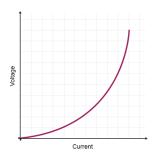
Factors Affecting Resistance:

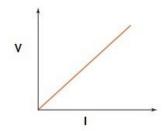
- 1. Nature of the materials (resistivity)
- 2. Cross section of conductor
 - E.g.
- 3. Length of conductor
 - Shorter (lower Resistance)
 - Longer (higher resistance)
- 4. Temperature





Non-Ohmic

It is non-linear



Ohmic
It is linear

Ohms Law:







V= Potential difference (Volts)

I= Current (amperes)

R= resistance (Ohms)

e.g. A power line has a PD of 250V and a resistance of 1.0K Ω

PD= 250V R=1000Ω I=?

V=IR

250=1000xI

I= 250/1000

=0.25 A

Conventional Current:

as moving in the same direction as the positive charge flow. (positive -> negative)

Electron Current:

is what actually happens and electrons flow out of the negative terminal, through the circuit and into the positive terminal of the source. (negative->positive)

^{**}If non-ohmic we do a specific point in the graph

Ammeter:

Use for current

- -(A)
- Place it anywhere in circuit
- Connect in series
- Internal resistance is very small

Why its connected in series

Ammeter measures the electrons, therefor they need to go through it



Why does it have a low resistance?

Because you don't want to block the charge flow

Voltmeter:

Use for **potential difference**

- Connect in parallel
- Internal resistance is very high

Why are voltmeters connected in parallel across a resistor?

Because we want to know the voltage across a certain element, so either side. Voltage is the electric potential difference between two points of space. There is no point of asking what the voltage through a circuit is

Why do volt meters have a high resistance?

We want to make sure minimal current is going through the Voltmeter. So, by having a high resistance it makes sure the current flows through the resistor.

What is a rheostat and its function?

It is a variable resistor. - you can change the resistance

*Function is to regulate/identity the current flow, it also ensures the circuit doesn't blow

Why can a voltmeter and ammeters be connected one way, but it doesn't matter with resistors?

The meter can only go one way (polar). They both have a – and + positive terminal and the dial can go only one way. For resistors it doesn't matter due to the current being able to go any direction.