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# ECOR1043: Circuits

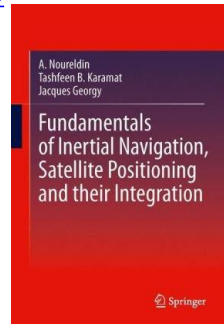
## Course Introduction & Basic Concepts

*Basic Quantities & Circuit Elements*

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## Introduction

- Read "[Course Outline](#)" on Brightspace and
- Read "[Pre-Lab & Lab Instructions](#)" on Brightspace for details
- Grading Scheme
  - Pre-labs Quizzes 10% No Pre-lab report
  - Lab reports 25%
  - Final Exam 65%
- To pass the course
  - Must pass final exam ( $\geq 50\%$ ) to pass the course
  - Must achieve a combined average grade of  $>40\%$  in Pre-labs and Lab reports
- The minimum passing grade for this course is C-. Any grade below this will be recorded as an F in the final grade

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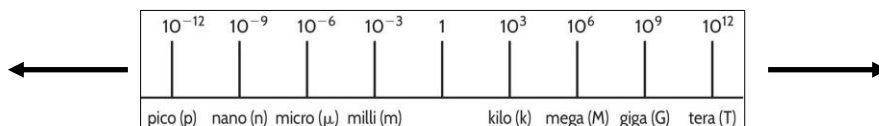
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- Labs
  - Lab #0 (Part-I and Part-II)
  - Lab #0 is not graded but vital to do well in subsequent graded labs
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## Basic Quantities

- Circuits ... they are everywhere!
  - Computers, cellphones, TV, airplanes, cars, spacecraft, robots ... all contain electrical circuits
- An Electric circuit
  - An interconnection of electrical components the allow electrons to flow to perform useful function
  - It can be [described with a mathematical model to predict its behavior](#)
- Standard SI prefixes



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## Basic Quantities

- Electric charge ( $q$ )
  - Charge is an electrical property of the atomic particles
  - It is measured in **coulombs (C)**
$$1 \text{ COULOMB} = 6.241 \times 10^{18} (e)$$
- Electric current ( $i$ )
  - The time rate of change of charge (or flow of charge over time)
  - The basic unit of current is the **ampere (A)**

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## Basic Quantities

- Voltage (electromotive force, potential, or **potential difference  $v$** )
  - The difference in energy (w) level required to move a unit charge between two points
  - It is a kind of a 'push' or 'pressure' to move electrons resulting in current
  - Basic unit of voltage is **volt (V)**
  - **Voltage is always measured in a relative form as the voltage difference between two points**

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## Basic Quantities

- Power ( $p$ )
  - Time rate of change of energy (delivered or absorbed)
  - It is measured in **Watts(W)**
  - Power is related to current and voltage through







$$p = v \times i$$

- Derivation of the above formula can be found in Appendix A to this lecture

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## Basic Quantities

- Circuits elements
  - Devices that are completely characterized by **the current through the element and/or the voltage across it.**
- Types
  - Active: Generate power
    - Voltage sources (batteries)
    - Current sources
    - Generators
  - Passive: Cannot generate power (but absorb/dissipate power)
    - Resistors  
    - Capacitors  
    - Inductors  

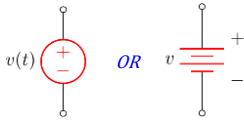
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## Power Supplies & Conventional Current

- Power supplies provide a source of electrical power

- Voltage source



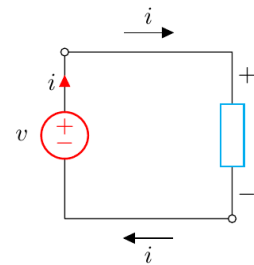
- Current source



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- **Conventional Current** assumes that current flows out of the positive terminal, through the circuit and into the negative terminal of the source.



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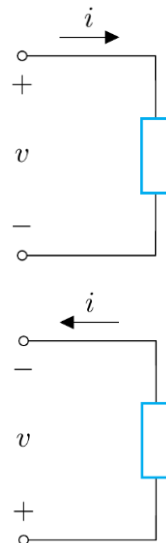
## Passive Sign Convention (PSC)

- We want to establish the sign of the current relative to the voltage for passive circuit elements (or vice versa)

- We assume that the current enters the node at the higher voltage (the positive '+' side)

- Sign must be known for active circuit elements

- Current directions are given for current sources and
- Voltage polarities are given for voltage sources

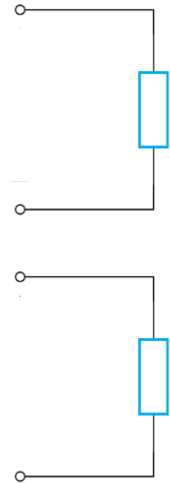


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## Passive Sign Convention (PSC)

- We can assume (arbitrarily) either the voltage polarity or current direction **if neither are given**.
- Once we assume either the voltage polarity or current direction, this will dictate the assumed direction of the other parameter (**due to the fact we are also assuming current is entering the +ve side**)
- Subsequent analysis is performed on this assumption and a negative result simply means that the assumed value, whether voltage polarity or current direction, was incorrect
- It is generally counter-productive to attempt to determine the “correct” voltage polarities and current directions before analyzing the circuit

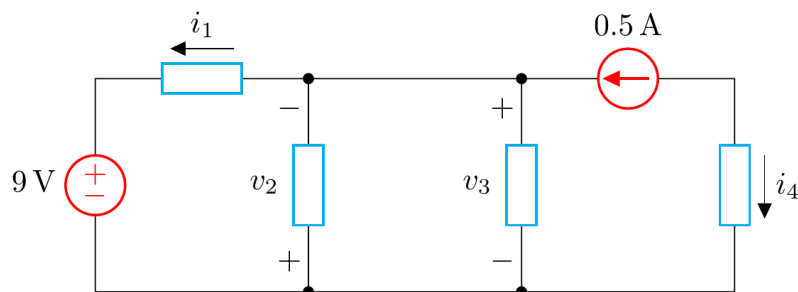


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## Passive Sign Convention (PSC)

- Ex. 1: Provide the appropriate sign convention for the missing parameter (current direction or voltage polarity) on the **four** passive elements represented by blue outline.

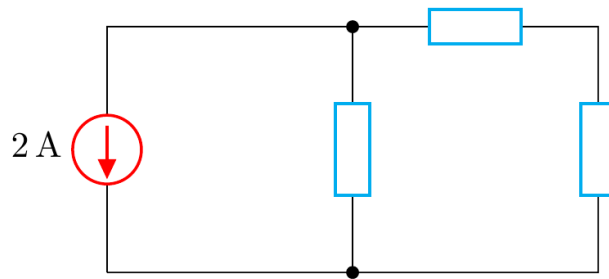


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## Passive Sign Convention (PSC)

- Ex. 2: Assign reference voltage and current directions for the **three** passive elements represented by blue outline in the circuit below:

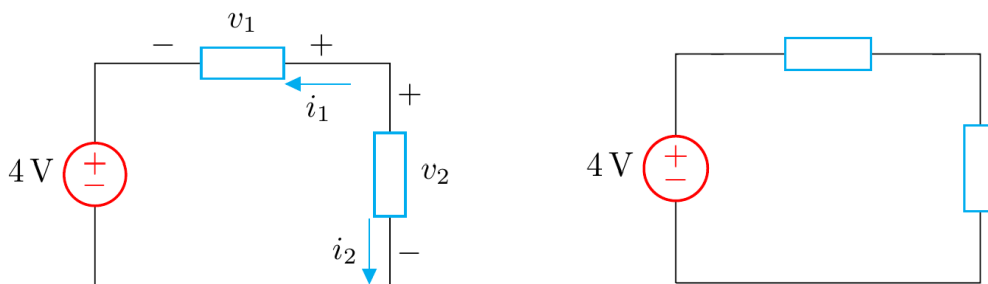


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## Passive Sign Convention (PSC)

- Ex. 3: For the circuit below, the sign convention shown is chosen



- After analyzing the circuit, it is determined that  $i_1 = -3\text{mA}$ ,  $i_2 = 3\text{mA}$ ,  $v_1 = -1.5\text{V}$ , and  $v_2 = 2.5\text{V}$ . Re-draw the circuit showing the actual voltages and currents and their directions

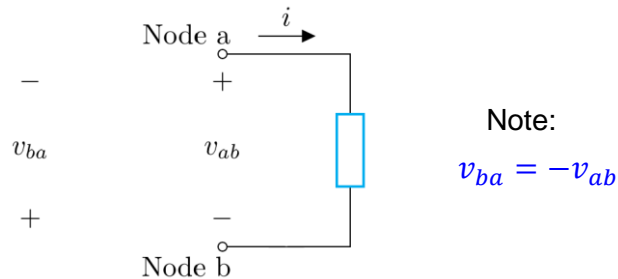
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## Voltage Notation

- Voltage polarity is sometimes indicated by subscript notation
- The order of the subscripts indicates the polarity
  - The first subscript indicates assumed higher-voltage node
  - The second subscript is the assumed lower-voltage node



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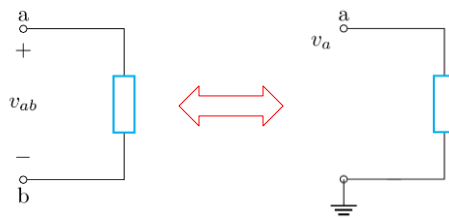
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## Voltage Notation

- Voltages are often represented as relative to “ground”
- Ground is a reference voltage; typically, 0V.



- Voltages relative to ground generally **not** called a voltage difference; they are a difference relative to zero volts
- Voltages relative to ground often represented with a single subscript

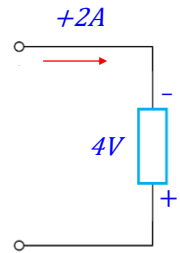


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## Power Supplied and Absorbed

- Power = voltage  $\times$  current  
$$p = vi$$
- Circuit elements can either dissipate or generate power
- Power is **absorbed** if the power is **positive**
- Power is **generated** if the power is **negative**
- You can always reverse either the voltage or current and multiply the value by “ $-1$ ” (if this makes your life easier)

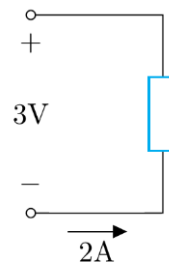
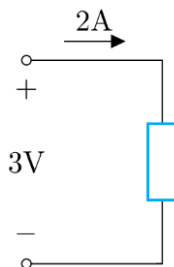


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## Power Supplied and Absorbed

- Ex 4: Determine the power associated with the circuit element below.
- Ex 5: Determine the power associated with the circuit element below.

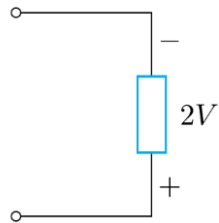


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## Power Supplied and Absorbed

- Ex 6: The circuit element absorbs 10W. Determine the current in the element.



*$I=5A$  (upwards)*

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## Practice Problems

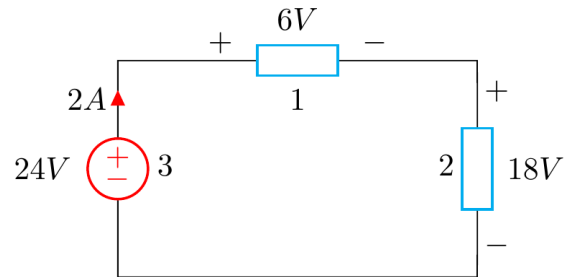
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## Basic Quantities

- Prob 1a: Compute power supplied/absorbed by each element

- $P_1 = ?$
- $P_2 = ?$
- $P_3 = ?$



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## Basic Quantities

- Prob 1a (cont.):

- $P_1 = +V \times I = 6 \times 2$   
 $= 12\text{W (absorbed)}$

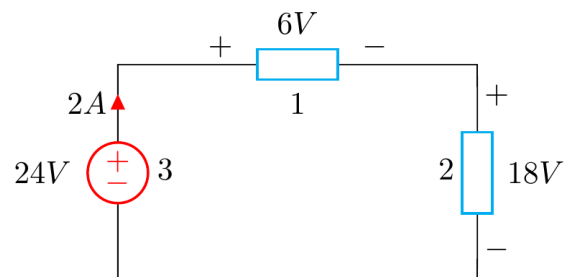
- $P_2 = +V \times I = 18 \times 2$   
 $= 36\text{W (absorbed)}$

- $P_3 = -(V \times I) = -24 \times 2$   
 $= -48\text{W (supplied)}$

- Note that the total power absorbed is equal to total supplied

- Conservation of Power

- the sum of the powers absorbed by all elements in an electrical network is zero

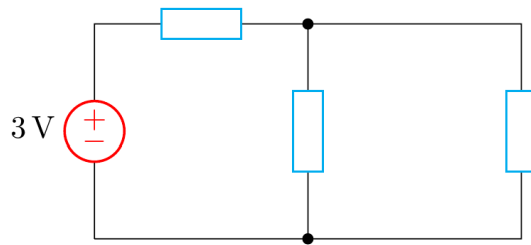


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## Passive sign convention (PSC)

- Prob 1: Assign reference voltage and current directions for the passive elements represented by shaded boxes in the circuit below:

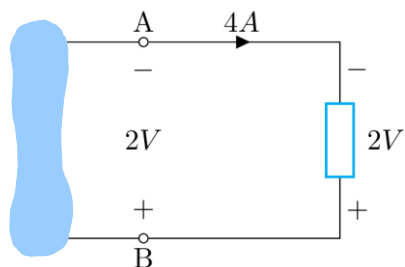


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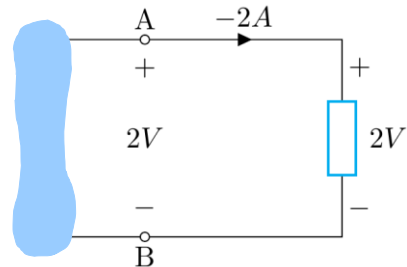
## Power Supplied and Absorbed

- Prob 2: Determine the power associated with the circuit element
- Prob 3: : Determine the power associated with the circuit element



- The current direction (or voltage polarity ) should be reversed to agree with PSC

$$P = -8W \quad \text{So power is being supplied}$$



- The current direction and voltage polarity are OK and agree with PSC

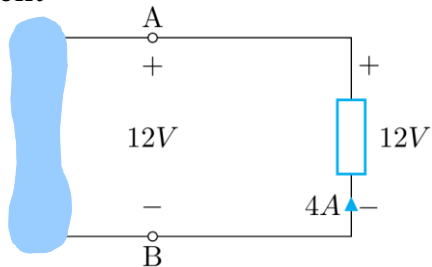
$$P = -4W \quad \text{So power is being supplied}$$

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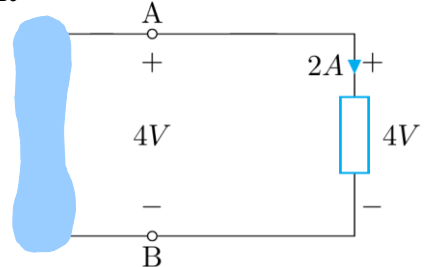
## Basic Quantities

- Prob 4: Determine the power associated with the circuit element



- The current direction (or voltage polarity) should be reversed to agree with PSC  
 $P = -48W$  So power is being supplied

- Prob 5: Determine the power associated with the circuit element



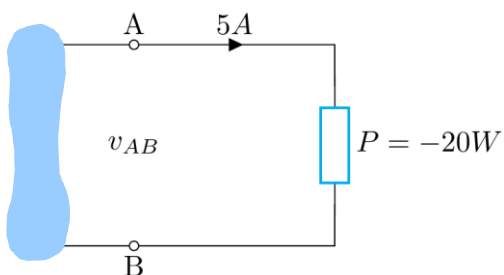
- The current direction and voltage polarity are OK and agree with PSC  
 $P = 8W$  So power is being absorbed

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## Basic Quantities

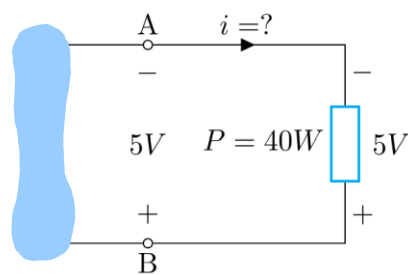
- Prob 6: Determine voltage



- Label A is + and B – (according to current directions)

$v_{AB} = -4V$  (A is + and B is -)  
 We can also say  $v_{BA} = 4$

- Prob 7: Determine current



- Current direction (or voltage polarity) should be reversed to conform to PSC

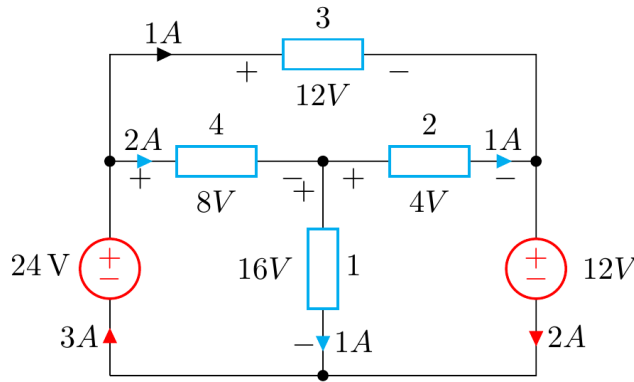
$I = -8A$

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## Basic Quantities

- Prob 8: Calculate the power associated with each element in the network



$$P_1 = (16V)(1A) = 16[W]$$

$$P_2 = (4V)(1A) = 4[W]$$

$$P_3 = (12V)(1A) = 12[W]$$

$$P_4 = (8V)(2A) = 16[W]$$

$$P_{12V} = (12V)(2A) = 24[W]$$

$$P_{24V} = (-24V)(3A) = -72[W]$$

**NOTICE THE POWER BALANCE**

$$16 + 4 + 12 + 16 + 24 - 72 = 0$$

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## Appendix A: Derivation of Power Formula

- Power is defined as time rate of change of energy (delivered or absorbed)

$$p = \frac{dw}{dt}$$

- Using chain rule

$$p = \frac{dw}{dq} \times \frac{dq}{dt} \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

- Current is the time rate of change of charge (or flow charge over time)

$$i = dq/dt$$

- Voltage is the difference in energy (w) level required to move a unit charge between two points

$$v = dw/dq$$

- Substituting  $i$  and  $v$  back into eq. 1, we get

$$p = v \times i$$

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