

## Conductance

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Ohm's Law:  $V = iR$

$$\text{so } i = \left(\frac{1}{R}\right)V$$

↑ conductance  $G = \left(\frac{1}{R}\right)$

SI-units: Siemens ( $\Omega^{-1}$ )

• once called the mho  $\Omega^{-1}$ !

## Power and energy

Power is the product of voltage and current.

$$P = Vi$$

which we may write as

$$P = \underbrace{\frac{dw}{dq}}_V \times \underbrace{\frac{dq}{dt}}_i = \boxed{\frac{dw}{dt}}$$

POWER IS THE RATE  
OF ENERGY TRANSFER.

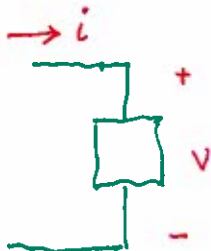
where  $w$  = energy in Joules

$q$  = charge in Coulombs

$t$  = time in seconds

$P$  = power in Watts. (W)

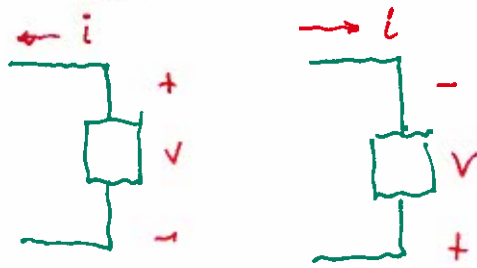
We define power in terms of the passive reference convention



- current reference direction is the same direction as a voltage drop (i.e., from + to -)
- implies that circuit element absorbs power.

For this scenario,  $p = vi$

If either current reference direction or voltage reference polarity is reversed ...



Must use  $p = -vi$   
(this is the active  
reference convention)

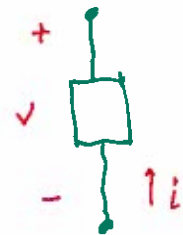
[current reference direction is in the direction  
of a voltage rise:  $-$  to  $+$ ]

Example: Find the power in circuit element at right:

(a)  $i = 10 \text{ A}$ ,  $V = 12 \text{ V}$ .

$$p = -vi$$

$$p = -120 \text{ W}$$



(b)  $i = -10 \text{ A}$ ,  $V = 60 \text{ V}$

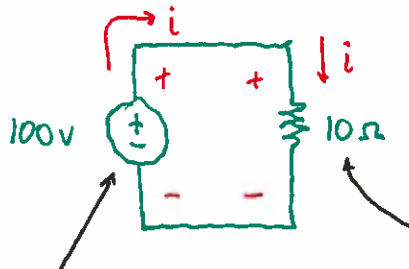
$$p = -vi$$

$$p = 600 \text{ W}$$

Physical interpretation of the sign of  $p$ :

$p > 0$	$\rightarrow$	absorbs power
$p < 0$	$\rightarrow$	delivers power

Consider the simple circuit:



$$i = \frac{100 \text{ V}}{10 \Omega} = 10 \text{ A}$$

$$p = -vi$$

$$= -(100 \times 10)$$

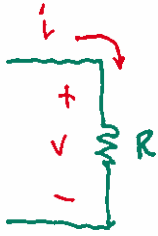
$$= -1000 \text{ W (delivering)}$$

$$p = vi$$

$$= 100 \times 10$$

$$= +1000 \text{ W (absorbing)}$$

Power in a resistor:



- By passive reference convention

$$p = vi$$

- By Ohm's Law

$$v = iR$$

Then  $p = (iR)i$

$$p = i^2 R$$

→ always positive:

- resistor always absorbs power

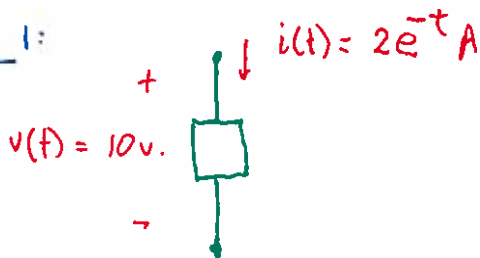
## Energy

We have  $p = \frac{dw}{dt}$

$$\text{Therefore, } w = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} p(t) dt + w(t_1)$$

Power companies measure energy to determine monthly bill.  
Cost determined by how much power used over time.

Example 1:



(a) Compute power

(b) Compute energy from  $t=0 \rightarrow \infty$

(c) Absorbed or delivered?

(a) Passive reference convention observed, so  $p = vi$

$$\begin{aligned} p(t) &= 10 \times 2e^{-t} \text{ W} \\ &= 20e^{-t} \text{ W} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_0^{\infty} p(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} 20e^{-t} dt \\ &= -20e^{-t} \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= 0 - (-20) = 20 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $w$  is positive, so circuit element is absorbing energy.