

# Chapter 18

## Direct Current Circuits

## Quiz 4

1. An electron initially at rest accelerates through a potential difference of 1 V, gaining kinetic energy  $KE_e$ , whereas a proton, also initially at rest, accelerates through a potential difference of -1 V, gaining kinetic energy  $KE_p$ . Which of the following relationships holds? (a)  $KE_e = KE_p$  (b)  $KE_e < KE_p$  (c)  $KE_e > KE_p$  (d) The answer can't be determined from the given information.

2. A capacitor is designed so that one plate is large and the other is small. If the plates are connected to a battery, (a) the large plate has a greater charge than the small plate, (b) the large plate has less charge than the small plate, or (c) the plates have equal, but opposite, charge

# Electric Circuits

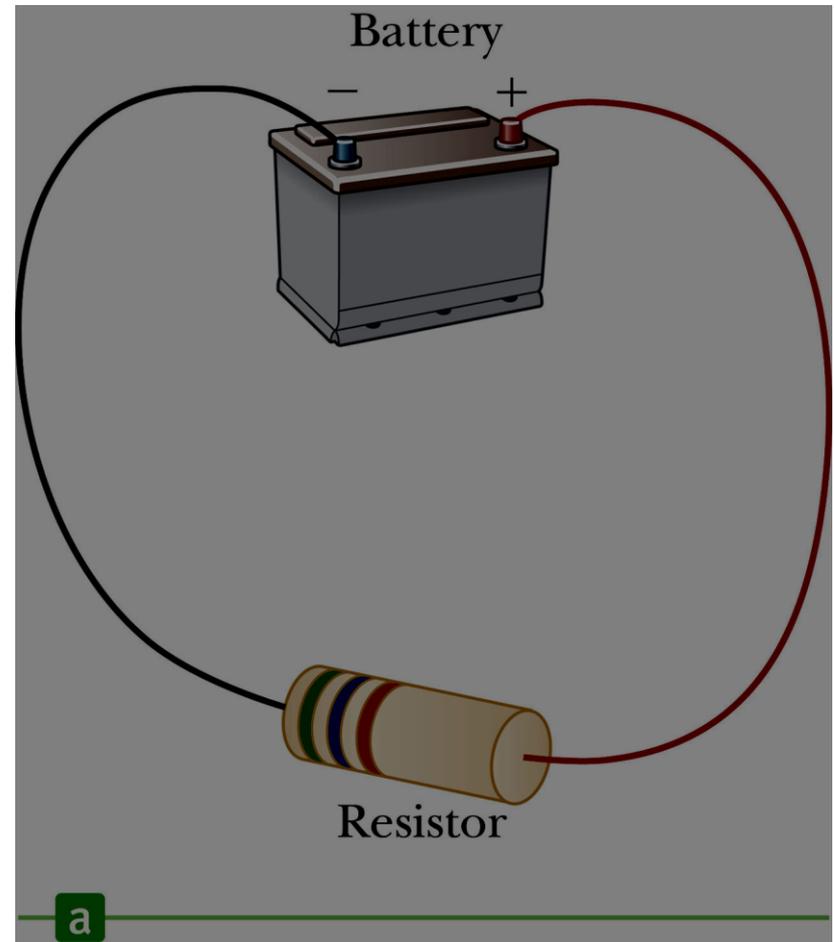
- Electric circuits control the flow of electricity and the energy associated with it.
- Circuits are used in many applications.
- Kirchhoff's Rules will simplify the analysis of simple circuits.
- Some circuits will be in steady state.
  - The currents are constant in magnitude and direction.
- In circuits containing resistors and capacitors, the current varies in time.

# Sources of emf

- The source that maintains the current in a closed circuit is called a source of *emf*.
  - Any devices that increase the potential energy of charges circulating in circuits are sources of emf.
  - Examples include batteries and generators
- SI units are Volts
  - The emf is the work done per unit charge.

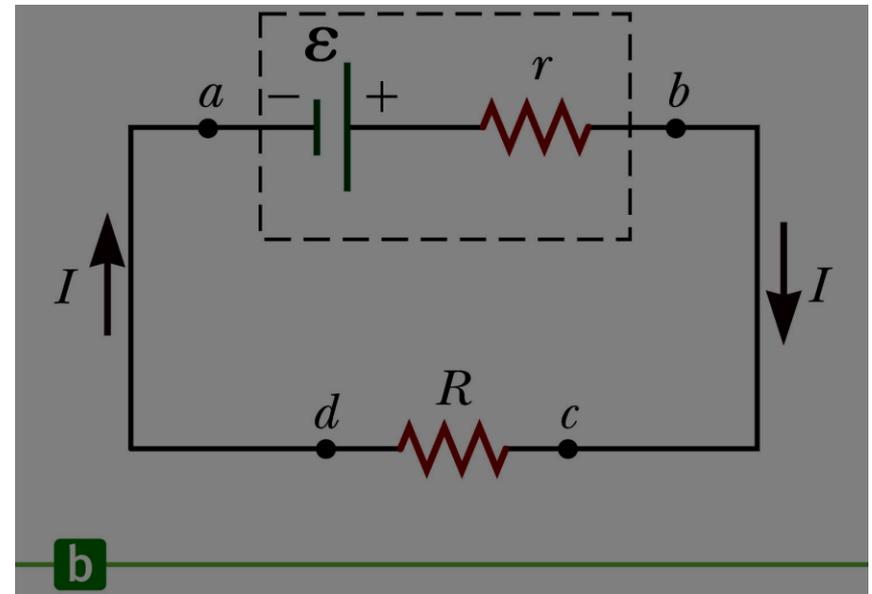
# emf and Internal Resistance

- A real battery has some internal resistance.
- Therefore, the terminal voltage is not equal to the emf.



# More About Internal Resistance

- The schematic shows the internal resistance,  $r$
- The terminal voltage is  $\Delta V = V_b - V_a$
- $\Delta V = \varepsilon - Ir$
- For the entire circuit,  
 $\varepsilon = IR + Ir$



# Internal Resistance and emf, Cont.

- $\epsilon$  is equal to the terminal voltage when the current is zero.
  - Also called the *open-circuit voltage*
- $R$  is called the *load resistance*.
- The current depends on both the resistance external to the battery and the internal resistance.

# Internal Resistance and emf, Final

- When  $R \gg r$ ,  $r$  can be ignored.
  - Generally assumed in problems
- Power relationship
  - $P = I^2 R + I^2 r$
- When  $R \gg r$ , most of the power delivered by the battery is transferred to the load resistor.

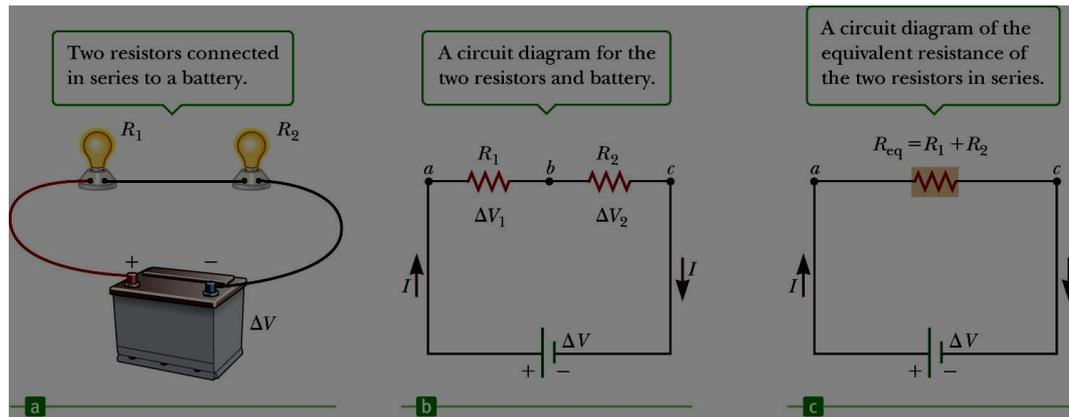
# Batteries and emf

- The current in a circuit depends on the resistance of the battery.
  - The battery cannot be considered a source of constant current.
- The terminal voltage of battery cannot be considered constant since the internal resistance may change.
- The battery *is* a source of constant emf.

# Resistors in Series

- When two or more resistors are connected end-to-end, they are said to be in *series*.
- The current is the same in all resistors because any charge that flows through one resistor flows through the other.
- The sum of the potential differences across the resistors is equal to the total potential difference across the combination.

# Resistors in Series, Cont.



- Potentials add

- $\Delta V = IR_1 + IR_2 = I(R_1 + R_2)$

- Consequence of Conservation of Energy

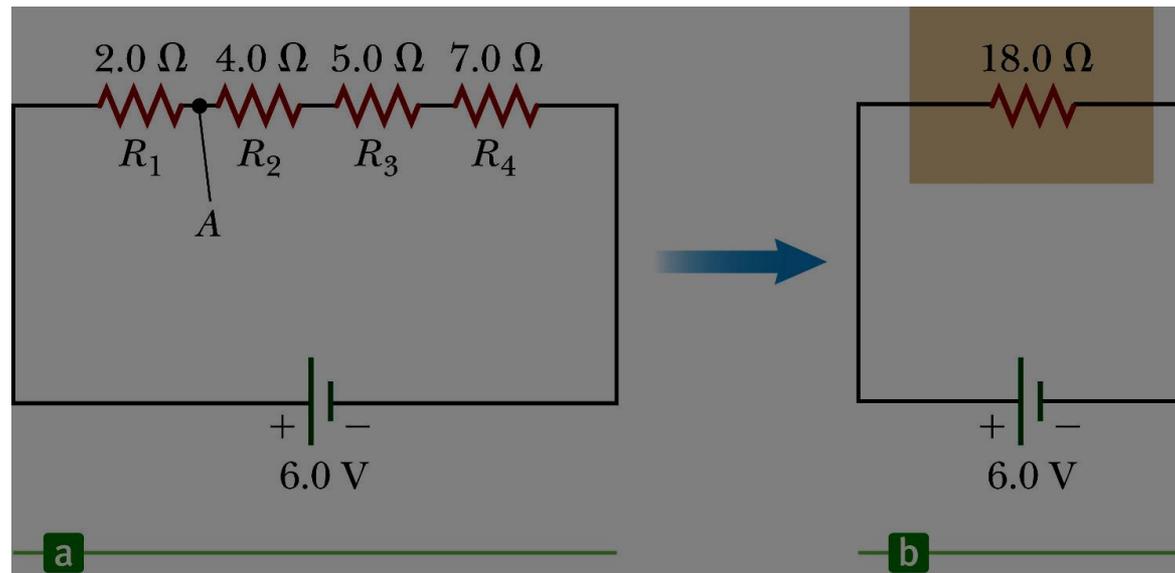
- The equivalent resistance has the effect on the circuit as the original combination of resistors.

# Equivalent Resistance – Series

- $R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$
- The equivalent resistance of a series combination of resistors is the algebraic sum of the individual resistances and is always greater than any of the individual resistors.
- If one element in the series circuit fails, the circuit would no longer be complete and none of the elements would work.

# Equivalent Resistance – Series

## An Example



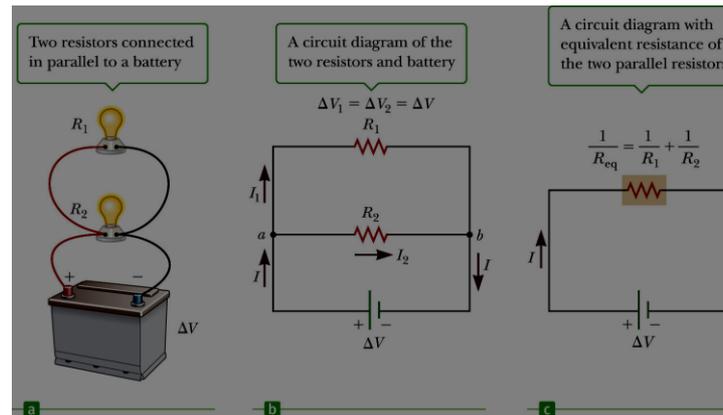
- Four resistors are replaced with their equivalent resistance.

# Resistors in Parallel

- The potential difference across each resistor is the same because each is connected directly across the battery terminals.
- The current,  $I$ , that enters a point must be equal to the total current leaving that point.
  - $I = I_1 + I_2$
  - The currents are generally not the same.
  - Consequence of Conservation of Charge

# Equivalent Resistance – Parallel

## An Example



- Equivalent resistance replaces the two original resistances.
- *Household circuits* are wired so the electrical devices are connected in parallel.
- Circuit breakers may be used in series with other circuit elements for safety purposes.

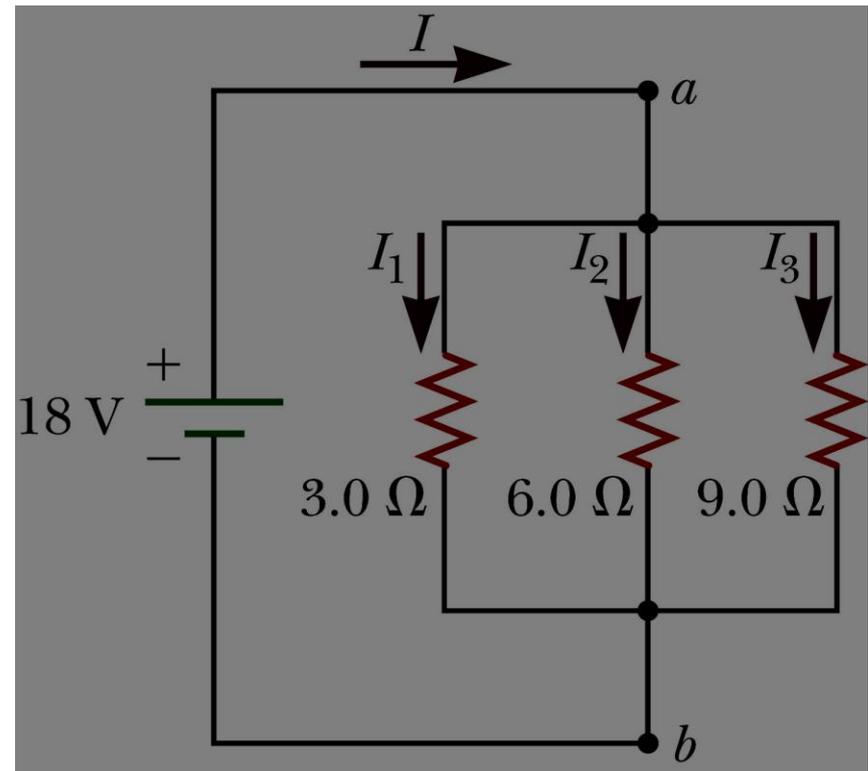
# Equivalent Resistance – Parallel

- Equivalent Resistance

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

- The inverse of the equivalent resistance of two or more resistors connected in parallel is the algebraic sum of the inverses of the individual resistance.

- The equivalent is always less than the smallest resistor in the group.



# Problem-Solving Strategy, 1

- Combine all resistors in series.
  - They carry the same current.
  - The potential differences across them are not the same.
  - The resistors add directly to give the equivalent resistance of the series combination:  $R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$
  - Draw the simplified circuit diagram.

# Problem-Solving Strategy, 2

- Combine all resistors in parallel.

- The potential differences across them are the same.

- The currents through them are not the same.

- The equivalent resistance of a parallel combination is found through reciprocal addition:

$$\frac{1}{R_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

- Remember to invert the answer after summing the reciprocals.

- Draw the simplified circuit diagram.

# Problem-Solving Strategy, 3

- Repeat the first two steps as necessary.
  - A complicated circuit consisting of several resistors and batteries can often be reduced to a simple circuit with only one resistor.
  - Replace any resistors in series or in parallel using steps 1 or 2.
  - Sketch the new circuit after these changes have been made.
  - Continue to replace any series or parallel combinations.
  - Continue until one equivalent resistance is found.

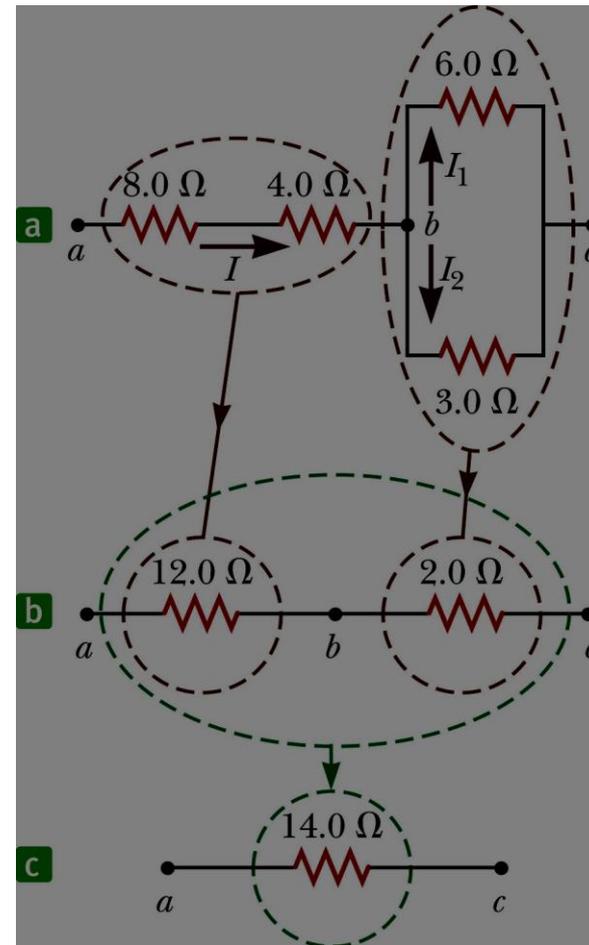
# Problem-Solving Strategy, 4

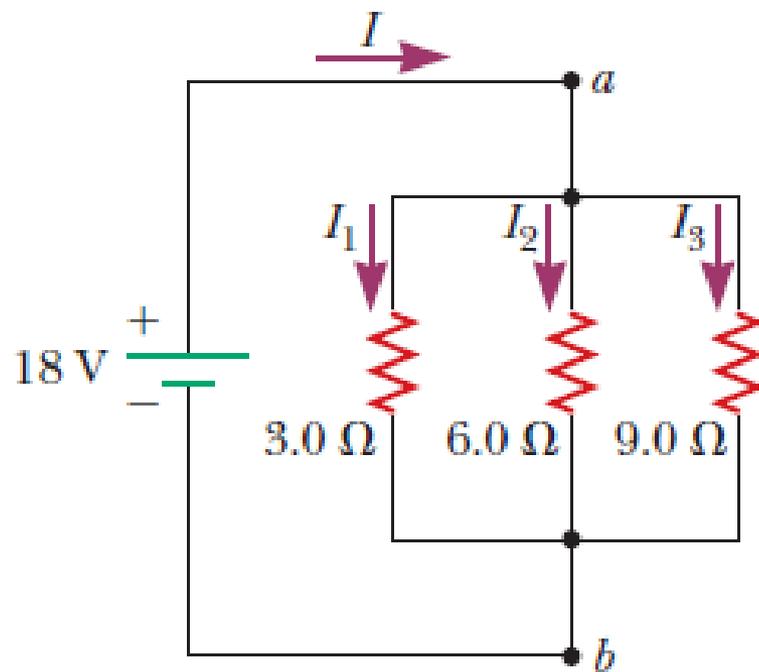
- Use Ohm's Law.
  - Use  $\Delta V = I R$  to determine the current in the equivalent resistor.
  - Start with the final circuit found in step 3 and gradually work back through the circuits, applying the useful facts from steps 1 and 2 to find the current in the other resistors.

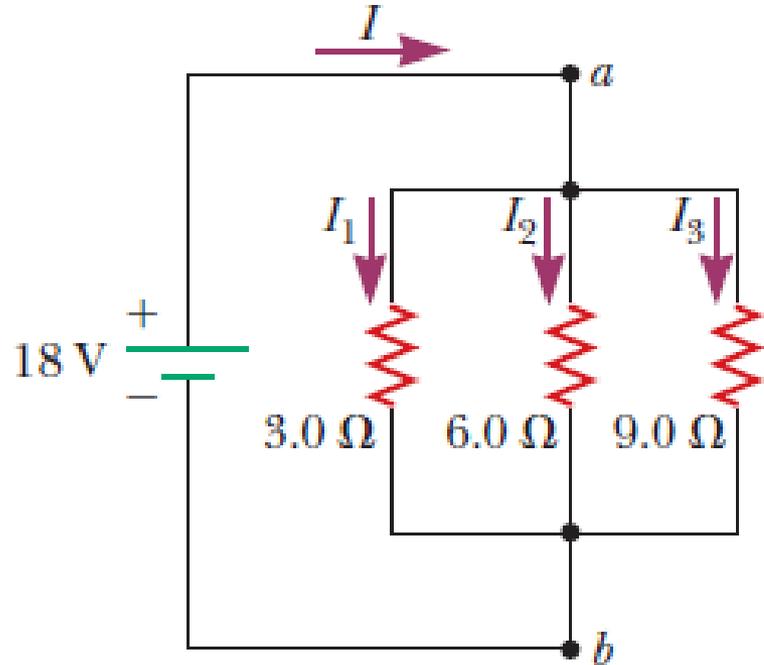
Three resistors are connected in parallel as in Figure. A potential difference of 18 V is maintained between points *a* and *b*. **(a)** Find the current in each resistor. **(b)** Calculate the power delivered to each resistor and the total power. **(c)** Find the equivalent resistance of the circuit. **(d)** Find the total power delivered to the equivalent resistance.

# Example

- Complex circuit reduction
  - Combine the resistors in series and parallel.
- Redraw the circuit with the equivalents of each set.
  - Combine the resulting resistors in series.
  - Determine the final equivalent resistance.







$$I_1 = \frac{\Delta V}{R_1} = \frac{18 \text{ V}}{3.0 \Omega} = 6.0 \text{ A}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{\Delta V}{R_2} = \frac{18 \text{ V}}{6.0 \Omega} = 3.0 \text{ A}$$

$$I_3 = \frac{\Delta V}{R_3} = \frac{18 \text{ V}}{9.0 \Omega} = 2.0 \text{ A}$$

$$3 \Omega: P_1 = I_1^2 R_1 = (6.0 \text{ A})^2 (3.0 \Omega) = 110 \text{ W}$$

$$6 \Omega: P_2 = I_2^2 R_2 = (3.0 \text{ A})^2 (6.0 \Omega) = 54 \text{ W}$$

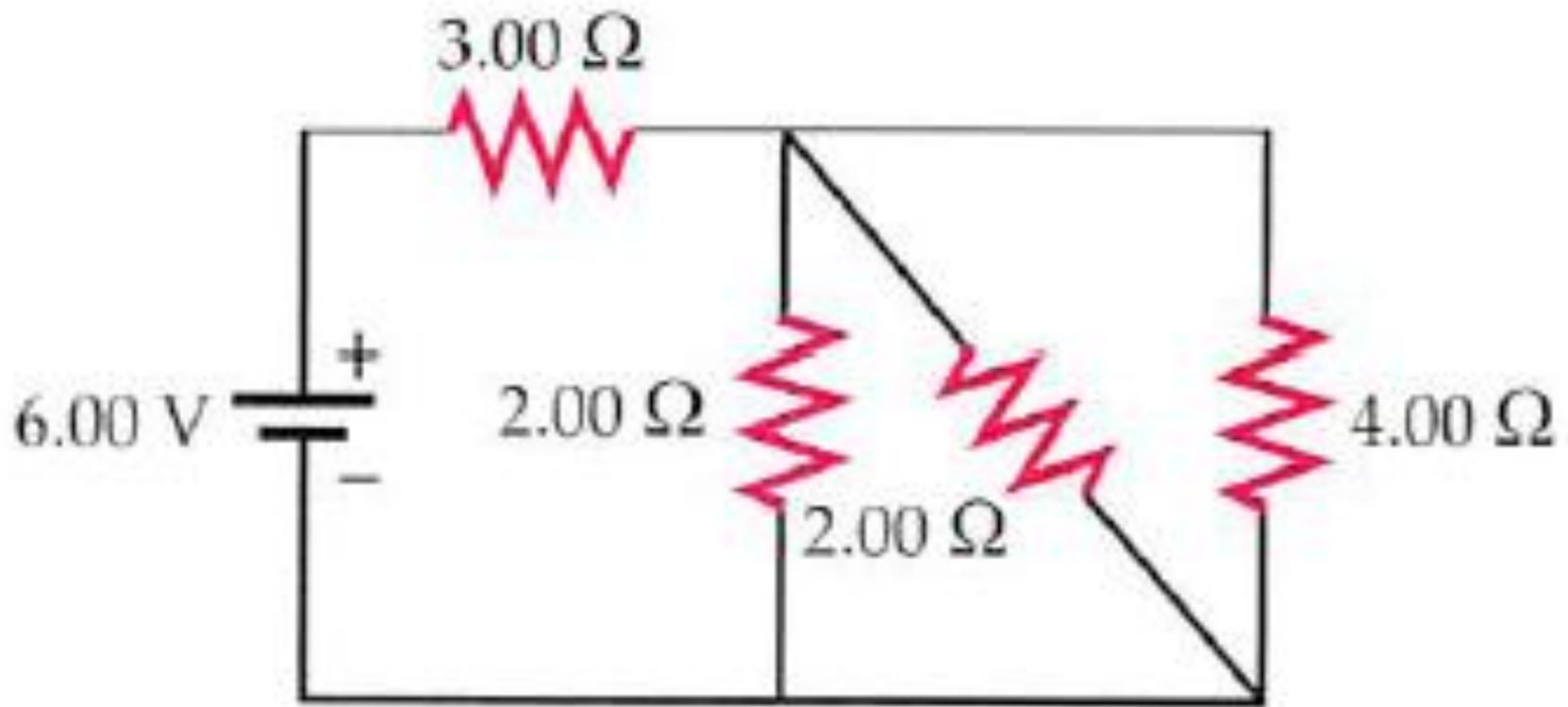
$$9 \Omega: P_3 = I_3^2 R_3 = (2.0 \text{ A})^2 (9.0 \Omega) = 36 \text{ W}$$

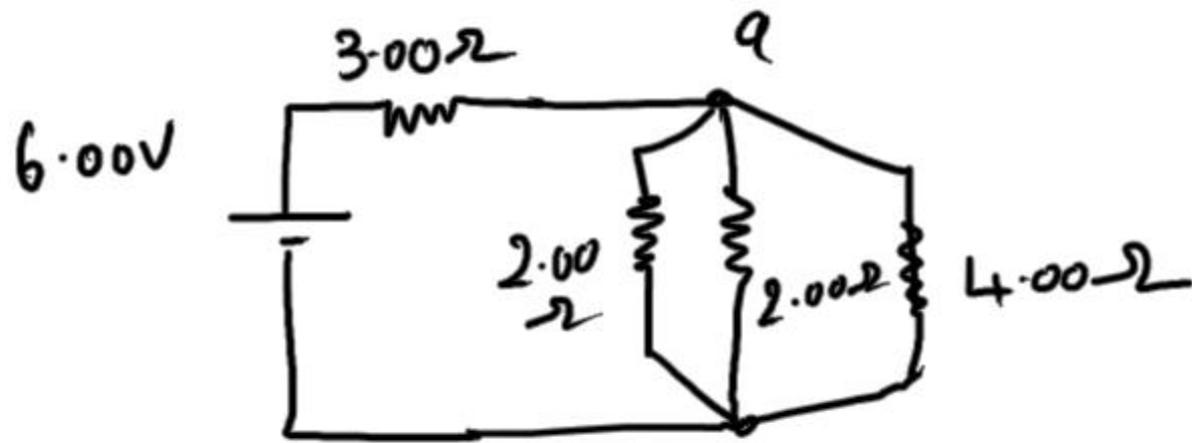
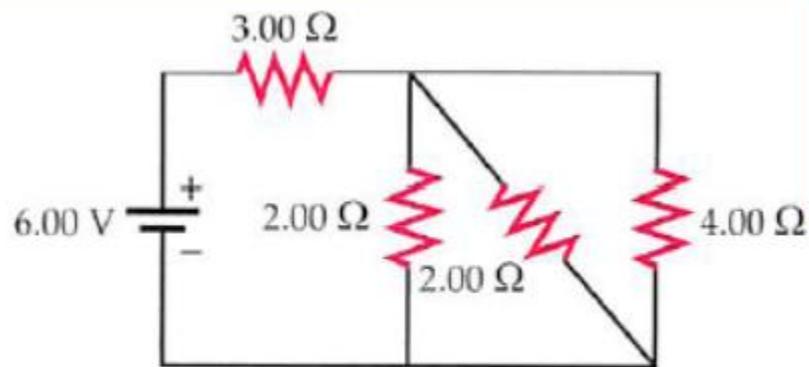
$$P_{\text{tot}} = 110 \text{ W} + 54 \text{ W} + 36 \text{ W} = 2.0 \times 10^2 \text{ W}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{1}{3.0 \, \Omega} + \frac{1}{6.0 \, \Omega} + \frac{1}{9.0 \, \Omega} = \frac{11}{18 \, \Omega}$$

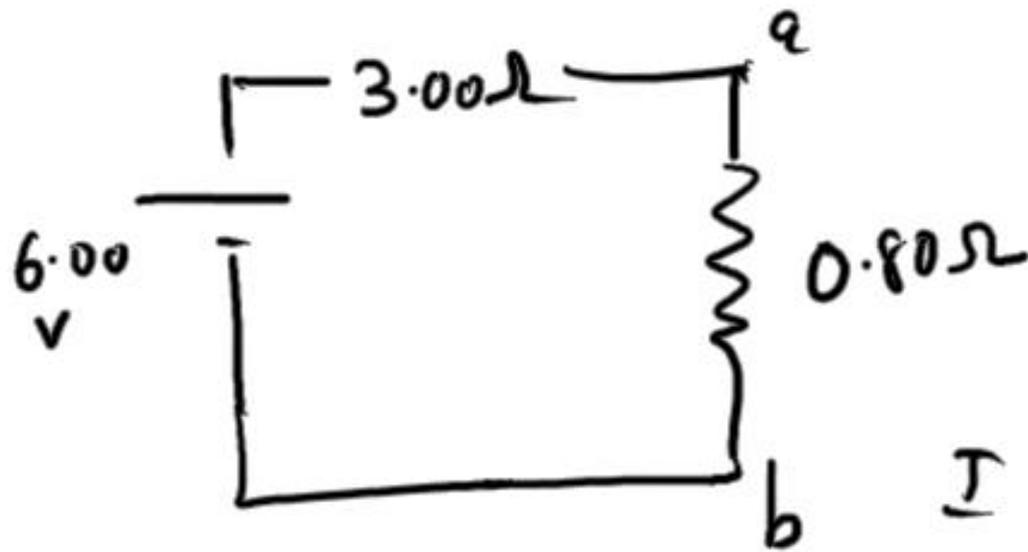
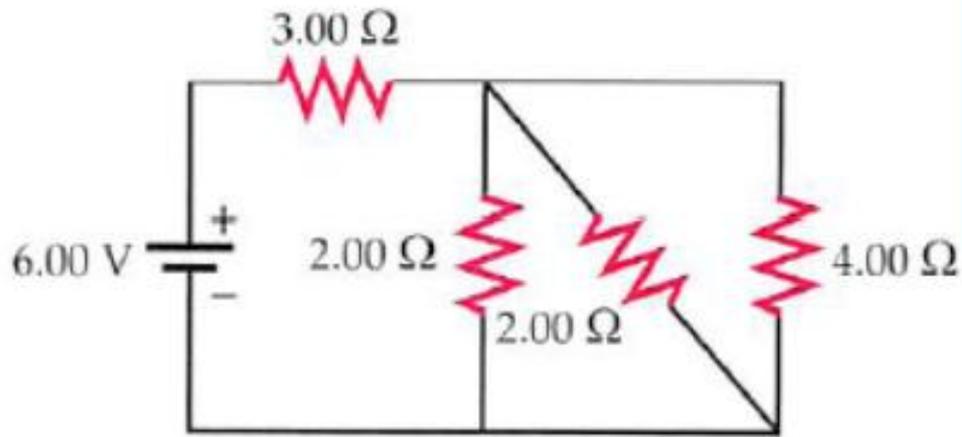
$$R_{\text{eq}} = \frac{18}{11} \, \Omega = 1.6 \, \Omega$$





$$\frac{1}{R_{ab}} = \frac{1}{2.00\Omega} + \frac{1}{2.00\Omega} + \frac{1}{4.00\Omega} = \frac{5.00}{4.00\Omega}$$

$$R_{ab} = \frac{4.00}{5.00}\Omega = 0.80\Omega$$

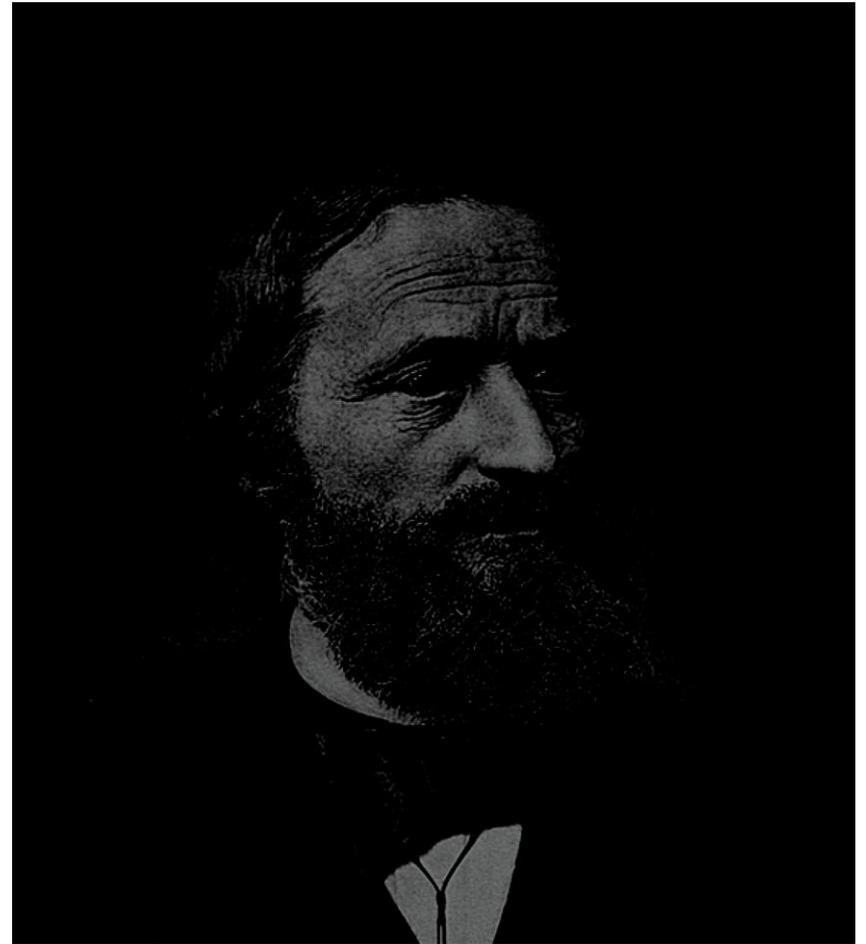


$$R_{\text{Total}} = 3.00 \Omega + 0.800 \Omega = \underline{\underline{3.80 \Omega}}$$

$$I = \frac{6.00 \text{ V}}{3.80 \Omega} \text{ Amp}$$

# Gustav Kirchhoff

- 1824 – 1887
- Invented spectroscopy with Robert Bunsen
- Formulated rules about radiation



# Kirchhoff's Rules

- There are ways in which resistors can be connected so that the circuits formed cannot be reduced to a single equivalent resistor.
- Two rules, called Kirchhoff's Rules, can be used instead.

# Statement of Kirchhoff's Rules

- Junction Rule

- The sum of the currents entering any junction must equal the sum of the currents leaving that junction.

- A statement of Conservation of Charge

- Loop Rule

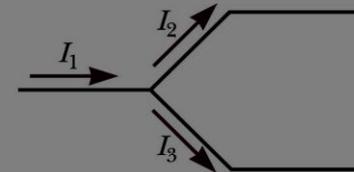
- The sum of the potential differences across all the elements around any closed circuit loop must be zero.

- A statement of Conservation of Energy

# More About the Junction Rule

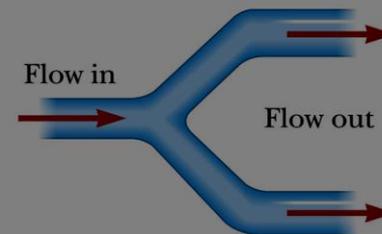
- $I_1 = I_2 + I_3$
- From Conservation of Charge
- Diagram b shows a mechanical analog.

The current  $I_1$  entering the junction must equal the sum of the currents  $I_2$  and  $I_3$  leaving the junction.



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The net volume flow rate in must equal the net volume flow rate out.



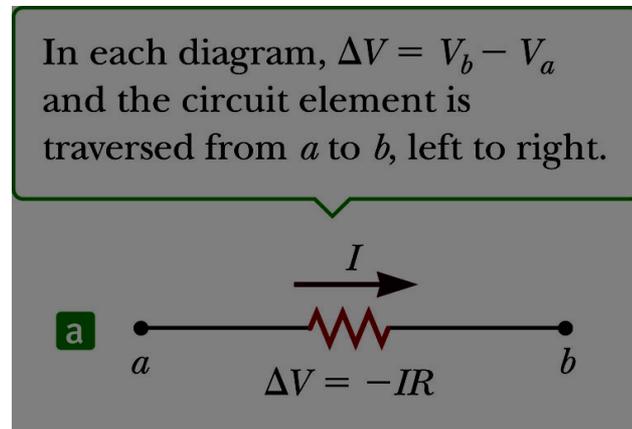
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# Loop Rule

- A statement of Conservation of Energy
- To apply Kirchhoff's Rules,
  - Assign symbols and directions to the currents in all branches of the circuit.
- If the direction of a current is incorrect, the answer will be negative, but have the correct magnitude.
  - Choose a direction to transverse the loops.
- Record voltage rises and drops.

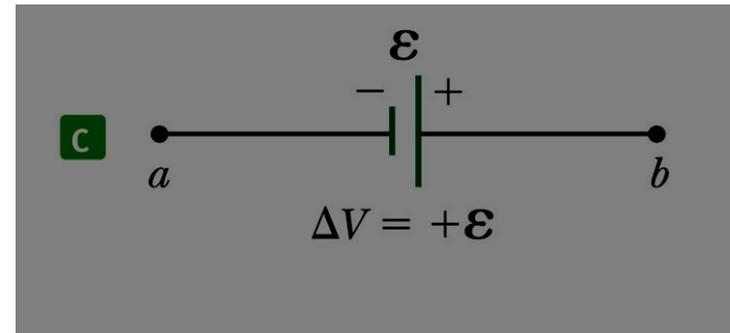
# More About the Loop Rule

- Traveling around the loop from  $a$  to  $b$
- In  $a$ , the resistor is transversed in the direction of the current, the potential across the resistor is  $-IR$ .
- In  $b$ , the resistor is transversed in the direction opposite of the current, the potential across the resistor is  $+IR$ .



# Loop Rule, Final

- In c, the source of emf is transversed in the direction of the emf (from  $-$  to  $+$ ), the change in the electric potential is  $+\epsilon$
- In d, the source of emf is transversed in the direction opposite of the emf (from  $+$  to  $-$ ), the change in the electric potential is  $-\epsilon$

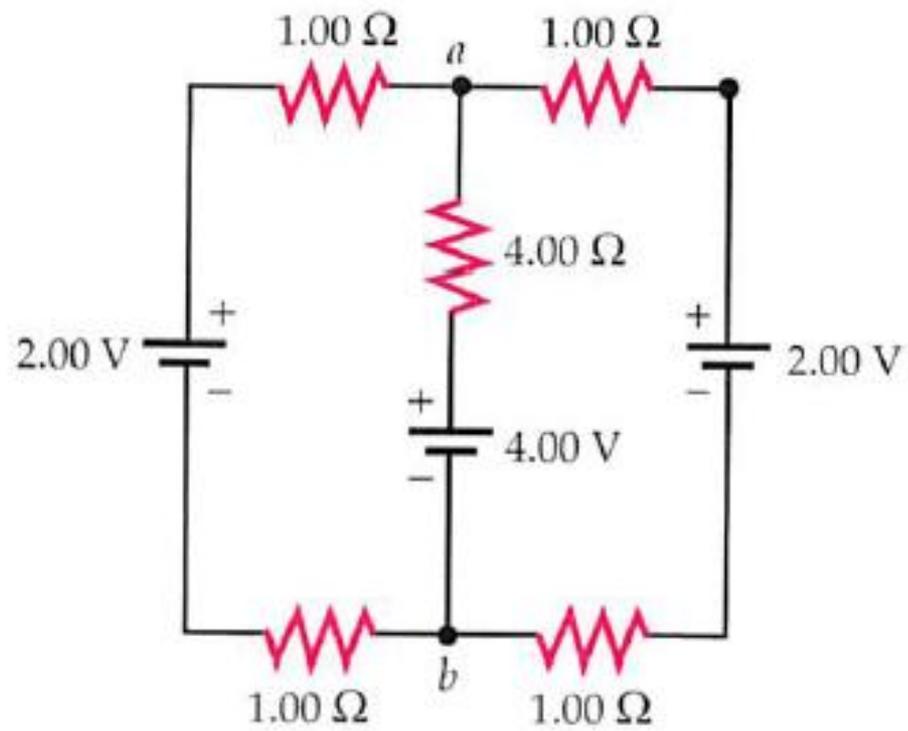


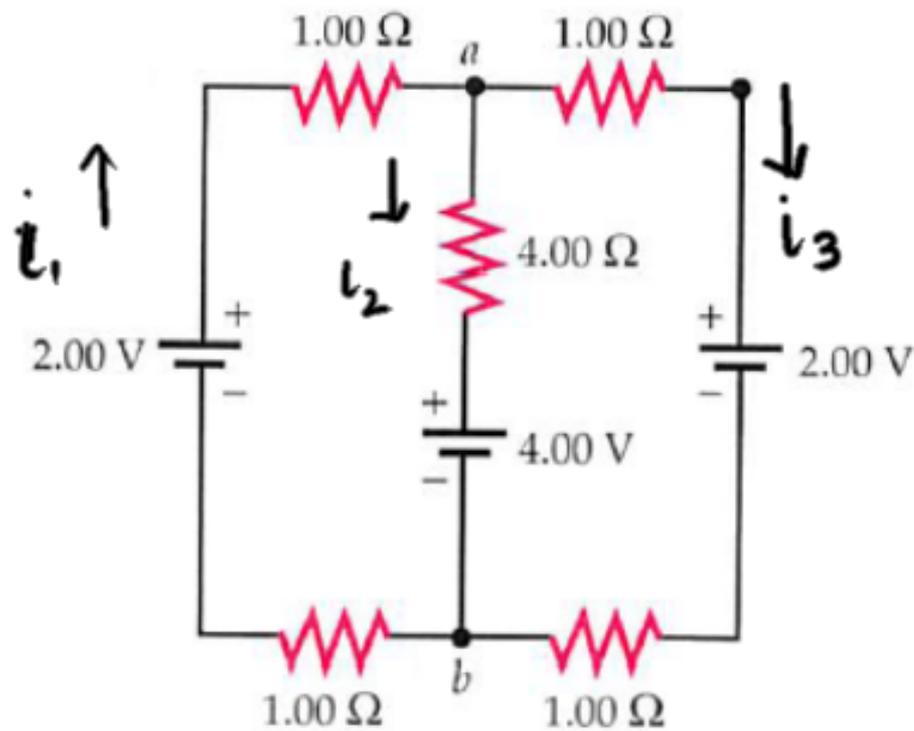
# Junction Equations from Kirchhoff's Rules

- Use the junction rule as often as needed, so long as, each time you write an equation, you include in it a current that has not been used in a previous junction rule equation.
  - In general, the number of times the junction rule can be used is one fewer than the number of junction points in the circuit.

# Loop Equations from Kirchhoff's Rules

- The loop rule can be used as often as needed so long as a new circuit element (resistor or battery) or a new current appears in each new equation.
- You need as many independent equations as you have unknowns.





$$i_1 = i_2 + i_3 \quad (a)$$

$$i_2 + i_3 = i_1 \quad (b) \quad \text{same}$$

$$2.00V - 1.00 \times i_1 \text{ V} - 4.00 \times i_2 \text{ V} - 4.00V - 1.00i_1 = 0$$

$$- 2.00i_1 - 4.00i_2 - 2.00V = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$2.00i_1 + 4.00i_2 = -2.00 \quad (1)$$

$$2.00V - 1.00i_1 \text{ V} - 1.00i_3 \text{ V} - 2.00V - 1.00i_3 \text{ V} - 1.00i_1 \text{ V} = 0$$

$$+ 2.00i_1 + 2.00i_3 = 0$$

$$I_1 = I_2 + I_3 \quad (1)$$

$$2.00 I_1 + 4.00 I_2 = -2.00 \quad (2)$$

$$2.00 I_1 + 2.00 I_3 = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{I_1 = -I_3}$$

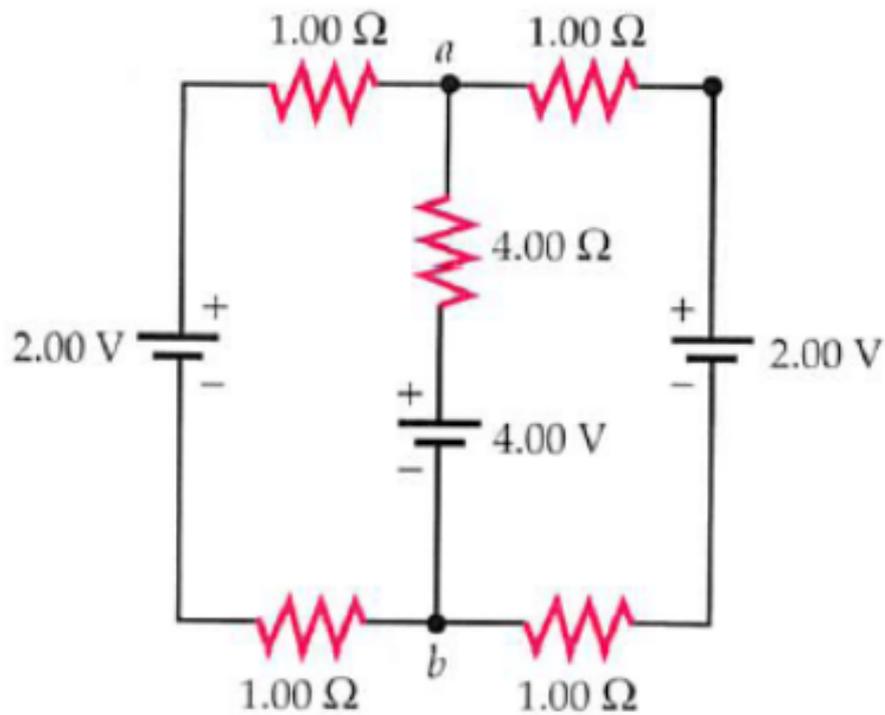
$$-I_3 = I_2 + I_3; \quad -2I_3 = I_2 \quad (4)$$

$$\boxed{I_3 = -0.5 I_2}$$

$$-2.00 I_3 + 4.00(-2I_3) = -2.00$$

$$-10.00 I_3 = -2.00; \quad I_3 = 0.2$$

$$I_3 = 0.2 \text{ A}; \quad I_1 = -0.2 \text{ A} \quad I_2 = -0.4 \text{ A}$$



$$2.00 - (1.00)(-0.2) - (4.00)(-0.4) - 4.00 - (1.00)(-0.2)$$

①

$$= 2.00 + 0.2 + 1.6 - 4.0 + 0.2 = 0!$$

②

$$2.00 + 0.2 - 0.2 - 2.00 - 0.2 + 0.2 = 0!$$

# Problem-Solving Strategy – Kirchhoff's Rules

- Draw the circuit diagram and assign labels and symbols to all known and unknown quantities.
- Assign directions to the currents.
- Apply the junction rule to any junction in the circuit.
- Apply the loop rule to as many loops as are needed to solve for the unknowns.
- Solve the equations simultaneously for the unknown quantities.
- Check your answers.

# RC Circuits

- When a direct current circuit contains capacitors and resistors, the current will vary with time.
- When the circuit is completed, the capacitor starts to charge.
- The capacitor continues to charge until it reaches its maximum charge ( $Q = C\varepsilon$ ).
- Once the capacitor is fully charged, the current in the circuit is zero.

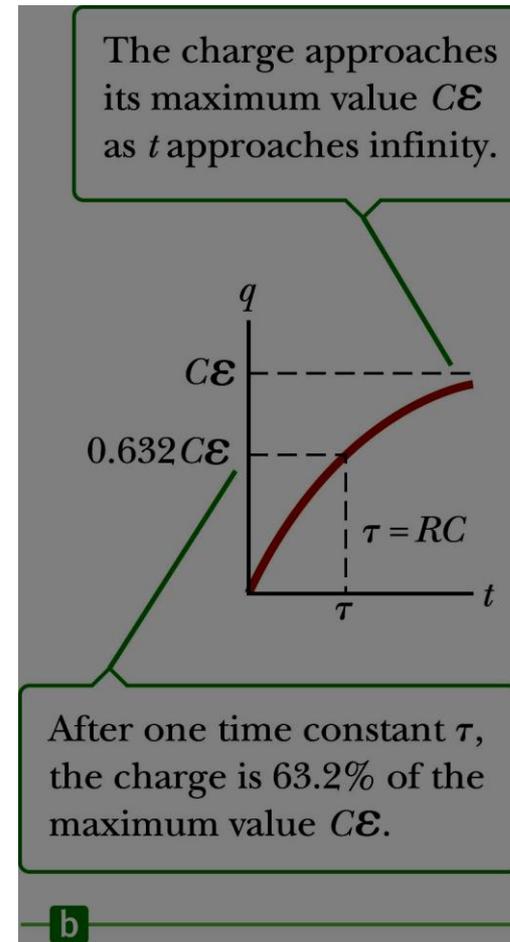
# Charging Capacitor in an RC Circuit

- The charge on the capacitor varies with time.

$$q = Q(1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

–The *time constant*,  $\tau = RC$

- The time constant represents the time required for the charge to increase from zero to 63.2% of its maximum.



# Notes on Time Constant

- In a circuit with a large time constant, the capacitor charges very slowly.
- The capacitor charges very quickly if there is a small time constant.
- After  $t = 10 \tau$ , the capacitor is over 99.99% charged.

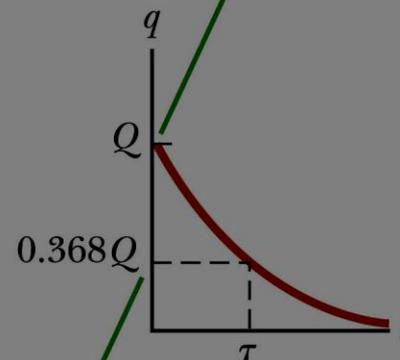
# Discharging Capacitor in an RC Circuit

- When a charged capacitor is placed in the circuit, it can be discharged.

$$-q = Qe^{-t/RC}$$

- The charge decreases exponentially.
- At  $t = \tau = RC$ , the charge decreases to  $0.368 Q_{\max}$ 
  - In other words, in one time constant, the capacitor loses 63.2% of its initial charge.

The charge has its maximum value  $Q$  at  $t = 0$  and decays to zero exponentially as  $t$  approaches infinity.

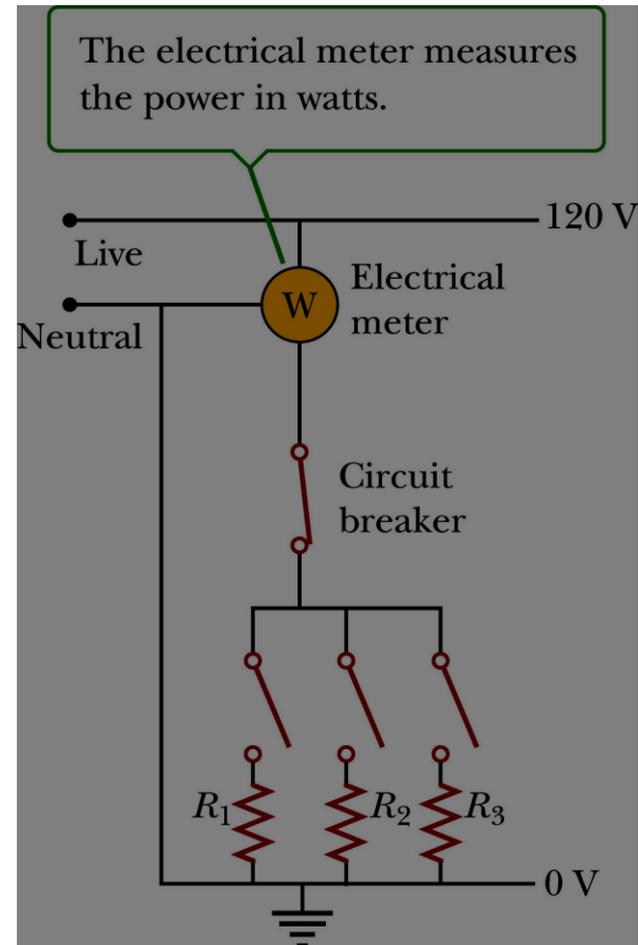


The charge drops to 36.8% of its initial value when one time constant has elapsed.

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# Household Circuits

- The utility company distributes electric power to individual houses with a pair of wires.
- Electrical devices in the house are connected in parallel with those wires.
- The potential difference between the wires is about 120V.

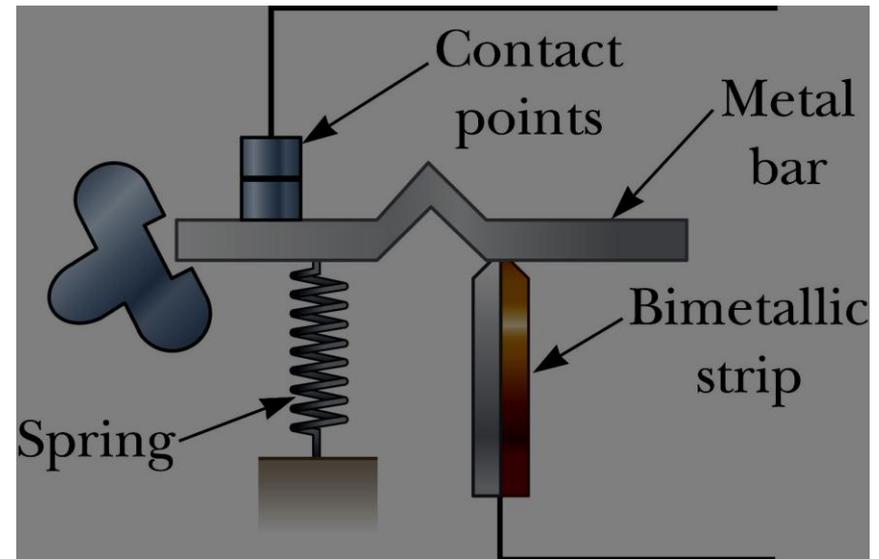


# Household Circuits, Cont.

- A meter and a circuit breaker are connected in series with the wire entering the house.
- Wires and circuit breakers are selected to meet the demands of the circuit.
- If the current exceeds the rating of the circuit breaker, the breaker acts as a switch and opens the circuit.
- Household circuits actually use alternating current and voltage.

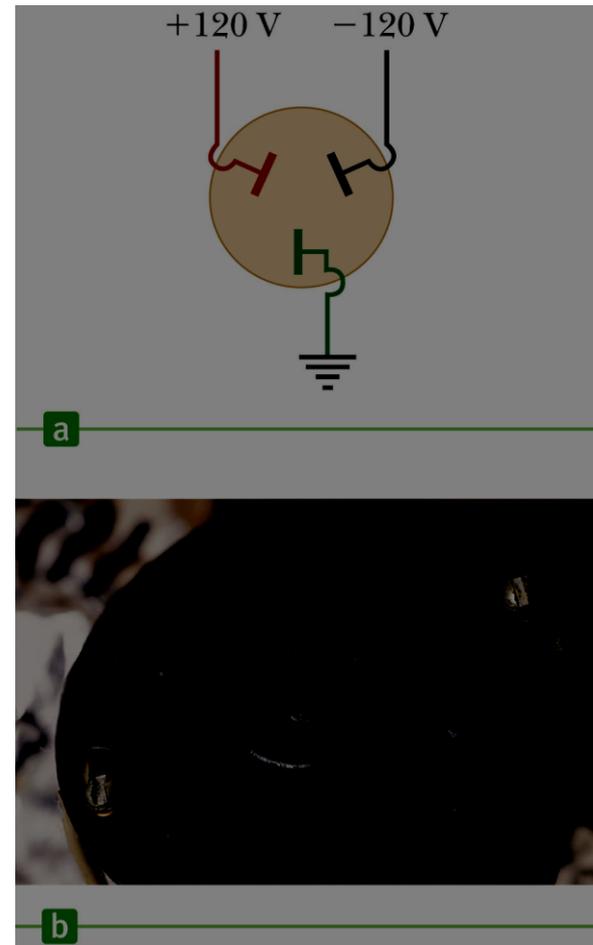
# Circuit Breaker Details

- Current passes through a bimetallic strip.
  - The top bends to the left when excessive current heats it.
  - Bar drops enough to open the circuit
- Many circuit breakers use electromagnets instead.



# 240-V Connections

- Heavy-duty appliances may require 240 V to operate.
- The power company provides another wire at 120 V below ground potential.



# Electrical Safety

- Electric shock can result in fatal burns.
- Electric shock can cause the muscles of vital organs (such as the heart) to malfunction.
- The degree of damage depends on
  - The magnitude of the current
  - The length of time it acts
  - The part of the body through which it passes

# Effects of Various Currents

- 5 mA or less

- Can cause a sensation of shock
- Generally little or no damage

- 10 mA

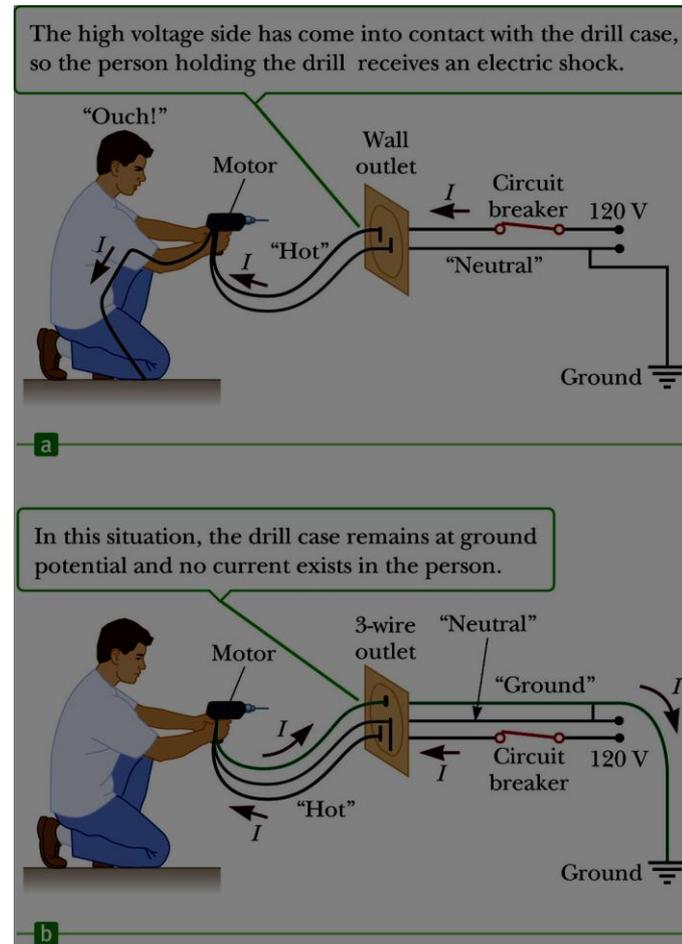
- Hand muscles contract
- May be unable to let go of a live wire

- 100 mA

- If passes through the body for just a few seconds, can be fatal

# Ground Wire

- Electrical equipment manufacturers use electrical cords that have a third wire, called a *case ground*.
- Prevents shocks



# Ground Fault Interrupts (GFI)

- Special power outlets
- Used in hazardous areas
- Designed to protect people from electrical shock
- Senses currents (of about 5 mA or greater) leaking to ground
- Shuts off the current when above this level

# Electrical Signals in Neurons

- Specialized cells in the body, called *neurons*, form a complex network that receives, processes, and transmits information from one part of the body to another.
- Three classes of neurons
  - Sensory neurons
    - Receive stimuli from sensory organs that monitor the external and internal environment of the body
  - Motor neurons
    - Carry messages that control the muscle cells
  - Interneurons
    - Transmit information from one neuron to another

# Diagram of a Neuron

