

## Physics 202, Lecture 9

### This week's Topics

- **Basic DC circuits: Chapter 28**
  - Basic circuit components(  $\mathcal{E}$ , R, C, ...)
  - Single loop circuits
  - Resistors in series and in parallel
- **Kirchhoff's Rules: multi-loop circuits**
- **RC Circuits**
- **Homework #4: problems from Ch. 26, 27, 28 due Monday, Oct 8 at 10 PM**
- **Reading quiz: for Thursday (optional, for extra credit)**

## Basic Circuit Components

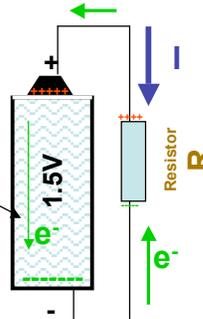
Component	Symbol	Behavior in circuit
Ideal battery, emf		$\Delta V = V_+ - V_- = \mathcal{E}$
Resistor		$\Delta V = -IR$
Realistic Battery		$\rightarrow$
(Ideal) wire		$\Delta V = 0$ ( $\rightarrow R=0, C=0$ )
Capacitor		$\Delta V = V_- - V_+ = -q/C, dq/dt = I$
Inductor		Later this semester
(Ideal) Switch		$C=0, R=0$ (on), $R=\infty$ (off)
Transformer	Future Topics	
Diodes, Transistors,...		

## emf: Electromotive “Force”

### □ Battery as a source of Electromotive “force” (emf)

Chemical inside the battery maintains a charge distribution which provides a persistent potential difference  $\rightarrow$  emf

emf is a potential difference, it is not a force!



### □ emf can also be produced by changes of magnetic flux. (later in the course)

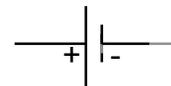
### ❖ Direct Current (DC) Circuit: Circuit driven by $\epsilon \sim$ constant

## Devices: Summary

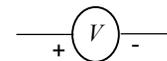
### □ Batteries:

Voltage sources, sources of “emf”  $\epsilon$

Purpose is to provide a constant potential difference between two points.



OR



Non-ideal batteries: “internal resistance”  $r$

$$V = \epsilon - Ir$$

### □ Resistors: resist electric current

Ohm’s Law:  $V = IR$



### □ Capacitors: store charge (energy).

$$Q = CV$$



Example: Ch 28 #1

## Simple Circuit 1: Resistors In Series

□ Exercise: show

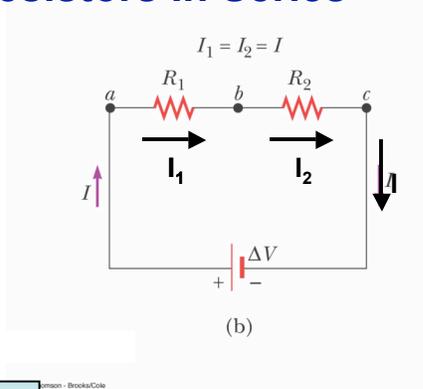
$$R_S = R_1 + R_2$$

▪  $I_1 = I_2 = I$

$$\rightarrow IR_1 + IR_2 = \Delta V \rightarrow$$

$$I(R_1 + R_2) = \Delta V$$

i.e.



□ In general:  $R_S = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots = \sum_i R_i$

## Simple Circuit 2: Resistors In Parallel

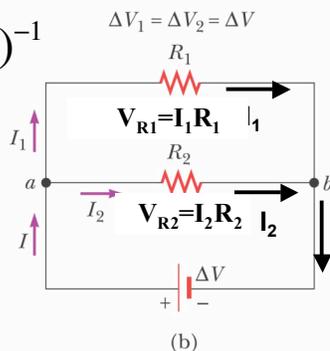
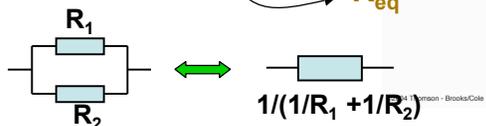
□ Show  $R_P = (1/R_1 + 1/R_2)^{-1}$

$$I_1 + I_2 = I$$

$$\Delta V = I_1 R_1 = I_2 R_2$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta V = I \cdot \frac{1}{(1/R_1 + 1/R_2)}$$

i.e.



□ In general:  $R_P = (1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + 1/R_3 + \dots)^{-1}$

Examples: Ch. 28 #9

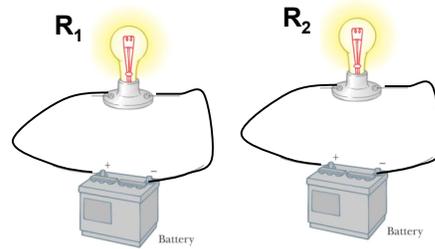
## Wattage (Power) and Resistance

□  $R_1 > R_2$ , which is brighter?

$R_1$

$R_2$  ←

Same



Lower  $R \rightarrow$  Higher wattage

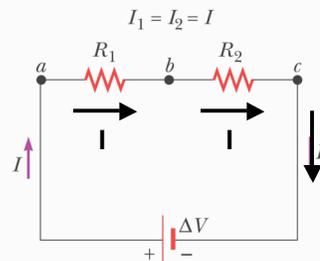
## Power Distribution on Resistors in Series

□  $R_1 > R_2$ , which is brighter?

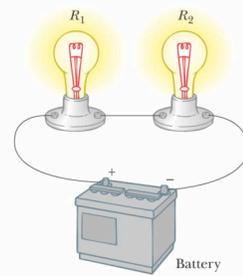
$R_1$  ←

$R_2$

Same



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Bulb of lower wattage is brighter  
when connected in series

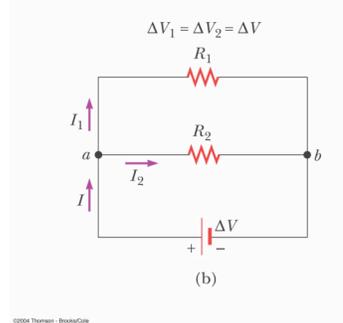
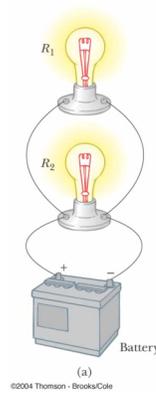
## Power Distribution on Resistors in Parallel

□  $R_1 > R_2$ , which is brighter?

$R_1$

$R_2$  ←

Same



## Exercise: Equivalent Resistance of a Combined Parallel and Serial Circuit

□ What is  $R_{eq}$  for the combination shown?

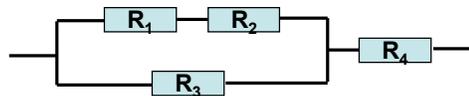
$R_1 = R_2 = 1\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 2\Omega$ ,  $R_4 = 4\Omega$ .

$8\Omega$

$6\Omega$

→  $5\Omega$

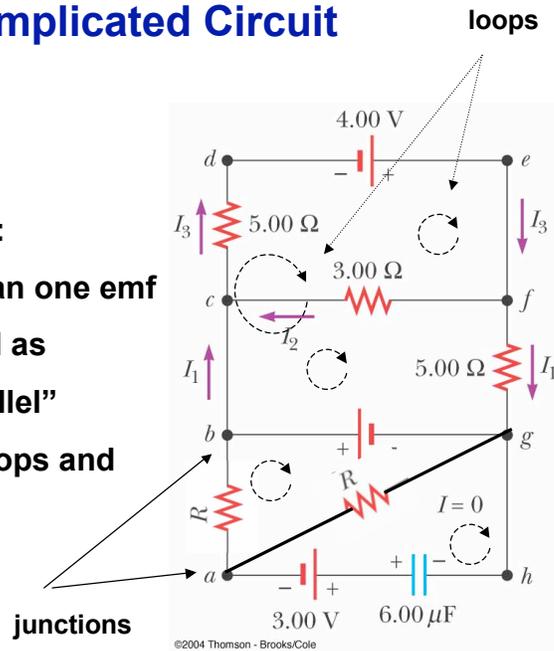
None of above



## A Complicated Circuit

A complicated circuit :

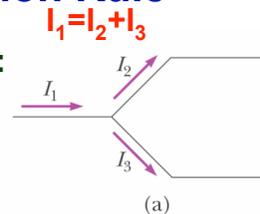
- May contain more than one emf
- May not be simplified as “in series” or “in parallel”
- May contain multi loops and junctions.



## Kirchhoff's Rules: Junction Rule

- **Junction Rule (Charge conservation):**  
Sum of currents entering **any** junction equals the sum of currents leaving that junction.

$$\sum I_{\text{in}} = \sum I_{\text{out}}$$



- In practice, the classifications of “in” and “out” determined by **assigned direction** for each current.  
The assignment of current directions can be arbitrary. (they may not be the same as actual directions)
  - “in” : current with **assigned direction** towards junction
  - “out” : current with **assigned direction** off junction

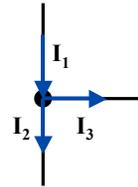
## (Very) Quick Quiz: Junction Rule

- What is the junction rule for the current assignment shown?

$$I_1 + I_2 = I_3$$

$$I_1 = I_2 + I_3 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$I_1 + I_3 = I_2$$



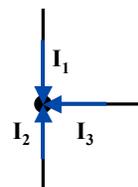
## Quick Quiz: Junction Rule

- What is the junction rule for the current assignment shown?

$$I_1 + I_2 = I_3$$

$$I_1 + I_2 + I_3 = 0 \quad \leftarrow$$

Neither

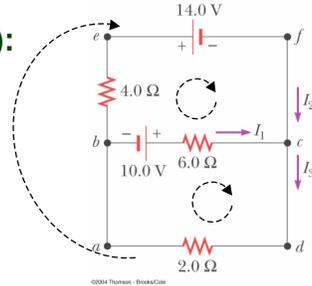


While the actual currents can not all goes into a junction, the assigned currents can.

## Kirchhoff's Rules: Loop Rule

- **Loop Rule (Energy Conservation):**  
The sum of **potential drops** across components along **any closed circuit loop** must be zero.

$$\Sigma \Delta V = 0$$



- The exact form of the potential drop is determined by the type of component **and the assigned current direction**. (See next slides)

### Determine Potential Difference(1)

