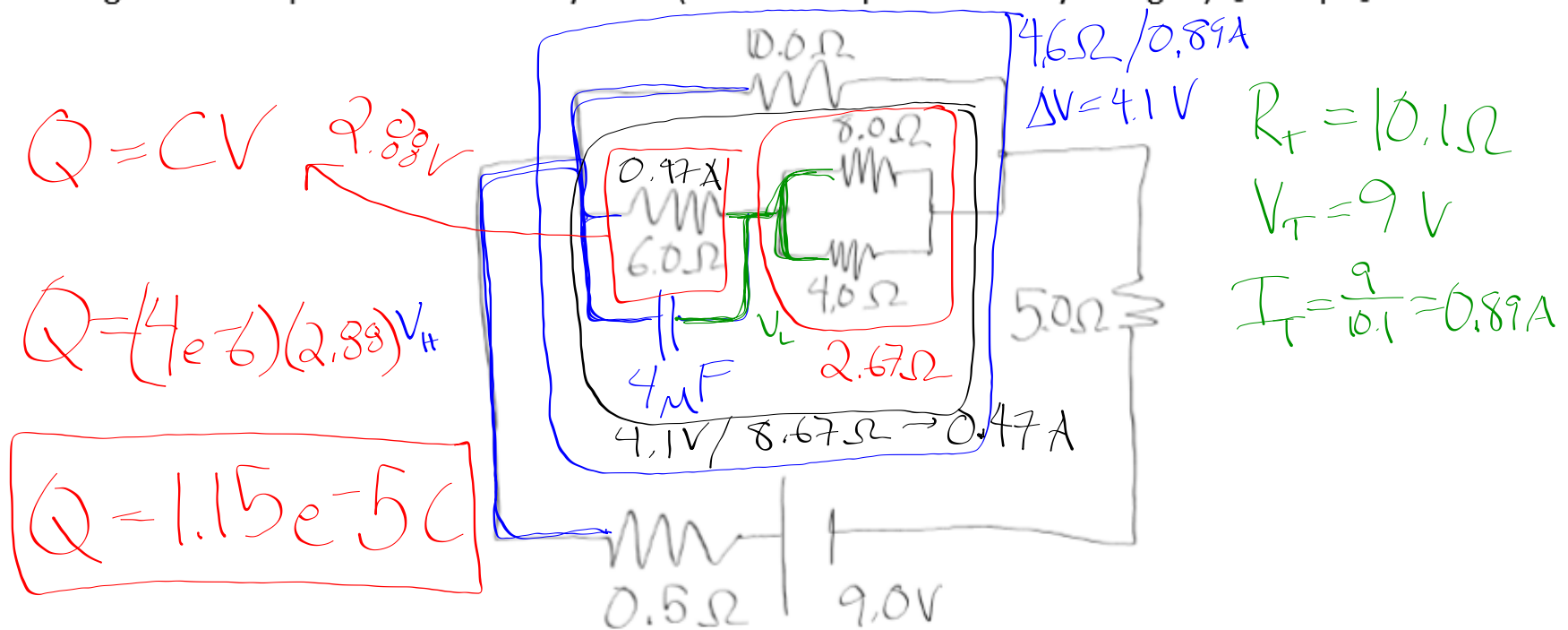


2. Suppose a  $4.0 \mu\text{F}$  capacitor were placed across the  $6.0 \Omega$  resistor in the circuit below. Calculate the charge on the capacitor in its steady state (after the capacitor is fully charged).  $[11.4 \mu\text{C}]$



$$V = IR$$

$\Delta V$  between two points = current travelling between points  $\times$  equivalent resistance

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$$Q = CV$$

Charge on a capacitor = capacitance of that capacitor  $\times$   $\Delta V$  across capacitor

3. A heart pacemaker is designed to operate at 70 beats/min using a  $7.0 \mu\text{F}$  capacitor. What value of resistance should be used if the pacemaker is to fire when the voltage reaches 63% of maximum?  
[1.22e5 Ohms]

$$63\% = 1 \tau \quad \frac{70 \text{ beats}}{\text{min}} \quad \curvearrowright$$

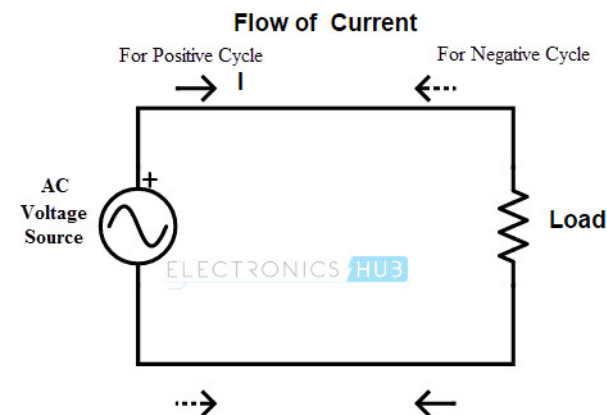
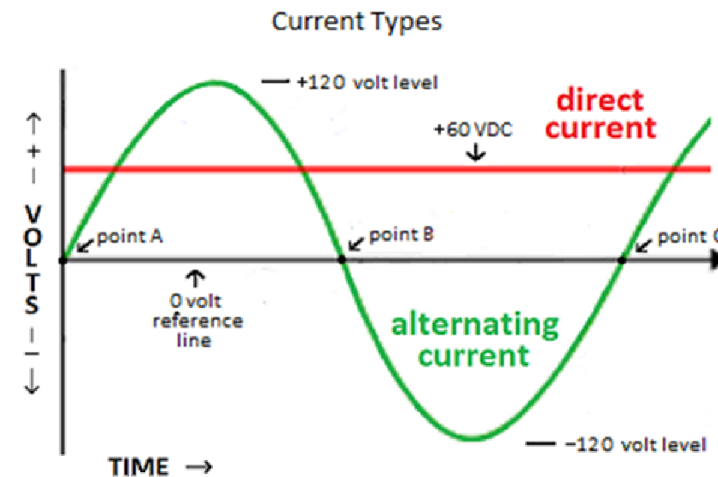
$$\tau = RC \quad \frac{1 \text{ min}}{70 \text{ beats}} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ s}}{\text{min}} = 0.86 \text{ s}$$

$$0.86 \text{ s} = R (7e-6 \text{ F})$$

$$R = 122,449 \Omega$$

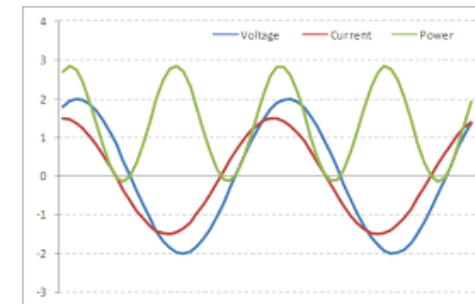
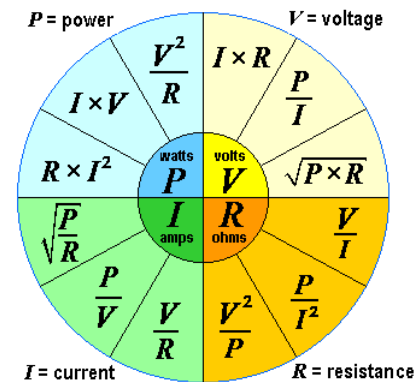
# Alternating Current (AC):

- Voltage at one terminal of the source is constantly changing - ranges from zero to a positive voltage, back to zero, to a negative voltage, in a sine wave.
- Creates an ever-changing "push-pull" which creates a back-and-forth current
- Current can still do stuff!  
And often it's the same or close to DC current.
- Why? Easier power transmission; relatively easy to change to DC if needed



# Electrical Power:

- Power measures work done per time
- Unit is Watts (Joules/Sec)
- In a circuit,  $P = IV$
- If there is resistance,  $P = I^2R$  or  $V^2/R$  (Ohm's Law)
- In a standardized system (like US power grid)  $V$  is always the same so  $P$  and  $I$  are somewhat interchangeable



## Example 1:

- A circuit uses 14.9 W of power and generates an overall current of 6 A. What is the voltage driving the circuit?

$$V = 2.48 \text{ V}$$

- If there is a 0.321 Ohm resistor in the circuit, how much power is dissipated (as heat) through the resistor?

$$R = 0.321 \Omega$$

$$P = I^2 R = 11.6 \text{ W}$$

$$P = V^2 / R$$

- What do you suppose happens to the rest of the power used by the circuit?

$$3.3 \text{ W}$$

$\Rightarrow$  heat, work,  
light, sound, ...

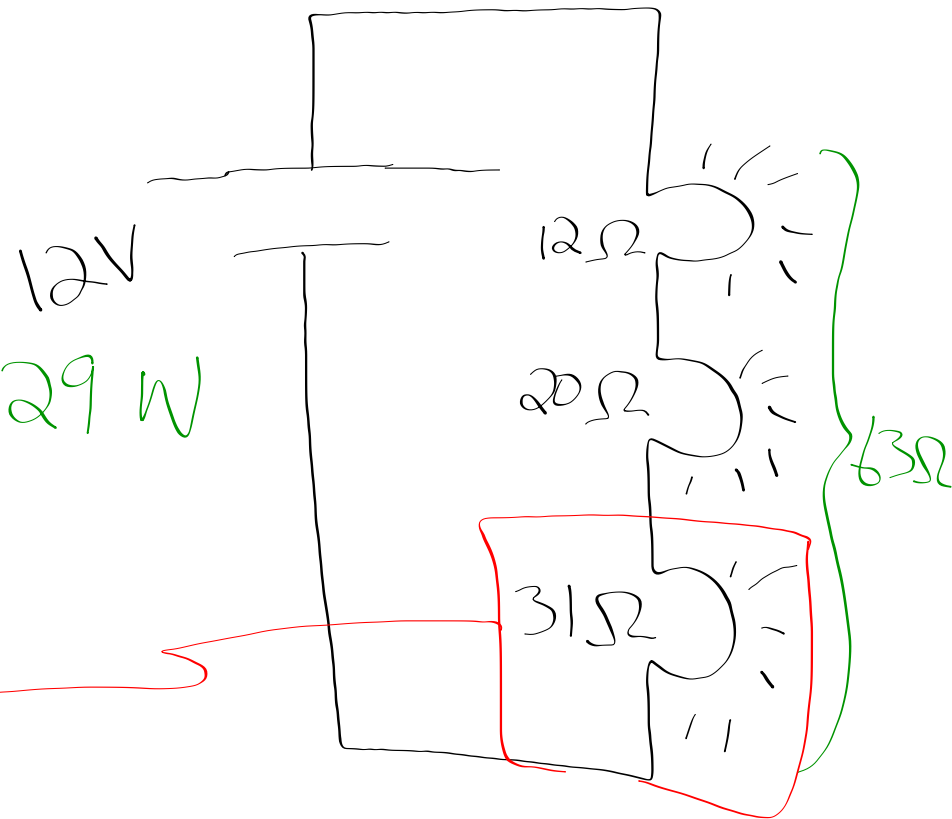
## Example 2:

- How much power is used by this circuit? How much is dissipated across each bulb?

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R} = 2.29 \text{ W}$$

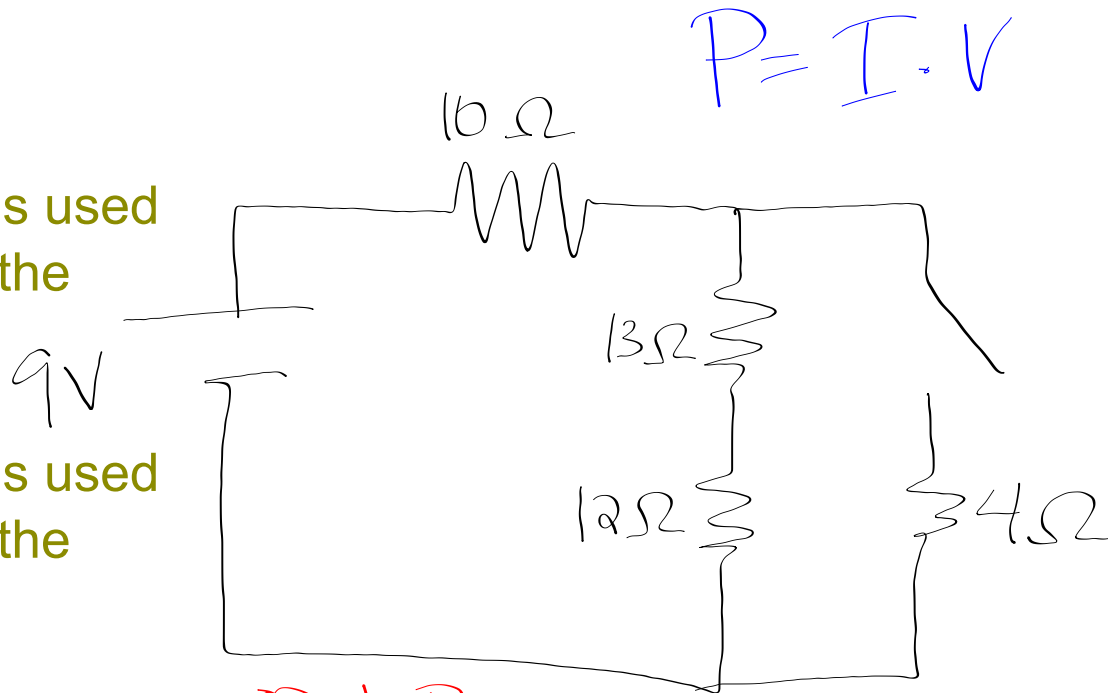
- Which light bulb will burn the brightest, and why?

Waste the most but also use the most electricity productively



## Example 3:

- How much power is used by this circuit with the switch open?
- How much power is used by this circuit with the switch closed?
- Why do these values make sense intuitively?



OPEN:  $R_T = 10 + 13 + 12 = 35 \Omega$

$P = V^2/R = 9^2/35 = 2.3 \text{ W}$

CLOSED:  $R_T = 10 + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{4}} = 13.4 \Omega$

$P = V^2/R = 9^2/13.4 = 6 \text{ W}$



