

Introduction to electric circuits

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1 Concepts and definitions

Electric current

$$I = \frac{\delta Q}{\delta t} [A]$$

Ampere unit

$$1[A] = \frac{1[C]}{1[S]}$$

Number of free charge carriers

$$n = \frac{\#e^-}{V} \left[\frac{1}{m^3} \right]$$

Average speed of free charge carriers

$$v_p = \frac{I}{n|q_e|A} \left[\frac{m}{s} \right]$$

Electric current density

$$J = \frac{I}{A} \left[\frac{A}{m^2} \right] = nq_e v_p \left[\frac{A}{m^2} \right]$$

Electric current density in a vector form

$$\vec{J} = nq_e \vec{v}_p \left[\frac{A}{m^2} \right]$$

2 Ohm law

In vector form

$$\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E} \left[\frac{A}{m^2} \right] = \frac{\vec{E}}{\rho} \left[\frac{A}{m^2} \right]$$

Resistivity

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma} [\Omega \cdot m]$$

Resistivity according to temperature

$$\rho = \rho_0 [1 + \alpha(T - T_0)] [\Omega \cdot m]$$

Where:

- ρ : Resistivity of the material at a temperature T .
- ρ_0 : Resistivity of the material at $20 [^\circ C]$
- α : Temperature coefficient of the material $[^\circ C]^{-1}$

Electric resistance

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A} [\Omega]$$

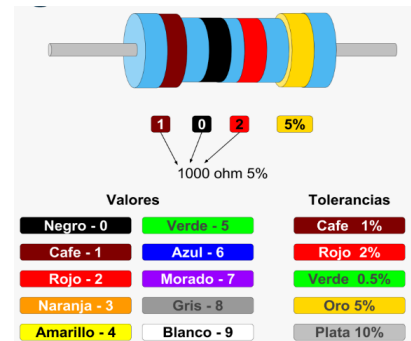
Ohm unit

$$1 [\Omega] = \frac{1[V]}{1[A]}$$

Potential difference

$$V_{ab} = RI [V]$$

Resistors colors



3 Joule law

Electric power

$$P = R \cdot I^2 = \frac{V^2}{R} [w]$$

Dissipated energy

$$P = (V_{ab} \cdot I) [w]$$

Watt unit

$$1[w] = \frac{1[J]}{1[s]}$$

Joule law

$$\begin{aligned} U_R &= Pt & [J] \\ &= VIt & [J] \\ &= RI^2t & [J] \\ &= \frac{V^2}{R}t & [J] \end{aligned}$$

4 Resistance connections

In series

$$I = I_1 = I_2 = I_3 = \dots$$
$$V_{ad} = V_1 + V_2 + \dots$$
$$R_{eq} = \sum_{i=1}^n R_i [\Omega]$$

In parallel

$$V_{ab} = V_1 = V_2 = V_3 = \dots$$
$$I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + \dots$$
$$R_{eq} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{R_i} \right)^{-1} [\Omega]$$

5 Electromotive Force

It is defined as

$$\varepsilon = \frac{w}{q} = \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} [V]$$

Ideal electromotive force

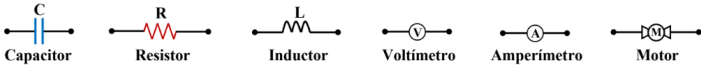
$$P_{\text{ideal}} = \varepsilon I \quad [w]$$
$$U_{\text{ideal}} = Pt \quad [J]$$
$$U_{\text{ideal}} = \varepsilon It \quad [J]$$

Real electromotive force

$$P_{\text{real}} = P_{\text{ideal}} - P_{ri} \quad [w]$$
$$P_{\text{real}} = \varepsilon I - r_i I^2 \quad [w]$$
$$U_{\text{real}} = P_{\text{real}} t \quad [J]$$
$$U_{\text{real}} = (\varepsilon I - r_i I^2) t \quad [J]$$

6 Nomenclature

- Branch: A a electric device with two terminals.



- Principal branch: The branch or branches that connect two adjacent principal nodes.
- Node: Union of two or more branches.
- Principal node: Union of three or more branches.
- Mesh: Branch set connected in a closed trajectory.

7 Kirchhoff Laws

- LCK: The sum of electric current in a node is equal to 0. $\sum_{k=1}^n I_k = 0$. If the current enters is positive and if it exits is negative.
- Independent equations in node (EIN): Its equal to the number of principal nodes minus one. $EIN = N_p - 1$

- LVK: The sum of potential differences in a mesh with closed trajectory is zero. $\sum_{k=1}^n V_k = 0$. $(- \implies +)$ is positive and $(+ \implies -)$ is negative.
- Independent equation in meshes (EIM): Its equal to the number of principal meshes minus the number of independent nodes. $EIM = R_p - EIN$.

8 Introduction to RC circuits

Initial electric current, maximum electric current

$$i_0 = \frac{E}{R} [A]$$

Total electric current

$$q_{\text{max}} = C\varepsilon [C]$$

Getting the current according the time

$$i(t) = \frac{\varepsilon}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} [A]$$

Tau constant: $\tau = RC [s]$

We can obtain time as:

$$t = -RC \ln \frac{i}{i_0} [s]$$

Determine electric charge on a capacitor

$$q(t) = C\varepsilon(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}) [C]$$

Determine potential difference on a capacitor

$$V_c(t) = \varepsilon(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}) [V]$$

Determine potential difference on a resistor

$$V_R(t) = \varepsilon e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} [V]$$

Determine electric charge on a capacitor when discharging

$$q(t) = C\varepsilon e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} [C]$$

Determine the electric current in the circuit

$$i(t) = -\frac{\varepsilon}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} [A]$$