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# **Circuits I**

## **Lecture 1\_2: Introduction and Basics**

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# Course Information

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## □ Textbook reference:

- J. W. Nilsson and S. A. Riedel, Electric
- C. Alexander and M. Sadiku, Fundamental of Electric Circuits, Mc Graw Hill

# Course Importance

- Many branches of electrical engineering, such as power, electric machines, control, electronics, communications, and instrumentation, are based on electric circuit theory.
- The basic electric **circuit theory course** is the most important course for an electrical engineering student.
- It is an excellent starting point for a beginning student in electrical engineering education.

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# Basic Definitions and Laws

# Introduction

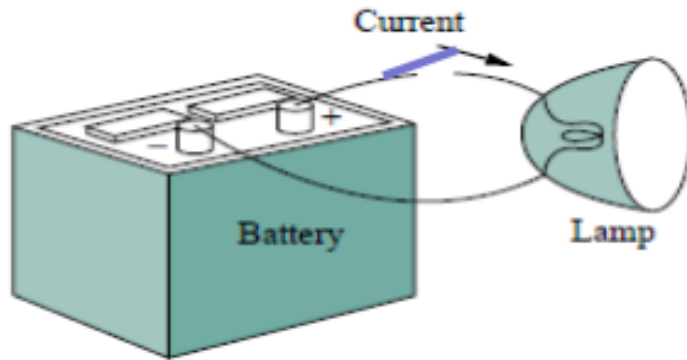
- In electrical engineering, we are often interested in transferring energy from one point to another.
- This requires an interconnection of electrical devices.
- Such interconnection is referred to as an *electric circuit*, and each component of the circuit is known as a *circuit element*.

# Basic Quantities

Quantity	Symbol	SI units
Charge	Q	Coulombs (C)
Time	t	Seconds (s)
Work	W	Joules (J)
<b>Current</b>	I	Ampare (A)
<b>Voltage</b>	V	Volt (V)
<b>Power</b>	P	Watts (w)

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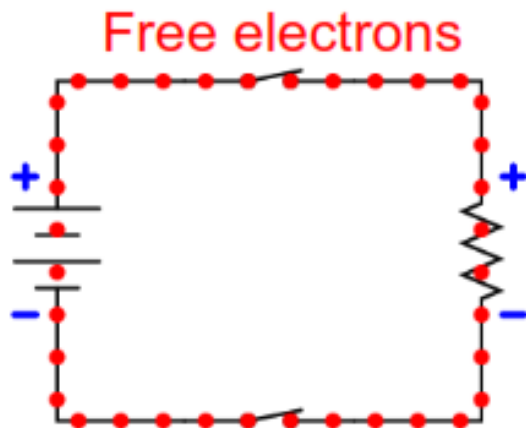
# Introduction



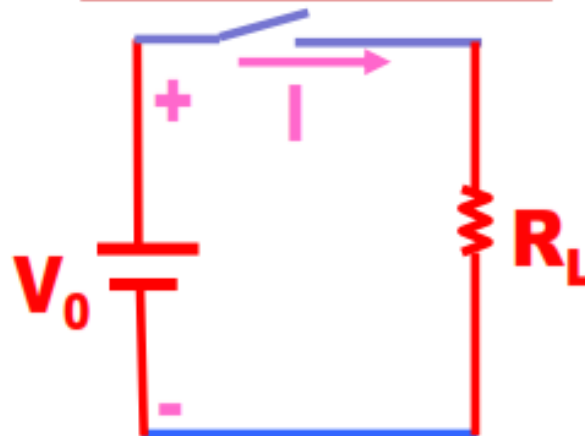
Three basic components: a **battery**, a **lamp**, **switch** and connecting **wires**.

Flash light circuit.

*Direction of electron motion*



Voltage, Current,  
& power.



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# Current

- Electric current results from the movement of electric charge.
- Electric Current is the time rate of change of charge measured in amperes A)

$$I = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

- $I$  (Ampere) =  $\frac{\text{Charge (Q) in Coulombs}}{\text{time (t) in seconds}}$
- For most electronic circuits the ampere is a rather large unit so the mA unit is more common.

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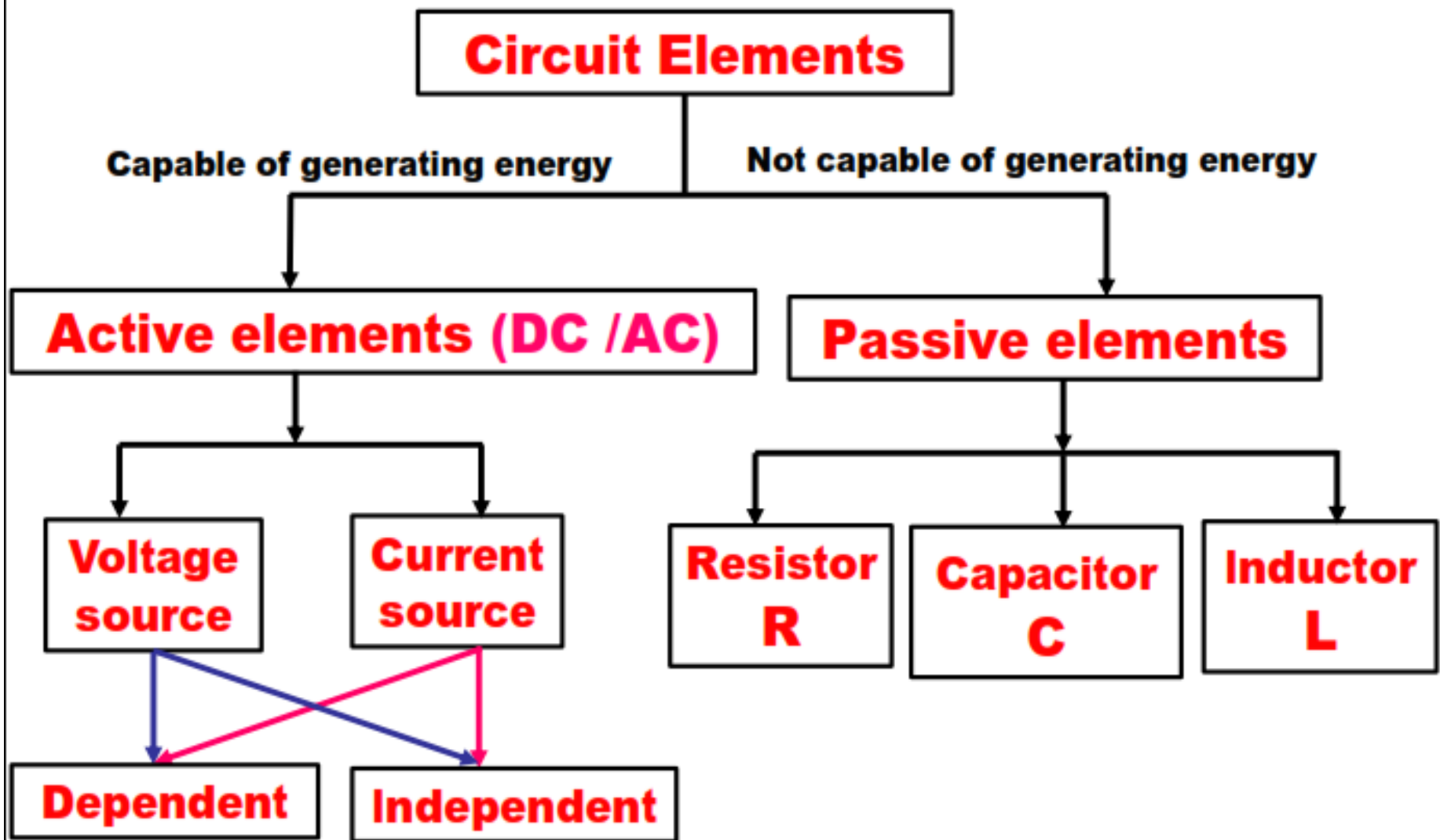
# **DC & AC Circuits**

## **1- Direct Current Circuits**

**Currents ( $I$ ) and voltages ( $V$ ) are constant with time.**

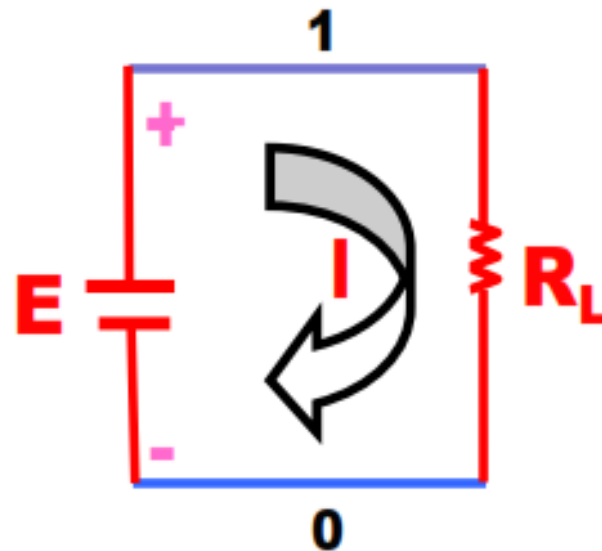
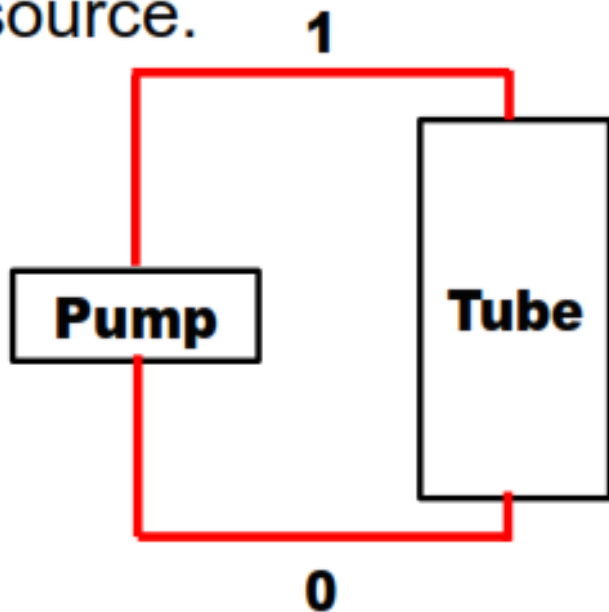
## **2- Alternating Current (AC) Circuits**

**Current ( $i$ ) and voltage ( $v$ ) are time varying**



# DC Circuit

- Any combination of **DC Active** elements and **passive** elements (usually resistors).
- An active elements is either a voltage or a current source.

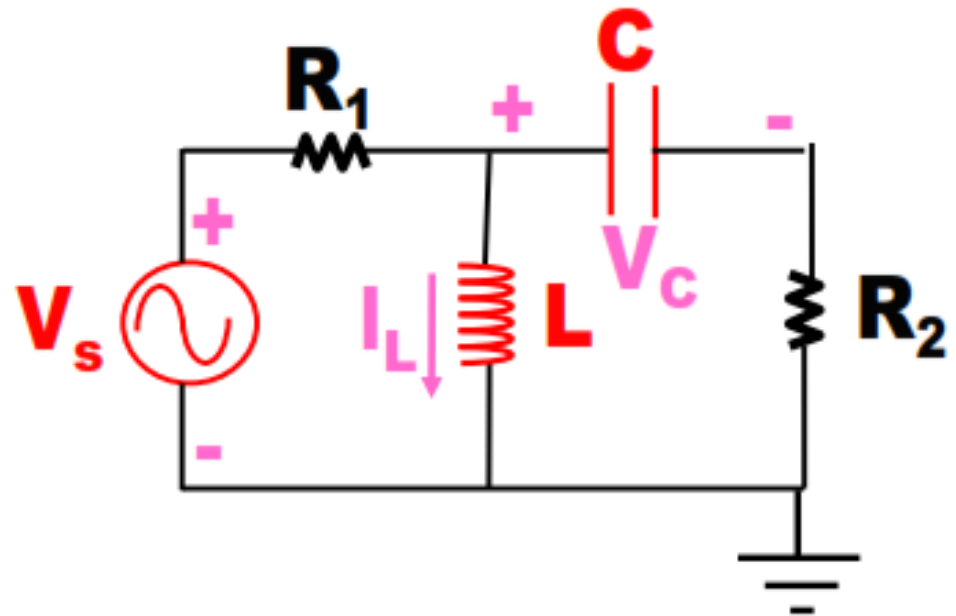


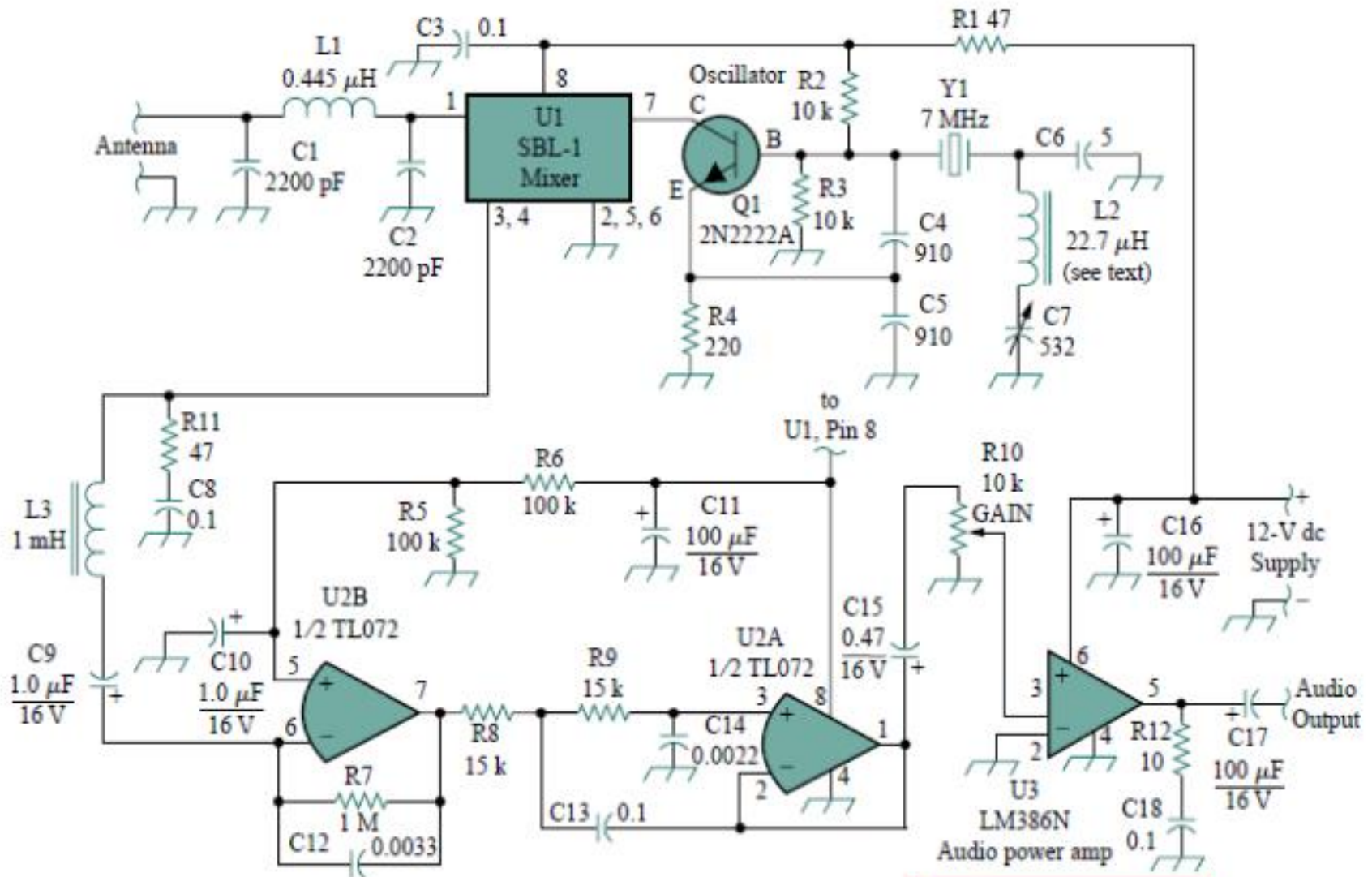
## Conservation of energy

- Sum of power supplied by sources = sum of power<sub>18</sub> dissipated by resistors.

# AC Circuit

- Any combination of **Active** and **passive** elements (resistors, capacitors and coils).
- The sources are AC voltage or current sources





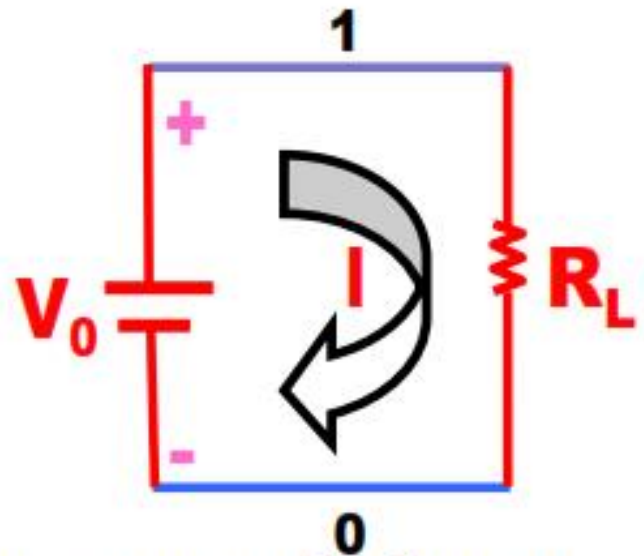
Electric circuit of radio receiver

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# Voltage

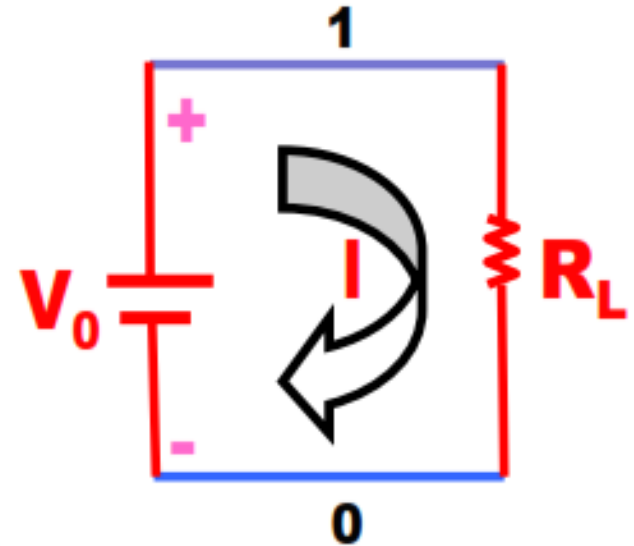
- To move a charge  $Q$  from node 0 to node 1, the source should do a work ( $W$ ).



- Voltage is defined as the work done per unit charge
- It is the measure of "push" available to motivate charge
- Work ( $W$ ) in Joules = Volt ( $V_0$ ) in Volts \* Charge ( $Q$ ) in Coulombs



# Voltage



- The SI unit of **voltage** is Volt (V).

- $V_0 \text{ (volts)} = \frac{W \text{ in Joules}}{Q \text{ in Coulombs}}$

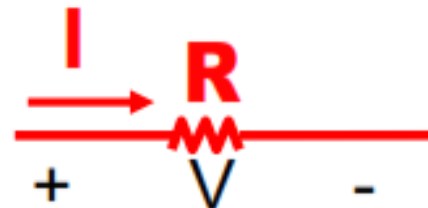
- Current flows in a resistor if there is a potential difference between its ends.
- Current flows in a resistor from **high voltage** to **low voltage**.

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# Resistance and Ohm's law

- The Resistance of an object is a function of its material and shape.
- The voltage (V) across an **ohmic** resistor and the current (I) through the resistor are related as follows :

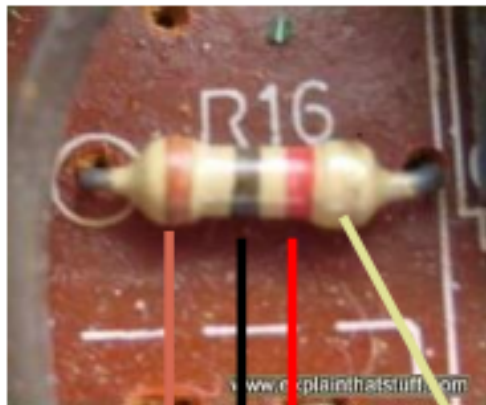
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbf{V} & = & \mathbf{I} & * & \mathbf{R} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Volts} & & \text{mA} & & \text{k}\Omega \end{array}$$





# Resistance and Ohm's law

- 3-color code Resistors



1 00 0  $\Omega$   $\pm 5\%$

## RESISTOR COLOR CODES

### Resistance values

0 = Black
1 = Brown
2 = Red
3 = Orange
4 = Yellow
5 = Green
6 = Blue
7 = Violet
8 = Grey
9 = White

### Tolerance values

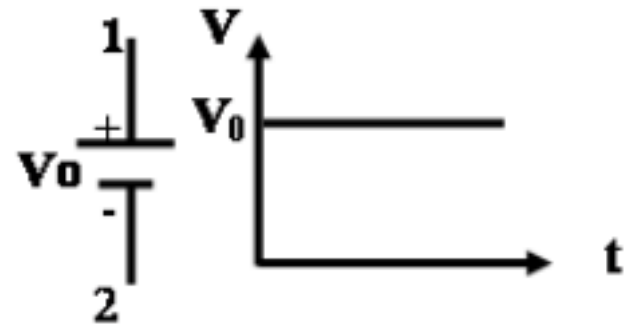
Brown $\pm 1\%$
Red $\pm 2\%$
Gold $\pm 5\%$
Silver $\pm 10\%$

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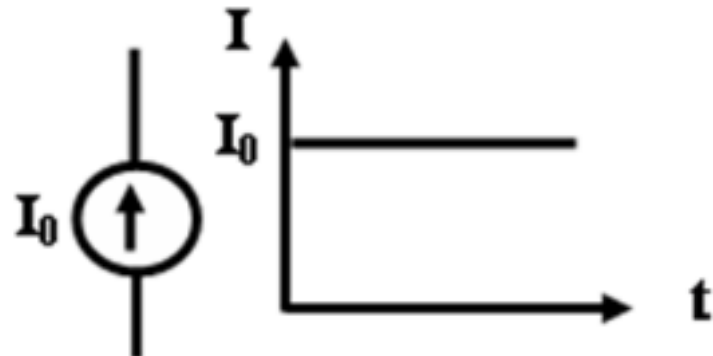
# Active Elements

- Active elements are either voltage or current dependent or independent.
- DC ideal independent sources

**DC voltage source**

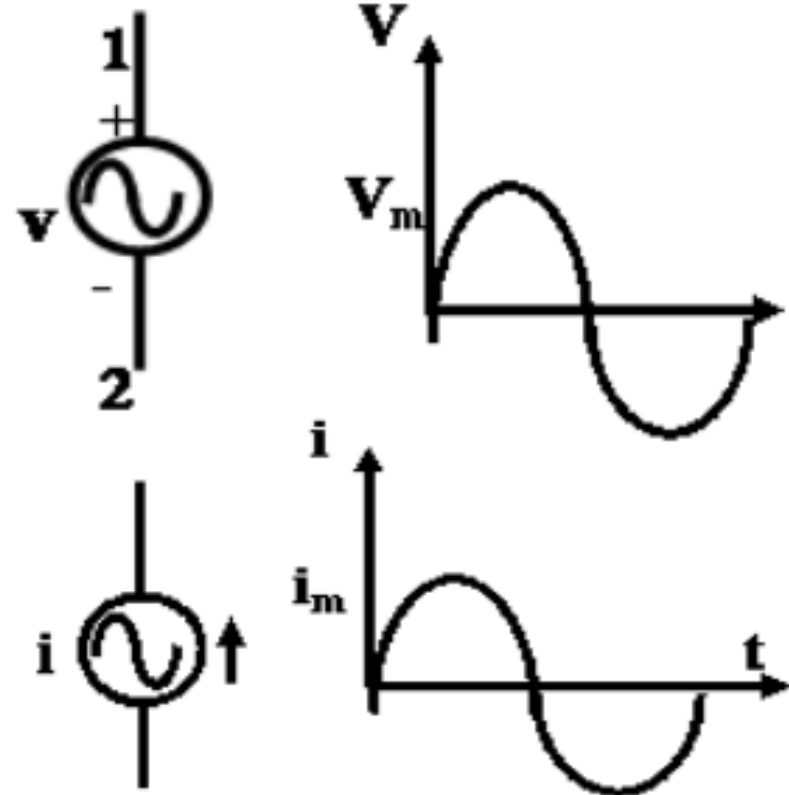


**DC current source**



- AC ideal independent sources

**AC voltage source**



**AC current source**



- Ideal dependent voltage source



- Voltage controlled voltage source (VCVS)

$$v = \mu v_x$$

$\mu$  is dimensionless

- Current controlled voltage source (CCVS)

$$v = \mu i_x$$

$\mu$  is in  $k\Omega$

- Ideal dependent current source



Current controlled current source (CCCS)

$$\mathbf{i} = \mu \mathbf{i}_x$$

$\mu$  is dimensionless

- Voltage controlled current source (VCCS)

$$\mathbf{i} = \mu \mathbf{v}_x$$

$\mu$  is in  $(\text{k}\Omega)^{-1}$

$\Omega^{-1} \equiv \text{mho} \equiv \text{Siemens}$

# Basic Circuit laws

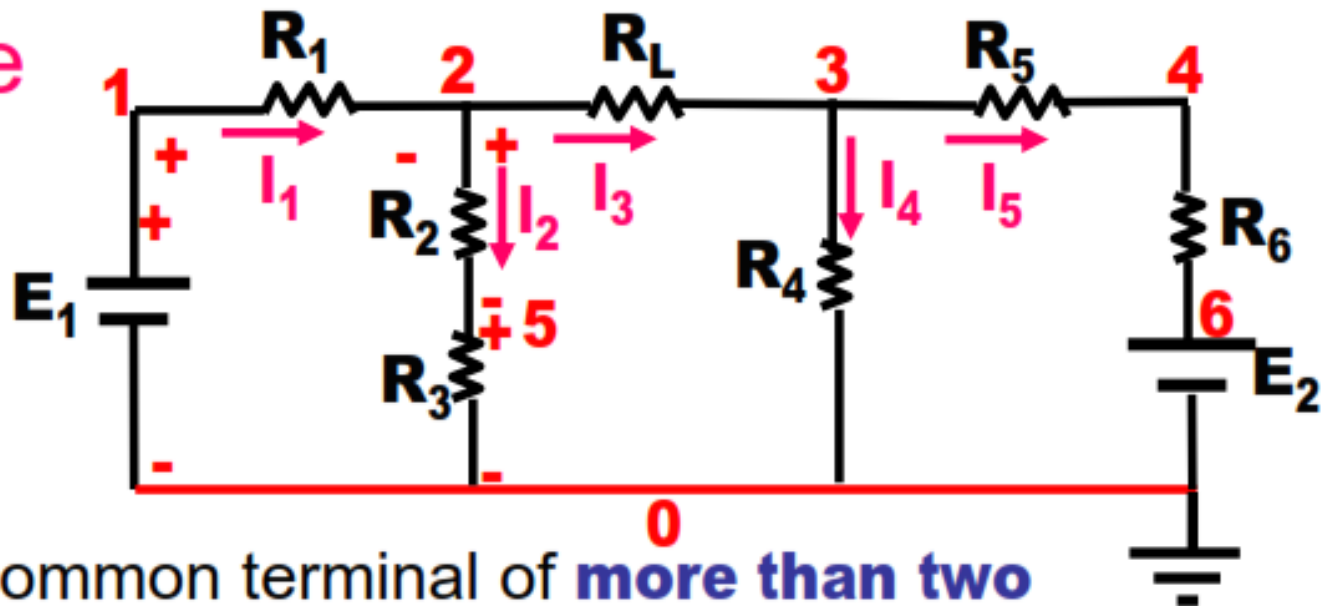
## Contents

- Topology of Electric Circuit
- Kirchoff's Laws
  - KVL
  - KCL
  - Series and Parallel Combinations of Resistors
  - Voltage Divider
  - Current Divider

# Topology of Electric Circuit

- **Circuit** : A circuit is built of **Active** elements and **passive** elements
- **Branch** : A part of the circuit whose elements have the same current
- **Node** : A common terminal of two or more branches
- **Loop** : A set of branches making a closed path (starts and ends with the same node)

# Example



- **Node:** A common terminal of **more than two branches**

**N=3** (2, 3, 0) (Non simple nodes)

- **Loop:** A closed path in a circuit

No. of independent loops **L=3** 12501, 23052, 34603

- **Branch:** A circuit path having the same current

- **B=5** 012, 250, 23, 30, 3460

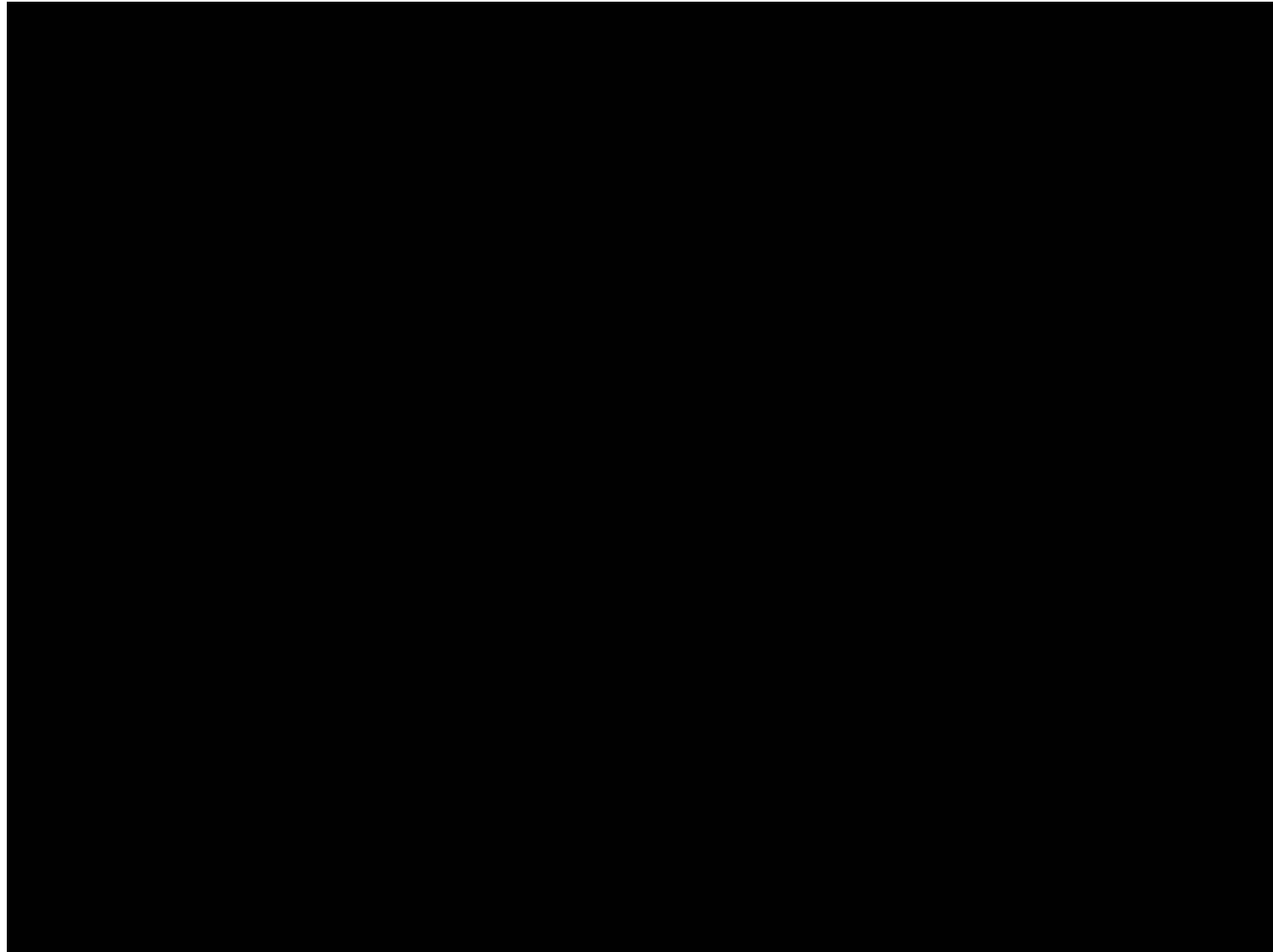
- In a planer circuit, **B=N+L-1**

Why 0 is one node?



# Group Pressure

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# Kirchoff's Laws

**KVL**

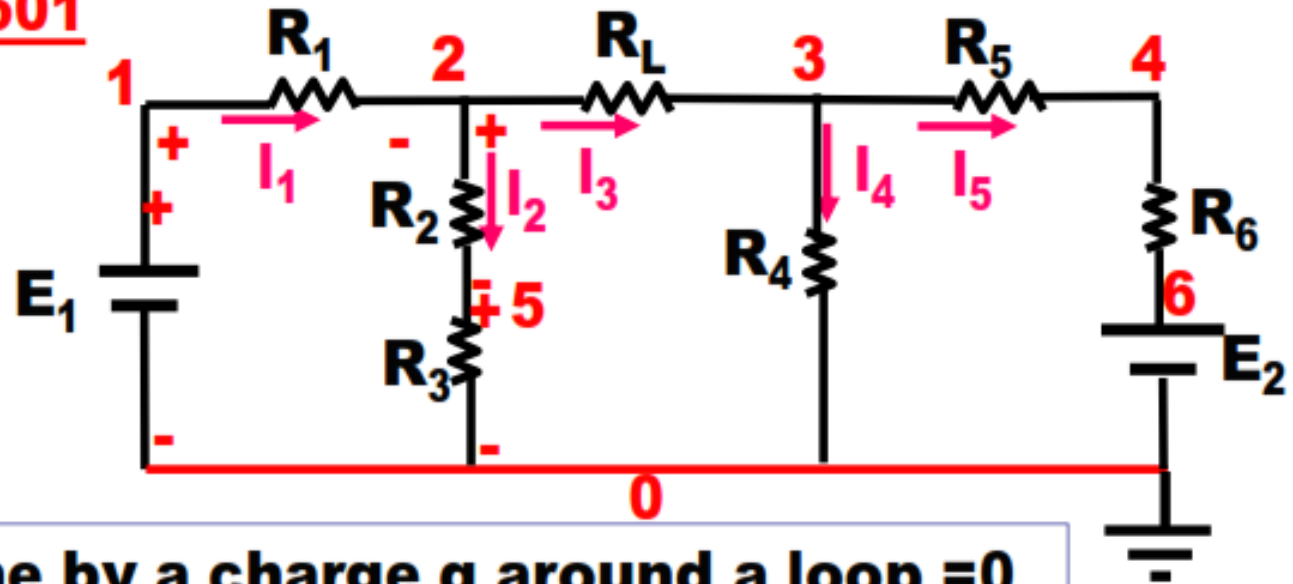
**KCL**

- **Kirchoff's Voltage Law (KVL)**: the algebraic sum of the voltages around any loop of  $N$  elements is zero

$$\sum_{j=1}^N V_j = 0$$

- KVL is a statement of the conservation of energy law

• **Loop 12501**



**Work done by a charge  $q$  around a loop = 0**

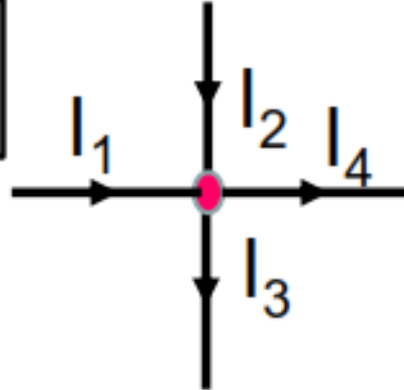
$$qV_{12} + qV_{25} + qV_{50} + qV_{01} = 0$$

$$V_{12} + V_{25} + V_{50} + V_{01} = 0$$

$$I_1 R_1 + I_2 R_2 + I_2 R_3 - E_1 = 0$$

# Basic Circuit laws

- **Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL):** The algebraic sum of the currents entering any node is zero.
- **KCL is a statement of conservation of charge.**

$$\sum I_{\text{in}} = \sum I_{\text{out}} \quad \boxed{I_1 + I_2 = I_3 + I_4}$$
$$\text{or } \sum I_{\text{in}} = 0 \quad \boxed{I_1 + I_2 - I_3 - I_4 = 0}$$
$$\text{or } \sum I_{\text{out}} = 0 \quad \boxed{-I_1 - I_2 + I_3 + I_4 = 0}$$


The diagram shows a central node (a small pink circle) where four wires intersect. Current  $I_1$  flows from the left wire into the node. Current  $I_2$  flows from the top wire into the node. Current  $I_3$  flows from the bottom wire into the node. Current  $I_4$  flows from the right wire into the node. All four currents are entering the node.

# Series and Parallel Combinations of Resistors

- Circuit elements are in **series** when a common **current** passes through each element.
- Circuit elements are in **parallel** when a common **voltage** exists across each element.

## Resistors in series

- **Proof (KVL) Loop 12301**

$$V_{12} + V_{23} + V_{30} + V_{01} = 0$$

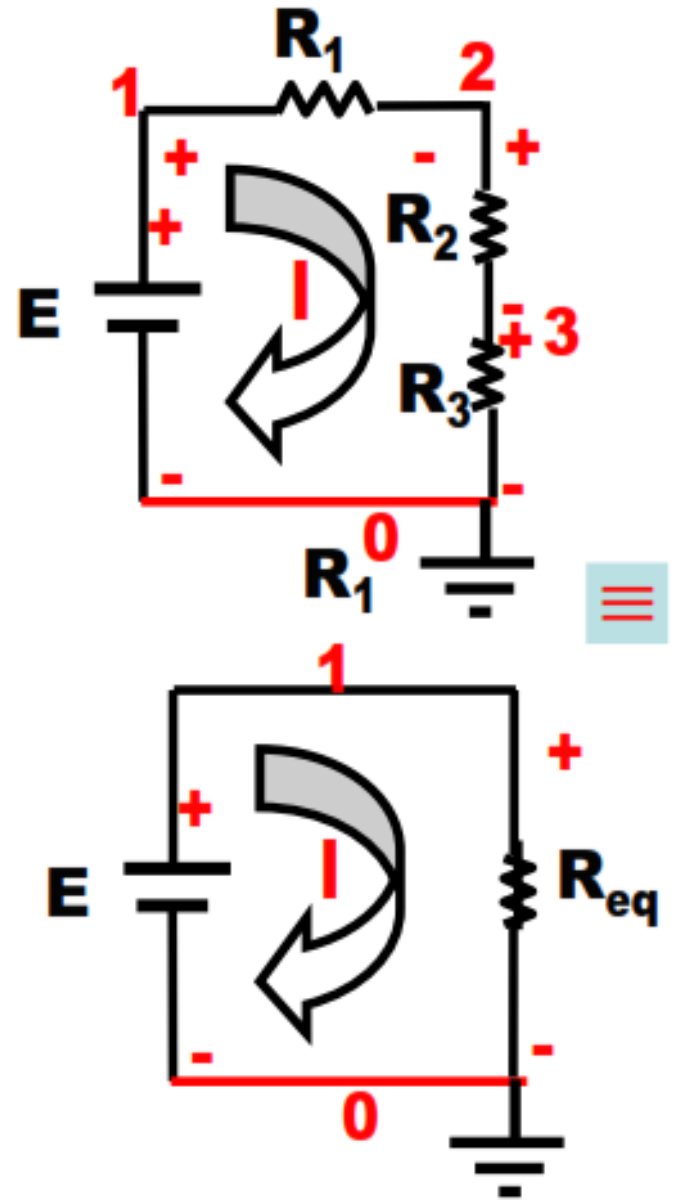
$$IR_1 + IR_2 + IR_3 - E = 0$$

$$I(R_1 + R_2 + R_3) - E = 0$$

**KVL Loop 101**  $V_{10} + V_{01} = 0$

$$IR_{eq} - E = 0$$

$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 = \sum R_i$$



## Resistors in series

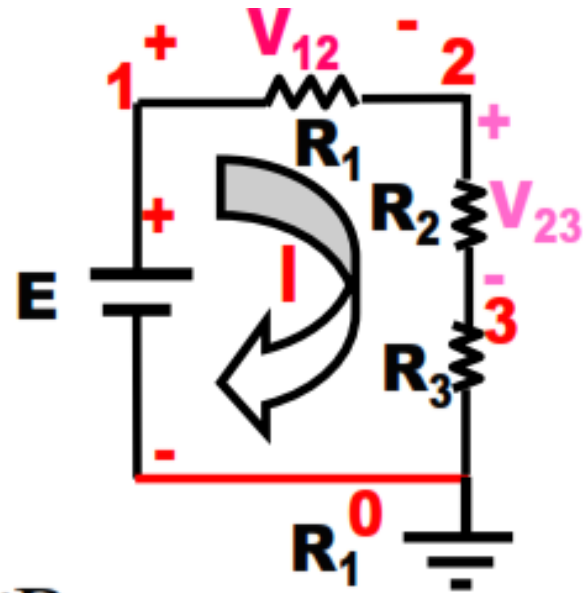
- Voltage Division

$$I = \frac{E}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

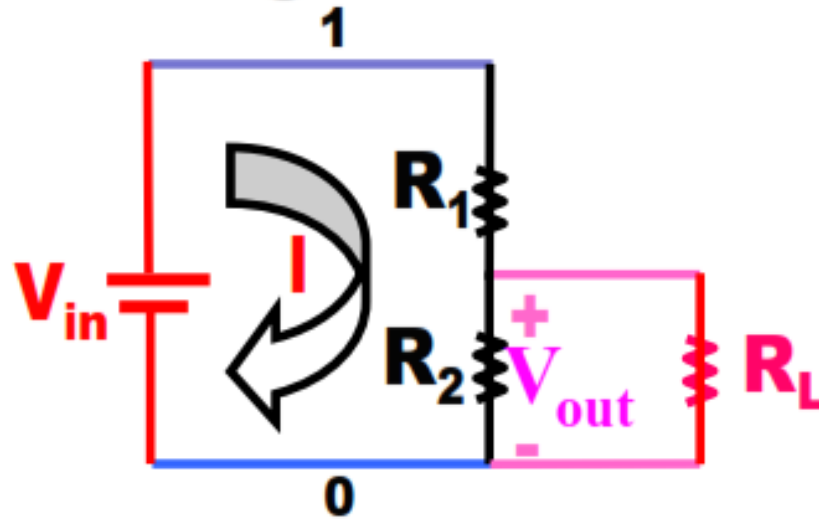
$$V_{12} = I * R_1 = \frac{E}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} * R_1$$

$$= E * \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$V_{23} = E * \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$



# Voltage Divider



$$V_{out} = V_{AB} = I R_2 = \frac{V_{in}}{R_1 + R_2} R_2 = V_{in} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$= V_{in} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

**What is the effect on  $V_{out}$  when  $R_L$  is connected?**



# Actual sources

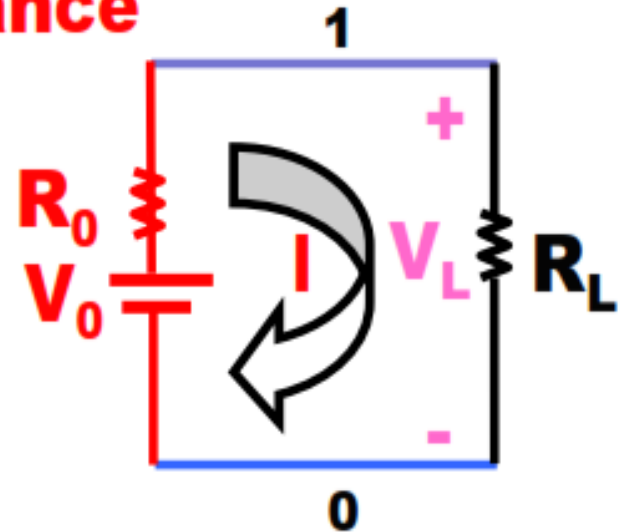
- Actual voltage source

**$R_0$  :Source internal resistance**

$$I = \frac{V_0}{R_0 + R_L}$$

$$V_L = I R_L = V_0 \frac{R_L}{R_0 + R_L}$$

$$V_L \approx V_0 \quad \text{if} \quad R_0 \ll R_L$$

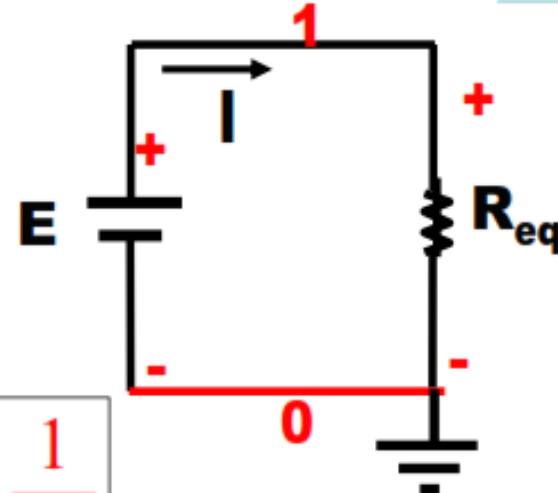
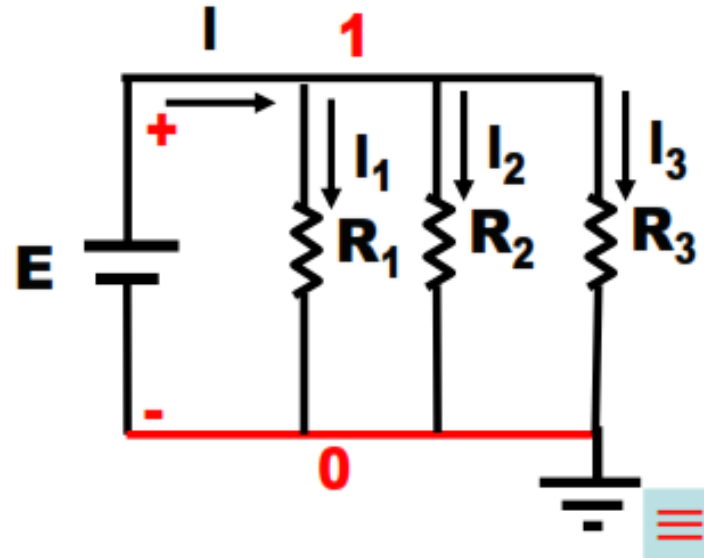


## Resistors in parallel

- KCL Node 1

$$\begin{aligned} I &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \\ &= \frac{E}{R_1} + \frac{E}{R_2} + \frac{E}{R_3} \\ &= E \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \right) \\ I &= \frac{E}{R_{eq}} \end{aligned}$$

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



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- The equivalent resistance of a combination of resistors connected in parallel is given by :

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \sum \frac{1}{R_i} \quad \text{or} \quad G_{eq} = \sum G_i$$

G is the conductance in  $\Omega^{-1}$  (mho) or seimens

- The equivalent resistance of two resistors connected in parallel is :  $R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$
- The equivalent resistance of N equal parallel resistors each = R connected in parallel is :  $R_{eq} = \frac{R}{N}$

# Resistors in parallel

- Current division

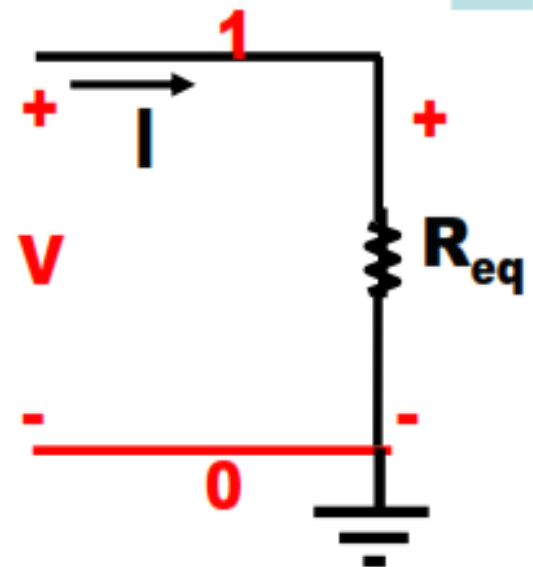
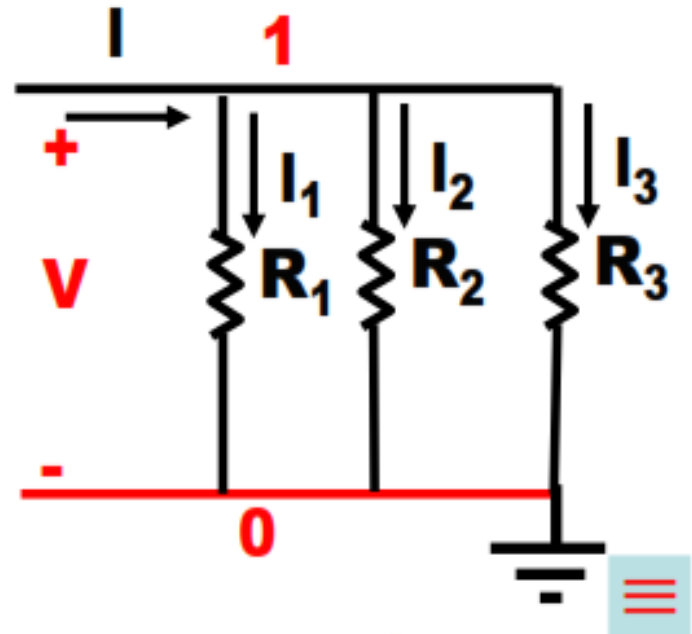
$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$$

$$V = I * R_{eq}$$

$$I_1 = \frac{V}{R_1}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{V}{R_2}$$

$$I_j = \frac{V}{R_j}$$



## Resistors in parallel

- Current division

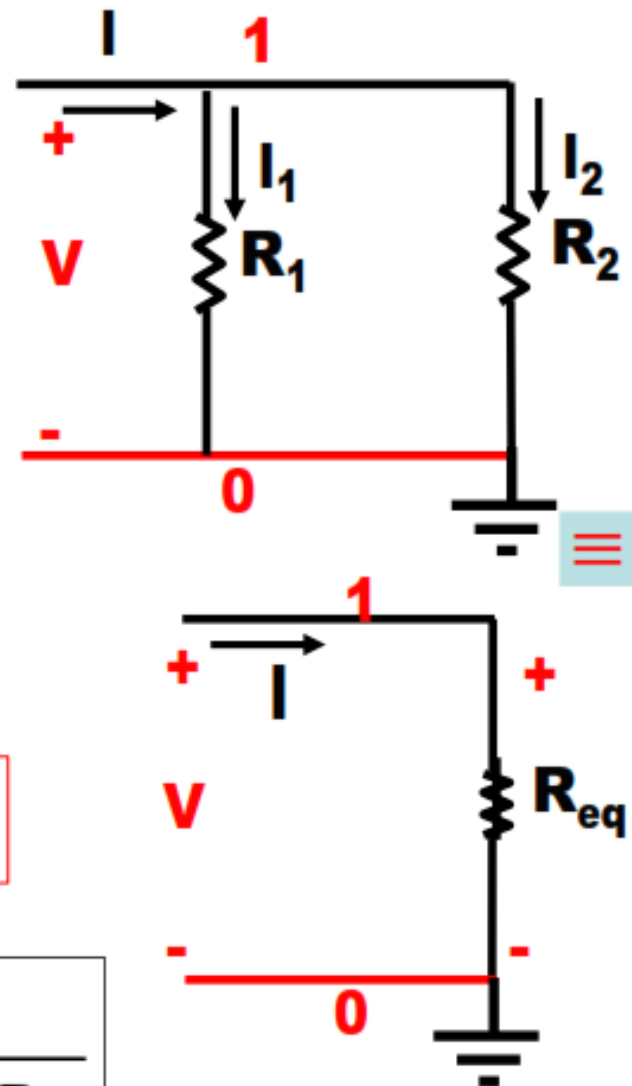
$$R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$V = I * R_{eq} = I * \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$= I_1 * R_1 = I_2 * R_2$$

$$I_1 = I * \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

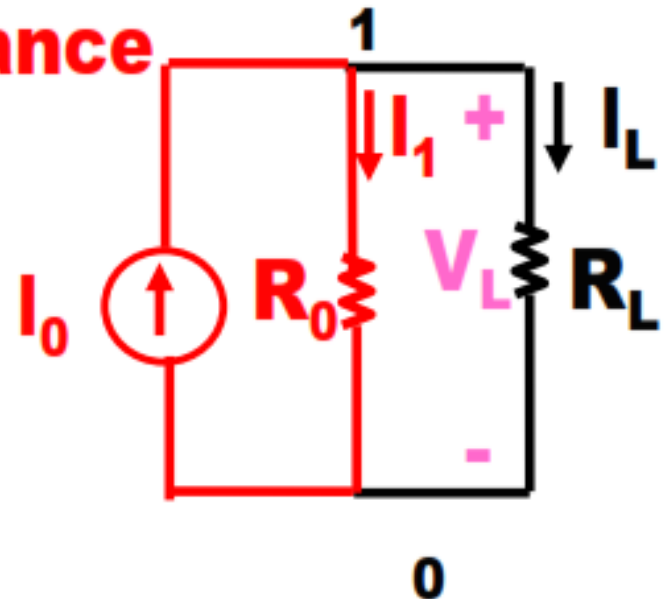
$$I_2 = I * \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$



# Actual sources

- Actual Current source

**$R_0$  :Source internal resistance**



$$I_L = I_0 \frac{R_0}{R_L + R_0} \approx I_0 \quad \text{if } R_0 \gg R_L$$

# IQ Question

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v.

4	5	7	3
8	3	3	9
7	6	9	5
6	9	8	?

What number should replace the question mark?

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# IQ Question

v.

4	5	7	3
8	3	3	9
7	6	9	5
6	9	8	?

What number should replace the question mark?

Answer:

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Explanation:

The sum of the numbers in each line across increases by 4.

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# Power & Energy

- Power is the time rate of delivering or absorbing energy, measured in watts (W).

$$p = \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{dw}{dq} \cdot \frac{dq}{dt} = V * I$$

$$P = V * I$$

- For a resistor, power is always dissipated.

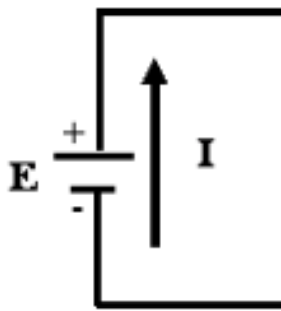
- For a linear resistor,  $V = I * R$

$$P = V * I = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

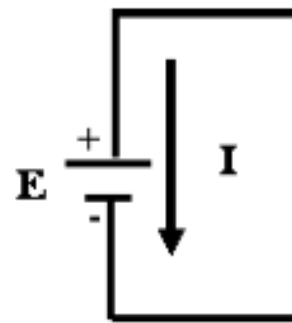
# Power & Energy

- For a source, power is either delivered or absorbed.

## Voltage Source



$$P \text{ (delivered)} = E * I$$



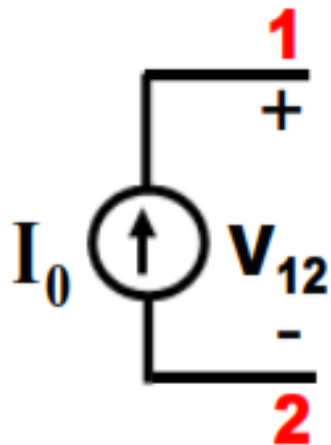
$$P \text{ (delivered)} = E * (- I)$$

(absorbed)

- Power balance :  $\Sigma$  Power delivered by sources  
 $= \Sigma$  Power dissipated by resistors

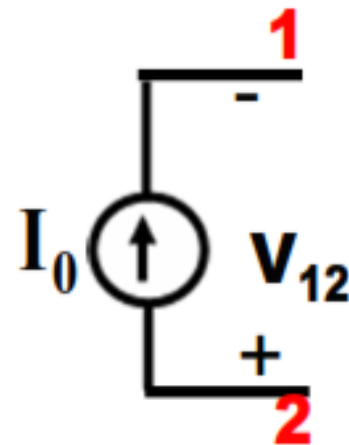
# Power & Energy

- Current source.



$$P \text{ (delivered)} = I_0 * V_{12}$$

**P is +ve (delivered)**



$$P \text{ (delivered)} = I_0 * V_{12}$$

**P is -ve (absorbed)**

- Power balance :  $\Sigma$  Power delivered by sources  
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