

# Lec 1

# Electric Circuits

## Dc Definitions

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Charge (Q)

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voltage (V)

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Current I

"The rate of  
charge flow"

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

Unit

(C/s) or  
Amps (A)

$$\bullet Q = 1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \text{ Coulombs}$$

- Voltage is the ~~energy~~  
~~Per Unit Charge,~~  
Created by the separation.  
It is also known as the  
Potential Difference  
between the two points.

$$V = \frac{w}{q}$$

w = energy

Quantity	Symbol	Unit
voltage	V	volts
Energy	W or E	joules
Charge	Q	C

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Power [P]

$$P = Vi = \frac{dw}{dq} \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{dw}{dt}$$

(power)

"watts"

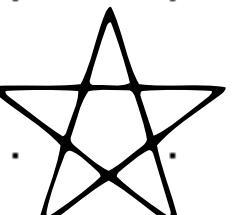
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Energy [E] or [w]

$$w = E = \int P dt$$

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Recap



$$V = \frac{dw}{dq}, \quad i = \frac{dq}{dt}, \quad P = Vi = \frac{dw}{dt}$$

$$E = \int P dt$$

# Power

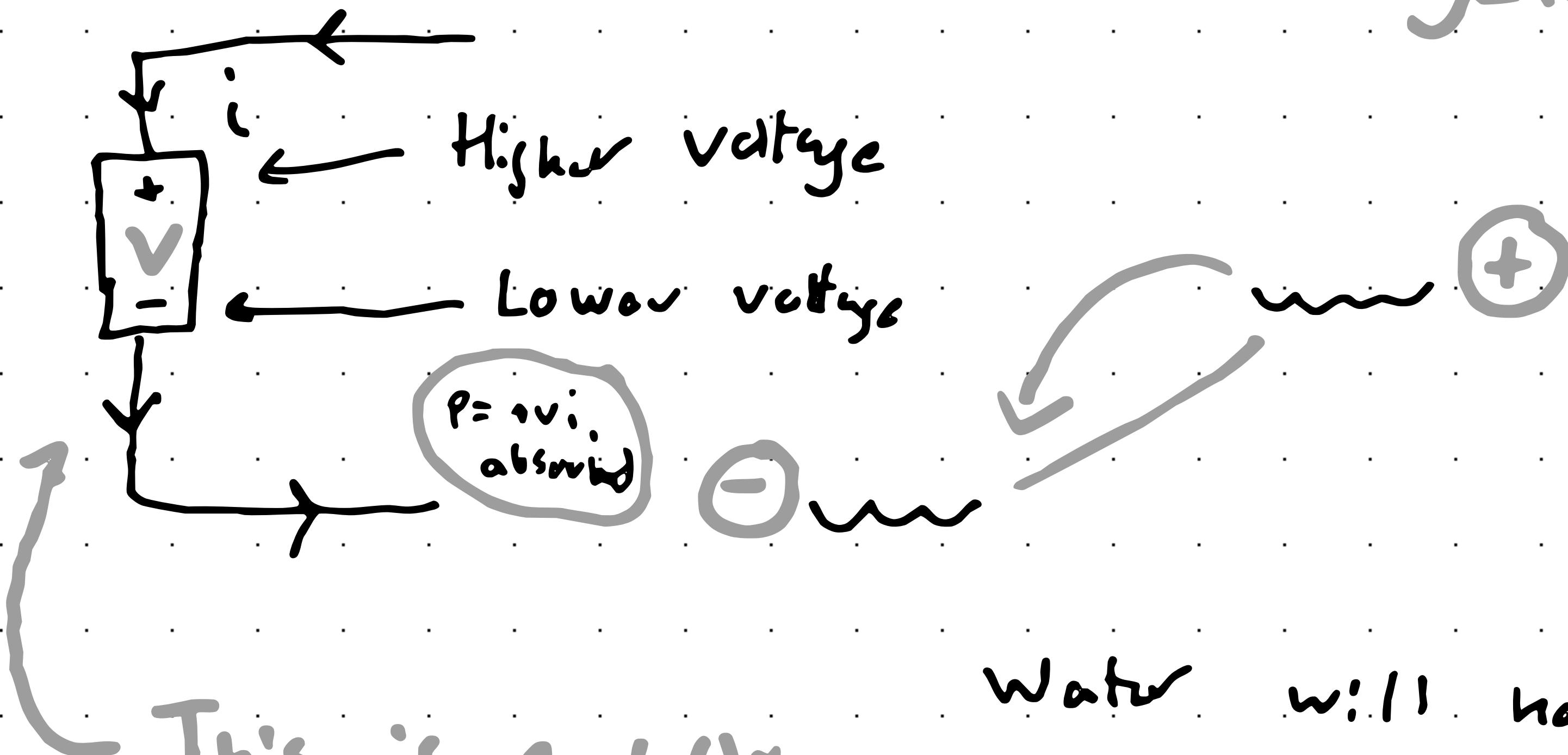
$$I +$$

$$P = +vi$$

$$P = -vi$$

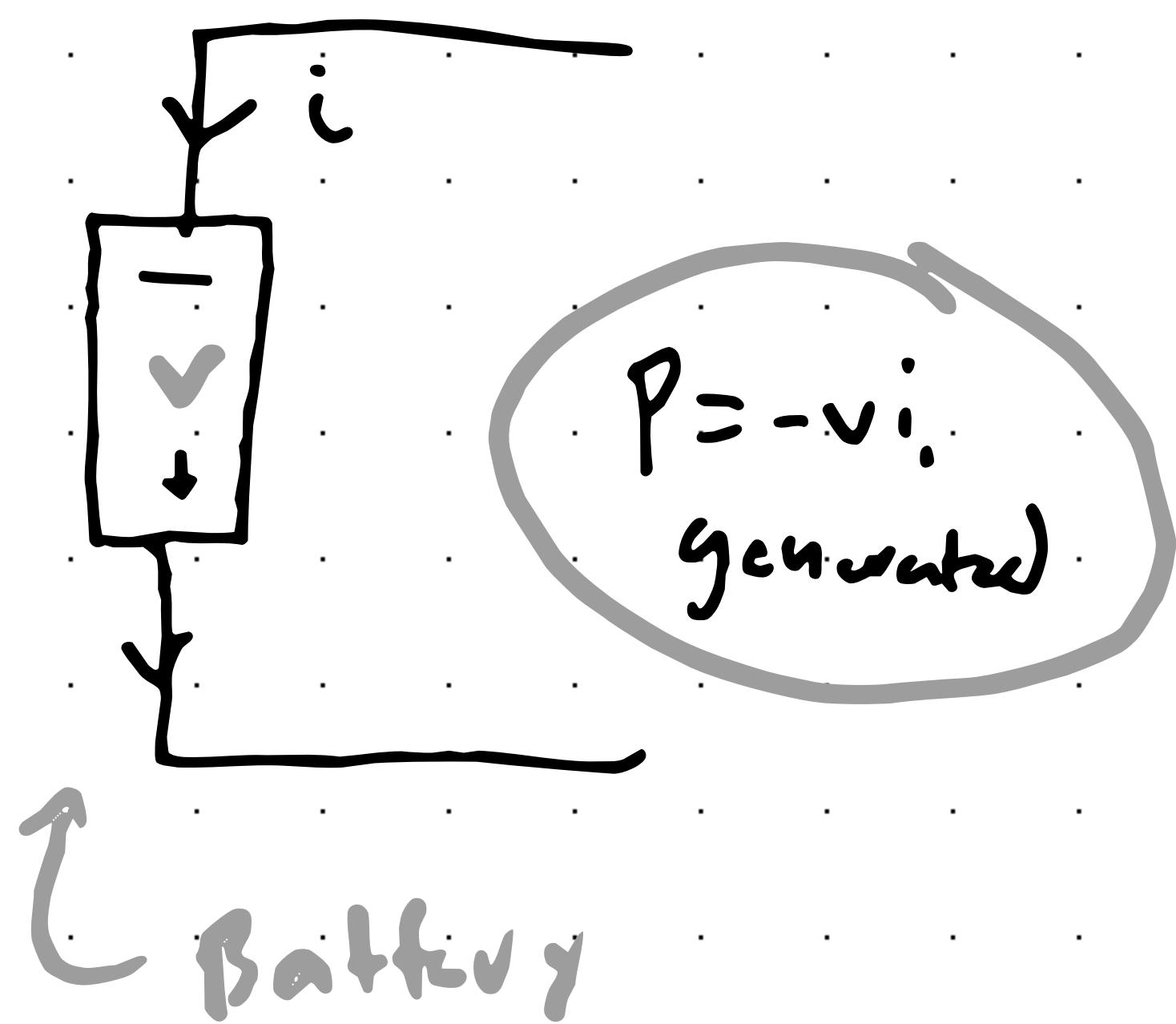
Power is  
absorbed

Power is  
generated



This is probably  
a resistor!

Water will naturally  
flow down the hill!



To get water to the  
top of the hill again,  
you need a pump!

## Generally Speaking....

If the direction of the current  
is from positive (high) voltage to  
negative (low) voltage, then this element  
is absorbing power

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## The Conservation of Power law

For any closed loop

$$\sum |P_{\text{gen}}| = \sum |P_{\text{abs}}|$$

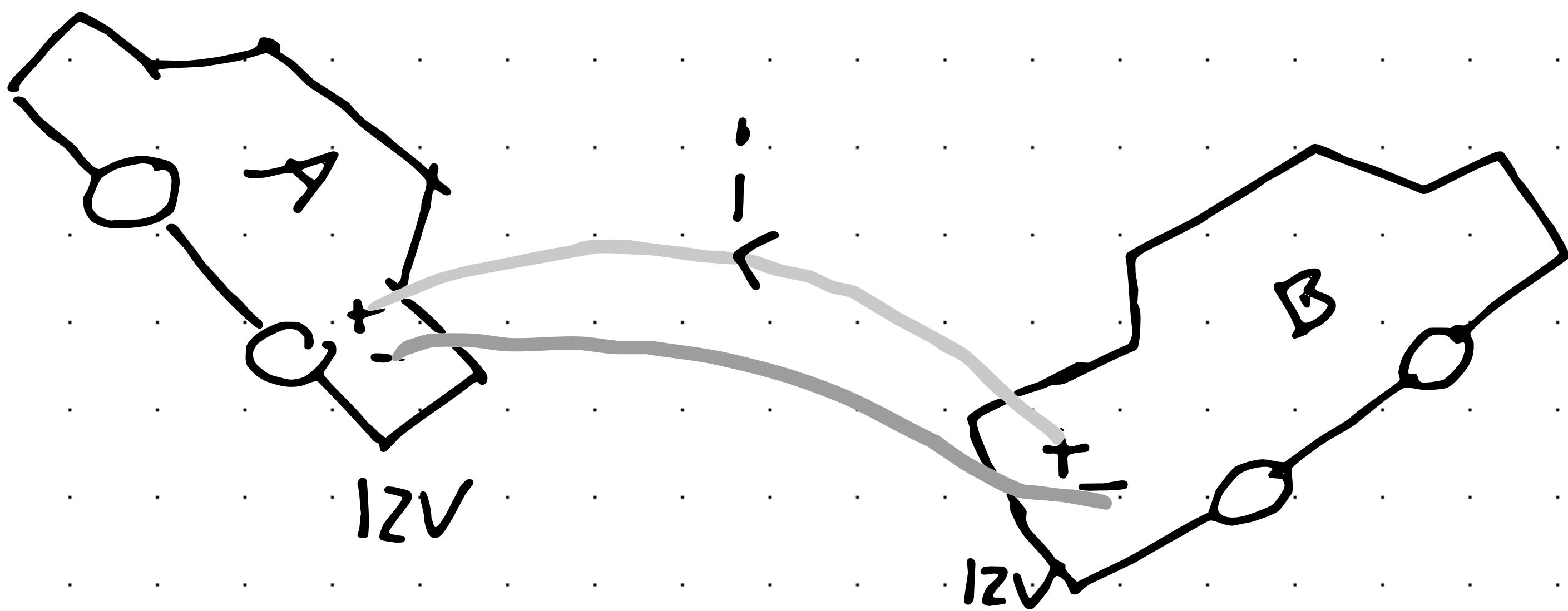
(Power  
Generated)

(Power  
Absorbed)

Ex When a car has a dead battery, it can often be started by connecting the battery from another car. The positive terminals are connected, as are the negative terminals.

The connection is

as shown



i) Which car has the dead battery?

A). Because the current is flowing from A, to B!

ii) If this info battery capacity  
is maintained for one minute,  
how much energy is transferred?

$$V = 12 \text{ V}$$

$$i = 30 \text{ A}$$

Need  $P$  first!

$$P = Vi, \quad P = (12)(30) \quad P = 360 \text{ W}$$

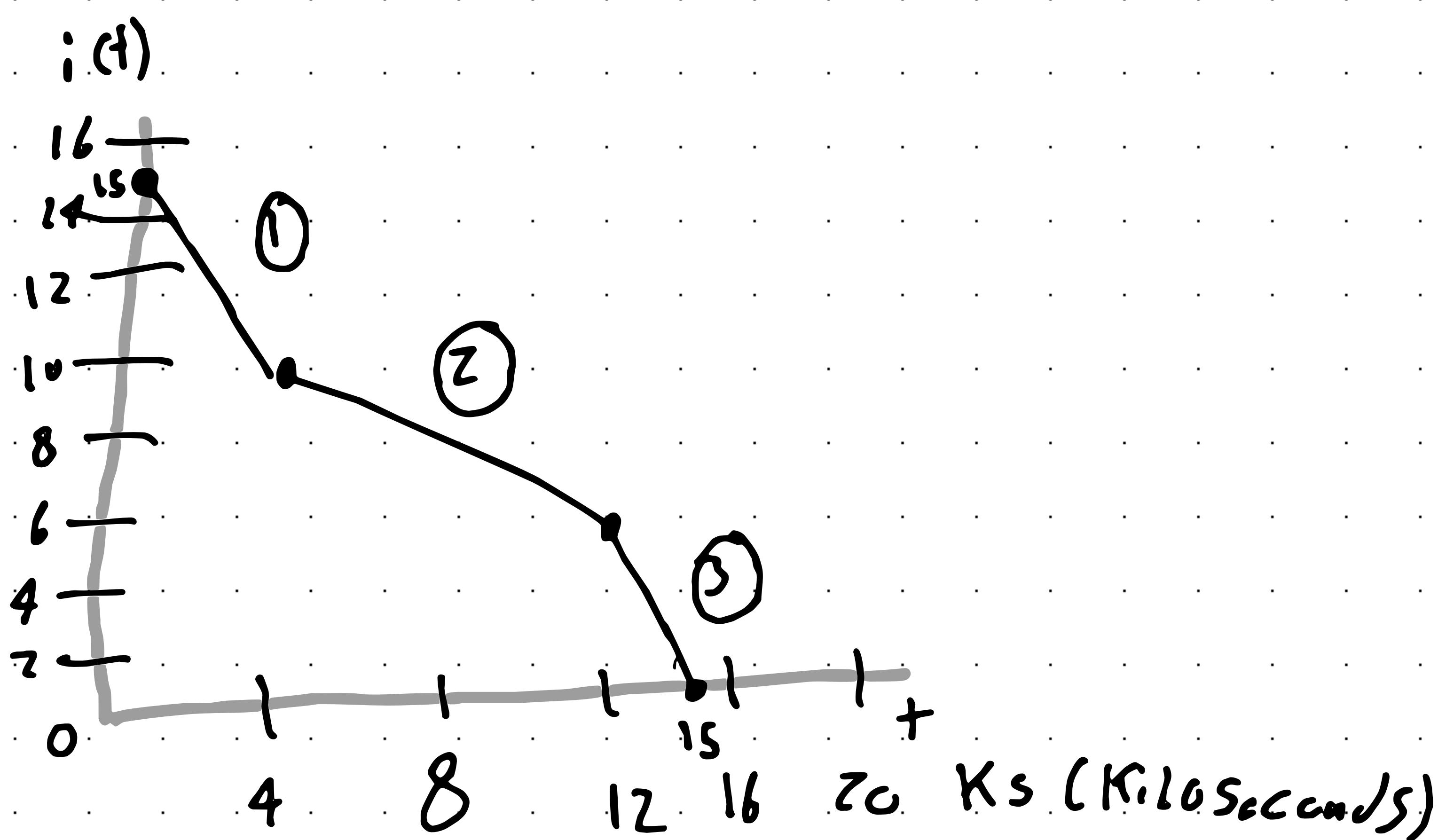
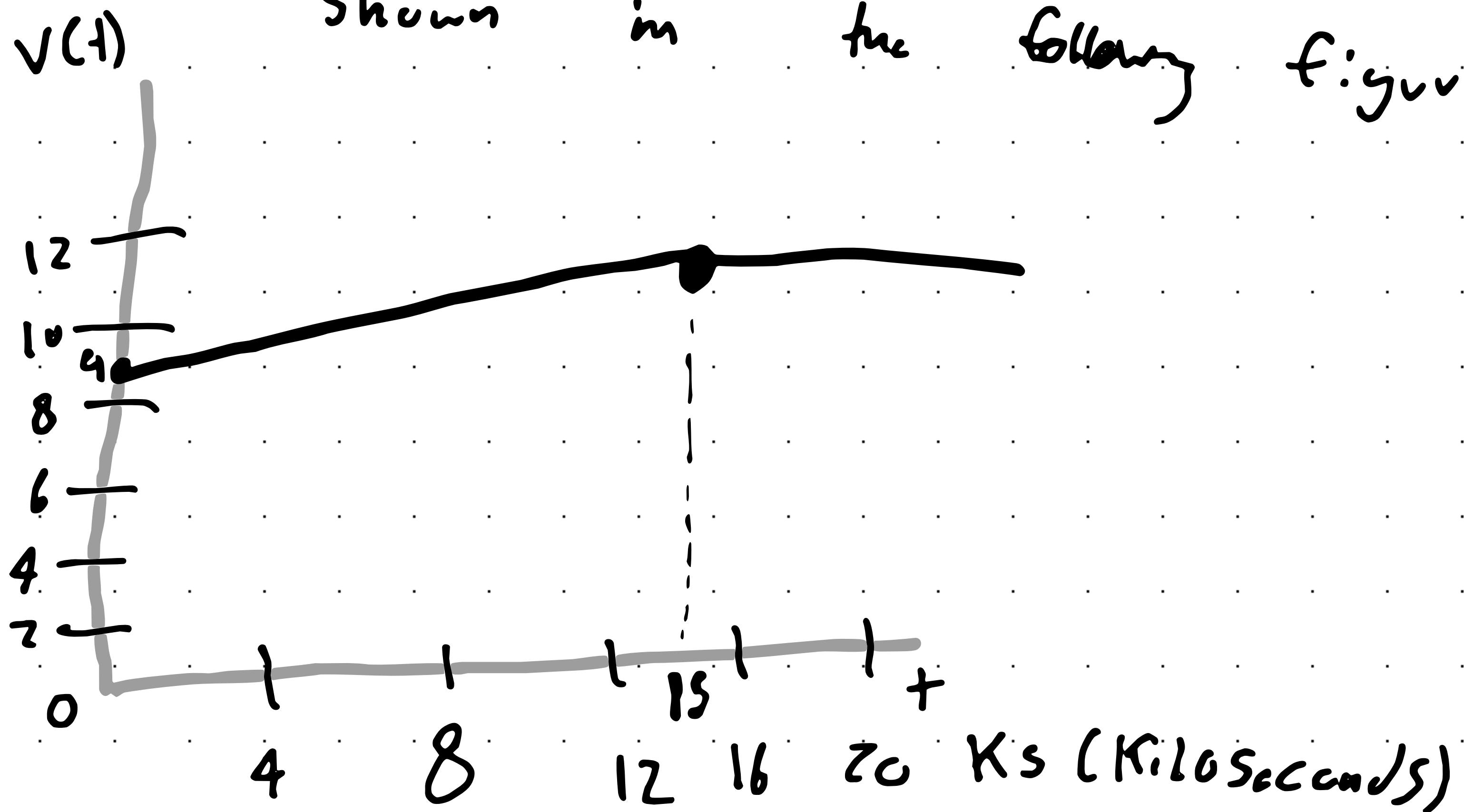
$$W = \int pdt$$

$$W(t) = \int_0^{60} 360 dt = 360t \Big|_0^{60}$$

$$360(60 - 0)$$

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EX The Voltage and Current at the  
 "terminals" of a certain car  
 battery during a charge cycle are  
 shown in the following figures



a) Calculate the total charge transferred to the battery

We know that

$$i = \frac{dQ}{dt}, \text{ so } Q = \int i dt!$$

$Q = \int i dt$ , or just the area under the curve... right?

If we set up the graph.

$$= [\frac{1}{2}(4)(5) + (1)(10) + \frac{1}{2}(8)(4) + (6)(8) + \frac{1}{2}(3)(6)] \times 10^3$$

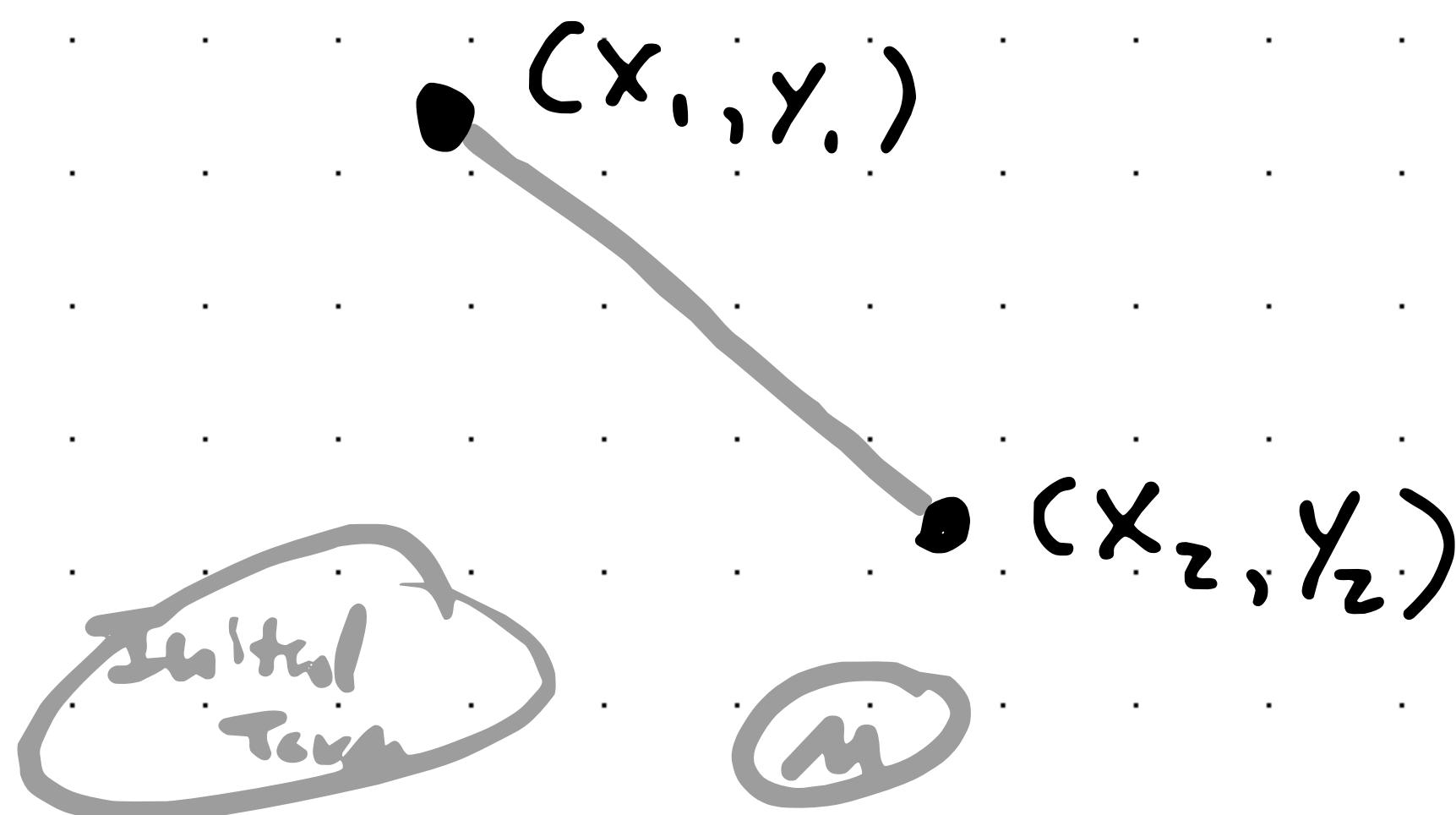
To get us  
out of Kiloseconds

$$= 123000 \text{ C}$$

b) Calculate the total energy transformed to the battery

Equation of a straight line... Remember!

$$\frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$



For line 1:

$i = \frac{\text{Initial Term} - \text{Slope}}{t}$

$$\frac{i - 15}{t - 0} = \frac{10 - 15}{4 - 0}$$

$$i_1 = 15 - 1.25 \times 10^{-3} t$$

$0 \leq t < 15 \text{ ks}$

$$i_2 = 12 - 0.5 \times 10^{-3} t$$

$4 \text{ ks} \leq t < 12 \text{ ks}$

$$i_3 = 30 - 2 \times 10^{-3} t$$

$12 \text{ ks} \leq t \leq 15 \text{ ks}$

Voltage

$$V_{ct} = 0.2 \times 10^{-3} t + 9 \quad 0 \leq t \leq 15 \text{ ks}$$

Now, we need to calculate the power for each period

$0 < t < 4 \text{ ks}$

$$P_1 = i_1 V$$

9ks

$$W_1 = \int_0^{9\text{ks}} P_1 dt$$

$4 \text{ ks} < t < 12 \text{ ks}$

$$P_2 = i_2 V$$

12ks

$$W_2 = \int_{4\text{ks}}^{12\text{ks}} P_2 dt$$

4ks

$12 \text{ ks} < t < 15 \text{ ks}$

$$P_3 = i_3 V$$

$$W_3 = \int_{12\text{ks}}^{15\text{ks}} P_3 dt$$

12ks

$$\text{Energy}_{\text{Total}} = W_1 + W_2 + W_3$$