# UNIT 2 <br> SECTION 2: CURRENT ELECTRICITY 



Text: Unit 14

"Don't worry about it. This isn't exactly rocket science, you know."

## Introduction

Electrostatic Charge refers to charge just piled up somewhere (on balloons, spherical conductors, etc.) Occasionally, a single test charge was allowed to move, but only for a very short time.


## Physics 3204

## Unit 2 : Section 2 - Current Electricity

Topic 1 : Electric Current


Text: Unit 14.2

## CURRENT ELECTRICTY

Current Electricity: Electricity produced due to the flow of electric charge from one place to another in a conductor.


Electron flow
Energy from another source is needed to produce current electricity. ( Ex. Chemical Battery, generator).

## Unlike Electrostatic charge Electric Current is always on the move.

100 yrs ago Benjamin Franklin determined that there was an excess of charge on the positive terminal of a battery and a deficiency on the negative terminal. He concluded that electric current flowed from the positive terminal ,through a circuit, and back to the negative terminal. This became known as conventional current.

Conventional flow notation


Electric charge moves from the positive (surplus) side of the battery to the negative (deficiency) side.

Much mathematics and Physics, was built on this concept ...But... He was WRONG!

Electron Flow is what actually happens. Electrons flow out of the Negative terminal, through the circuit and into the positive terminal of the source.

Electron flow notation


Electric charge moves from the negative (surplus) side of the battery to the positive (deficiency) side.

## Electricity model

The charges do not come out of the cell and disappear when they get to the lamp. This idea is wrong. Click Next to see the next idea.


Both Conventional Current and Electron Flow are used by industry. In fact, it makes no difference which way current is flowing as long as it is used consistently. The direction of current flow does not affect what the current does.


## CURRENT

- Current (I) refers to the flow of charges in a circuit.
- It is the amount of charge passing a point every second.

- is measured in Amperes or Amps (A).

Instead of water, we will be looking at the flow of electrons



Formula:
Current is the total amount of charge moving past a point in the conductor divided by the time.

$$
I=\frac{Q}{t} \quad \text { Units: C/s or Amperes, A }
$$

The unit $C / s$ is named in honour of André Marie Ampere (1775-1836). When a wire has a flow of charge equal to $1 \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{s}$, we say that there is 1 ampere of current in the wire.

## Example 1:

If the light in circuit is connected to the cell for 100 seconds and a charge of 10 C flows in that time, how much charge flows through the wires in 1.0 second?


## Answer

The amount of charge that flows in 1.0 second is $10 \mathrm{C} \div 100 \mathrm{~s}$ which is $0.1 \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{s}$. We say the current is $0.1 \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{s}$.

This is exactly the same as saying that the current of water in a water pipe is 0.1 litres per second if 10 litres flows through in 100 s .

## Example 2

How much current passes through a toaster if 1500 C of charge pass through it in 2.5 minutes?

Given and unknown:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& q=1500 \mathrm{C} \\
& t=2.5 \mathrm{~min}=2.5 \mathrm{~min} \times 60 \mathrm{~s} / \mathrm{min}=1.50 \mathrm{~s} \\
& I=? \\
& I=\frac{\mathrm{q}}{t}=\frac{1.500 \mathrm{C}}{1.50 \mathrm{~s}}=10 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{s}=10 \mathrm{~A}
\end{aligned}
$$

The toaster draws 10 A of current.


## Example 3

If you have a clock radio on your night table, it probably draws about 5.0 x $10^{-2} \mathrm{~A}$ of current. How much charge passes through it while you sleep from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM?

## Solution

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{I}=5.0 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{~A}=5.0 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{s} \\
& \mathrm{t}=8.0 \mathrm{hr}=8.0 \times 3600 \mathrm{~s} / \mathrm{hr}=2.9 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{~s} \\
& \mathrm{q}=?
\end{aligned}
$$



$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{q}=\mathrm{It} & =5.0 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{s} \times 2.9 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{~s} \\
\mathrm{q} & =1450 \mathrm{C}=1.5 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{C} .
\end{aligned}
$$

## How can we control currents?

- With circuits.
- Circuit: is a path for the flow of electrons. We use wires.


Electric Circuit: a complete uninterrupted pathway for an electric current, from the source and back again. In order for electrons to move, there must be a complete pathway through which they can flow.

Schematic Diagram: a circuit diagram which shows the logic of the connections rather than the actual layout of the components. A diagram using graphic symbols to show how a circuit functions electrically.


## SAMPLE ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS AND SYMBOLS

Table 11.2 Circuit Symbols

| Symbol | Component | Function |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - | wire | conductor; allows electrons to flow |
| -an- | lamp (light bulb) | specific load; converts electricity to light and <br> heat |
| terminal, shorter side is the negative terminal |  |  |

## See p. 593 of your text for more

## RULES for Drawing Circuit Diagrams

1. Always use a ruler to draw straight lines for the conducting wires
2. Make right-angle corners $(\llcorner$ ) so that your finished diagrams is a rectangle

- Contain 4 basic parts:
- Electrical source
- Switch
- Load
- Conducting wire


Figure 11.26 The four basic parts of a circuit


- Electric current is the movement of electrons from a negative terminal back to the positive terminal of a battery (potential drop).


## Fundamental Parts of An Electric Circuit

## An electric circuit can be considered a system consisting of four subsystems:

1. Source a device which changes one type of energy into electrical energy, example a chemical cell or generator.
2. a material which allows electric current (electrons) to pass

Conductor through it easily, example copper wire
3. Control starts and stops the flow of electrons in an electric circuit, example switch
4. Load the device which changes electrical energy into some other form of energy, example motor, light bulb

## SERIES CIRCUIT

- provides a single pathway for the current to flow.

- If the circuit breaks, all devices using the circuit will fail.

A series circuit provides only one path for the current to follow. What happens to the brightness of each bulb as more bulbs are added?


## PARALLEL CIRCUIT

- has multiple pathways for the current to flow.

- If the circuit is broken the current may pass through other pathways and other devices will continue to work.

Figure 18
In parallel circuits, the current follows more than one path. How will the voltage difference compare in each branch?


Ex. Expensive Christmas lights, If you remove a bulb from a the string they remain lit!

## PARALLEL CIRCUIT




## MEASURING CURRENT

- Current is measured with an instrument called an ammeter.
- the ammeter is always connected in series with the other elements of the circuit. An ammeter typically has a red terminal and a black terminal. Connect the red terminal to the positive terminal of the battery.



## Measuring Current

Circuit flow must go through the meter.


Light

a schematic


In the schematic, the resistance of the ammeter is much, much, much smaller than the resistance of the lamp. This is important because the ammeter must not affect the circuit in an appreciable way.

## Activity



- Read Text: Sec 14.2 Pages 590-594
- Worksheet 1: Electric Current
- DO Extra Practice Questions: Text In your textbook:
- 594--do \#1 --\#4
- on. p. 620--do \#1, \#2, \#4
- on pp. 620-do \#9--\#10


## Physics 3204

## Unit 2 : Section 2 - Current Electricity

Topic 2 : Electric Voltage


Text: Unit 14.3


## Electric Potential Energy

## Electric Potential Energy refers to electric energy stored in

 the battery that can be given to electrons to enable them to do work within a circuit.Electric Potential Energy is measured in Joules


Electric potential energy is another name for work (W) when we are dealing with electricity is the change in.

## VOLTAGE

Charge does not flow on its own. To produce an electric current in a circuit, a difference in potential is required. Voltage is just another name for potential difference ( V ) and the units are volts. (named after Alessandro Volta (1745-1827).

Electric potential refers to the amount of energy per unit charge.

# Electric Potential = Electric Potential Energy Charge 

$$
=\quad \frac{\text { Joules }}{\text { Coulomb }}
$$

$$
=\quad \text { Volts }
$$

Don't forget that another name for work (W) when we are dealing with electricity is the-change-in-electrie-potential-energy-( $E_{e}$ ).

## Example 1:

What is the voltage of an AA dry cell if the internal chemical action does 15 J of work while supplying 10 C of charge to operate a small bulb?

Givens:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{W}=\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{e}}=15 \mathrm{~J} \\
& \mathrm{q}=10 \mathrm{C} . \\
& \mathrm{V}=?
\end{aligned}
$$

## Solution:


$\mathrm{V}=\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{e}} / \mathrm{q}=15 \mathrm{~J} / 10 \mathrm{C}=1.5 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{C}=1.5 \mathrm{~V}$.
But, you knew that all time. All AA dry cells have a voltage of 1.5 V .

## Think:

## All AAA, C, and D cells have the same voltage. How can that be

 when the $D$ cell is very much larger than the AAA cell?Voltage depends only on the materials that make up the cell. For example, if the rod is carbon and the casing is zinc, and the paste is the same in the cell, then you could make the cell as big as a barn and the voltage would still be 1.5 V .


A D cell is bigger--the rod is bigger, the casing is bigger, there is a lot more paste. Therefore it will keep pumping electrons to a higher potential on the casing for a much longer time than will a AAA cell.

The D cell will operate the light bulb for a much longer time before its chemical action becomes all used up. The larger the cell, the longer it can supply a certain amount of current.


## Example 1:

The battery required by a smoke detector can provide 10 C of charge when the chemical action in the battery expends 90 J of energy. How many dry cells would it take to operate the smoke detector?
(Note: For a dry cell that voltage is typically 1.5 volts)

Givens:
$\mathrm{W}=\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{e}}=90 \mathrm{~J}$
$\mathrm{V}=$ ?
$V=E_{e} / q=90 \mathrm{~J} / 10 \mathrm{C}=9 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{C}=9 \mathrm{~V}$.

A smoke detector battery is rated at 9 V . 6 dry cells would provide the equivalent voltage ( $6 \times 1.5=9$ ).

A 9.0v battery is nothing more than 6 dry

9 V battery
 cells in one casing.

## What is Voltage? Confused??

Whatever the source, it helps to picture potential difference or voltage as the force behind the current--the force making the electrons move. In fact, another name sometimes used for potential difference and voltage is electromotive force (emf).

Analogy
Voltage may be viewed as a hill. Think of this analogy: the steeper the hill, the faster a line of balls will roll down. The "current of balls" will deliver more balls to the bottom of the hill faster when the hill is steep.
Likewise, when voltage is high, it seems reasonable to predict that a larger current of electrons will roll through the circuit.


## Sources of Potential Difference (Voltaae)

Voltaic Cell


Piezo - electrcity


Thermoelectricity

Photoelectricity


Electromagnetic Induction


Chemical potential energy is released during a reaction as electrons are driven between two different metal plates.

Quartz and Rochelle salt crystals create small electric potential when mechanical force or stress is applies to them.

Two pieces of difference metals joined together and subject to a temperature difference transfers thermal energy in to electric potential energy in what is called a thermocouple.
light energy is absorbed by elections of certain metal that cause electrons to flow.

Kinetic energy of water or steam forces conductors to move in magnetic field

## Electric Potential Difference

Electric potential difference refers to the difference in electric potential from one location in a circuit to another.

The units are still volts.
Voltage at point A is 12 V
Voltage at point B is 0 V


Electric Potential Difference $=$ Voltage at $\mathbf{A}-$ Voltage at B

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =12 \mathrm{~V}-0 \mathrm{~V} \\
& =12 \mathrm{~V}
\end{aligned}
$$

To produce an electric current in a circuit, a (" in potential is required

## Example 1:

If the potential difference across a battery is 6.0 V , how much work is done to move $6.0 \times 10^{2} \mathrm{C}$ of charge through a circuit?

## Example 2:

The work required to move an electric charge between two points in an electric field is 0.0045 J . If the potential difference between these points is 12 V , what amount of charge is moved?

## Example 3:

If $4.8 \times 10^{-17} \mathrm{~J}$ of work is required to move an electron between two points in an electric field, what is the electric potential difference between these points?

What is Electrical Potential Energy, Electrical Potential, Electrical Potential Difference Confused??
Money represents the amount of energy you have! Money = Electrical Potential Energy

People represent Charge
battery 1


More People = More Charge battery 2


Electric Potential $=6 / 2=3 \mathrm{~V}$ Electric Potential $=12 / 4=2 \mathrm{~V}$

The amount of money per person is like electric potential. However, in a circuit electric potential represent the amount of energy per charge.

What is electric potential difference?
Remember battery 1, each person had \$3 dollars per person or 3 V .

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { ELECTIC POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE }= & \mathrm{V}_{\text {IN }}-\mathrm{V}_{\text {OUT }} \\
& =3 \mathrm{~V}-1 \mathrm{~V} \\
\text { shop } & =2 \mathrm{~V}
\end{aligned}
$$

Figure 8.16A Both ends of the tube are at the same potential (height). The marbles in the tube do not all flow in the same direction.


Figure 8.16B Because of the difference in height of the ends of the tube in (B), there is a greater potential difference than in (A). There is a greater "current" of marbles in tube ( $B$ ) than in tube (A).

## Cells and Batteries

Current can not be produced or electrons can not flow on their own, some force has to get the electrons moving. One way that we looked at was through the use of an electrochemical cell.

Cell: a device that converts chemical energy into electrical energy. Generally speaking the "batteries" that you buy in the store to run your portable appliances are chemical cells.


## What is a Battery

Battery: made up of one or more electrochemical cells that are joined together to provide an electric current.


$$
\rightarrow \underset{6 \times 1.5 \text { Vells }}{\substack{9 \mathrm{~V} \text { battery } \\ \rightarrow}}
$$

## Electrons flow from regions of high potential to regions of low potential

 (something like a rock falling from a location of high potential to a location of lower potential).

## The Mouse Cheese Battery (cell)

The battery goes "dead" when all the negative charges make it through the circuit and get to the positive charges.


## MEASURING VOLTAGE

The instrument used to measure voltage is called a voltmeter.
A voltmeter can measure the increase in potential at the terminals of the dry cell, and the decrease in potential as the electrons give up their energy in the lamp.

Voltmeters must be hooked up in parallel


Unlike the ammeter the circuit is not broken to connect a voltmeter.

- The red terminal of the voltmeter is connected to the positive terminal of the cell. (However, the red terminal of the voltmeter must be connected to the terminal of the bulb that is towards the positive terminal of the dry cell.)



## Measuring Voltage

Measure across a component.


## SUMMARY

|  | Current | Voltage |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Measured in | Amps, A | Volts, V |
| Measured with | Ammeter in series | Voltmeter in <br> parallel |
| Circuit symbol <br> of measuring <br> devise |  |  |

## Activity



- Read Text: Sec 14.3 Pages 594-598
- Worksheet 2: Electric Voltage
- DO Extra Practice Questions: Text In your textbook:
- on p. 597--do \#1--\#4
- on pp. 621do \#11--\#22


## Physics 3204

## Unit 2 : Section 2 - Current Electricity

Topic 3 : Electrical Resistance


## RESISTANCE

Resistance is the property of any material that slows down the flow of electrons and converts electrical energy into other forms of energy.

Electrical resistance is measure in ohms ( $\Omega$ ). The symbol for ohm is an omega,


Resistance is like an obstacle in the road. Electrons like to going to places of least resistance.

The wire that connects the battery to the light bulb has very little resistance, and therefore the electrons travelling through this wire lose almost no electrical energy


## What is electrical resistince?

 of an electric current, causing the electrical energy to be converted to thermal energy or
## light.



As electrons move through the filament in a lightbulb, they bump into metal atoms. Due to the collisions, the metal heats up and starts to glow.
The metal which makes up a light bulb filament or stovetop eye has a high electrical resistennce. This causes light and heat to be given off.

Electric load provided resistance in a circuit. It transforms electrical energy into other forms of energy.

Examples:


# Four Factors That Affect Resistance: 

1) TEMPERATURE.

Higher the temperature, larger is the resistance.

Since moving charge is impeded by molecules, greater molecular motion at higher temperatures tends to increase the resistance.

## longer the wire greater will be the resistance and shorter the wire smaller will be the resistance.

Think about a water pipe. As water scrapes along the inside of the pipe, water traveling through a long pipe will experience greater drag than through a short pipe.
$R \alpha L$ or $R=k L$ where k is some constant of proportionality.
Write $R_{1}=k L_{1}$ and $R_{2}=k L_{2}$, and divide one equation by the other so that the $k$ 's
cancel:


$$
\frac{R_{1}}{R_{2}}=\frac{L_{1}}{L_{2}}
$$


identical resistors except
for length (same diameter,

## 3) THICKNESS OF WIRE

Think: Will water run more freely through a fat pipe or a skinny one?
Answer:
The water will run through the pipe with the larger cross-sectional diameter. The larger the cross-sectional area the easier the flow. In other words: large cross-sectional area (A) means small resistance (R). Double the area and the resistance becomes one-half of what it was; triple the area and the resistance becomes one-third of what it was;

## Thinner the wire, greater the resistance and thicker the

 wire, lower the resistance.$R \propto \frac{1}{A}$ or, $R_{1}=\frac{k}{A_{1}}$ and $R_{2}=\frac{k}{A_{2}}$
Dividing one equation by the other so that the K 's cancel:
$\frac{R_{1}}{R_{2}}=\frac{\mathrm{K} / A_{1}}{K / A_{2}}=\frac{K}{A_{1}} \times \frac{A_{2}}{K^{\prime}}$
$\frac{R_{1}}{R_{2}}=\frac{A_{2}}{A_{1}}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& R_{1}=R \\
& R \quad A_{1}=a \\
& R_{2}=R / 4 \\
& R / 4 \& A_{2}=4 a
\end{aligned}
$$

identical resistors except for cross-sectional area (same length, same material, same temperature)

## TYPE OF MATERIAL.

## Good conductors have low resistivity

Silver and copper are extremely good conductors. Glass and hard rubber are non-conductors or insulators.


## In Summary....

## Table 14.4 <br> Factors that Affect Resistance

| Factor | Description | Proportionality |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Length | The longer the conductor, the greater <br> the resistance. | If the length is doubled, <br> then the resistance is |
| doubled $\frac{R_{1}}{R_{2}}=\frac{L_{1}}{L_{2}}$ |  |  |

## FIX THIS SLIDE

## Summary

Combine $R \propto L$ and $R \propto 1 / A$ to get $R \propto L / A$. This expression changes to an equation by substituting a constant of proportionality. This constant is the Greek letter rho ( $\rho$ ), and the equation is

$$
R=p \frac{L}{A}=p \frac{L}{\pi r^{2}}
$$

The units of $\rho$ are $\Omega m$ and $\rho$ is named resistivity. The resistivities of silver and copper are extremely tiny at $1.59 \times 10-8 \mathrm{~m}$ and $1.68 \times 10-8$ @m, respectively. The resistivity of hard rubber is extremely large: 1013 to 1015 תm. From the se values you can see that for a good conductor, $\rho$ is very tiny; and for a good insulator $\rho$ is very large.

## Solution Example 1:

What is the resistivity of a piece of wire that is 1.8 m long, 1.2 mm in diameter, and having a total resistance of $0.027 \Omega$ ?

Solution<br>$\mathrm{L}=1.8 \mathrm{~m}$<br>$\mathrm{r}=0.6 \mathrm{~mm}=0.0006 \mathrm{~m}$<br>$R=0.027 \Omega$<br>$\rho=$ ?

$$
\begin{aligned}
\rho & =\frac{R A}{L} \\
& =\frac{R \pi r^{2}}{L} \\
& =\frac{0.027 \Omega \times \pi \times(0.0006 \mathrm{~m})^{2}}{1.8 \mathrm{~m}} \\
& =1.6 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \mathrm{~m}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Example 2

Two wires are identical except that wire 1 has a cross-sectional area that is 3.5 times that of wire 2 . If the resistance of wire 1 is
$1.2 \Omega$, what is the resistance of wire 2 ?
Solution
$\mathrm{A}_{1}=3.5 \mathrm{~A}_{2}$
$\mathrm{R}_{1}=1.2 \Omega$
$\mathrm{R}_{2}=$ ?
Use the mathematical expression (from factor 3) that relates $A$ and $R$ and solve for $R_{2}$ :

Solve $\frac{R_{1}}{R_{2}}=\frac{A_{2}}{A_{1}}$ for $R_{2}$ to get $R_{2}=\frac{R_{1} A_{1}}{A_{2}}=\frac{1.2 \Omega \times 3.5, A_{2}}{A_{2}}=4.2 \Omega$

Common sense says that the resistance of wire 2 will be 3.5 times larger.

## Which wire has the greatest resistance?

The resistance of a short, thick piece of wire is less than the resistance of a long, thin piece of wire.

## In Summary....

Factors that affect Resistance

| Factor | Description | Proportionality |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Length | Thelonger the conductor, the greater <br> the resistance. | If thelength is doubled, <br> then the resistance is <br> doubled. |
| sectional <br> areas | Thelargerthe cross-sectional area or <br> thickness of the conductor, the less <br> resistant is hasto chargeflow. | If the cross-sectional <br> area is doubled, the <br> resistance goesto half its <br> originals value. |
| Type of <br> material | Some materials are better conductors <br> than others. The general measure of <br> the resistance of a substance is called <br> the resistivity. Resistivity has units <br> Rxm | If the resistivity(p) is <br> doubled, then the <br> resistance is also <br> doubled. |
| Temperature | Since moving charge is impeded by <br> molecules, greater molecularmotion at <br> highertemperatures tend to increase <br> the resistance. | An increase in <br> temperature of the <br> conductor usually <br> contributes to an <br> increase in the |
| resistance, but not for all |  |  |
| substances. |  |  |

## Activity



- Read Text: Sec 14.5, Pages 599-598
- Worksheet 3: Electric Resistance

DO Extra Practice Questions: Text In your textbook: 604 --do \#2 --\#3 on pp. 620-621--do \#26--\#28

## Summary Look at it this way: The Mouse Cheese Analogy

Negative charges are attracted to positive charges the same way mice are attracted to cheese. The negative charges (mice) will gladly do work in order to get to the positive charges (cheese).

Voltage:
The amount of work that each charge (mouse) will do as it goes through the circuit. Can also be thought of as the amount of push on the charges or how hungry the mice are.

Current:
The number of charges (mice) passing a point per second. The rate of flow of charges.

Resistance:
The opposition to the flow of charge. Any appliance that asks the charge (mouse) to do work will slow it down.

| Term | Symbol | Definition | Measured in (Units) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CURRENT | I | - the flow of electrons through a conductor | Amperes <br> (A) |
| VOLTAGE | V | - also known as "Potential Difference" <br> - "push/force" of electricity <br> - Potential energy per quantity of electrons | Volts <br> (V) |
| RESISTANCE | R | - measures how easily electricity flows along a certain path | ohm |



## Video

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## Unit 2 : Section 2 - Current Electricity

Topic 4 : Ohm's Law


Text: Unit 14.5

## OHM'S LAW: RESISTANCE:

Georg Simon Ohm 1789-1854
German Physicist / School Teacher

Discovered the mathematical relationship between current, voltage, and resistance


## RESISTANCE: OHM'S LAW

## Ohm's Law

Ohm determined that there was a relationship between the potential difference across a load and current through it.

Sample data:


| $V$ <br> $(V)$ | $I$ <br> $(A)$ | $V / I$ <br> $(V / A)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1.4 | 0.61 | 2.3 |
| 2.9 | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| 4.2 | 1.8 | 2.3 |



The ratio of is known as Resistance.


## OHMIC AND NON-OHMIC RESISTORS

Whenever a graph of V versus I results in a straight line, the resistor has a constant resistance. Such resistors are said to be ohmic because they obey Ohm's law.

The best way to determine if a piece of material is ohmic or non-ohmic is to connect it to a variable voltage source, measure the current through it as you increase the voltage, and then plot a graph.

Some possible graphs are shown below.


Ohm's Law can be written as:

$$
R=\frac{V}{I}
$$



Units: V / A or Ohms,

A graph of V vs. I gives a straight line for linear circuit elements (eg: most "common materials").


Voltage / Resistance / Current


## - EXAMPLE 1 VOLTAGE VERSUS CURRENT




1. Is this a Ohmic circuit?
2. What is the resistance?

## EXAMPLE 2: FIND RESISTANCE

A small flashlight bulb draws 250 mA in a flashlight that has two 1.5 V dry cells in series. What is the resistance of the bulb filament?

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Solution
    I=250 mA = 250 x 10-3 A = 2.5 < 10-1 A
    V =2 < 1.5 V = 3.0 V (because the cells are in series)
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## EXAMPLE 3 FIND VOLTAGE

If a circuit has $2 A$ of current running through it and the total resistance in the circuit is $19 \Omega$, then what is the total voltage?

## EXAMPLE 4: FIND CURRENT

A toaster oven has a resistance of 12 ohms and is plugged into a 120 -volt outlet.

## How much current does it draw?



Electric toaster

## EXAMPLE 5: FIND RESISTANCE

If a computer uses 5A of current and is supplied with 120 V of voltage, then what is the total resistance of the computer?


## Summary

## Fig.14.11 Generating the Linear Equation for Ohm's Law from Data



$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Create equation } \\
& \qquad R=\frac{V}{1}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Activity



- Read Text: Sec 14.5, Pages 599-600
- Worksheet 3: Ohm's Law

DO Extra Practice Questions: Text In your textbook:
604 --do \#1 on pp. 620-621--do \#23--\#25

## Physics 3204

## Unit 2 : Section 2 - Current Electricity

Topic 5 : Electric Energy, Electrical Power and the Cost of Electrical Energy


Text: Unit 14.3, 14.8, 14.9

## Electrical energy

Electrical energy is useful because it is easy to transform into useful forms of energy.


## Relating Current (I) and Voltage (V) to Electrical Potential Energy ( $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{e}}$ )

Each cell in the loading line adds a package of energy to a coulomb "truck."

Just as trucks deliver products to a store over a road, so a circuit delivers
 energy to a load.

The carrier of the energy is a coulomb of charge, which delivers its energy cargo in joules per coulomb (V).

## EXAMPLE 1: Electric Energy

A 3.7 V battery is used in an iphone that draws $5.7 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~A}$ of current for about 6.0 hours before it runs out. How much energy does the battery transfer?


## EXAMPLE 2: Electric Energy

A coffee maker draws about 5.0A of current for 270 s using $1.6 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{~J}$ of energy. What is the potential difference across the coffee maker?


## ELECTRIC ENERGY

A store requires a certain amount of goods to be delivered. The amount delivered depends on the size of the trucks' loads and their speed. The energy delivered to the load depends on the potential (energy per charge) and the rate at which the charge is delivered (the current). The energy transferred by charge flow is

$$
E=V I t
$$

The electrical energy produced in a circuit is dependent on the product of 3 factors:
(i) the voltage or potential difference across the circuit,
(ii) the current flowing through the circuit (iii) the time that the circuit is being used.

## ENERGY TRANSFORMATIONS IN A CIRCUIT

- Electrons gain energy in the voltage supply (eg. in battery).
- Electrons lose energy in the load (eg. in motor).

Remember the analogy of the truck delivery for stores

## Conservation of Energy

Total Energy Gained = Total Energy Lost


Kirchoff's Voltage Law: the is a voltage rise in the supply equal the voltage drop in the load. (More later)


## Electrical Power

In an earlier physics course where things were being pushed and lifted, you learned that

Power ( P ) is the rate of doing work (W), or, in mathematical terms:

$$
P=\frac{W}{t} .
$$

While W is often used for mechanical work and mechanical energy, it is the letter E that is most often used for electrical work and electrical energy. Therefore, the expression for electrical power is

$$
P=\frac{E}{t} .
$$

As with mechanical energy, electrical energy is measured in joules. The units of power are therefore joule/s which is called a watt.

Remember: electrical potential $(\mathrm{V}$ ) is the electrical energy ( E ) per unit charge (q) at a point. In mathematical terms:

$$
w^{\prime}=\frac{E}{q} \quad \text { which means } E=v
$$

But, also by definition, current (I) is the rate of flow of charge (q). In mathematical terms we have

$$
I=\frac{q}{t} \text { which means } q=i t
$$

Substituting $\mathrm{q}=\mathrm{It}$ into $\mathrm{E}=\mathrm{Vq}$, gives $\mathrm{E}=\mathrm{VIt}$
Finally, the expression for electrical power ( $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{t}$ ) can be written as

$$
P=\frac{W I t}{t}=W I .
$$

## Electrical power ratings

These are always shown on an electrical device along with voltage and frequency requirements.


# Power (watts) $\longrightarrow$ $P=V /$ Voltage (volts) 

Amps One amp is a flow of one coulomb of charge per second
Volts One volt is an energy of one joule per coulomb of charge

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Voltage } \times \text { Current }=\text { Power } \\
& \frac{\text { joules }}{} \times \frac{\text { joules }}{5 e c}
\end{aligned}
$$

1 Watt $(\mathrm{W})=1$ joule $/$ second

The expression for electrical power is more commonly written as

$$
P=I V .
$$

You should be able to see that Ohm's Law $\mathrm{V}=\mathrm{IR}$, or $\mathrm{I}=\mathrm{V} / \mathrm{R}$ allows three different expressions for electrical power.

First, putting $V=I R$ into $P=I V$ gives $P=I(I R)=I^{2} R$.
Next, putting $I=V / R$ into $P=I V$ gives $P=(V / R) V=V^{2} / R$.

All of this gives 4 expressions for electrical power:
$P=E / t$
P = IV
$P=I^{2} R$
and
$\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{V}^{2} / \mathrm{R}$

Since all of this started with $P=E / t$, there are four expressions for electrical energy:

$$
E=P t \quad E=I V t \quad E=I^{2} R t \quad \text { and } \quad E=\left(V^{2} / R\right) t .
$$



## Example 1 ELECTICAL POWER

What is an iPod's power in watts if it was on for 1.30 h and used 210000 J of electrical energy?

Given:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& t=1.30 \mathrm{~h} \times 3600 \\
& \mathrm{t}=4700 \mathrm{~s} \\
& \mathrm{E}=210000 \mathrm{~J}
\end{aligned}
$$



## Example 2 ELECTICAL POWER

How much current is drawn by a 3.0 kW electric heater on a 220 V line?

Solution

$$
P=3.0 \mathrm{~kW}=3.0 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{~W} \quad \text { (kW is read as kilowatts) }
$$

$V=220 \mathrm{~V}$
I = ?


## Example 3 ELECTICAL POWER

Calculate the power rating of a stereo amplifier (not the speaker power) if it is plugged into a standard 120 V outlet and has a resistance of $120 \Omega$

## Example 4 ELECTICAL POWER

How much power is dissipated in a circuit with a $15 \Omega$ resistor that draws a current of 10.0A?

## Example 5 ELECTICAL POWER

What is the resistance of a 1500 W electric kettle element that operates on a 115 V line?

## Solution

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$P=1500 \mathrm{~W}$
$V=115 \mathrm{~V}$
$R=$ ?

## SUMMARY



## The Cost of Electricity

- Electric companies charge for the number of kilowatt-hours used during a set period of time, often a month.

An electricity meter is used to measure the usage of electrical energy.

The meter measures in kilowatt-hours (kWh)


## Canadian Electricity Costs as of July 1, 2011

Based on monthy consumption of 1,517 killowat hours ( kWh ) per month


## One can use the formula below to calculate electric cost:

Total Cost $=\mathrm{P}($ in kiloWatts $) \mathbf{x}$ Time (hours) $\mathbf{x}$ Rate ( Cost/ KiloWatt• hour)


## Example 1 ELECTICAL COST

How much electrical energy ( E ) is consumed by a 100 W electric light bulb in one year if it is turned on for 6 hours a day? (Assuming it lasts that long!!)

## Example 2 ELECTICAL COST

Your bedside radio clock draws 42 mA of current on a 120 V line. At a cost rate of $8.1 \mathrm{¢} / \mathrm{kW}$-hr, how much does it contribute to your family's annual electricity bill?

Solution

## Activity



- Read Text: Sec 14.3, 14.8-14.9, Pages 594-596 and 613-617
Worksheet 5: Electric Energy, Electrical Power and the Cost of Electrical Energy
- DO Extra Practice Questions: Text In your textbook:
- on p. 597--do \#2--\#4
- on. p. 615--do \#1-- \#4
- on. p. 621--do \#11-- \#22
- on pp. 623-624--do \#36--\#38


## Physics 3204

## Unit 2 : Section 2 - Current Electricity

## Topic 6 : Studying Series Circuits



# Gustav Robert Kirchhoff (1824-1887) was a German physicist who contributed to the fundamental understanding of electrical circuits 

Kirchhoff's circuit laws dealt with two key components of circuits:

1) CURRENT

2) POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE (VOLTAGE)

These laws allowed him to calculate the voltages and currents in multiple loop circuits.

## Part 1: Current in a Series Circuit

 Kirchoff's current rule for series circuit:In a series circuit, the current is the same everywhere in the circuit. We write $I_{1}=I_{2}=I_{\text {tot }}$ for a series circuit.


Same current passes through every element of a series circuit

- Current Characteristics - the current at any point in a series circuit must equal the current at everv other point in the circuil



## Example 1: CURRENT

A current of 0.5 A leaves the negative terminal of the battery.


What amount of current:
(A) Passes through the $2 \Omega$ resistor?
(B) Passes through the $2 \Omega$ resistor?
(C) Returns to the battery?

## Part 2: Voltage in a Series

## Kirchoff's voltage rule for a series circuit.

When any closed circuit is transversed, the sum of the potential increase ( $V$ ) must equal the sum of the potential decreases (V)


In the circuit above the sum of the voltage drops across $R_{1}$ and $R_{2}$ is the same as the voltage rise across the terminals of the power supply. We write:

$$
V_{T}=V_{1}+V_{2}
$$

## Example 2: VOLTAGE

## What is the voltage of $R_{2}$ ?



## PART 3 RESISTANCE IN A SERIES CIRCUITS

## FOR A SERIES CIRCUIT



Total resistance (equivalent resistance) in a series circuit is equal to the sum of the original resistance .

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Or } \\
\mathbf{R}_{\mathrm{T}}=\mathrm{R}_{1}+\mathbf{R}_{2}+\mathrm{R}_{3}+\ldots \ldots \ldots
\end{gathered}
$$

## Example 4: RESISTANCE

What is the equivalent resistance for the circuit below where $R_{1}=8 \Omega, R_{2}$ $=4 \Omega$ and $R_{3}=4 \Omega$ :


## Example 5: RESISTANCE

In order for a certain series circuit to work properly a resistor of $1.2 \Omega \mathrm{k}$ is required. In your junk drawer you find two resistors with values of $350 \Omega$ and $450 \Omega$ respectively. What is the size of a third resistor that would provide the required 1.2 $\mathrm{k} \Omega$ ?

# Example 6: Putting It Together 

A series circuit is shown to the left.

a) What is the total resistance?
b) What is the total current?
c) What is the current across EACH resistor?
d) What is the voltage drop across each resistor?( Apply Ohm's law to each resistor separately)

Notice that the individual VOLTAGE DROPS add up to the TOTAL!!

# Example 7: Putting It Together $9 v \pm \frac{\square}{\square}$ 

a. What is the total resistance of the circuit?
b. What is the current in the circuit?
c. What is the voltage drop across each resistor?
d. What is the sum of the voltage drops across the three resistors? What do you notice about this sum? Current Electricity

## Activity

- Read Text: Sec 14.5, Pages 605-607

- Worksheet 6: Studying Series Circuits
- DO Extra Practice Questions: In your textbook:


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## Unit 2 : Section 2 - Current Electricity

Topic 7 : Studying Parallel Circuits


Text: Unit 14.6

## Part 1: Current in a Parallel Circuit:

## Kirchoff's current rule for a parallel circuit :

states that the current going into a junction point equals the current leaving the junction point.


The mathematical expression for Kirchoff's current rule in parallel branches is

$$
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{T}}=\mathrm{I}_{1}+\mathrm{I}_{\mathbf{2}}+\ldots \ldots
$$

The total current is equal to the sum of the currents in the branches.


$$
I_{\text {total }}=I_{1}+I_{2}+I_{3}+\ldots
$$

## Example 1: CURRENT

## What is the value of $I$ in the circuit junction below?



## Part 2: Voltage in a Parallel

Kirchoff's voltage rule:
for every loop in a parallel circuit the sum of the voltages rises equals the sum of the voltage drops.


$$
\text { - } V_{T}=V_{1}=V_{2}=\ldots
$$

The voltage rise, $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{T}}$ as is equal to the voltage drop across the branches.

For the circuit to the left it is OK to say that

$$
\mathrm{V}_{1}=\mathrm{V}_{2} . \quad \text { ( they are parallel) }
$$



But it would be a big mistake to say that

$$
V_{T}=V_{1}=V_{2} .
$$

This is because there is an extra voltage drop across $R_{3}$ which is connected in series.

Below the original circuit is split into its two distinct


You should be able to see that it is OK to say

$$
V_{T}=V_{1}+V_{3} \quad \text { (loop 1) }
$$

or

$$
V_{T}=V_{2}+V_{3} \text { (loop 2). }
$$

## Example 2: VOLTAGE



What is the voltage across:
(A) The $2 \Omega$ resistor?
(B) The $3 \Omega$ resistor
(C) The $1 \Omega$ resistor

## PART 3: RESISTANCE IN A PARALELL CIRCUITS

- Total resistance (equivalent resistance) in a parallel circuit is found by using the formula below:



## Example 3: RESISTANCE

Find the total resistance for the circuit below where $R_{1}=8 \Omega$, $\mathrm{R}_{2}=8 \Omega$ and $\mathrm{R}_{3}=4 \Omega$ :


If a 10 V battery is placed in the circuit, What is the total current in the circuit?

## Example 3: RESISTANCE

Find the total resistance when a $10 \Omega, 20 \Omega$, and $30 \Omega$ resistor are connected in parallel.

You should notice that the single resistor that is equivalent to a number of resistors connected in parallel is always less than even the smallest parallel resistor.


Influencing the Flow Rate on a Tollway


## SHORT CUT!

There's a short cut that's worth noticing when all the parallel resistors are identical. For example, if

$$
\mathrm{R}_{1}=\mathrm{R}_{2}=\mathrm{R}_{3}=24 \Omega,
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{R_{T}}=\frac{1}{R_{1}}+\frac{1}{R_{2}}+\frac{1}{R_{3}} \\
& \frac{1}{R_{T}}=\frac{1}{24 \Omega}+\frac{1}{24 \Omega}+\frac{1}{24 \Omega}=\frac{3}{24 \Omega} \\
& \therefore R_{T}=\frac{24 \Omega}{3}=8 \Omega
\end{aligned}
$$

The short cut is to divide the value of one resistor by the number of resistors. Another example: what is the total resistance of 5 identical resistors of 100 if they are connected in parallel? Answer: RT = $100 / 5=20$.

## Example 5: Putting It Together

Apply Kirchoff's rules to solve for all the unknown parameters in the circuit


## Video

- Physics 3204
- Kirchoff's Law



## Activity



- Read Text: Sec 14.5, Pages 605-607
- Worksheet 7: Studying Paralell Circuits
- DO Extra Practice Questions: In your textbook:

DO Extra Practice Questions:
Text textbook page 622 \#29-34

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Topic 8 : Circuit Analysis


Text: Unit 14.7


Now we will use Ohm's law and Kirchoff's Rules to determine the value of unknown circuit parameters.

## Example 1

Three resistors of $10.0 \Omega, 6.0 \Omega$ and $2.0 \Omega$ are connected in series across a 24 V battery. Find the current through and the voltage drop across each resistor.


## Example 2

A parallel combination of $120 \Omega, 240 \Omega$, and $360 \Omega$ is connected across a 24.0 V power supply. Find the total current supplied by the battery.


## Example 3:

The voltmeter in the circuit to the right measures a potential difference of 22 V across the $40 \Omega$ resistor. What is the voltage of the battery?


## Example 4 :

Find the total resistance between points $A$ and $B$ in the drawing to the right. Each resistor has a value of $10 \Omega$.



## Example 5:

In the circuit shown, calculate: JUNE 2009

i) the voltage for $\mathbf{R}_{4}$.
ii) the value of $R_{1}$.
iii) the power dissipated in $\mathbf{R}_{3}$.

## Example 6:

For the circuit below calculate: AUGUST 2008

i) the value of $R_{2}$.
ii) the power dissipated in $\mathrm{R}_{4}$.
iii) the voltage across the source.
iv) Explain how the addition of another resistor in parallel will change the total resistance of the circuit.

## Activity



- Read Text: Sec 14.7, Pages 610-613
- Worksheet: 9 Analyzing Circuits
- DO Extra Practice Questions:
- In your textbook:
- on p. 613--do \#1, \#2
- on p. 622-623--do \#35 (a) - \#35 (f) You may wish to carry some of these forward into the next lesson.


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Topic 9 : Electricity and safety in the home


Fuse - a device used in electrical systems to protect against excessive current.

Fuses are always connected in series with the component(s) to be protected, so that when the fuse blows (opens) it will open the entire circuit and stop current through the component(s).

The fuse opens the circuit my melting a thin metal filament inside the casing.

Once a fuse is blown, it must be replaced.



WARNING:
NEVER replace a fuse with a fuse rated for higher current than the recommended fuse.

## Glass Cartridge Fuses



## Plug Fuses



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## Automotive Fuses

Automotive fuses are a class of fuses used to protect the wiring and electrical equipment for vehicles.

They are generally rated for circuits no higher than 24 volts direct current, but some types are rated for 42 volt electrice systems.

The color of the fuse is an indication of its rating.

A circuit breaker automatically shuts off the power to the circuit in the event of a dangerous electrical overload or short circuit.

A circuit breaker can also be used manually to disconnect a circuit from incoming power so that you can repair or upgrade your receptacles,
 outlets, and fixtures.

Circuit breakers are much easier to fix than fuses.
When the power to an area shuts down, the homeowner can look in the electrical panel and see which breaker has tripped to the "off" position.

The breaker can then be reset to the "on" position and power will resume again.

If the breaker continues to trip after you flip it, you may have a faulty breaker, a wiring problem, or there may be an issue with an electrical device that relies on that breaker. You should leave the breaker off and consult an electrician.


A main circuit breakers shuts off power to the whole house. Individual circuit breakers connect to circuits throughout the house.


## GFCI Receptacle (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter)

## GFCI receptacles are required when wiring:

-Garages
-Outdoors
-Kitchens
-Bathrooms
-Crawl Spaces
-Unfinished Basements

NEUTRAL Terminals:
(Silver)



## For Your Safety:

GFCl receptacles protect you against electrical shock that can be caused by moisture, faulty electrical equipment and cords.

GFCI breakers are designed to protect people from electrical shock, rather than prevent damage to a building's wiring.

The GFCI constantly monitors the current in a circuit's neutral wire and hot wire. When a surge in current is detected on the how wire, the GFCI breaks the circuit, preventing electrocution.

Since it doesn't have to wait for current to climb to unsafe levels, the GFCI reacts much more quickly than a conventional breaker.

