Combinations of Resistors

1. Series Connection (single path)

$$R_{\rm eq} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} R_k$$

- In series, all resistors have the same charge, including with the equivalent charge
- In series, the voltages add up to the equivalent/total voltage

$$V_{
m total} = V_{
m eq} = \sum_{k=1}^N V_k$$

2. Parallel Connection (multiple paths)

$$\frac{1}{R_{\rm eq}} = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{R_k}$$

- ullet In parallel, all resistors have the \underline{same} voltage, including with the equivalent charge
- In parallel, the ${\bf currents}$ add ${\bf up}$ to the equivalent/total current

$$I_{
m totl} = I_{
m eq} = \sum_{k=1}^N I_k$$