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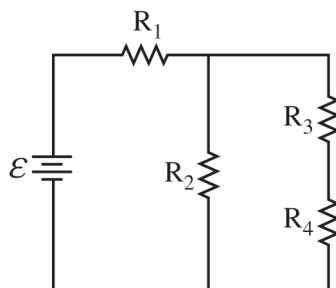


Figure 1

3. (12 points, suggested time 25 minutes)

A circuit consists of an ideal battery of emf \mathcal{E} and four identical resistors R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 , each of resistance R , as shown in Figure 1.

(a) For parts (a)(i) and (a)(ii), express your answers in terms of numerical values, \mathcal{E} , and R only.

i. **Derive** an expression for the current I_1 in Resistor R_1 .

ii. **Derive** an expression for the current I_3 in Resistor R_3 .

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(b) The partially completed bar chart in Figure 2 shows a bar that represents the absolute value $|\Delta V|$ of the potential difference across the ideal battery.

- In Figure 2, **draw** a bar to represent $|\Delta V|$ across each resistor, relative to the emf \mathcal{E} of the ideal battery.
- The height of each bar should be proportional to the value of $|\Delta V|$ represented by that bar. If $|\Delta V|$ is zero, write a “0” in that column.

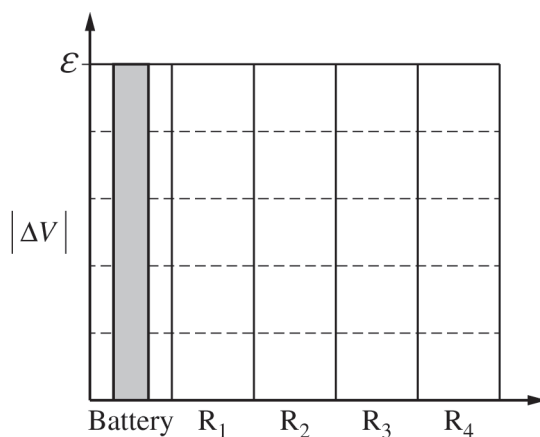


Figure 2

A student claims that the rate at which energy is dissipated (power) by the circuit can be expressed

as $P = \frac{3\mathcal{E}^2}{5R}$.

(c) **State** whether the expression for P is correct or incorrect. **Justify** your answer by referring to the derivations from part (a) or the bar chart from part (b).

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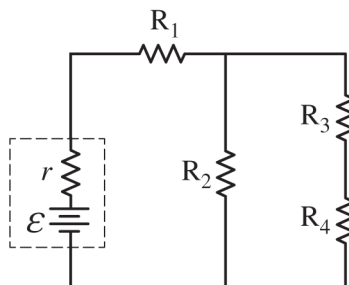


Figure 3

When the ideal battery is connected in the original circuit, the rate at which energy is dissipated by Resistor R_1 is P_{original} . The ideal battery is now replaced with a nonideal battery of emf \mathcal{E} and internal resistance r to form the new circuit shown in Figure 3. The rate at which energy is dissipated by Resistor R_1 in the new circuit is P_{new} .

(d) **Indicate** whether P_{new} is greater than, less than, or equal to P_{original} .

_____ $P_{\text{new}} > P_{\text{original}}$ _____ $P_{\text{new}} < P_{\text{original}}$ _____ $P_{\text{new}} = P_{\text{original}}$

Briefly **justify** your answer.

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Question 3: Quantitative/Qualitative Translation**12 points**

(a)(i) For correctly determining the total resistance R_{total} of the circuit **1 point**

Example Response

$$R_{\text{total}} = \frac{5R}{3}$$

For a multi-step derivation that includes correct substitutions of \mathcal{E} and R_{total} into the equation that describes Ohm's law, consistent with the first point of part (a)(i) **1 point**

Example Response

$$I_1 = \frac{3\mathcal{E}}{5R}$$

Example Solution

Determine the total resistance of the circuit.

The resistance of the right-most branch containing resistors connected in series:

$$R_s = \sum_i R_i$$

$$R_s = R + R$$

$$R_s = 2R$$

The resistance of parallel branches that contain resistors:

$$\frac{1}{R_p} = \sum_i \frac{1}{R_i}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_p} = \frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{2R} = \frac{3}{2R}$$

$$R_p = \frac{2R}{3}$$

The total resistance of the circuit:

$$R_s = \sum_i R_i$$

$$R_{\text{total}} = R + \frac{2R}{3} = \frac{5R}{3}$$

The total current in the circuit:

$$I = \frac{\Delta V}{R} = \frac{3\mathcal{E}}{5R}$$

(c) For indicating that the equation is correct or incorrect, consistent with the derivations in part (a) or the bar chart from part (b), with an attempt at a relevant justification **1 point**

For a justification that correctly relates P to at least **one** of the following: **1 point**

- The potential difference across the battery
- The current in the battery
- R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4

For a justification that relates the equation $P = \frac{3\mathcal{E}^2}{5R}$ to at least **one** of the following: **1 point**

- The bar chart from the response in part (b)
- The derivations in the responses to parts (a)(i) and (a)(ii)

Scoring Note: The justification must be consistent with the derivations in part (a) or the bar chart from part (b).

Example Solution

The equation is correct. The equation for P , which is power, can be written as

$P = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{R}$. According to the bar chart in part (b), the potential difference across the

battery is \mathcal{E} . The total resistance of the circuit is $\frac{5R}{3}$, according to the derivation from

part (a)(i). Therefore, $P = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{R} = \frac{(\mathcal{E})^2}{\left(\frac{5R}{3}\right)} = \frac{3\mathcal{E}^2}{5R}$.

Total for part (c) 3 points

(d) For selecting that $P_{\text{new}} < P_{\text{original}}$ with an attempt at a relevant justification **1 point**

For a correct justification that indicates at least **one** of the following: **1 point**

- The current in R_1 is less in the new circuit than in the original circuit
- The potential difference across R_1 is less in the new circuit than in the original circuit

Example Response

$P_{\text{new}} < P_{\text{original}}$. Since the emf of the battery is the same in the new circuit and the total resistance of the new circuit is greater, the current in R_1 is less in the new circuit.

Therefore, P_{new} is less than P_{original} .

Total for part (d) 2 points

Total for question 3 12 points