

Topic:- Combination of Resistances, Colour Coding of Carbon Resistances.

[6] Combination of Resistances :-

There are two Combination of Resistances

- Resistances in Series.
- Resistances in Parallel.

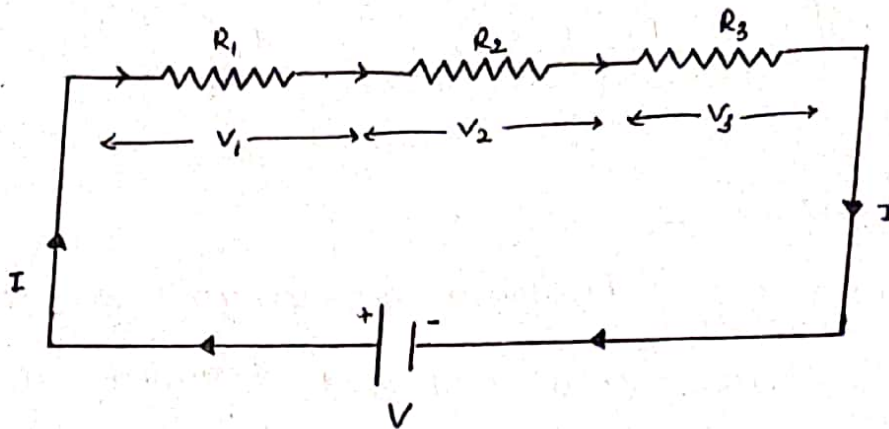
[1] Resistances in Series :- i.e. No. of Resistances are

connected end to end so that the same current flows through each one of them in succession, then they are said to be connected in series.

Key point :-

- Current through all the resistor is same.
- Potential difference across a resistor is proportional to its resistance.
- Total Potential drop = Sum of the potential drop across the individual resistances.

Formula for Equivalent Resistances :-



Let us consider above circuit diagram in which three resistances R_1 , R_2 & R_3 connected in series.

Since the total potential drop = sum of the potential drop across each resistance

$$\Rightarrow V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

By Ohm's law

$$V_1 = IR_1, \quad V_2 = IR_2, \quad V_3 = IR_3 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

If R_s is the equivalent resistance of the series combination

$$V = IR_s \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Putting the value of equation (3) & (2) in equation (1)

we get -

$$IR_s = IR_1 + IR_2 + IR_3$$

or $IR_s = I(R_1 + R_2 + R_3)$

or $R_s = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

for n Resistances ---

$$R_s = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots + R_n$$

Conclusion :-

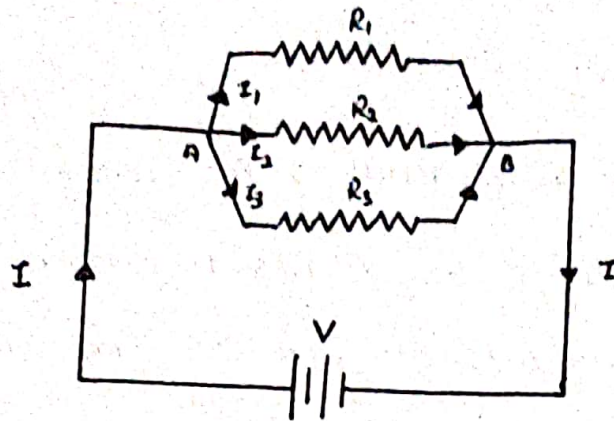
- when No. of Resistances are connected in series, their equivalent Resistance is equal to the sum of the individual Resistances.
- Equivalent Resistance is larger than the largest individual Resistances.

[2] Resistances in Parallel:- if a Number of Resistances are connected in between two common points so that each of them provides a separate path for current, then they are said to be connected in parallel.

- Key points :-
- Potential difference across all of them is same.
 - Current through any resistor is inversely proportional to its resistance.
 - Total Current = Sum of the current through

individual resistances.

Formula for equivalent Resistances :-



Let us consider above circuit diagram in which three resistances are connected in parallel.

Since the total current = sum of the current through individual resistances.

$$\Rightarrow I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

by ohm's law

$$I_1 = \frac{V}{R_1}, \quad I_2 = \frac{V}{R_2}, \quad I_3 = \frac{V}{R_3} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

if R_p is the equivalent resistance of the parallel combination

$$I = \frac{V}{R_p} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Putting the value of eqn (3) & (2) in equation (1)

$$\frac{V}{R_p} = \frac{V}{R_1} + \frac{V}{R_2} + \frac{V}{R_3}$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\frac{1}{R_p} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}}$$

for n Resistances.

$$\frac{1}{R_P} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_n}$$

Conclusion :-

- When a No. of resistances are connected in parallel the reciprocal of the equivalent resistance of the parallel combination is equal to the sum of the reciprocals of the individual resistances.
- Equivalent resistance is less than the smallest individual resistances.