

(a) In **iron** at room temperature, the mobility of mobile electrons is about  $7.5 \times 10^{-3}$  (m/s)/(V/m), and there are about  $8.4 \times 10^{28}$  mobile electrons per  $\text{m}^3$ . Calculate the conductivity  $\sigma$ . In actual practice, it is usually easier to measure the conductivity  $\sigma$  and deduce the mobility  $u$  from this measurement.

(b) What are the correct units for  $\sigma$ ?

- ☐ (A·m)/V  
☒ (A/m<sup>2</sup>)/(V/m)  
☐ (A/m)/(V/m<sup>2</sup>)  
☐ (m/A)/(V/m<sup>3</sup>)



$$\sigma = |q| n u$$

$$= 1.008 e 8 \frac{\text{A}}{\text{m}^2} / \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$$

Consider a **magnesium** wire ( $\sigma = 2.2 \times 10^7 \Omega^{-1} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$ ) with a cross-sectional area of **1** mm<sup>2</sup> (similar to your connecting wires) and carrying **0.3** amperes of current, which is about what you get in a circuit with a round bulb and two batteries in series. Calculate the strength of the very small electric field required to drive this current through the wire.

V/m

$$J = \frac{I}{A}$$

$$E \sigma = \frac{I}{A}$$

$$E = \frac{I}{A \sigma}$$

$$= 1.3636 e^{-2} \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\frac{1 \text{ mm}}{0.001 \text{ m}} \rightarrow \frac{1 \text{ mm}^2}{(0.001 \text{ m})^2}$$

A carbon resistor is **7** mm long and has a constant cross section of **0.4** mm<sup>2</sup>. The conductivity of carbon at room temperature is  $\sigma = 3 \times 10^4$  per ohm·m. In a circuit its potential at one end of the resistor is **15** volts relative to ground, and at the other end the potential is **19** volts. Calculate the resistance  $R$  and the current  $I$ .

$R =$    $\Omega$

$I =$   amperes

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

$$= 0.583 \Omega$$

$$V = I R$$

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

$$= \frac{V_+ - V_-}{R}$$

$$= 6.857 \text{ A}$$

(a) The current through a particular high-resistance (long) bulb when connected to two batteries in series (3.1 volts) is about 110 milliampere (mA); connected to one battery (1.55 volts) the current is about 70 mA; and connected to a small voltage of only 50 millivolts the current is about 6 mA. (Different high-resistance (long) bulbs may differ from these values somewhat.) Using the formula  $I = |\Delta V|/R$ , what is  $R$  for each of these cases?

$$R_{3.1 \text{ V}} = \boxed{\phantom{000}} \Omega$$

$$R_{1.55 \text{ V}} = \boxed{\phantom{000}} \Omega$$

$$R_{50 \text{ mV}} = \boxed{\phantom{000}} \Omega$$

(b) Is a high-resistance (long) bulb an ohmic resistor over this whole range of currents?

- ☐ The bulb is ohmic, because it is not possible for the resistance of any resistor to change.
- ☒ The bulb is not ohmic, because its resistance changes if the current through the bulb changes.
- ☐ The bulb is ohmic because one can use the formula  $R = |\Delta V|/I$ .
- ☐ The bulb is ohmic, because light bulbs are ohmic.

$$V = IR$$

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

$$R_{3.1} = 28.182 \Omega$$

$$R_{1.55} = 22.143 \Omega$$

$$R_{0.05} = 8.333 \Omega$$

A certain ohmic resistor has a resistance of 40 ohms. A second resistor is made of the same material but is three times as long and has half the cross-sectional area. What is the resistance of the second resistor?

$$\boxed{\phantom{000}} \Omega$$

What is the effective resistance of the two resistors in series?

$$\boxed{\phantom{000}} \Omega$$

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

$$R_{new} = \frac{3L}{\sigma \frac{1}{2}A}$$

$$R_{new} = 6 \frac{L}{\sigma A}$$

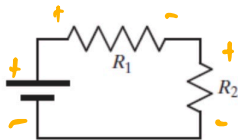
$$R_{new} = 6 R_{old}$$

$$R_{new} = 240 \, \Omega$$

$$R_{series} = 240 + 40$$

$$= 280 \, \Omega$$

In the circuit shown in the figure below, the emf of the battery is 9.1 V. Resistor  $R_1$  has a resistance of 19  $\Omega$ , and resistor  $R_2$  has a resistance of 39  $\Omega$ . A steady current flows through the circuit.



(a) What is the absolute value of the potential difference across  $R_1$ ?

V

(b) What is the conventional current through  $R_2$ ?

A

Part One

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$$9.1 - 19I - 39I = 0$$

$$58I = 9.1$$

$$I = 0.157 \text{ A}$$

$$V_{R_1} = IR_1$$

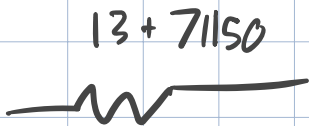
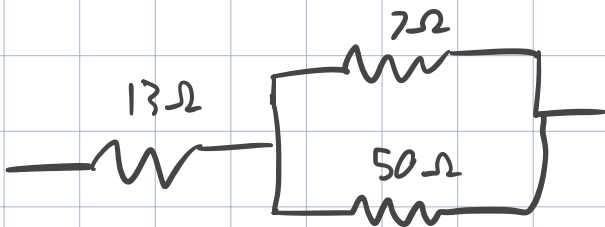
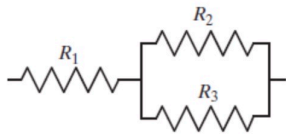
$$= 2.981 \text{ V}$$

Part Two

$$I = 0.157 \text{ A as found earlier}$$

In the figure below the resistance  $R_1$  is  $13 \Omega$ ,  $R_2$  is  $7 \Omega$ , and  $R_3$  is  $50 \Omega$ . If this combination of resistors were to be replaced by a single resistor with an equivalent resistance, what should that resistance be?

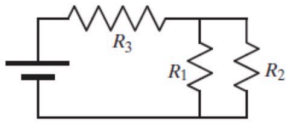
$\Omega$



$$R_{\text{eff}} = 13 + \frac{7 \cdot 50}{7 + 50}$$

$$= 19.140 \Omega$$

In the circuit shown in the figure below the emf of the battery is 7.2 V. Resistor  $R_1$  has a resistance of 25  $\Omega$ , resistor  $R_2$  has a resistance of 48  $\Omega$ , and resistor  $R_3$  has a resistance of 58  $\Omega$ . A steady current flows through the circuit.



(a) What is the equivalent resistance of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ ?

$\Omega$

(b) What is the equivalent resistance of all three resistors?

$\Omega$

(c) What is the conventional current through  $R_3$ ?

A

$$R_{1 \text{ and } 2} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$= 16.438 \Omega$$

$$R_{eq} = R_{1 \text{ and } 2} + R_3$$

$$= 74.438 \Omega$$

$$V = IR$$

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

$$= 96.7 \text{ mA}$$