

Current

- Rate of flow of charge
 - Amount of charge per unit time that crosses one point

$$I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$$

- Symbol: (*I*)
- Unit: ampere (A)

• Small computer speakers often have power supplies that give 12 V at 200 mA. How much charge flows through the circuit in 1 hour and how much energy is used to deliver this charge?

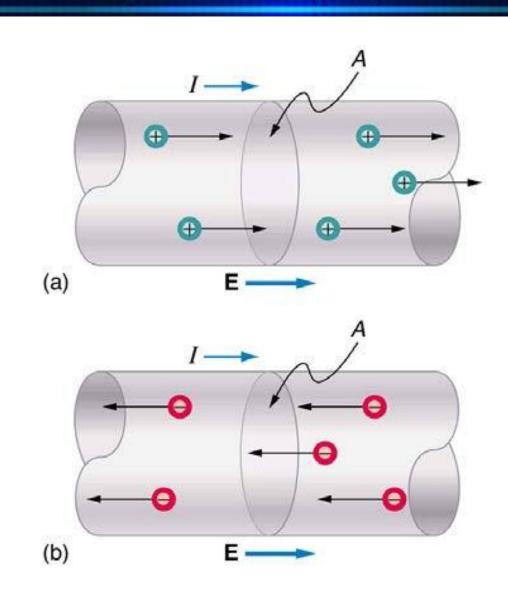
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$$\Delta Q = 720 \text{ C}$$

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$$E = 8640 \text{ J}$$

Conventional Current

- Electrons are the charge that flows through wires
- Historically thought positive charges move

- Conventional current → imaginary flow of positive charges
 - Flows from positive terminal and into negative terminal
 - Real current flows the opposite way

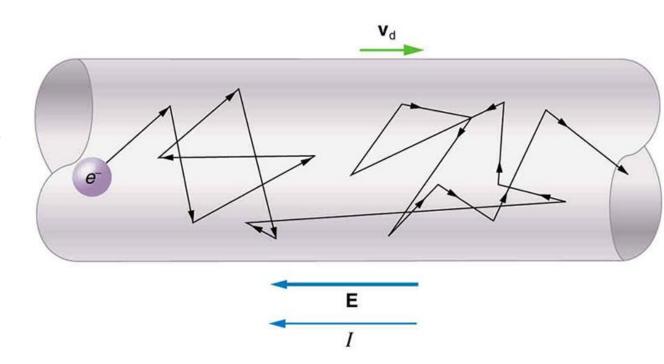


Drift Velocity

- Electrical signals travel near speed of light, but electrons travel much slower
- Each new electron pushes one ahead of it, so current is actually like wave

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$$I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = \frac{qnAx}{\Delta t} = qnAv_d$$

- q = charge of each electron
- n =free charge density
- A = cross-sectional area
- v_d = drift velocity



- Think of water pumps
 - Bigger pumps → more water flowing
 - Skinny pipes (more resistance) → less water flow
- Electrical Circuits
 - Bigger battery voltage → more current
 - Big electrical resistance → less current

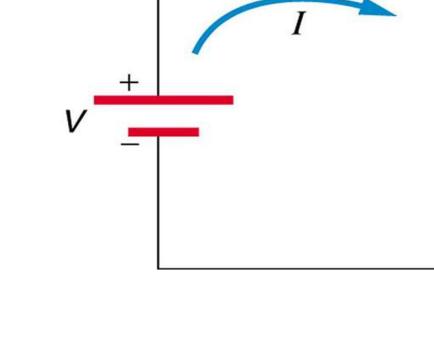
Ohm's Law

$$I = \frac{V}{R} \text{ or } V = IR$$

- V = emf
- I = current
- R = resistance
 - Unit: $V/A = ohm(\Omega)$

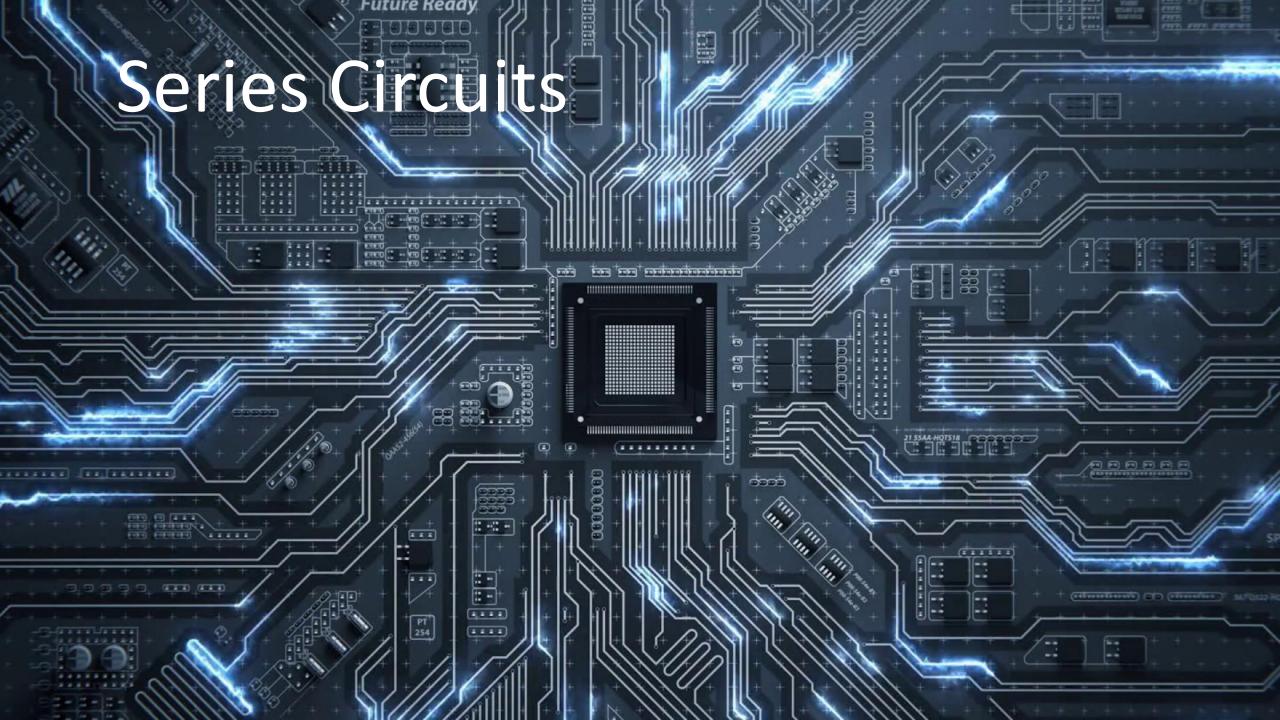
Resistors

- Device that offers resistance to flow of charges
- Copper wire has very little resistance
- Symbols used for
 - Resistor \rightarrow
 - Wire →



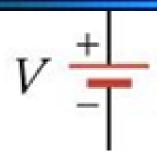
• Our speakers use 200 mA of current at maximum volume. The voltage is 12V. The current is used to produce a magnet which is used to move the speaker cone. Find the resistance of the electromagnet.

• $R = 60 \Omega$

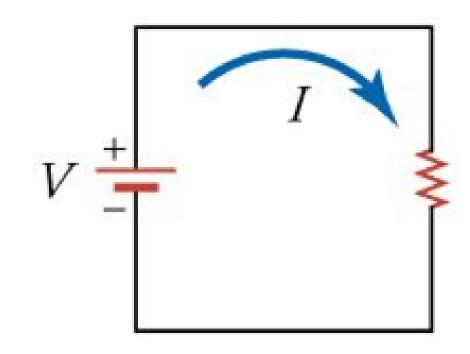


Electric circuit

- Must be a complete loop
- The electric potential at battery is high
- The electric charges flow (current) down to the low potential
- Along the way, the electric potential energy is used by the devices on the circuit
- When the charges reach the low potential, there is no potential left. It has all been used.
- Without a complete loop, there is no low potential for the charges to be attracted to



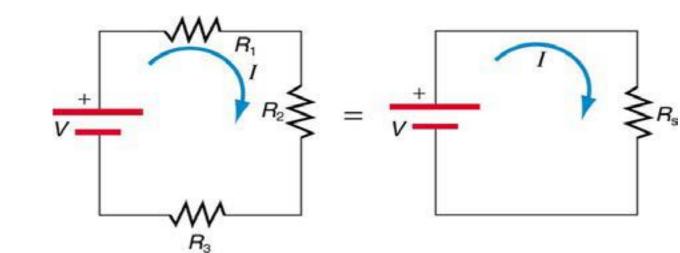
- Battery: Long side is positive, short side is negative
- Provides the potential to make the current flow
- Current flows from positive side to negative side
- Resistor: Uses the potential to do work





Series Wiring

- More than one device on circuit
- Same current through each device
- Break in device means no current
- Form one "loop"
- The resisters divide the voltage between them



• *V* divide among resistors

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$$V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$$

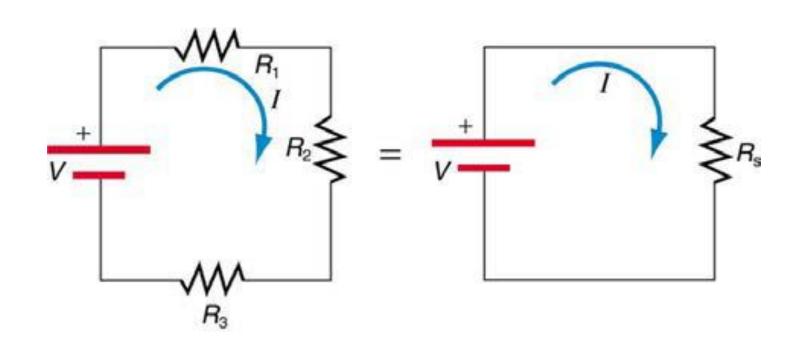
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$$V = IR$$

$$\bullet V = IR_1 + IR_2 + IR_3$$

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$$V = I(R_1 + R_2 + R_3)$$

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$$V = IR_S$$

$$\bullet R_S = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$$



• A 5.17 $k\Omega$ resistor and a 10.09 $k\Omega$ resistor are connected in series. What is the equivalent resistance?

• 15.26 kΩ

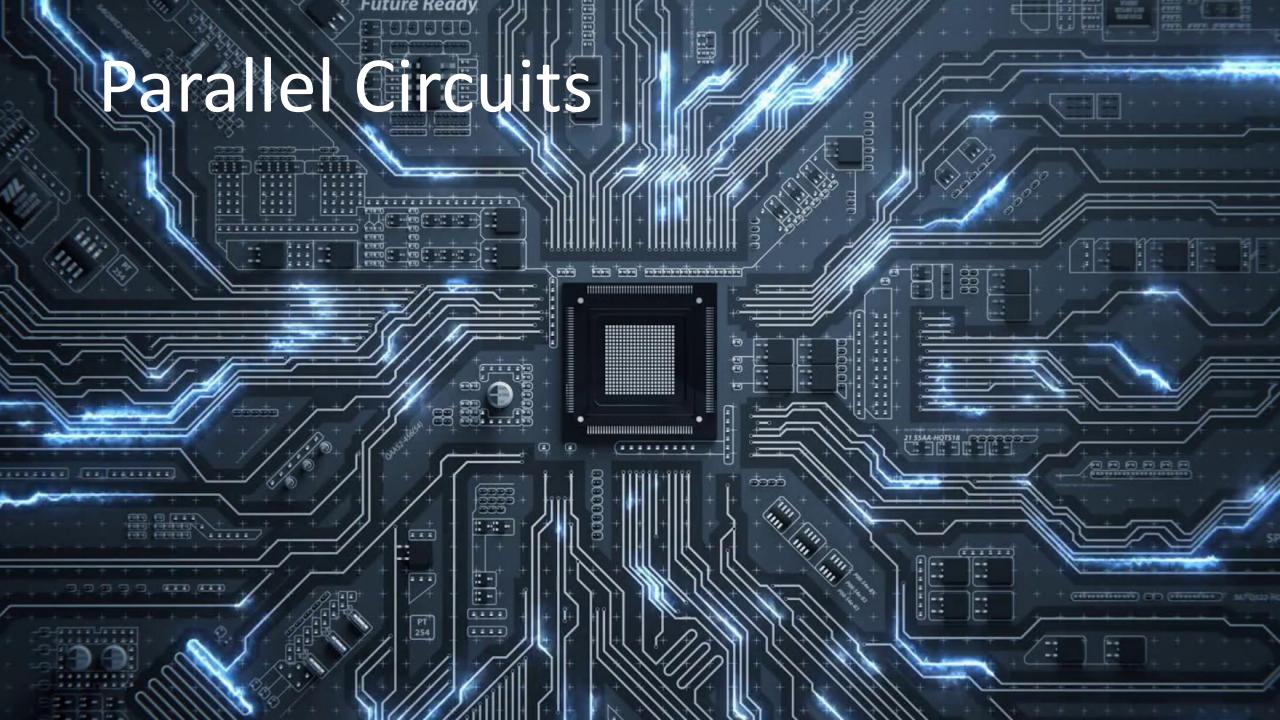




• Bathroom vanity lights are occasionally wired in series. V = 120 V and you install 3 bulbs with $R = 8\Omega$ and 1 bulb with $R = 12\Omega$. What is the current and voltage of each bulb?

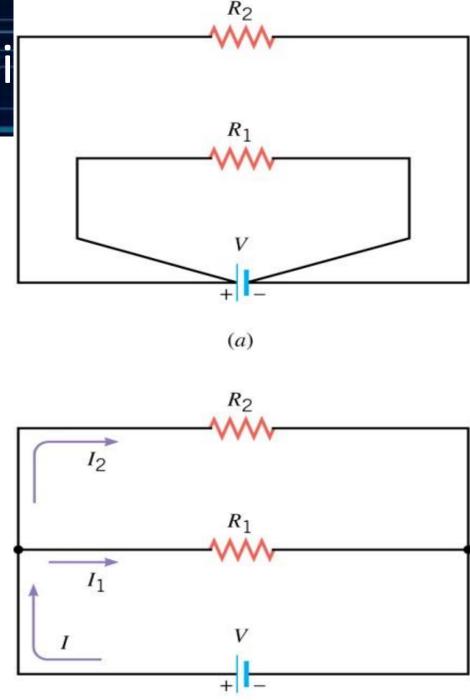
- I = 3.33 A
- V = 26.7 V, 40 V





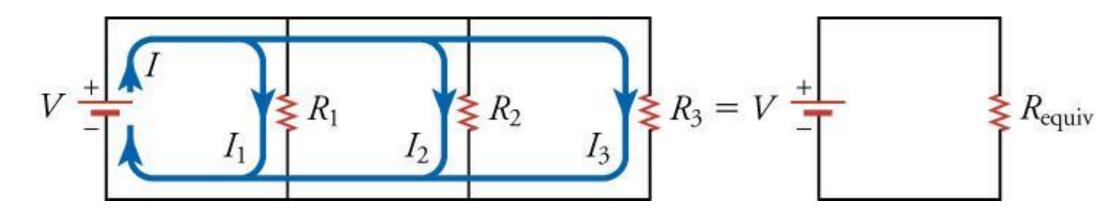
Parallel Wiring

- Same voltage across several devices
- Typical house wiring
- Break in device has no effect on current
- Resistors divide current



Derivation

- Each branch draws current as if the other wasn't there
- Each branch draws less current than the power supply gives
- R = V / I
- Overall circuit: Large $I \rightarrow Small R$
 - Smaller resistance than either branch



$$I = I_1 + I_2$$

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

$$I = \frac{V}{R_1} + \frac{V}{R_2}$$

$$I = V\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right) = V\left(\frac{1}{R_P}\right)$$

Parallel Resistors

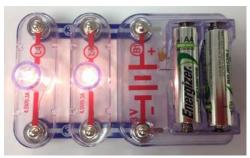
$$\frac{1}{R_P} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \cdots$$

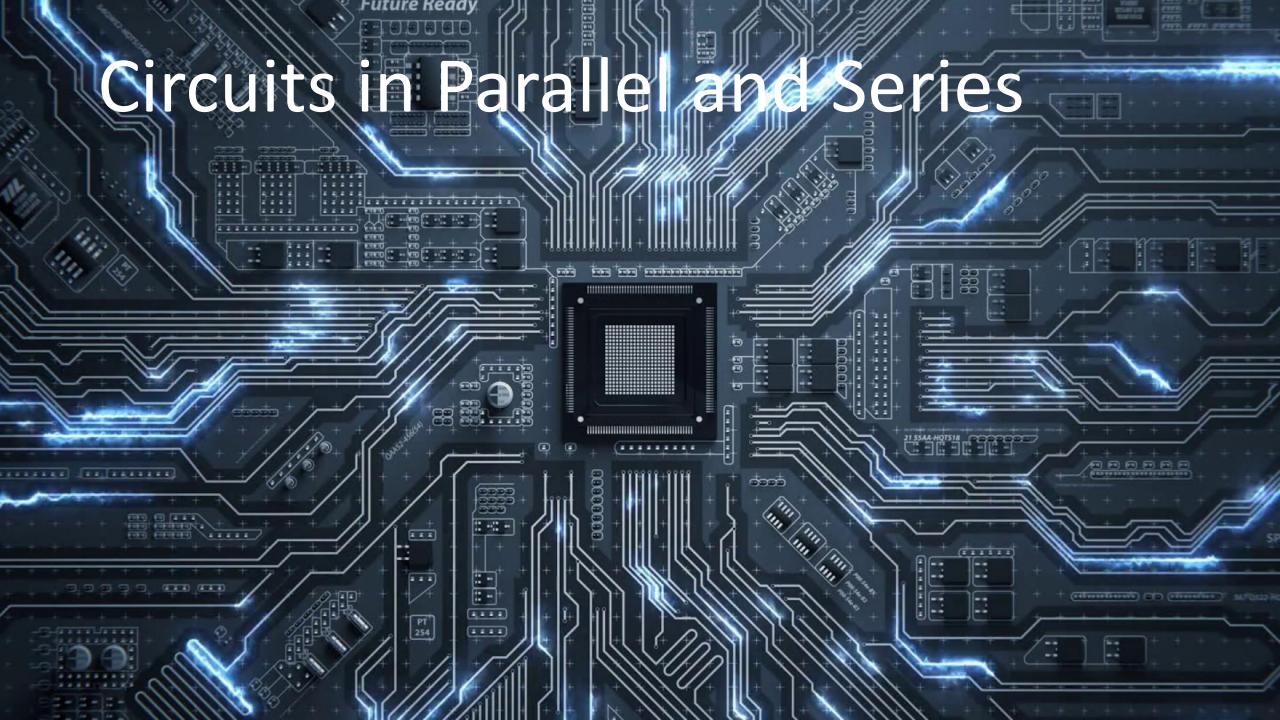
• A 1004 Ω resistor and a 101 Ω resistor are connected in parallel. What is the equivalent resistance?

- 91.8 Ω
- If they were connected to a 3 V battery, how much total current would the battery supply?

- 32.7 mA
- How much current through each resistor?
- 3.0 mA and 29.7 mA





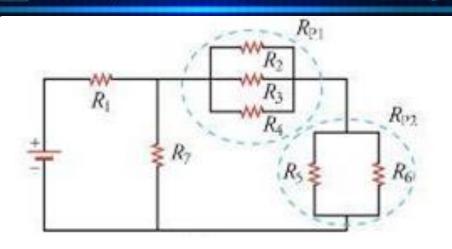


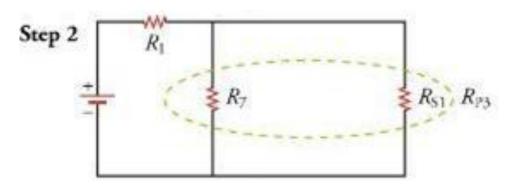
Circuits Wired Partially in Series and Partially in Parallel

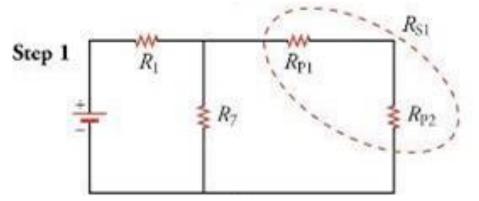
• Simplify any series portions of each branch

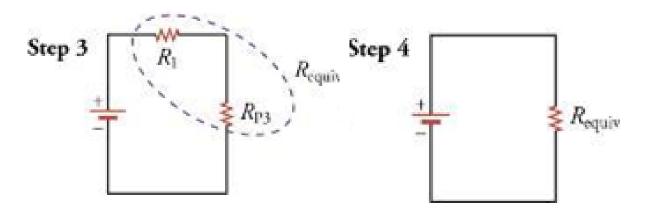
• Simplify the parallel circuitry of the branches

• If necessary, simplify any remaining series

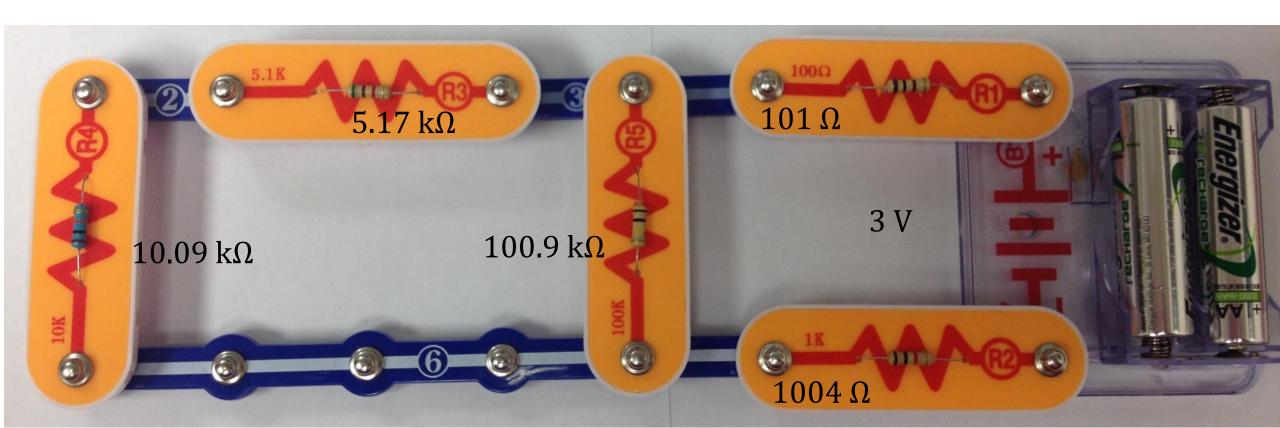


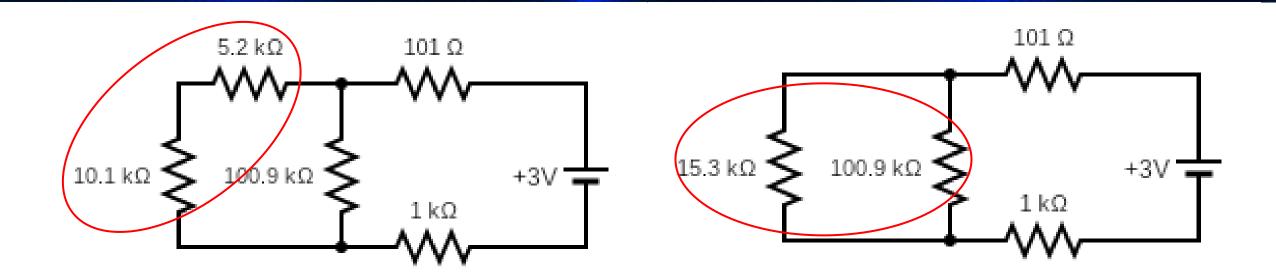


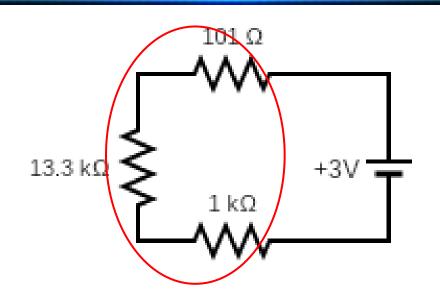


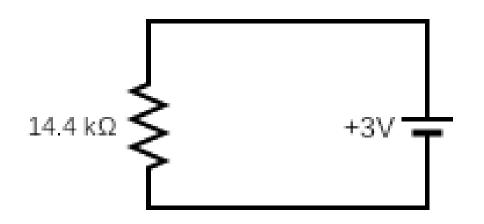


• Find the equivalent resistance and the total current of the following circuit.

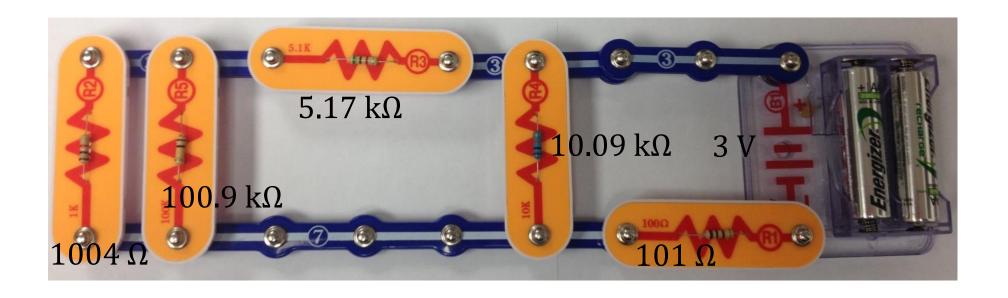


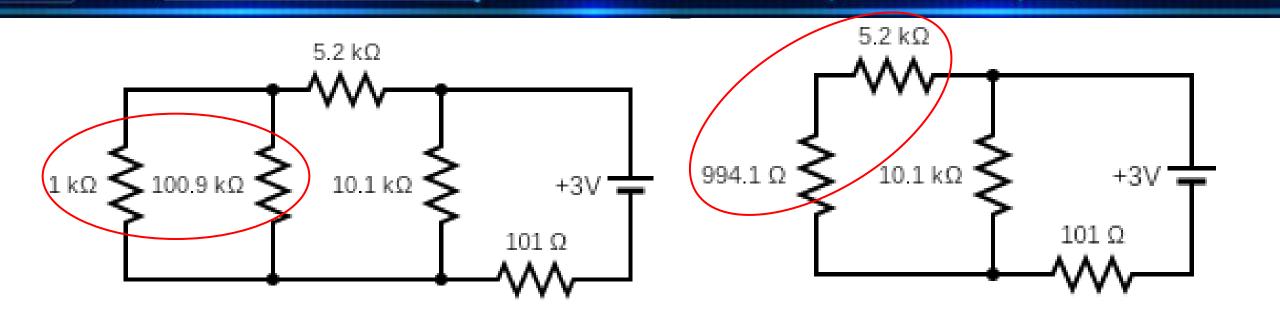


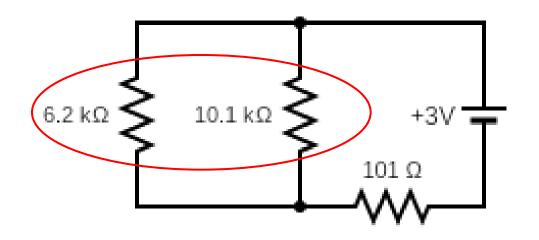


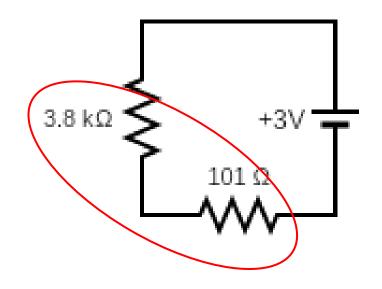


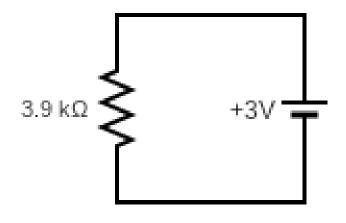
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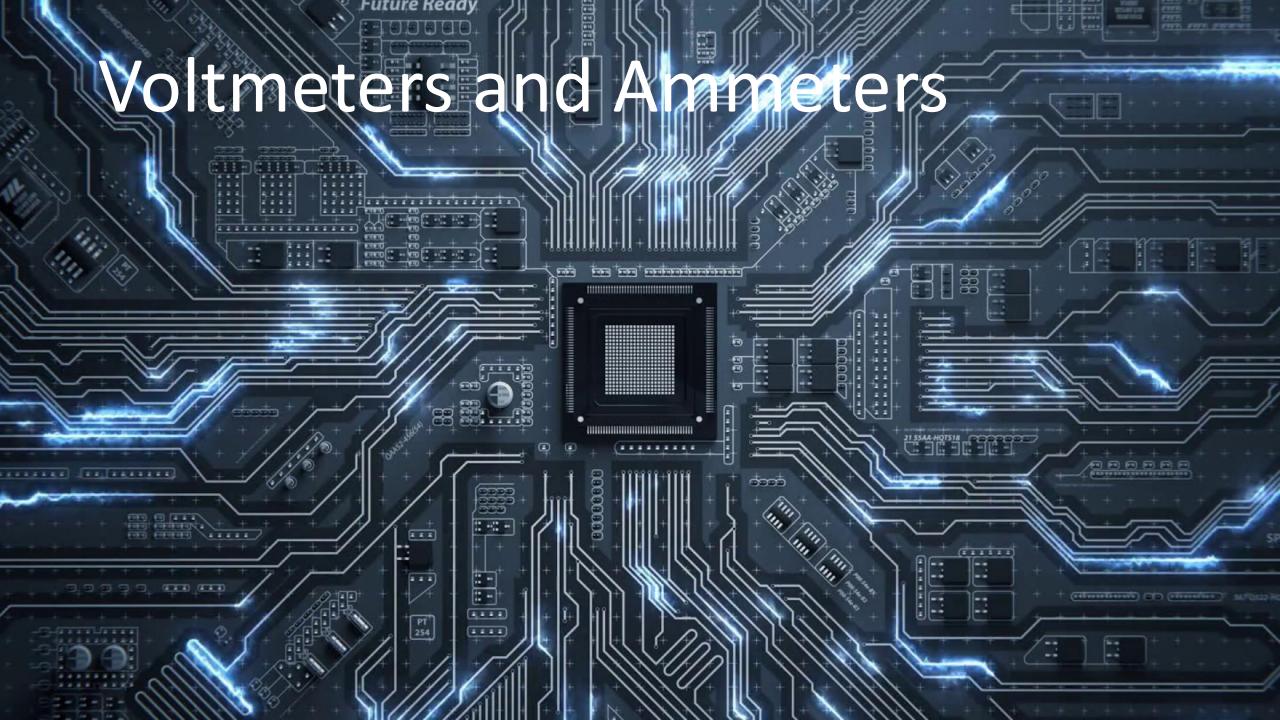






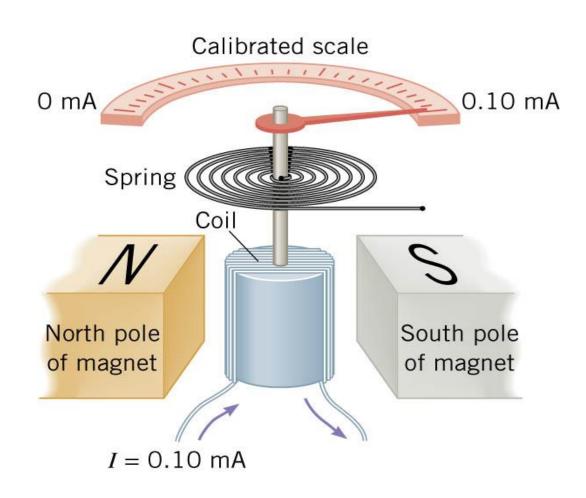






Voltmeters and Ammeters

Analog (non-digital) meters



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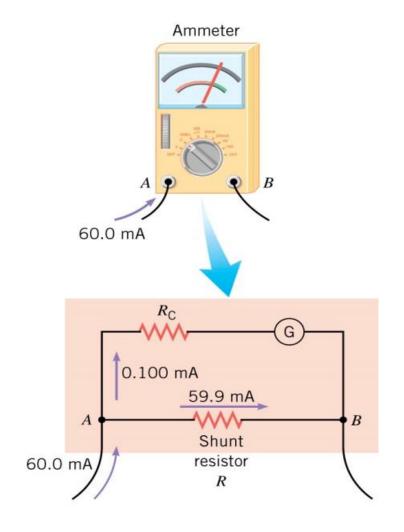
Ammeters

- Measures current
- Inserted into circuit so current passes through it
 - Connected in series



Voltmeters and Ammeters

- Coil usually measures only little current
- Has shunt resistors connected in parallel to galvanometer so excess current can bypass
 - A knob lets you select which shunt resistor is used



Voltmeters and Ammeters

- Problems with Ammeters
 - The resistance of the coil and shunt resistors add to the resistance of the circuit
 - This reduces the current in the circuit
 - Ideal ammeter has no resistance
 - Real-life good ammeters have small resistance so as only cause a negligible change in current

Voltmeters and Amme

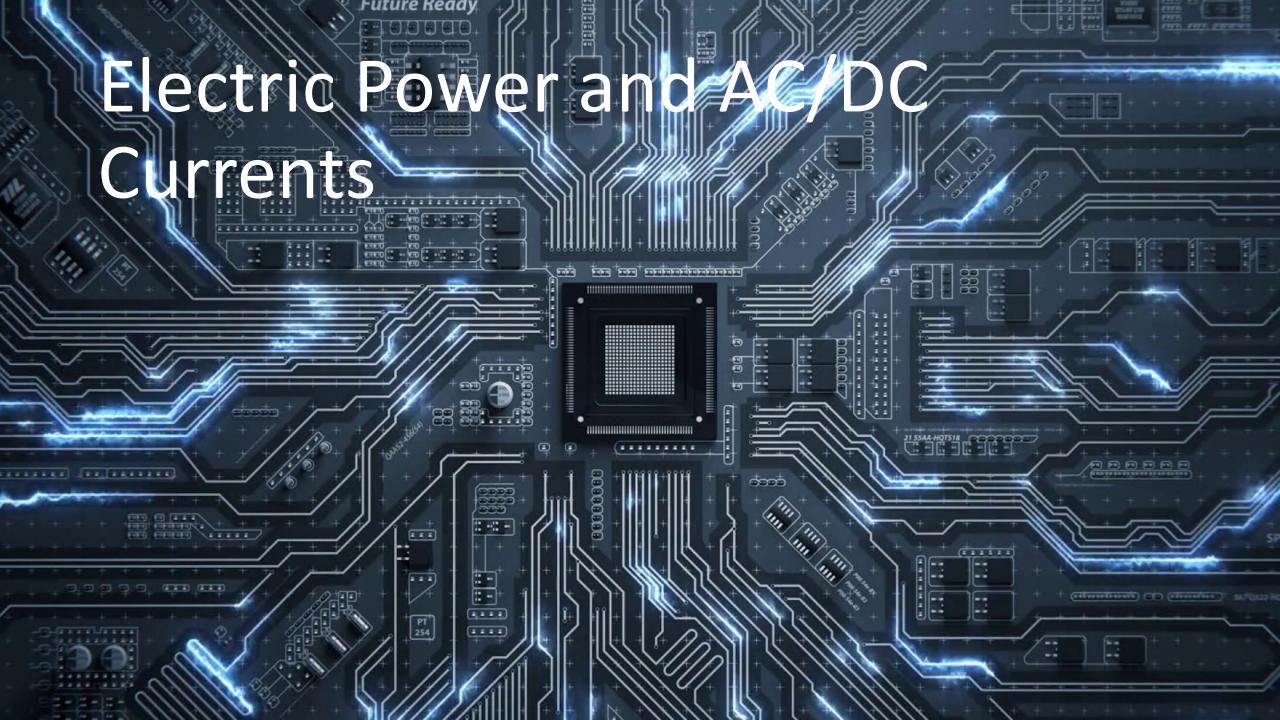
Voltmeters

- Connected in parallel to circuit since parallel has same voltage
- The coil works just like in the ammeter
- Given the current and the resistance of the coil $\rightarrow V = IR$
- To give more range, a large resistor is connected in series with the coil



Voltmeters and Ammeters

- Problems with Voltmeters
 - The voltmeter takes some the voltage out of the circuit
 - Ideal voltmeter would have infinitely large resistance as to draw tiny current
 - Good voltmeter has large enough resistance as to make the current draw (and voltage drop) negligible



$$P = \frac{W}{t}$$

$$W = \Delta E P E = (\Delta q) V$$

$$P = \frac{(\Delta q)V}{t} \qquad I =$$

$$P = IV$$

Power

$$P = IV$$

- Unit: Watt (W)
- Other equations for electrical power

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$$P = I(IR) = I^2R$$

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$$P = \left(\frac{V}{R}\right)V = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

• Let's say an electric heater has a resistance of 1430 Ω and operates at 120V. What is the power rating of the heater? How much electrical energy does it use in 24 hours?

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$$P = 10.1 \text{ W}$$

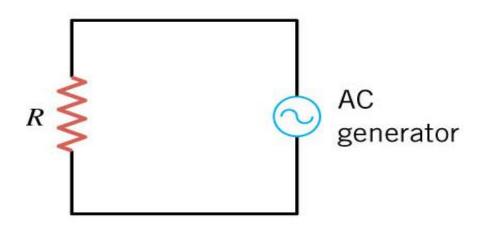
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$$E = 873 \text{ kJ}$$

Kilowatt hours

- Electrical companies charge you for the amount of electrical energy you use
- Measured in kilowatt hours (kWh)
- If electricity costs 0.15 per kWh how much does it cost to operate the previous heater (P = 10.1 W) for one month?
- \$1.09

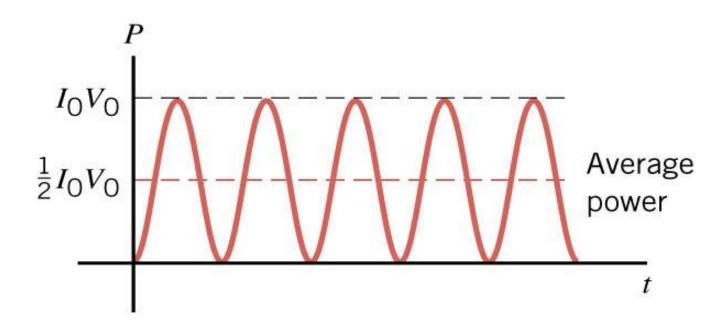
Alternating Current

- Charge flow reverses direction periodically
- Due to way that power plants generate power
- Simple circuit



Periodicity

Voltage, Current, and Power fluctuate with time



• So we usually talk about the averages

Average Power

- DC
 - P = IV
- AC
 - $P_{max} = I_0 V_0$
 - $P_{min} = 0$
 - $P_{ave} = \frac{1}{2}I_0V_0$
- Often P is used to represent average power in all AC circuits.

Root Mean Square (rms)

$$P_{ave} = \frac{1}{2}I_0V_0 = \left(\frac{I_0}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\left(\frac{V_0}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = I_{rms}V_{rms}$$

- I_{rms} and V_{rms} are called root mean square current and voltage
- Found by dividing the max by $\sqrt{2}$

$$I_{rms} = \frac{I_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$V_{rms} = \frac{V_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

• A 60 W light bulb operates on a peak voltage of 156 V. Find the V_{rms} , I_{rms} , and resistance of the light bulb.

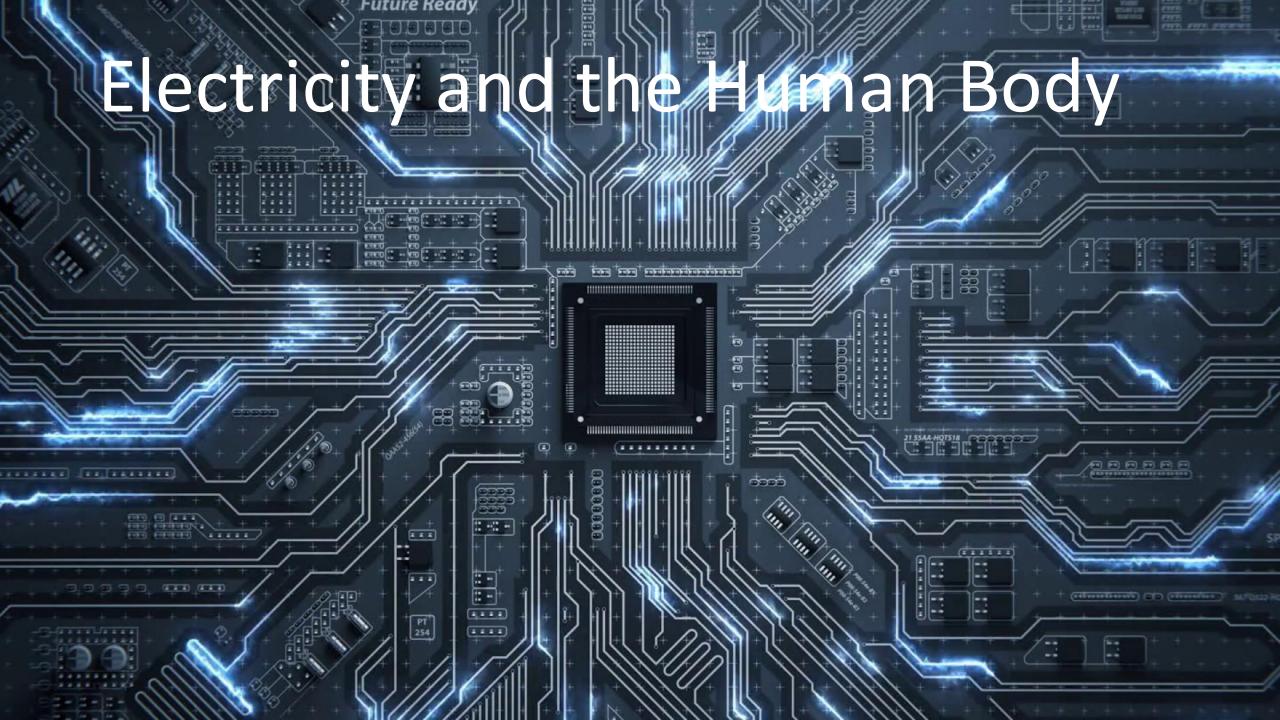
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$$V_{rms} = 110 \text{ V}$$

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$$I_{rms} = 0.55 \text{ A}$$

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$$R = 202 \Omega$$

• Why are you not supposed to use extension cords for devices that use a lot of power like electric heaters?

- P = IV
 - *P* is large so *I* is large
- The wire has some resistance
- The large current and little resistance can cause heating
- If wire gets too hot, the plastic insulation melts



Electricity and the Human Body

- Thermal Hazards
 - Electric energy converted to thermal energy faster than can be dissipated
 - Happens in short circuits
 - Electricity jumps between two parts of circuits bypassing the main load

$$\bullet \ P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

- Low *R* so high *P*
- Can start fires
- Circuit breakers or fuses try to stop
- Or long wires that have
 - High resistance (thin)
 - Or are coiled so heat can't dissipate

Electricity and the Human Body

- Shock Hazards
 - Factors
 - Amount of Current
 - Path of current
 - Duration of shock
 - Frequency of current
- Human body mainly water, so decent conductor

- Muscles are controlled by electrical impulses in nerves
- A shock can cause muscles to contract
 - Cause fist to close around wire (muscles to close, stronger than to open)
- Can cause heart to stop
- Body most sensitive to 50-60 Hz