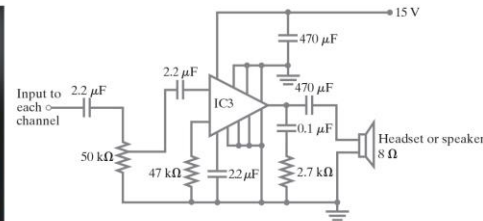


DC CIRCUITS

Chapter 26



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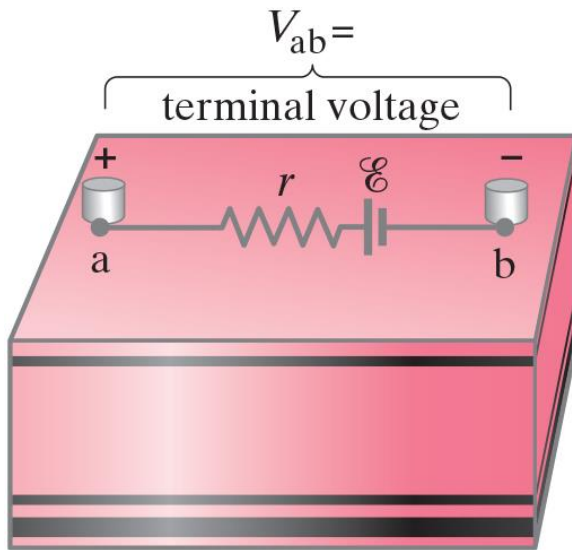
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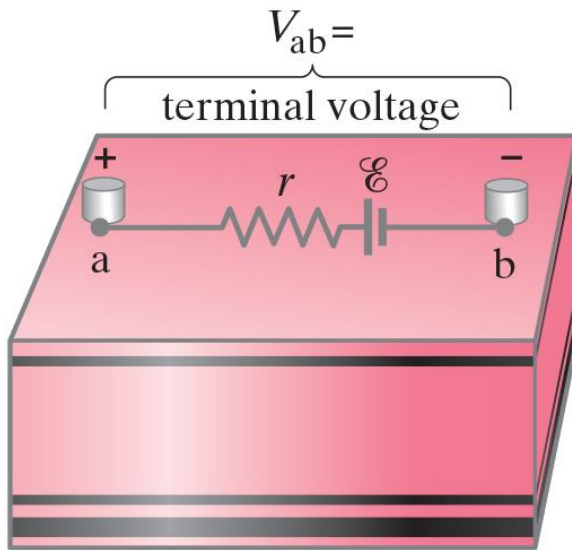
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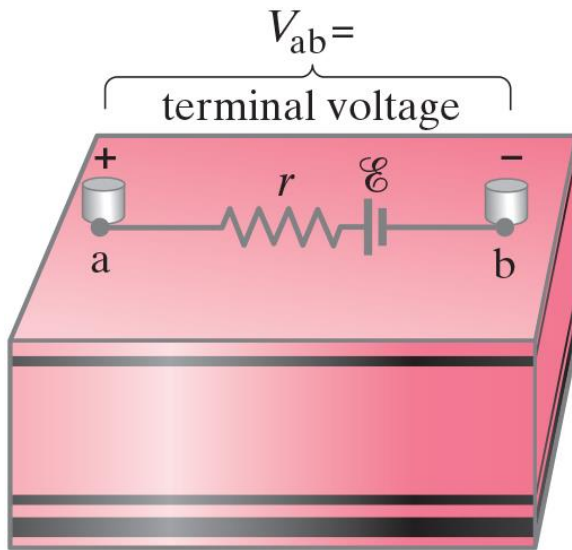


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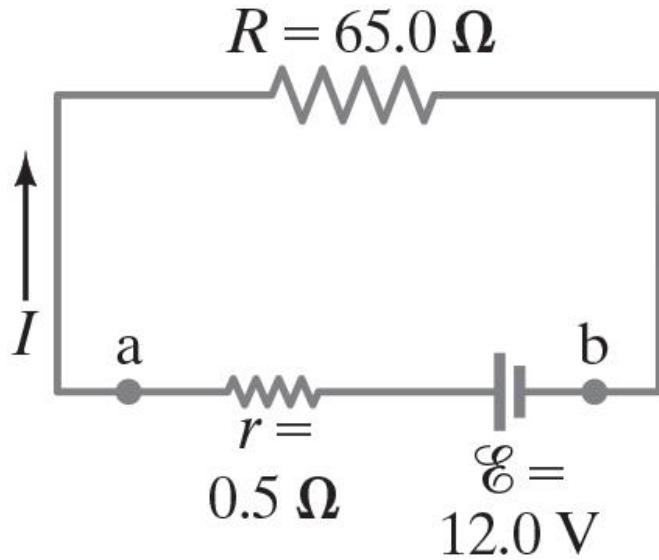
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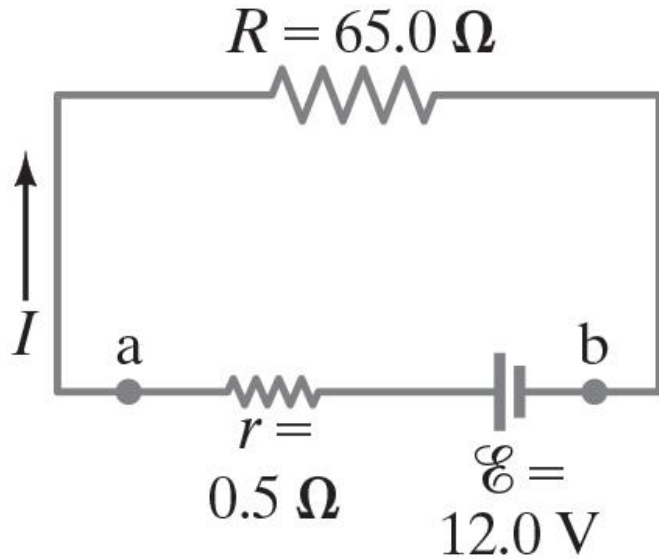
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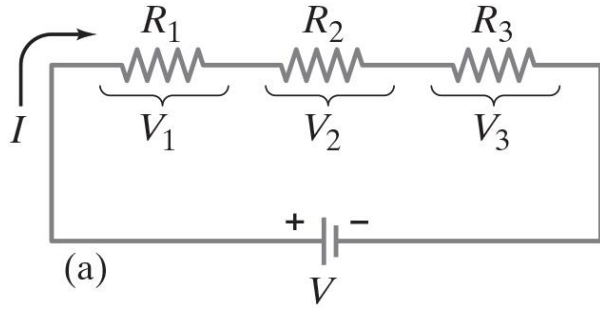
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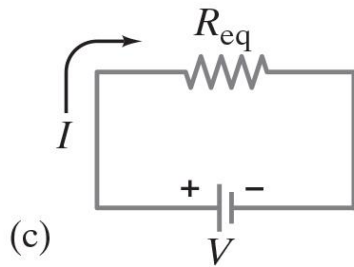
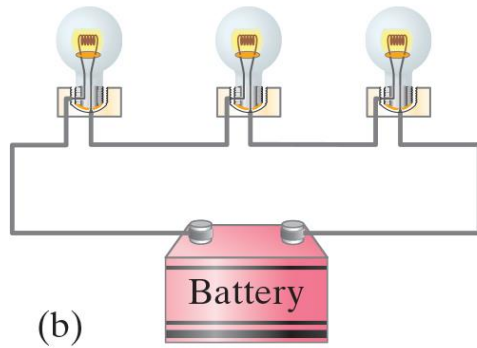
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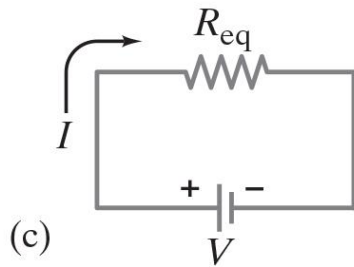
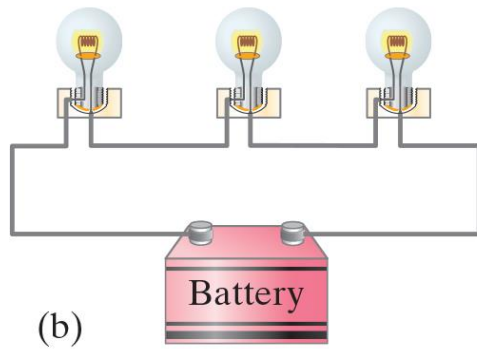
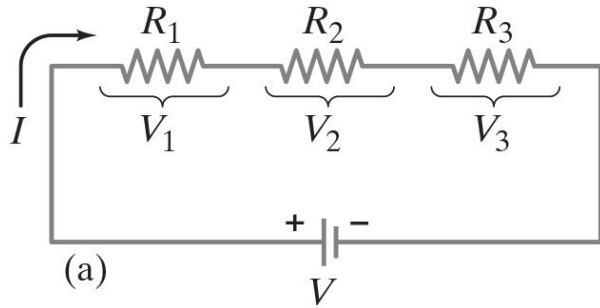
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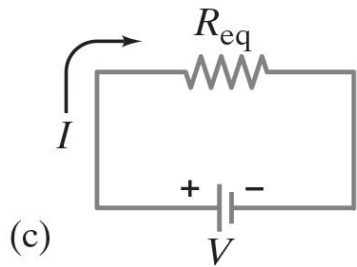
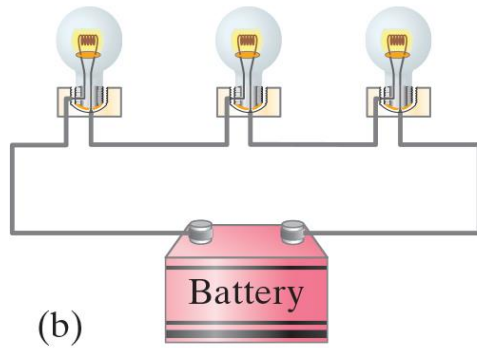
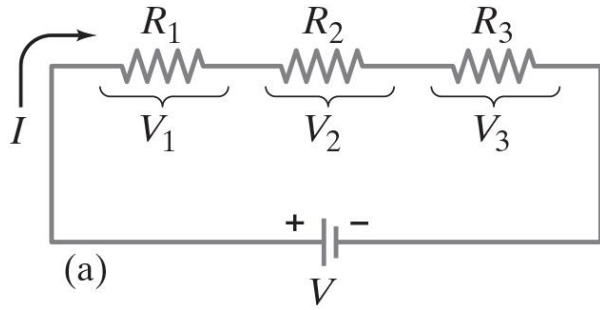
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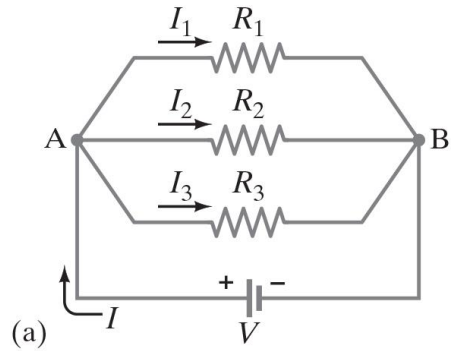
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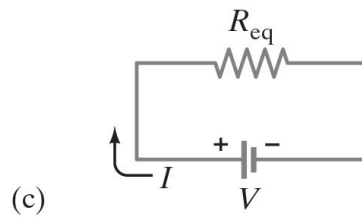
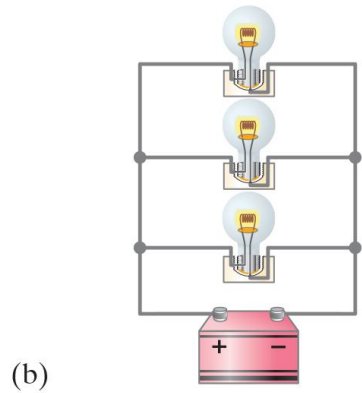
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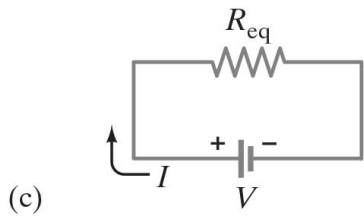
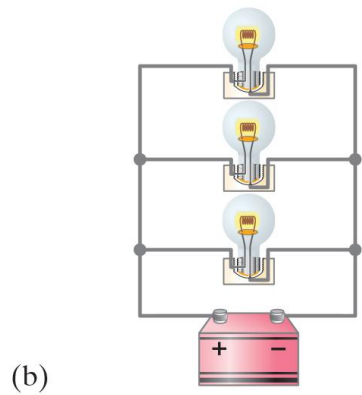
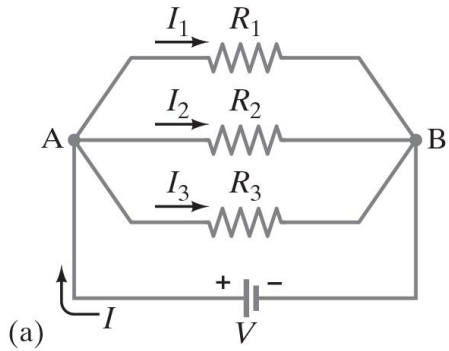
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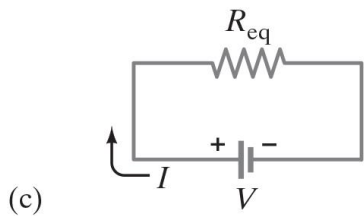
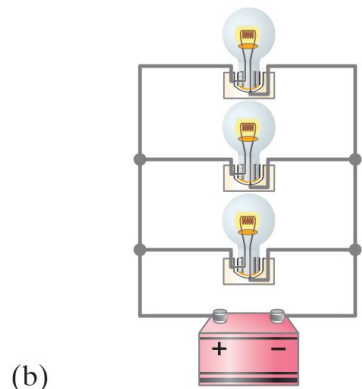
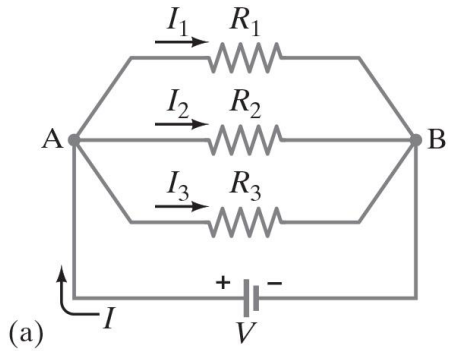
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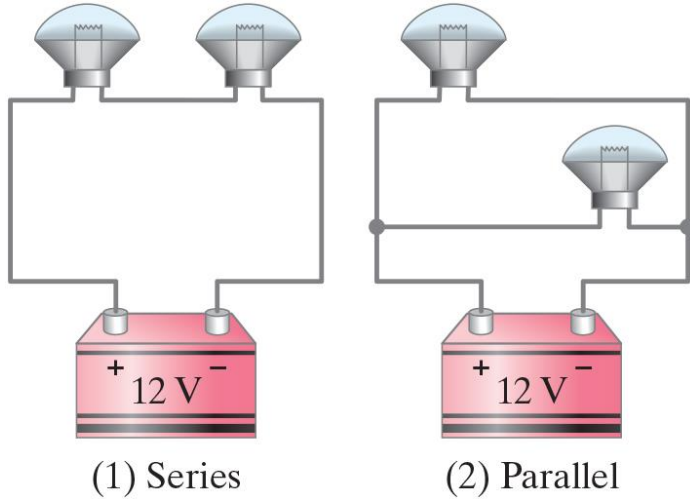


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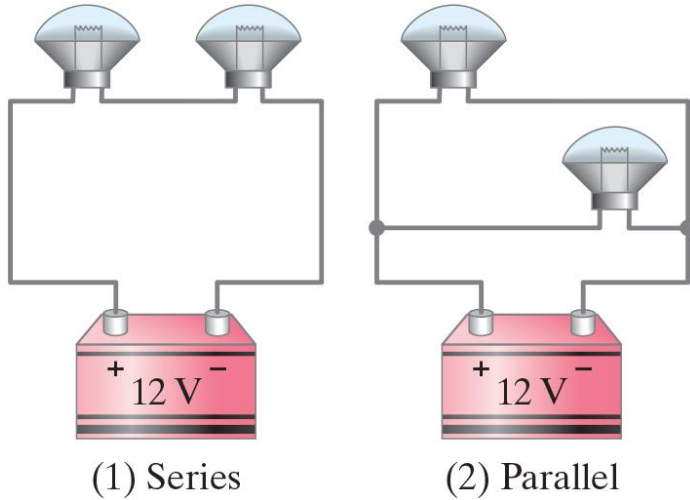
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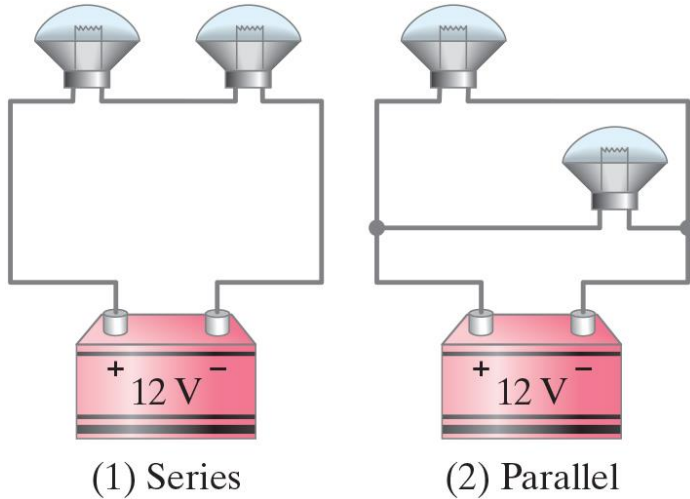
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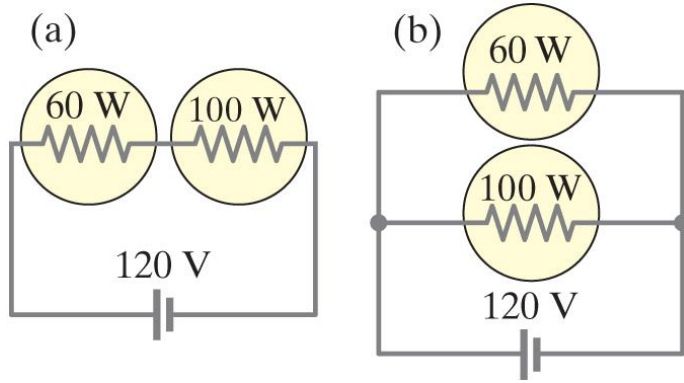


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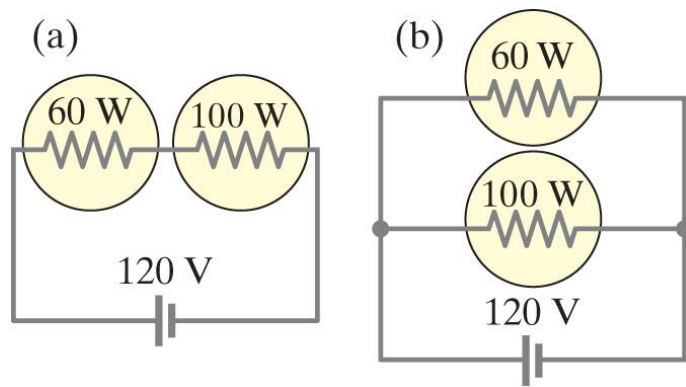
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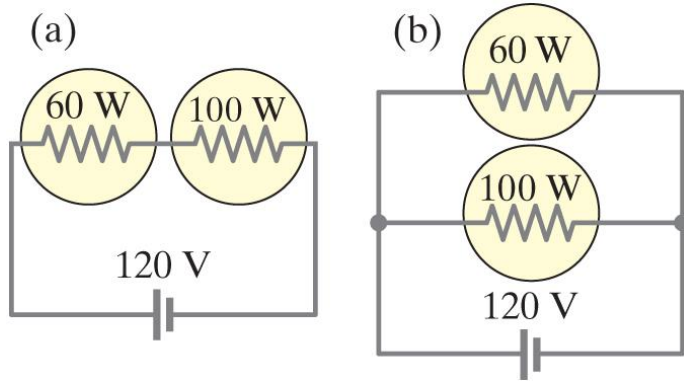
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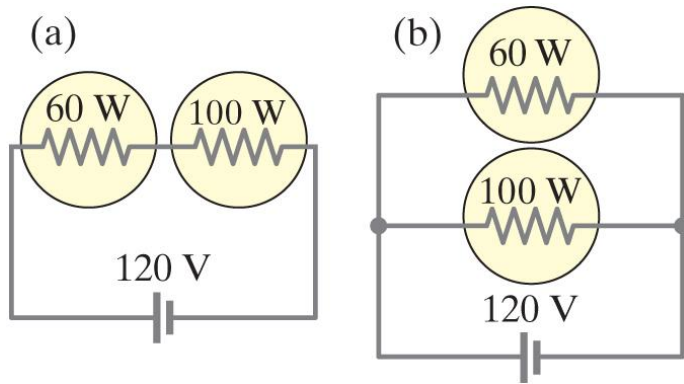
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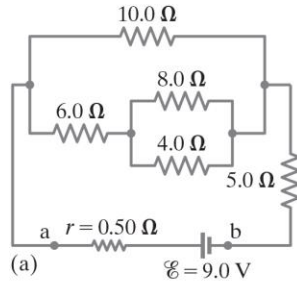
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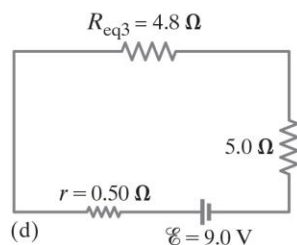
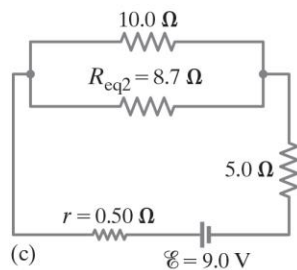
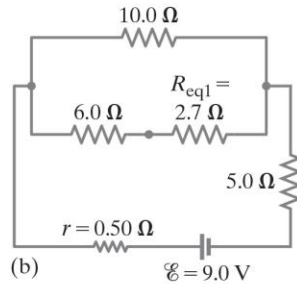
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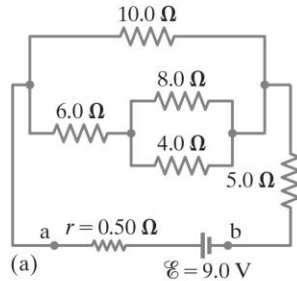
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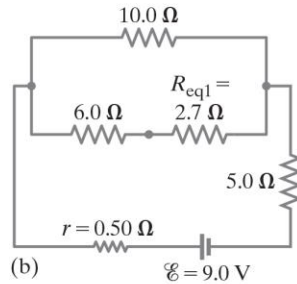
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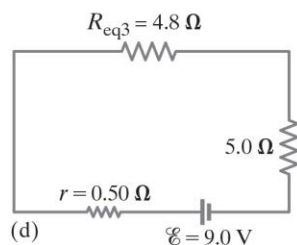
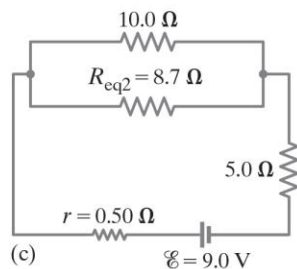


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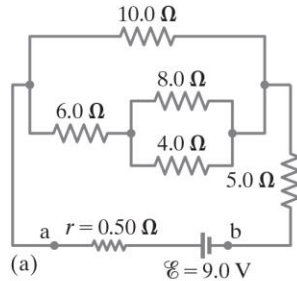


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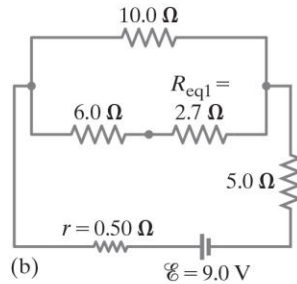
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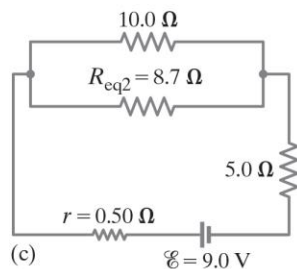


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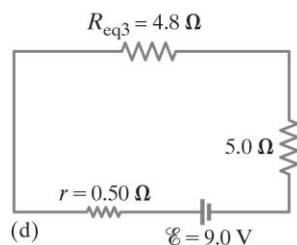
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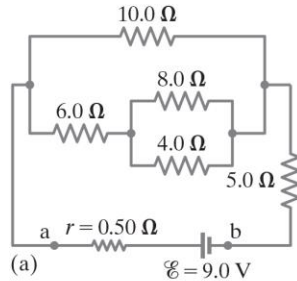


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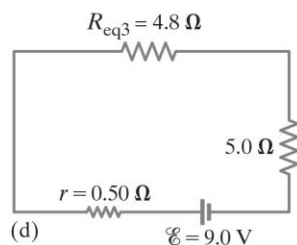
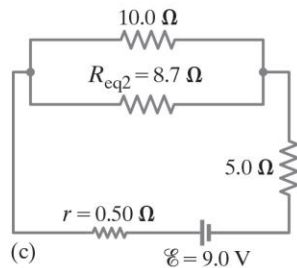
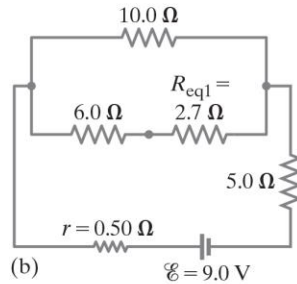
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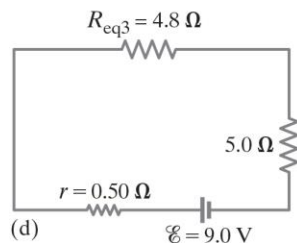
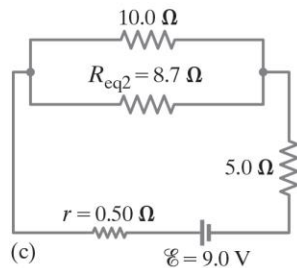
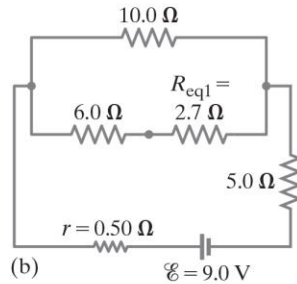
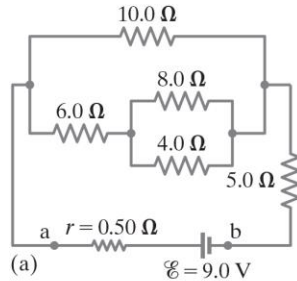
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$$I' = \frac{9.0\text{ V} - (0.87\text{ A})(5.50\ \Omega)}{8.7\ \Omega} = 0.48\text{ A}$$

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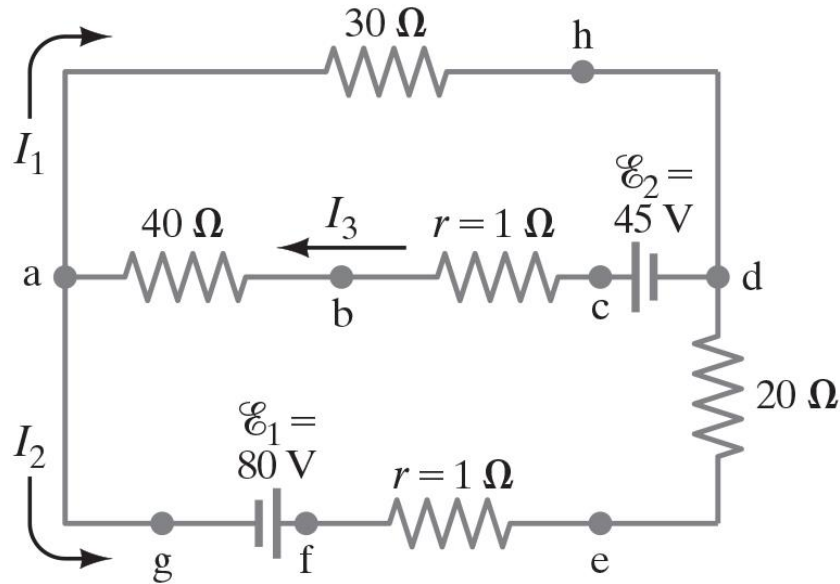
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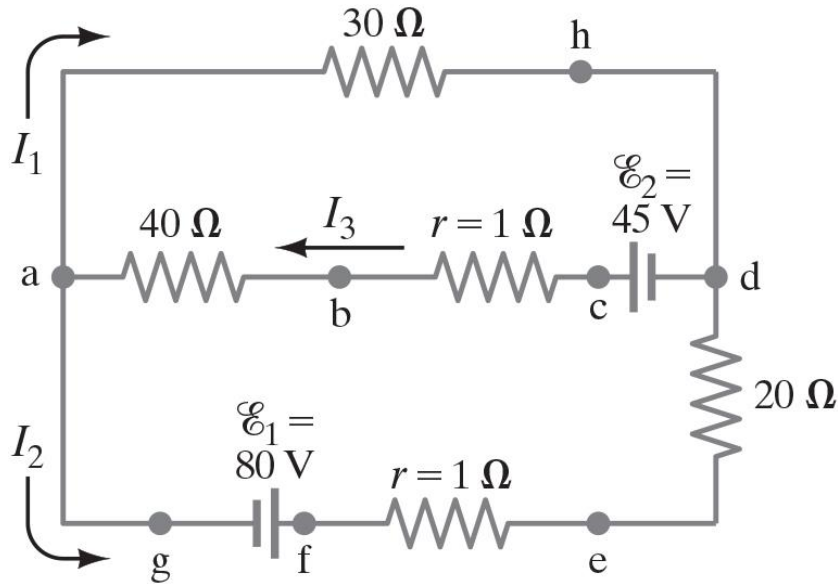
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2. Identify unknowns
3. Apply junction and loop rules; you will need as many independent equations as there are unknowns
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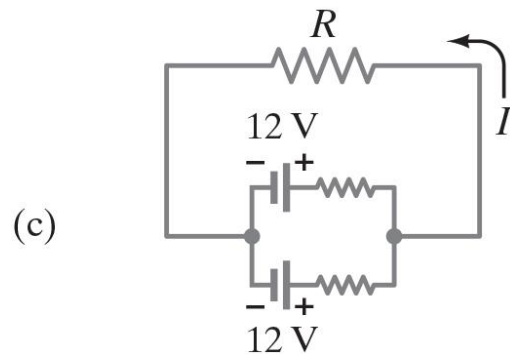
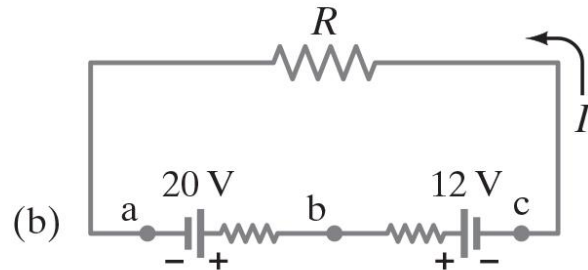
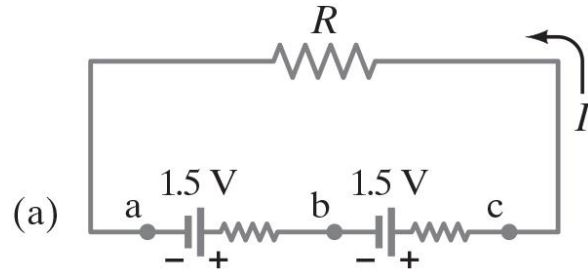
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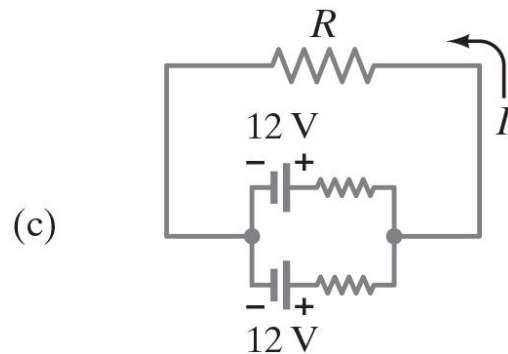
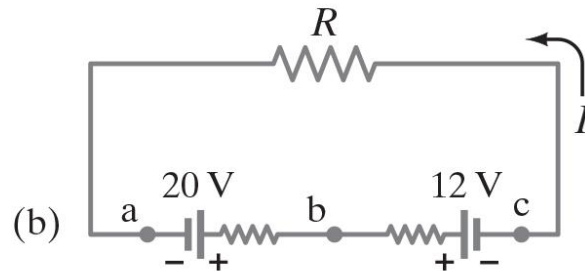
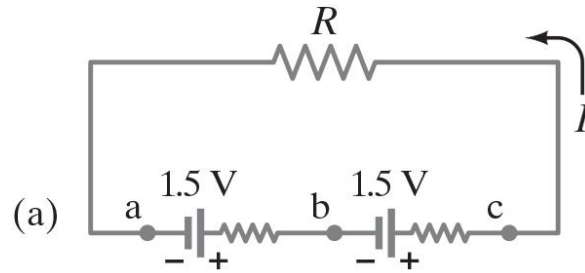
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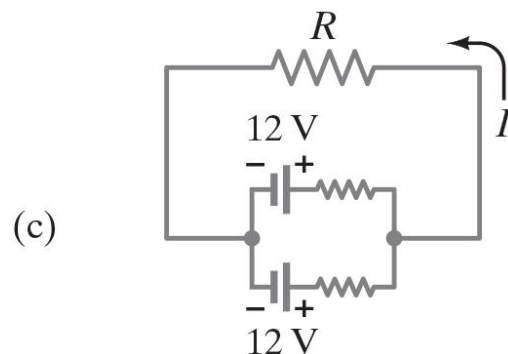
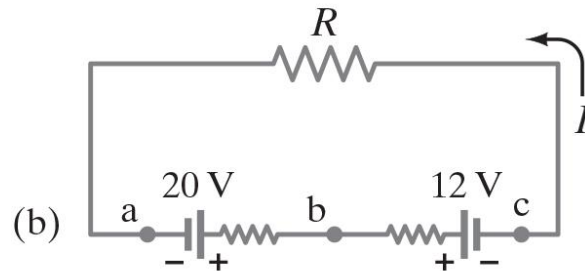
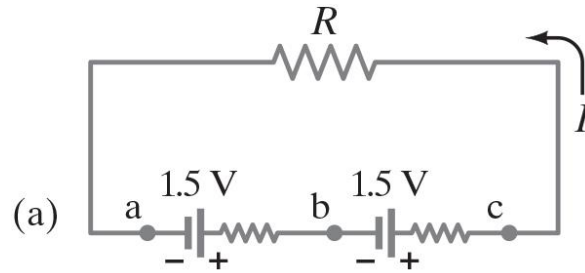


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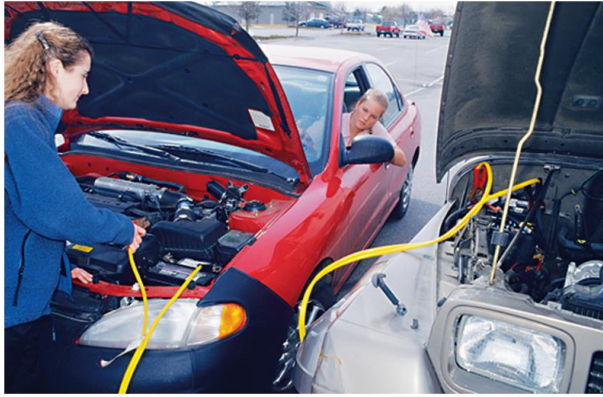
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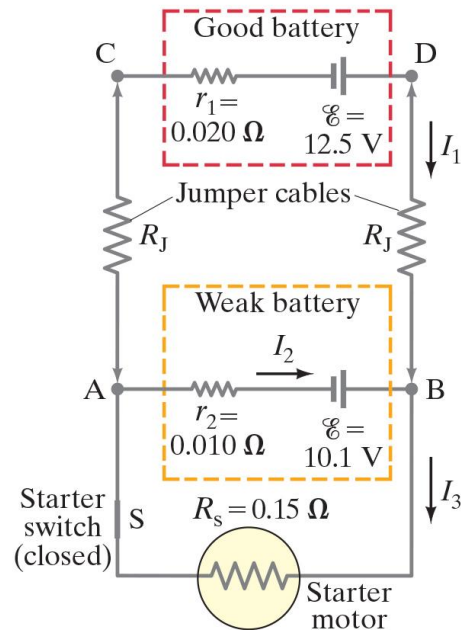
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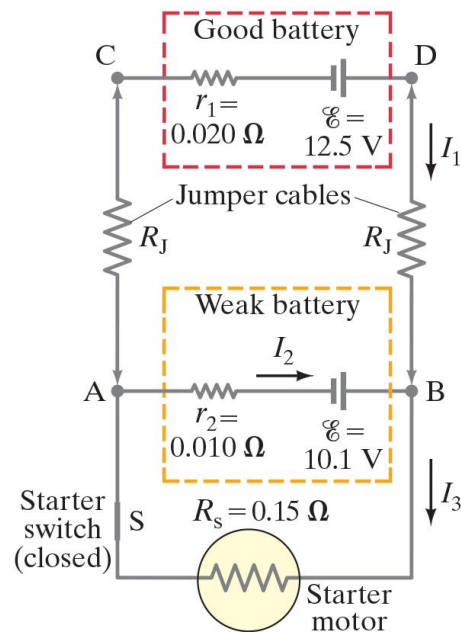
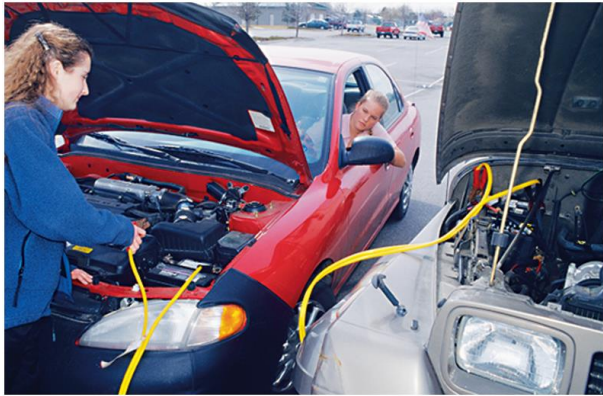
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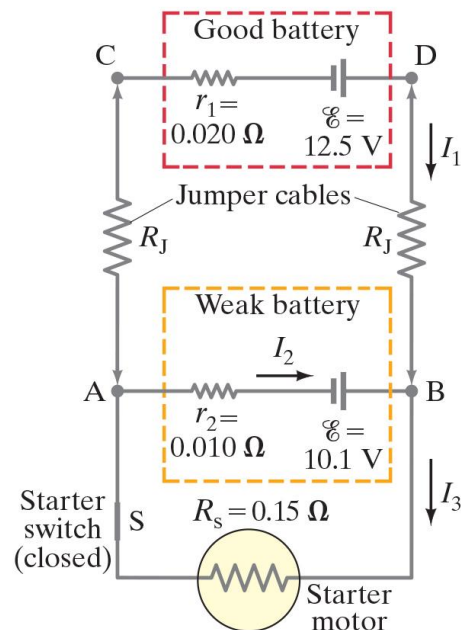
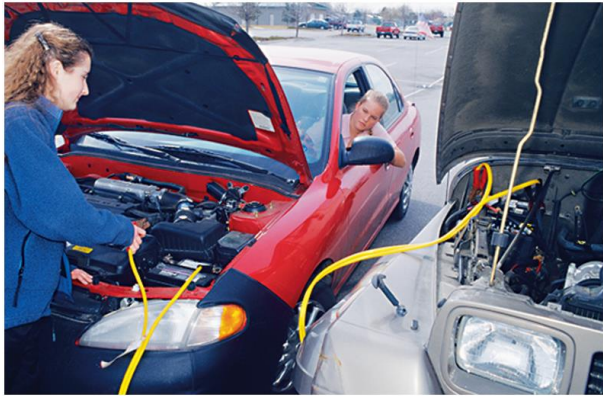
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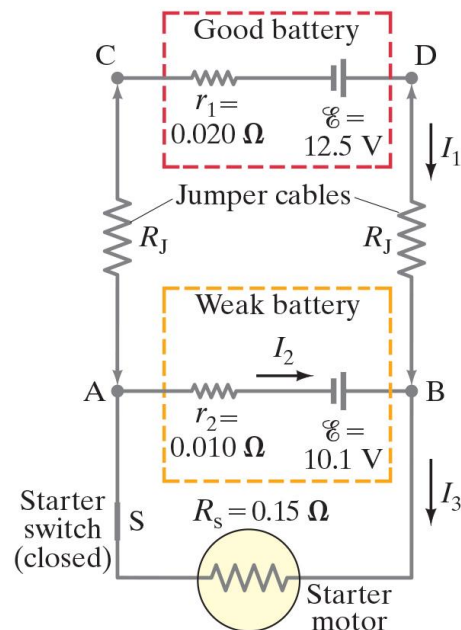
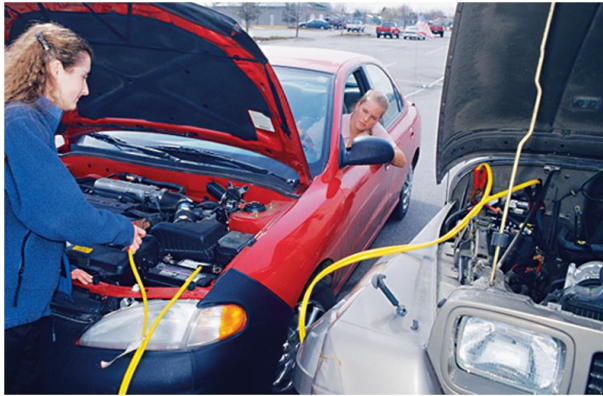
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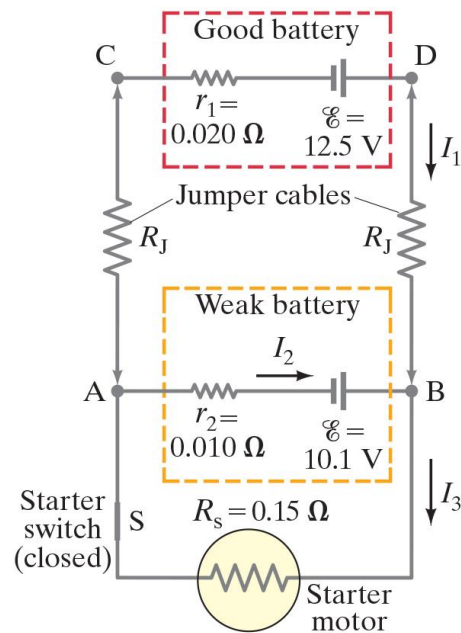
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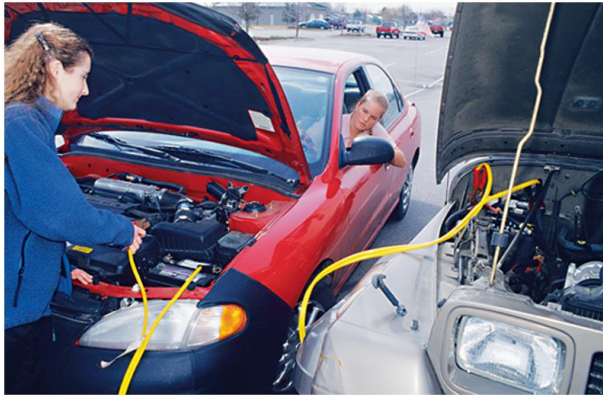


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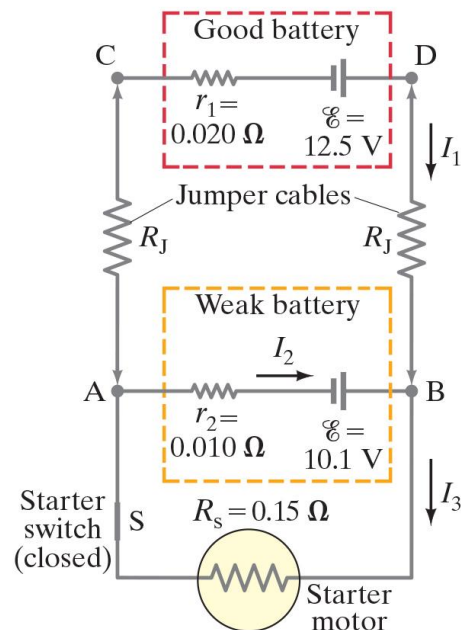


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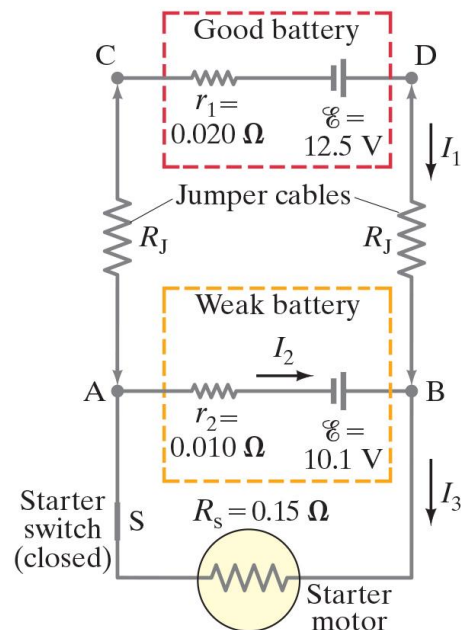
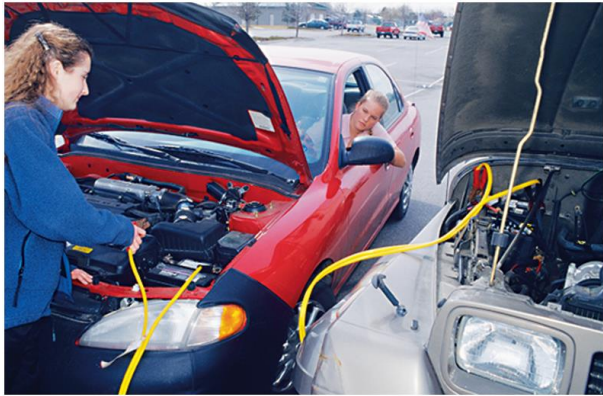
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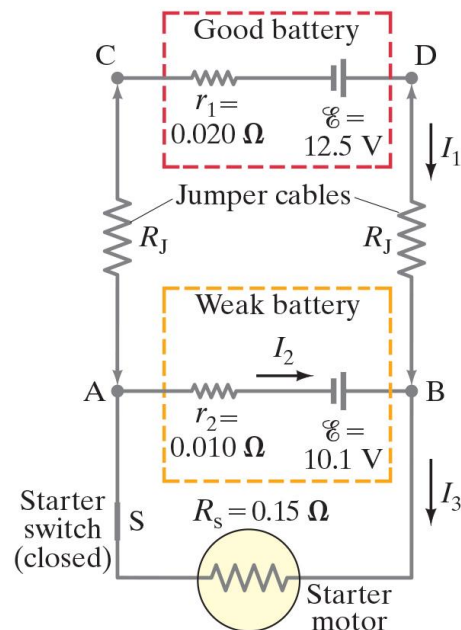
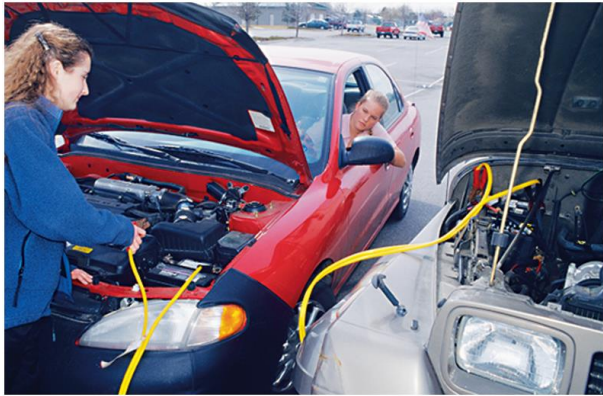
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Solving for the three current, we get $I_1 = 76$, $I_2 = -5$, $I_3 = 71 \, A$

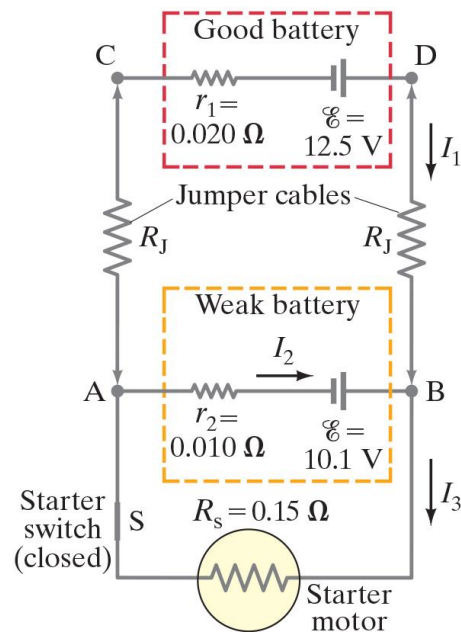
The current in the motor is much higher now.

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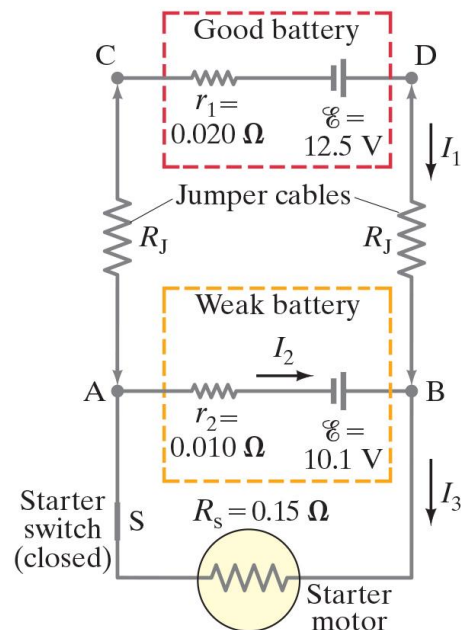
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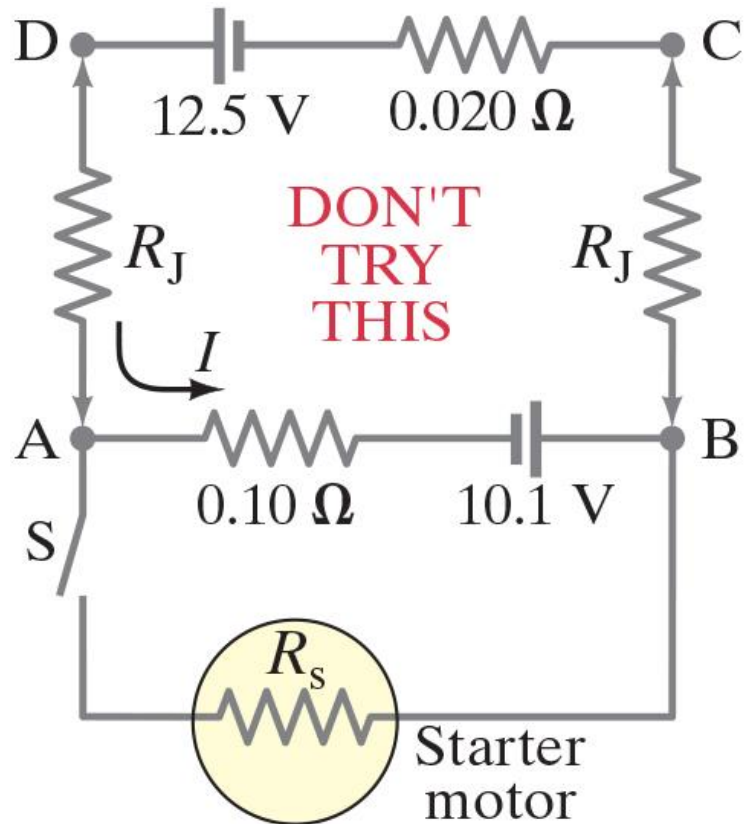
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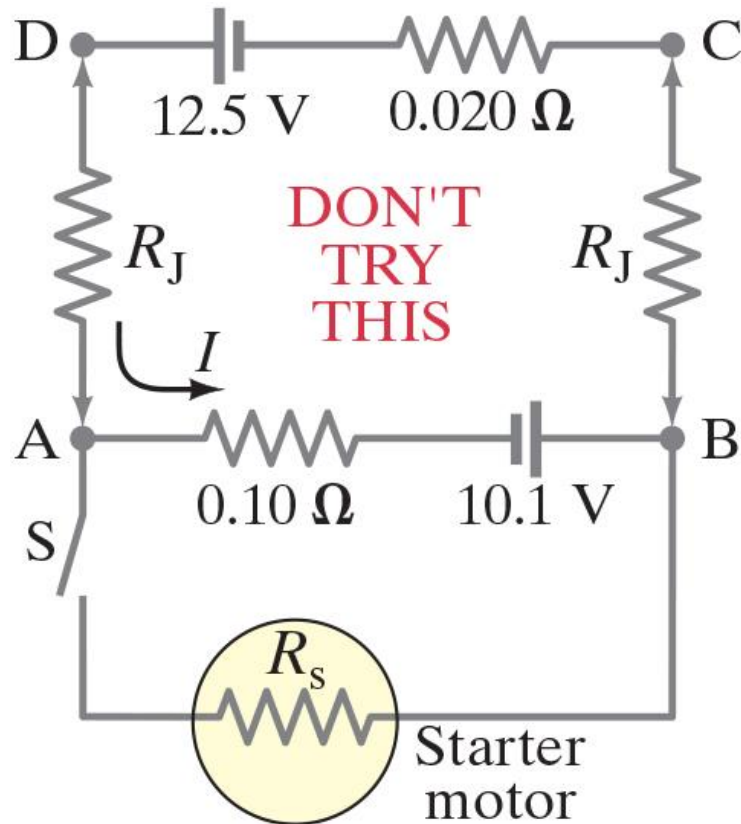


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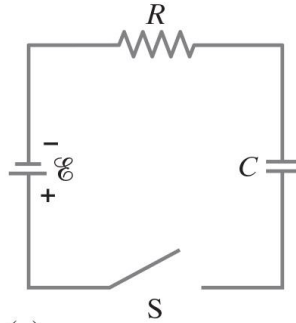
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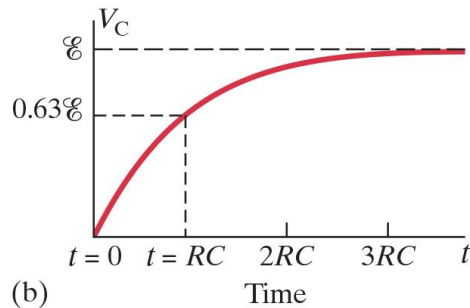
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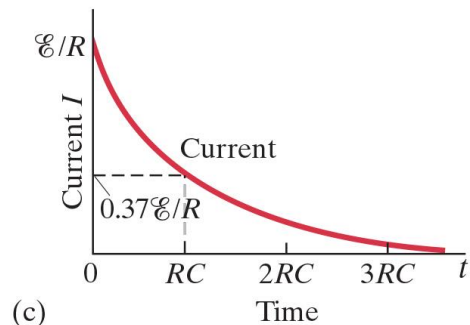


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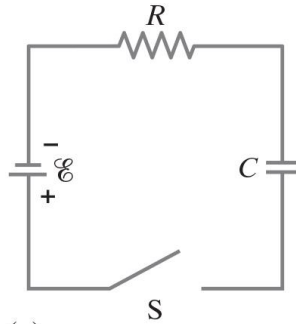


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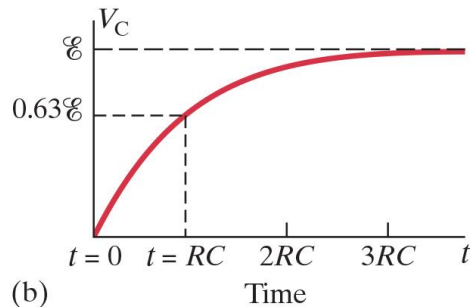


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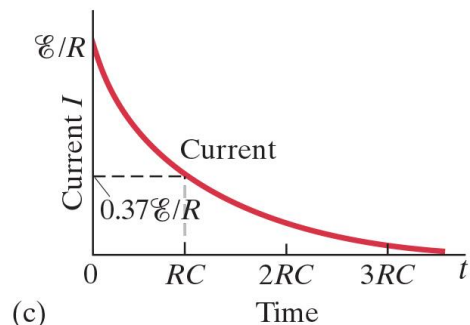
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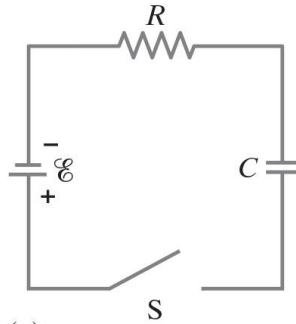


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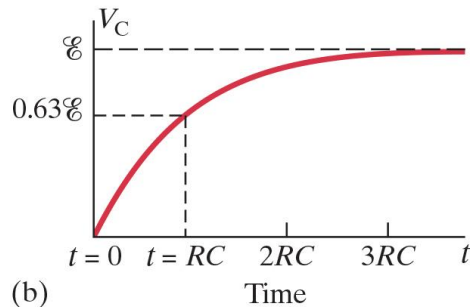
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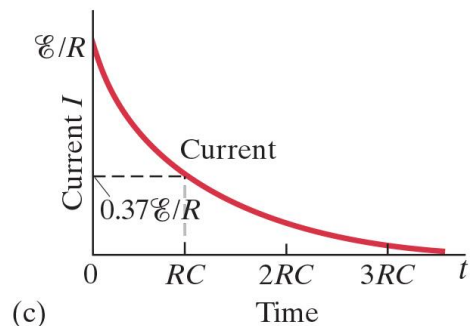
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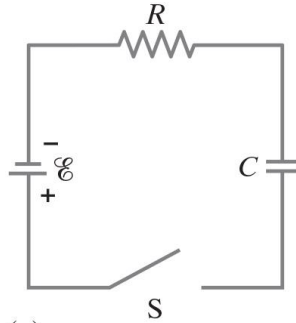
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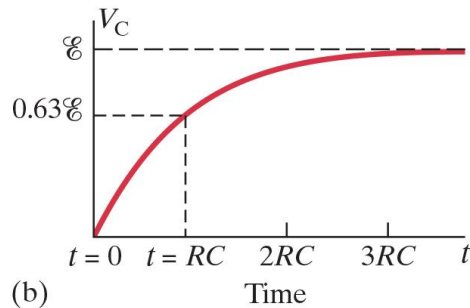
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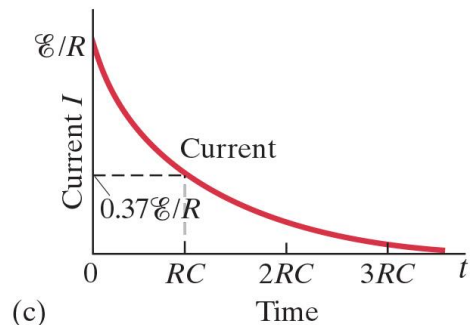
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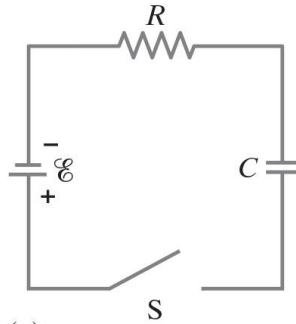


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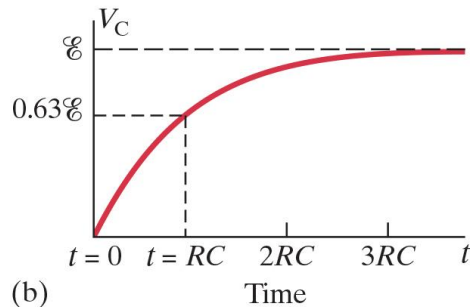


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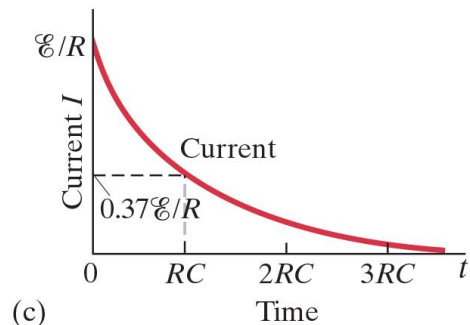
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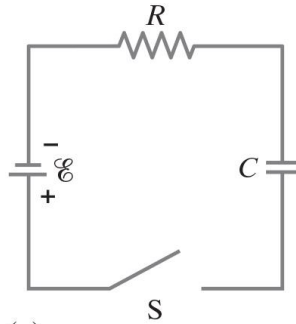
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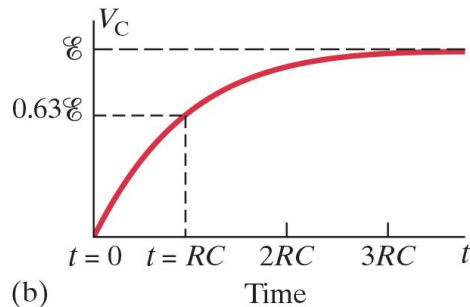
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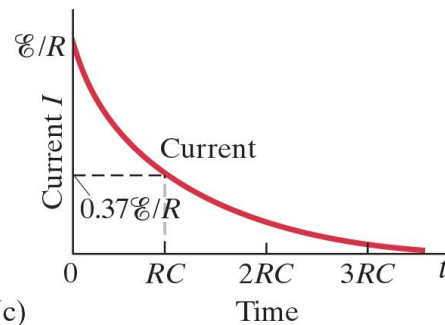
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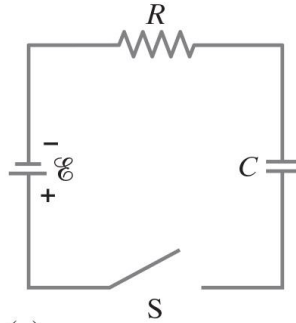
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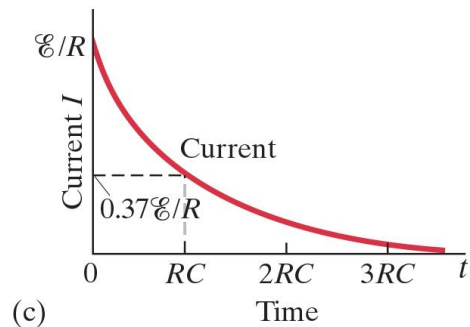
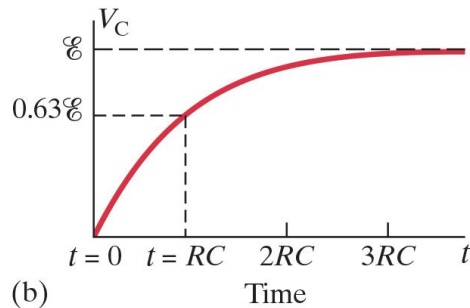
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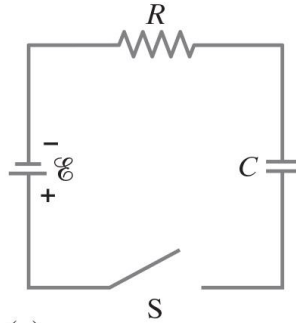


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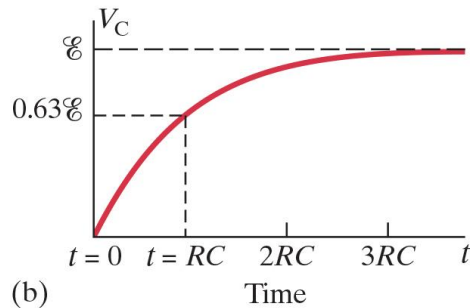
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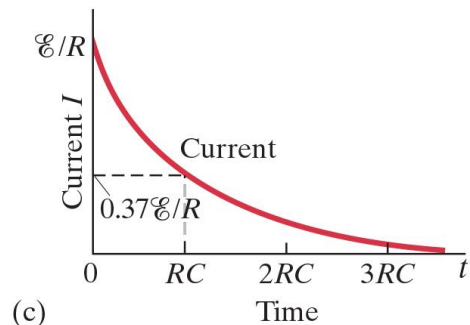
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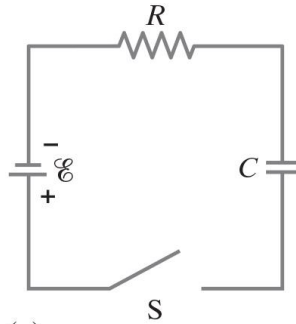
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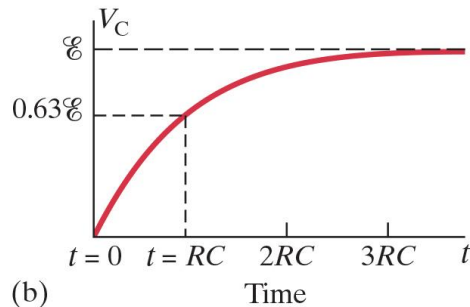
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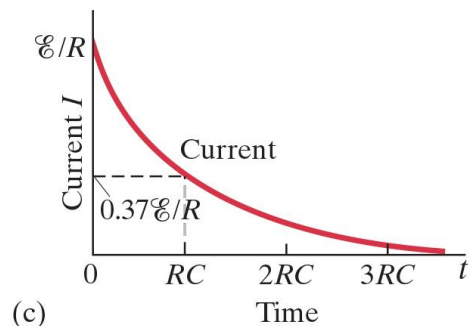
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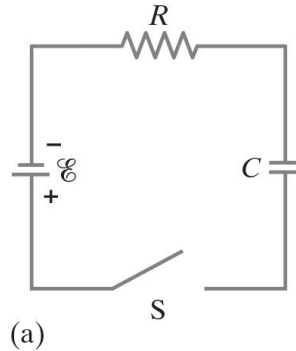
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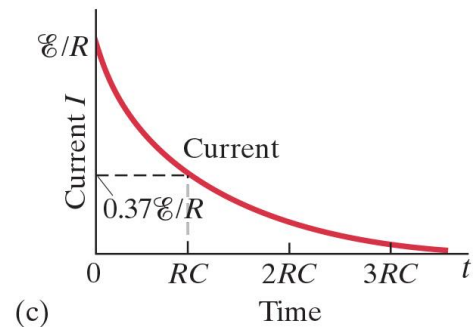
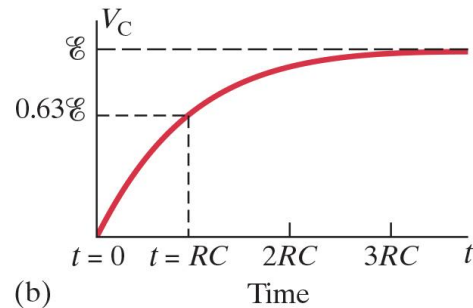
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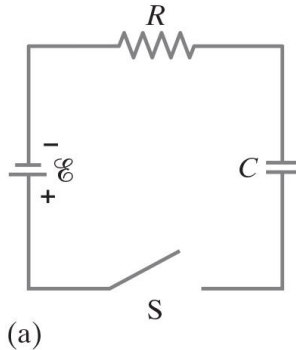


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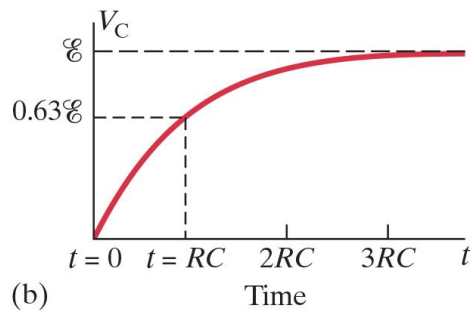


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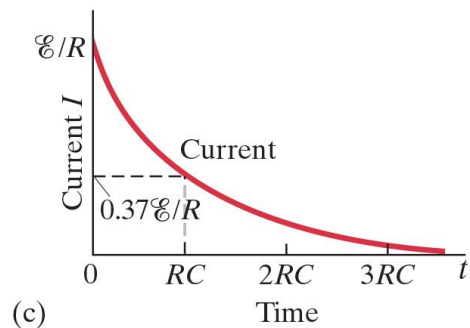


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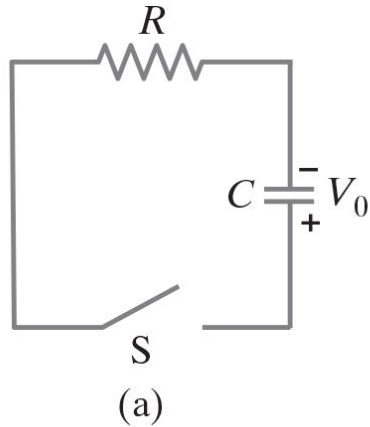
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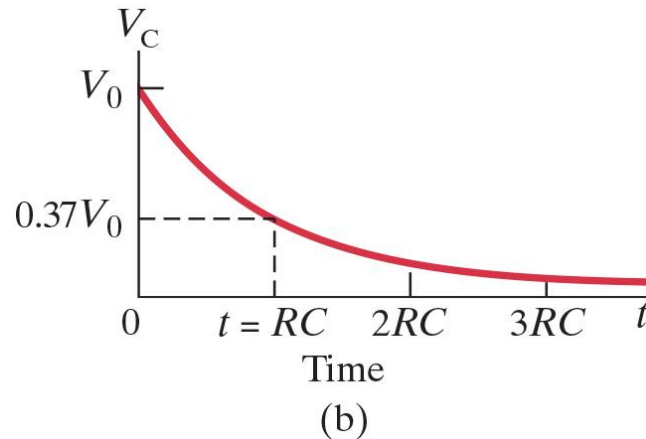


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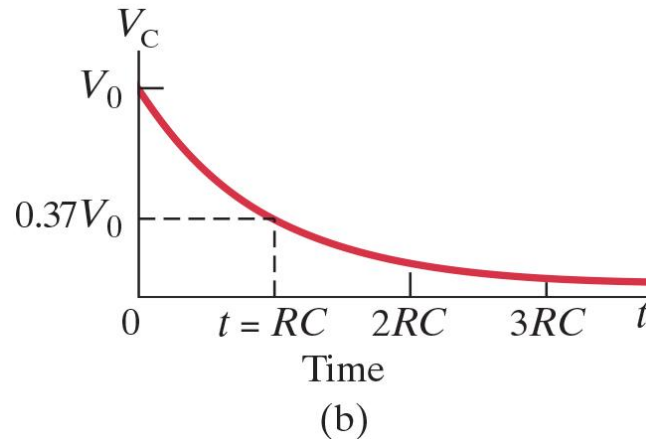
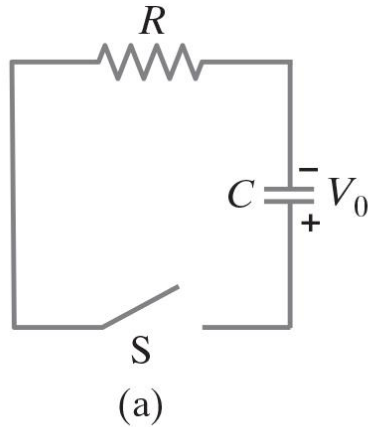


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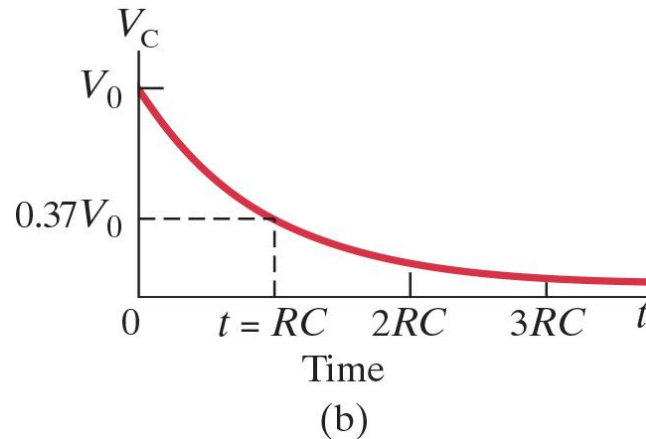
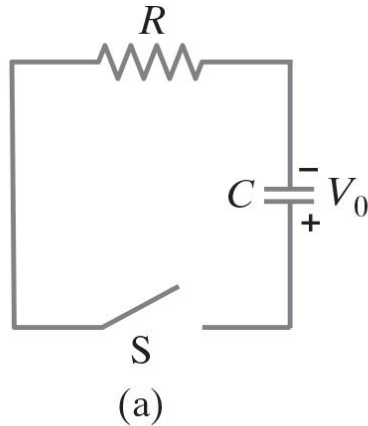
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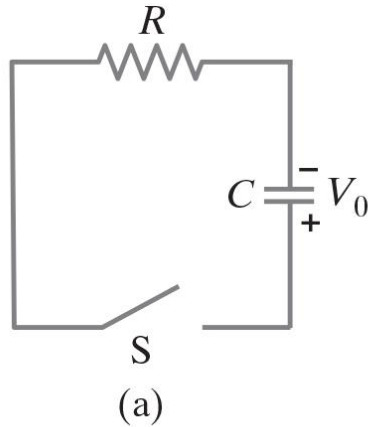
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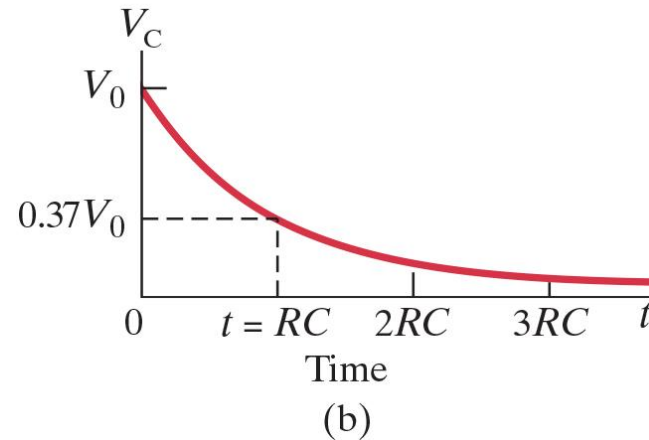
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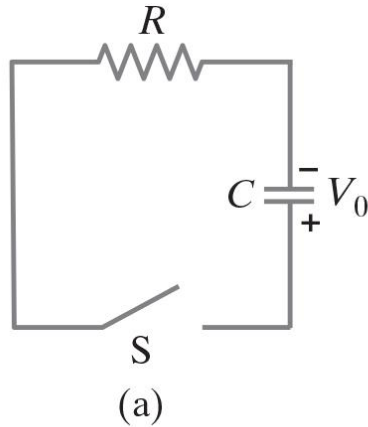
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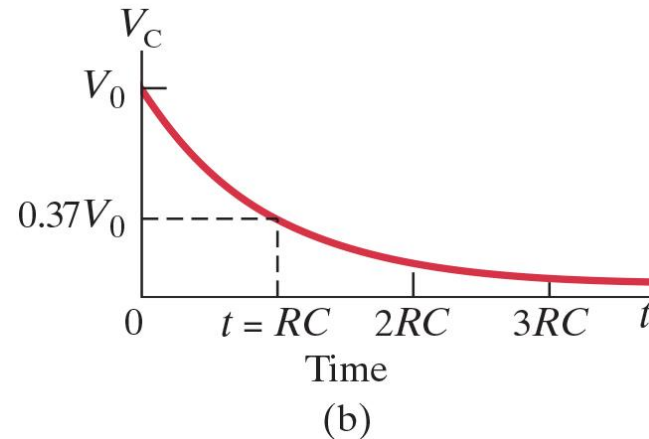
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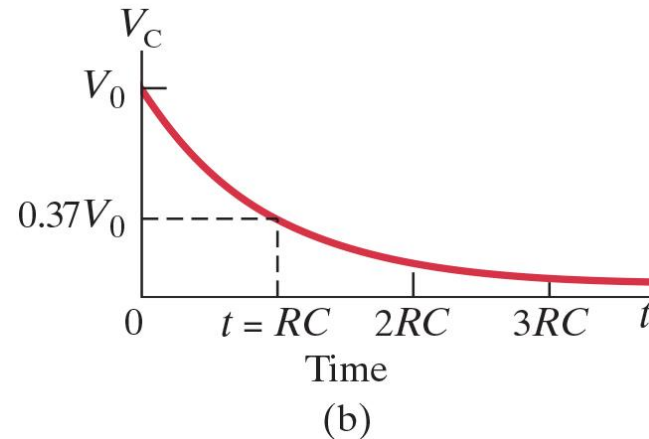
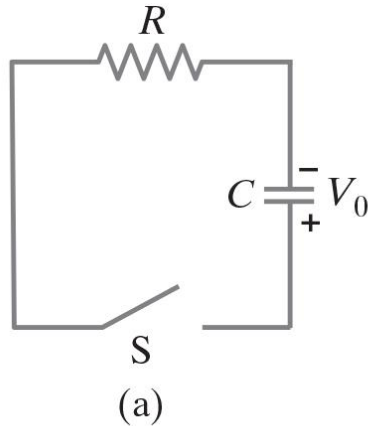
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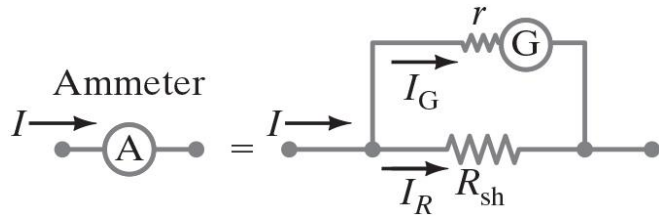
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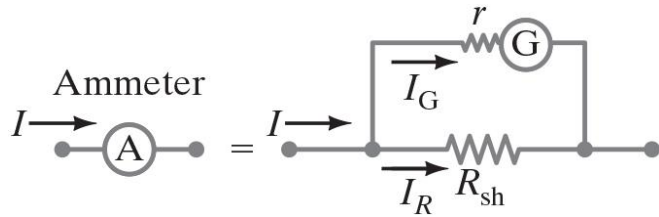
All three quantities decrease over time and (asymptotically) reach zero values. This is consistent with the fact we are not relying on any voltage-providing device (e.g., a battery).

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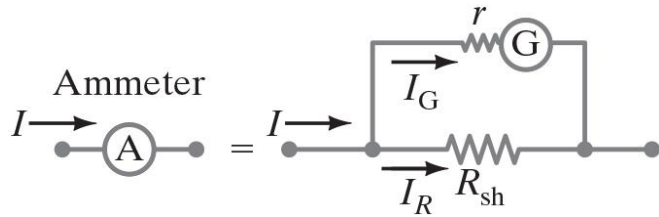
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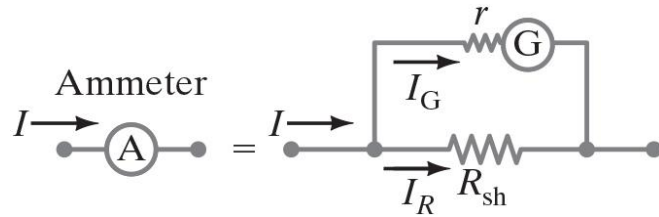


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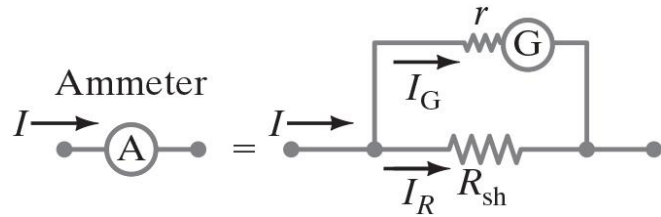
An analog ammeter consists of a galvanometer in parallel with a resistor called the **shunt resistor**. The shunt resistance is R_{sh} while the resistance in the galvanometer coil is r . R_{sh} is chosen according to the full-scale deflection needed, and is generally very small, so that (almost) all current flows through it.

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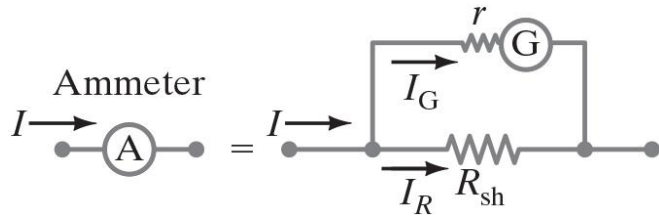
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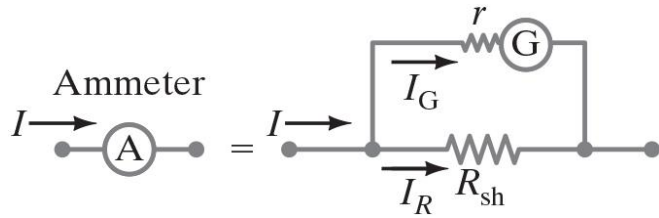
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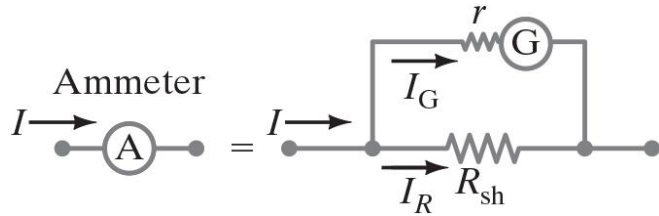
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$$R_{sh} = \frac{(5.0 \times 10^{-5}\text{ A})(30\text{ }\Omega)}{0.999950\text{ A}} = 1.5 \times 10^{-3}\text{ }\Omega$$

As anticipated, the shunt resistance must be very small.

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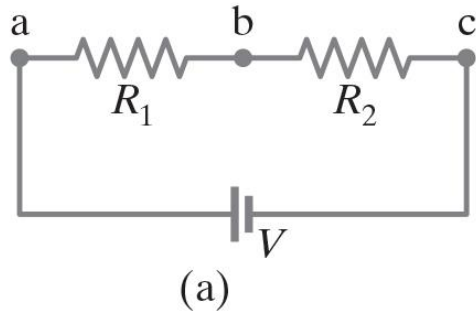
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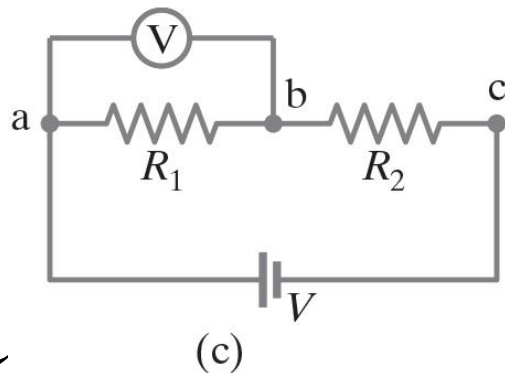
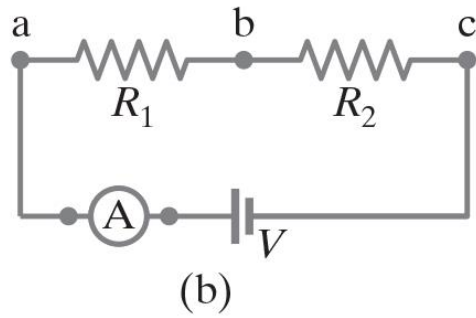
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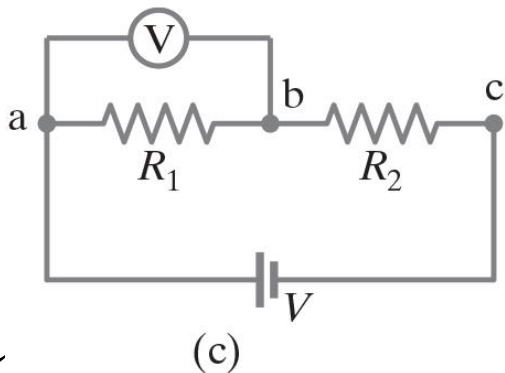
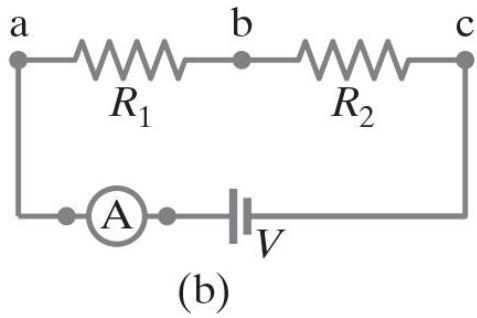
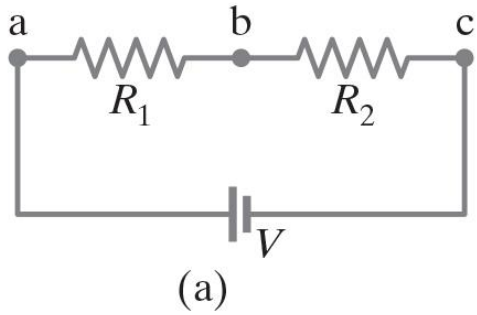
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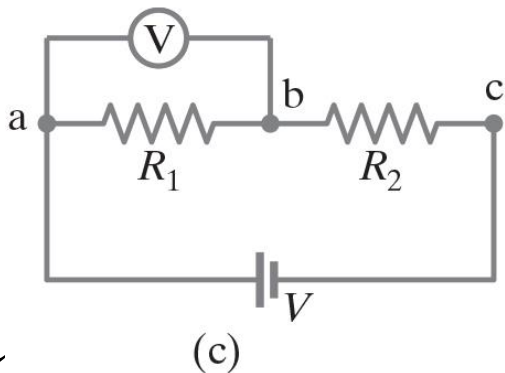
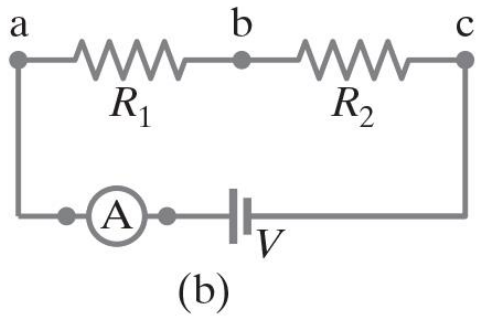
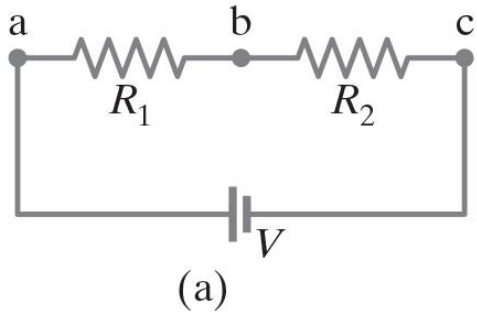
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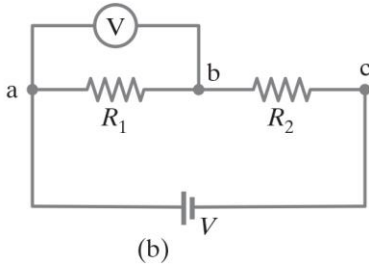
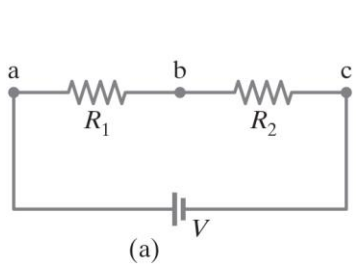


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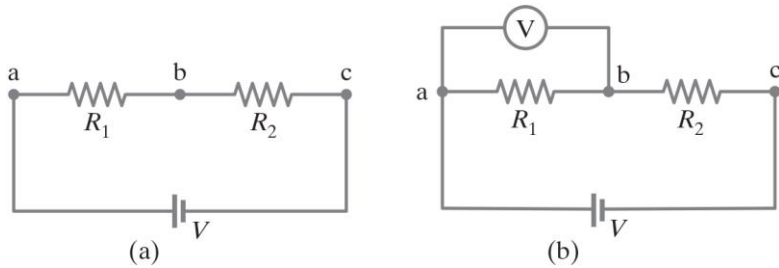
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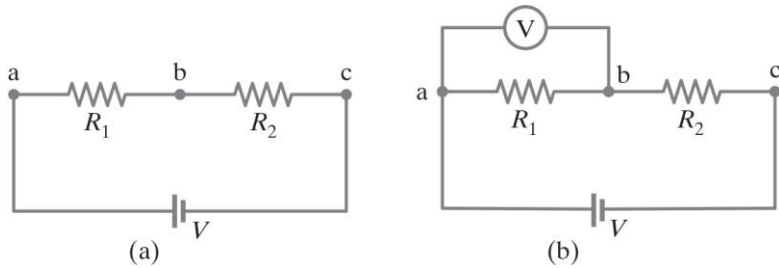
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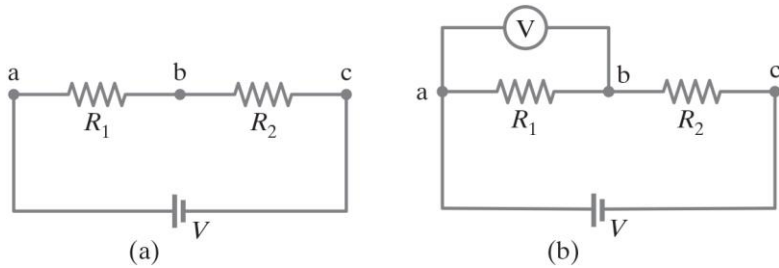


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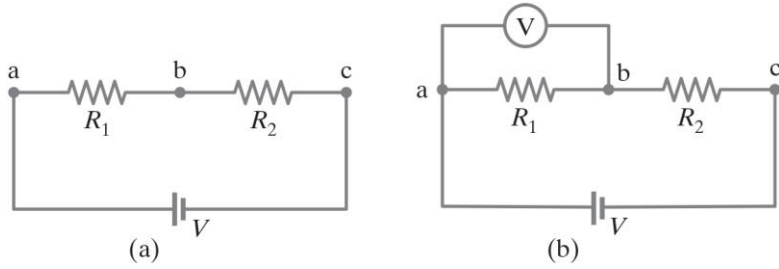
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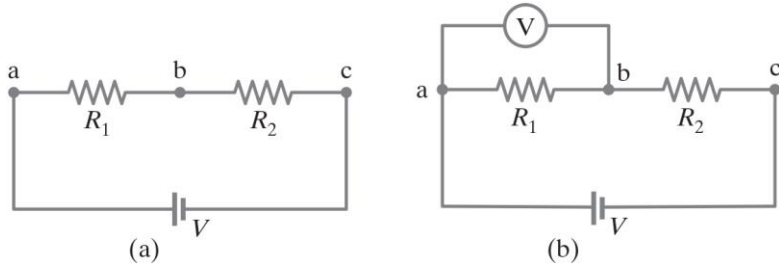
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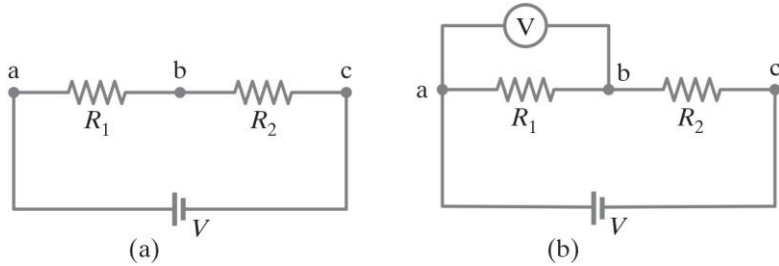
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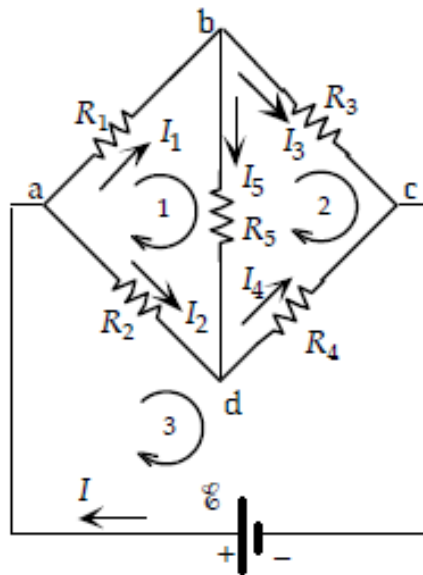
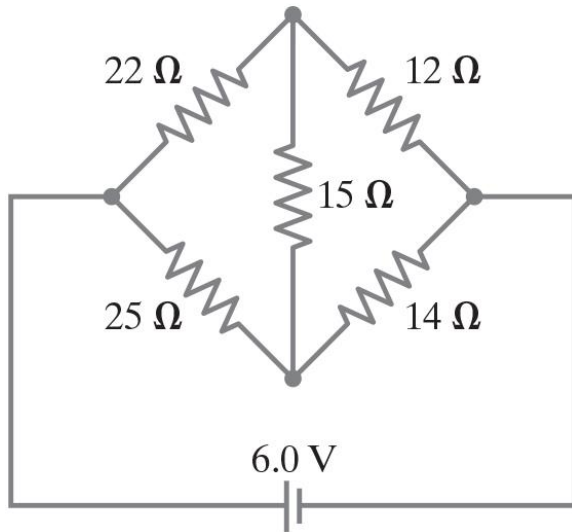
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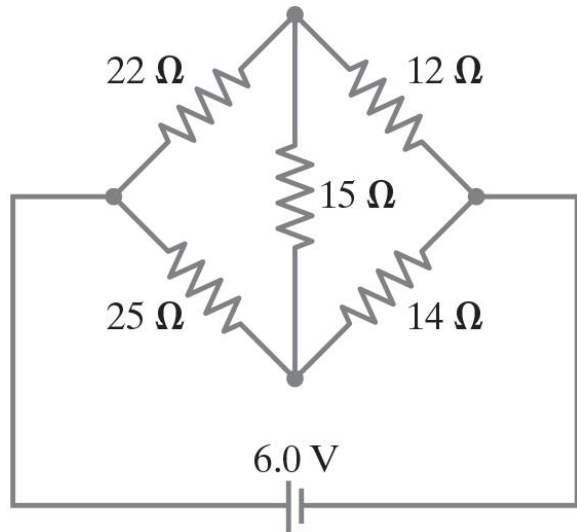
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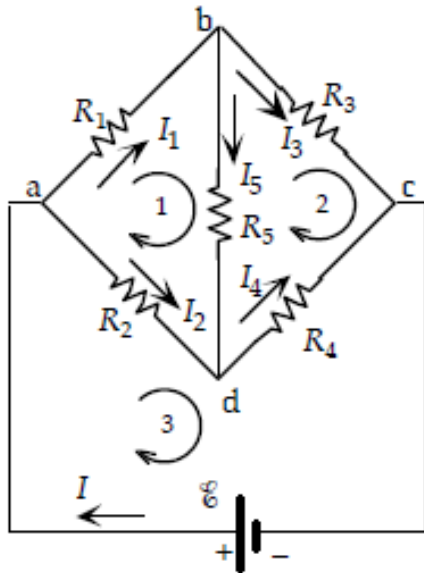
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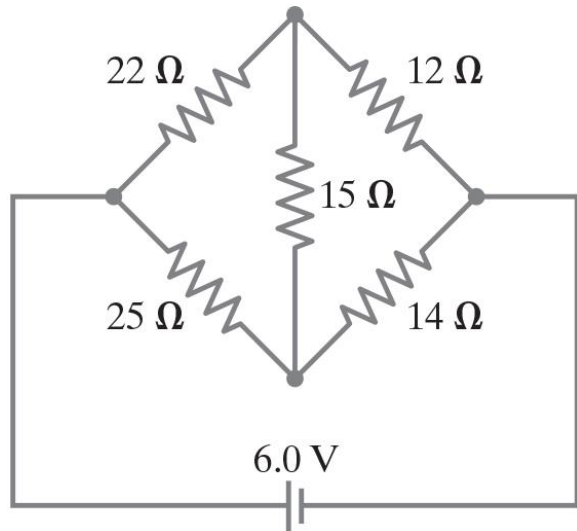
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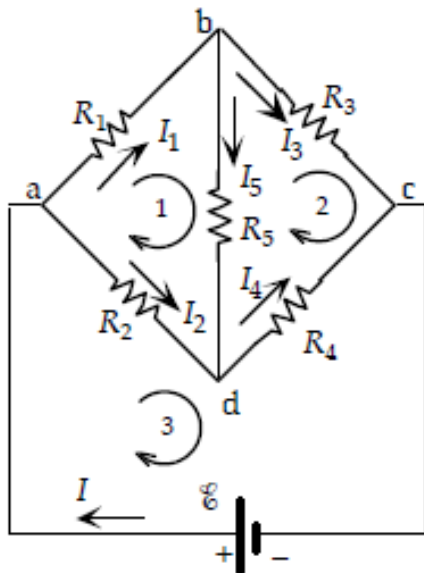
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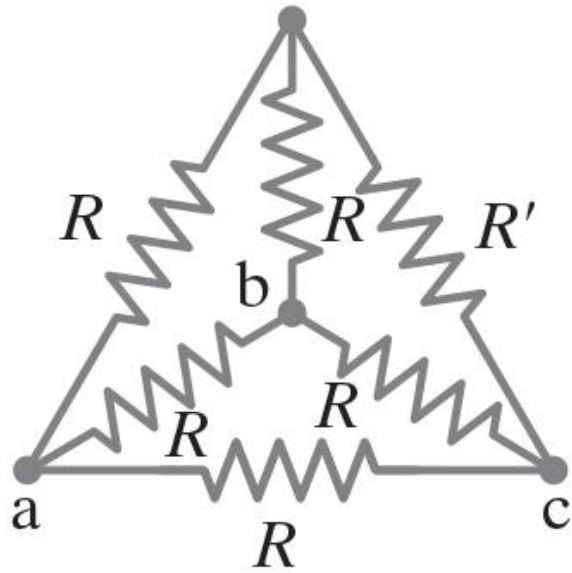
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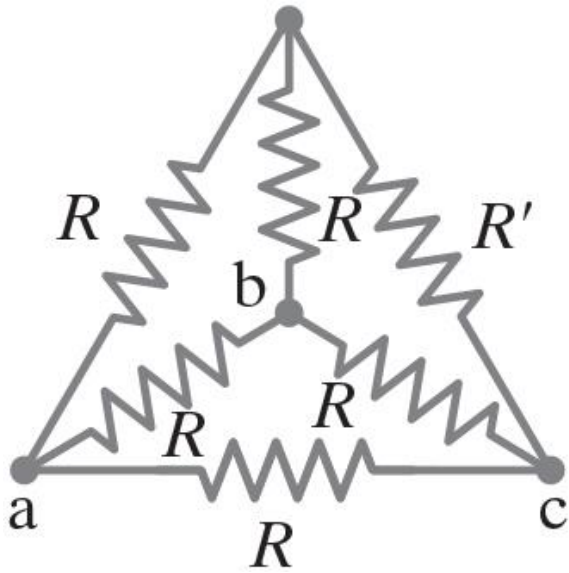


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$$R_{eq} = \left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{2R} + \frac{1}{2R} \right)^{-1}$$

Wrap-up: revisiting Learning objectives

After this lecture you should be able to:

- Understand the general **characteristics** of an EMF
- Determine the **equivalent resistance** of a set of resistances in series and parallel
- Use **Kirchhoff's rules** to determine current and voltages in a circuit
- Understand the **transient dynamics** of RC circuits
- Understand the **functioning** of ammeters and voltmeters

$$V_{ab} = \varepsilon - Ir$$

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