



Digital Systems and Computer Architecture

Session 1.1

Module 1a: Basic Electric Circuits

Session 1.1: Focus

- Current, Voltage, Power: Definitions
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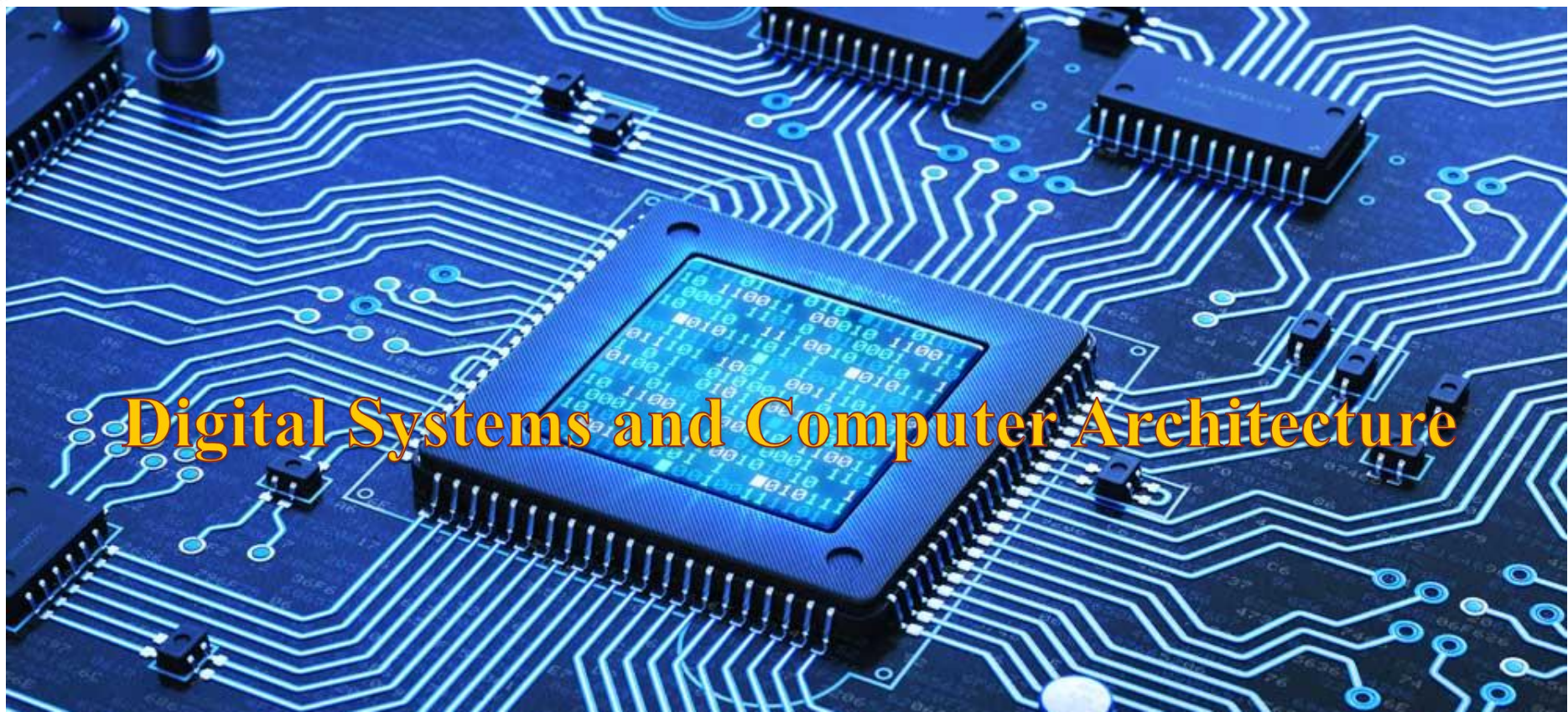


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Electric and Electronic Circuits

Electric and Electronics Circuits

- This module will introduce you to both Electrical and Electronic Circuits.
 - The interconnection between various electrical components to form a closed path is called an electrical circuit.
 - Electronic circuits are made of electronic components which are constructed using semiconductor materials.
- Electrical and Electronic circuits are used to solve important problems to the society.
- They are widely used in Information Technology (IT) for
 - Storing, retrieving and sending information.
- Engineers of all disciplines need to be thorough with the concepts of electrical and electronic circuits.



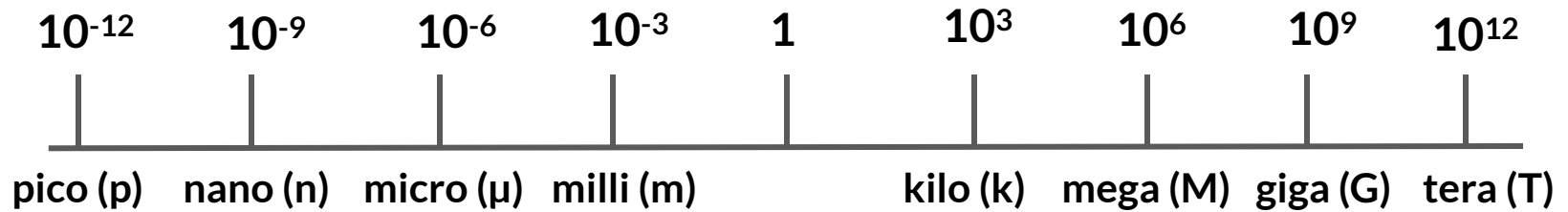
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System of Units (SI)

System of Units

- The system of units we use is the International System of Units.
 - Normally referred to as SI standard system.
- The SI system is also called the metric system.
- SI include the basic units for:
 - **Length:** meter (m)
 - **Mass:** kilogram (kg)
 - **Time:** second (s)
 - **Current:** ampere (A)
 - **Temperature:** kelvin (K)

Standard SI Prefixes & Engineering Units



- These are the standard prefixes employed in the study of engineering.
- Commonly numbers are expressed in “engineering units.”
- In **engineering notation**, any quantity is represented by a **number** between **1** and **999** and an appropriate **metric unit** using a **power** divisible by 3.
- $0.056 \text{ g} \rightarrow 56 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g} \rightarrow 56 \text{ mg}$
- $2.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ A} \rightarrow 230 \times 10^{-2} \times 10^{-4} \text{ A} \rightarrow 230 \mu\text{A}$
- $13000 \text{ m} \rightarrow 13 \times 10^3 \text{ m} \rightarrow 13 \text{ km}$

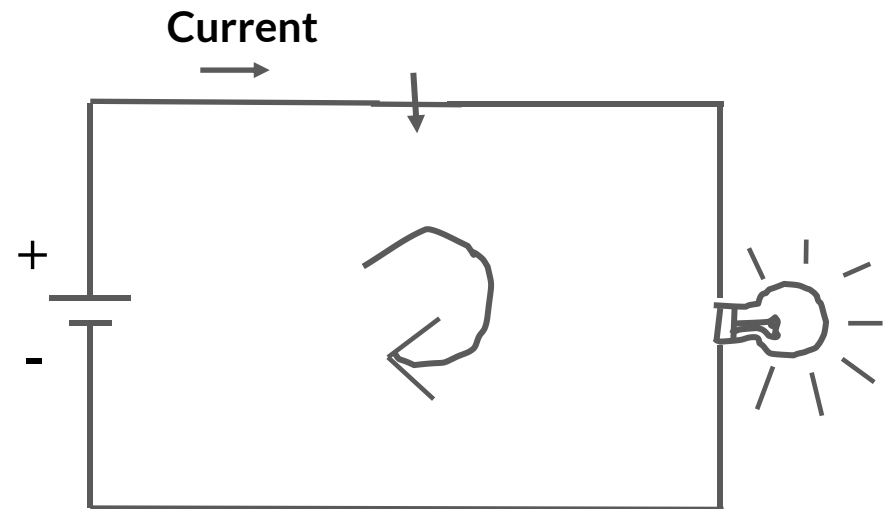
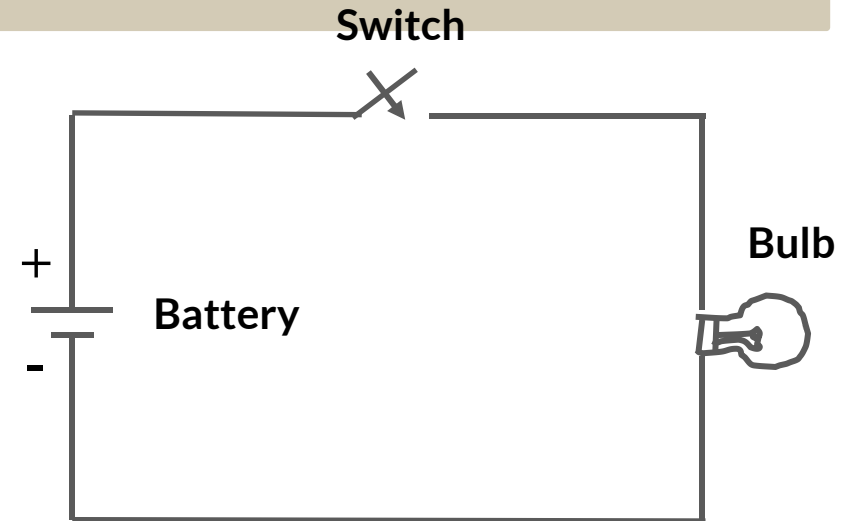


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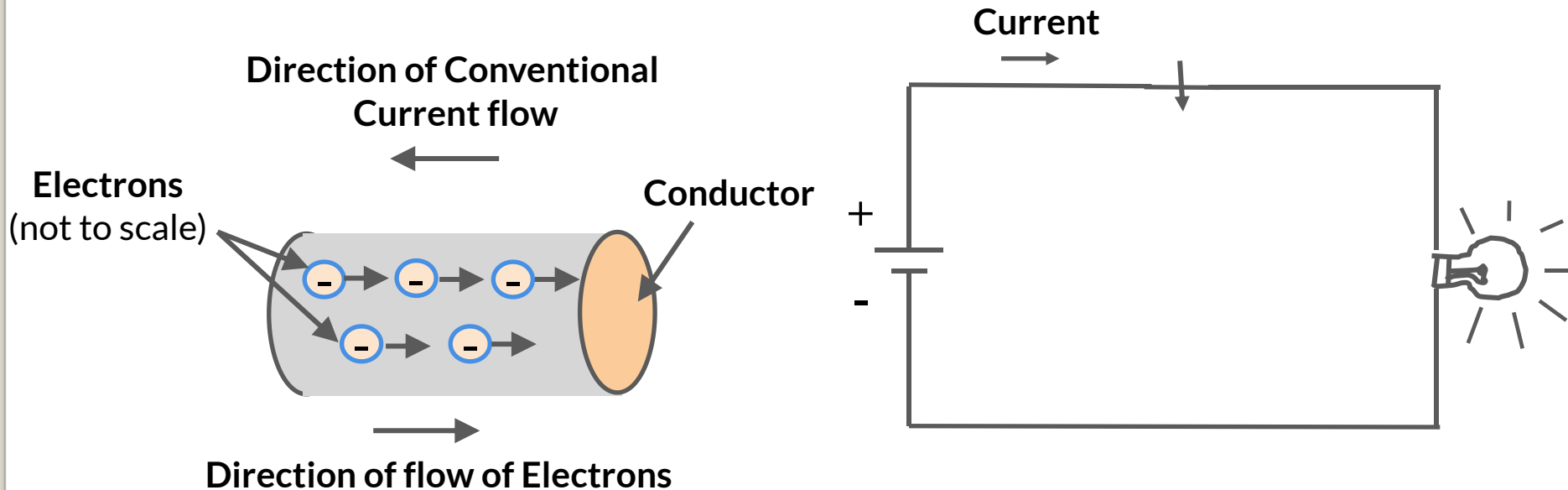
Current Flow and Electric Charges

What is an Electrical Circuit?

- An electrical circuit is an interconnection of electrical components.
- Electric charge is the most elementary quantity in electric circuits.
- We are interested in the effect of charge in motion (current) within a circuit.
- An electrical circuit facilitates transfer of charge from one point to another within a closed path.



Current Flow and Electric Charge



- Motion of electrons results in current flow in metallic conductors.
- The conventional current flow is the reverse of the direction of flow of electrons, which is universally adopted.
- A single electron has a charge (Q) of -1.602×10^{-19} Coulomb.

Definition of Electric Current

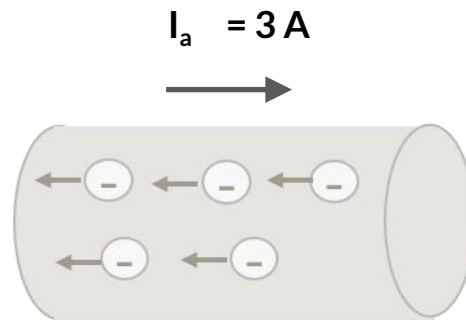
- An electric current is the rate of flow of electric charge through a point or a region.

$$i(t) = \frac{dq(t)}{dt}$$

- $i(t)$ and $q(t)$ represent instantaneous current and instantaneous charge respectively.
- Lowercase letters represent time dependent quantities.
- Capital letters are reserved for constant quantities.
- The basic unit of current is the ampere (A).
- A current of **1 A** refers to the flow of **1 coulomb of charges per second**.
- Note: One electron has a negative charge of 1.602×10^{-19} Coulomb.

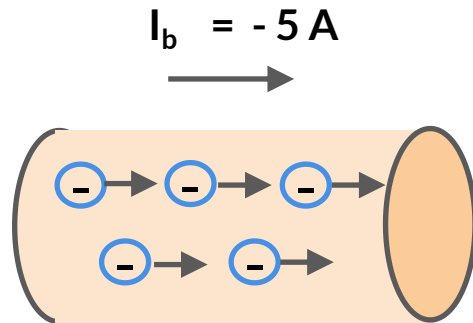
Current Flow: Electric Charge

- A single electron has a negative charge of 1.602×10^{-19} Coulomb.
- Thus, 6.24×10^{18} electrons would constitute 1 C of -ve charge.
- i.e., $1 / 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \rightarrow 6.24 \times 10^{18}$
- Assume, $I_a = 3$ A of current is flowing through the conductor.



- Then, how many electrons are flowing in one second from right to left?
- $3 * 6.24 \times 10^{18}$ electrons are flowing in one second.

Negative Current Flow



○ Notice that the value of I_b is given as a negative because I_b is shown to be flowing from left to right, in the same direction of electron flow.

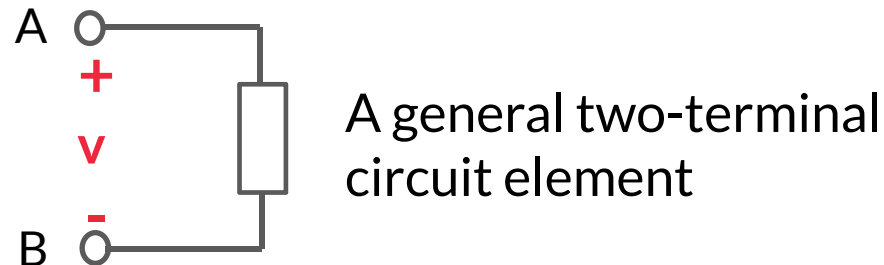
- The direction of movement of electrons in the above figure is left to right.
- How many electrons are flowing in a second?
- $5 * 6.24 \times 10^{18}$ electrons flow in a second.



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Electric Potential

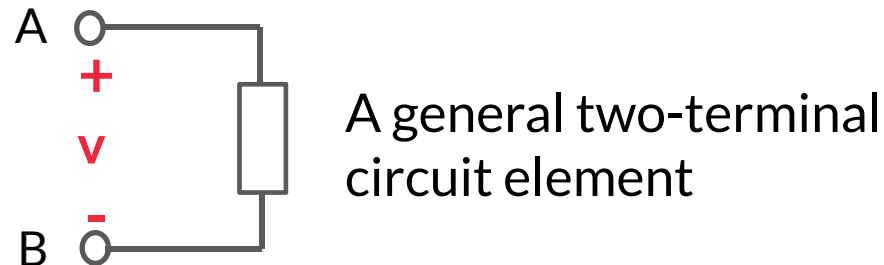
Voltage or Potential Difference



- Voltage across a terminal pair is a measure of the work required to move an unit of charge through the element.
- The unit of voltage is the volt.
- 1 volt is defined as 1 joule per coulomb.
- Voltage is represented by V or v .

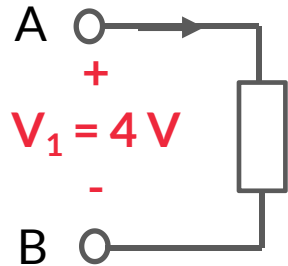
Note: **Work** or **energy**, is measured in **joules (J)**;

Voltage or Potential Difference



- Assume, a Direct Current (DC) is sent into the terminal A, through a circuit element, and it comes out through terminal B.
- Direct current (DC) is the one directional or unidirectional flow of electric charge.
- Pushing of charges through the element requires an expenditure of energy.
- The energy spent is defined as an electrical voltage (or a potential difference) that exists between the two terminals.
- There is a voltage “across” the element.

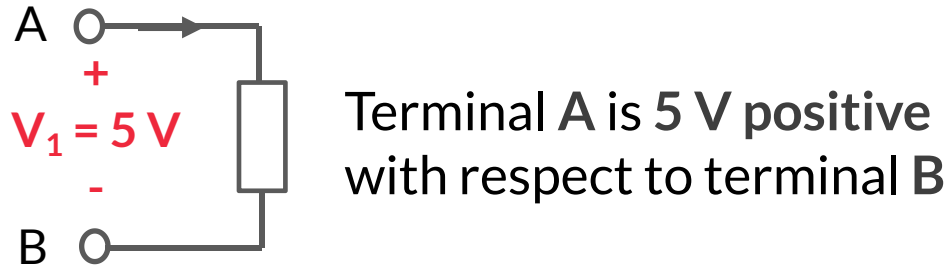
Example: Voltage or Potential Difference



Terminal A is 4 V positive
with respect to terminal B

- The variable (V_1) represents the voltage between points A and B and that point A is assumed to be at a higher potential than point B.
- If $V_1 = 4\text{ V}$ then the difference in potential of points A and B is 4 V and point A is at a higher potential compared to point B.

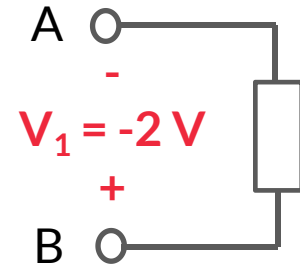
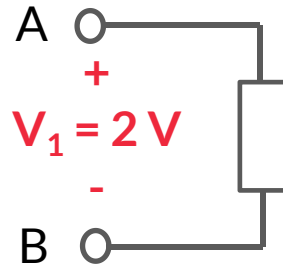
Example: Voltage or Potential Difference



- If a unit positive charge is moved from point A through the circuit to point B.
- It will give up energy to the circuit and have 5 Joules less energy when it reaches point B.
- It means that the voltage source is delivering energy to the circuit element connected to the points A and B.
- Or the circuit elements are said to absorb energy from the voltage source.

Example: Voltage or Potential Difference

Terminal A is 2 V
with respect
to terminal B



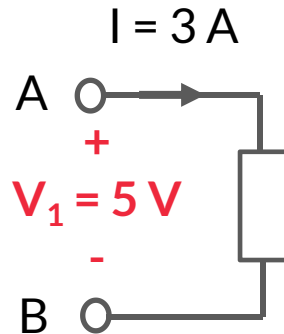
- $V_1 = 2V$ means that the potential between points A and B is 2 V and point A is at the higher potential.
- The same can also be represented as $V_1 = -2V$, with point A at a higher potential with respect to B.
- Notice the changes to the signs on the terminals A and B.
- Hence, whenever either **current** or **voltage** is defined, it is mandatory that both the magnitude and **direction** or **polarities** are specified.



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Power and Energy

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Power absorbed by the element} &= \text{Voltage} * \text{Current} \\ &= 5 * 3 \\ &= 15 \text{ watts}\end{aligned}$$

- Electric power is the rate, per unit time, at which electrical energy is transferred by an electric circuit.
- Energy is the capacity of doing work. SI unit of Energy is joule.
- The SI unit of **power** is **watt**, which is one joule per second.
- Power absorbed by an element = Voltage across it * Current passing through it.
- Power = $P = \text{Work done per unit of time} = V * I$
- Electric power is usually produced by electric generators, but can also be supplied by sources such as electric batteries.

Source: Definition: Electric power | Open Energy Information.

https://openei.org/wiki/Definition:Electric_power



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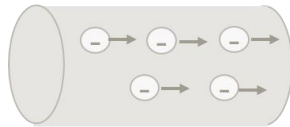
Resistors

Resistivity and Resistance

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Resistivity and Resistance

- **Resistivity (ρ)** is an inherent property of materials, which is a measure of the ease with which electrons can travel through them.



- Materials that are good **conductors** of electric current have **low** values of **resistivity**.

- Copper, aluminum, gold and silver are good examples of conductors.

Materials that are good electrical **insulators** have a **high** value of **resistivity**.

- Air, plastic, glass, rubber and wood are good examples of insulators.

- **Resistance (R)** is determined by

- Inherent resistivity of the material and
- The geometry of the resistor.

- Thus, resistance of resistors depends on the material used to construct them and the dimensions (length and area) of the resistor.

Relationship between Resistivity and Resistance

○ Assume a resistor having a physical dimensions of:

- Cross-sectional area : $A \text{ m}^2$

- Length: L meters

○ Then Resistance is defined by:

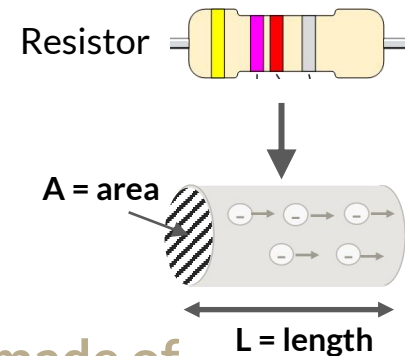
- $R = \rho * (L / A)$

○ ρ is the resistivity of the material the resistor is made of.

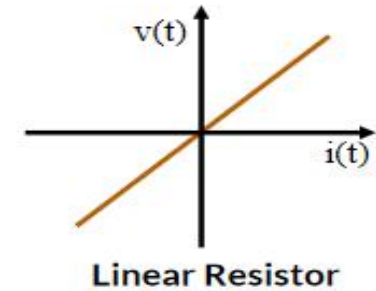
○ Resistance is indirectly proportional to the Area and it is directly proportional to the Length, of the resistor.

○ SI unit of Resistance is Ohms (Ω).

○ SI unit of Resistivity is Ohms-meter (Ωm).



Resistors



- Symbol for Resistor is:
- Resistance is normally considered to be a **positive** quantity.
- Resistors can be **easily manufactured** and they are relatively **cheaper** too.
- Relationship between the **voltage across a resistor** and the **current** passing through it is normally **linear**.
- Though **ideal resistors** are considered to be **linear**, it becomes **non-linear** with changes in temperature.



Ohm's Law

○ Ohm's law states that the **voltage** across a material is **directly proportional** to the **current** flowing through the it.

- $V \propto I$

- The constant of proportionality **R** is called the **Resistance**.

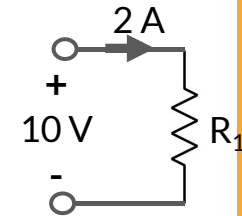
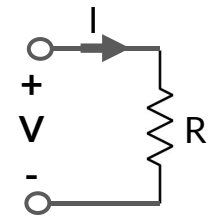
- $V = R * I$ where R is ≥ 0

- $R = V / I$

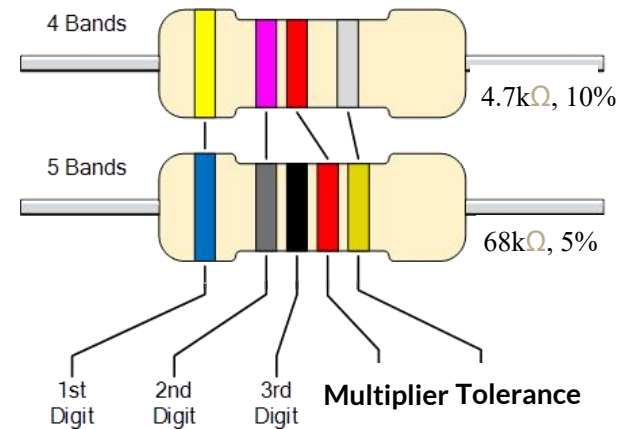
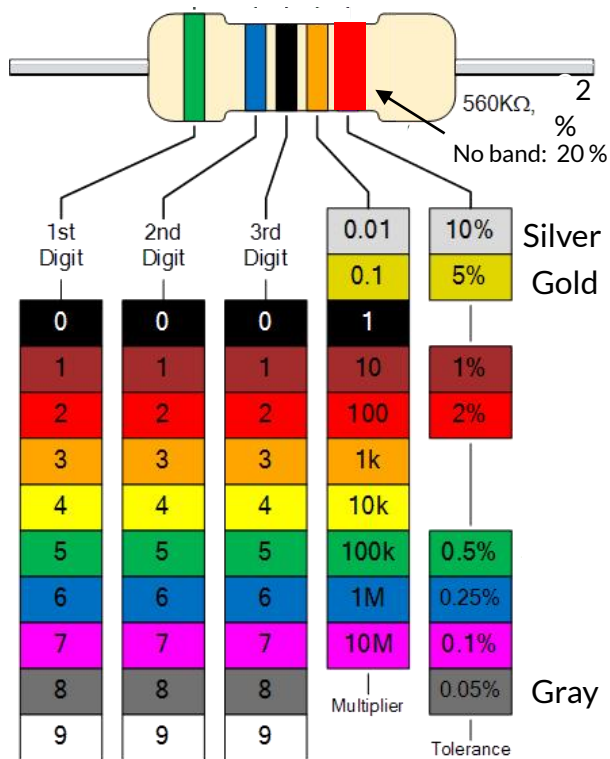
- Unit of **R** is **Volt/Ampere** which is **Ohms (Ω)**

○ Find the value of Resistor if the voltage across R_1 is 10 V and the current passing through it is 2 A.

- $R_1 = V / I = 10 / 2 = 5 \text{ Ohms.}$



Resistor Colour Codes



- Keep the lead to your **left** where the colour band is closer to the lead, while reading the colour codes.
- The tolerance band which is larger than the rest will be to your **right**.

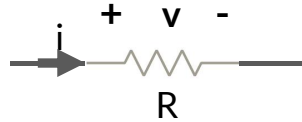
Mnemonic: **B.B. ROY** of **G**reat **B**ritain Had a **V**ery **G**ood **W**ine.



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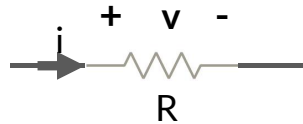
Power Ratings of Resistors

Power Absorbed by Resistor

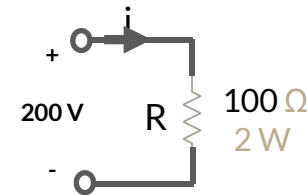


- The current (**i**) passing through **R** and voltage (**v**) across it are given in **passive sign convention**.
- Current entering through the **positive terminal** indicates that the element is absorbing the power.
- The product of **v** and **i** gives **power absorbed** by the **Resistor**.
 - **$P_R = V * I$** in watts.
- The **absorbed power** is always **positive** and it appears physically as **heat** or **light**.
- A resistor is a **passive element** that **cannot deliver power** or **store energy**.

Power Ratings of Resistor



- Alternative expressions for the absorbed power by a resistor are:
 - $P = vi = i^2 R = v^2 / R$
- Every resistor along with its Resistance value (Ohm) also has the maximum power that it can withstand.
- Which is called the power rating of the resistor.
- For example: Let us assume a Resistor of $100\ \Omega$ with power rating of $2\ \text{W}$, is connected across $200\ \text{V}$ of DC source by mistake.
 - Compute the current (i) flowing through R .
 - $i = v / R = 200/100 = 2\ \text{A}$; Using Ohm's law
 - Power dissipated by $R = i^2 R = (2)^2 * 100 = 400\ \text{W}$.
 - This value is much above the rated power, resulting in fire and smoke!!!



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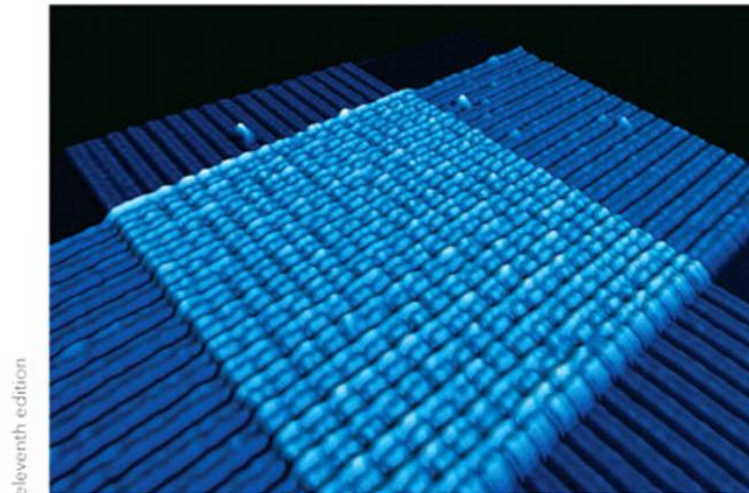
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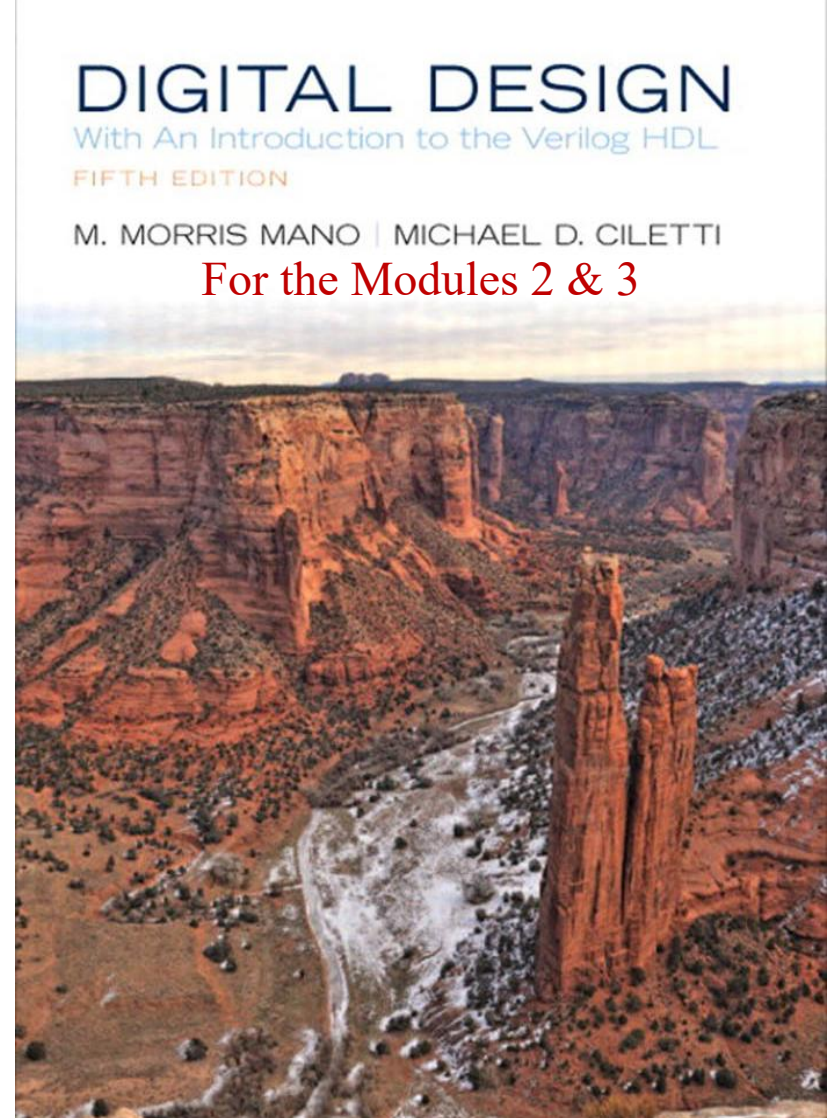
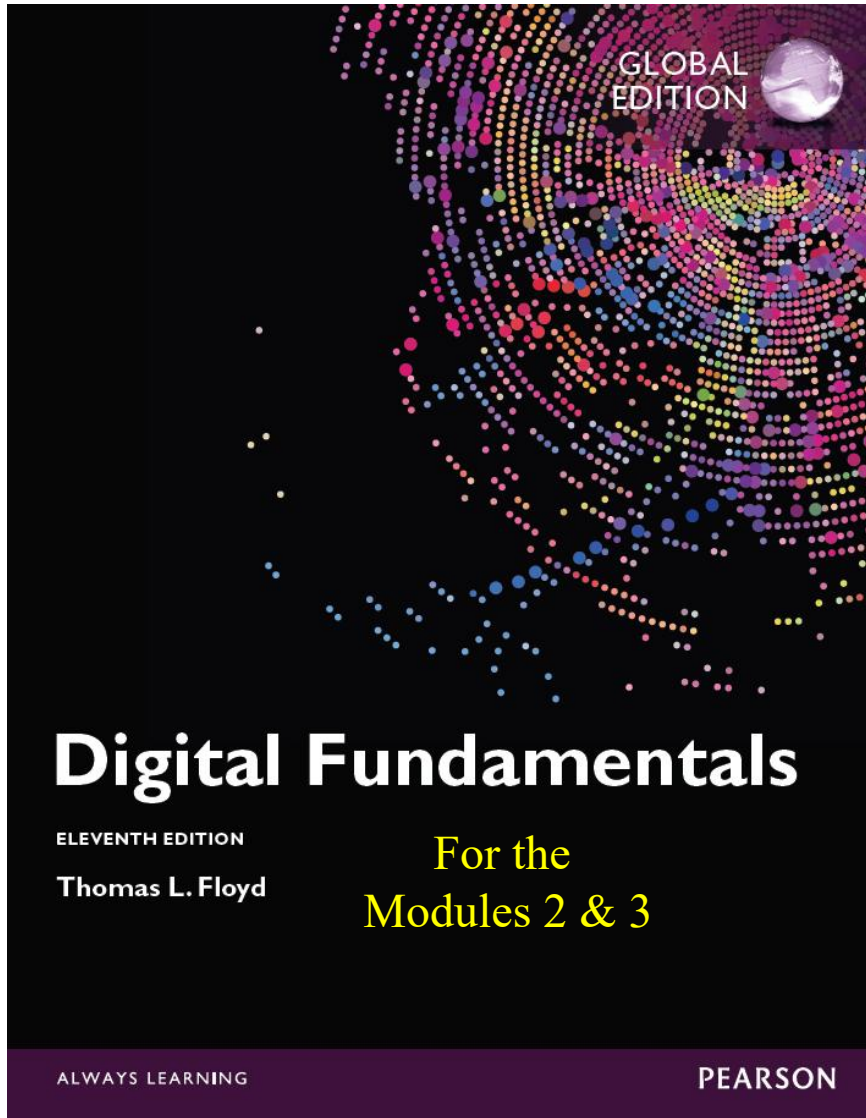


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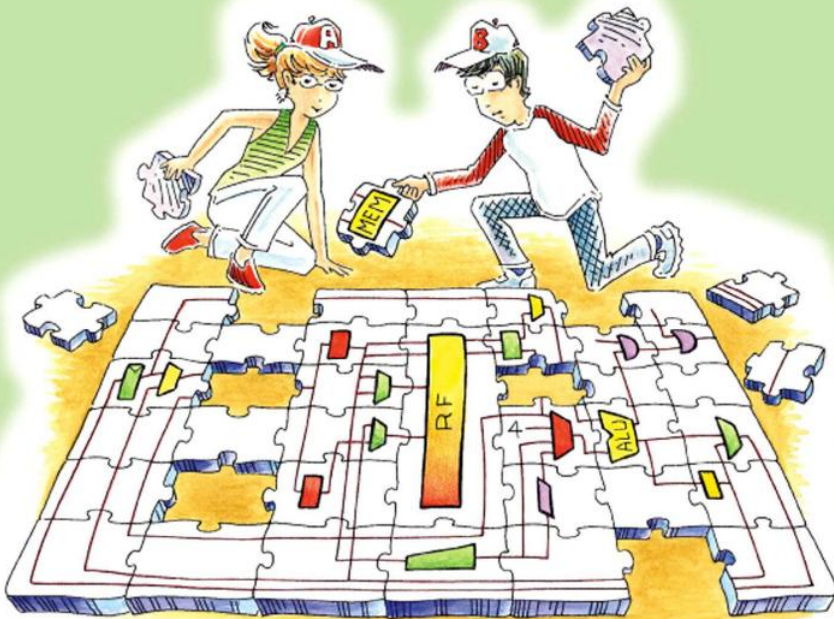
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