

Chapter 9: Current & Resistance

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Current & Resistance Summary

In this chapter we analyze electrodynamic situations in which charges are moving in a current. Using Ohm's Law, we can analyze the effect of resistance on a circuit's current and potential difference.

Topics to Cover

1. Electric Current
2. Resistance
3. Ohm's Law
4. Electric Energy & Power

Terms and Equations to Know

1. Current:

$$I_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \text{charge}}{\Delta \text{time}} = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}, I_{inst} = \frac{dQ}{dt} \quad [\text{Amperes}] = \frac{[\text{Coulombs}]}{[\text{seconds}]}$$

2. Ohm's Law:

$$V = (\text{Current})(\text{Resistance}) = IR \quad [\text{Volts}] = [\text{Amperes}][\text{Ohms}]$$

3. Resistance:

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A} = (\text{material resistivity}) \frac{(\text{length})}{(\text{meters}^2)}$$

4. Material Resistivity:

ρ in $R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$, denotes the resistivity of material i.e. copper vs. carbon

5. Resistor Code

6. Power "dissipated"

$$P = IV = (\text{current})(\text{voltage}) \quad P = \frac{V^2}{R} = \frac{(\text{Voltage})^2}{(\text{Resistance})}, \quad P = I^2 R = (\text{Current})^2 (\text{Resistance})$$

Ohm's Law

$$V = IR$$

$$\text{Voltage [V]} = \text{Current [A]} \cdot \text{Resistance } [\Omega]$$

(means they have a proportional relationship)

$$\downarrow$$

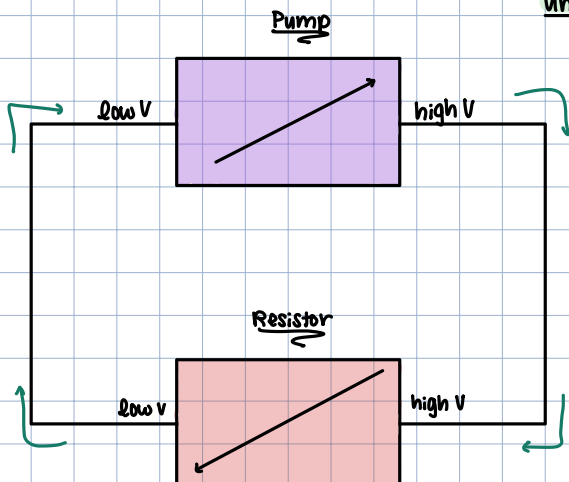
$$I \propto V$$

only ohmic conductors follow this proportional relationship b/w voltage and current

Resistor Codes

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

Understanding Current in Action



E is constant everywhere bc flow of current "leaving" equals flow of current "entering"

Understanding Current & Ohm's Law through a Water Hose Analogy

V Electric Potential = Water Pressure bc dictate flow of e^-

ρ Resistor = pipe's obstructive objects bc material's individual resistivity for flow

L Length of System = Length of pipe (connected) bc shorter means easier for flow

A Cross-Sectional Area = Space water has to flow through (cross-sect. area of pipe)

I Current = Water flow bc like flow of e^-

R Resistor = Level of "clog" in the water pipe bc determine inhibition of flow

FRQ #1 → 2016 #2

a) It is the same through both because the resistors are in series.

↳ resistance & current in series vs in parallel

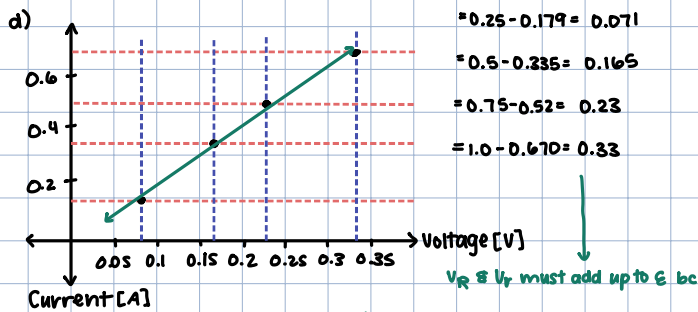
b) It depends on the resistance of the sample since we don't have any information about the magnitudes of these resistances.

c) Horizontal Axis: Voltage across r Column Added: V_r (V)

Vertical Axis: Current $R = \frac{V}{I}$ ↳ Current is the same, so only

better to flip them for solving slope need potential difference

Ohm's Law: $V = IR$, $V \propto I$ is a relationship of proportionality that's represented through the graph.



$$V_r = \epsilon - V_R$$

$$= 0.25 - 0.179 = 0.071$$

$$= 0.5 - 0.335 = 0.165$$

$$= 0.75 - 0.52 = 0.23$$

$$= 1.0 - 0.670 = 0.33$$

$V_R \neq V_r$ must add up to ϵ bc

that's when V drops, and $V_{\text{enter}} = V_{\text{leave}}$

e) $V = IR$, $R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta I} = \frac{0.33 - 0.071}{0.687 - 0.162} = \boxed{0.493 \Omega}$ → used Ohm's Law to calculate resistance based on the graph

f) $R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$ material resistivity

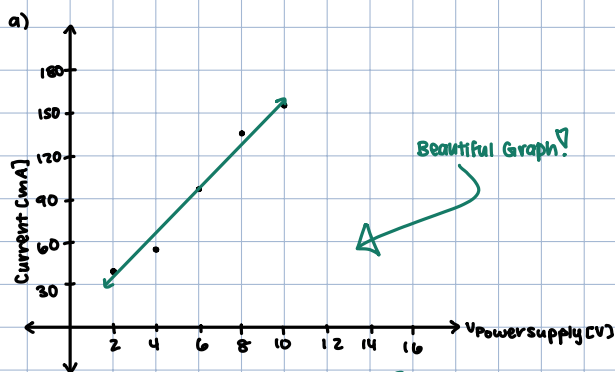
$$\rho = \frac{RA}{L} = \frac{(0.493) \pi (1.0 \times 10^{-3})^2}{3.0} = \boxed{5.16 \times 10^{-7} \Omega \cdot m}$$

g) The actual resistance would be less than because the unassumed internal resistance of the battery will increase our known resistance.

gii) The readings of the ammeter would be greater than the actual value because the unideal voltmeter would cause them to be a resistor in parallel. This would decrease the circuit's resistance and increase the current, causing a higher read on the ammeter than before.

↳ ideal vs. unideal ammeters & voltmeters

FRQ #2 → 2014 #1

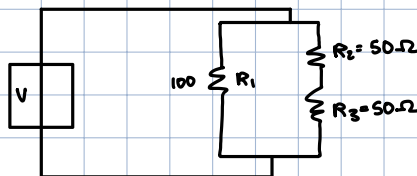


Beautiful Graph!

b) $R_T = \frac{10 - 2}{(155 - 40) \times 10^{-3}} = \boxed{69.57 \Omega}$ Ohm's Law! $V = IR$, so $R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta I}$

c) $R_1 = ??$

calculating total resistance in parallel:



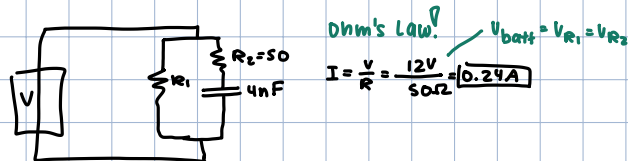
$$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2 + R_3}$$

$$\frac{1}{69.57} - \frac{1}{100} = \frac{1}{R_1}$$

$$\boxed{R_1 = 228 \Omega}$$

d) $I = \frac{V}{R_1} = \frac{12V}{100\Omega} = \boxed{0.12A}$ potential across is the same bc in parallel, current can differ in parallel

ei)



Ohm's Law! $V_{\text{batt}} = V_{R_1} = V_{R_2}$

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{12V}{50\Omega} = \boxed{0.24A}$$

ei) The magnitude of the current would be less than part d because the capacitor would have charged up, causing push back and making $I = 0$ across R_2 . ↳ making $V_c = \epsilon$, so no ΔV when charges cross over it

f) It would be equal to ei because an uncharged capacitor wouldn't affect the current immediately after in either case.

FRQ #3 → 2019 Set 1 #2

a) i. $I_1 + I_3 = I_2$

$150I_1 + 200I_2 = 6.0$

$100I_3 + 200I_2 = 6.0$

ii. $I_1 + 1.33I_2 = 0.04$

$I_1 + 2I_2 = 0.06$

$I_2 - I_3 + 1.33I_2 = 0.04$

$1I_2 + 3.33I_2 = 0.1$

$4.33I_2 = 0.1$

$I_2 = 0.023 \text{ A}$

Using Kirchhoff's

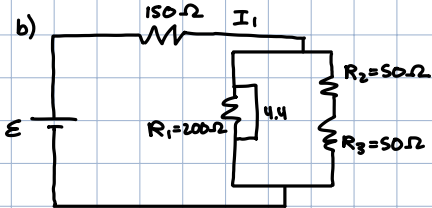
Loop & Node Rules!

substitute to isolate I_2

equation for power dissipated

iii. $P = I^2 R = (0.023 \text{ A})^2 (200 \Omega) = 0.107 \text{ W}$

can use Ohm's law ($V = IR$) for different solutions



$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{4.4}{150} = 0.029 \text{ A}$

→ solve for current &

resistance to get potential

c) $\mathcal{E} = I_1 R_T$

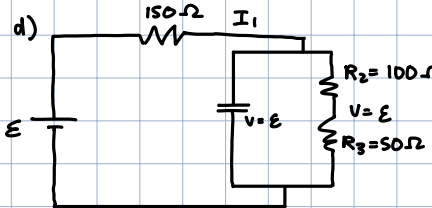
$I_1 = I_2 + I_3$

$I_2 = 0.023 + 0.029$

$= 0.052$

$R_T = 150 + \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{200} + \frac{1}{150}} \right) = 235.7 \Omega$

$\mathcal{E} = (0.052 \text{ A})(235.7 \Omega) = 12.3 \text{ V}$



$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{12.3}{150 + 150} = 0.041 \text{ A}$

upon reaching a steady state, $V_c = \mathcal{E}$, so V on right = \mathcal{E} . Also, capacitor is fully charged! Push back causes all current to pass through right, which is why right is now in series w/ \mathcal{E} !

ii. The current is less than bc the inductor at steady state is like a short-circuit since $dI/dt = 0$. Thus, no current will take the right side.

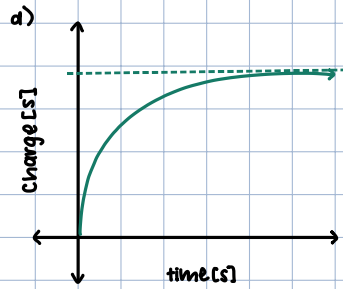
FRQ #5 → 2007 #1

a) $\mathcal{E} = I_{\text{max}} R = (2.25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A})(550 \Omega) = 1.238 \text{ V}$

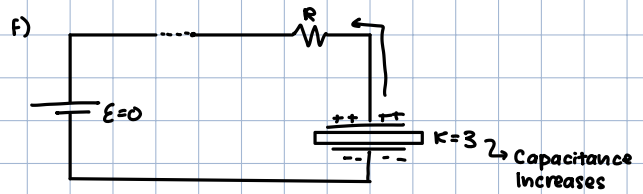
b) $V = V_0 (1 - e^{-t/RC}) = 1.238 (1 - e^{-4/(550)(4000 \times 10^{-6})}) = 1.037 \text{ V}$

c) $Q = Q_{\text{max}} (1 - e^{-t/RC}) = (4000 \times 10^{-6})(1.037)(1 - e^{-4/(550)(4000 \times 10^{-6})}) = 3.47 \times 10^{-3} \text{ C}$

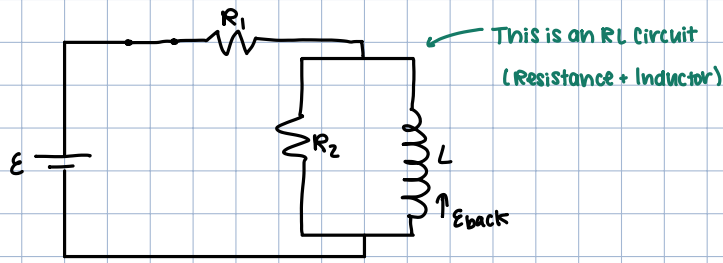
or even: $I = \frac{dQ}{dt} \rightarrow Q = \int I dt$



e) $P_R = \frac{V^2}{R}, @ t = 0$
 $V_R = \mathcal{E} - V_c = (1.238) - (1.037)$
 $= 0.201$
 $P_R = \frac{(0.201)^2}{550} = 7.35 \times 10^{-5} \text{ W}$



the charge left on these plates during discharge is $Q = CV_0 (e^{-t/RC})$ greater than the charge during charging at $t = 4s$. Since there is a dielectric, the capacitance has increased, so the max Q has increased.



Ohm's Law!

a) $I = \frac{\epsilon}{R_T}$ $R_T = R_1 + \frac{1}{1/R_2} = R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow$ bc inductor has no resistance, so

$$I = \frac{\epsilon}{R_1 + R_2}$$

basically in series

Change in current & Inductance affect the voltage across an inductor

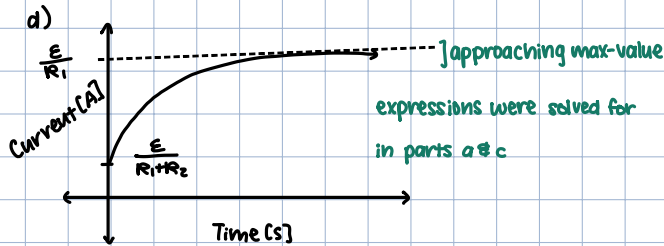
b) $\epsilon = -L \frac{dI}{dt}$
 $\epsilon = IR_2$
 $I = \frac{\epsilon}{R_1 + R_2}$

$$\frac{\epsilon R_2}{L(R_1 + R_2)} = \frac{dI}{dt}$$

c) $I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{\epsilon}{R_1}$

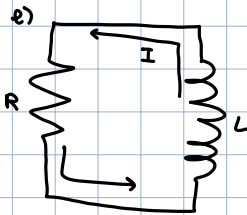
→ not R_T because reach steady state after a long time. Current isn't changing, so $L = 0 \Rightarrow V_L = 0$. R_2 is short-circuited!
 $\rightarrow V_{batt} = V_{R_2}$

don't need to know for resistance & current chapter, but this question uses Ohm's Law, which you should know!



expressions were solved for in parts a & c

Inductor fights changing current with a back ϵ that, ultimately, causes the current to reach a steady-state



$I_{R_2} = I_L$, $I_L = I_{batt}$

$$\frac{V_{R_2}}{R_2} = \frac{\epsilon}{R_1}$$

$$V_{R_2} = \frac{\epsilon R_2}{R_1}$$

substitute,
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