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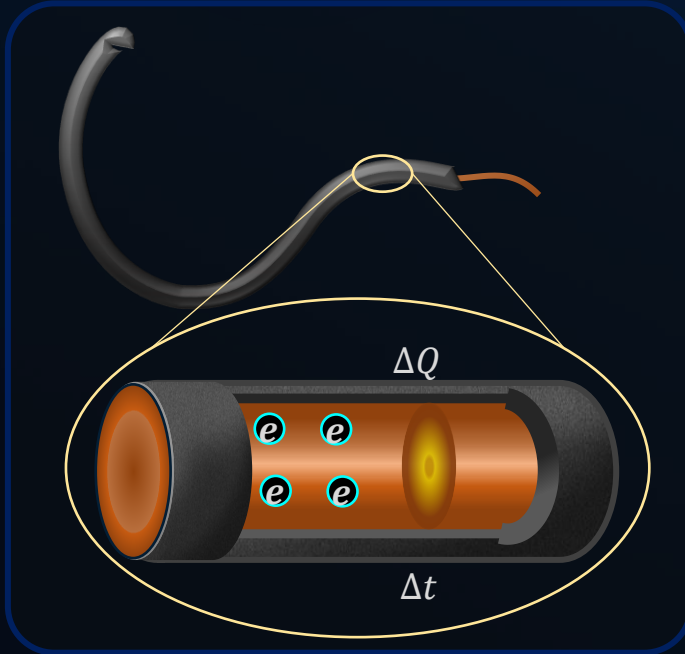
**NOTES**

**Current Electricity**





## Electric Current



- The net amount of charge flowing across the area in the time interval  $\Delta t$ , is defined to be the **average current** across the area.

$$i_{avg} = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$$

- SI unit of electric current is **ampere** (A).
- Electric current has **direction** as well as **magnitude** but it is a **scalar** quantity.
- If charge  $dQ$  is flowing across the area in an infinitesimally small time interval  $dt$ , it is defined to be the **instantaneous current** across that area.

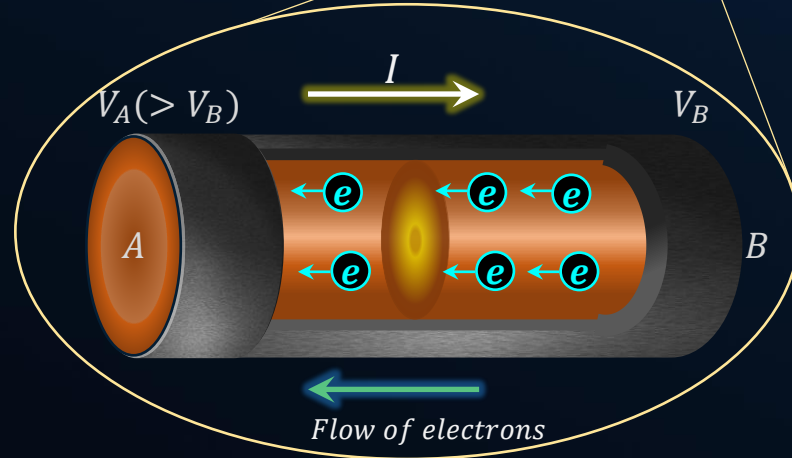
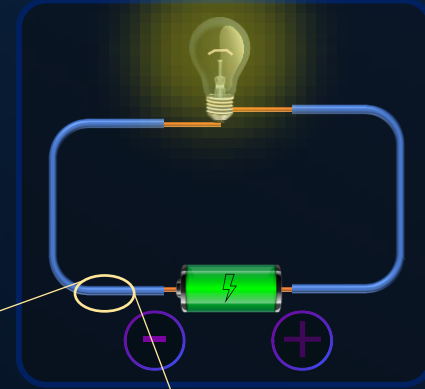
$$i_{inst} = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$



## Direction of Conventional Electric Current



- In reality, the free electrons of the conductor flow from **end B** at lower potential to **end A** at higher potential.
- However, we choose the direction of electric current as that of supposed flow of positive charge as convention. i.e., from **A** to **B**.





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The current in a conductor varies with time  $t$  as,  $i = 2t + 3t^2$  A. where  $i$  is in ampere and  $t$  is in second. Find the electric charge flowing through a section of the conductor during  $t = 2$  s to  $t = 3$  s.

Given  $i = (2t + 3t^2)$  A

To find  $Q$  during  $t = 2$  s to  $t = 3$  s

Charge flowing in a time interval is given by:

$$Q = \int_2^3 i \, dt$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \int_2^3 (2t + 3t^2) \, dt$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = [t^2]_2^3 + [t^3]_2^3$$

$$\therefore Q = 24 \, C$$

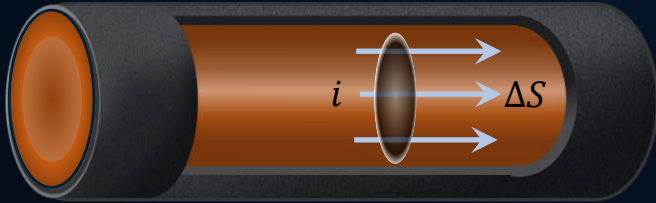




## Electric Current Density



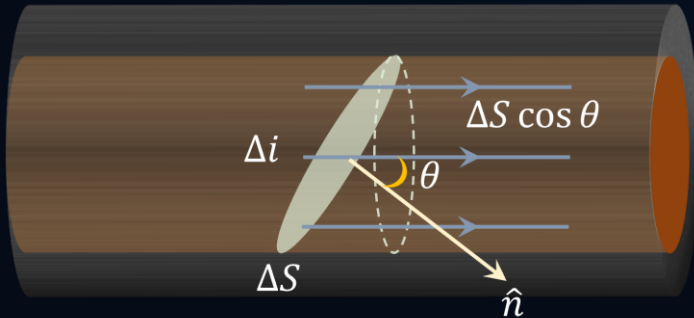
- A **vector** quantity whose magnitude is equal to electric current per unit **normal** cross-sectional area inside a conductor.



$$j_{avg} = \frac{\Delta i}{\Delta S}$$

$$j_{inst} = \frac{di}{dS}$$

- Under electrostatic conditions,  $\vec{j} = 0$



- If the current  $\Delta i$  exists through an area  $\Delta S$  which makes an angle  $\theta$  with the current, as shown in the figure, then

$$\Delta i = \vec{j} \cdot \Delta \vec{S} \quad , \quad \vec{j} \rightarrow \text{Uniform current density}$$

The current density:  $j = \frac{\Delta i}{\Delta S \cos \theta}$

- For non-uniform current density,

$$i = \int \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{S}$$



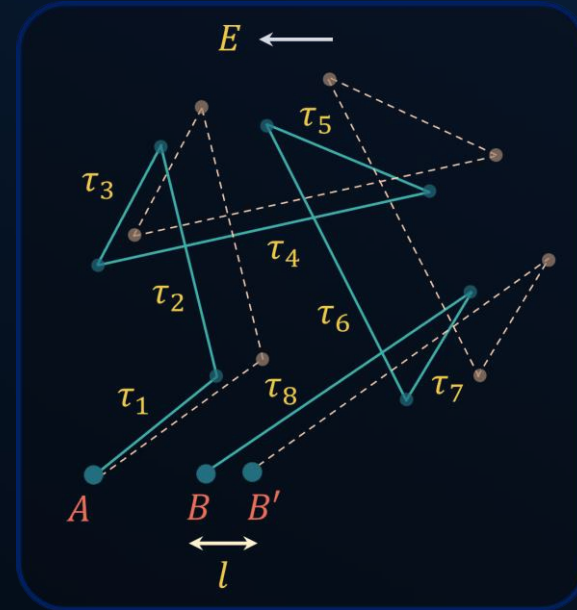
## Drift Speed



- In a conductor, the free electrons exhibit a **random** motion (known as **Brownian motion**). During this motion, the electrons collide with the heavy fixed ions. But after collision, electrons emerge with same speed but in random directions.
- After application of an electric field, average velocity attained by electrons in a material is known as **drift speed**.

$$v_{avg} = v_d = \frac{eE}{m} \tau$$

- The average time interval between two successive electron collisions is called **relaxation time**( $\tau$ ).

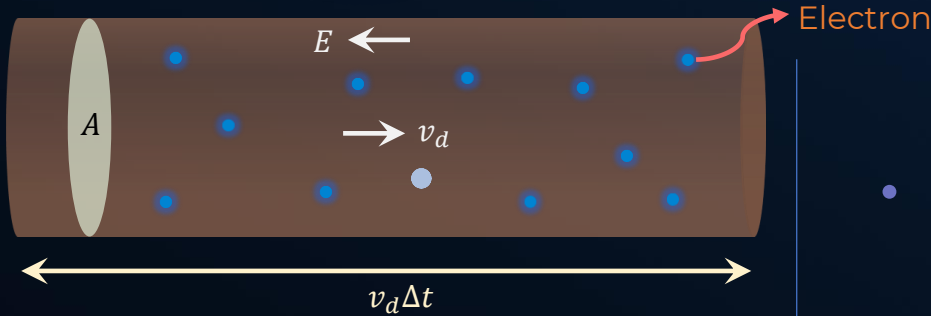




## Mobility



- Physically, the **mobility** ( $\mu$ ) refers to the **ease** with which the charge carriers move in the medium.



$n$  = No. of free electrons per unit volume  
or  
Mobile electron density

$$\mu = \frac{v_d}{E} = \frac{e\tau}{m}$$

- Electric current,

$$i = neAv_d$$

- Current density,

$$j = nev_d$$

By substituting the value of  $v_d$  in above equation, we get,

$$j = nev_d = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m} E = \sigma E$$

$$\vec{j} = \sigma \vec{E}, \sigma = \text{electrical conductivity of material}$$

Resistivity,

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma} = \frac{m}{ne\tau^2}$$



## Ohm's Law

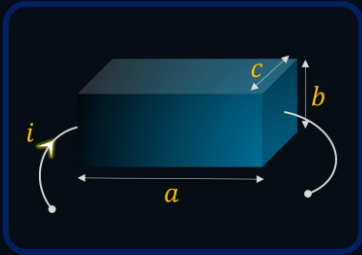
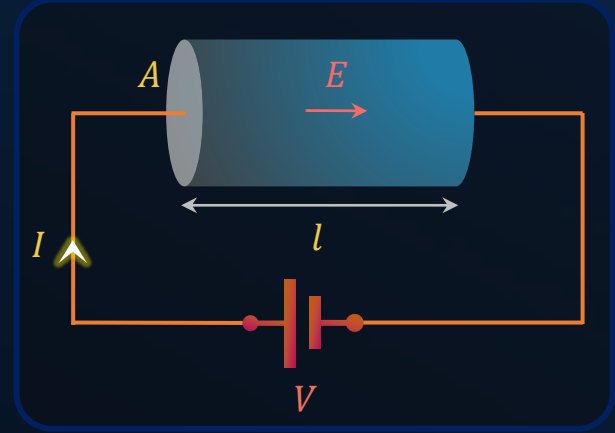


- The current through a conductor ( $I$ ) is directly proportional to the potential difference ( $V$ ) applied across its ends.

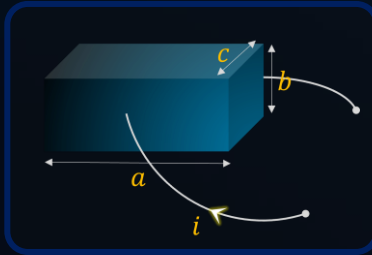
$$V = RI$$

- Resistance of a given cylindrical conductor,

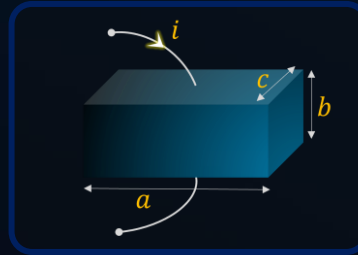
$$R = \frac{\rho l}{A}$$



$$R = \frac{\rho a}{bc}$$



$$R = \frac{\rho c}{ba}$$



$$R = \frac{\rho b}{ac}$$

Resistance of a conductor depends on:

- Resistivity of material
- Dimensions



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Find the resistance of a copper coil of total wire-length  $10\text{ m}$  and area of cross-section  $1.0\text{ mm}^2$ . What would be the resistance of a similar coil of aluminium? The resistivity of copper =  $1.7 \times 10^{-8}\text{ }\Omega\text{-m}$  and that of aluminium =  $2.6 \times 10^{-8}\text{ }\Omega\text{-m}$ .

$$R_{Cu} = \frac{\rho_{Cu} \times l}{A} = \frac{1.7 \times 10^{-8} \times 10}{1 \times 10^{-6}} = 0.17\text{ }\Omega$$

$$R = \frac{\rho l}{A} \Rightarrow R \propto \rho \quad [\text{if } l \text{ \& } A \text{ are kept same}]$$

$$\frac{R_{Cu}}{R_{Al}} = \frac{\rho_{Cu}}{\rho_{Al}} \Rightarrow R_{Al} = \frac{\rho_{Al}}{\rho_{Cu}} \times R_{Cu} = \frac{2.6 \times 10^{-8}}{1.7 \times 10^{-8}} \times 0.17 = 0.26\text{ }\Omega$$

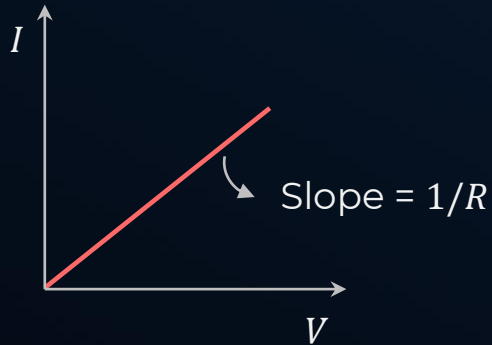


# Ohmic & Non-ohmic Materials



## Validity of Ohm's law

### Ohmic Materials



- Metals at low  $V$  and  $I$   
(Temperature and other physical conditions must remain constant)  
Ex. Nichrome

### Non-ohmic Materials



- Semiconductors & alloys.

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A conductor of length  $l$  has a circular cross section as shown. The radius of cross section varies from  $a$  to  $b$ . The resistivity of the material is  $\rho$ . Assume that  $b - a \ll l$ , find the resistance of the conductor across the ends  $P$  and  $Q$ .

**Solution:**

We know resistance of a cylindrical conductor,

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

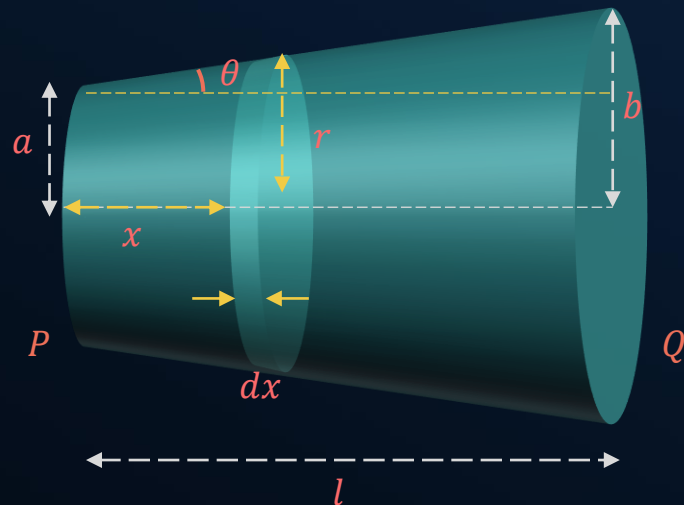
For elemental disc,  $\Rightarrow dR = \frac{\rho dx}{\pi r^2}$

Radius of element at  $x$  distance from end  $P$ ,

$$\Rightarrow r = a + \left( \frac{b - a}{l} \right) x$$

Resistance of the conductor,

$$\Rightarrow R = \int_a^b \frac{\rho}{\pi r^2} \left( \frac{l}{b - a} \right) dr \Rightarrow R = \frac{\rho l}{\pi ab}$$





The **masses** of the wires of copper are in the ratio **1:3:5** and their **lengths** are in the ratio **5:3:1**. The **ratio** of their **electrical resistance** is

**Solution:**  $M_1:M_2:M_3 = 1:3:5$ ,  $l_1:l_2:l_3 = 5:3:1$

We know resistance of a cylindrical conductor,

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

$$M = Al \times d$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{\rho l^2 d}{M}$$

$$\Rightarrow R \propto \frac{l^2}{M}$$

Ratio of  $R_1, R_2$  &  $R_3$ ,

$$\therefore R_1 : R_2 : R_3 = \frac{5^2}{1} : \frac{3^2}{3} : \frac{1^2}{5}$$

$$R_1 : R_2 : R_3 = 125 : 15 : 1$$



$l_1, M_1$



$l_2, M_2$



$l_3, M_3$





## Resistivity Dependence Factors – Types of Material



**Conductor**



$$\rho \approx 10^{-12} - 10^{-6} \Omega - m$$

**Semiconductor**



$$\rho \approx 10^{-5} - 10^5 \Omega - m$$

**Insulator**



$$\rho \approx 10^5 - 10^{16} \Omega - m$$

$$\rho = \frac{m}{ne^2\tau}$$



## Resistivity Dependence Factors – Temperature



Change in resistivity with temperature :

$$\rho = \rho_0[1 + \alpha(T - T_0)]$$

$\rho$  = resistivity at temperature  $T$

$\rho_0$  = resistivity at temperature  $T_0$

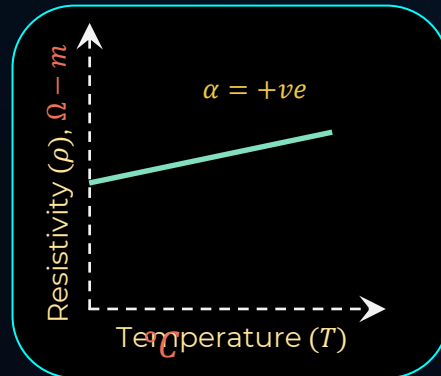
$\alpha$  = temperature coefficient of resistivity

Resistance of a conductor at temperature  $T$  :

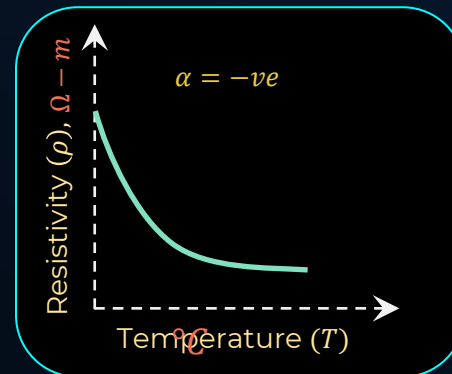
$$R = R_0[1 + \alpha(T - T_0)]$$

### Effect of Temperature on Resistivity of Different Materials

#### For Conductors



#### For Semiconductors





The temperature coefficient of resistance of wire is  $0.00125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$ . At  $300\text{ K}$  its resistance is  $1\text{ }\Omega$ . At what temperature will its resistance become  $2\Omega$  ?

**Solution :**  $R_1 = 1\text{ }\Omega, R_2 = 2\text{ }\Omega, T_1 = 300\text{ K} = 27\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}, \alpha = 0.00125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$

Let the resistance of wire is  $R_0$  at  $T = 0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Hence,

$$R_1 = R_0(1 + \alpha T_1) \quad \& \quad R_2 = R_0(1 + \alpha T_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{(1 + \alpha T_1)}{(1 + \alpha T_2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{R_1 - R_2}{R_2 T_1 - R_1 T_2}$$

$$1.25 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{1 - 2}{2(27) - 1(T_2)} \Rightarrow T_2 = 854\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \quad \text{or}$$

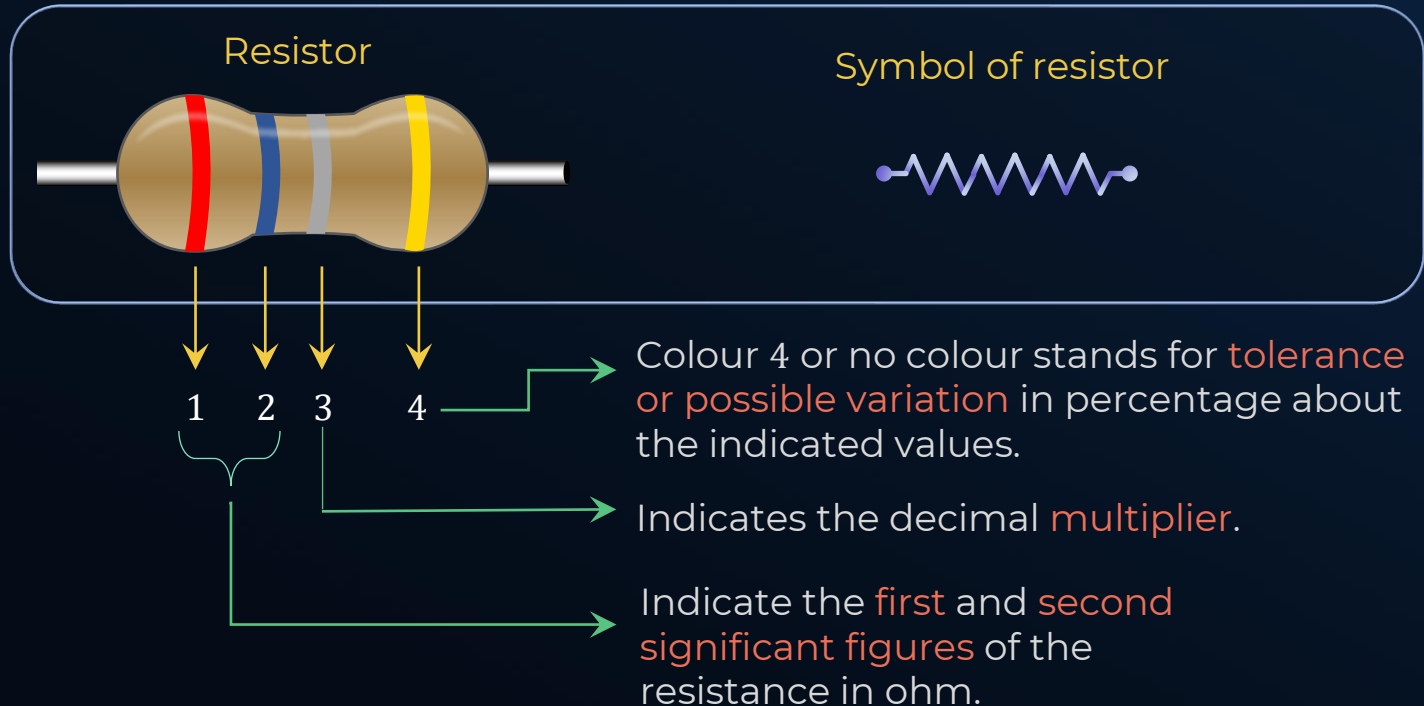
$$T_2 = 1127\text{ K}$$



## Resistor and Colour Coding



- **Resistor** is an object with desired resistance.





## Colour Coding of Carbon Resistors



Trick	Colour	Digit	Multiplier	Tolerance
<b>B</b>	Black	0	1	
<b>B</b>	Brown	1	$10^1$	
<b>R</b>	Red	2	$10^2$	
<b>O</b>	Orange	3	$10^3$	
<b>Y</b>	Yellow	4	$10^4$	
<b>G</b> reat	Green	5	$10^5$	
<b>B</b> ritain has a	Blue	6	$10^6$	
<b>V</b> ery	Violet	7	$10^7$	
<b>G</b> ood	Grey	8	$10^8$	
<b>W</b> ife	White	9	$10^9$	
Gold	Gold		$10^{-1}$	$\pm 5\%$
Silver	Silver		$10^{-2}$	$\pm 10\%$
No colour	No colour			$\pm 20\%$

Example:



Digit 1 = 5 (Green)

Digit 2 = 3 (Orange)

Multiplier =  $10^4$  (Yellow)

Tolerance =  $\pm 5\%$  (Gold)

Resistance of Carbon resistor,

$$R = 53 \times 10^4 \pm 5\%$$

$$R = 530 \text{ k}\Omega \pm 5\%$$



## Ohm's law & Sign Convention



- The current through a conductor ( $I$ ) is directly proportional to the potential difference ( $V$ ) applied across its ends.

$$V = RI$$

- Sign Convention :

Case 1:  $V_A > V_B$



Along path  $A \rightarrow B$

$$V_A - IR = V_B$$

$$\Rightarrow V_A - V_B = IR$$

Case 2:  $V_A < V_B$



Along path  $A \rightarrow B$

$$V_A + IR = V_B$$

$$\Rightarrow V_B - V_A = IR$$

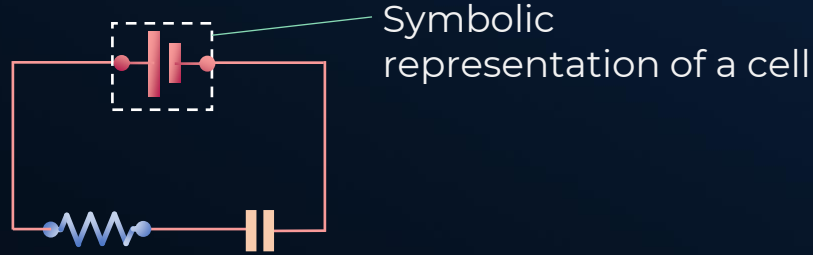
- Current, by convention is always from higher to lower potential. (+)ve sign is taken for higher potential and (-)ve sign for lower potential.



## Electric Cell (Battery)

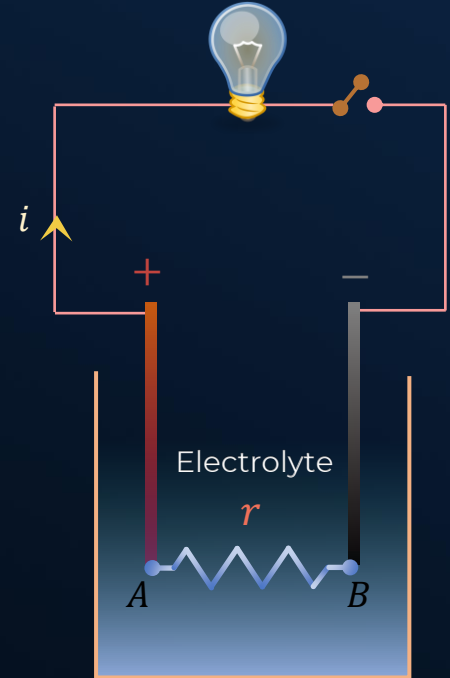


- **Electric cell** is a device which maintains potential difference between its terminals.
- Converts chemical energy into electrical energy.



### EMF of Electric Cell

- **EMF** of a battery is defined as the work done ( $W$ ) in driving a unit charge ( $q$ ) across the terminals of the cell.
- **EMF** is also written as the potential difference across the cell when it is not connected to the external circuit.
- $r$  is internal resistance of the cell.
- **Potential difference** across an ideal cell is equal to its **EMF**.

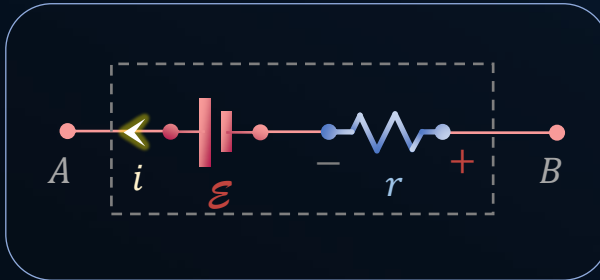




## Terminal Voltage of a Cell



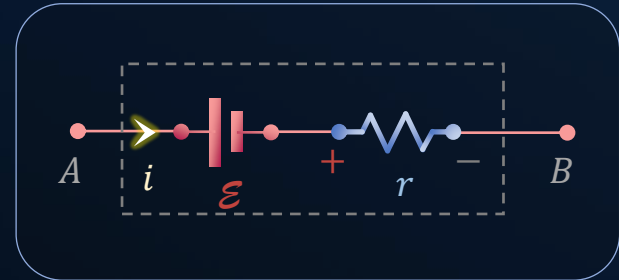
### Discharging(Source)



$$V_{AB} = \mathcal{E} - ir$$

- Terminal Voltage is less than EMF of cell.

### Charging (Load)



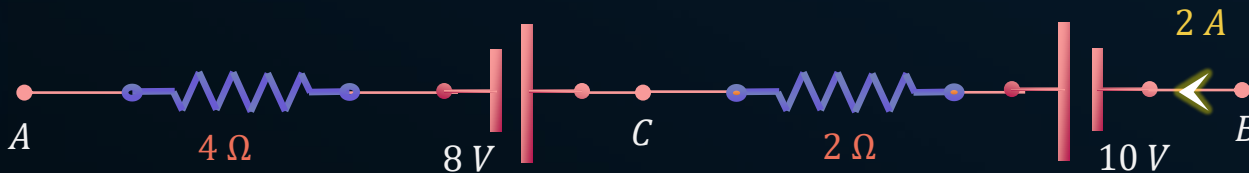
$$V_{AB} = \mathcal{E} + ir$$

- Terminal Voltage is Greater than EMF of cell.



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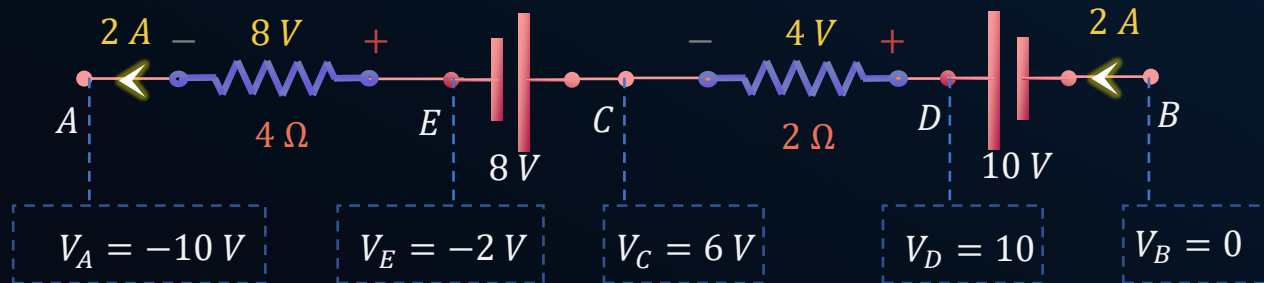
In the diagram shown below, find: (a)  $V_{AB}$  (b)  $V_{CA}$  in steady state.



- All elements are in a line. Hence current through all of them is  $2A$ .
- Potential drop across each resistor,

$$V_{2\Omega} = 2 \times 2 = 4V \quad \& \quad V_{4\Omega} = 2 \times 4 = 8V$$

Potential at every point.



$$V_{AB} = -10V$$

$$V_{CA} = 16V$$

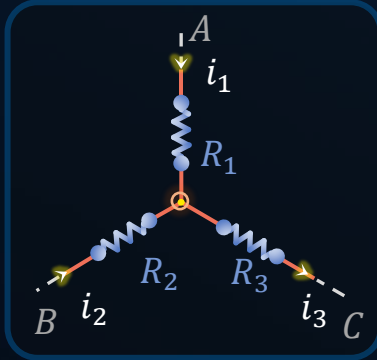
# Kirchhoff's Laws



## Kirchhoff's Current Law(KCL)

- Net current at a junction = 0

$$i_1 + i_2 - i_3 = 0$$



- Incoming current = Outgoing current

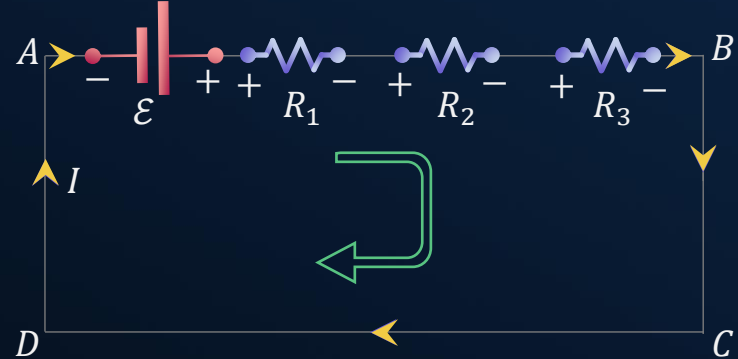
$$i_1 + i_2 = i_3$$

- At the junction  $\Rightarrow Q_1 + Q_2 = Q_3$

Sum of charges entering the node = Sum of charges leaving the node

- KCL is based on the conservation of charge principle.

## Kirchhoff's Voltage Law(KVL)



- In a closed loop, the algebraic sum of all the potential differences is zero.
- KVL is Based on energy conservation.
- Apply KVL from Point C,

$$+\mathcal{E} - iR_1 - iR_2 - iR_3 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\mathcal{E} = i(R_1 + R_2 + R_3)$$

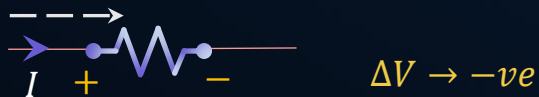


## Sign convention for KVL



### For Resistor

- If we choose to traverse along the direction of current, then

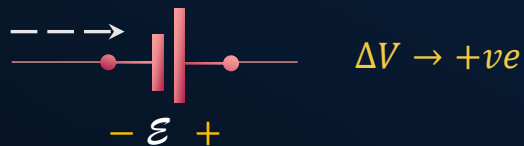


- If we choose to traverse opposite to the direction of current then,



### For Battery/Cell

- If you encounter  $-ve$  terminal of the cell first, then,



- If you encounter  $+ve$  terminal of the cell first, then,





In the electrical circuit shown below, find the value of  $i$ .

Assuming direction of  $i$  as shown & using KCL,

Incoming current = Outgoing current

$$\Rightarrow 4 + 2 = 1 + i$$

$$\Rightarrow i = 5 \text{ A}$$



? The potential difference ( $V_A - V_B$ ) across the points  $A$  and  $B$  in the given figure is \_\_\_\_.

**A**  $+3 V$

**B**  $-3 V$

**C**  $+9 V$

**D**  $-9 V$



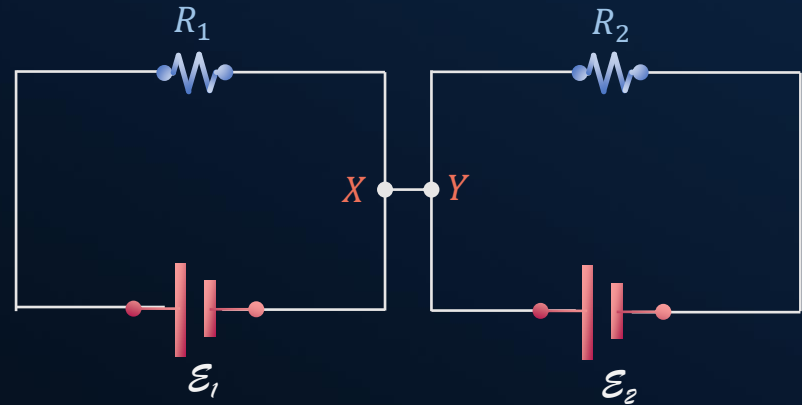
Applying KVL from  $A$  to  $B$

$$V_A - 2(2) - 3 - 2(1) = V_B$$

$$V_A - V_B = +9 V$$

? In the circuit shown below, the conductor  $XY$  is of negligible resistance. Then find the current through  $XY$ .

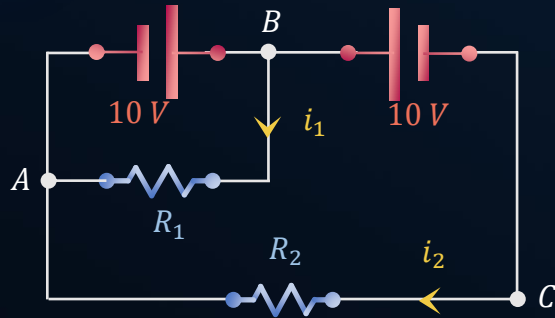
- In a loop entry and exit current of a cell always remains same.
- If some amount of current flows through  $XY$ , then **enter** and **exit current** will not be same for both the cells. Therefore, **KCL** will be violating.



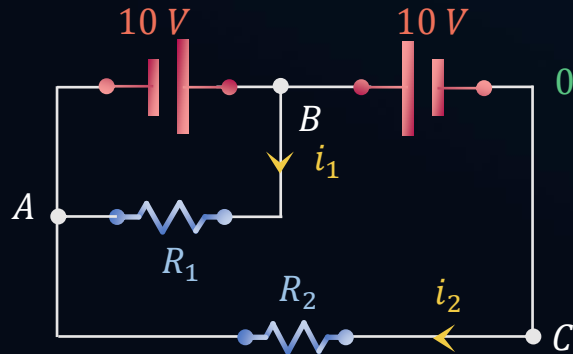
No Current will flow through  $XY$

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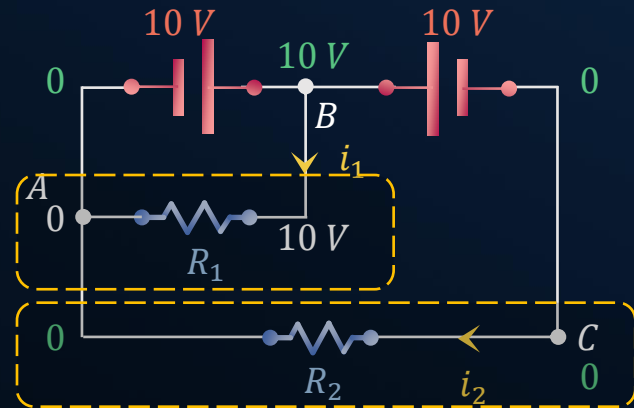
Each of the resistors shown in figure has a resistance of  $10\ \Omega$  and each of the batteries has an emf of  $10\text{ V}$ . Find the currents through the resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  in following circuits:



- Step 1: Choose zero potential at any point.



- Step 2: Write potential of every point

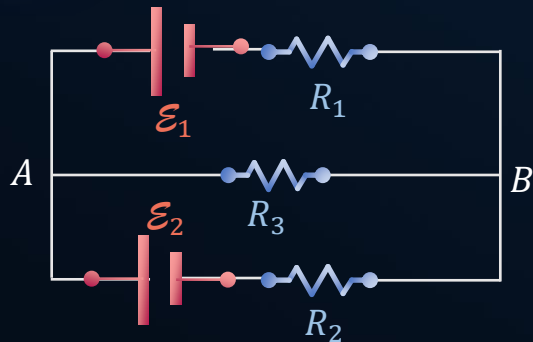


- Current through resistor  $R_1$  &  $R_2$ .

$$i_1 = 1\text{ A} \text{ \& } i_2 = 0\text{ A}$$

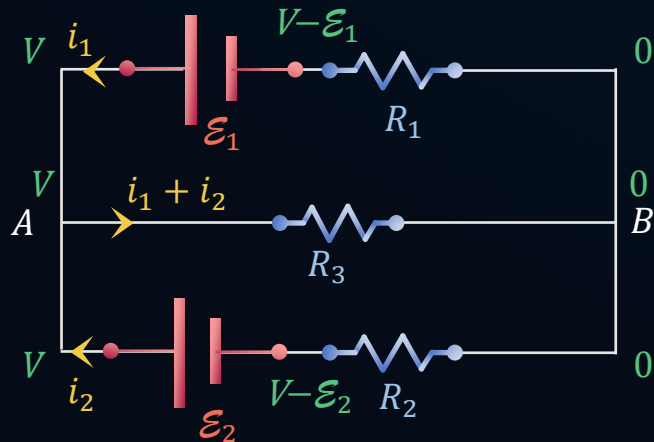


Find the potential difference  $V_A - V_B$ . In the Following circuit.



- Since we have to find  $V_A - V_B$ , always try to take  $V_B = 0$  for this type of the question, so that  $V$  will be equal to  $V_A$
- Apply KCL at point  $B$ .

$$\frac{(V - \mathcal{E}_1) - 0}{R_1} + \frac{V - 0}{R_3} + \frac{(V - \mathcal{E}_2) - 0}{R_2} = 0$$

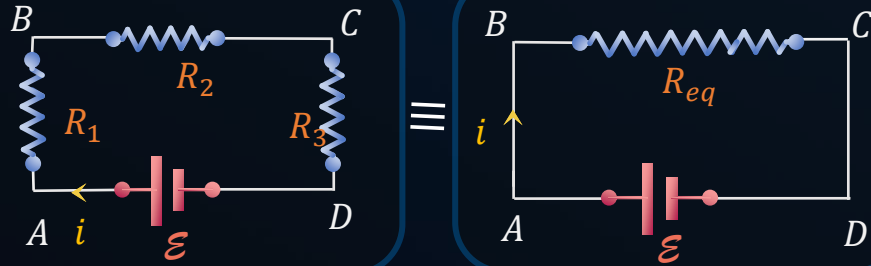


$$\Rightarrow V = V_A - V_B = \frac{\frac{\mathcal{E}_1}{R_1} + \frac{\mathcal{E}_2}{R_2}}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}}$$



# Combination of Resistances

## Series Combination

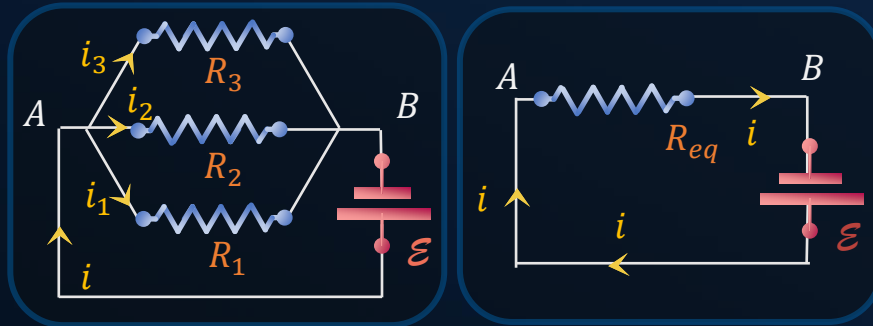


$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

- Current is same through all resistors.
- For  $n$  number of resistances in series,

$$R_{eq} = \sum R_i$$

## Parallel Combination



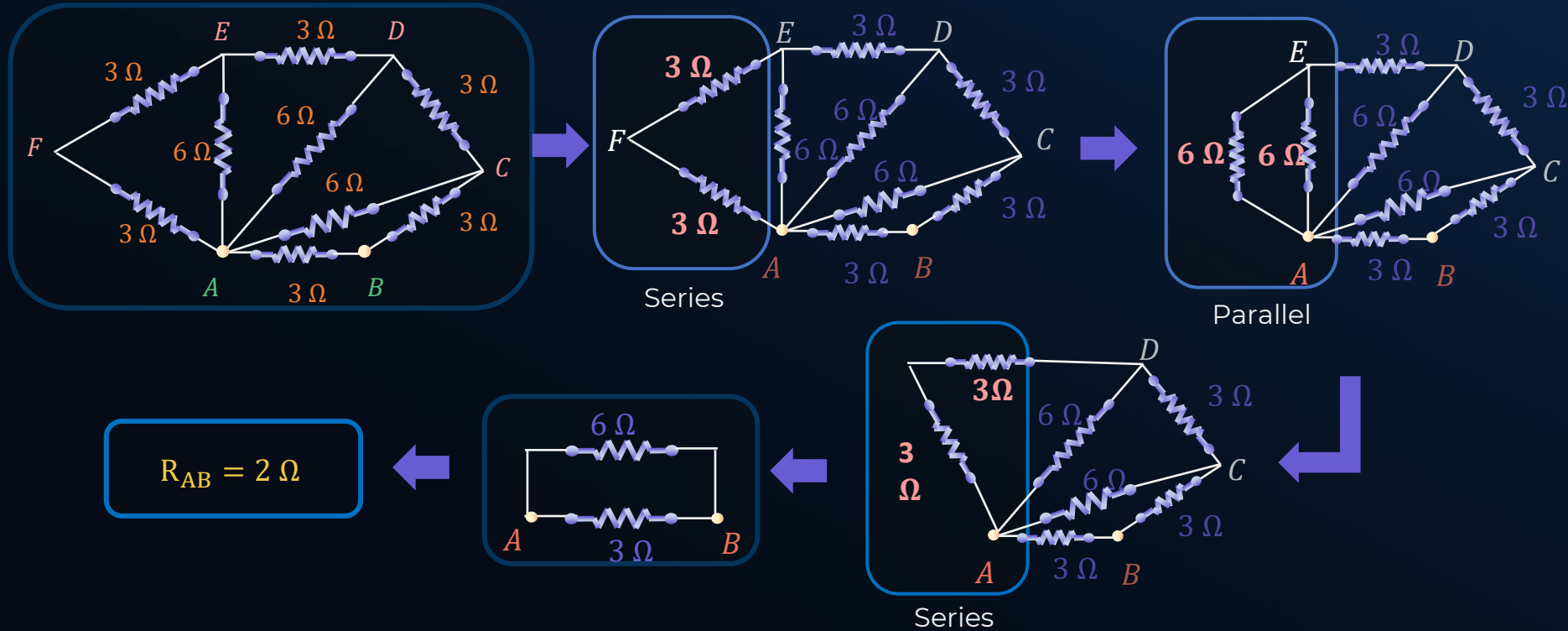
- Potential difference is same across all resistors.
- For  $n$  number of resistances in parallel,

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$



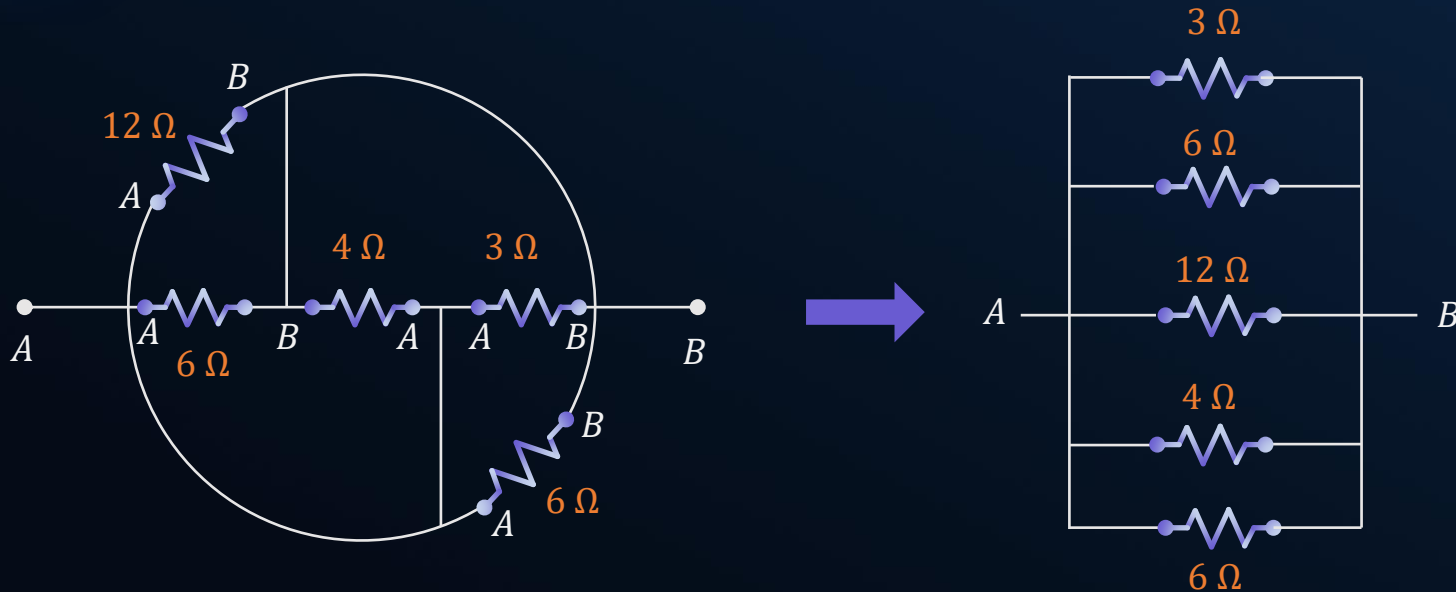
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Find the effective resistance between the points  $A$  and  $B$  of the network as shown in figure.





In the circuit shown below, find the equivalent resistance across  $A$  and  $B$ .



$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{4 + 2 + 1 + 3 + 2}{12} \Rightarrow R_{eq} = \boxed{1\ \Omega}$$

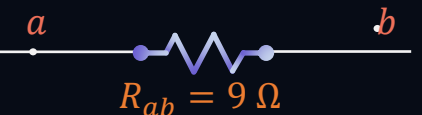
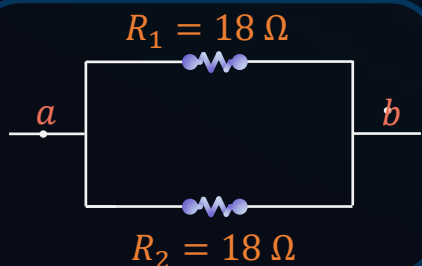
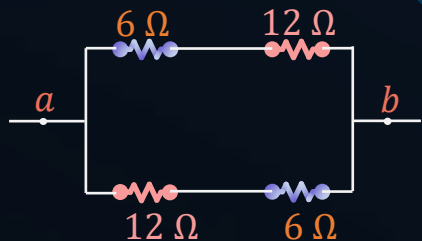


Find the equivalent resistance of the network between the points **a** and **b** when;

(a) The switch **S** is open

and

(b) The switch **S** is closed.



Step - 1

$$R_1 = 6 + 12 = 18 \Omega$$

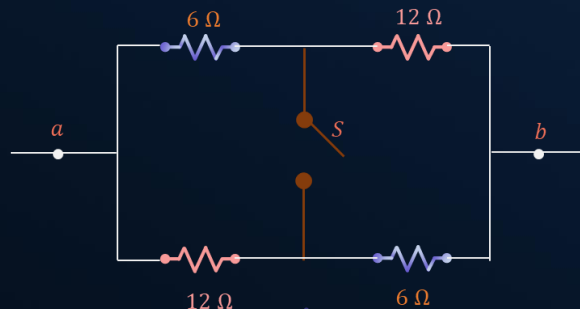
$$R_2 = 12 + 6 = 18 \Omega$$

Step - 2

$$\frac{1}{R_{ab}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{R_{ab}} = \frac{2}{18}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{ab} = 9 \Omega$$



Step - 1

$$R_1 = \frac{6 \times 12}{6 + 12} = 4 \Omega$$

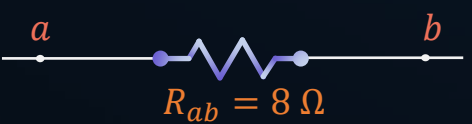
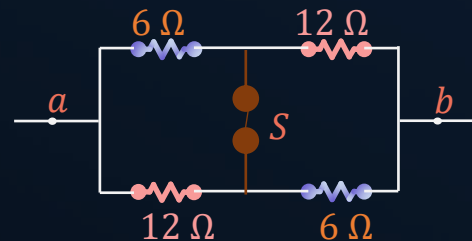
$$R_2 = \frac{6 \times 12}{6 + 12} = 4 \Omega$$

Step - 2

$$R_{ab} = R_1 + R_2$$

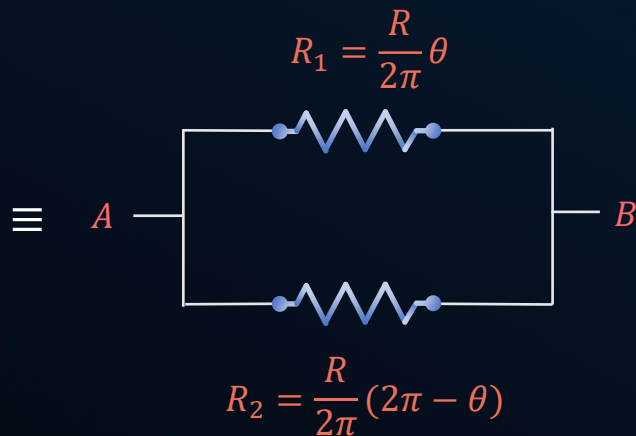
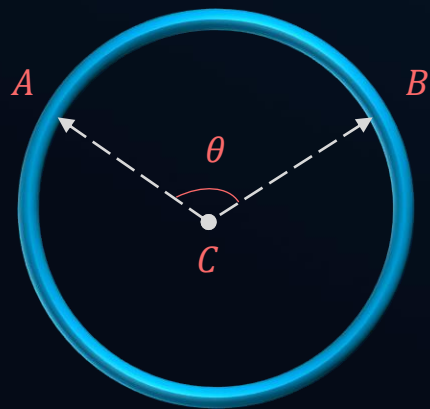
$$\Rightarrow R_{ab} = 4 + 4$$

$$R_{ab} = 8 \Omega$$



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$A$  and  $B$  are two points on a uniform ring of resistance  $R$ . The  $\angle ACB = \theta$ , where  $C$  is the centre of the ring. The equivalent resistance between  $A$  and  $B$  is



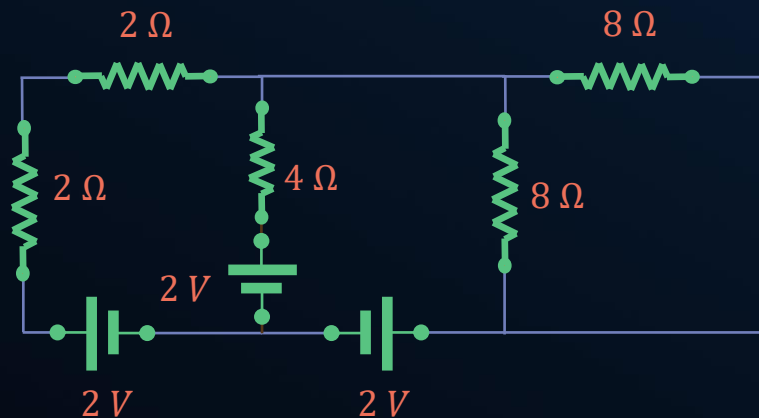
- Major & Minor arc are trapped between same points hence they exist in parallel combination.

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} = \frac{R_1 \times R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{R\theta(2\pi - \theta)}{4\pi^2}$$

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Find the currents in the different resistors shown in figure.

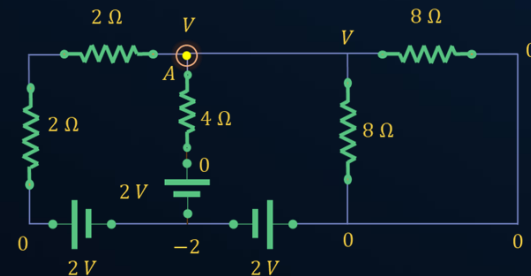
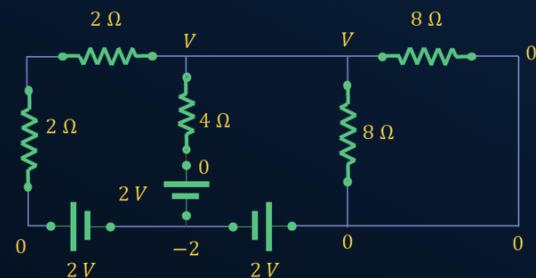
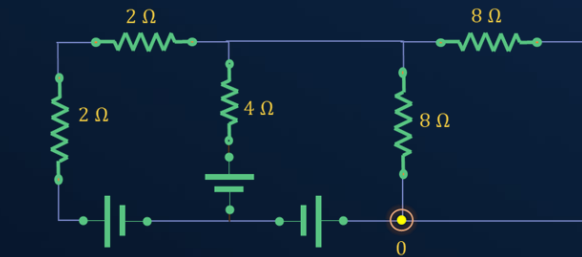
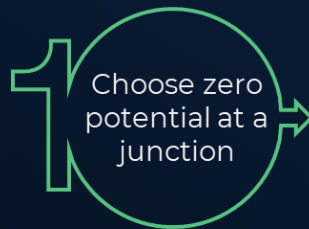


Applying KCL at junction  $A$ , we get,

$$\left(\frac{V-0}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{V-0}{4}\right) + \left[\left(\frac{V-0}{8}\right) + \left(\frac{V-0}{8}\right)\right] = 0$$

$$V = 0$$

Current through all resistances is zero

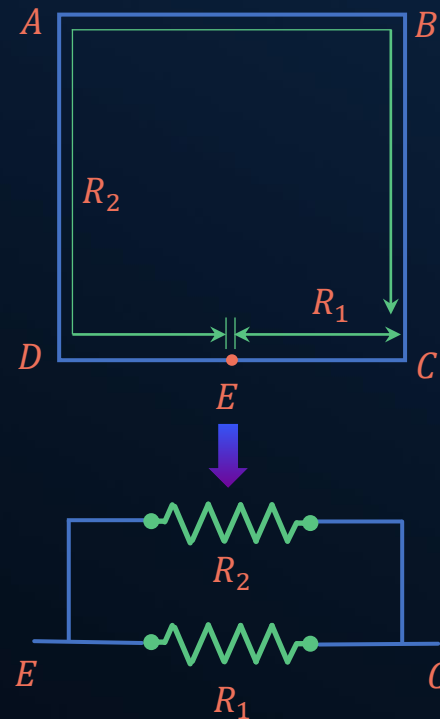




A conducting wire of resistance  $R$  is bent to form a square  $ABCD$  as shown in the figure. Find the effective resistance between  $E$  and  $C$  ( $E$  is mid-point of arm  $CD$ ).

- Length of each side of the square =  $a$
- Resistance per unit length of the square =  $\frac{R}{4a}$
- Resistance,  $R_1 = \frac{R}{4a} \times EC = \frac{R}{4a} \times \frac{a}{2} = \frac{R}{8}$
- Resistance,  $R_2 = \frac{R}{4a} \times (EDABC) = \frac{R}{4a} \times \left[ \frac{a}{2} + 3a \right] = \frac{7R}{8}$
- Effective resistance between  $E$  and  $C$  :

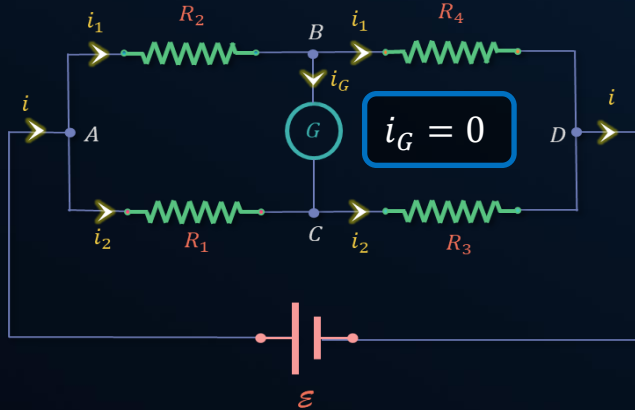
$$R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 \times R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{\left(\frac{R}{8}\right) \times \left(\frac{7R}{8}\right)}{\left(\frac{R}{8} + \frac{7R}{8}\right)} = \frac{7R}{64}$$



# Wheatstone Bridge



## Balanced



The wheatstone bridge will be **balanced** if,

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1} = \frac{R_4}{R_3}$$

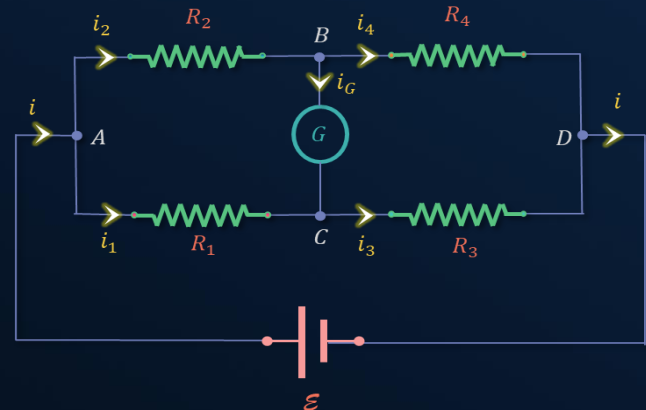
Or

$$R_1 R_4 = R_2 R_3$$

- Equivalent resistance :

$$R_{eq} = \frac{(R_2 + R_4)(R_1 + R_3)}{(R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4)}$$

## Unbalanced



The wheatstone bridge will be **unbalanced** if,

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1} \neq \frac{R_4}{R_3}$$

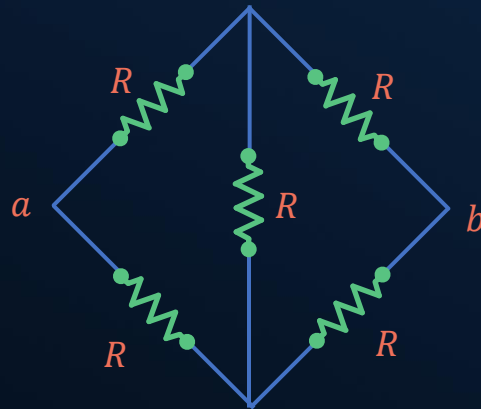
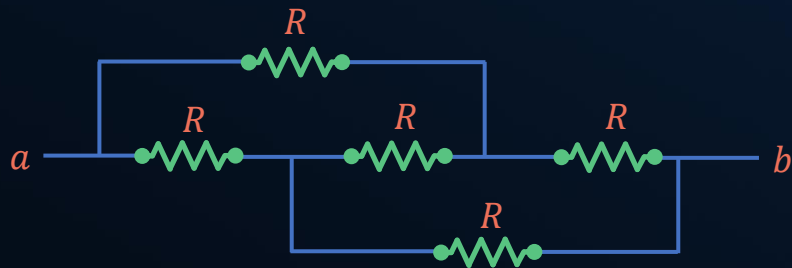
- Equivalent resistance :

$$R_{eq} = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{i}$$

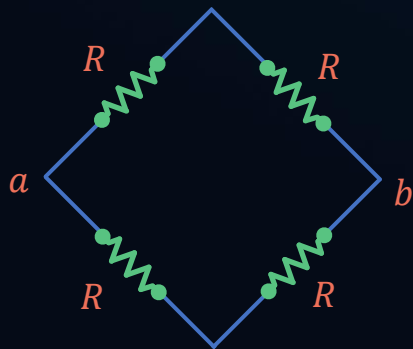


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Find the equivalent resistance of the shown network between points *a* and *b*.



- The network is a balanced wheatstone bridge.



$$R_{eq} = \frac{2R \times 2R}{(2R + 2R)} = R$$



Find equivalent resistance between points *a* and *b*.



- $\frac{10}{5} \neq \frac{5}{10} \Rightarrow$  The wheatstone bridge is unbalanced.
- It possesses input/output symmetry.
- The current through  $R_1$  and  $R_4$  will be same, and the current through  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  will be same.

- Assuming an external battery of  $\mathcal{E}$  supplies  $i$  current in the circuit :

$$R_{eq} = \frac{E}{i}$$

- Apply KVL for loop 1 :

$$-10i_1 - 5(2i_1 - i) + 5(i - i_1) = 0 \Rightarrow i_1 = \frac{2i}{5}$$

- Apply KVL for external loop *acdbefa* :

$$\begin{aligned} -10i_1 - 5(i - i_1) + \mathcal{E} &= 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} = 5(i_1 + i) \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} &= 5\left(\frac{2i}{5} + i\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{i} = 7 \Omega$$



In a Wheatstone bridge a battery of  $2V$  is used as shown in the figure. Find the current through middle branch.

- The wheatstone bridge is **unbalanced** since  $\frac{1}{2} \neq \frac{2}{3}$

- Apply KCL at node  $B$ :

$$\frac{x-0}{2} + \frac{x-y}{4} + \frac{x-2}{1} = 0 \Rightarrow 7x - y = 8 \dots\dots(1)$$

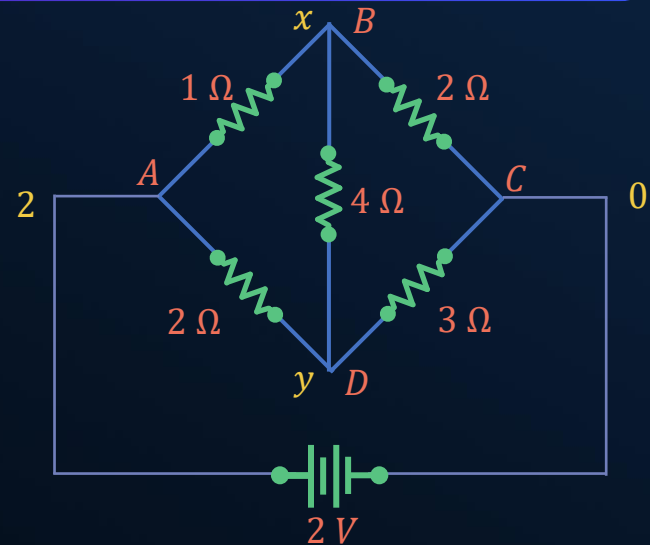
- Apply KCL at node  $D$ :

$$\frac{y-0}{3} + \frac{y-x}{4} + \frac{y-2}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow 13y - 3x = 12 \dots\dots(2)$$

Solving (1) and (2) we get:

$$y = \frac{27}{22} V$$

$$x = \frac{203}{154} V$$



Current through middle branch :

$$I_{4\Omega} = \frac{x-y}{4}$$



$$I_{4\Omega} = \frac{7}{308} A$$



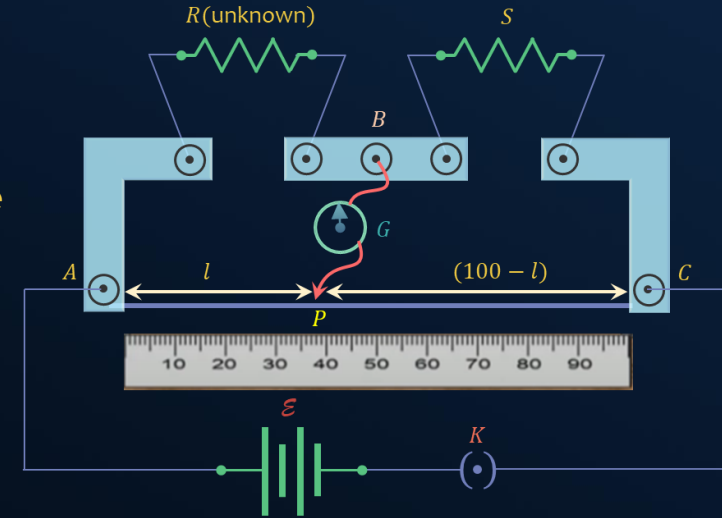
# Meter Bridge



- It is an electrical instrument **used to find** the value of **unknown resistance**. It consists of a **1 m (100 cm)** wire with uniform cross-section.
- Null point** : A point on the wire of the meter bridge for which no deflection will be shown by the needle of the galvanometer.
- It works based on the principle of “**Balanced Wheatstone Bridge**”.
- Condition of null-point :

$$\frac{R}{S} = \frac{l}{(100 - l)}$$

- Unknown resistance :  $R = S \frac{l}{(100 - l)}$



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A meter bridge is set-up, as shown, to determine an unknown resistance ' $X$ ' using a standard  $10\ \Omega$  resistor. The galvanometer shows null point when tapping-key is at  $52\text{ cm}$  mark. The determined value of ' $X$ ' is

Distance of null point  $P$  from end  $A$  is,

$$AP = 52\text{ cm}$$

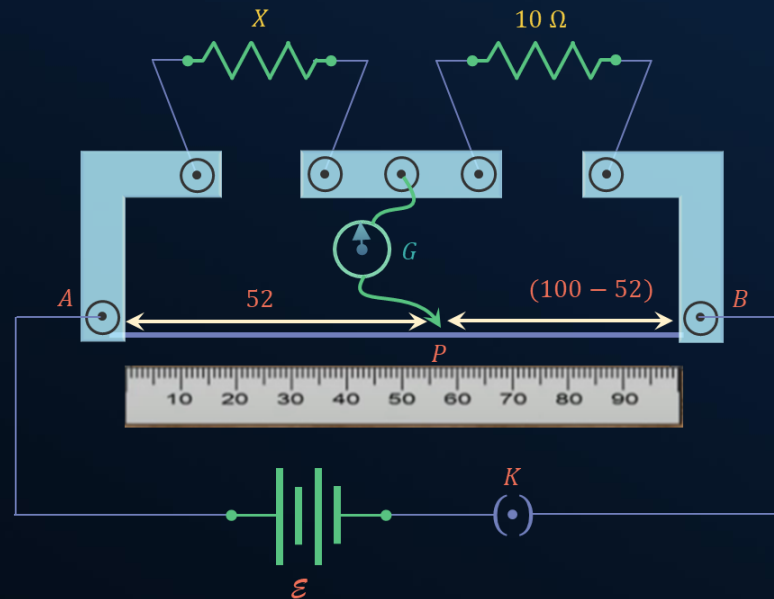
Distance of null point  $P$  from end  $B$  is,

$$PB = (100 - 52) = 48\text{ cm}$$

Unknown resistance:

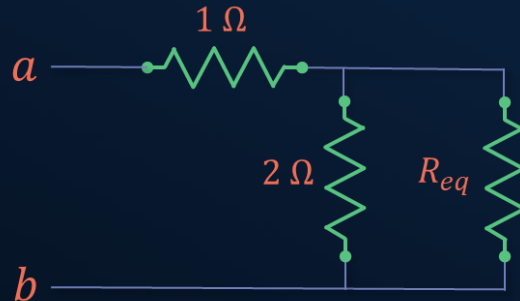
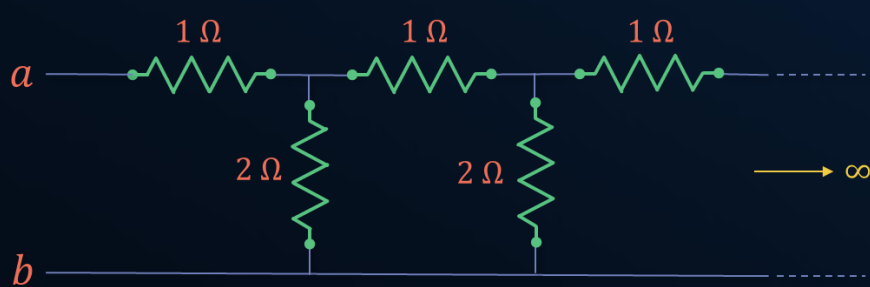
$$X = 10 \times \frac{52}{48}$$

$$X = 10.8\ \Omega$$





Find equivalent resistance between points  $a$  and  $b$  of the **infinite ladder network** of resistances.



- Equivalent resistance between  $a$  and  $b$  is,

$$R_{ab} \equiv R_{eq} = 1 + \frac{2 \times R_{eq}}{(2 + R_{eq})}$$

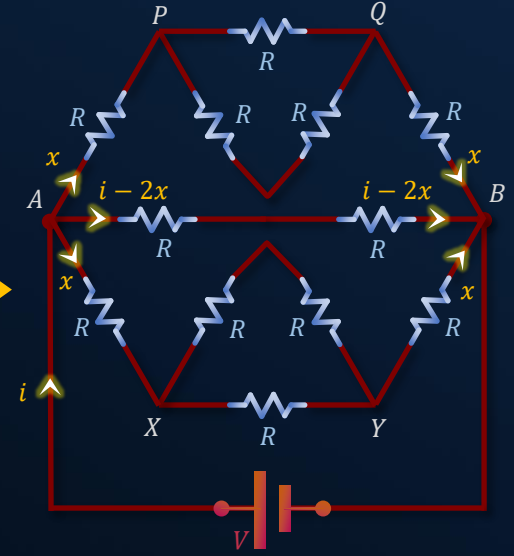
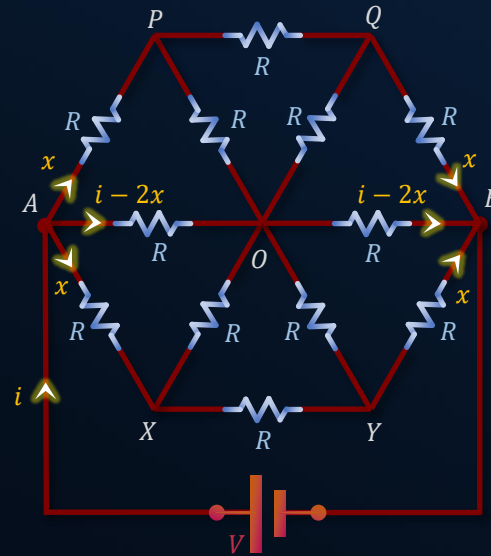
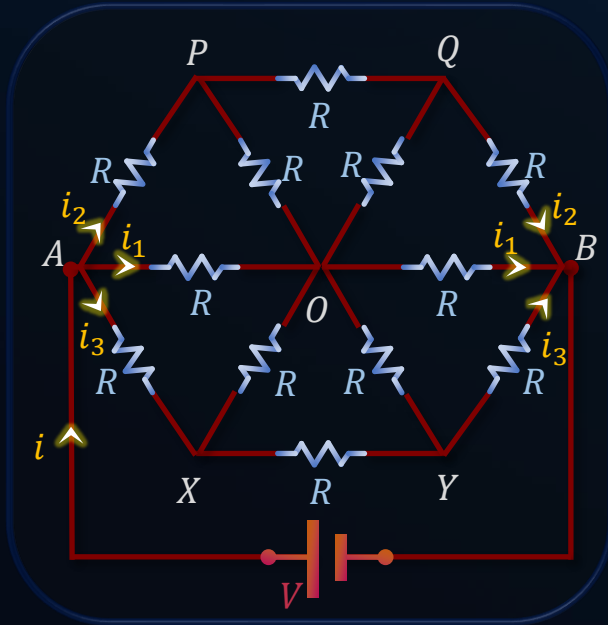
$$R_{eq} = \frac{3R_{eq} + 2}{(2 + R_{eq})}$$

$$R_{eq}^2 - R_{eq} - 2 = 0$$

$$R_{eq} = 2\ \Omega$$



## Symmetric Circuit

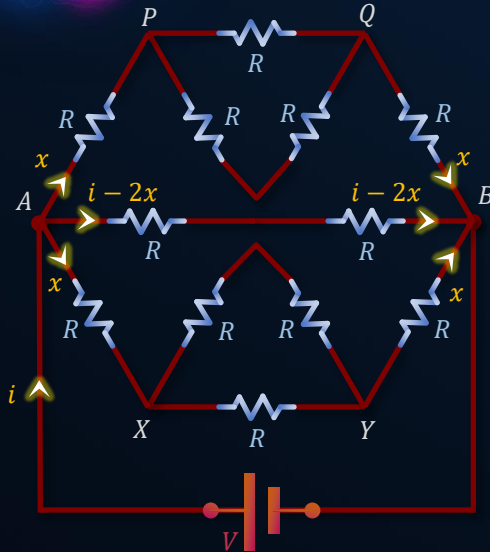


Find equivalent resistance of the circuit shown.

- The circuit has **input & output** symmetry & junction  $O$  is redundant.



## Symmetric Circuit



$$R_{APQB} = R + \frac{2R}{3} + R = \frac{8R}{3}$$

$$R_{AXYB} = R + \frac{2R}{3} + R = \frac{8R}{3}$$

$$R_{AB} = 2R$$

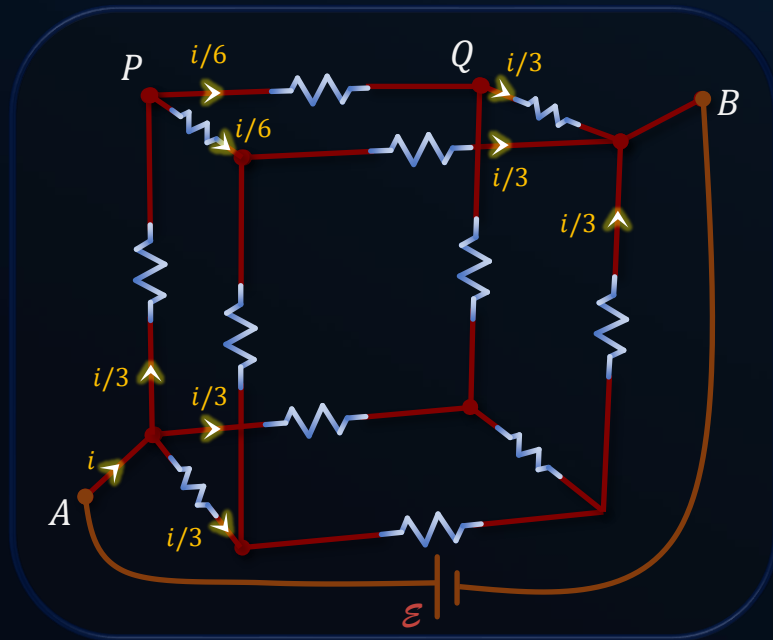
$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{3}{8R} + \frac{3}{8R} + \frac{1}{2R} = \frac{10}{8R} = \frac{5}{4R}$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{4R}{5}$$





Find the equivalent resistance of following circuit between  $A$  and  $B$ , given that each resistance is  $R$ .



Applying KVL in the loop  $APQBA$  on starting from point  $P$ , we get,

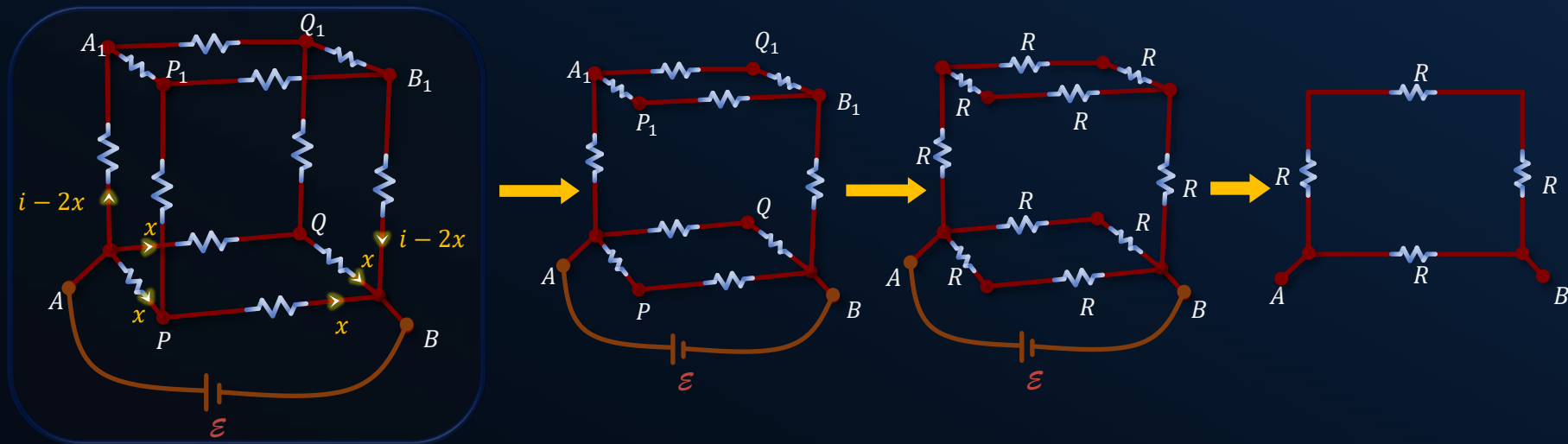
$$-\frac{iR}{6} - \frac{iR}{3} + \mathcal{E} - \frac{iR}{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{E}}{i} = \frac{5R}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{eq} = \frac{5R}{6}$$



Find the equivalent resistance of following circuit between  $A$  and  $B$ , given that each resistance is  $R$ .

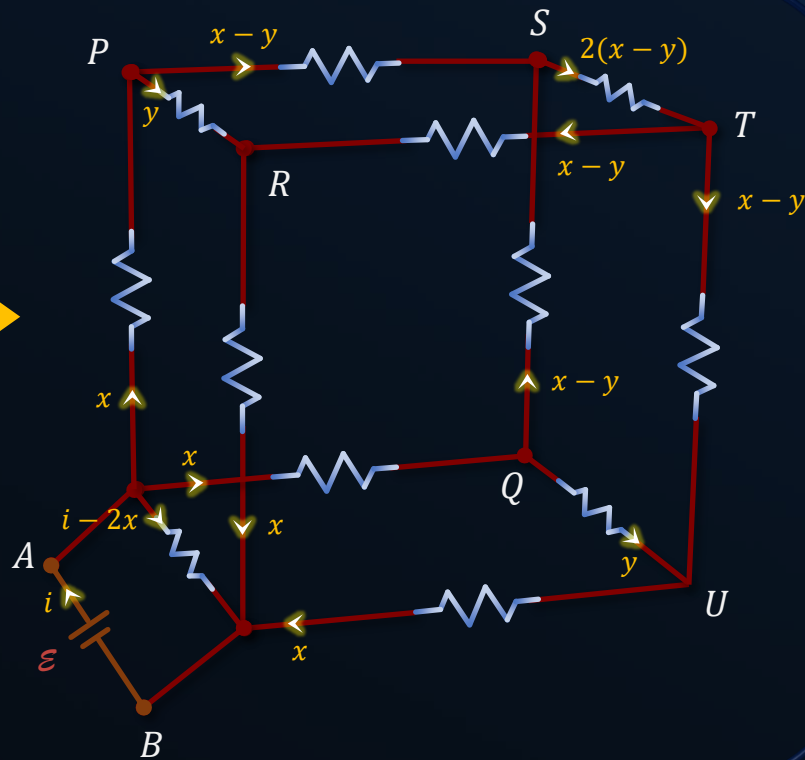


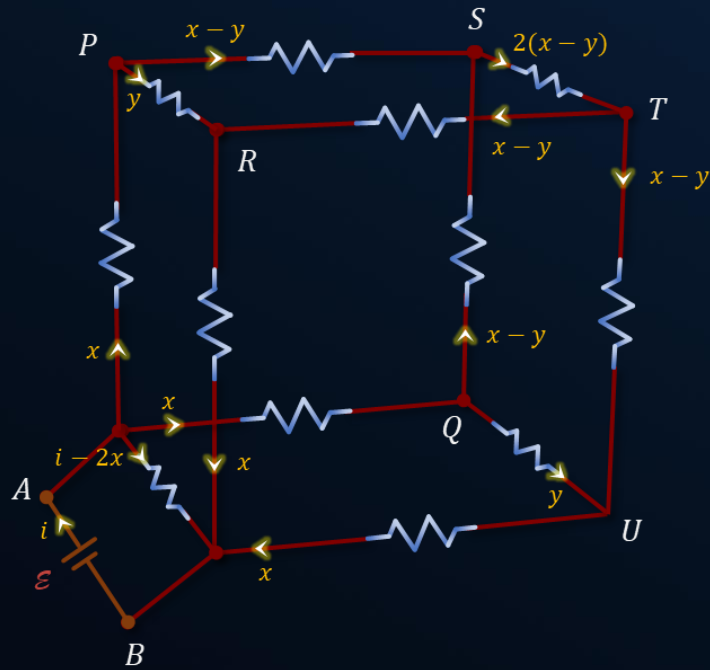
- The circuit has input & output symmetry & junction  $P$  &  $Q$  are redundant. Therefore current through branches  $PP_1$  &  $QQ_1$  are zero.

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{3R} + \frac{1}{R} \Rightarrow R_{eq} = \frac{3R}{4}$$



Find the equivalent resistance of following circuit between  $A$  and  $B$ , given that each resistance is  $R$ .





Applying KVL in loop *PSTRP*,

$$-(x-y)R - 2(x-y)R - (x-y)R + yR = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = 5y \dots \dots (1)$$

Applying KVL in loop *AQUBA*,

$$-xR - yR - xR + (i - 2x)R = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x + y = i \dots \dots (2)$$

Applying KVL in loop *ABA*,

$$(i - 2x)R = \mathcal{E} \dots \dots (3)$$

From equation (1) & (2),

$$4x + \frac{4x}{5} = i \Rightarrow x = \frac{5i}{24}$$

Substituting value of  $x$  in equation (3),

$$\left(i - \frac{5i}{12}\right)R = \mathcal{E}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{eq} = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{i} = \frac{7R}{12}$$

# Combination of Cells

## Series Combination



Net resistance,

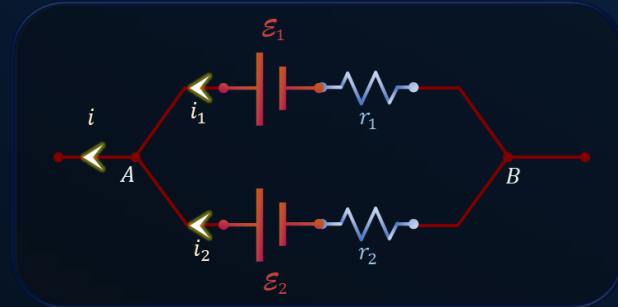
$$r_{eq} = \sum r_i$$

Net emf =

$$\mathcal{E}_{eq} = \sum \mathcal{E}_i$$

Algebraic addition with sign

## Parallel Combination



Net resistance,

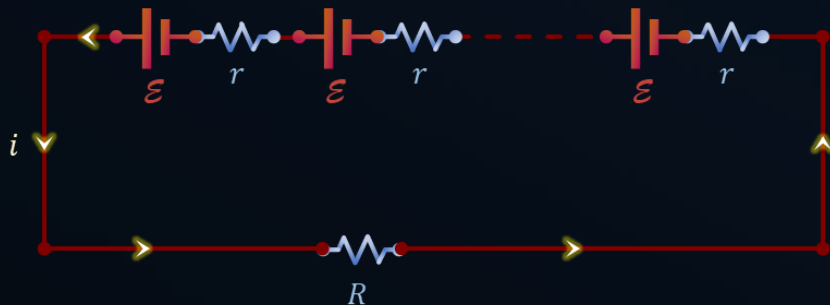
$$\frac{1}{r_{eq}} = \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2}$$

$$\text{Net emf} = \mathcal{E}_{eq} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_2 r_1 + \mathcal{E}_1 r_2}{r_1 + r_2}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{eq} = r_{eq} \left( \frac{\mathcal{E}_1}{r_1} + \frac{\mathcal{E}_2}{r_2} \right)$$

# Combination of Cells

## Series Combination

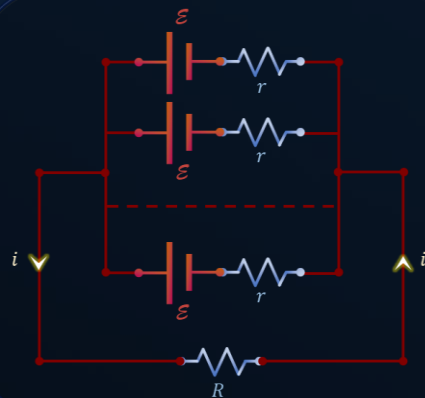


Net emf =  $n\mathcal{E}$

Total resistance =  $nr + R$

Current in circuit,  $i = \frac{n\mathcal{E}}{nr + R}$

## Parallel Combination



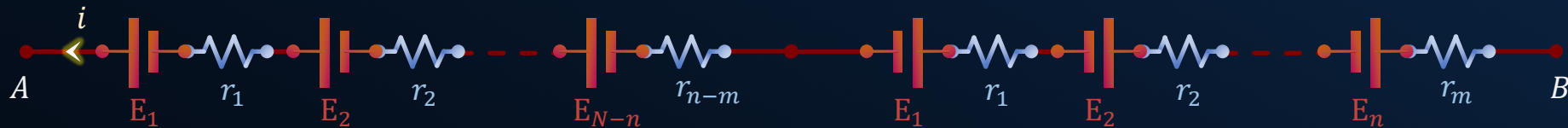
Net emf =  $\mathcal{E}_{eq} = \mathcal{E}$

Net resistance,  $R + \frac{r}{n}$

Current in circuit,  $i = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R + \frac{r}{n}}$

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$n$  identical cells, each of emf  $E$  and internal resistance  $r$ , are joined in series. Out of these,  $m$  cells are wrongly connected, i.e., their terminals are connected in reverse of that required for series connection ( $m < n/2$ ). Let  $E_0$  be the emf of the resulting battery and  $r_0$  be its internal resistance, find  $E_0, r_0$ .



- Since  $n$  cells are connected in series, the internal resistances of the cells are also in series & since **polarity doesn't affect resistance**.

$$r_0 = nr$$

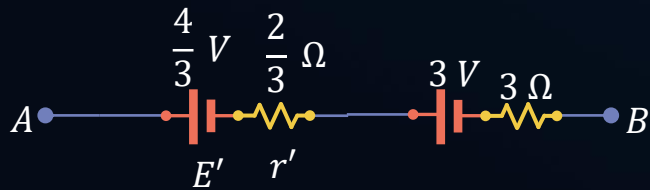
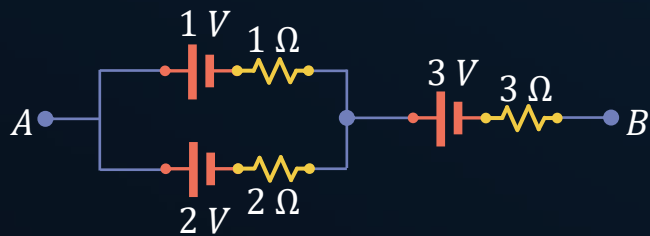
- Two oppositely connected cells connected in series nullify each other emfs. Therefore, this **nullification always happens in pairs**.

So, if  $m$  cells are connected wrongly among  $n$  cells,

$$\text{Net emf, } E_0 = (n - 2m)E$$

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Calculate  $E_{eq}$  and  $r_{eq}$  for the given combination of cells between A & B.



$$E' = \frac{\frac{E_1}{r_1} + \frac{E_2}{r_2}}{\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E' = \frac{4}{3} V$$

$$r' = \frac{r_1 r_2}{r_1 + r_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow r' = \frac{2}{3} \Omega$$

$$E_{eq} = E' + 3$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{eq} = \frac{13}{3} V$$

$$r_{eq} = r' + 3$$

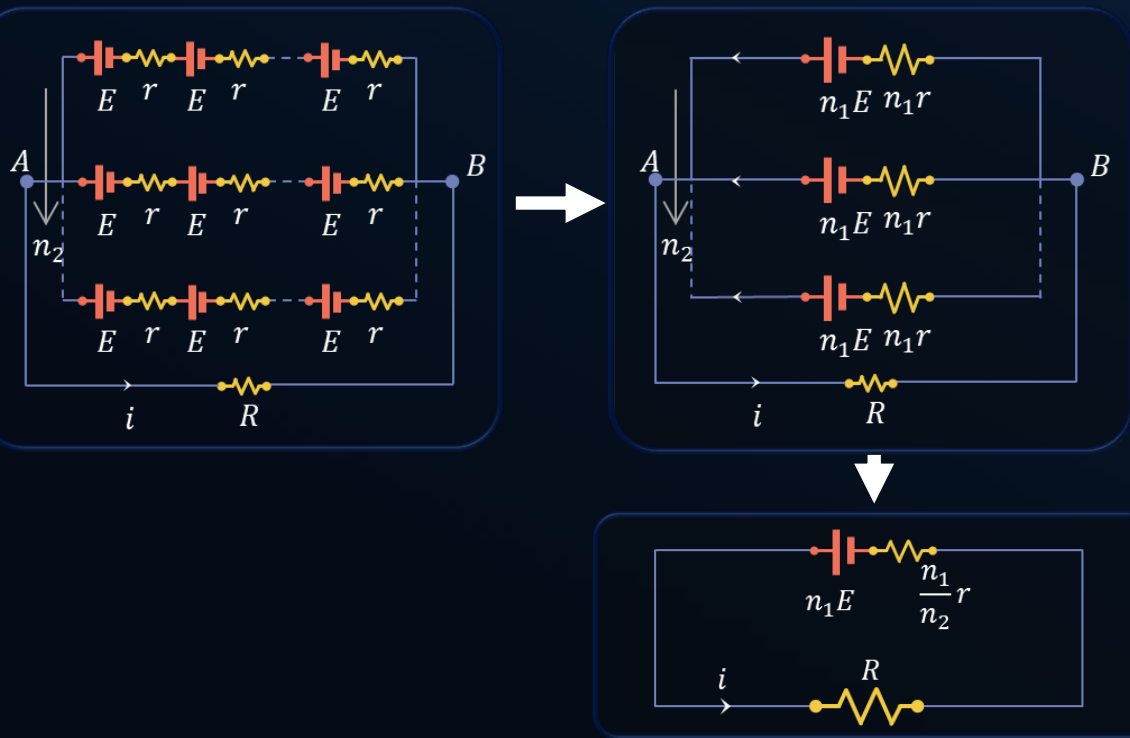
$$= \frac{2}{3} + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{eq} = \frac{11}{3} \Omega$$



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Consider  $N = n_1 n_2$  identical cells, each of emf  $E$  and internal resistance  $r$ . Suppose  $n_1$  cells are joined in series to form a line and  $n_2$  such lines are connected in parallel. The combination drives a current in an external resistance  $R$ .  
(a) Find the current through the external resistance.



$$\frac{1}{r_{eq}} = \frac{1}{n_1 r} + \frac{1}{n_1 r} + \dots + \frac{1}{n_1 r} = \frac{n_2}{n_1 r}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{eq} = \frac{n_1 r}{n_2}$$

$$E_{eq} = \frac{\frac{n_1 E}{n_1 r} + \frac{n_1 E}{n_1 r} + \dots + \frac{n_1 E}{n_1 r}}{\frac{1}{n_1 r} + \frac{1}{n_1 r} + \dots + \frac{1}{n_1 r}} = \frac{\frac{n_2 E}{r}}{\frac{n_2}{n_1 r}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{eq} = n_1 E$$

$$i = \frac{n_1 E}{\frac{n_1 r}{n_2} + R}$$

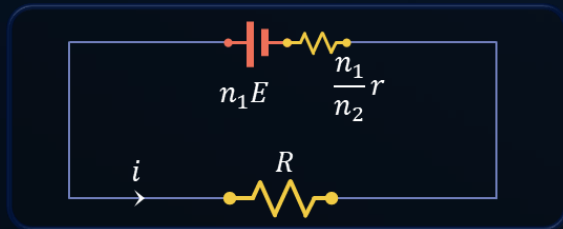
$$i = \frac{NE}{n_1 r + n_2 R}$$



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(b) Assuming that  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  can be continuously varied ( $N = n_1 n_2$  still holds), find the relation between  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ ,  $R$  and  $r$  for which the current in  $R$  is maximum.



Current in the circuit,

$$i = \frac{NE}{n_1 r + n_2 R}$$

$$= \frac{NE}{n_1 r + \frac{NR}{n_1}}$$

$$i = \frac{n_1 NE}{n_1^2 r + NR}$$

When  $i$  is maximum,

$$\frac{di}{dn_1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{di}{dn_1} = \frac{(NE)[n_1^2 r + NR] - n_1 (NE)(2n_1 r)}{[n_1^2 r + NR]^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n_1^2 r + NR - 2n_1^2 r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n_1 n_2 R = n_1^2 r \quad (\because N = n_1 n_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow n_1 r = n_2 R$$

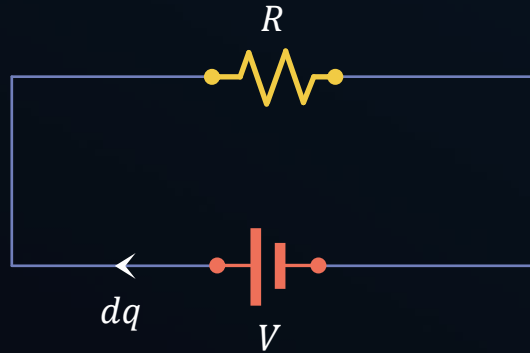
$\therefore$  Condition for maximum current in  $R$  is,  $n_1 r = n_2 R$



## Heating Effect of Electric Current



When a charge moves through a potential difference, electrical work is done. This work represents the loss of potential energy of charges.



$dq$ - Charge passing through a potential difference,  $V$

- Work done,  $dW = Vdq$
- Taking  $V$  in *volt*,  $I$  in *ampere* and  $R$  in *ohm*,

$$W = VIt = I^2Rt = \frac{V^2}{R}t \text{ joule}$$

- The work done appears as increased thermal energy of conductor and conductor gets heated.

$$\therefore H = VIt = I^2Rt = \frac{V^2}{R}t \text{ joule}$$



## Power

Power – rate at which energy is transferred

For any electrical element,

$$P = VI$$

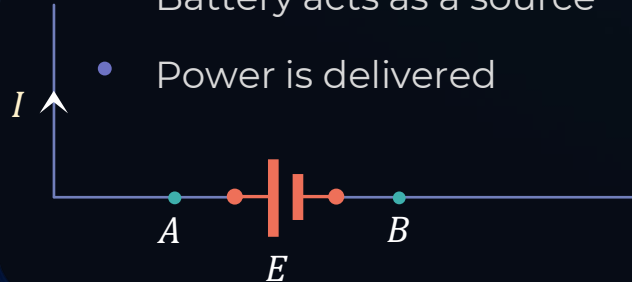
$P$ - Instantaneous Power

$V$ - Potential difference across the element

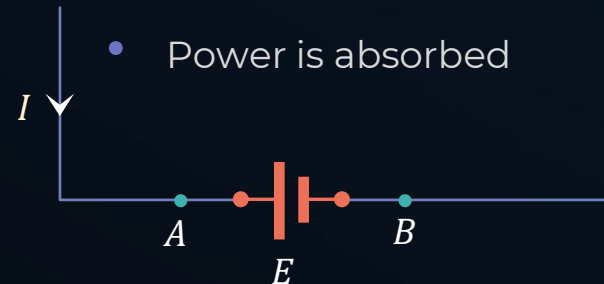
$I$ - Instantaneous current through the element



- Battery acts as a source
- Power is delivered



- Battery acts as a load
- Power is absorbed

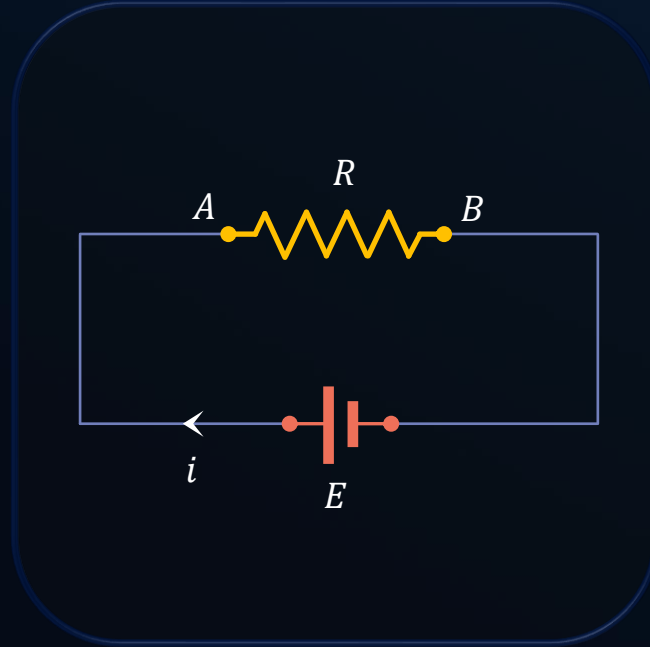




## Power Dissipation Across a Resistor



It is the rate of generation of thermal energy across the resistor.



- A resistance always acts as a load

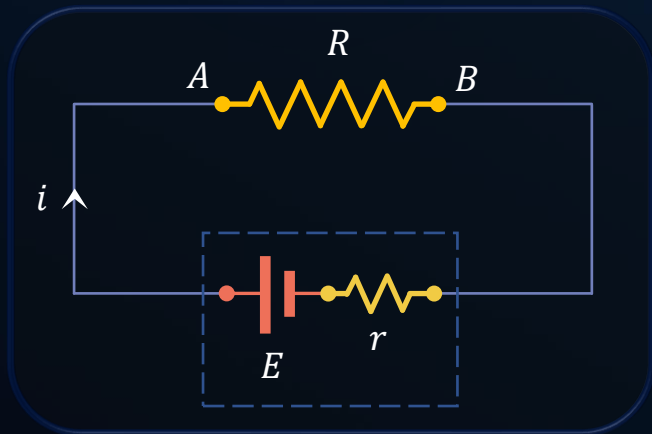
$$P_R = Vi = (iR)i = i^2R$$

$$= V \left[ \frac{V}{R} \right] = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

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



## Maximum Power Dissipation Across a Resistor



- $i = \frac{E}{R + r}$
- $P_E = Ei = \frac{E^2}{R + r}$
- $P_R = i^2 R = \frac{E^2 R}{(R + r)^2}$
- $P_r = i^2 r = \frac{E^2 r}{(R + r)^2}$

$\Rightarrow P_R + P_r = P_E$

$$P_R = \frac{E^2 R}{(R + r)^2}$$

When  $P_R$  is maximum,  $\frac{dP_R}{dR} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(E^2)(R + r)^2 - 2(R + r) \cdot (E^2 R)}{(R + r)^4} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E^2 (R + r)(R + r - 2R) = 0$$

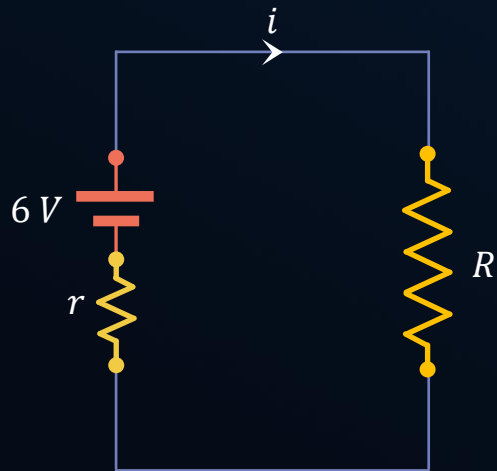
$$\Rightarrow R = r$$

$$(P_{\max})_R = \frac{E^2}{4r} \quad (\text{for } R = r)$$





A battery has an open circuit potential difference of  $6\text{ V}$  between its terminals. When a load resistance of  $60\ \Omega$  is connected across the battery, the total power supplied by the battery is  $0.4\text{ W}$ . What should be the load resistance  $R$ , so that maximum power will be dissipated in  $R$ . Calculate this power. What is the total power supplied by the battery when such a load is connected?



$$i = \frac{6}{60 + r}$$

$$P_{\text{battery}} = 6i = \frac{36}{60 + r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{36}{60 + r} = 0.4 = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 30\ \Omega$$

For maximum  $P_R$ ,  $R = r$

$$R = 30\ \Omega$$

$$(P_{\text{max}})_R = \frac{E^2}{4r} = \frac{6^2}{4 \times 30}$$

$$\Rightarrow (P_{\text{max}})_R = 0.3\text{ W}$$

$$P_r = (P_{\text{max}})_R \quad (\because R = r)$$

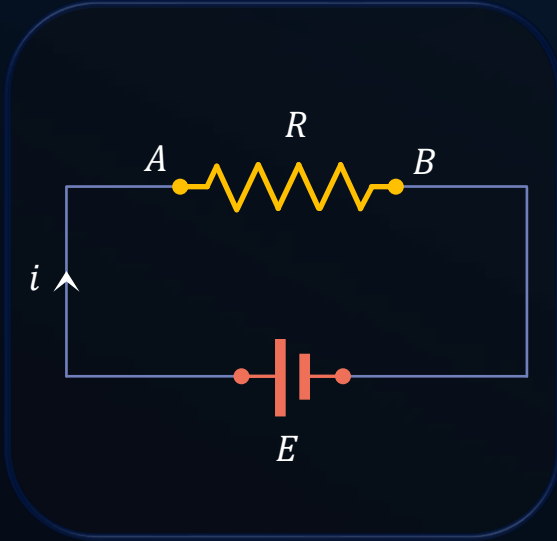
$$\Rightarrow P_r = 0.3\text{ W}$$

$$P_E = (P_{\text{max}})_R + P_r$$

$$P_E = 0.6\text{ W}$$



## Measuring Electric Energy



- SI unit of energy is joule( $J$ )
- $kWh$  is a larger unit

$$1 kWh = P(\text{kilowatt}) \times t(\text{hour})$$

$$1 kWh = 1000 \times 3600 \text{ joule}$$

$$1 kWh = 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ joule}$$

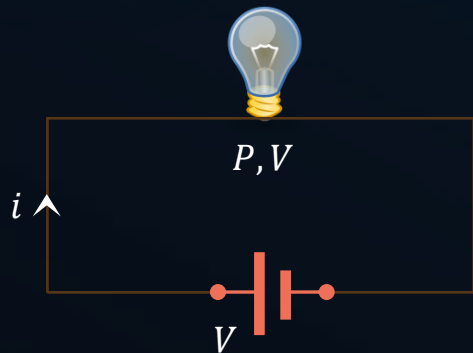
- No. of units ( $N$ ) =  $\frac{\text{watt} \times \text{hour}}{1000}$  OR

$$N = \frac{(\text{Power consumed in watts})(\text{Time of consumption in hours})}{1000}$$





## Resistance of an Electric Bulb



Bulb Rating:

$P$  - Power

$V$  - Potential difference

Bulb consumes  $P$  power for an applied potential difference of  $V$ .

Resistance of the bulb,

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



## How will the Bulbs Glow?



$$P_1 = \frac{V_1^2}{R}$$
$$= 150^2 \times \frac{60}{220^2}$$
$$\Rightarrow P_1 < 60 \text{ W}$$

- Bulb will glow dimmer



$$P_2 = \frac{V_2^2}{R}$$
$$= 220^2 \times \frac{60}{220^2}$$
$$\Rightarrow P_2 = 60 \text{ W}$$

- Bulb will glow with its rated power



$$P_3 = \frac{V_3^2}{R}$$
$$= 400^2 \times \frac{60}{220^2}$$
$$\Rightarrow P_3 > 60 \text{ W}$$

- Bulb will fuse

$$R = \frac{V^2}{P}$$
$$R = \frac{220^2}{60}$$

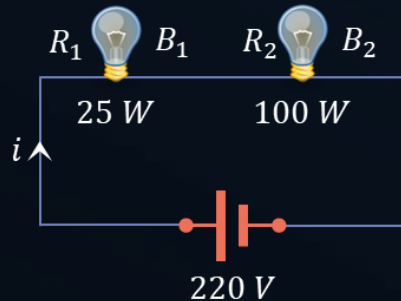
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Two electric bulbs  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  rated at  $25\text{ W}, 220\text{ V}$  and  $100\text{ W}, 220\text{ V}$  are given. Which bulb glows more brightly and what is the value of output powers  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , if

- (a) they are connected in series across a  $220\text{ V}$  battery  
 (b) connected in parallel across a  $220\text{ V}$  battery

$$R_1 = \frac{V_1^2}{P} = \frac{220^2}{25}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{V_2^2}{P} = \frac{220^2}{100}$$



$$(a) R_1 = 4R_2 \Rightarrow V_1 = 4V_2$$

$$\therefore V_1 = \frac{4}{5} \times 220$$

$$V_2 = \frac{1}{5} \times 220$$

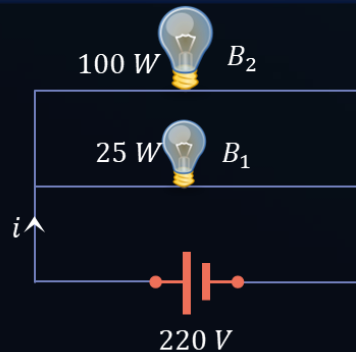
$$P_1 = \frac{V_1^2}{R_1} = \frac{16 \times 220^2}{25} \times \frac{25}{220^2}$$

$$P_2 = \frac{V_2^2}{R_2} = \frac{220^2}{25} \times \frac{100}{220^2}$$

$$P_1 = 16\text{ W}$$

$$P_2 = 4\text{ W}$$

Bulb  $B_1$  glows more brightly



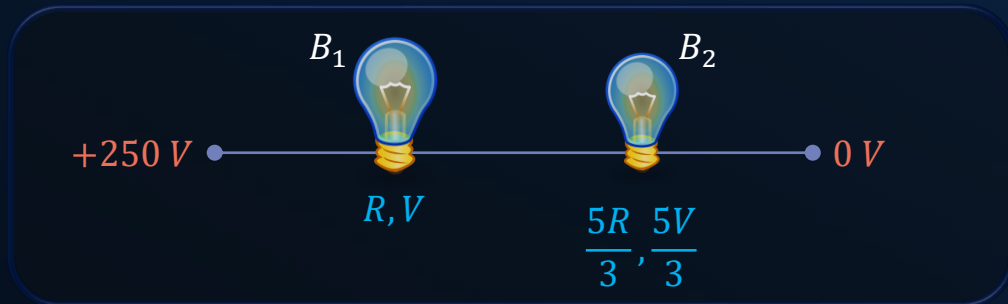
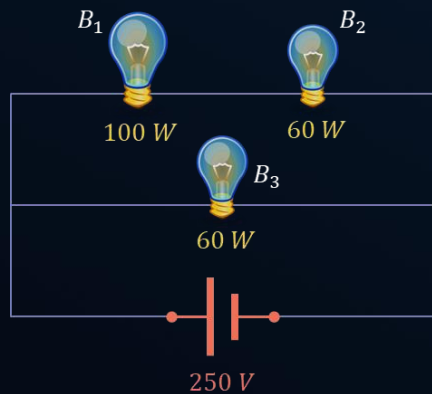
(b) Applied voltage = Rated voltage

$$P_1 = 25\text{ W}, P_2 = 100\text{ W}$$

Bulb  $B_2$  glows more brightly

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A  $100\text{ W}$ ,  $250\text{ V}$  bulb  $B_1$ , and two  $60\text{ W}$ ,  $250\text{ V}$  bulbs  $B_2$  and  $B_3$ , are connected to a  $250\text{ V}$  source as shown. Now  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$  and  $W_3$  are the output powers of bulbs  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$  and  $B_3$ . Then find relation between  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$  and  $W_3$ .



For the given series connection,

$$V + \frac{5V}{3} = 250 \Rightarrow V = \frac{3}{8}(250)\text{ V}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_1 = V = \frac{3}{8}(250)\text{ V}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_2 = \frac{5V}{3} = \frac{5}{8}(250)\text{ V}$$

Resistance provided by the bulbs,

$$R_1 = \frac{(250)^2}{100}\ \Omega = R \text{ (say)}$$

$$R_3 = R_2 = \frac{(250)^2}{60}\ \Omega = \frac{5R}{3}$$



$$\Rightarrow V_1 = V = \frac{3}{8}(250) \text{ V} \quad \Rightarrow V_2 = \frac{5V}{3} = \frac{5}{8}(250) \text{ V}$$

Output powers of bulbs  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ ,

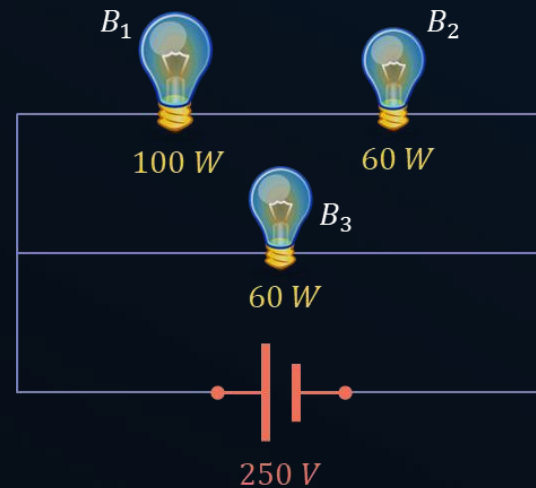
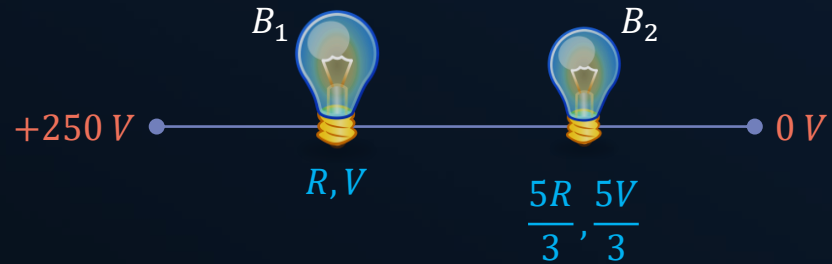
$$W_1 = \frac{V_1^2}{R_1} = \frac{9}{64}(250)^2 \times \frac{100}{(250)^2} = 14.06 \text{ W}$$

$$W_2 = \frac{V_2^2}{R_2} = \frac{25}{64}(250)^2 \times \frac{60}{(250)^2} = 23.44 \text{ W}$$

Since  $B_3$  is at its rated voltage,

$$W_3 = 60 \text{ W}$$

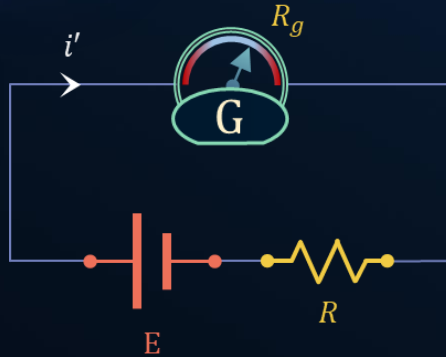
$$W_1 < W_2 < W_3$$





# Electrical Measuring Instruments

Galvanometer

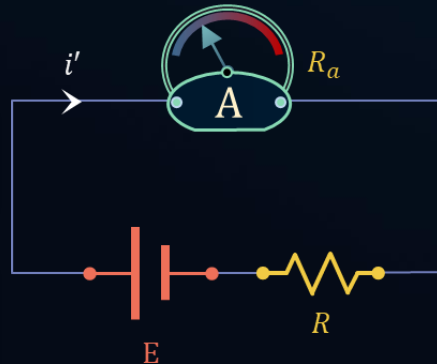


- Detects the presence of electric current in a circuit.
- Reading of Galvanometer  $\propto i$
- Current measured by the galvanometer is,

$$i' = \frac{E}{R + R_g}$$

( $R_g \approx 0$  for accurate reading)

Ammeter



- Measures current passing through it
- Minimal effect on existing current in the circuit (negligible resistance)
- Connected in series in the circuit

$$i' = \frac{E}{R + R_a}$$

( $R_a \approx 0$  for an ideal ammeter)

Voltmeter

Potentiometer



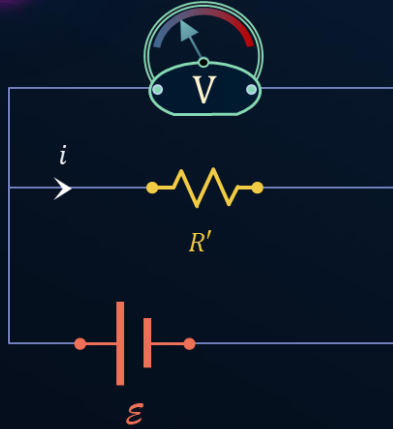
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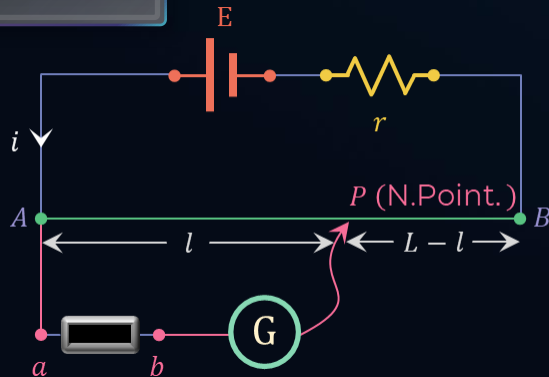
Ammeter

Voltmeter

Potentiometer



- Measures potential difference across it
- Connected in parallel with the circuit
- Resistance of an ideal voltmeter is infinite so that no current passes through it



- Measures potential difference without drawing any current from the given circuit.
- Jockey is moved from one end to the other end of the wire AB to find the null point (zero deflection)

$$V_a - V_b = V_A - V_P = Zl$$

Where,  $Z = \text{Potential gradient} = \frac{V_A - V_B}{L} l$



## Conversion of Galvanometer into Ammeter

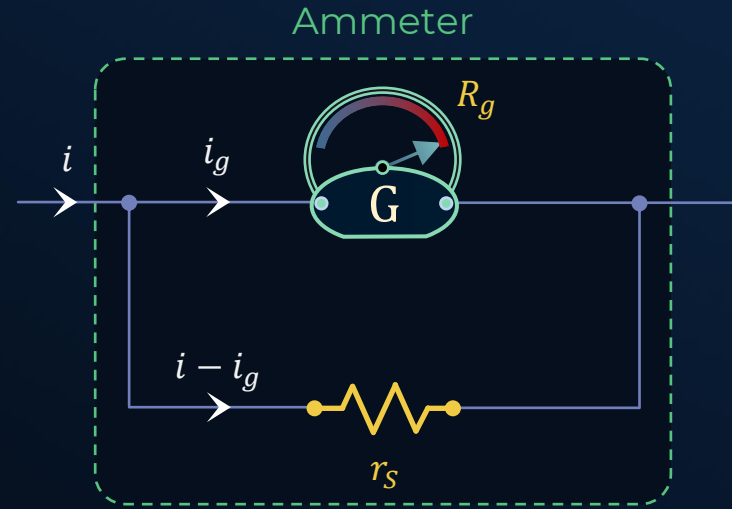


- Full-scale deflection current ( $i_g$ ) is the maximum current that is allowed to pass through the galvanometer.
- A very small resistance  $r_s$  (shunt) is connected in parallel to minimize the resistance of the ammeter.

$$V_g = V_s$$

$i_g R_g = (i - i_g) r_s$ , where  $i$  is the range of the ammeter.

$$r_s = \frac{i_g R_g}{i - i_g}$$



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A galvanometer has resistance  $2\ \Omega$  with maximum current measuring capacity  $0.1\text{ A}$ . Find the shunt resistance  $S$  of an ammeter which can measure current up to  $10\text{ A}$ .

Maximum current allowed inside galvanometer is,  $i_g = 0.1\text{ A}$

Shunt  $S$  is such that galvanometer can measure up to  $10\text{ A}$  current flowing through the circuit.

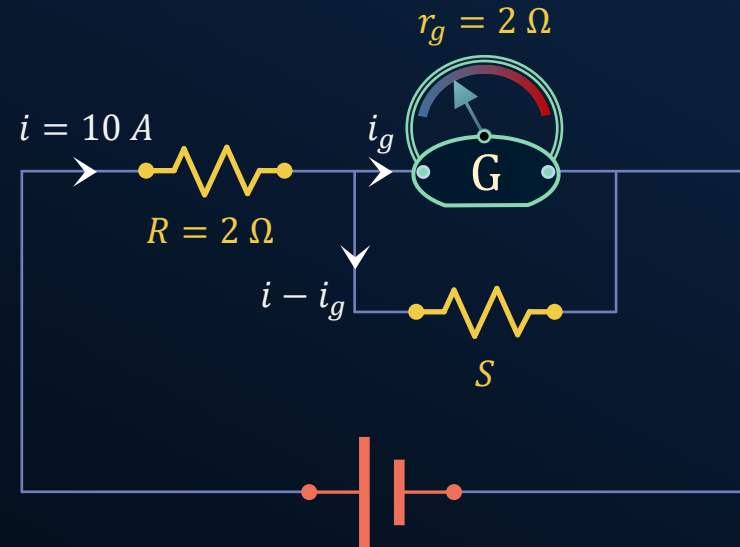
Applying KVL inside the loop containing  $G$  and  $S$ ,

$$r_g i_g = (i - i_g) S$$

$$2 \times 0.1 = (10 - 0.1) \times S$$

$$0.2 = 9.9S$$

$$S = \frac{2}{99}\ \Omega$$





## Conversion of Galvanometer into Voltmeter



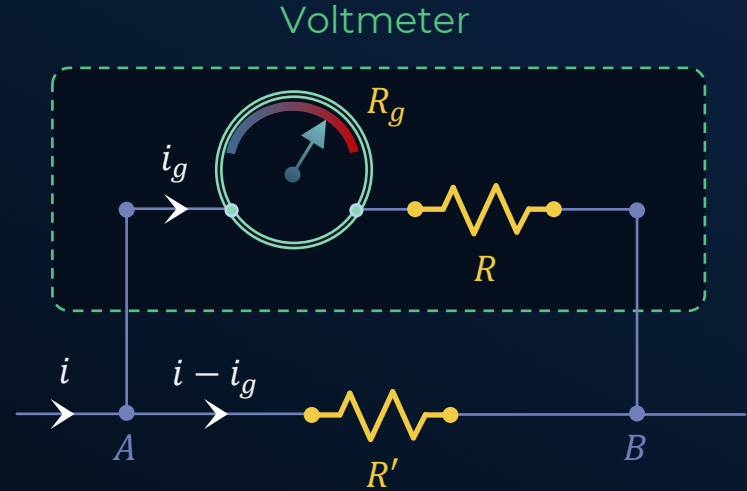
- Max potential difference that can be measured with voltmeter is,

$$V_{AB} = i_g(R_g + R) \approx i_g R \quad (\because R_g \ll R)$$

- If the reading of the newly calibrated voltmeter is  $V$ , then,

$$V = i_g(R_g + R)$$

$$R = \frac{V}{i_g} - R_g$$





A galvanometer has a coil of resistance  $100\ \Omega$  showing a full-scale deflection at  $50\ \mu A$ . What resistance should be added to use it as a voltmeter of range  $50\ V$ ?

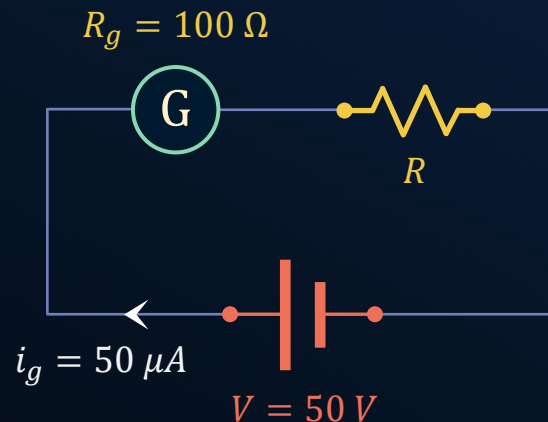
Applying KVL across the circuit,

$$i_g(R_g + R) = V$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{V}{i_g} - R_g$$

$$= \frac{50}{50 \times 10^{-6}} - 100$$

$$R \approx 10^6\ \Omega$$





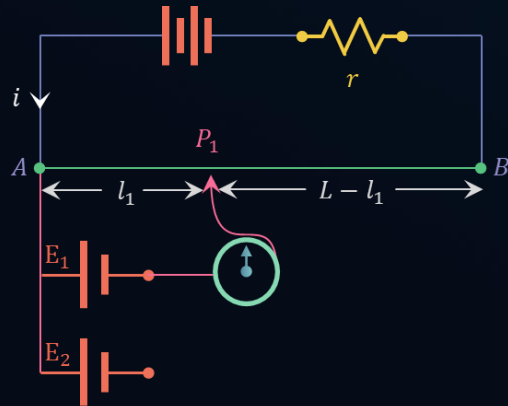
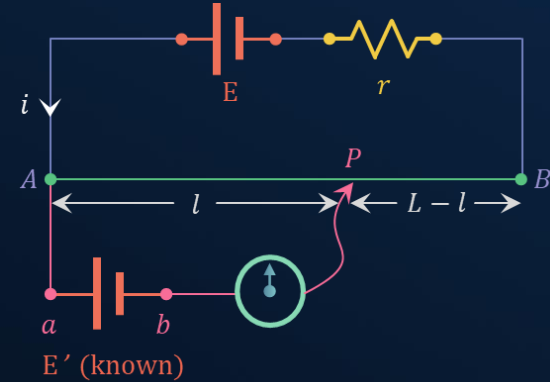
## Calibration of Potentiometer



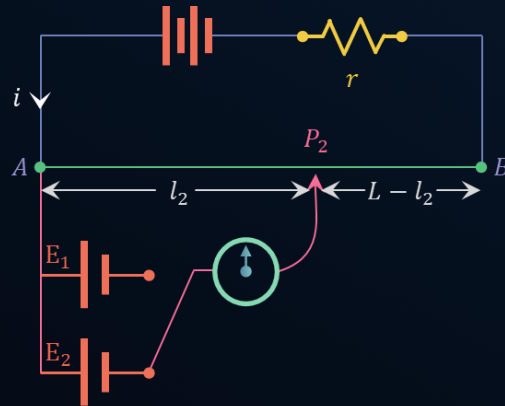
- If the null point is found at point  $P$  which is at a distance  $l$  from point  $A$ , then,

$$V_A - V_P = E' = \frac{V_0}{L} l, \quad \text{where, } V_0 = V_A - V_B = \frac{ER}{(R + r)}$$

$R$  = Resistance of the potentiometer wire



$$E_1 = \frac{V_{AB}}{L} l_1$$

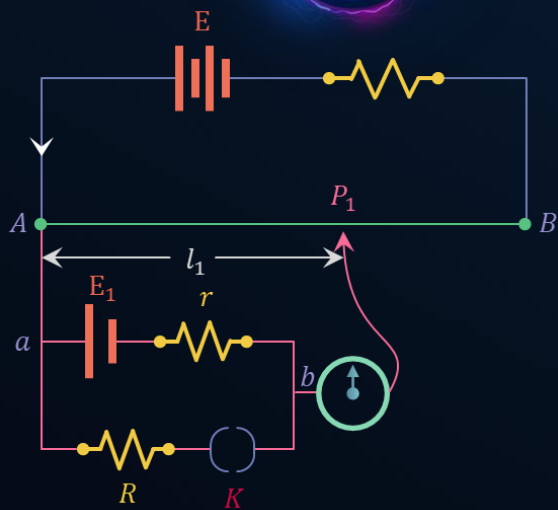


$$E_2 = \frac{V_{AB}}{L} l_2$$

$$\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{l_1}{l_2}$$

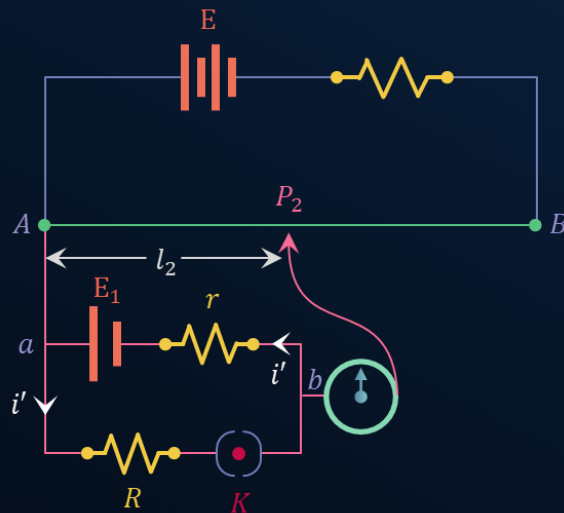


## Measurement of Internal Resistance



- When the key is open, no current flows through the secondary circuit. If the null point is found at point P (length  $l_1$ ), then,

$$E_1 = V_{AB} \frac{l_1}{L}$$



- At null deflection ( $P_2$ ),

$$V_A - V_{P_2} = V_a - V_b$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{AB} \frac{l_2}{L} = i'R$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{AB} \frac{l_2}{L} = \frac{E_1 R}{R + r}$$

$$E_1 = V_{AB} \frac{l_1}{L}; \quad \frac{E_1 R}{R + r} = V_{AB} \frac{l_2}{L}$$

By dividing these two,

$$\frac{l_1}{l_2} = \frac{R + r}{R}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{r}{R}$$

$$r = \frac{R(l_1 - l_2)}{l_2}$$



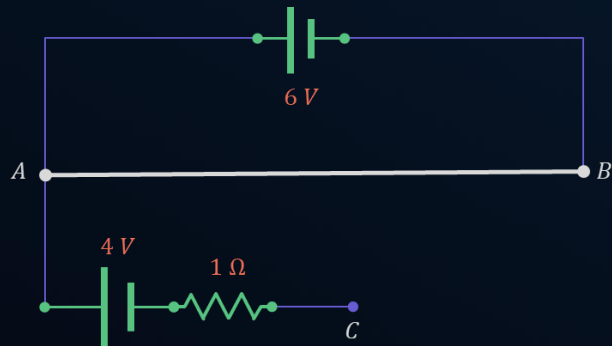
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A  $6\text{ V}$  battery of negligible internal resistance is connected across a uniform wire  $AB$  of length  $100\text{ cm}$ . The positive terminal of another battery of emf  $4\text{ V}$  and internal resistance  $1\ \Omega$  is joined to the point  $A$  as shown. Take the potential at  $B$  to be zero.

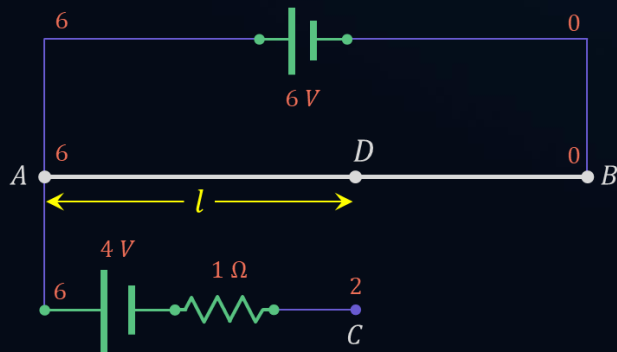
(a) What are the potentials at  $A$  and  $C$ ?

(b) At what point  $D$  of the wire  $AB$ , the potential is equal to that at  $C$ ?

(c) If points  $C$  and  $D$  are connected by a wire, what will be the current through it?



Extrapolating potential at various points,



Thus, the voltages at  $A$  and  $C$  are,

$$V_A = 6\text{ V}, \quad V_C = 2\text{ V}$$

Given,  $V_D = V_C$

Also,  $V_A = 6\text{ V}$      $V_C = 2\text{ V}$      $AB = L = 100\text{ cm}$

Taking the potential gradient,  $\frac{V_A - V_B}{L} = \frac{V_A - V_D}{l}$

Since,  $V_A - V_B = 6\text{ V}$  and  $V_A - V_D = 4\text{ V}$

We get,  $l = \frac{2}{3}L$

$$AD = 66.67\text{ cm}$$

Thus, current across  $DC$ ,  $i = \frac{(V_D - V_C)}{R}$

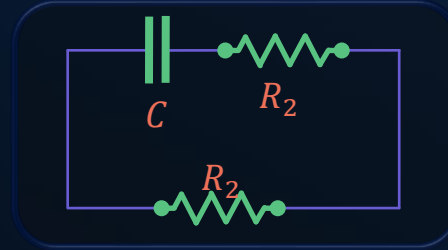
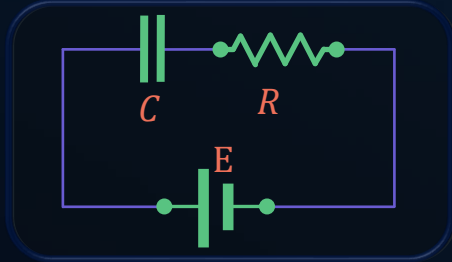
$$i = 0$$



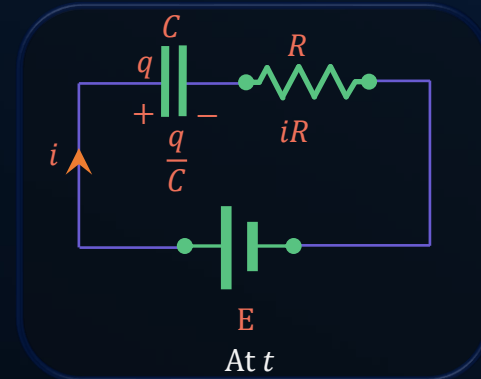
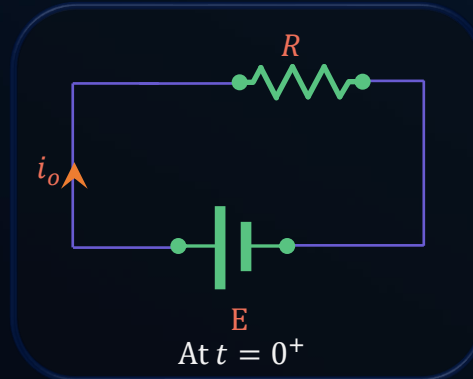
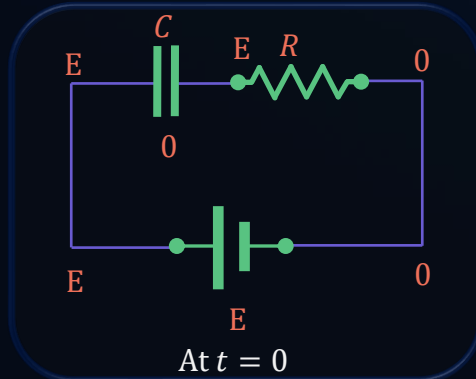
## Charging a RC Circuit



An RC circuit is a circuit defined by the combination of a **resistor** and a **capacitor**

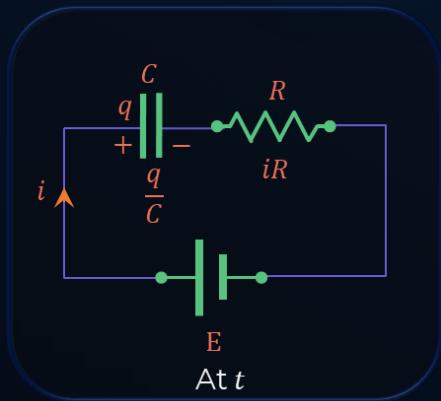


- At time  $t$ , the charge on the capacitor is  $q$  and current  $i$
- At time  $t = 0$ , the charge on the capacitor is 0 and current  $i = i_0 = \frac{E}{R}$





## Derivation of Charging RC Circuit



Applying KVL At time  $t$ ,

$$-\frac{q}{C} - iR + E = 0$$

Thus, we get,

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{CE - q}{RC}$$

Integrating using variable separable method,

$$\int_0^q \frac{dq}{CE - q} = \frac{1}{RC} \int_0^t dt$$

$$\ln \left[ \frac{CE - q}{-1} \right]_0^q = \frac{1}{RC} [t]_0^t$$

Applying the limits,

$$\ln \left[ \frac{CE - q}{CE} \right] = -\frac{t}{RC}$$

Thus, we get,

$$q = CE(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$$

Differentiating w.r.t time,  
we get current as,

$$i = \frac{E}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$





## Derivation of Charging RC Circuit

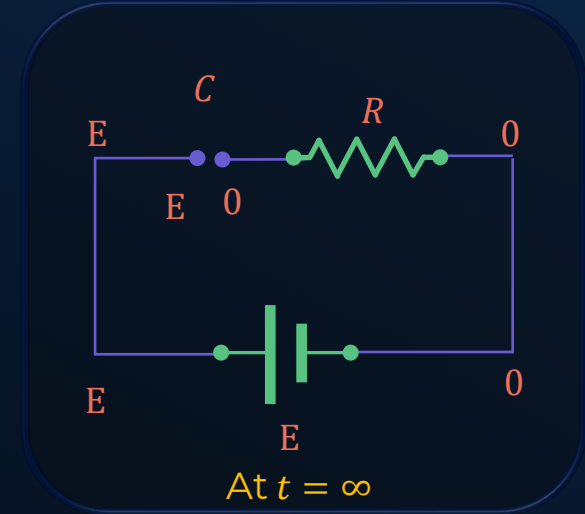
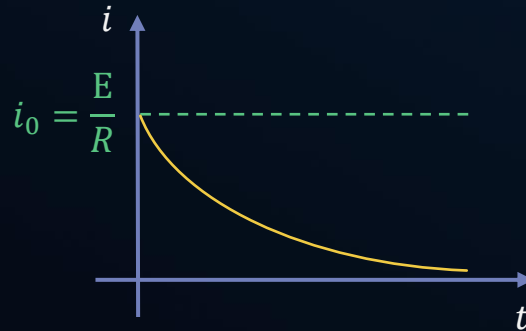
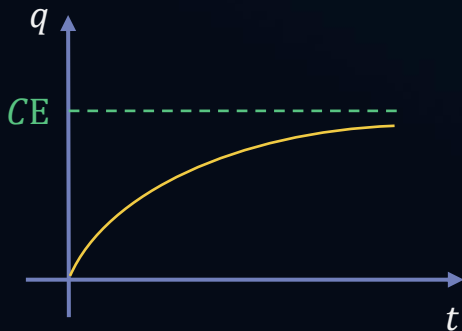


$$q = CE(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$$

$$i = \frac{E}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

- As time goes on, the charge on the capacitor increases.
- As time goes on, current across the circuit decreases.

At  $t = \infty$ ,  $q = CE$  ;  $i = 0$  (Steady State)





## Time Constant of a RC Circuit



The product  $RC$  is called the time constant ( $\tau$ ) and its SI unit is seconds.

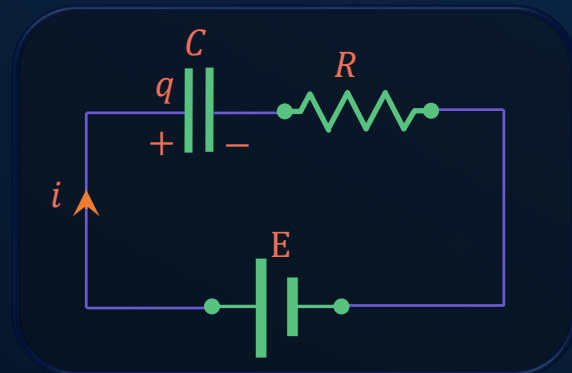
$$RC = \tau$$

Thus, at  $t = \tau$ , we get,

$$q = CE(1 - e^{-1}) \approx 0.63CE$$

Similarly, at  $t = \tau$ , we get current as,

$$i = \frac{E}{R}e^{-1} = 0.37\frac{E}{R}$$

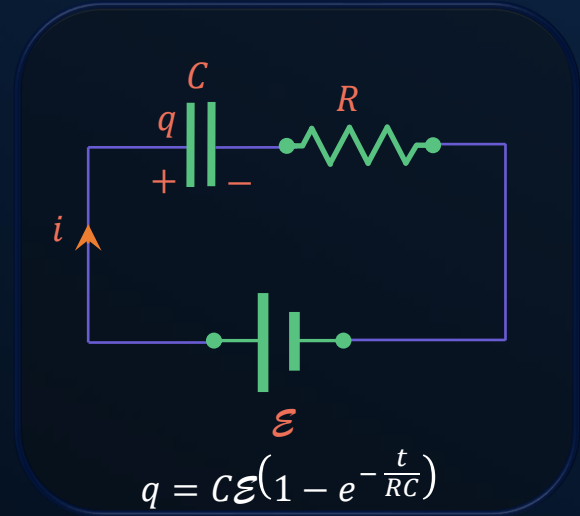
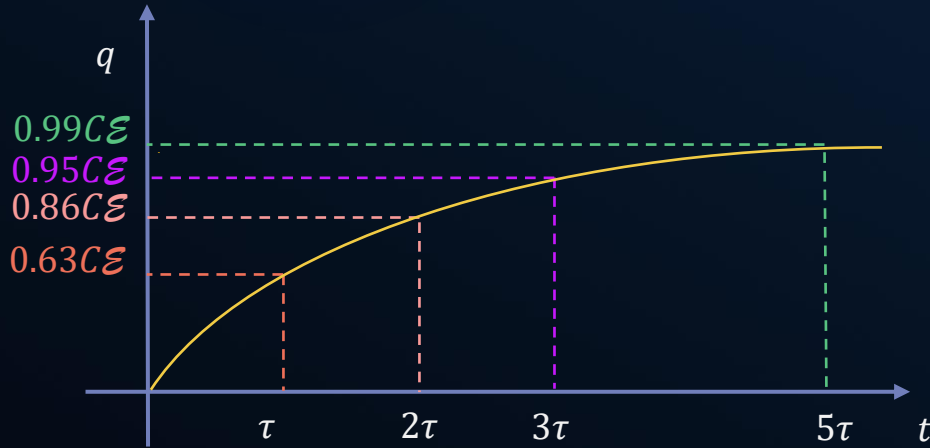


Values of charge and current at different time instances are as follows,

$t$	$q$	$i$
$t$	$CE \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right)$	$\frac{E}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$
0	0	$\frac{E}{R}$
$\tau$	$0.63CE$	$0.37\frac{E}{R}$
$\infty$	$CE$	0



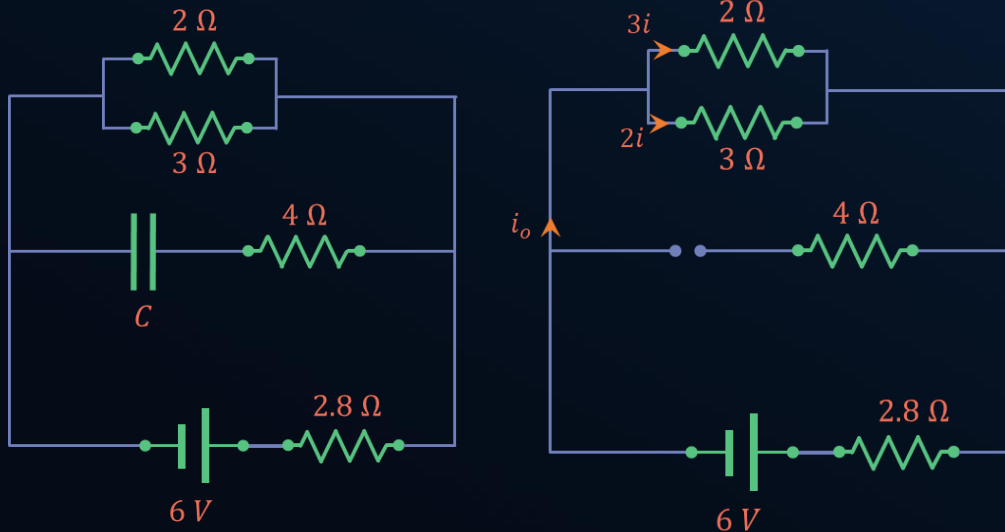
## Time Constant of an RC Circuit



- Nearly 95% of the charging occurs within **three time constants**.
- It takes **five time constants** to reach almost (99%) steady state.



What is the steady state current in the  $2\ \Omega$  resistor shown in the circuit? The internal resistance of battery is negligible and the capacitance of condenser  $C$  is  $0.2\ \mu F$ .



At steady state, current across the condenser is zero and behaves as an open circuit (branch)

Thus, at  $t = \infty$ , we get,

$$i_o = \frac{6}{R_{eq}} = \frac{6}{2.8 + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{6}{2.8 + 1.2} = \frac{6}{4} = 1.5\ A$$

By ratio of currents across parallel resistors,

$$3i + 2i = 1.5\ A \Rightarrow i = 0.3\ A$$

Thus, current across  $2\ \Omega$  resistor =  $3i$

$$i_{2\Omega} = 0.9\ A$$



## Discharging RC Circuit



- At time  $t = 0$ , the p.d. across the capacitor is,  $V = \frac{Q}{C}$
- Just after the circuit is completed, an initially charged capacitor behaves as a battery having EMF  $\frac{Q}{C}$  and the current through the resistor is,  $i_0 = \frac{Q}{RC}$

- The relation between  $i$  and  $q$  is,

$$i = -\frac{dq}{dt}$$

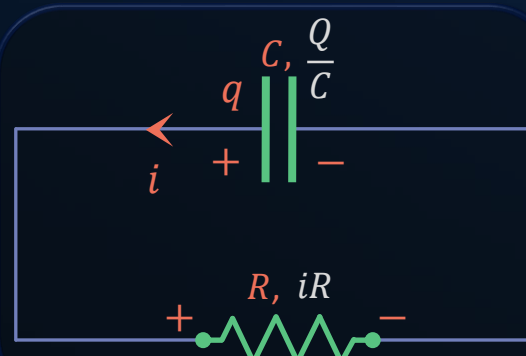
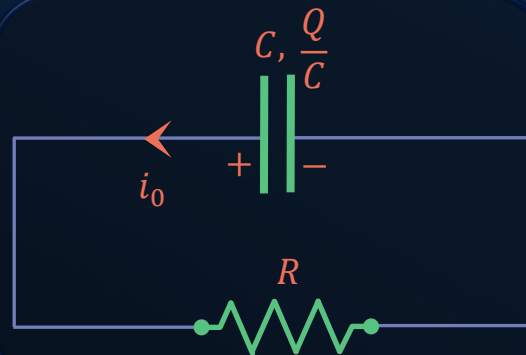
The  $-ve$  sign indicates that the charge in the capacitor is decreasing as time progresses.

- Apply KVL in the circuit at time  $t$ :

$$-\frac{q}{C} + iR = 0$$

$$i = \frac{q}{RC} = -\frac{dq}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dq}{q} = -\frac{dt}{RC}$$





## Derivation of Discharging RC Circuit

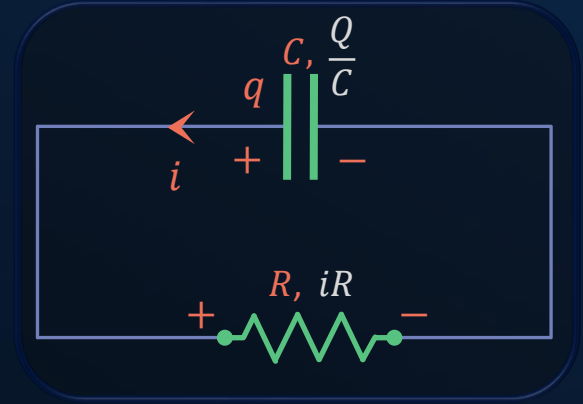


Integrating, we get,  $\int_Q^q \frac{dq}{q} = -\frac{1}{RC} \int_0^t dt$

After solving we get,  $q = Qe^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$

Differentiating w.r.t time, we get current as,

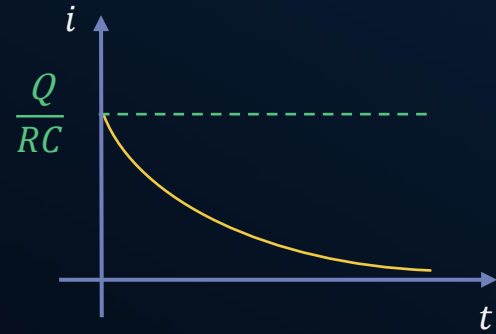
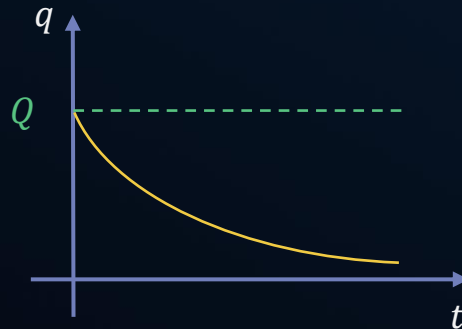
$$i = \frac{Q}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$



- As time goes on, the charge on the capacitor decreases.
- As time goes on, current across the circuit decreases.

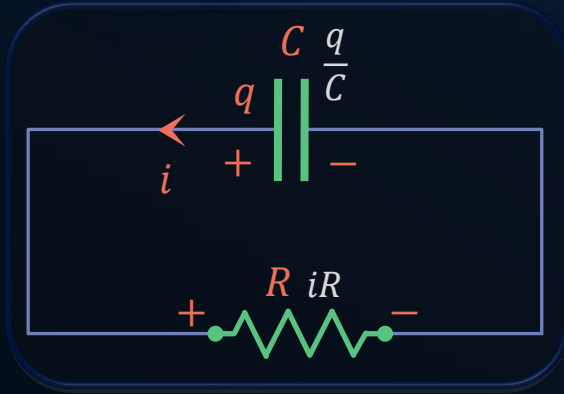
At  $t = \infty$ ,

$$q = CE ; i = 0 \quad (\text{Steady State})$$



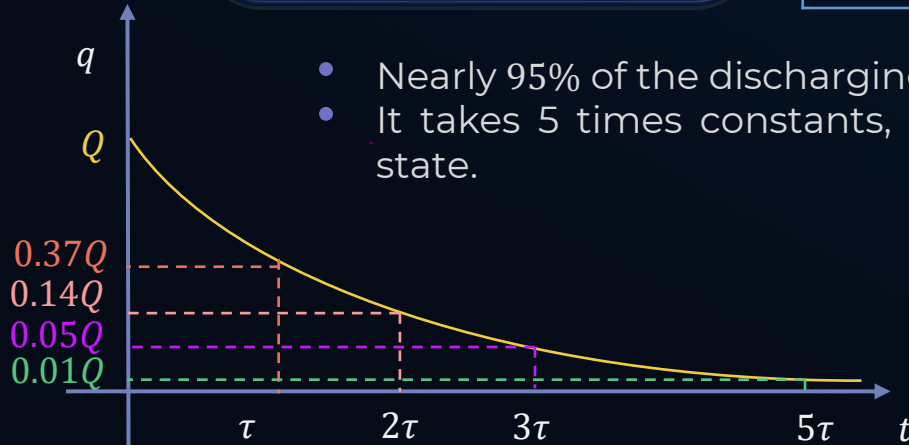


## Discharging RC Circuit



$t$	$q$	$i$
$t$	$Qe^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$	$\frac{Q}{RC}e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$
0	$Q$	$\frac{Q}{RC}$
$\tau$	$0.37Q$	$0.37\frac{Q}{RC}$
$\infty$	0	0

- Nearly 95% of the discharging occurs within 3 times constants.
- It takes 5 times constants, to reach almost (99% discharging) steady state.





How many time constants will elapse before the charge on a capacitor falls to 0.1% of its maximum value in a discharging RC circuit?

We know,

$$q = Qe^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \quad i = \frac{Q}{RC}e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = i_0e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

Let  $t = n\tau$ . Thus, at  $t$ ,

$$q = \frac{0.1}{100}Q = \frac{Q}{1000}$$

$$\frac{Q}{1000} = Qe^{-\frac{n\tau}{\tau}} \quad \frac{1}{1000} = e^{-n} \Rightarrow e^n = 1000$$

To find  $n$ ,

$$n = 3 \ln 10$$

$\therefore$

$$n \approx 6.9$$

,i.e., Time taken is  $6.9 \tau$







Find the time constant for the given  $RC$  circuit.  
[Given:  $R_1 = 1\ \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 2\ \Omega$ ,  $C_1 = 4\ \mu F$ ,  $C_2 = 2\ \mu F$ ]

- Time constant for  $RC$  circuit :

$$\tau = R_{eq}C_{eq}$$

- Equivalent resistance :

$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 \quad (\text{Resistors are in series})$$

$$R_{eq} = 1\ \Omega + 2\ \Omega = 3\ \Omega$$

- Equivalent capacitance :

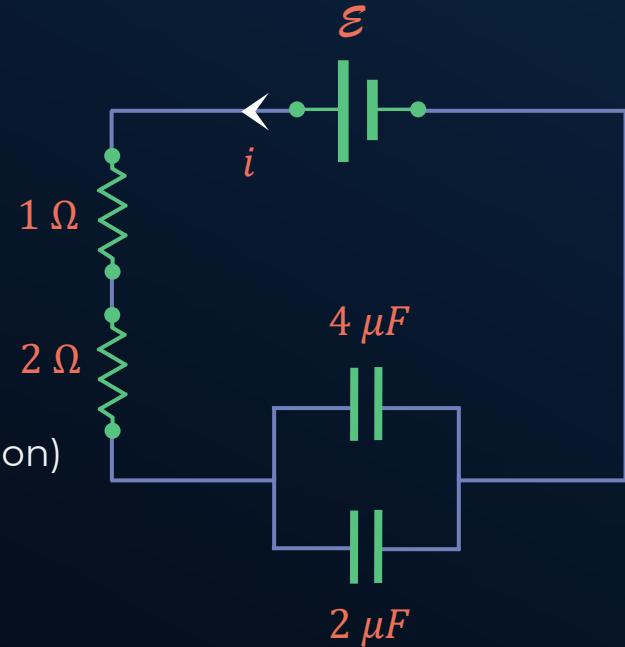
$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 \quad (\text{Capacitors are in parallel connection})$$

$$C_{eq} = 4\ \mu F + 2\ \mu F = 6\ \mu F$$

- Time constant:

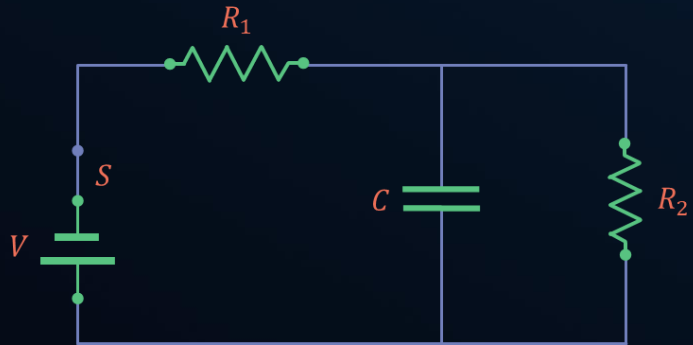
$$\tau = R_{eq}C_{eq} = 3 \times 6 = 18\ \mu s$$

$$\tau = 18\ \mu s$$





At  $t = 0$ , switch  $S$  is closed. The charge on the capacitor is varying with time as  $Q = Q_0(1 - e^{-\alpha t})$ . Obtain the value of  $Q_0$  and  $\alpha$  in terms of given circuit parameters.



- For charging RC circuit:  $Q = Q_0(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}})$
- $Q_0$  = Charge stored in the capacitor at steady state  
 $= C \times [\text{P.D. across the capacitor at steady state}]$   
 $= C \times [\text{P.D. across the resistance } R_2]$   
 $= C \times [R_2 \times (\text{Current through the resistance } R_2)]$   
 $= CR_2 \times \frac{V}{(R_1 + R_2)}$

$$Q_0 = \frac{CVR_2}{(R_1 + R_2)}$$



- Given :  $Q = Q_0(1 - e^{-\alpha t})$
  - We have :  $Q = Q_0(1 - e^{-t/\tau})$
- $\alpha = \frac{1}{\tau}$

- Time constant of the given circuit :

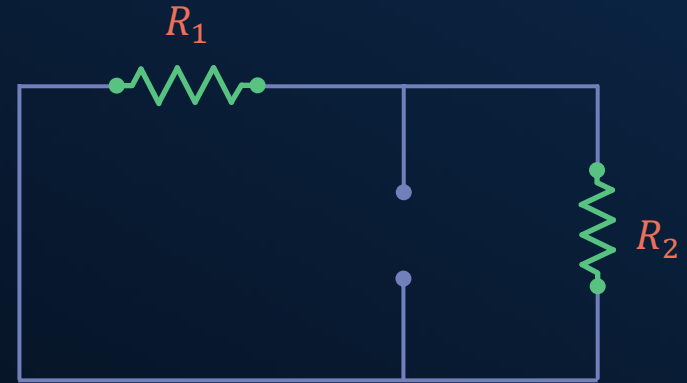
$$\tau = CR_{eq}$$

$R_{eq}$  = Equivalent resistance across the capacitor after short circuiting the battery.

$$R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

- Finally,

$$\tau = CR_{eq} = \frac{CR_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{\tau} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \alpha = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{CR_1 R_2}$$



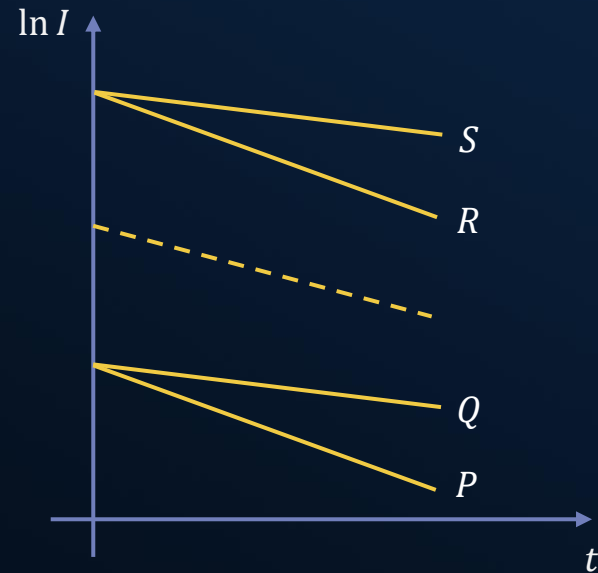
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A capacitor is charged using an external battery with a resistance  $x$  in series. The dashed line shows the variation of  $\ln I$  with respect to time. If the resistance is changed to  $2x$ , the new graph will be

- For charging RC circuit :  $I = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R} e^{-t/RC}$
- Taking  $\ln$  on both sides:  $\ln I = \ln\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{R}\right) - \frac{t}{RC}$   $\Rightarrow$  Slope =  $-\frac{1}{RC}$
- Resistance is increased from  $x$  to  $2x$   $\Rightarrow$  Slope will become less steep
- At  $t = 0$ , we have :  $\ln I = \ln\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{R}\right)$



As resistance is increased,  $\ln I$  will be decreased.



Graph  $Q$  represents the correct behaviour



How many time constants will elapse before the energy stored in a capacitor reaches half of its equilibrium value in a **charging RC circuit**.

- For charging RC circuit :  $q = C\mathcal{E} (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}) = Q(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}})$

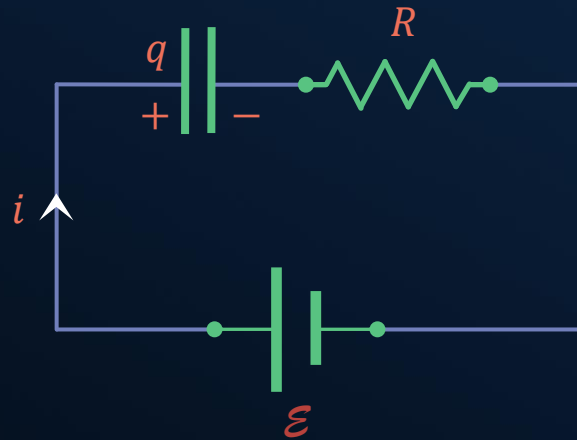
- The energy stored in the capacitor at equilibrium,

$$U_0 = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

- Assume that **energy stored** in the capacitor goes from  $U_0$  to  $\frac{U_0}{2}$  in time  $t = n\tau$ .

- At  $t = n\tau$ , energy stored in the capacitor,

$$U = \frac{q^2}{2C} = \frac{U_0}{2} \rightarrow \frac{q^2}{2C} = \frac{Q^2}{4C} \rightarrow q = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{2}}$$





- Finally,

$$q = Q(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}})$$

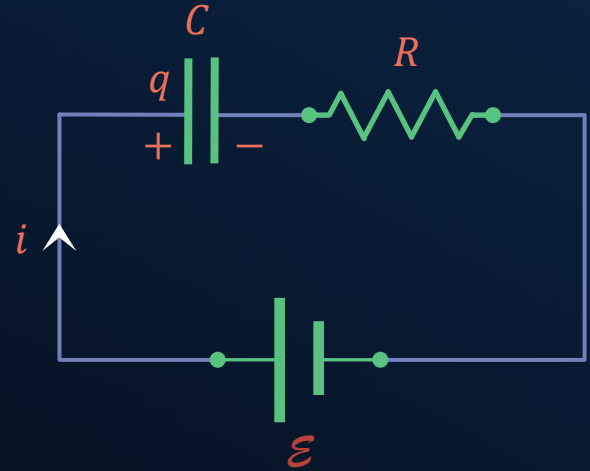
$$\frac{Q}{\sqrt{2}} = Q(1 - e^{-\frac{n\tau}{\tau}})$$

$$e^{-n} = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$e^n = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} - 1} = \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} + 1)$$

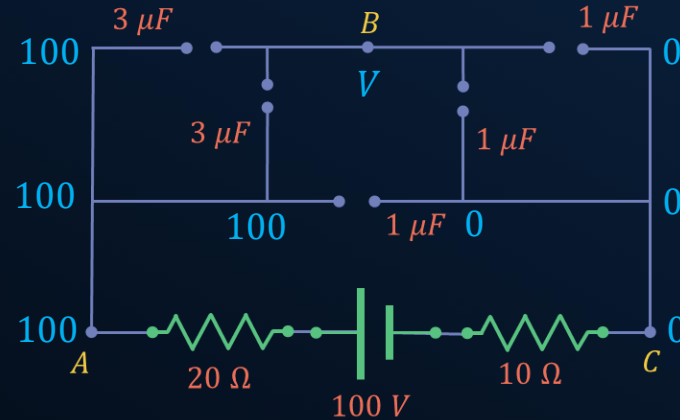
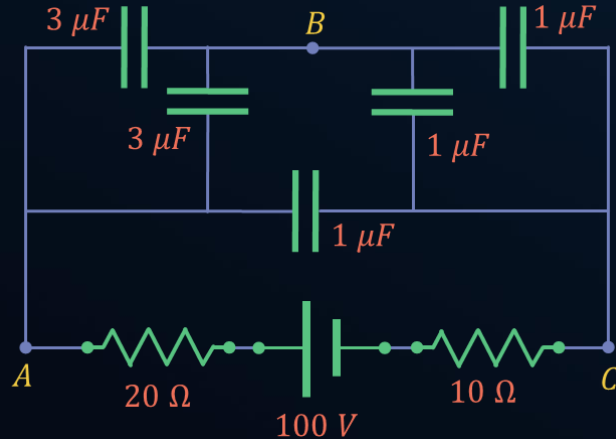
$$n = \ln(2 + \sqrt{2}) = 1.23$$

$$t = 1.23\tau$$





Find the potential difference between the points  $A$  and  $B$  and between the points  $B$  and  $C$  at the steady state.



- At steady state, capacitors behave as an open circuit.
- Choose zero potential at any specific junction and find potential of other junctions with respect to that.
- Now, if any particular junction is left out, choose its potential to be  $V$ .



- Apply KCL (Conservation of charge) in the annotated island:

$$3(V - 100) + 3(V - 100) + 1(V - 0) + 1(V - 0) = 0$$

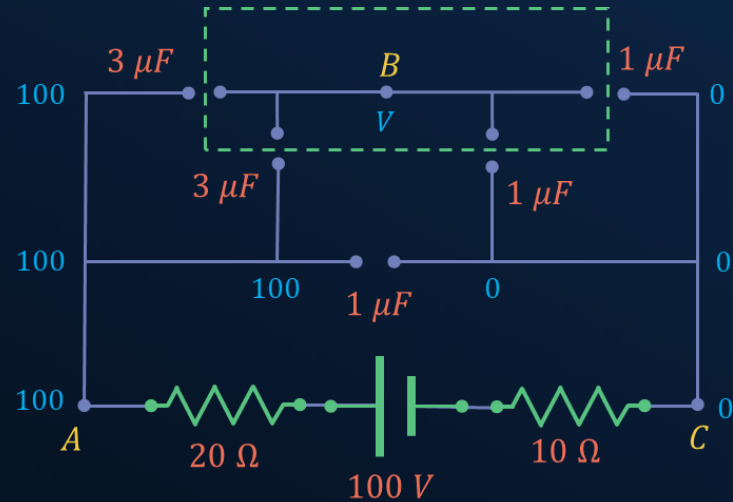
$$V = 75 \text{ Volts}$$

- Potential difference between any two junctions of a circuit should be positive just like difference between any two natural numbers is positive.
- Potential difference between  $A$  and  $B$  :

$$V_{AB} = |V_A - V_B| = 25 \text{ Volts}$$

- Potential difference between  $B$  and  $C$  :

$$V_{BC} = |V_B - V_C| = 75 \text{ Volts}$$







A capacitor of capacitance  $C$  charged to a potential difference  $V$  is discharged by connecting its plates through a resistance  $R$ . Find the heat dissipated in one time constant after the connections are made. Do this by calculating  $\int i^2 R dt$  and also by finding the decrease in the energy stored in capacitor.

- For discharging RC circuit :

$$i = \frac{Q}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} = i_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

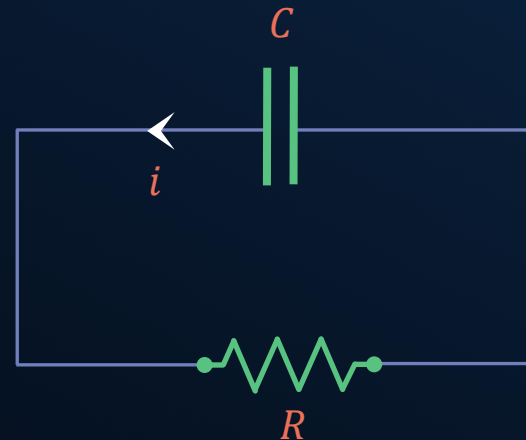
- Heat dissipated in one time constant :

$$H = \int_0^{\tau} i^2 R dt = \int_0^{\tau} i_0^2 R e^{-\frac{2t}{\tau}} dt$$

$$H = \frac{Q^2}{2C} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{e^2} \right)$$

Or

$$H = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{e^2} \right)$$





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- Initial charge on the capacitor =  $Q$

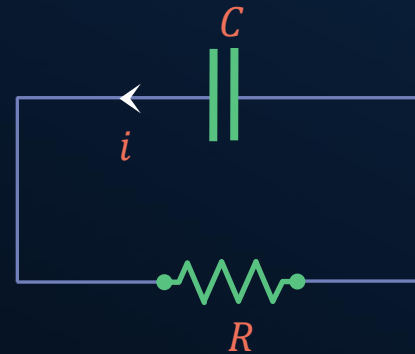
Initially, energy stored in the capacitor,  $U_0 = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$

- After one time constant,

Charge remaining on the capacitor,  $q = 0.37Q = \frac{Q}{e}$

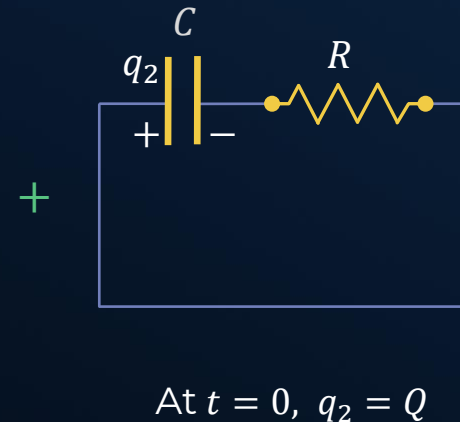
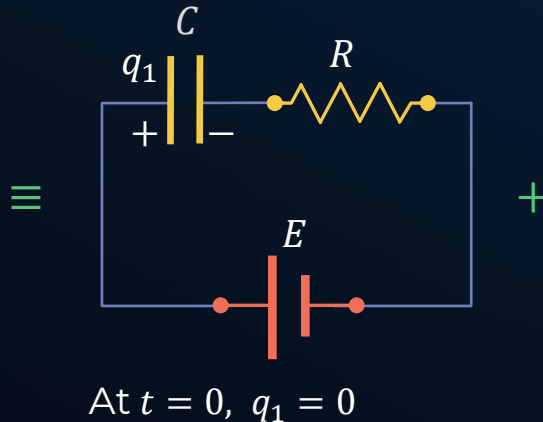
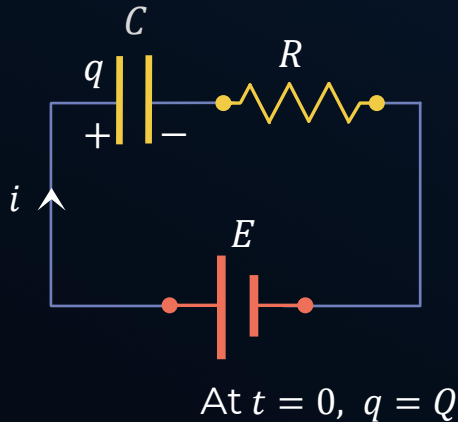
Energy stored in the capacitor,  $U_\tau = \frac{q^2}{2C} = \frac{(Q^2/2C)}{e^2}$

- Energy lost,  $U_{lost} = U_0 - U_\tau = \frac{Q^2}{2C} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{e^2} \right) = H$





A capacitor of capacitance  $C$  is given a charge  $Q$ . At  $t = 0$ , it is connected to an ideal battery of emf  $E$  through a resistance  $R$ . Find the charge on the capacitor at time  $t$ .



$$q_1(t) = CE(1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

$$q_2(t) = Q(e^{-t/RC})$$

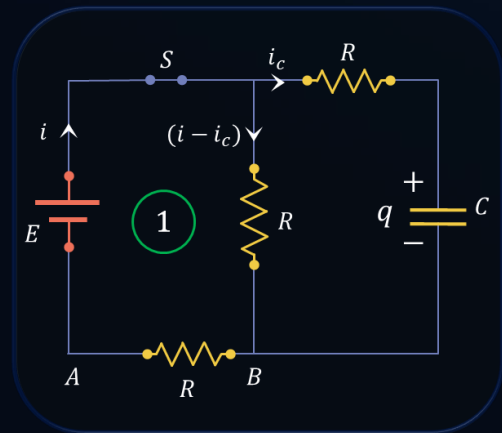
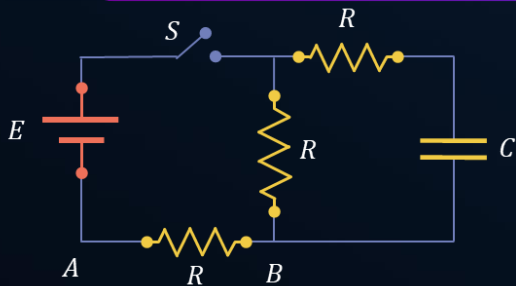
$$q(t) = q_1(t) + q_2(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow q(t) = CE[1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}] + Q[e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}]$$

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In the circuit shown in the figure, the battery is an ideal one, with emf  $E$ , the capacitor is initially uncharged. The switch is closed at  $t = 0$ .

(a) Find the charge on the capacitor at time  $t$ .



Outer loop:

$$-i_c R - \frac{q}{C} - iR + E = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E = iR + i_c R + \frac{q}{C} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Loop 1:

$$-(i - i_c)R - iR + E = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E = 2iR - i_c R \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Putting value of  $iR$  from (2) in (1),

$$E = \left( \frac{E + i_c R}{2} \right) + i_c R + \frac{q}{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow i_c = \frac{CE - 2q}{3RC} \Rightarrow \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{CE - 2q}{3RC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dq}{CE - 2q} = \frac{dt}{3RC}$$

Integrating,

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^q \frac{dq}{CE - 2q} = \frac{1}{3RC} \int_0^t dt$$

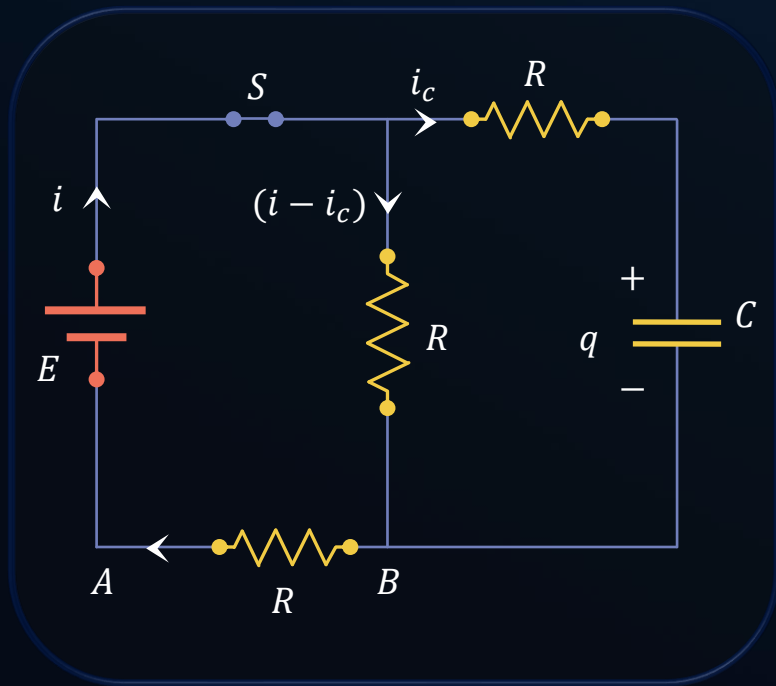
$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{\ln(CE - 2q)}{-2} \right]_0^q = \frac{1}{3RC} [t]_0^t$$

$$\Rightarrow q = \frac{CE}{2} \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{2t}{3RC}} \right]$$

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In the circuit shown in the figure, the battery is an ideal one, with emf  $E$ , the capacitor is initially uncharged. The switch is closed at  $t = 0$ .

(b) Find the current in  $AB$  at time  $t$ . What is its limiting value as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .



$$q = \frac{CE}{2} \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{2t}{3RC}} \right] \quad i_c = \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{E}{3R} e^{-\frac{2t}{3RC}}$$

Apply KVL in the outer loop:

$$-i_c R - \frac{q}{C} - iR + E = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i = \frac{E}{R} - i_c - \frac{q}{RC}$$

$$\Rightarrow i = \frac{E}{R} - \frac{E}{3R} e^{-\frac{2t}{3RC}} - \frac{1}{RC} \left[ \frac{CE}{2} \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{2t}{3RC}} \right] \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow i = \frac{E}{2R} + \frac{E}{6R} e^{-\frac{2t}{3RC}}$$

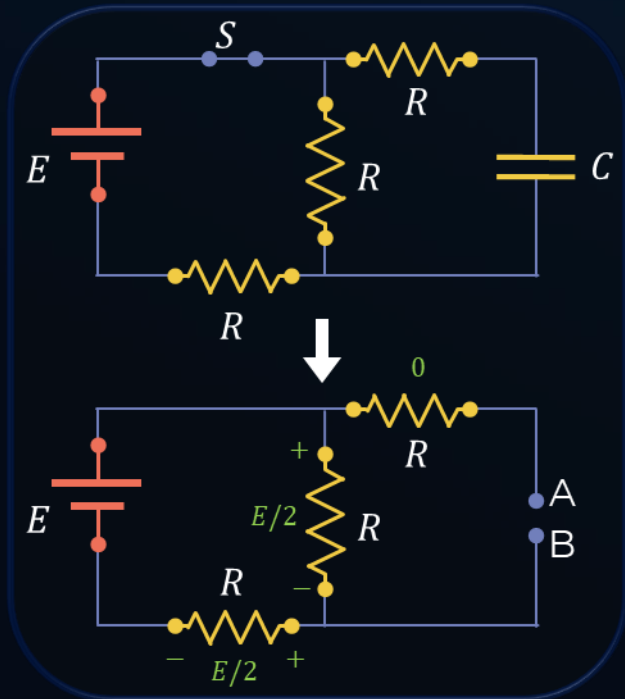
At  $t = \infty$ :  $i = \frac{E}{2R}$

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In the circuit shown in the figure, the battery is an ideal one, with emf  $E$ , the capacitor is initially uncharged. The switch is closed at  $t = 0$ .

(a) Find the charge on the capacitor at time  $t$ .

### Alternate Solution :



Calculate  $\tau_{eq}$ :

$$\tau_{eff} = CR_{eq}$$

$$R_{eq} = R_{AB}$$

$$= \frac{R \times R}{R + R} + R = \frac{3R}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{eq} = \frac{3R}{2}$$

$$\therefore \tau_{eff} = \frac{3RC}{2}$$

Calculate  $V_{\infty}$ :

$V_{\infty}$  = Steady state voltage across C

$$= V_{AB} = \frac{E}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{\infty} = \frac{E}{2}$$

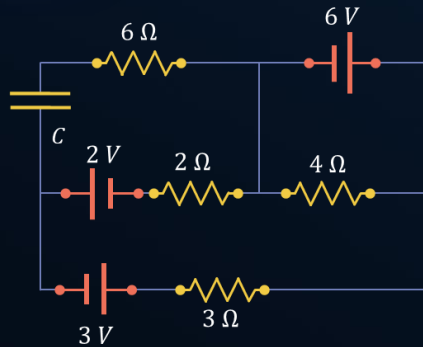
Charge on the capacitor:

$$q = CV_{\infty}(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_{eff}}})$$

$$\Rightarrow q = \frac{CE}{2} (1 - e^{-\frac{2t}{3RC}})$$



In the given circuit,  $C = 5 \mu F$ . Find the current in  $R_3$  and the energy stored in the capacitor.



Current in the  $4\Omega$ ,

$$i = \frac{6 - 0}{4} \Rightarrow i = 1.5 A$$

Applying junction rule at A,

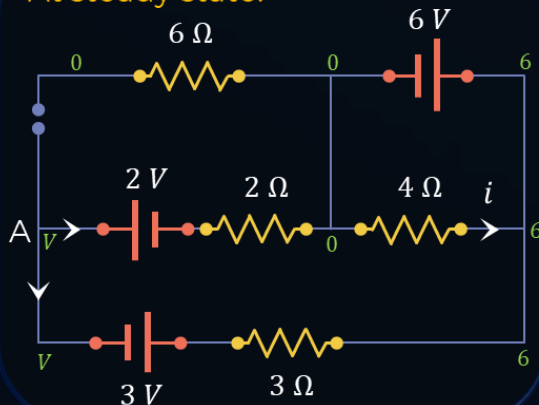
$$\frac{V - 2 - 0}{2} + \frac{V + 3 - 6}{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{12}{5} V$$

Energy in stored in the capacitor,

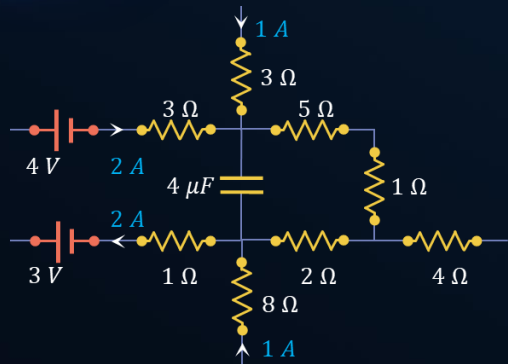
$$E = \frac{1}{2} C V^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 10^{-6} \times \left(\frac{12}{5}\right)^2 \Rightarrow E = 1.44 \times 10^{-5} J$$

At steady state:





Part of a circuit in a steady state along with the currents flowing in the branches, is shown in the figure. Calculate the energy stored in the capacitor.



Current across the capacitor in steady state,

$$I_C = 0 A$$

Apply KCL at  $a$ :

$$2 + 1 + 0 = I_1$$

$$\Rightarrow I_1 = 3 A$$

Apply KCL at  $b$ :

$$-2 + 1 + I_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow I_2 = 1 A$$

Apply KVL in the loop 1:

$$V_a - 5I_1 - I_1 - 2I_2 - V_b = 0$$

$$V_a - V_b = 6I_1 + 2I_2$$

$$= 6 \times 3 + 2 \times 1$$

$$= 20 V$$

Energy stored in the capacitor:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 10^{-6} \times 20^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E = 8 \times 10^{-4} J$$

