

Basic Electronics: Ohm's Law and Basic Circuit Components

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Figure: A "theoretical" physics lab



Figure: Applications of Quantum technology: Medical Imaging

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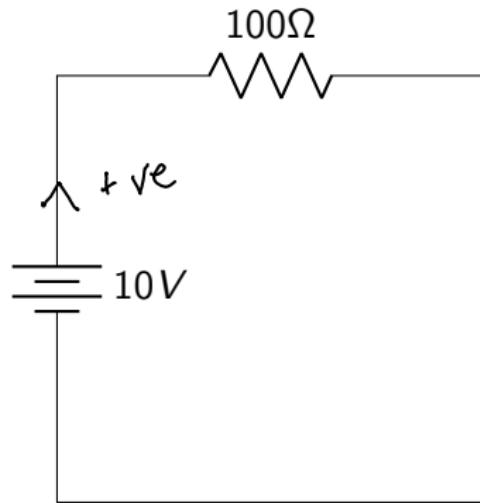
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Power Formula

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

Ohm's Law: Example Circuit



what is the
current?

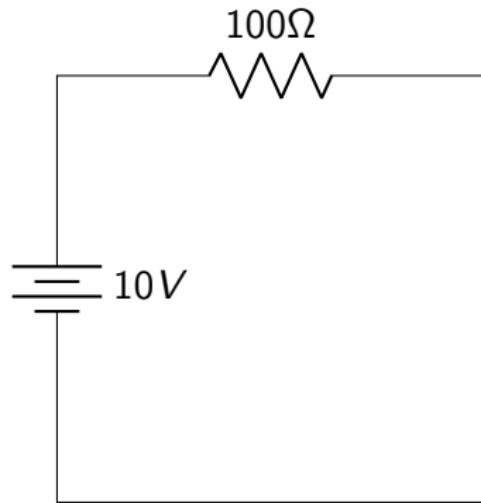
$$V = I R$$

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

$$= \frac{10}{100} = 0.1 \text{ A.}$$

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Ohm's Law: Example Circuit



Calculate the current

Using Ohm's Law:

$$I = \frac{10V}{100\Omega} = 0.1A$$

Power Dissipation in Resistors

Example: Power in a 100Ω Resistor with 10V Supply

$$\begin{aligned}P &= I^2 R = IV = \frac{V^2}{R} \\&= \frac{100V^2}{100\Omega} = 1 \text{ watt.}\end{aligned}$$

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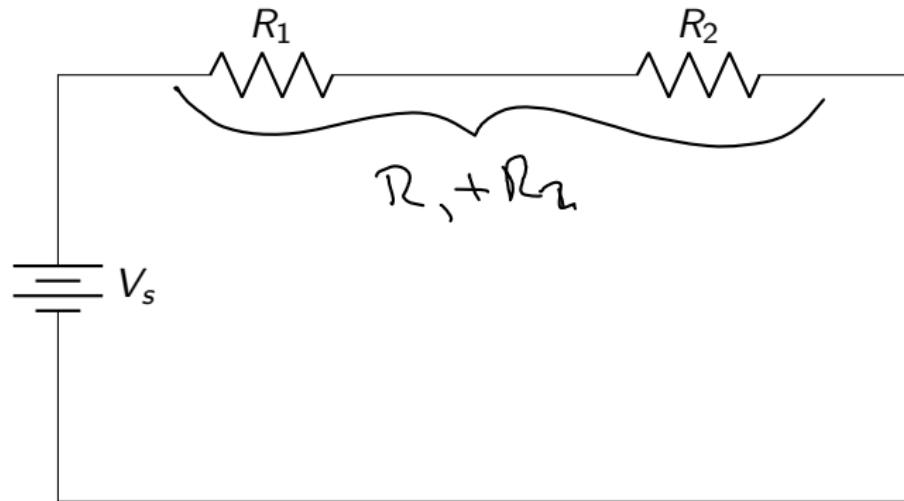
Summary of Ohm's Law

- ▶ Relationship between voltage, current, and resistance.
- ▶ Power dissipation in resistors.
- ▶ Applications in simple DC circuits.

Resistors in Series

Total Resistance in Series

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



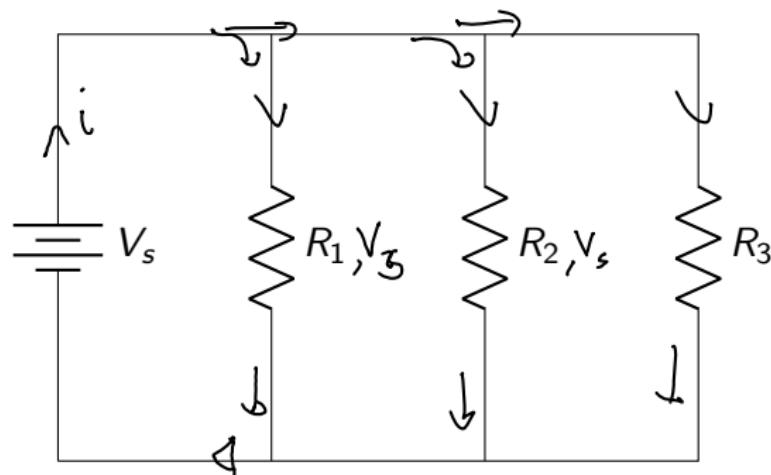
Resistors in Parallel

$$V = I R$$

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

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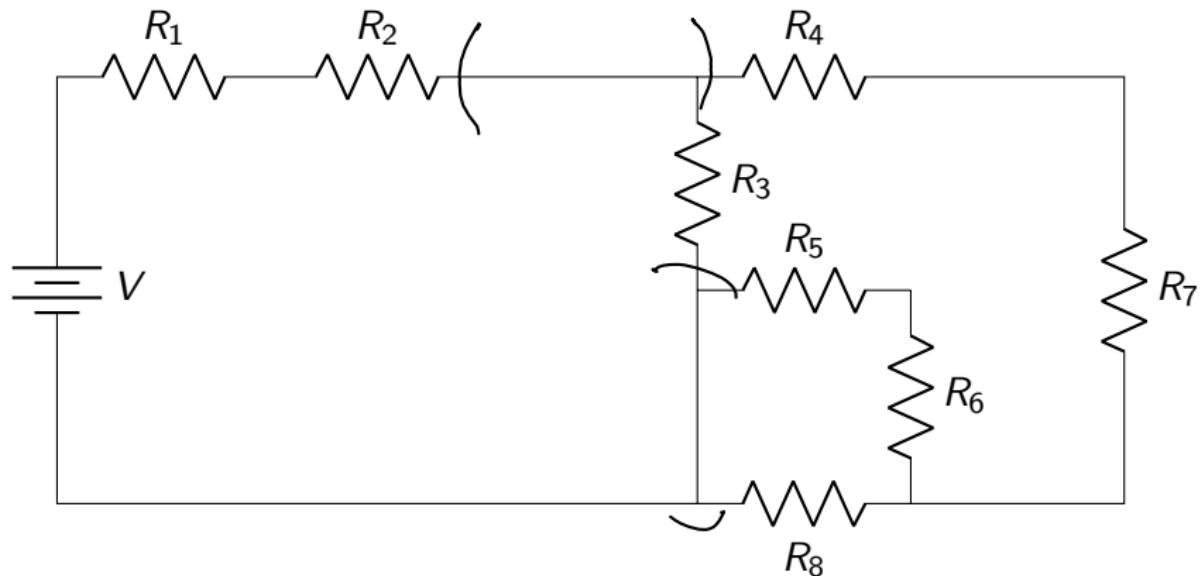
$$\frac{1}{R_{\text{total}}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_n}$$



$$I_T = I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_n$$

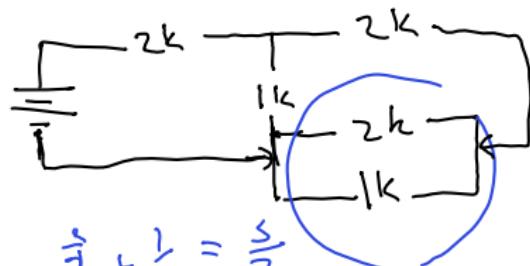
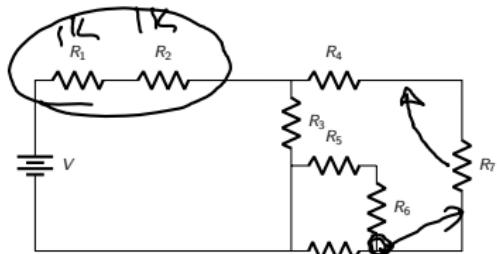
$$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \dots$$

Series and Parallel Combination Example

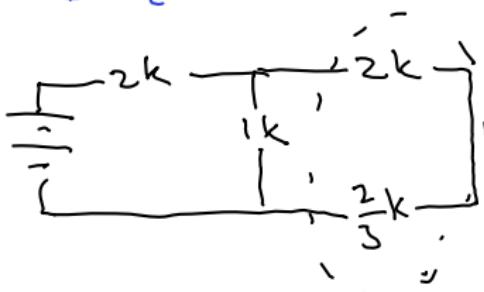


Calculate the Total Resistance
All $R = 1k\Omega$

Circuit Simplification



$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{3}$$

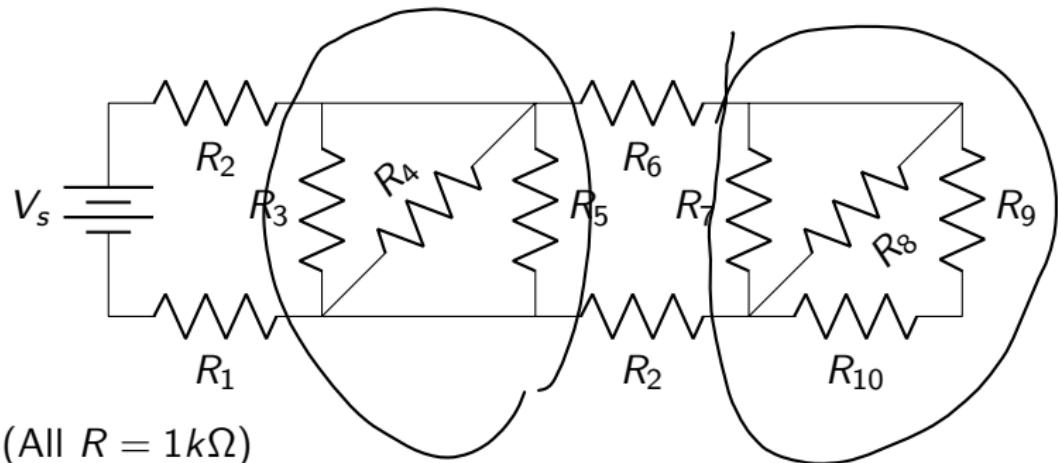


$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{1k} + \frac{1}{2.66k}$$

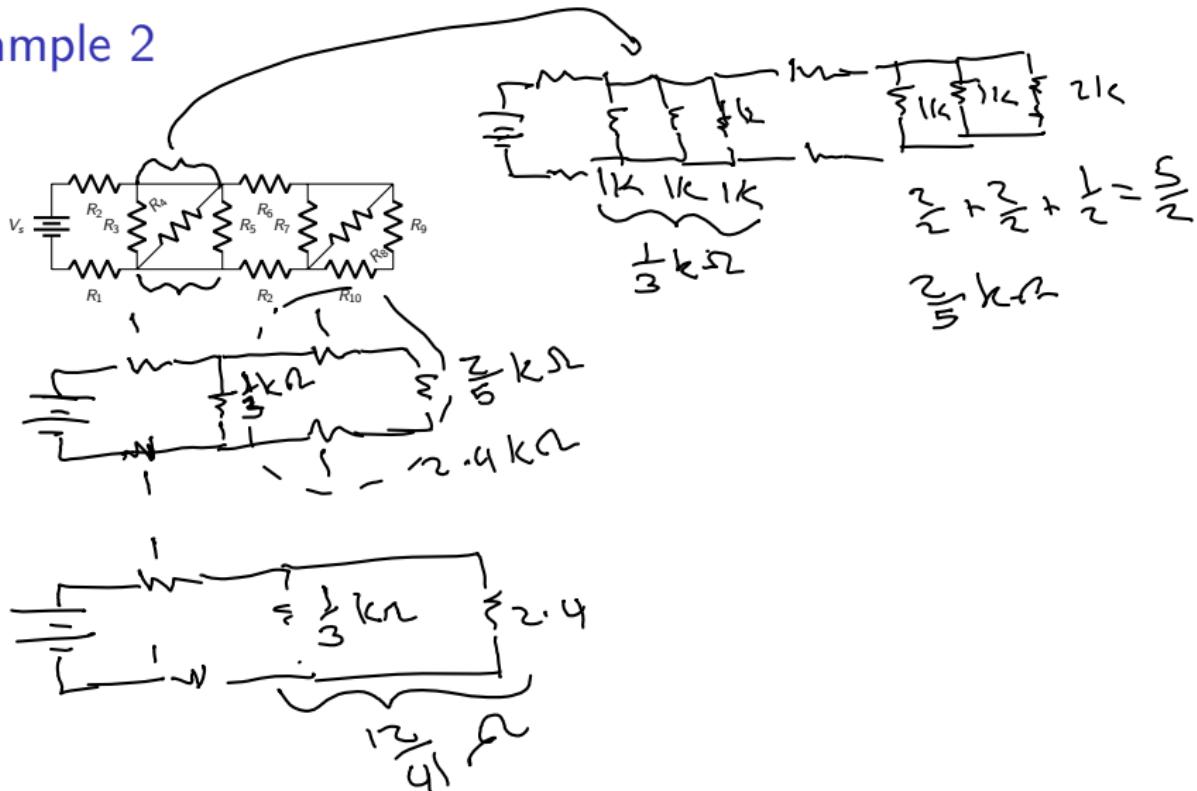
$$R = \frac{8}{11} R_{\text{sh}}$$

30 hz

Example 2



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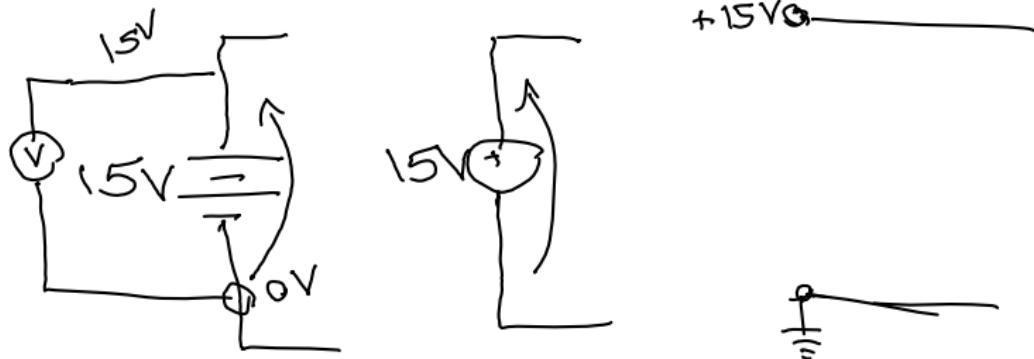
$$2kS_0 + \frac{R}{41}hSE = \frac{94}{41}kR.$$

Summary of Series and Parallel Resistors

- ▶ Total resistance in series: Additive.
- ▶ Total resistance in parallel: Reciprocal of sum of reciprocals.
- ▶ Applications in network analysis.

Practical Example: Voltage Divider Circuit

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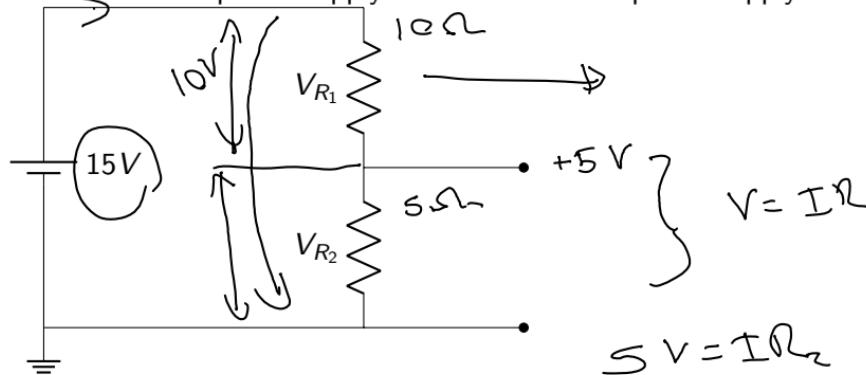


15V



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$$5V = IR_2$$

$$10V = I \cdot R_1$$

$$R_2 = \frac{5V}{I}$$

$$= \frac{5V}{10V} R_1$$

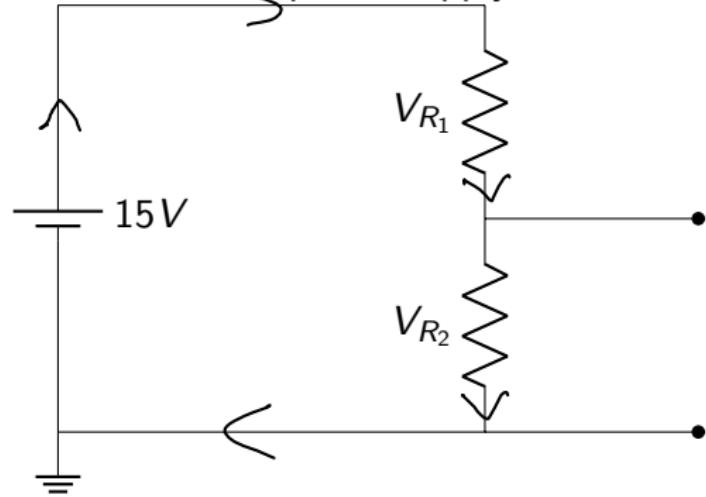
$$\frac{R_2}{R_1} = \frac{5}{10}$$

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2R_2 = R_1$$

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Question

what resistances do we choose to have 5V across R_2 ?

Solving the Voltage Divider Circuit

Step 1: Calculate Total Resistance

$$R_{\text{total}} = R_1 + R_2 = 10\Omega + 20\Omega = 30\Omega$$

Step 2: Calculate Current

$$I = \frac{V_s}{R_{\text{total}}} = \frac{12V}{30\Omega} = 0.4A$$

Final Step: Voltage Across R_2

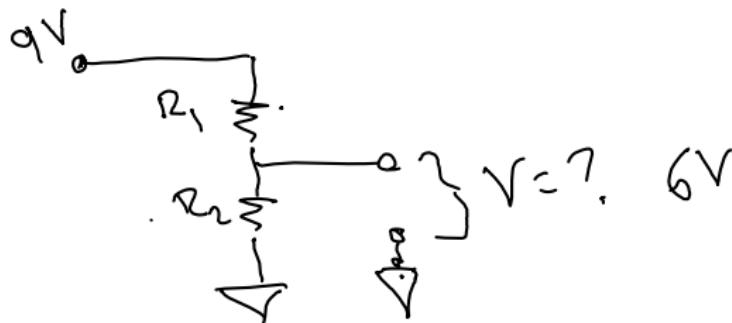
Calculate Voltage Drop Across R_2

$$V_{R_2} = I \cdot R_2 = 0.4A \times 20\Omega = 8V$$

Sample Problem

Question

In a voltage divider with $V_s = 9V$, $R_1 = 15\Omega$, and $R_2 = 30\Omega$, calculate the voltage across R_2 .



$$V = IR$$

$$R = 45 \Omega$$

$$\frac{9}{45} = I$$

$$IR_2 = V_{R_2}$$

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Answer

$$V_{R_2} = \frac{9V}{15\Omega + 30\Omega} \times 30\Omega = 6V$$

Summary of Practical Applications

- ▶ Voltage divider circuits are common in electronics.
- ▶ Ohm's Law can be used to solve for unknown voltages, currents, and resistances.