

Phy "Resistors" Summary

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- A resistor is an electric element that converts (transforms) electric energy into heat (thermal) energy.
- The resistance of a resistor measures the opposition to the flow of electric charges.
- S.I unit of resistance is ohms (Ω).
- The resistance is measured by an ohm-meter.
- The poles of the resistor are identical.
- It doesn't matter how you connect the resistor to the circuit, in other words, polarity is not important.

1. Ohm's law of a resistor:

$$U_{AB} = R \times I_{AB}$$

Where:

- ✓ U_{AB} : Voltage in volts (V)
- ✓ R : Resistance in ohms (Ω)
- ✓ I_{AB} : current in amperes (A)

★ 1 kilo-watt (Kw) $\xrightarrow{\times 10^2}$ watt (w)

★ 1 Mega-watt (Mw) $\xrightarrow{\times 10^6}$ watt (w)

★ 1 milli-watt (mw) $\xrightarrow{\times 10^{-3}}$ watt (w)

REMARK!!!

→ $U_{AB} = U_A - U_B$

⇒ From A → B: along direction of current.

→ $U_{BA} = U_B - U_A$

⇒ From B → A: opposite to the direction of current.

→ As R increases (\uparrow), I decreases (\downarrow).

→ If $R_1 > R_2$

⇒ $I_1 < I_2$

→ If $R_2 > R_1$

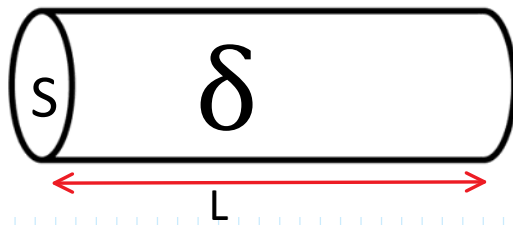
⇒ $I_2 < I_1$

2. Characteristics curve of a resistor:

Straight line passing through the origin.

$$\begin{cases} U = R \times I \\ Y = a \times x \end{cases} \rightarrow R = a = \frac{Y_A - Y_B}{X_A - X_B} : A \text{ and } B \text{ are 2 points on the curve.}$$

3. The resistance of very long conducting wire:



$$R = \frac{\delta \times L}{S}$$

Where:

- ✓ δ : length of the wire (m)
- ✓ S: cross-sectional area (m^2)
- ✓ R: resistance of the very long conducting wire (Ω)

REMARK!!!

- The resistivity of metal increases with temperature.
- Electric energy transferred in to a resistor is totally converted into heat.

4. Grouping of resistors:

Equivalent Resistance:

Used to replace grouping of resistors between 2 terminals.

→ **Resistors connected in series:**

$$R_{\text{equivalent}} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 \dots \quad \star R_{\text{equivalent}} \text{ is greater than the greatest resistor.}$$

→ **Resistors grouped in parallel:**

1st method:

$$\frac{1}{R_{\text{equivalent}}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

★ $R_{\text{equivalent}}$ is smaller than the smallest resistor

2nd method:

$$R_{\text{equivalent}} = \frac{R_1 \times R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

Only valid if you have 2 resistors in parallel

5. Power and Energy:

- Energy: ability to do work.
- Electric power: rate of transfer of electric energy.
- $P = U \times I$

Where:

- ✓ P: power in watts
- ✓ U: Voltage in volts
- ✓ I: current in amperes

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow P &= U \times I \\ &= (R \times I) \times I \end{aligned}$$

$$= R \times I^2$$

Or

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow P &= U \times I \\ &= U \times \frac{U}{R} \\ &= \frac{U^2}{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow E = P \times t$$

Where:



- ✓ E: energy in joules(J)
- ✓ P: power in watts(W)
- ✓ t: time in seconds(sec)

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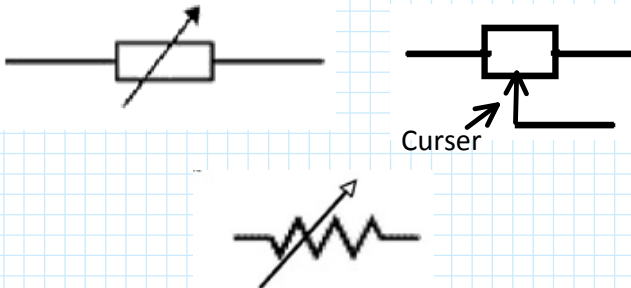
- $\rightarrow E(J) = P(w) \times t(sec)$
- $\rightarrow E(Kw-hr) = P(w) \times t(hr)$
- $\rightarrow E(w-hr) = P(w) \times t(hr)$
- $\rightarrow P_{dry\ cell} = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 \dots$

6. Joule's Effect:

When electricity flows through an electrical device, part of it is converted into heat.

REMARK!!!

- $\rightarrow (P_{max}, V_{max})$ or (P_{max}, I_{max}) : limits of functioning of a resistor.
- \rightarrow Rheostat: resistor with variable resistance that allows the variation in current and the voltage in the circuit.



- \rightarrow The I-V characteristic curve for a lamp is not a straight line due to the variation of the resistance of the lamp with temperature.

