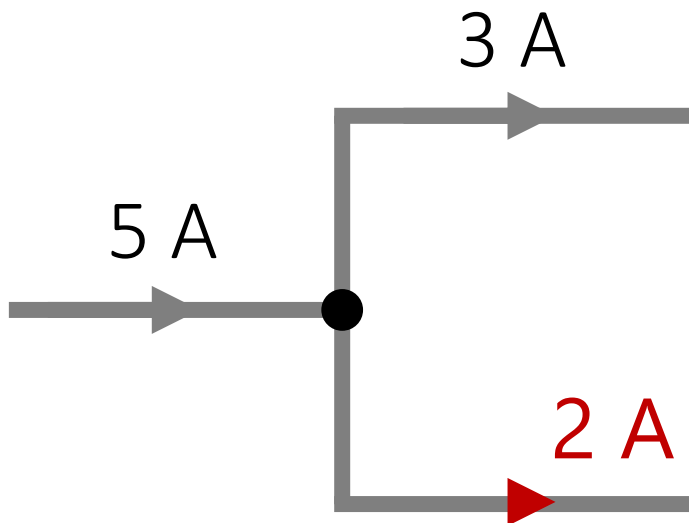
★ Junctions ★



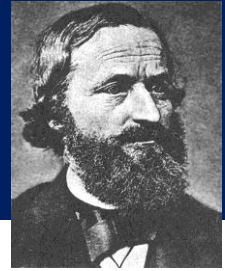
# Kirchhoff's First Law



*The total current coming into a junction must equal the total current leaving the same junction*

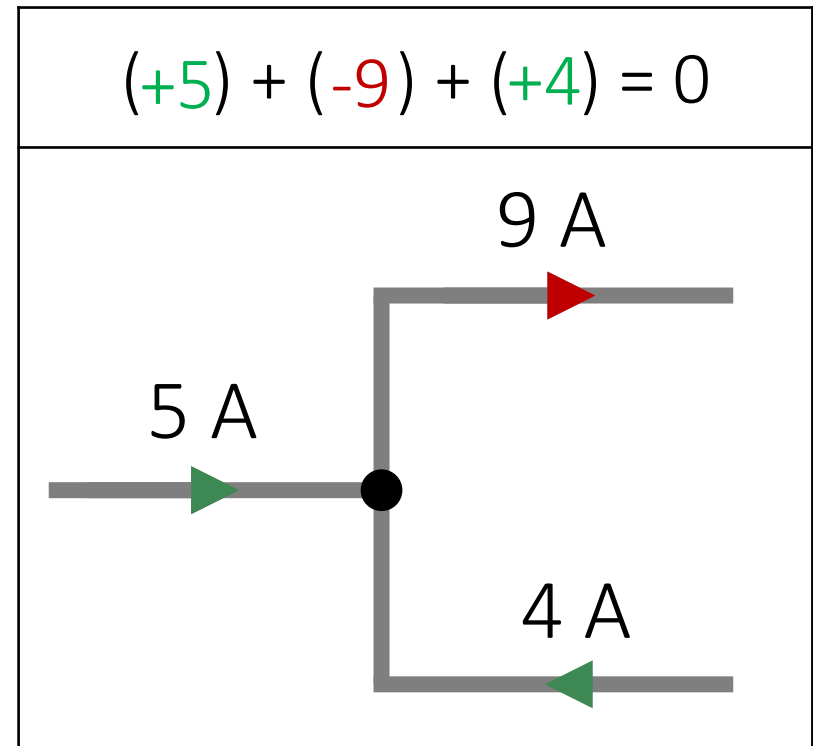
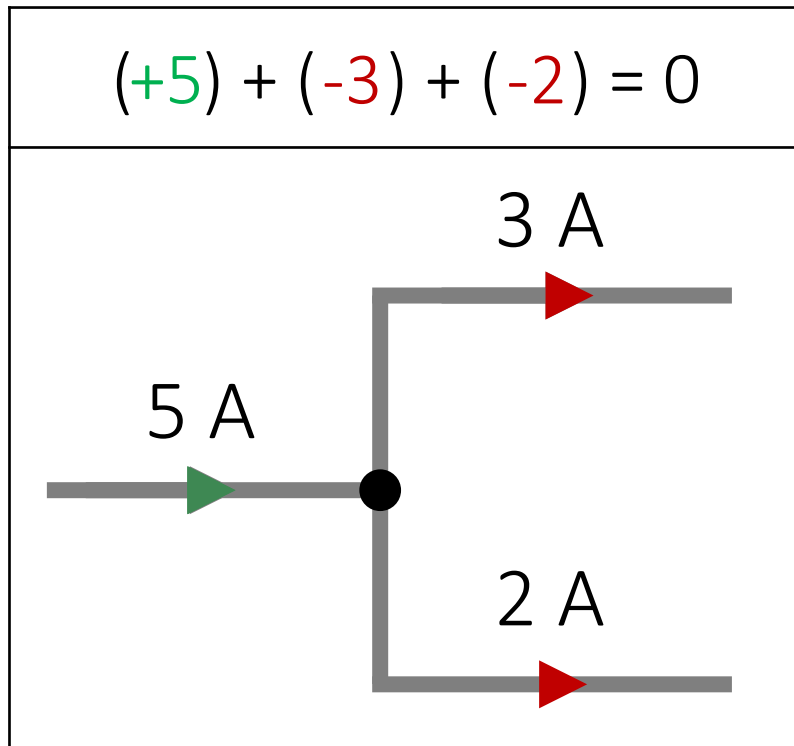


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$$\Sigma I = 0 \text{ (junction)}$$

Entering Junction	$\rightarrow \bullet$	Positive
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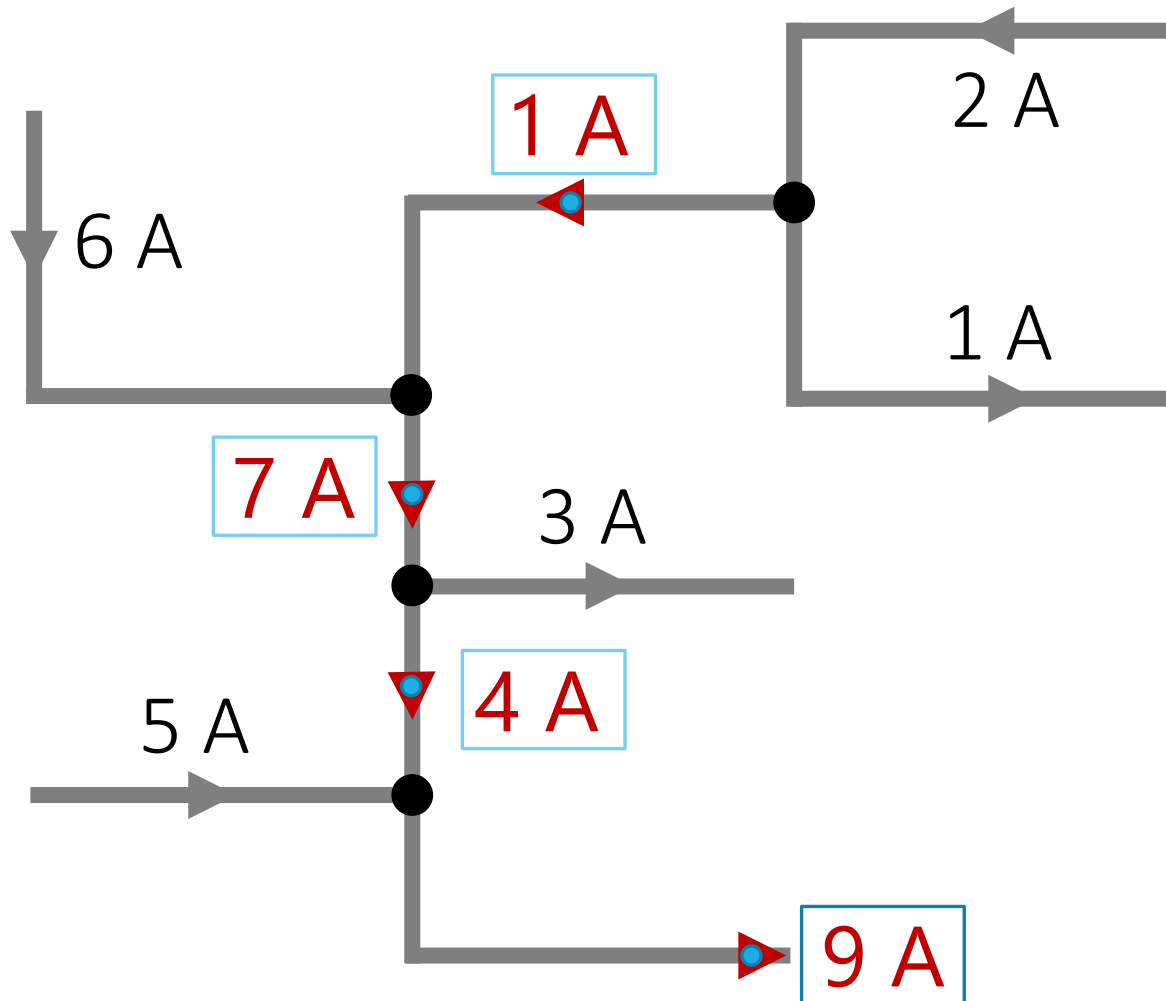
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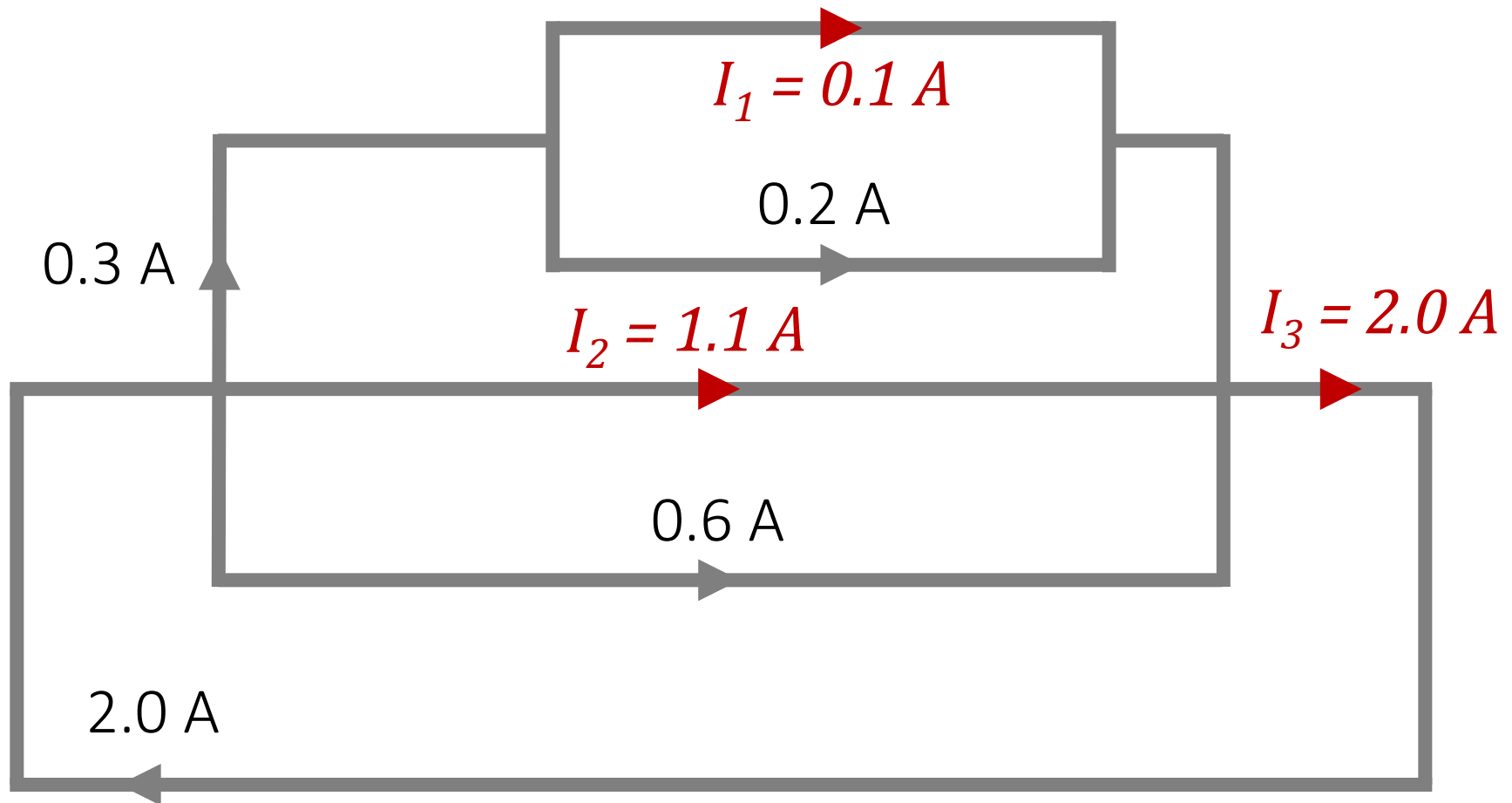
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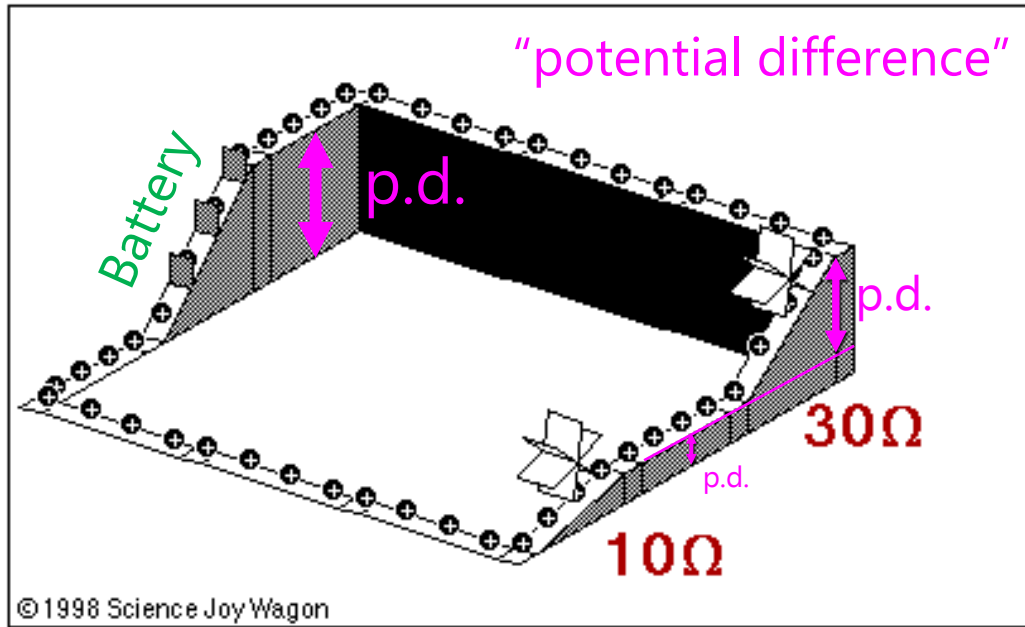
# Follow the Current...



# Try This

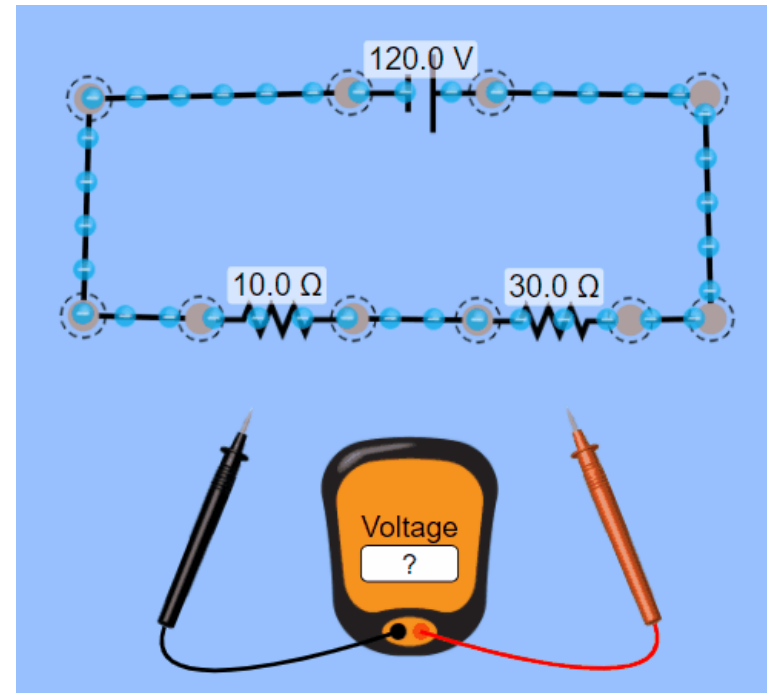


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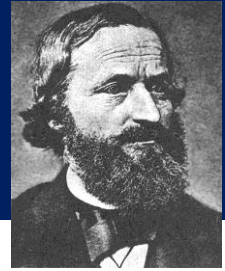


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Each resistor has a “voltage drop”



# Kirchhoff's Second Law



*The sum of the voltages (potential differences) provided must equal the voltages dissipated across components*

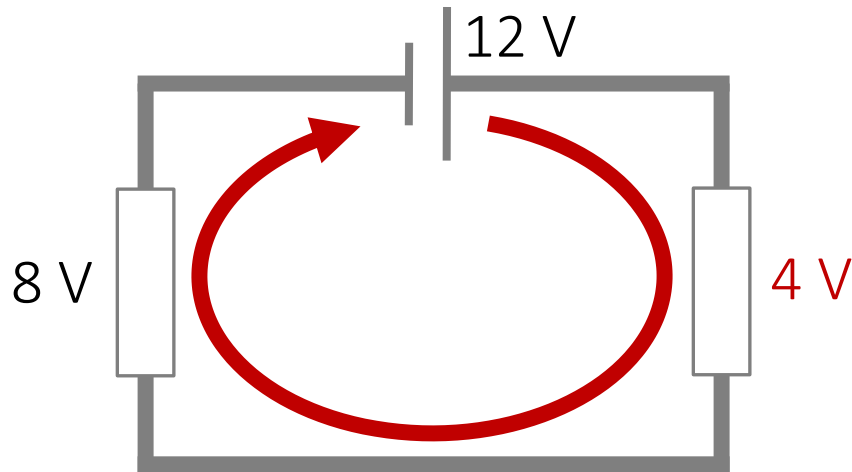
$$\Sigma V = 0 \text{ (loop)}$$

Across Batteries

Negative to Positive	$\rightarrow +$	Positive
Positive to Negative	$\rightarrow -$	Negative

Over Resistors:

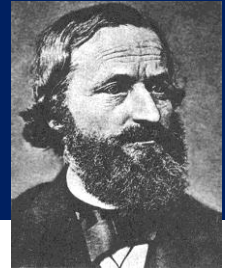
Always Negative



$$(+12) + (-4) + (-8) = 0$$

Resistor

# Kirchhoff's Second Law



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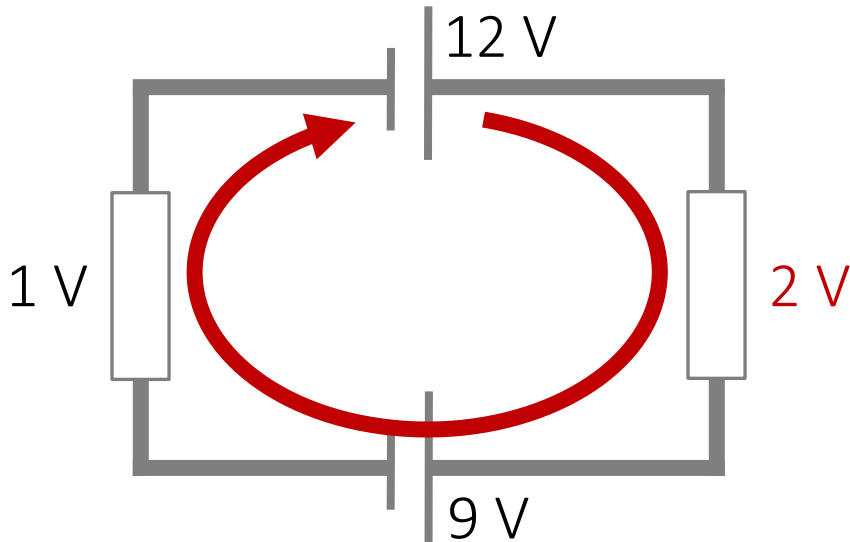
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# The Big Three

**Ohm's Law:** If you know two of the three electrical properties:  $V$ ,  $I$ , or  $R$

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

## Kirchhoff's Voltage Law

$$\Sigma V = 0 \text{ (loop)}$$

- Draw a loop
- The voltage provided must equal the voltage dissipated
- Useful if you have parallel branches to solve for

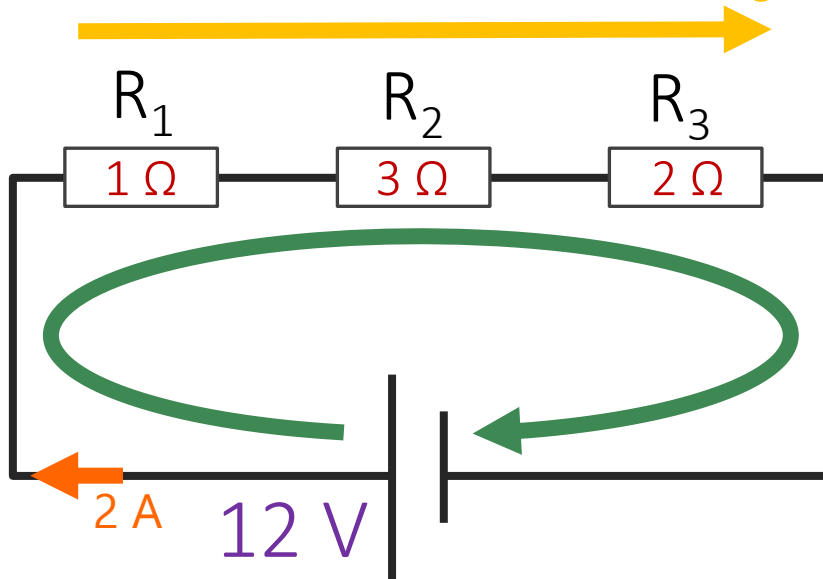
## Kirchhoff's Current Law

$$\Sigma I = 0 \text{ (junction)}$$

- Calculate the current coming out of the battery (total current)
- If this splits into parallel branches, the total should still add up

# Calculating Circuits - Series

**No Junction:** Current is the same throughout



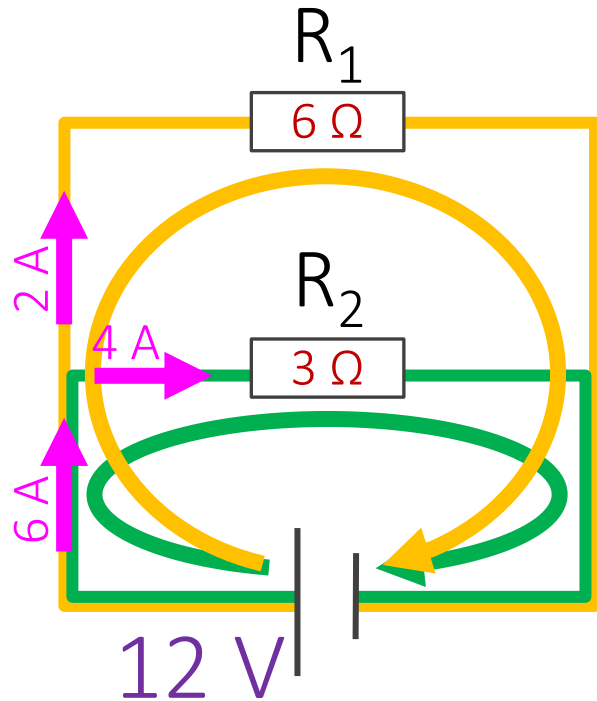
**Loop:** Voltage supplied equals voltage dissipated

	V	I	R
$R_1$	2 V	2 A	1 $\Omega$
$R_2$	6 V	2 A	3 $\Omega$
$R_3$	4 V	2 A	2 $\Omega$
Total	12 V	2 A	6 $\Omega$

$$R_T = 1 + 3 + 2 = 6\ \Omega \quad I_T = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{12}{6} = 2\ \text{A} \quad V = I \times R =$$



# Calculating Circuits - Parallel



**Loop:** Voltage supplied equals voltage dissipated

**Junction:** Current in = Current out

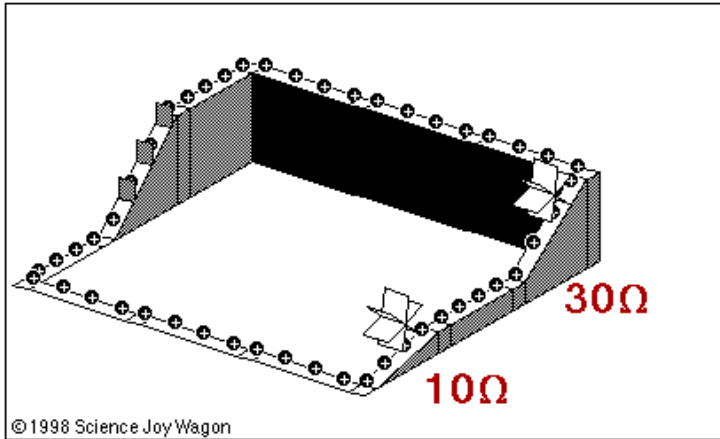
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$R_1$	12 V	2 A	6 $\Omega$
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Total	12 V	6 A	2 $\Omega$

$$R_T = (6^{-1} + 3^{-1})^{-1} = 2 \Omega$$

$$I_T = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{12}{2} = 6 \text{ A}$$

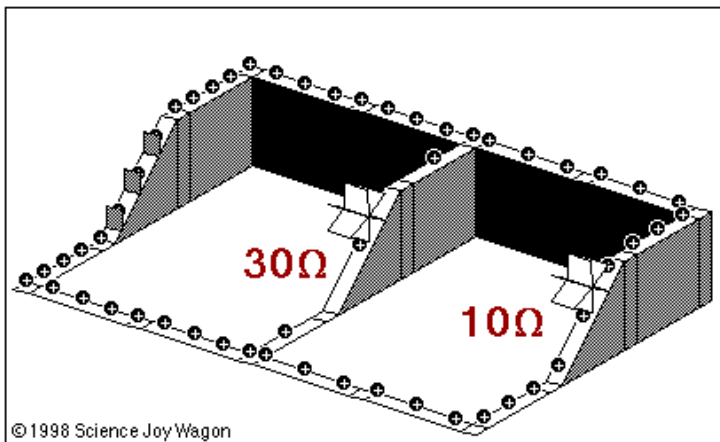
$$I = \frac{V}{R} =$$

# Patterns



## Series Circuit

- Voltage is divided between components
- Current is the same for all components



## Parallel Circuit

- Voltage is the same for each branch
- Current splits at each junction

# Lesson Takeaways

- ☐ I can use Kirchhoff's First Law to determine an unknown current at a junction
- ☐ I can use Kirchhoff's Second Law to determine an unknown current at a junction
- ☐ I can calculate voltage, current, and resistance for every component in a simple series or parallel circuit
- ☐ I can compare and contrast the properties for simple series and parallel circuits

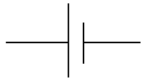
# Potential Dividers

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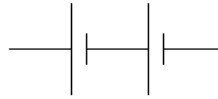
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# Types of Resistors

cell



battery



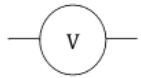
ac supply



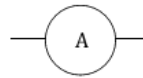
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voltmeter



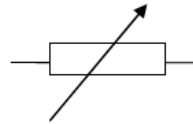
ammeter



resistor



variable resistor



lamp



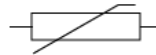
potentiometer



light-dependent resistor  
(LDR)



thermistor



transformer



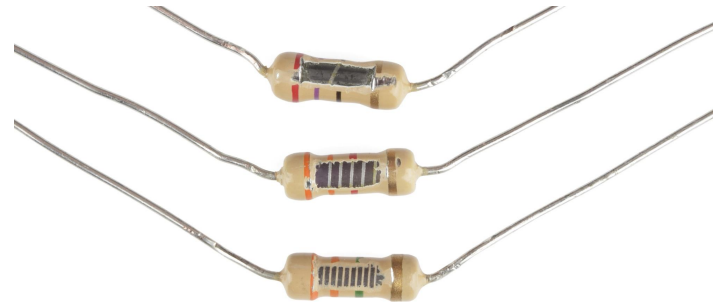
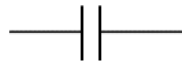
heating element



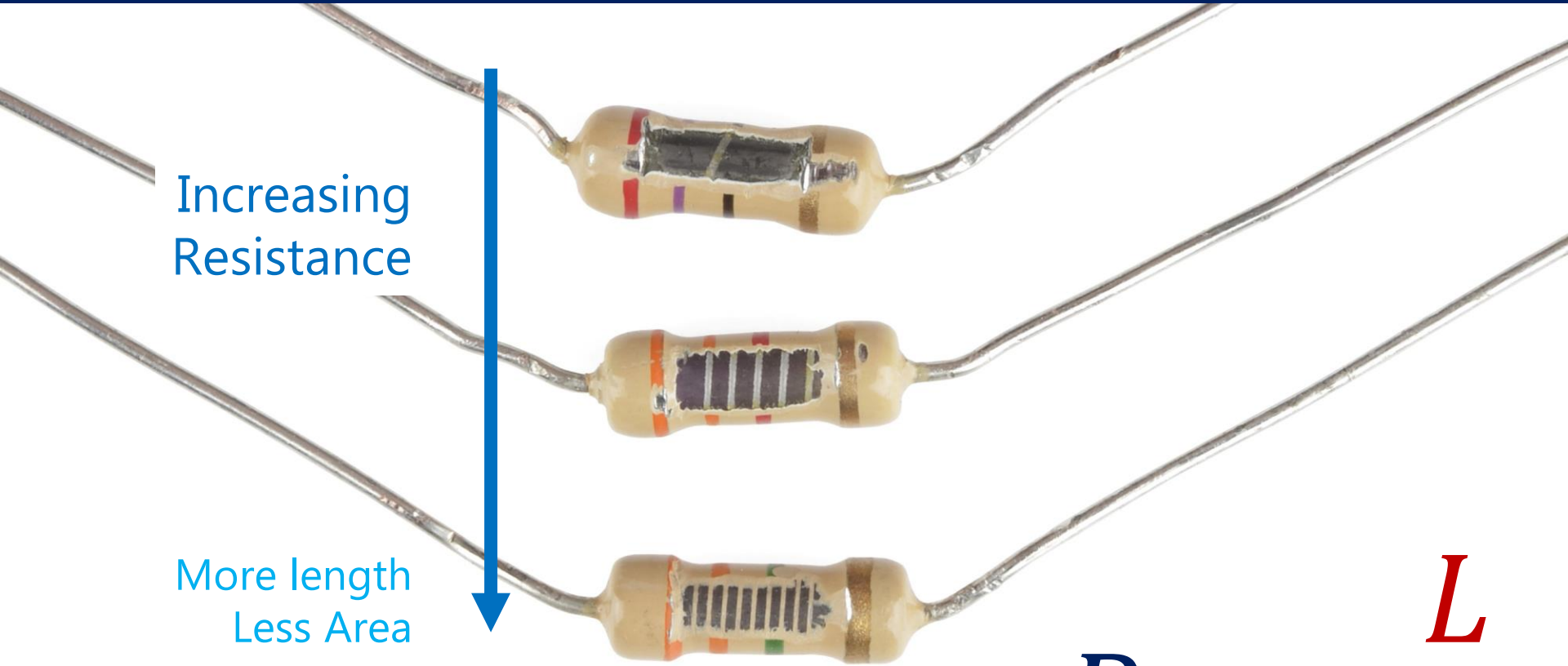
diode



capacitor



# Resistor



$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$$

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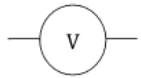
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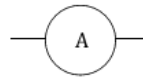
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voltmeter



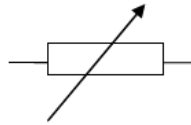
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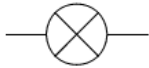
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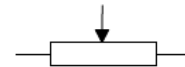
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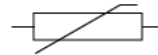
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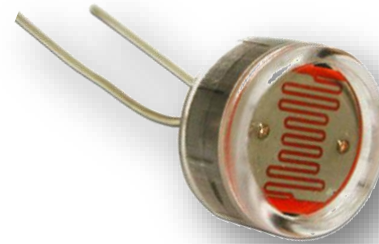
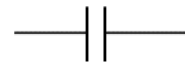
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Light



Resistance

*Inverse Relationship*

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lamp		potentiometer	
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transformer		heating element	
diode		capacitor	



Heat



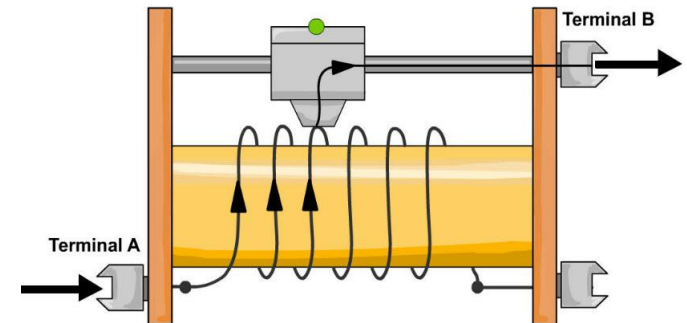
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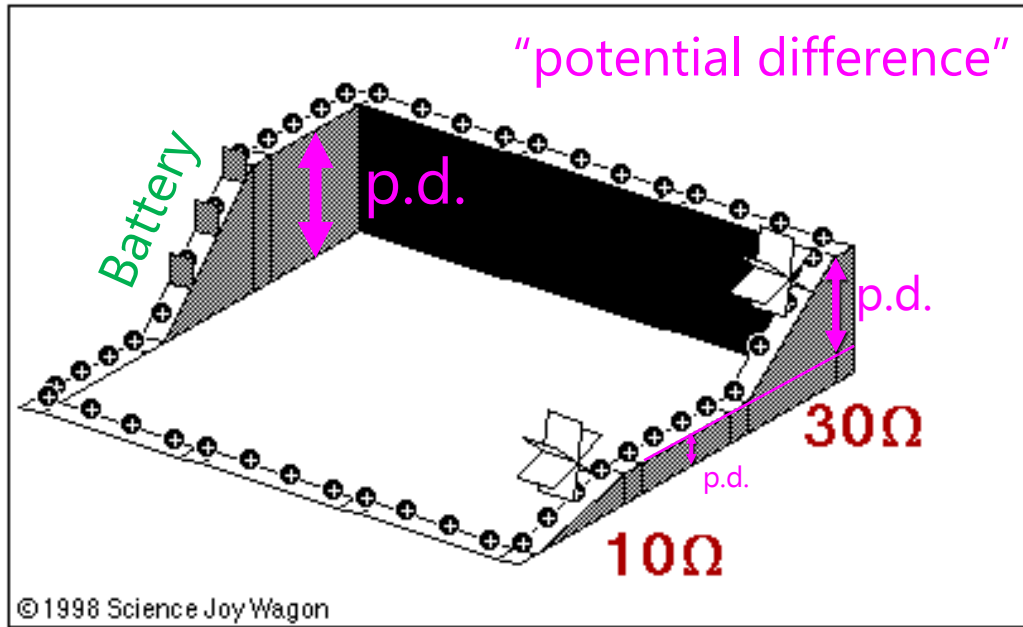


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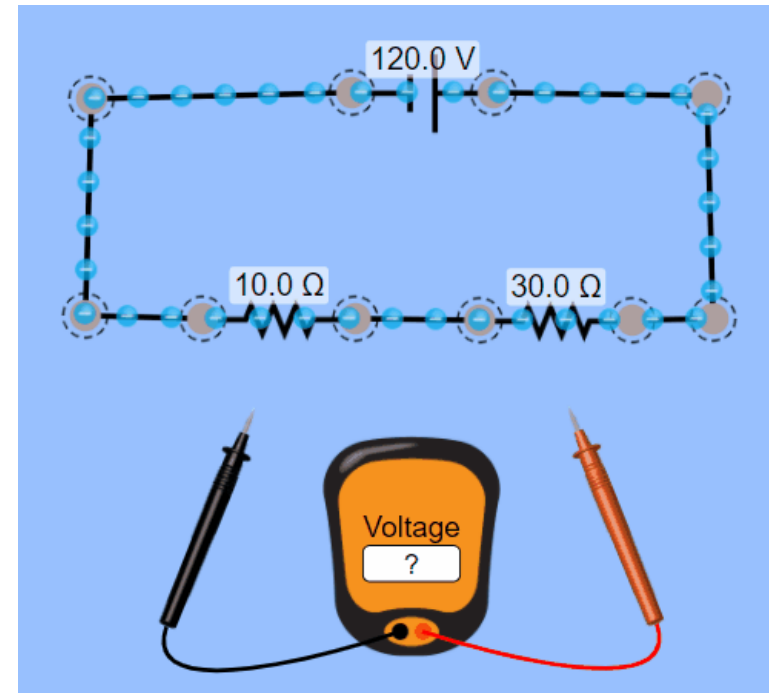


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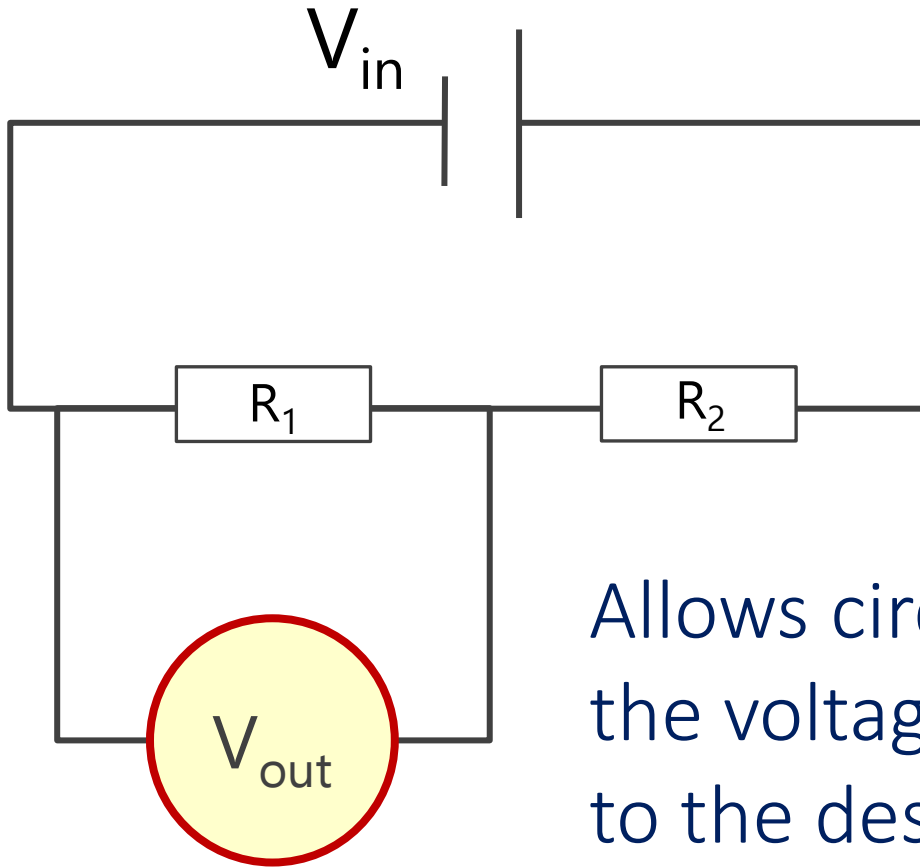


The total voltage supplied by the battery is “divided” across the different resistors

Each resistor has a “voltage drop”

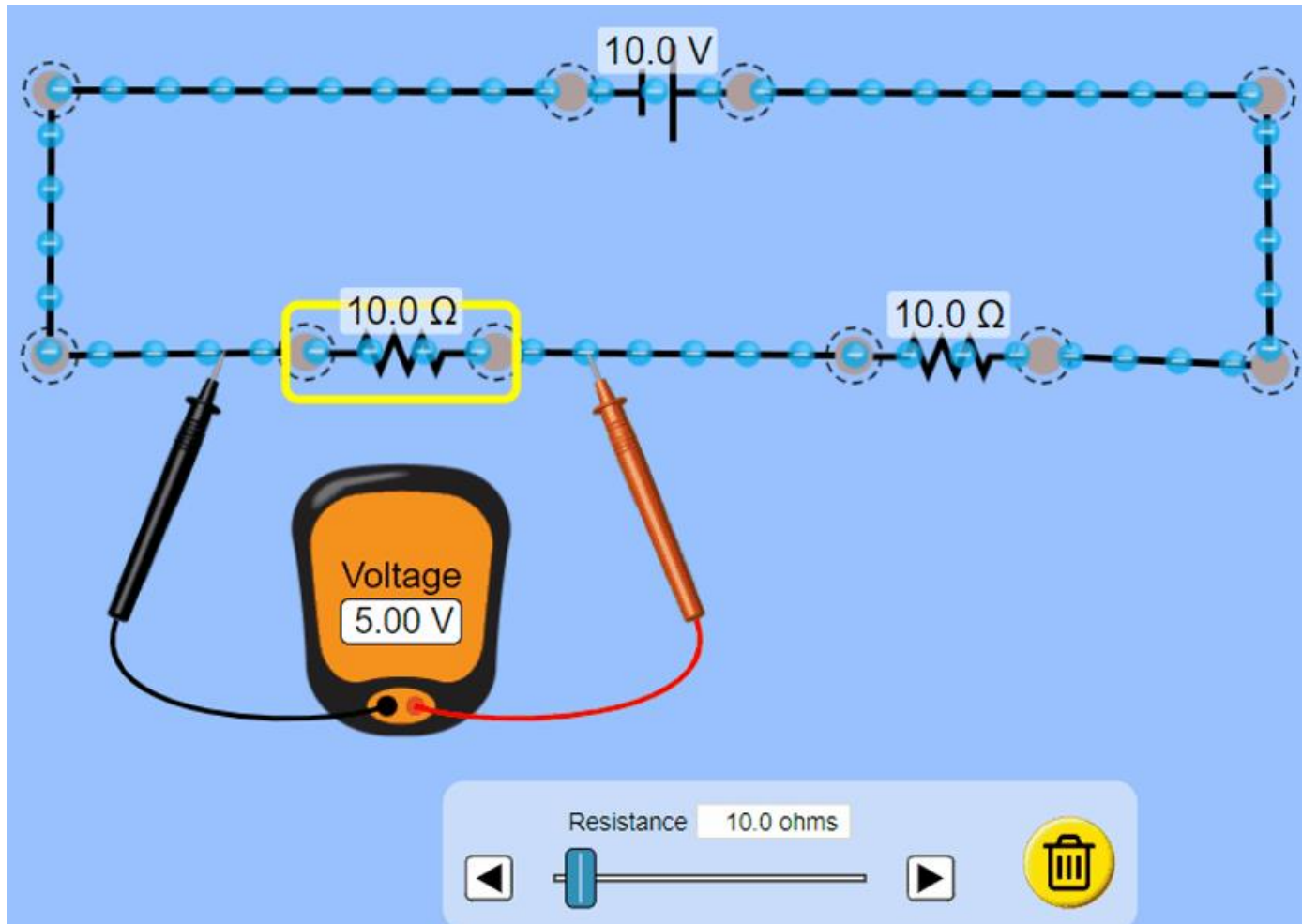


# Potential Divider



Allows circuit designers to tune the voltage that is being delivered to the desired components

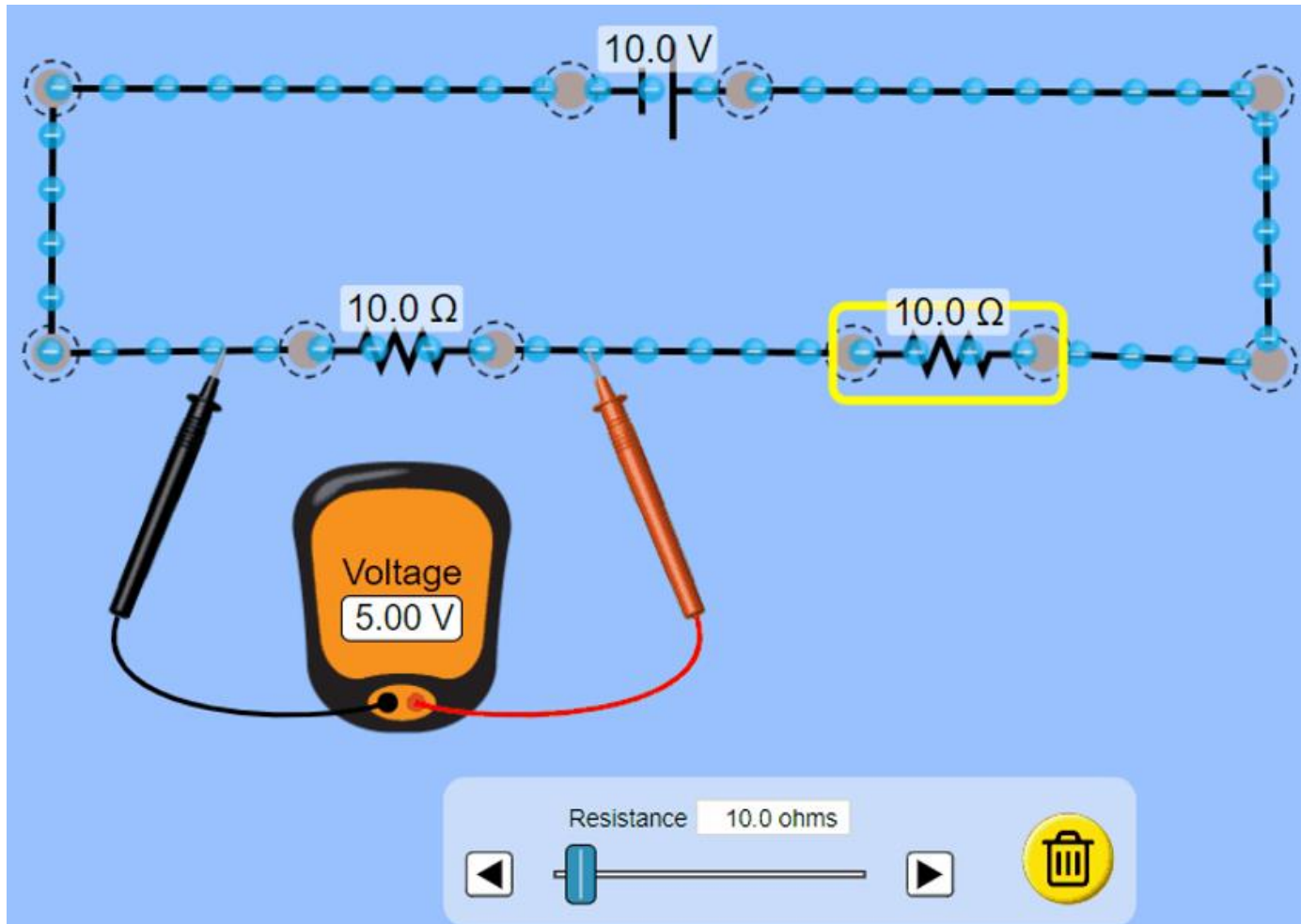
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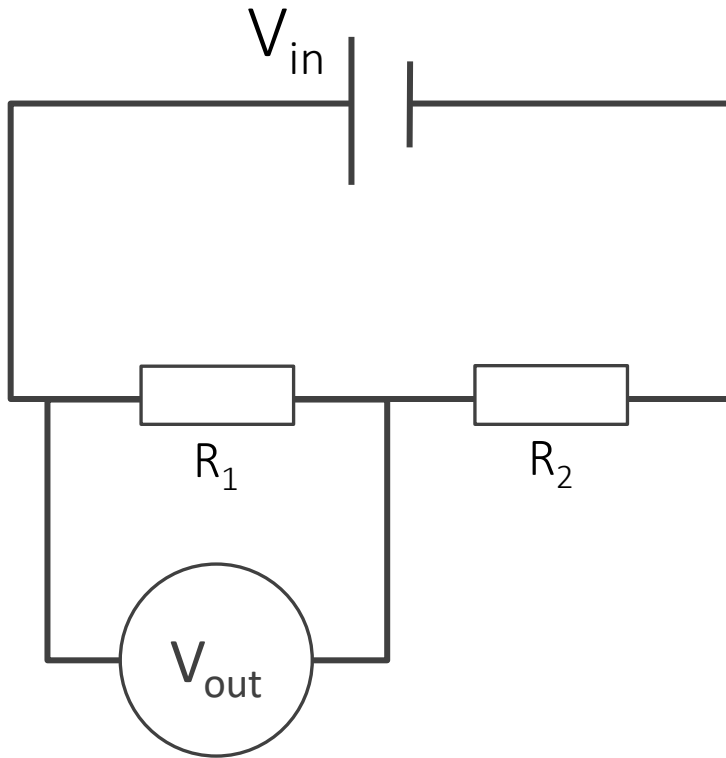
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# Potential Divider



Relationship between  $R_1$  and  $V$ ?



$R_1$



$V_{out}$



$R_1$



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Relationship between  $R_2$  and  $V$ ?



$R_2$



$V_{out}$

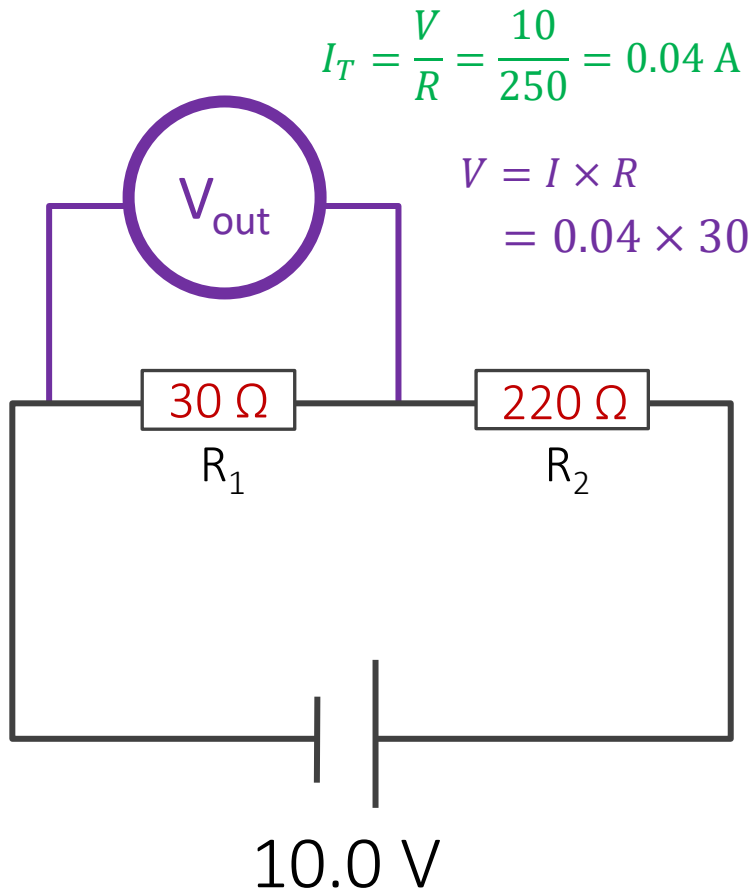


$R_2$



$V_{out}$

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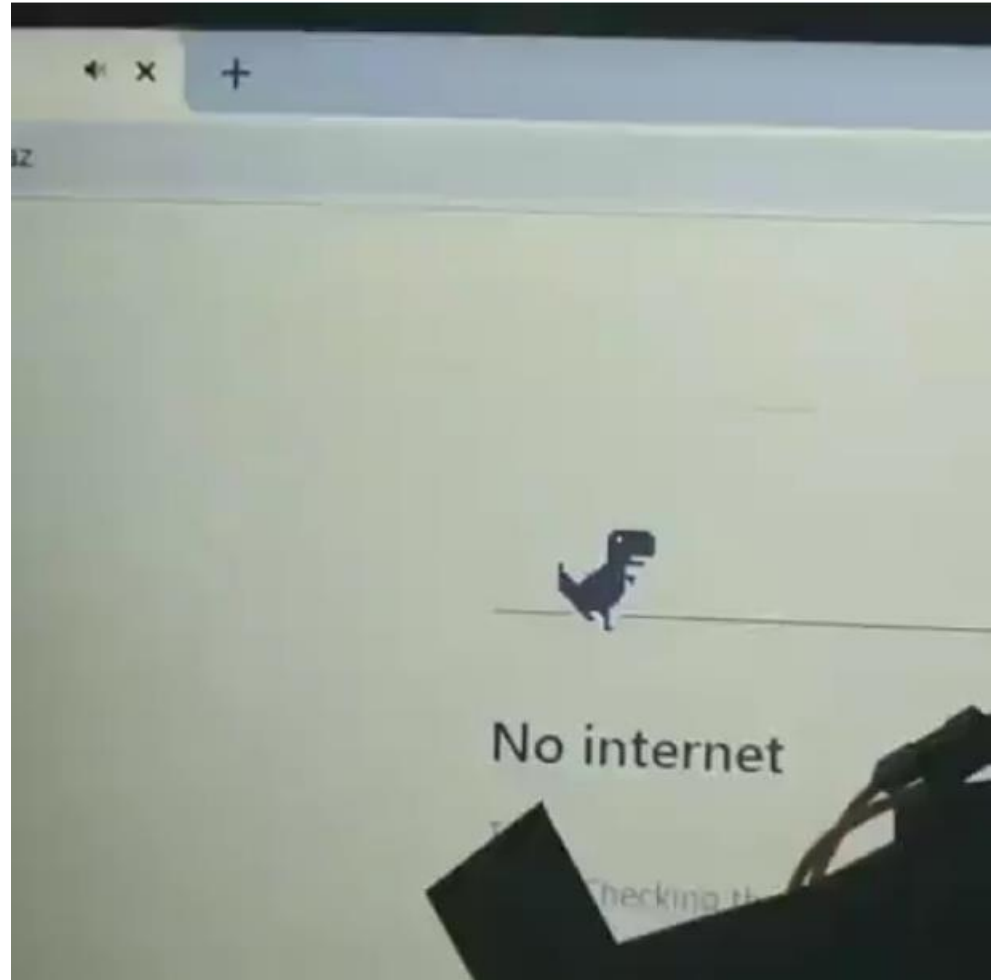
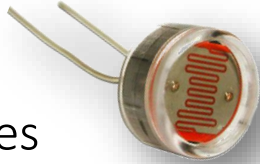
Find the Output Voltage:

	V	I	R
$R_1$	1.2 V	0.04 A	30 $\Omega$
$R_2$		0.04 A	220 $\Omega$
Total	10 V	0.04 A	250 $\Omega$

1. Calculate total resistance and current
2. Current is the same for each resistor
3. Calculate voltage across  $R_1$

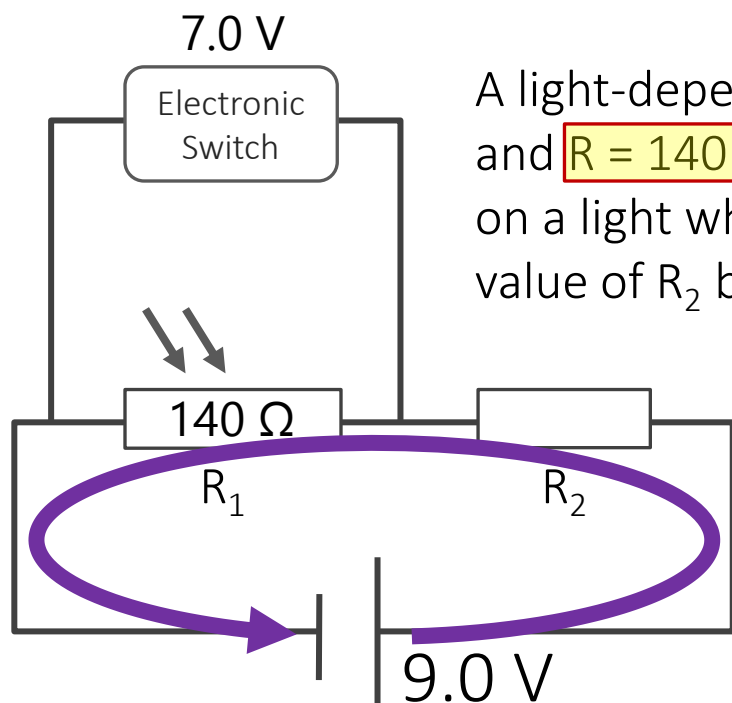
# Applications of LDRs

Designed to perform function when the amount of light changes





# Potential Divider | Night Light



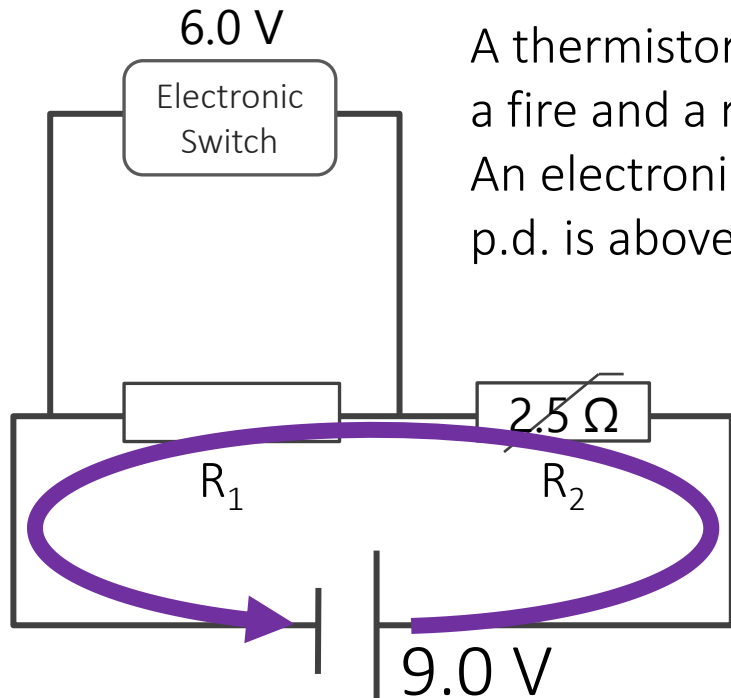
A light-dependent resistor (LDR) has  $R = 8\ \Omega$  in bright light and  $R = 140\ \Omega$  in low light. An electronic switch will turn on a light when its p.d. is above 7.0 V. What should the value of  $R_2$  be?

\*Night light should turn on in low light

	V	I	R
$R_1$	7.0 V	0.05 A	140 $\Omega$
$R_2$	2.0 V	0.05 A	40 $\Omega$
Total	9.0 V	0.05 A	

1. Calculate current through  $R_1$
2. Current is the same throughout circuit (no current through switch)
3. Use voltage loop to find voltage across  $R_2$
4. Calculate resistance of  $R_2$

# Potential Divider | Sprinkler System



A thermistor has a resistance of  $2.5 \Omega$  when it is in the heat of a fire and a resistance of  $650 \Omega$  when at room temperature. An electronic switch will turn on a sprinkler system when its p.d. is above  $6.0 \text{ V}$ . What should the value of  $R_1$  be?

\*Sprinkler should activate when hot

1. Use voltage loop to find voltage across  $R_2$
2. Calculate current through  $R_2$
3. Current is the same throughout circuit (no current through switch)
4. Calculate resistance of  $R_1$

	V	I	R
$R_1$	6.0 V	1.2 A	5 $\Omega$
$R_2$	3.0 V	1.2 A	2.5 $\Omega$
Total	9.0 V	1.2 A	

# Lesson Takeaways

- ☐ I can identify the different circuit diagram symbols for different types of resistors
- ☐ I can describe how environmental changes can affect the resistance of LDRs and Thermistors
- ☐ I can describe how changing resistor values can affect the voltage drop in a potential divider circuit
- ☐ I can design a potential divider circuit to perform a certain task

# Non-Ideal Meters

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# The Observer Effect

*When taking any scientific measurement, there is always the possibility that the act of taking the measurement will change what is being measured*

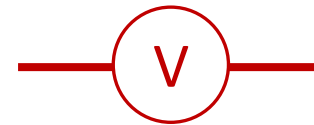


# The Observer Effect

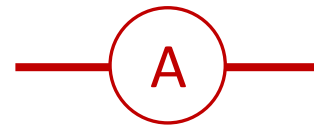
When we measure **voltage** or **current** in a circuit, we want to make sure to minimize an effect that our tool has on the circuit so that we get the most accurate results



Voltmeter

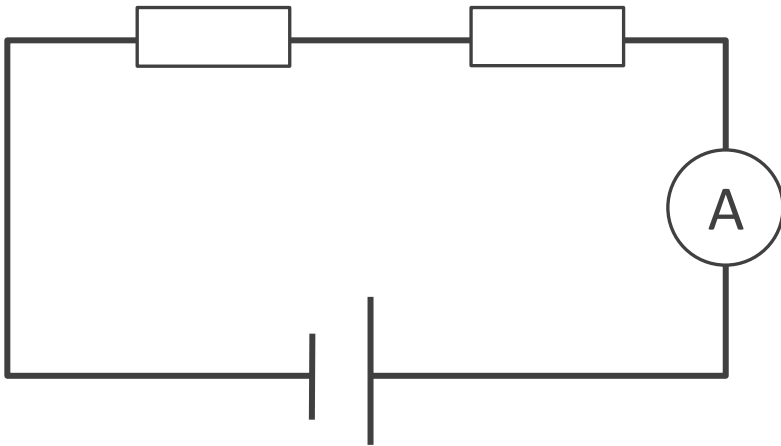


Ammeter



# Ammeter

Hooked up in series with the component being measured

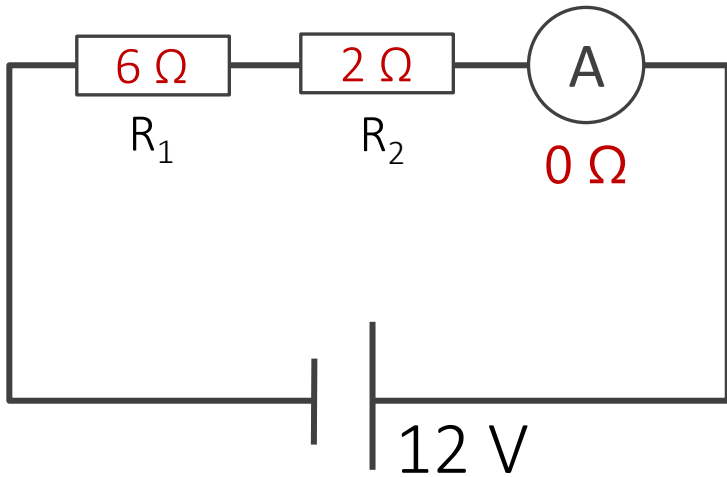


**Ideal Ammeter:**

$$[R = 0 \, \Omega]$$

# Measuring the Current

What is the reading for the current flowing through this ideal ammeter?



$$R_T = 8\ \Omega$$

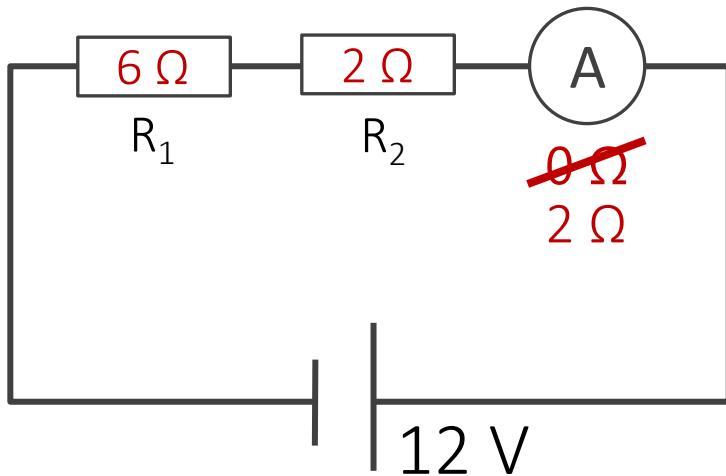
$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{12}{8} = 1.5\ \text{A}$$

The ammeter has no effect on the current that it's measuring



# What if Ammeter isn't ideal?

What is the reading for the current flowing through this ~~ideal~~<sup>2  $\Omega$</sup>  ammeter?



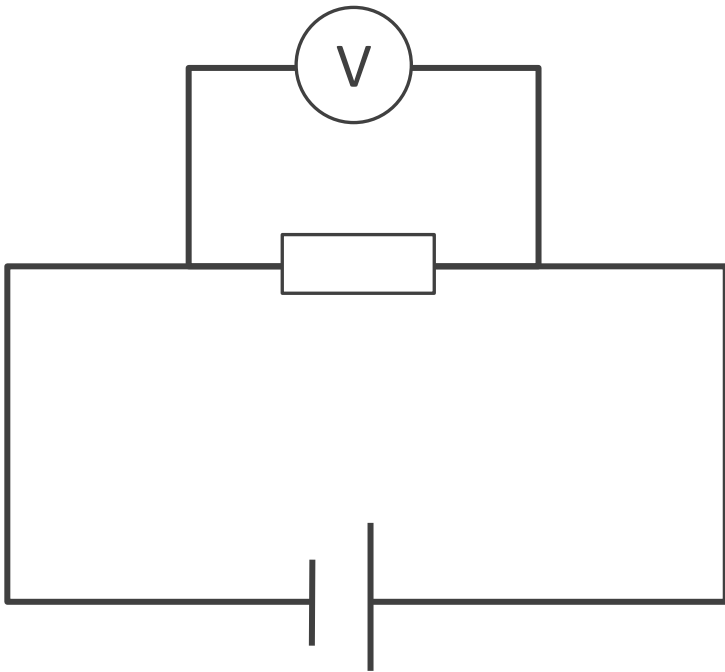
$$R_T = \overset{10\ \Omega}{\cancel{8\ \Omega}}$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{12}{\cancel{8}}^{\overset{10}{10}} = \overset{1.2\ \text{A}}{\cancel{1.5\ \text{A}}}$$

The non-ideal ammeter's resistance slows down the current that it's measuring

# Voltmeter

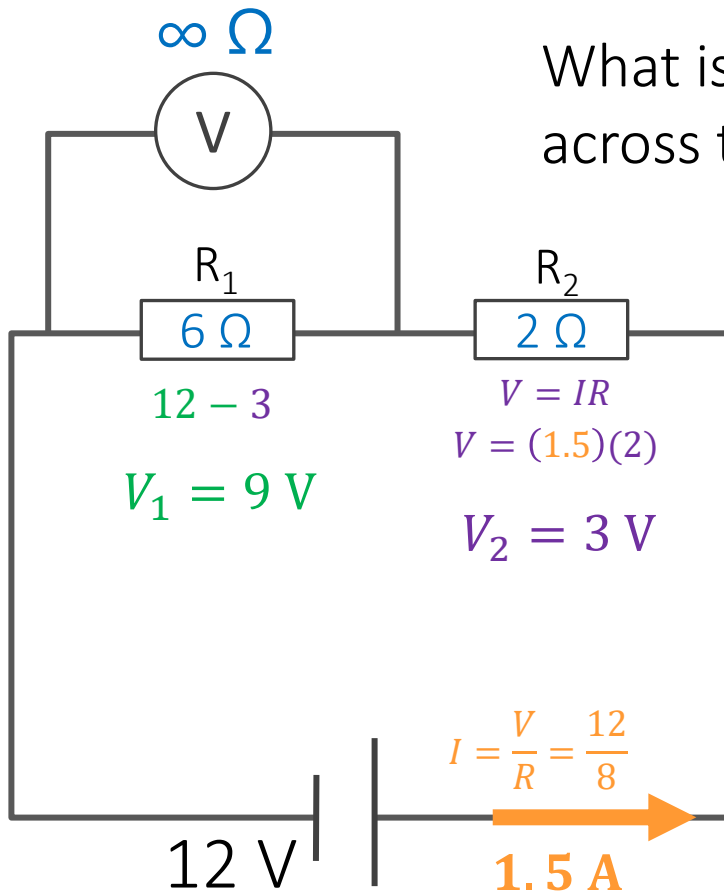
Hooked up in parallel with the component being measured



**Ideal Voltmeter:**

$$[R = \infty \Omega]$$

# Measuring the Voltage



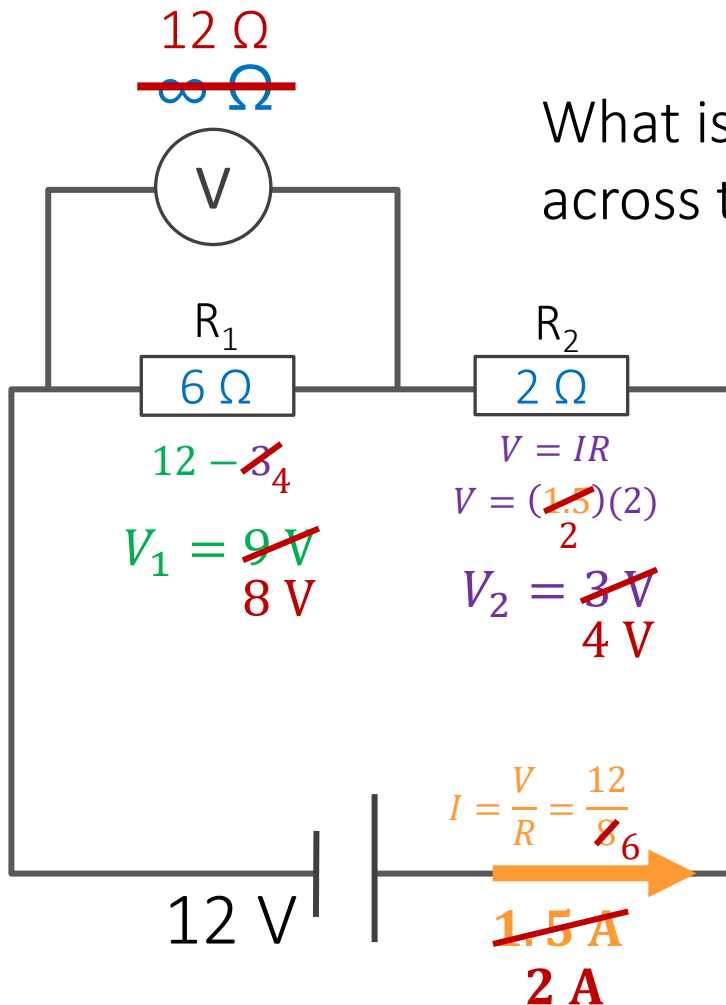
What is the reading for the ideal voltmeter across the resistor  $R_1$ ?

$$R_T = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{\infty}} + 2$$

0

$$R_T = 6 + 2 = 8 \Omega$$

# Measuring the Voltage



What is the reading for the ~~ideal~~ <sup>12 Ω</sup> voltmeter across the resistor  $R_1$ ?

$$R_T = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{\infty}} + 2$$

~~12~~

$$R_T = \frac{6}{4} + 2 = \frac{8}{6} \Omega$$

~~8 Ω~~  
~~6 Ω~~

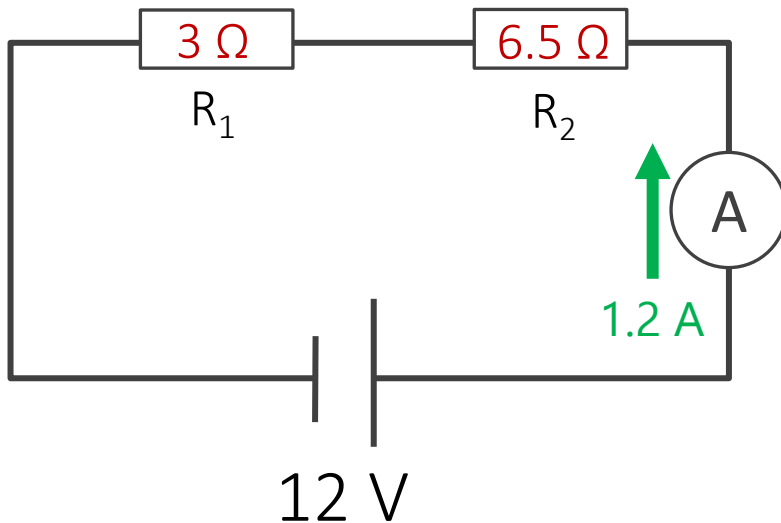
# Try This

Calculate the resistance of this non-ideal meter:

Ammeter  
Reading

1.2 A

- Current is the same for all components
- Calculate total resistance from voltage and current
- Calculate ammeter resistance



$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{12}{1.2} = 10\ \Omega$$

$$R_T = 10\ \Omega = 3 + 6.5 + A$$

$$A = 0.5\ \Omega$$

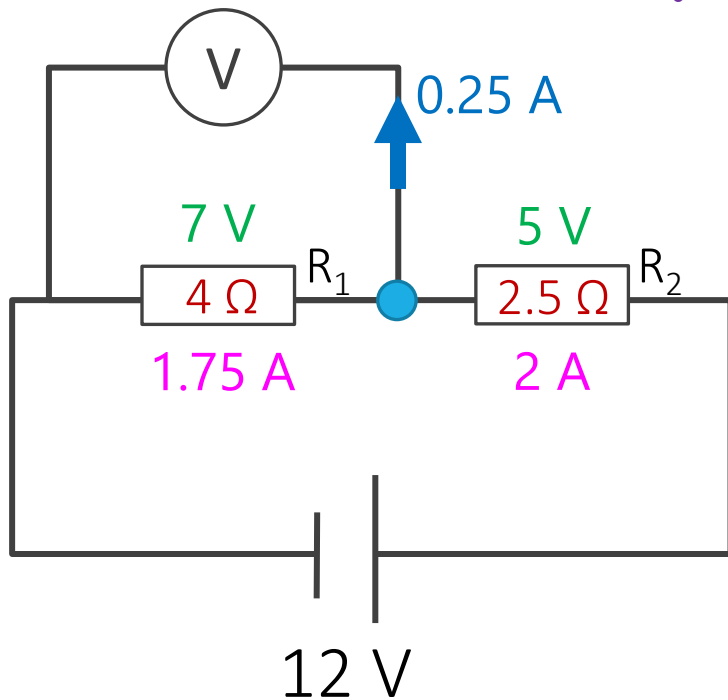
# Try This

Calculate the resistance of this non-ideal meter:

Voltmeter  
Reading

7 V

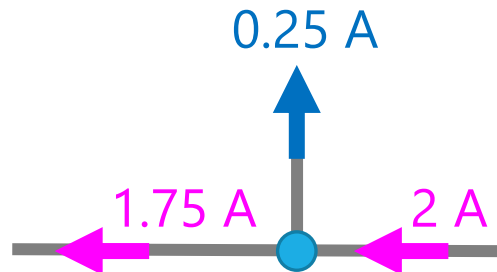
- Use voltage loops to calculate voltage for  $R_1$  and  $R_2$
- Calculate current for  $R_1$  and  $R_2$
- Use current junction to find current through meter
- Calculate resistance of voltmeter



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

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{7}{0.25}$$

$$R = 28\ \Omega$$



# Lesson Takeaways

- ☐ I can connect a meter to measure current or voltage
- ☐ I can describe the conditions required for an ideal ammeter or voltmeter
- ☐ I can calculate for a situation when the meter isn't ideal

# Batteries

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# Batteries



Primary Cells

One time use

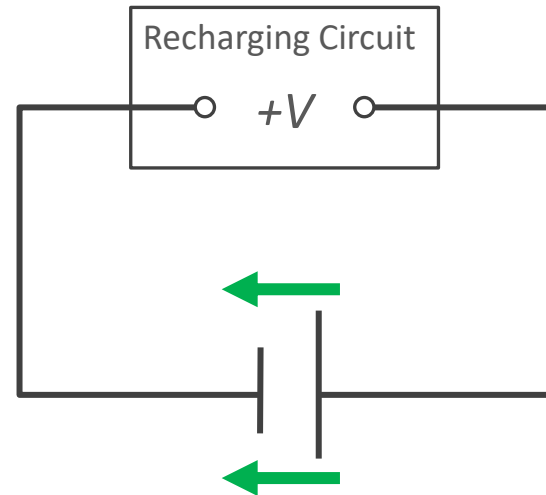
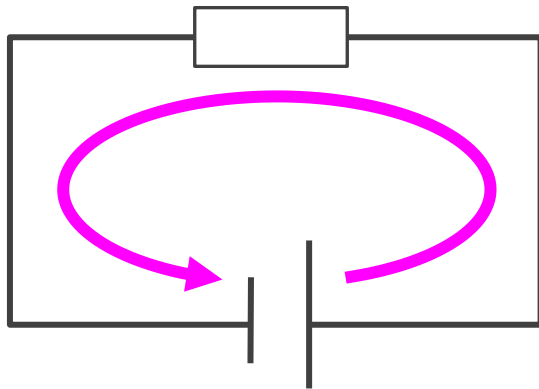
Secondary Cells

Rechargeable

Battery Shape	Chemistry	Nominal Voltage	Rechargeable?
AA, AAA, C, and D	Alkaline or Zinc-carbon	1.5V	No
9V	Alkaline or Zinc-carbon	9V	No
Coin cell	Lithium	3V	No
Silver Flat Pack	Lithium Polymer (LiPo)	3.7V	Yes
AA, AAA, C, D (Rechargeable)	NiMH or NiCd	1.2V	Yes
Car battery	Six-cell lead-acid	12.6V	Yes

# Recharging?

Some batteries can reverse the chemical reaction that produces the potential difference by passing a current through the battery in the opposite direction as it would normally travel

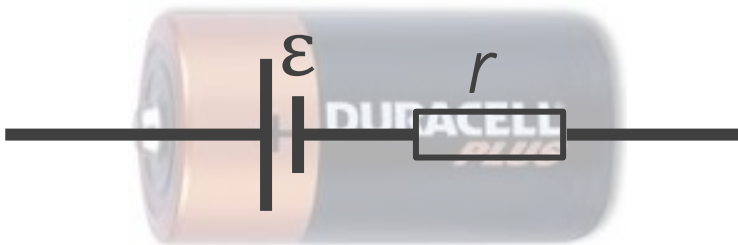


# Batteries | emf

We've been describing batteries so far as the voltage that they provide to the circuit, but that's not the whole story...

## Electromotive Force (emf)

The total energy transferred in the source per unit charge passing through it



## Symbol

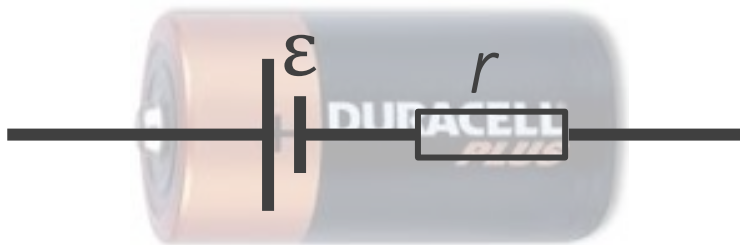
$\mathcal{E}$

## Unit

Volts [V]

# Batteries | Internal Resistance

All batteries have some amount of internal resistance



Symbol
$r$

Unit
Ohms [ $\Omega$ ]

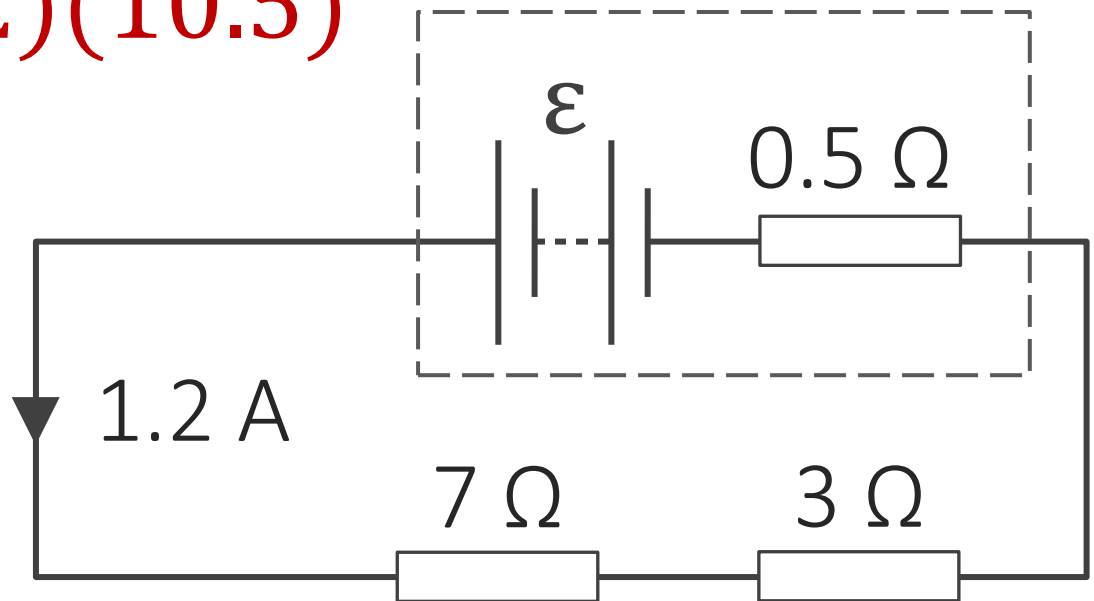
# Batteries | emf

What is the emf for a battery shown below?

$$R_T = 7 + 3 + 0.5 = 10.5 \, \Omega$$

$$\varepsilon = IR_T = (1.2)(10.5)$$

$$\varepsilon = 12.6 \, \text{V}$$



# IB Physics Data Booklet

## Sub-topic 5.1 – Electric fields

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

$$F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

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

$$E = \frac{F}{q}$$

$$I = nAvq$$

## Sub-topic 5.2 – Heating effect of electric currents

Kirchhoff's circuit laws:

$$\Sigma V = 0 \text{ (loop)}$$

$$\Sigma I = 0 \text{ (junction)}$$

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

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

$$R_{\text{total}} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{\text{total}}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots$$

$$\rho = \frac{RA}{L}$$

## Sub-topic 5.3 – Electric cells

$$\epsilon = I(R + r)$$

Essentially the same as  $V = IR$

## Sub-topic 5.4 – Magnetic effects of electric currents

$$F = qvB \sin \theta$$

$$F = BIL \sin \theta$$

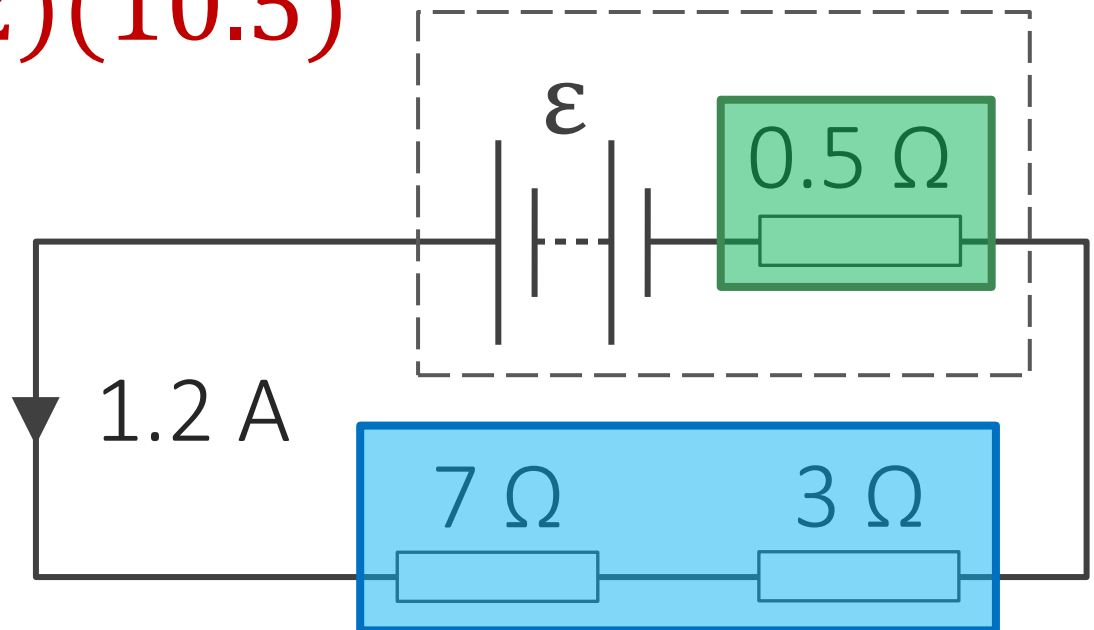
# Batteries | emf

What is the emf for a battery shown below?

$$R_T = \overset{\text{R}}{7 + 3} + \overset{\text{r}}{0.5} = 10.5 \, \Omega$$

$$\varepsilon = IR_T = (1.2)(10.5)$$

$$\varepsilon = 12.6 \, \text{V}$$



# Batteries | Terminal Voltage

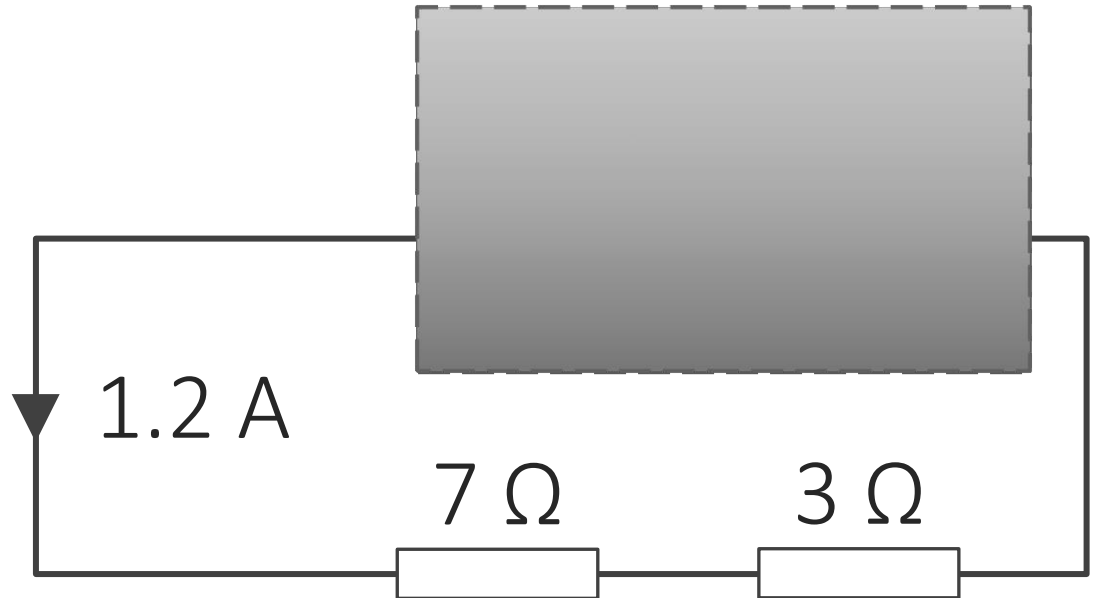
What is the terminal voltage for a battery shown below?

$$V_1 = IR = (1.2)(7) = 8.4 \text{ V}$$

$$V_2 = IR = (1.2)(3) = 3.6 \text{ V}$$

$$V_T = 8.4 \text{ V} + 3.6 \text{ V}$$

$$V_T = 12 \text{ V}$$





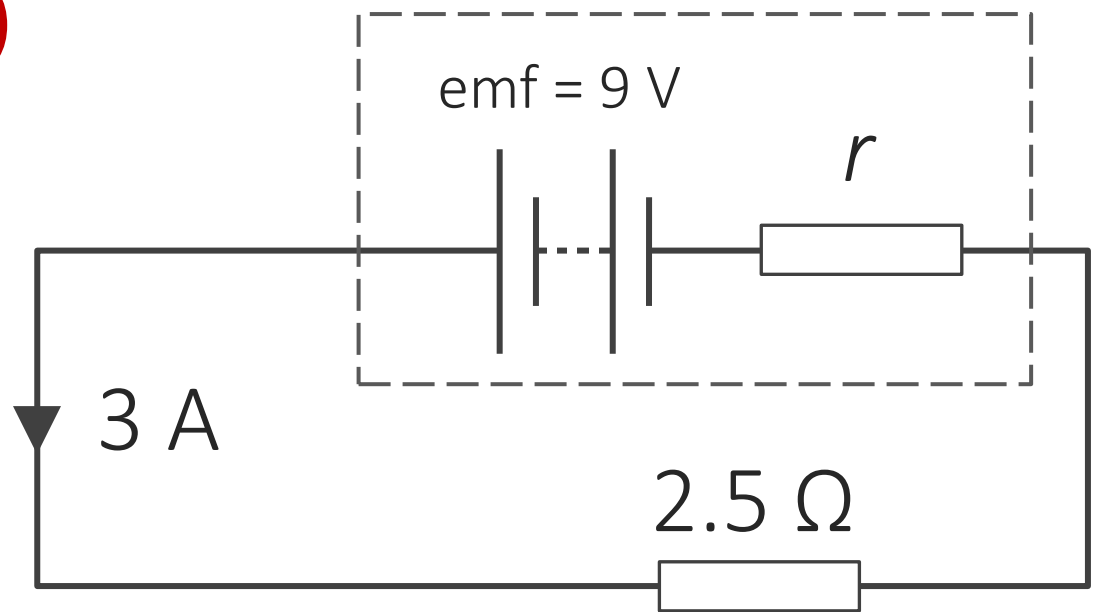
# Batteries | Internal Resistance

What is the internal resistance of this battery as shown below?

$$\varepsilon = I(R + r)$$

$$9 = 3(2.5 + r)$$

$$r = 0.5 \, \Omega$$



# Graphing Internal Resistance

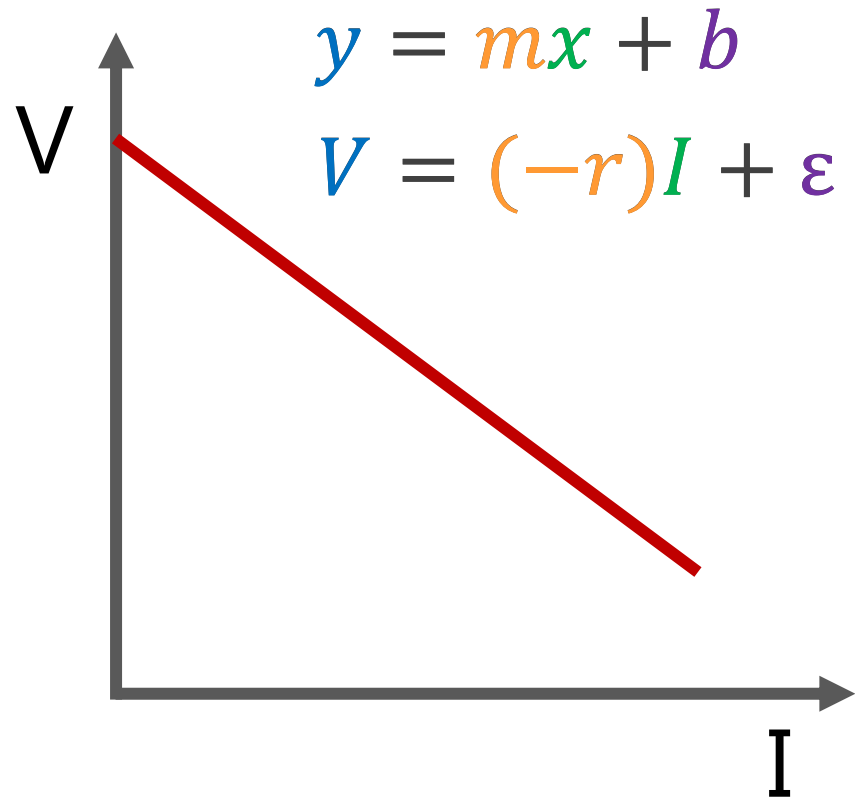
$$\varepsilon = I(R + r)$$

$$\varepsilon = IR + Ir$$

$$V = IR$$

$$\varepsilon = V + Ir$$

$$V = \varepsilon - Ir$$



# Lesson Takeaways

- ☐ I can describe the difference between primary and secondary cells
- ☐ I can define the electromotive force and describe how it is different than the battery's terminal voltage
- ☐ I can solve for a circuit that includes a battery with internal resistance
- ☐ I can describe how