
Direct current circuits

Goals for Chapter 26

- Analyze circuits with resistors in **series** & **parallel**
 - Apply Kirchhoff's rules to **multiloop circuits**
 - Use **Ammeters** & **Voltmeters** in a circuit
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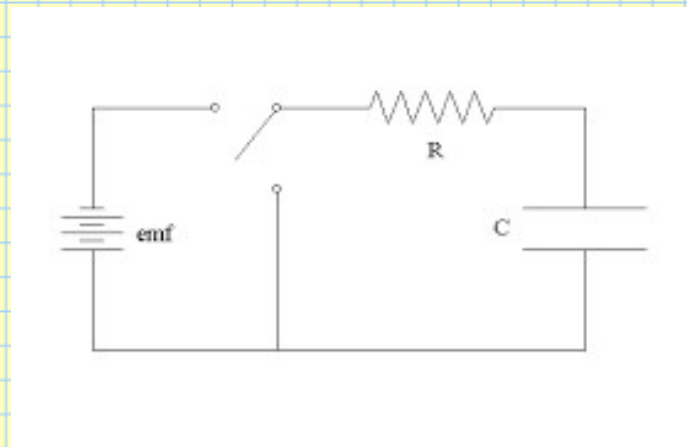
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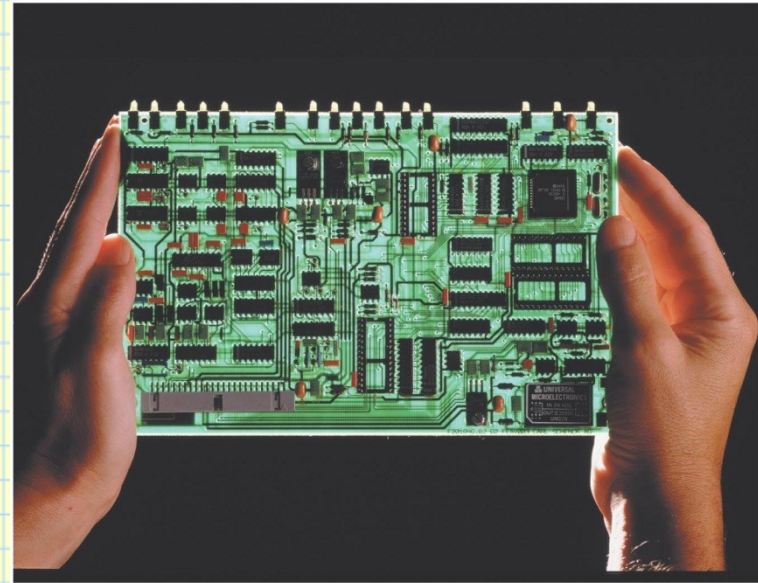
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- Study power distribution in the home

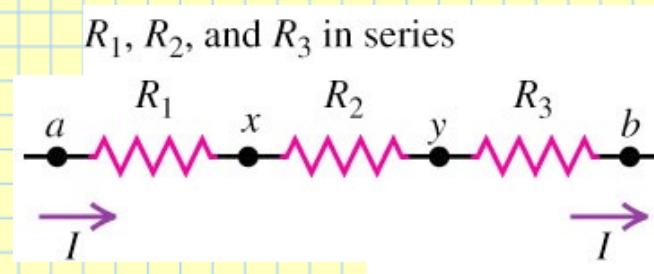
Introduction

- How to apply *series/parallel* combinations of resistors to complex circuit board?
- Learn general methods for analyzing complex networks.
- Look at various instruments for measuring electrical quantities in circuits.



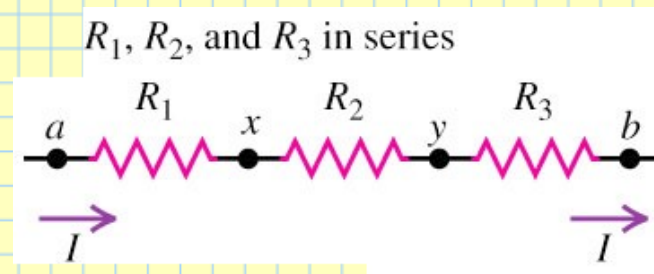
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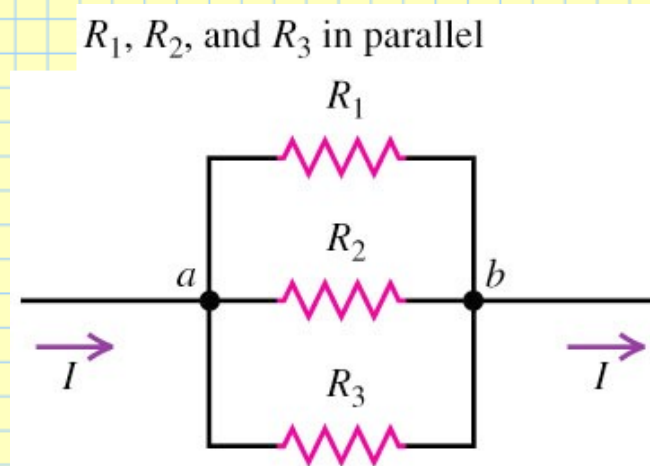


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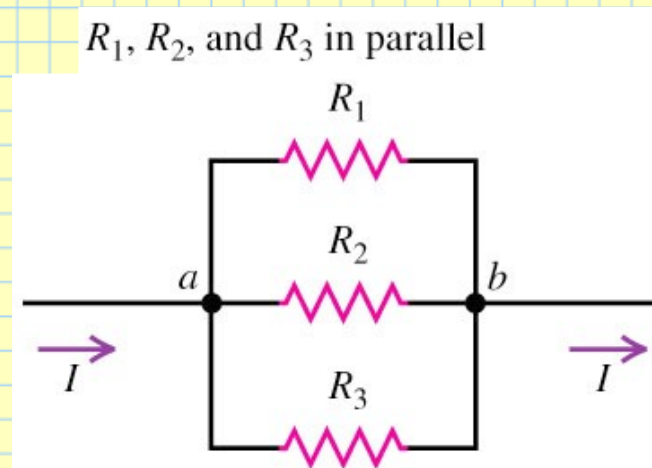
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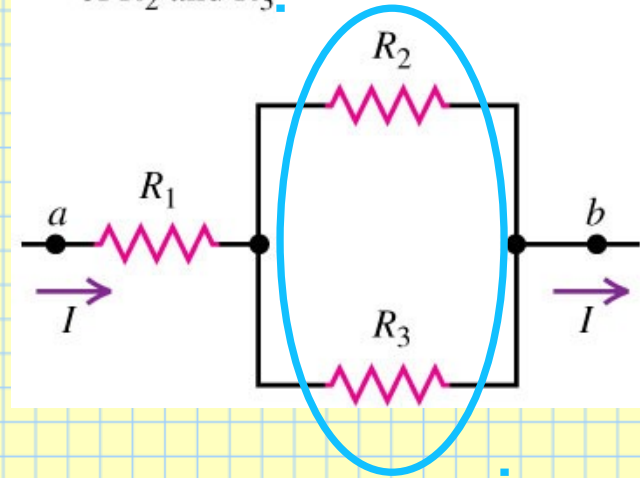


Parallel Resistors have resistance **SMALLER** than the smallest value present.

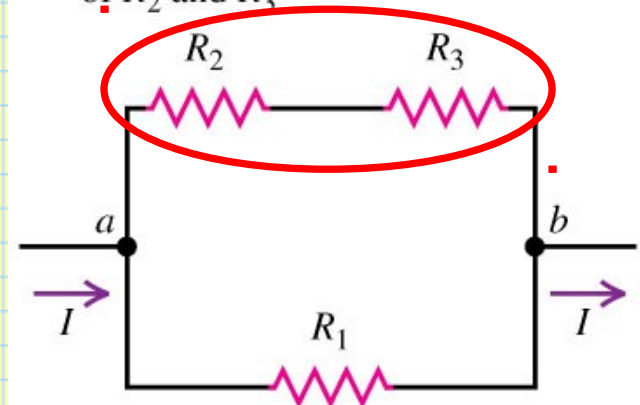
Series and parallel combinations

- Resistors can be connected in combinations of **series** and **parallel**

(c) R_1 in series with parallel combination of R_2 and R_3 .

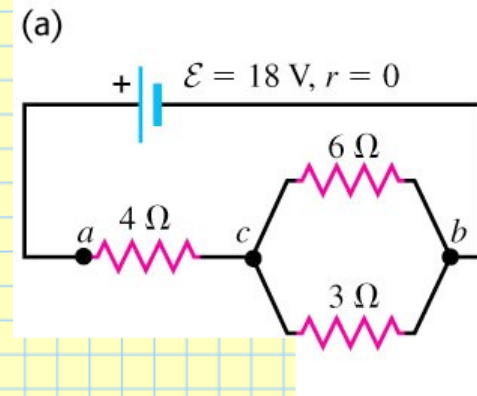


(d) R_1 in parallel with series combination of R_2 and R_3 .



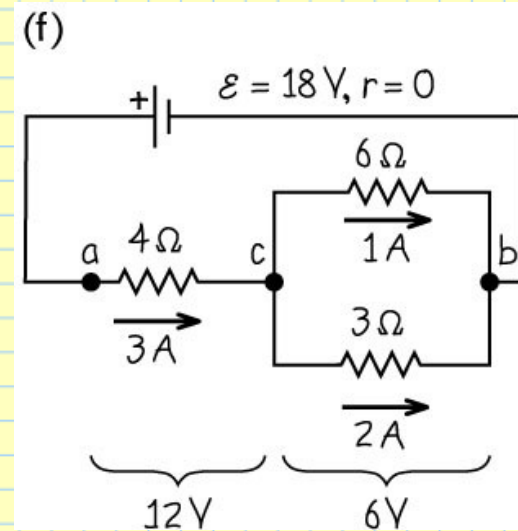
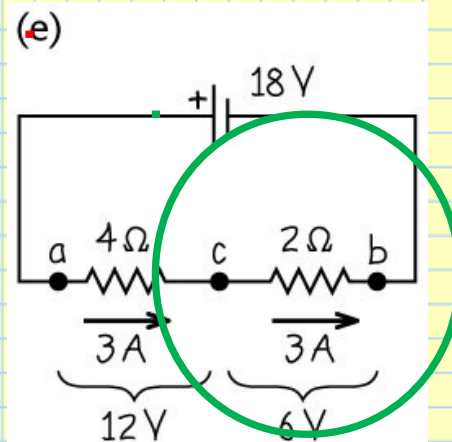
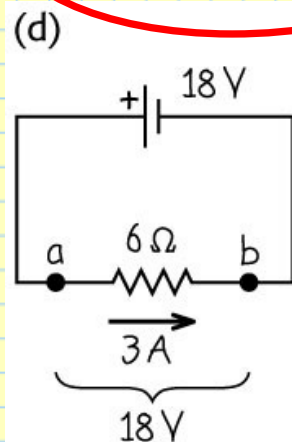
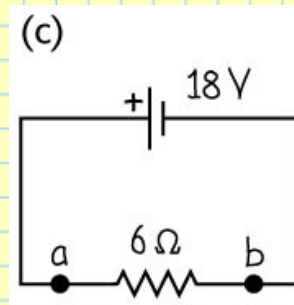
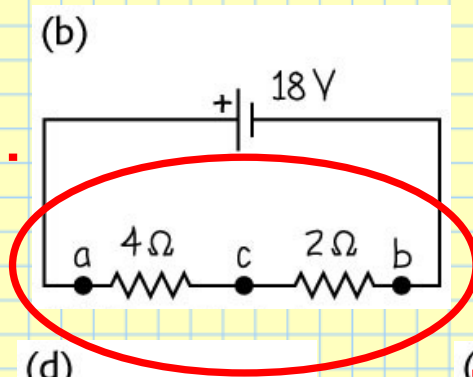
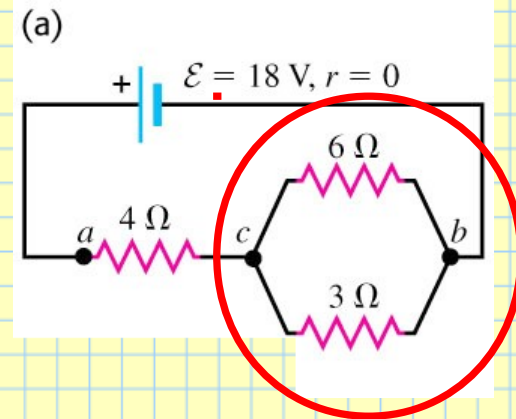
Equivalent resistance

- Consider this ideal circuit (internal r of battery = 0)
- How do you analyze its equivalent resistance & current through each resistor?
- Start by identifying series and parallel components.



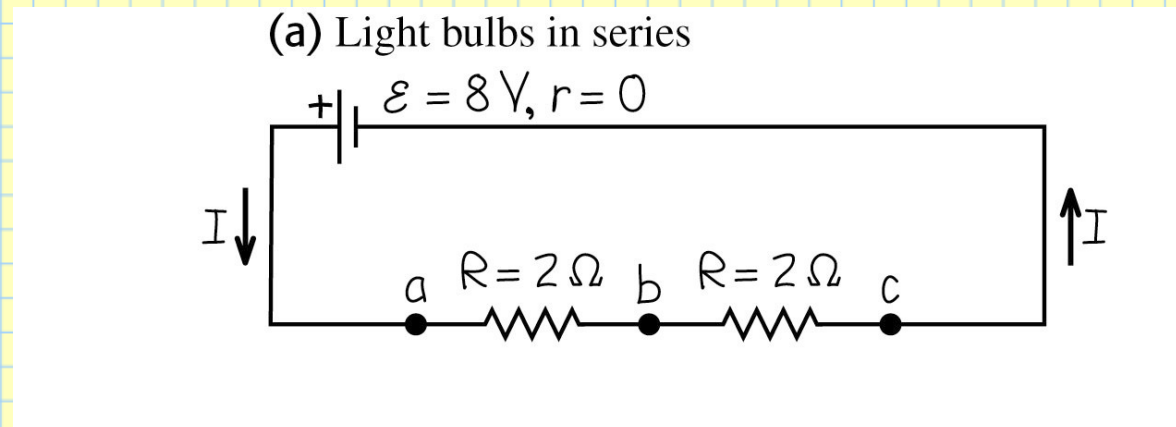
Equivalent resistance

- Example 26.1



Series versus parallel combinations

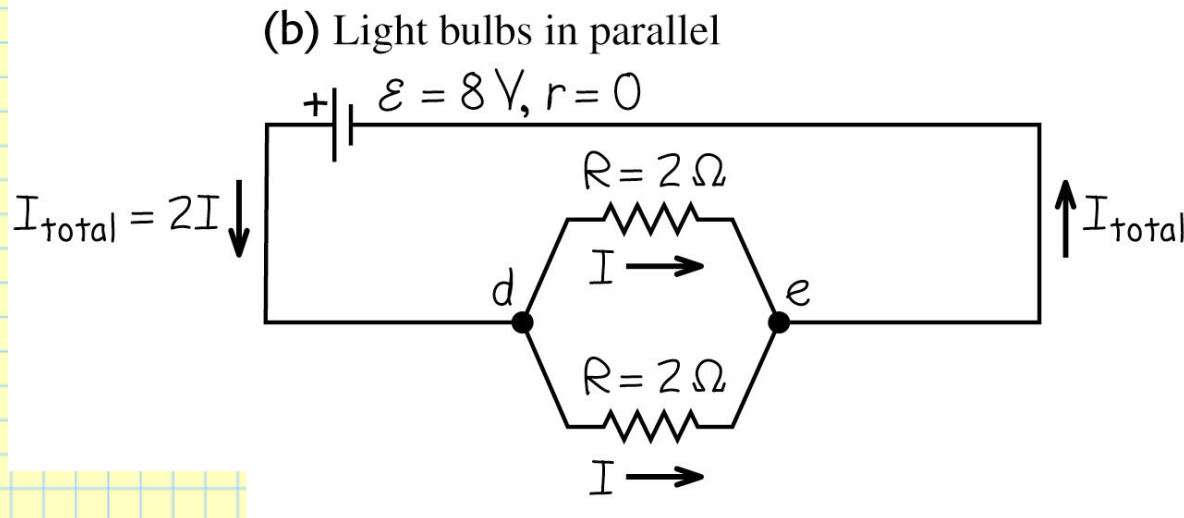
- Ex 26.2: Current through each R & Power dissipated?



- $R_{\text{equivalent (series!)}} = 2 + 2 = 4\ \text{Ohms}$
- $I = 8\text{ V} / 4\ \Omega = 2\ \text{A}$
- Power = $i^2 R = 16\ \text{Watts total (8 Watts for each bulb)}$

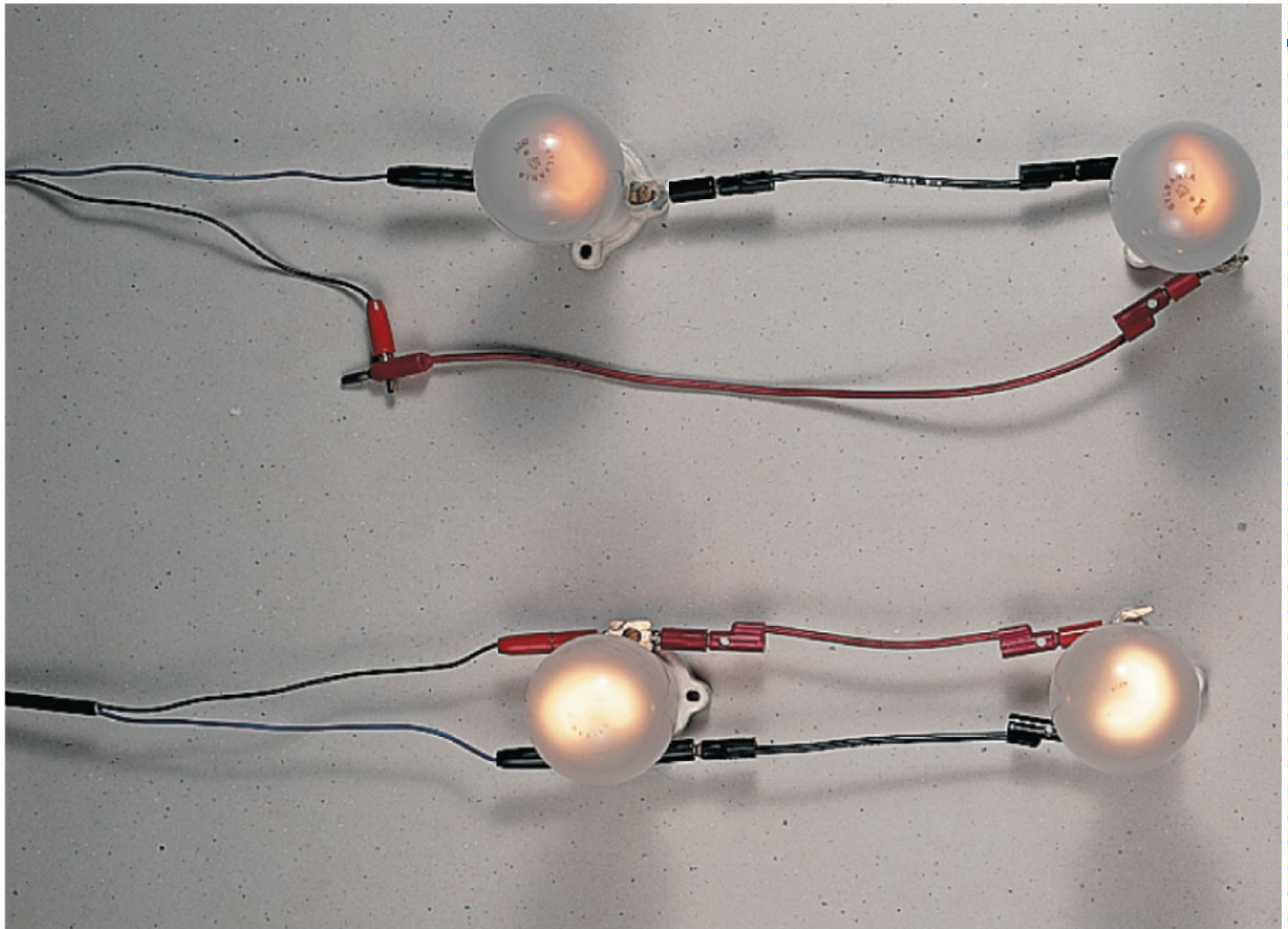
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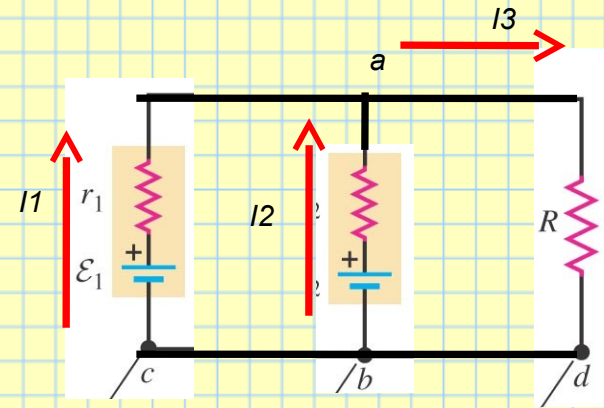
- $R_{\text{equivalent (parallel!)}} = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1} = 1 \text{ Ohm}$
- $I = 8 \text{ V} / 1 \Omega = 8 \text{ A}$
- Power = $i^2 R = 64 \text{ Watts total (32 Watts for each bulb)}$

Figure 26.5



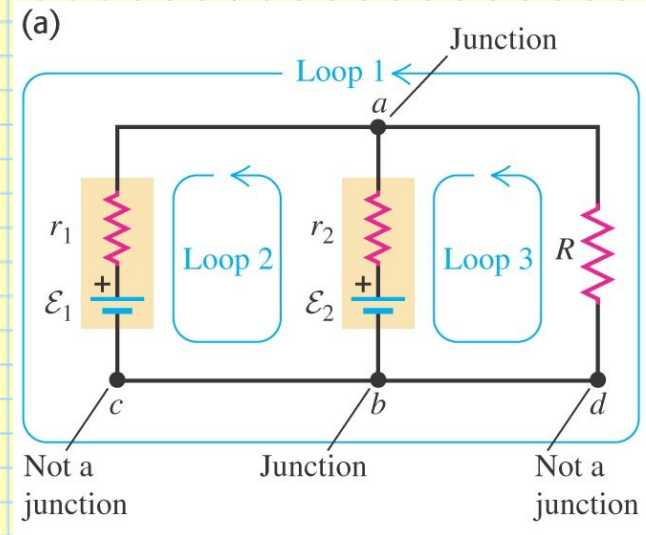
Circuit Analysis Step 1

- Identify & label currents in each segment of a circuit!
- Establish directions for those currents!
- No worries if you are wrong! The analysis will show “i” as negative!



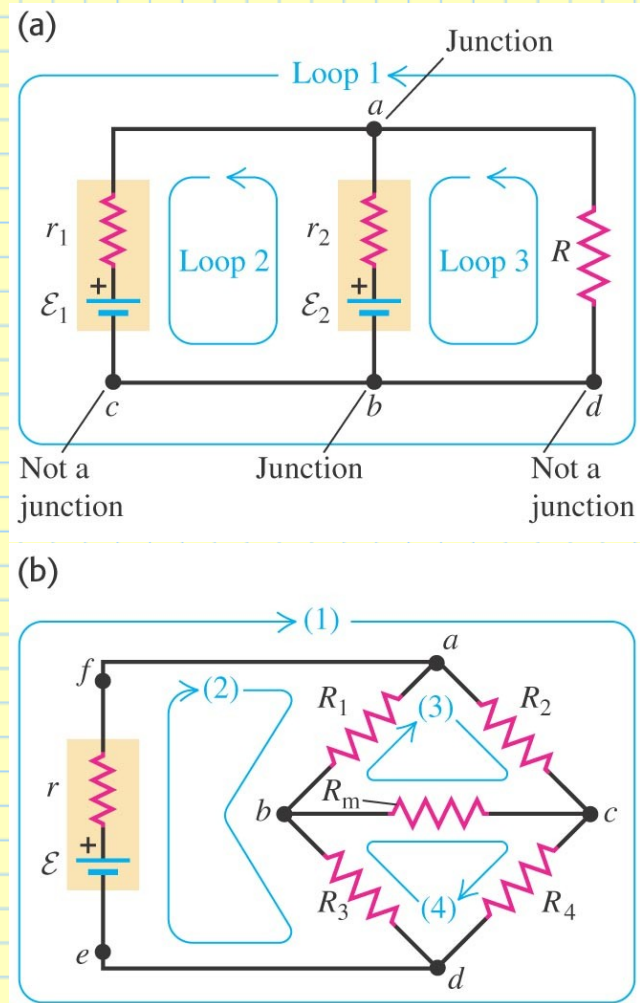
Circuit Analysis Step 2

- Create closed LOOPS around the circuit.
- Keep track of DIRECTIONS as you travel each loop.
- No worries if you are wrong! Algebra will catch sign errors!



Kirchhoff's Rules

- A *junction* is point where three or more conductors meet.
- A *loop* is any closed conducting path.
- *Loops* start & end at same point.

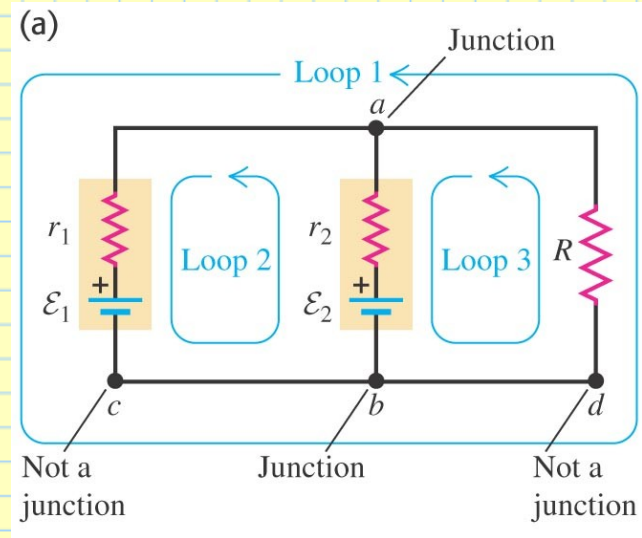


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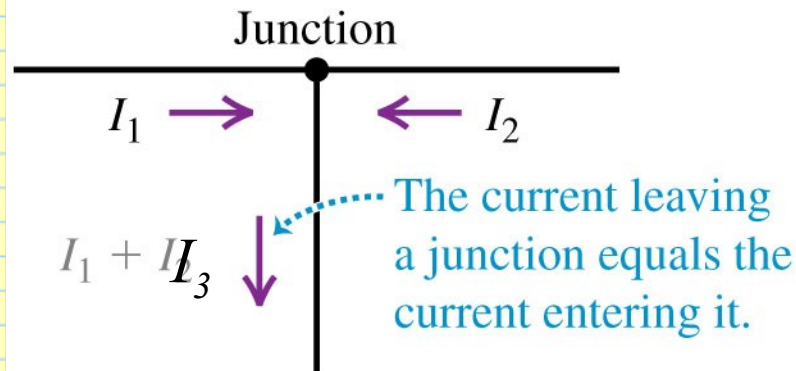
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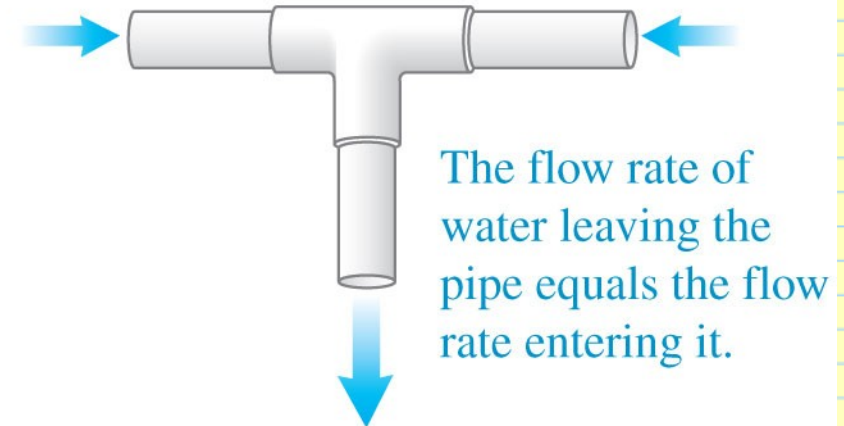
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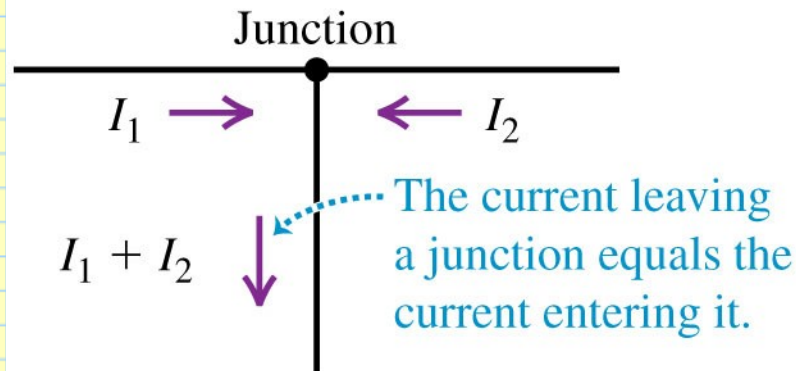
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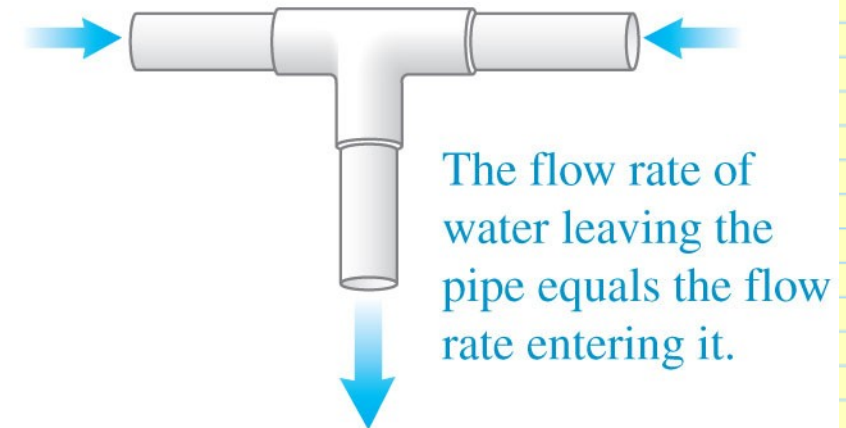
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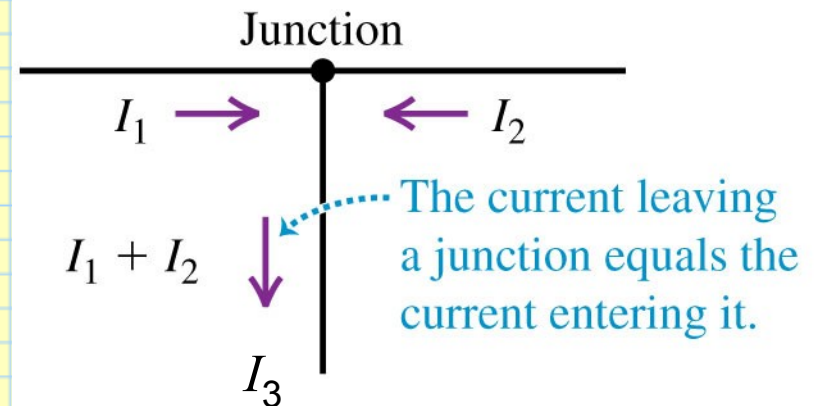
The algebraic sum of the **currents** into or out of any junction is zero:

$\Sigma I = 0$ means

$$I_1 + I_2 - I_3 = 0$$

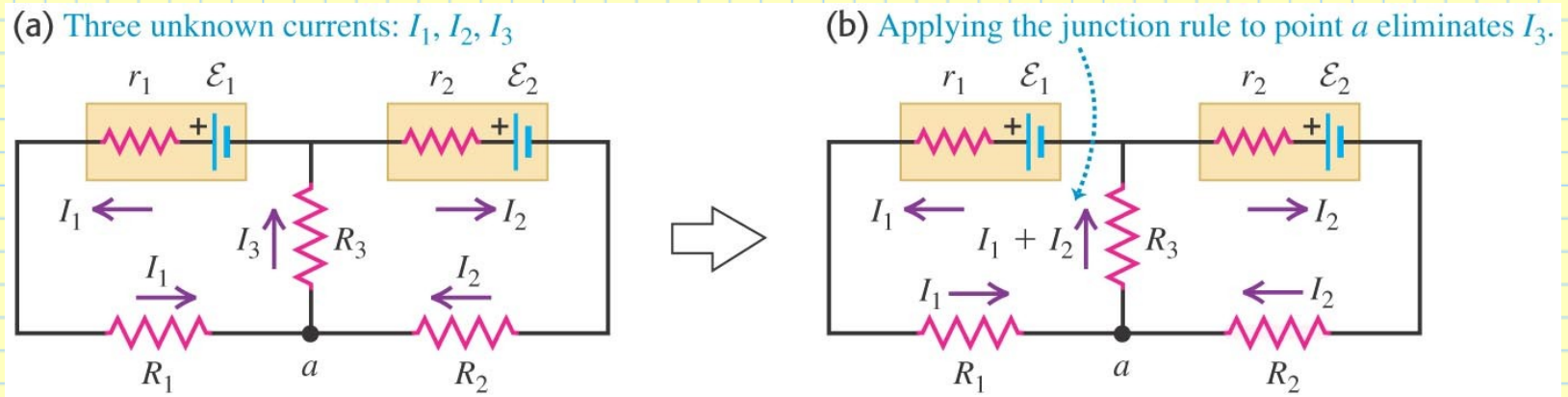
OR $I_1 + I_2 = I_3$

(a) Kirchhoff's junction rule



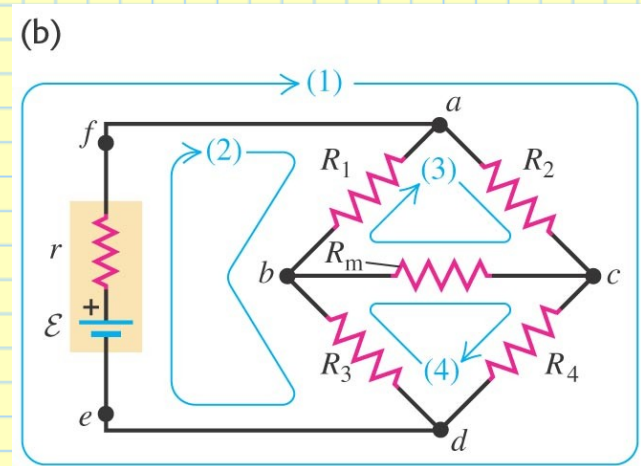
Reducing the number of unknown currents

- How to use the junction rule to reduce the number of unknown currents.



Kirchhoff's Rules II

- A *loop* is any closed conducting path.
- YOU choose them!
- You can't be wrong...
- ...yet!



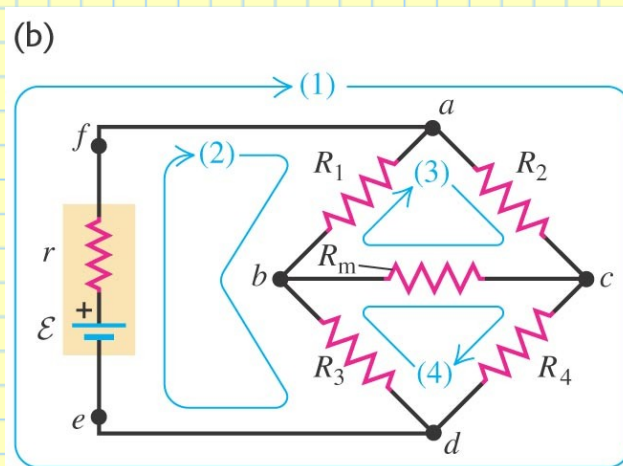
Kirchhoff's Rules II

- Kirchhoff's *loop rule*:

The *algebraic* sum of the **potential differences** in any **loop** must equal zero:

$$\Sigma V = 0$$

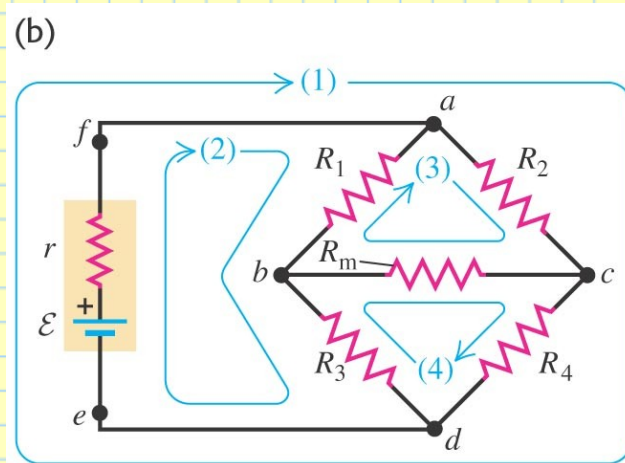
- Loop 1*: $e \Rightarrow f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow c \Rightarrow d \Rightarrow e$
- Loop 2*: $e \Rightarrow f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow d \Rightarrow e$
- Loop 3*: $a \Rightarrow c \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow a$
- Loop 4*: $d \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow c \Rightarrow d$



Kirchoff's Rules II

- Kirchoff's **loop rule**: The algebraic sum of the **potential differences** in any loop must equal zero: $\Sigma V = 0$.
- Conservation of Energy!

Gain PE
going
through
battery
(EMF)



Lose PE going
across resistors
in direction of +
current (Voltage
drops)

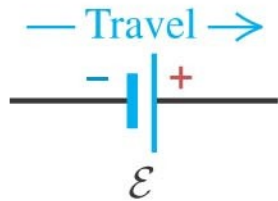


If you end up where you start in a circuit, you have to be back at the same potential! So $\Delta V = 0$

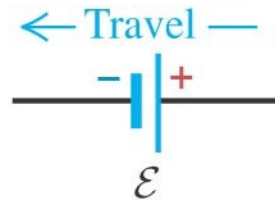
Sign convention for the loop rule

(a) Sign conventions for emfs

$+\mathcal{E}$: Travel direction
from $-$ to $+$:



$-\mathcal{E}$: Travel direction
from $+$ to $-$:

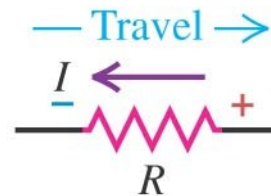


Gain potential as you
move in direction of EMF

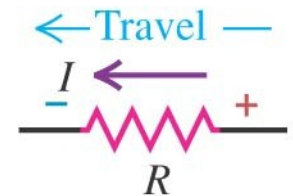
Lose potential as you
move in direction of current
across resistor

(b) Sign conventions for resistors

$+IR$: Travel *opposite*
to current direction:



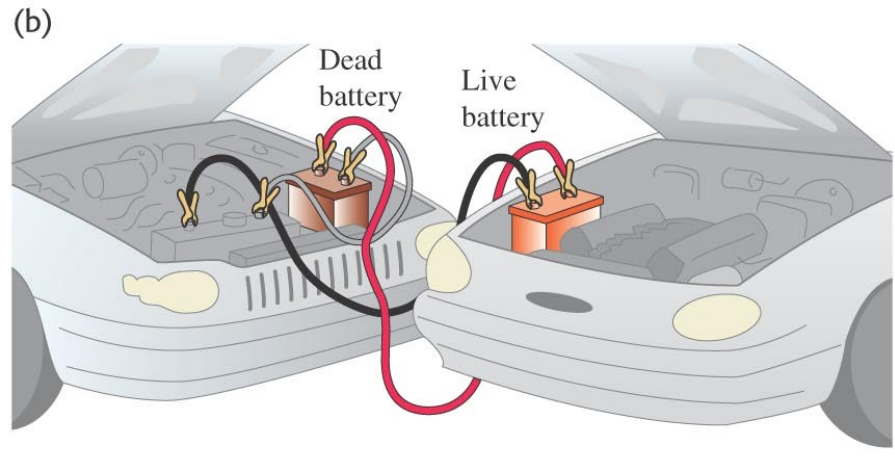
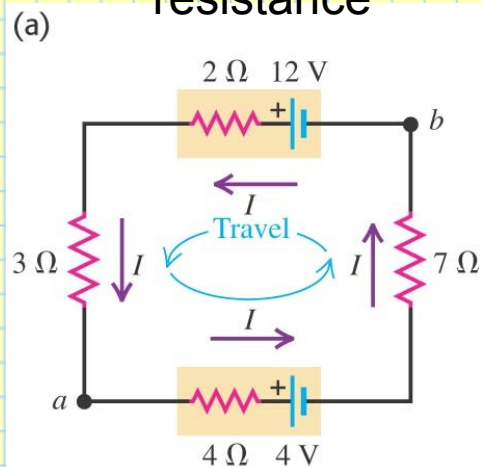
$-IR$: Travel *in*
current direction:



A single-loop circuit

- Find Current in circuit, V_{ab} , & Power of emf in each battery!

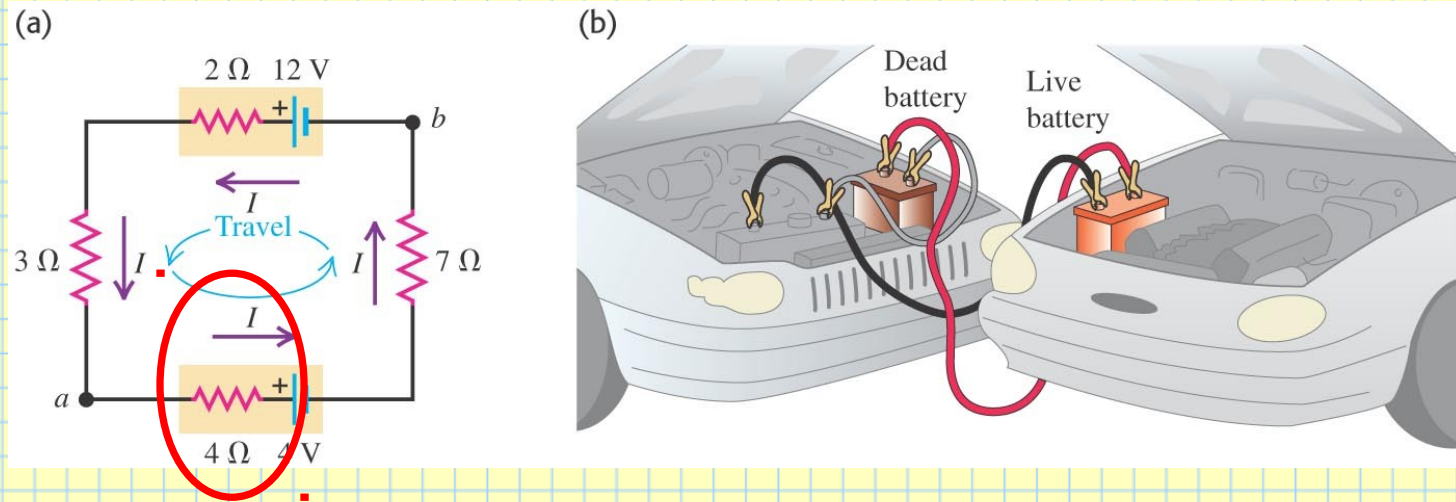
Good battery (not much internal resistance)



Dead battery
(old, lots of
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resistance)

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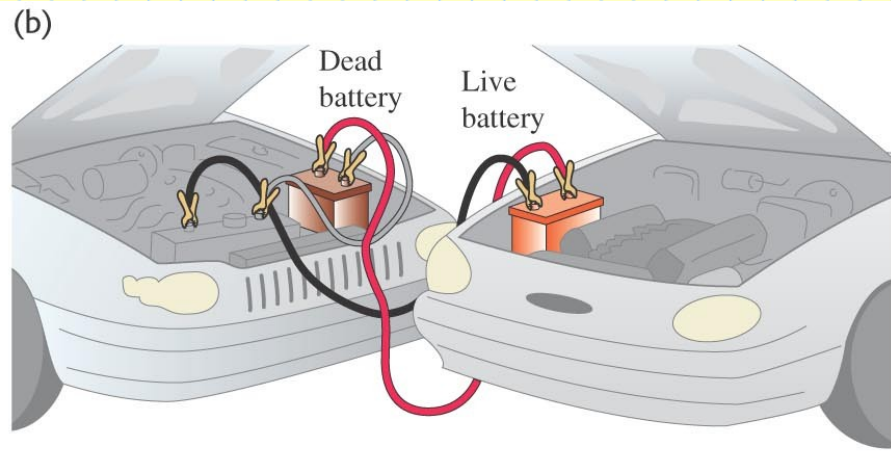
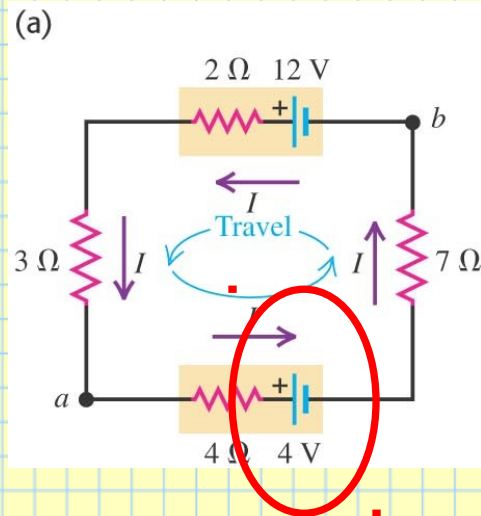


Start **Loop** at point "a": $-4I$

Voltage **drop** across 4 Ω : ($V = IR$) Current x Resistance =
 $-(I) \times (4)$

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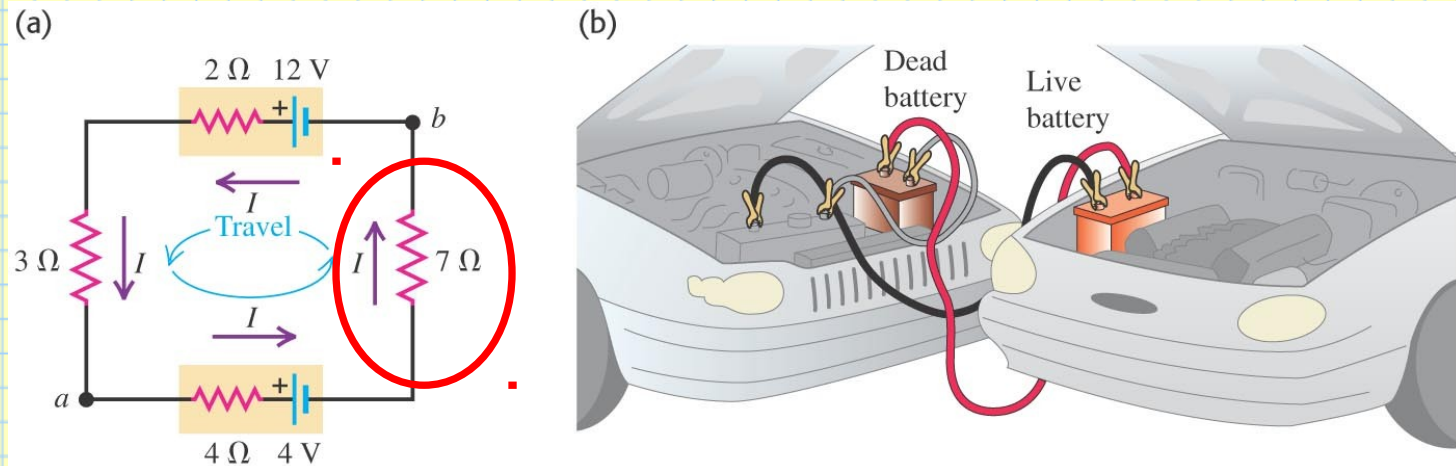


Drop across EMF source:

$$-4I - 4V$$

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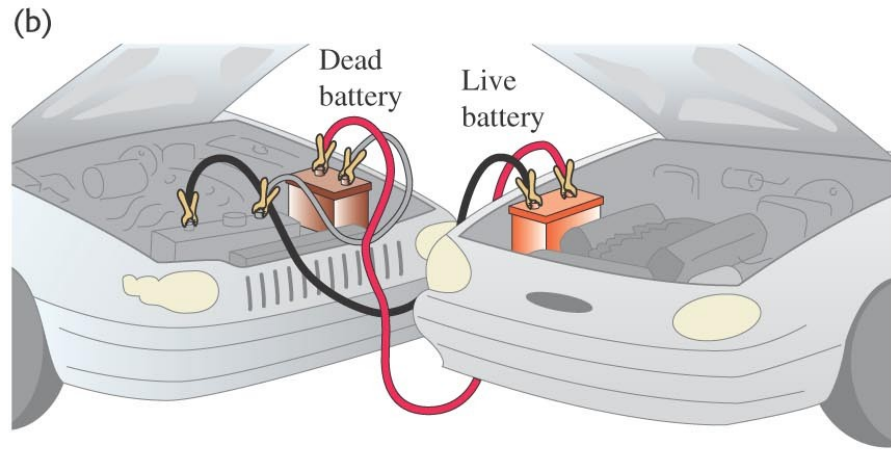
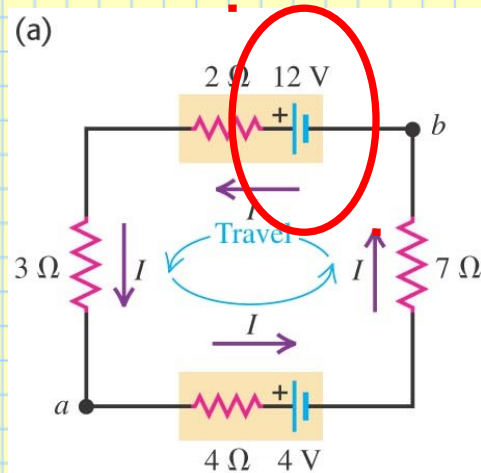


Drop across 7Ω resistor:

$$-4I - 4V - 7I$$

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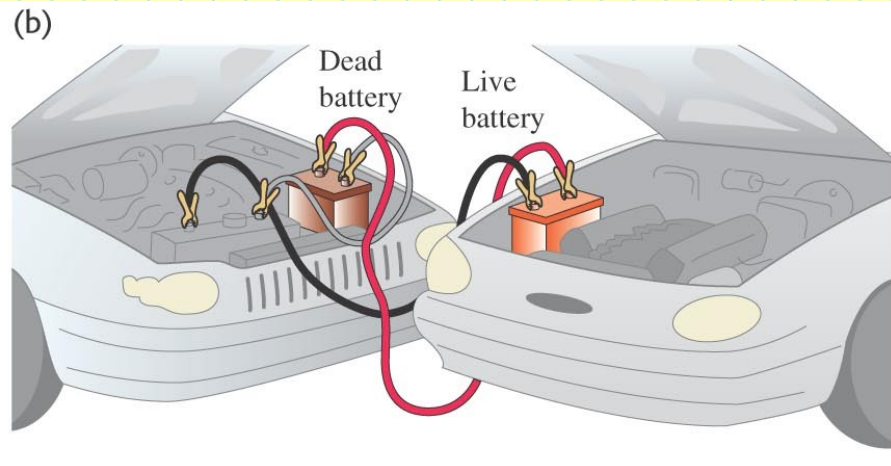
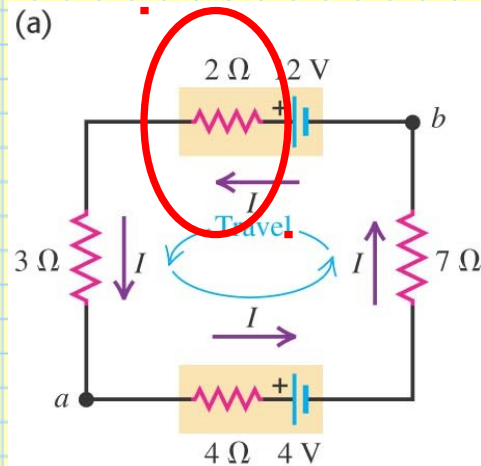


Gain going “upstream” in EMF:

$$-4I - 4V - 7I + 12V$$

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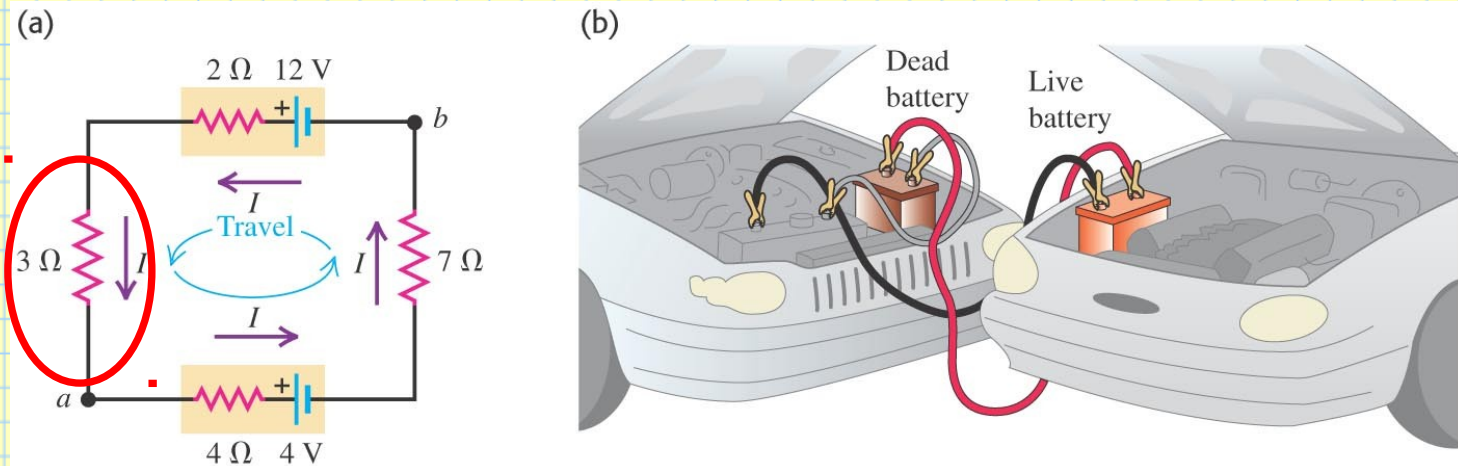


Drop across 2Ω :

$$-4I - 4V - 7I + 12V - 2I$$

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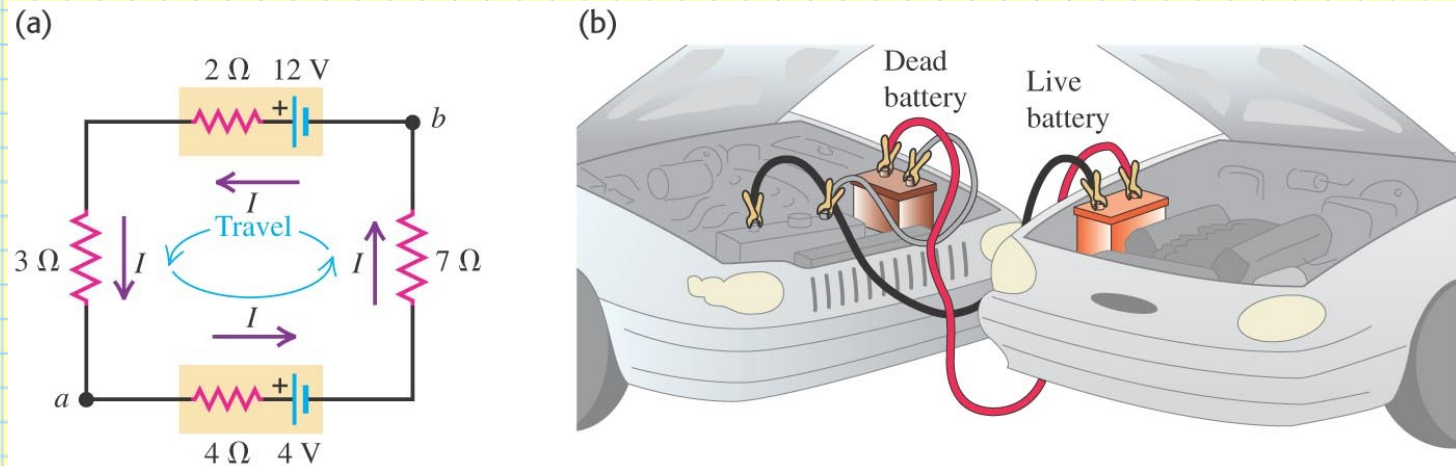


Finish back at “a”:

$$-4I - 4V - 7I + 12V - 2I - 3I = 0$$

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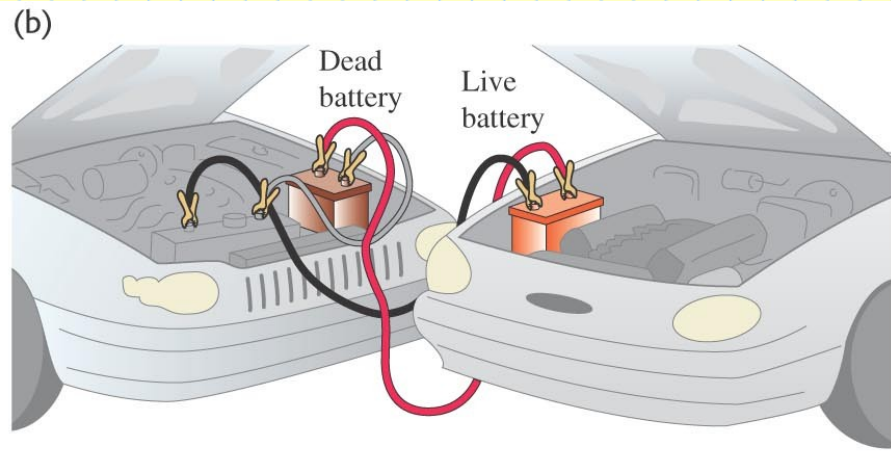
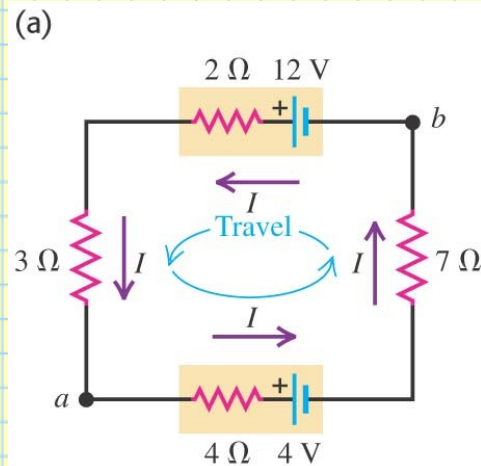


Complete Loop: $-4I - 4V - 7I + 12V - 2I - 3I = 0$

$$8V = 16I \text{ so } I = 0.5 \text{ Amps}$$

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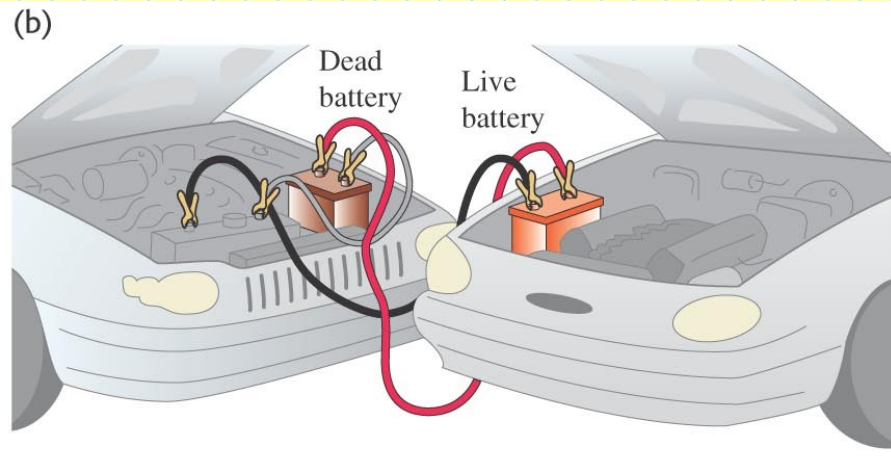
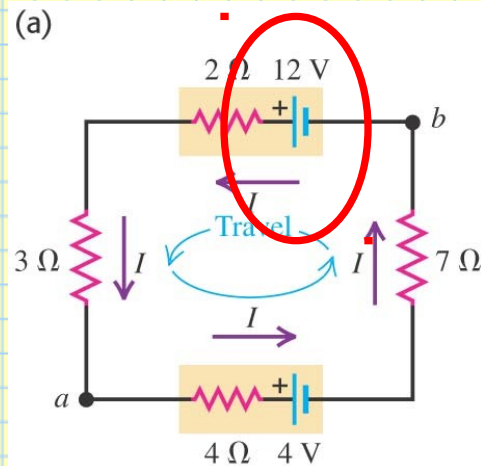
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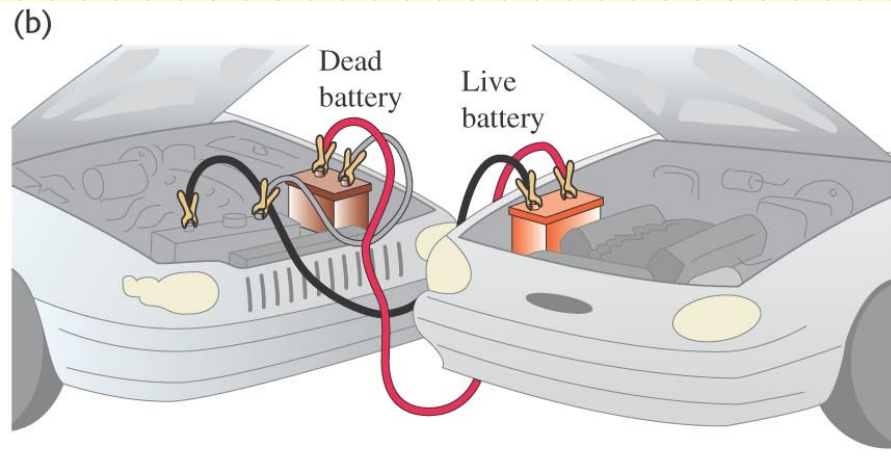
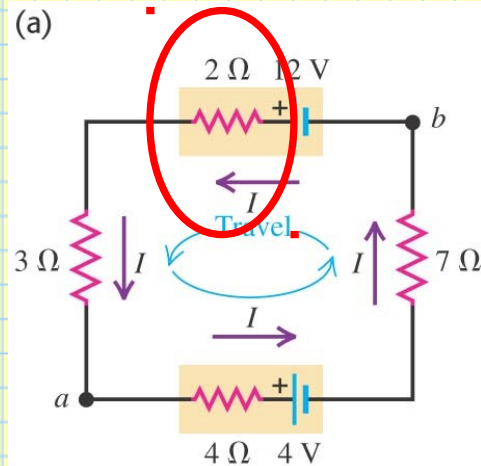


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$$V_{ab} = +12$$

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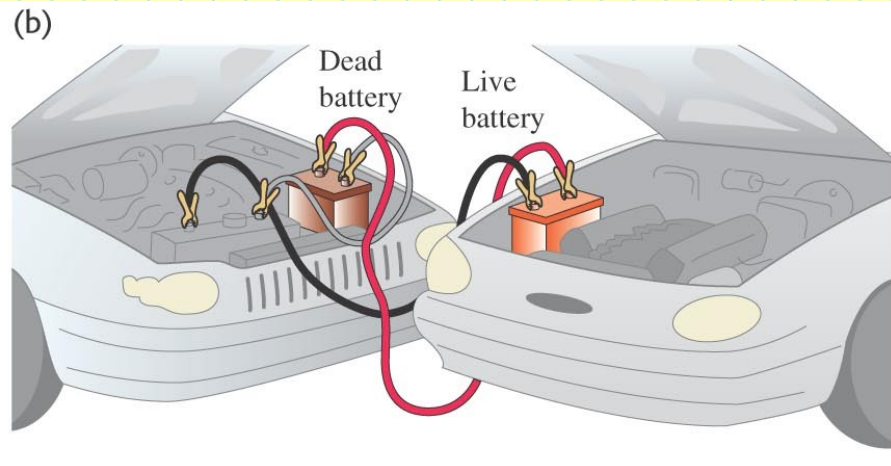
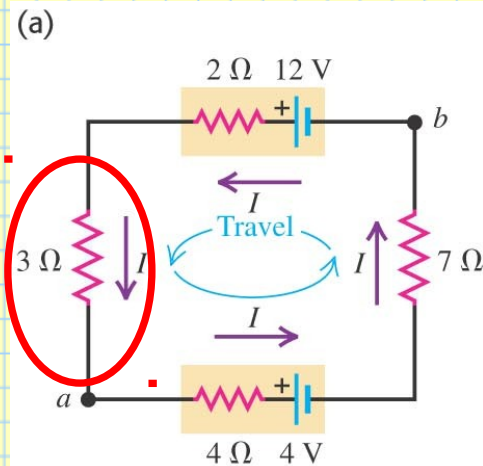


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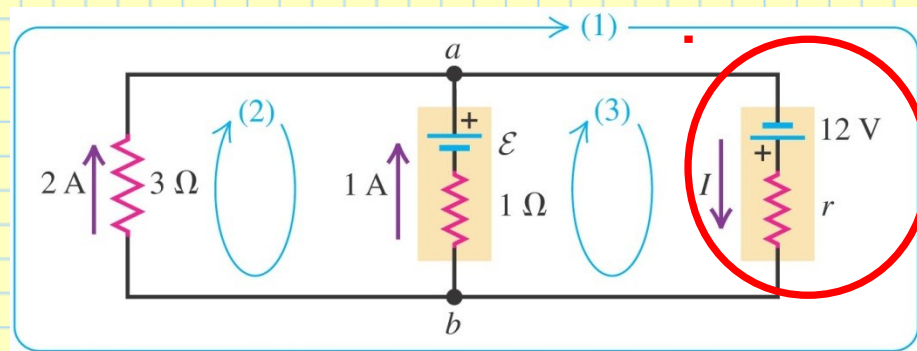


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$$V_{ab} = +12 - 2\Omega(0.5 \text{ A}) - 3\Omega(0.5 \text{ A}) = 9.5 \text{ V}$$

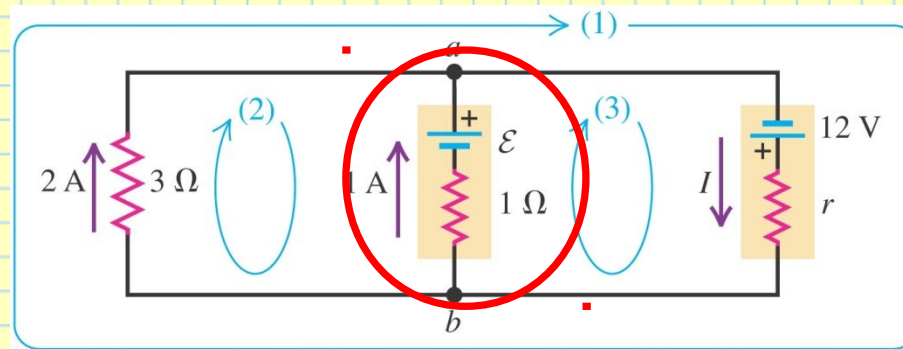
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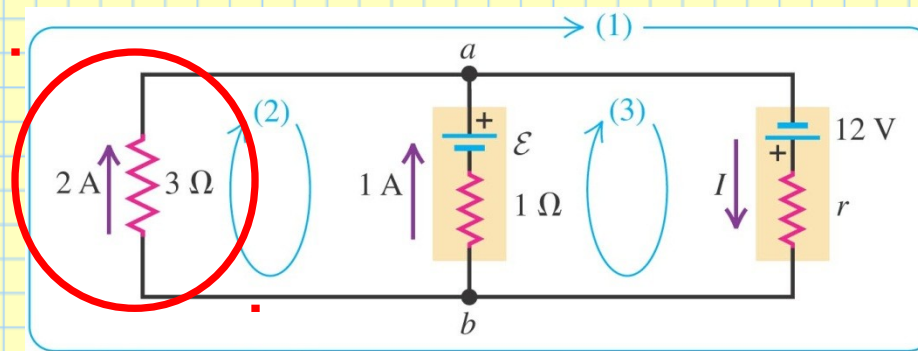
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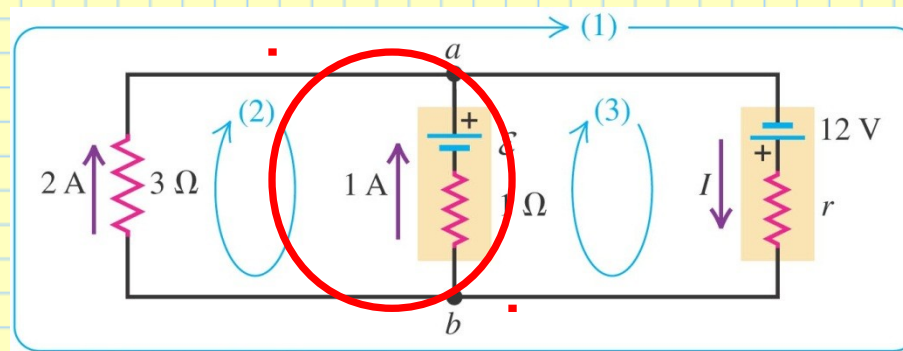
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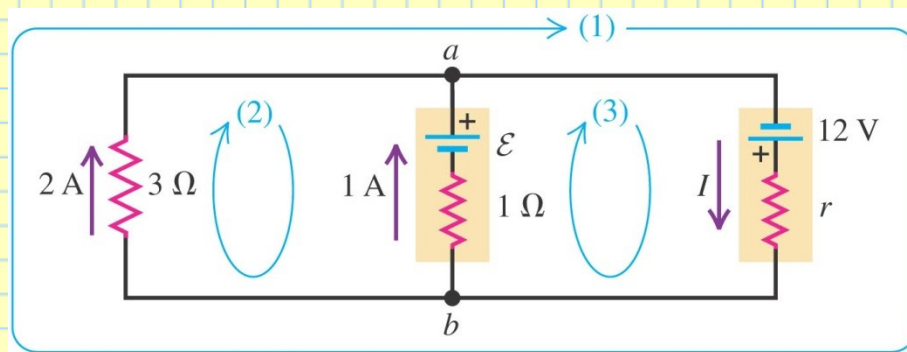
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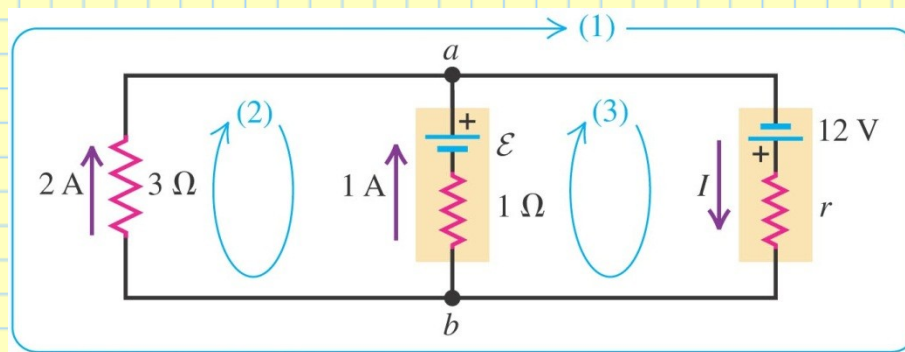
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- What are r , EMF, and I through power supply?



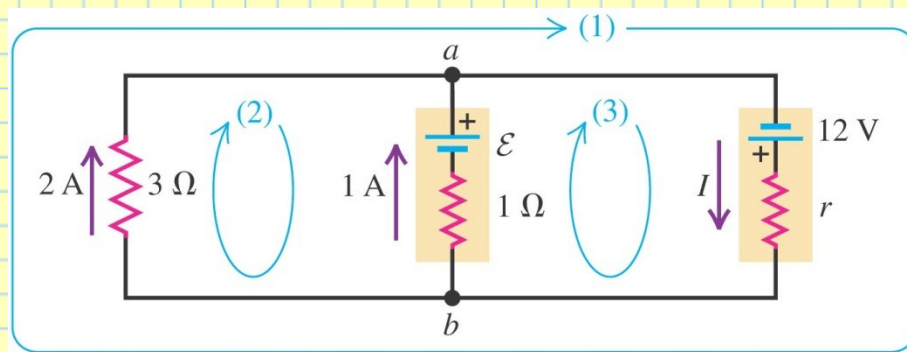
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- Junction rule at “a”:
 - $2\text{A} + 1\text{A} = I$ *or* $+2 + 1 - I = 0$
 - $I = 3\text{ Amps}$
- Loop rule starting at “a” around (1)
 - $+12\text{ V} - 3\text{A}(r) - 2\text{A}(3\Omega) = 0 \Rightarrow r = 2\ \Omega$



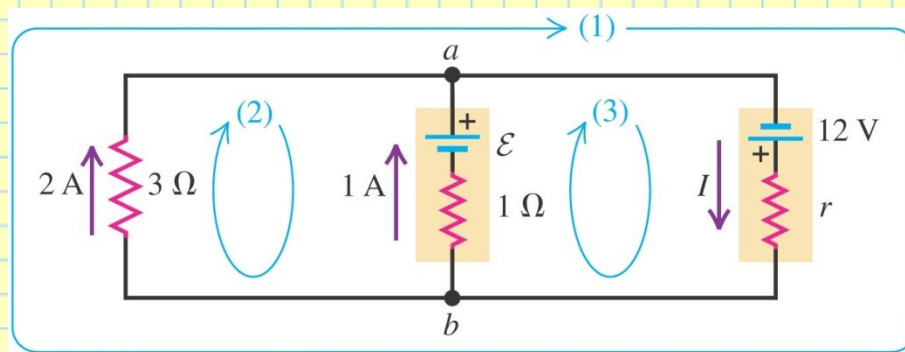
Charging a battery – Example 26.4

- Junction rule at “a”:
 - $2A + 1A = I$ *or* $+2 + 1 - I = 0$
 - $I = 3 \text{ Amps}$
- Loop rule starting at “a” around (2)
 - $-E + 1A(1\Omega) - 2A(3\Omega) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{EMF } (E) = -5V$
 - Negative value for EMF \Rightarrow Battery should be “flipped”



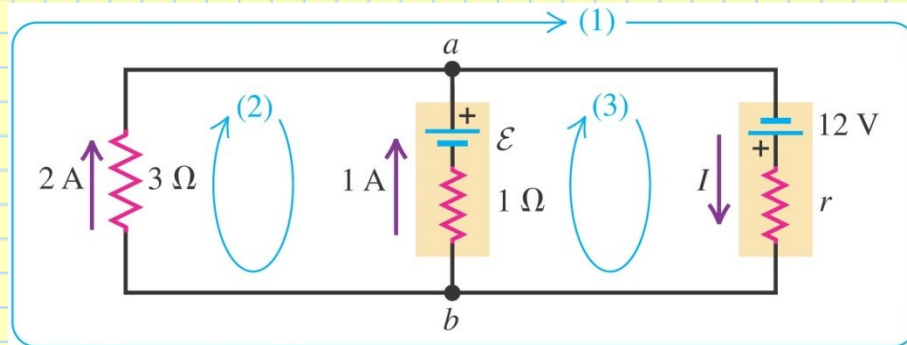
Charging a battery – Example 26.4

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 - $2\text{A} + 1\text{A} = I$ *or* $+2 + 1 - I = 0$
 - $I = 3\text{ Amps}$
- Loop rule starting at “a” around (3)
 - $+12\text{ V} - 3\text{A}(2\Omega) - 1\text{A}(1) + \mathcal{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} = -5\text{V}$ (again!)
 - *Check your values with third loop!!*



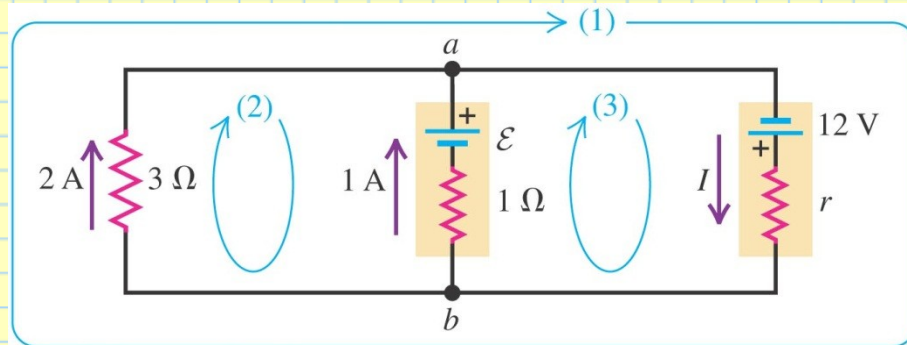
Charging a battery (cont.) – Example 26.5

- What is the power delivered by the 12V power supply, and by the battery being recharged?
- What is power dissipated in each resistor?



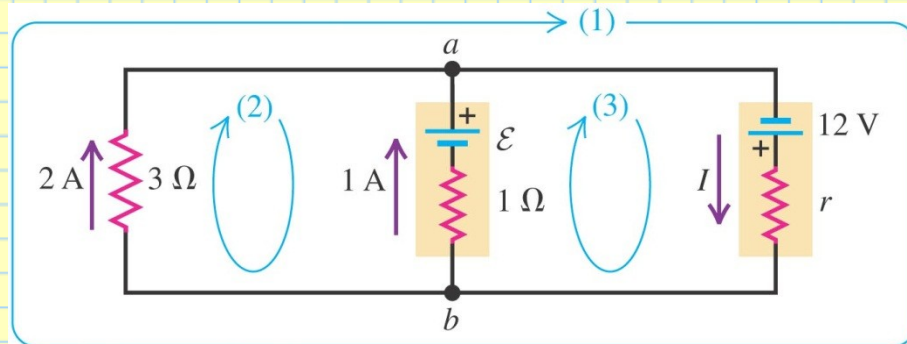
Charging a battery (cont.) – Example 26.5

- What is the power delivered by the 12V power supply, and by the battery being recharged?
- $P_{\text{supplied}} = \text{EMF} \times \text{Current} = 12 \text{ V} \times 3 \text{ Amps} = 36 \text{ Watts}$
- $P_{\text{dissipated in supply}} = i^2 r = (3 \text{ Amps})^2 \times 2 \Omega = 18 \text{ W}$
- Net Power = $36 - 18 = 18 \text{ Watts}$



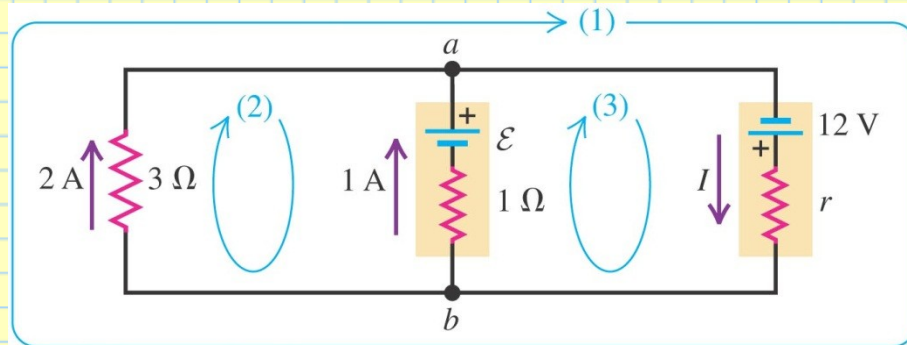
Charging a battery (cont.) – Example 26.5

- What is the power delivered by the 12V power supply, and by the battery being recharged?
- $P_{\text{EMF}} = \mathcal{E} \times \text{Current} = -5 \text{ V} \times 1 \text{ Amps} = -5 \text{ Watts}$
- Negative \Rightarrow power not provided – power is being stored!



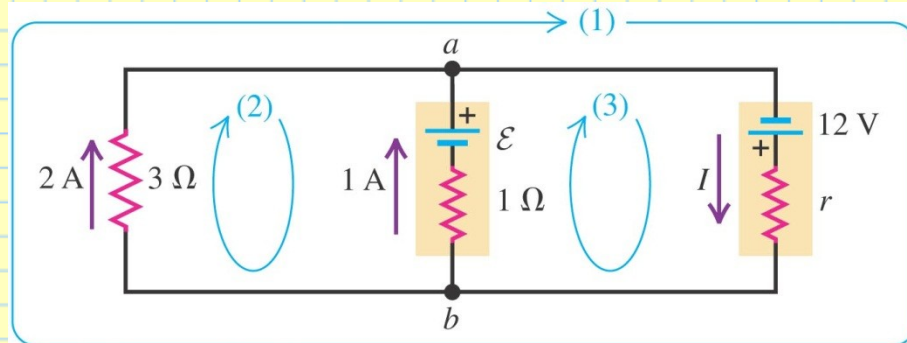
Charging a battery (cont.) – Example 26.5

- What is power dissipated in each resistor?
- $P_{\text{dissipated in battery}} = i^2 r = (1 \text{ Amps})^2 \times 1 \Omega = 1 \text{ W}$
- $P_{\text{dissipated in bulb}} = i^2 r = (2 \text{ Amps})^2 \times 3 \Omega = 12 \text{ W}$



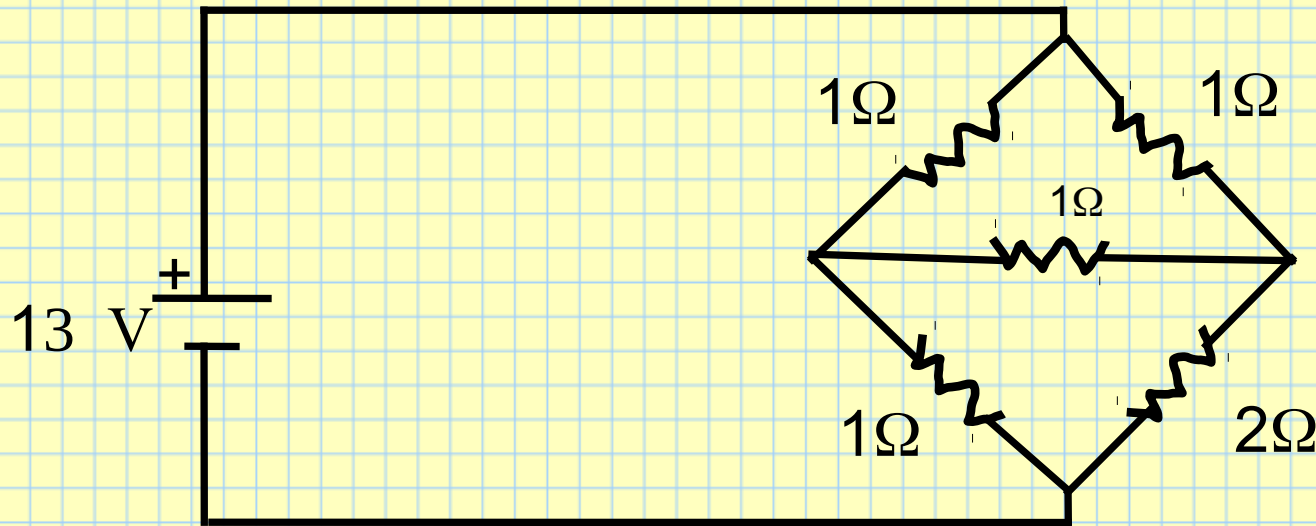
Charging a battery (cont.) – Example 26.5

- Total Power: $+36\text{ W}$ from supply
- -18 W to its internal resistance r
- -5 W to charge dead battery
- -1 W to dead battery's internal resistance
- -12 W to indicator light.



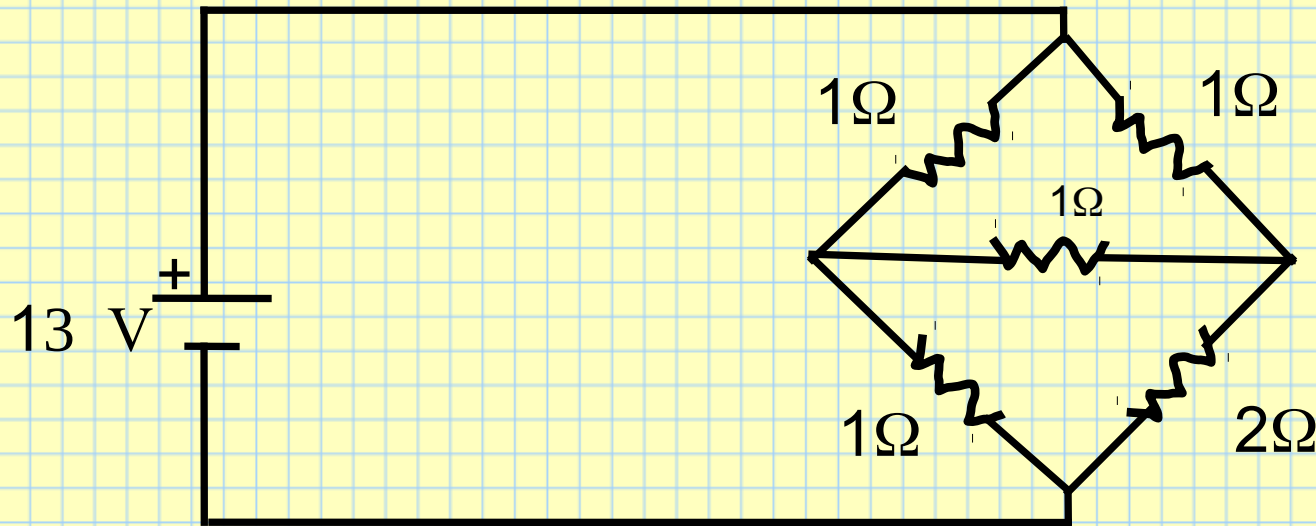
A complex network – Example 26.6

- Find Current in each resistor! Find equivalent R!!



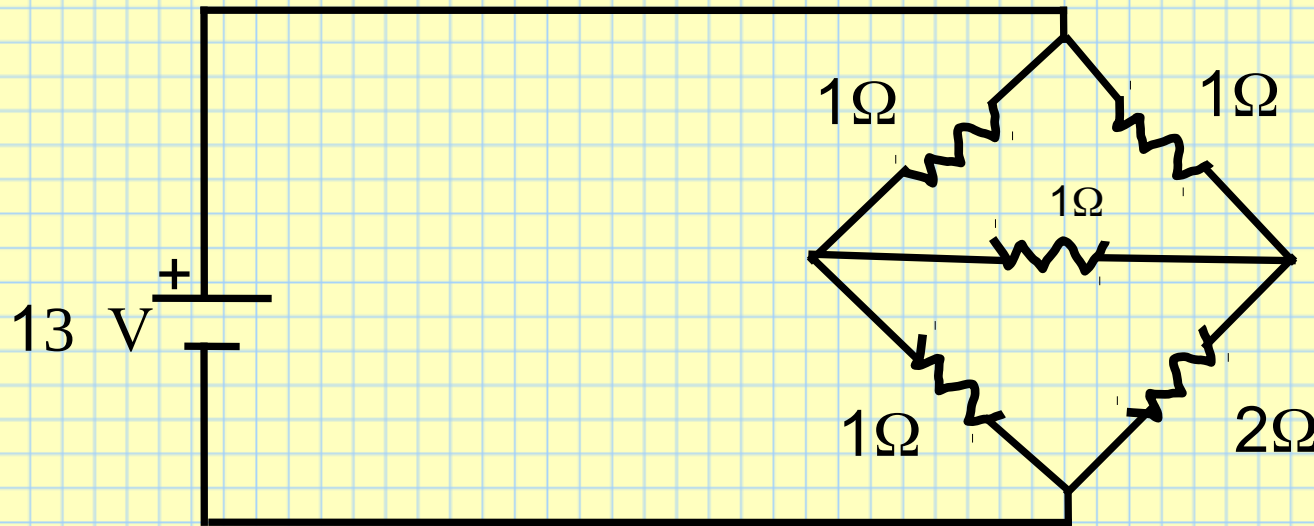
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- Step 1: Junction Rule!
 - Define current directions and labels



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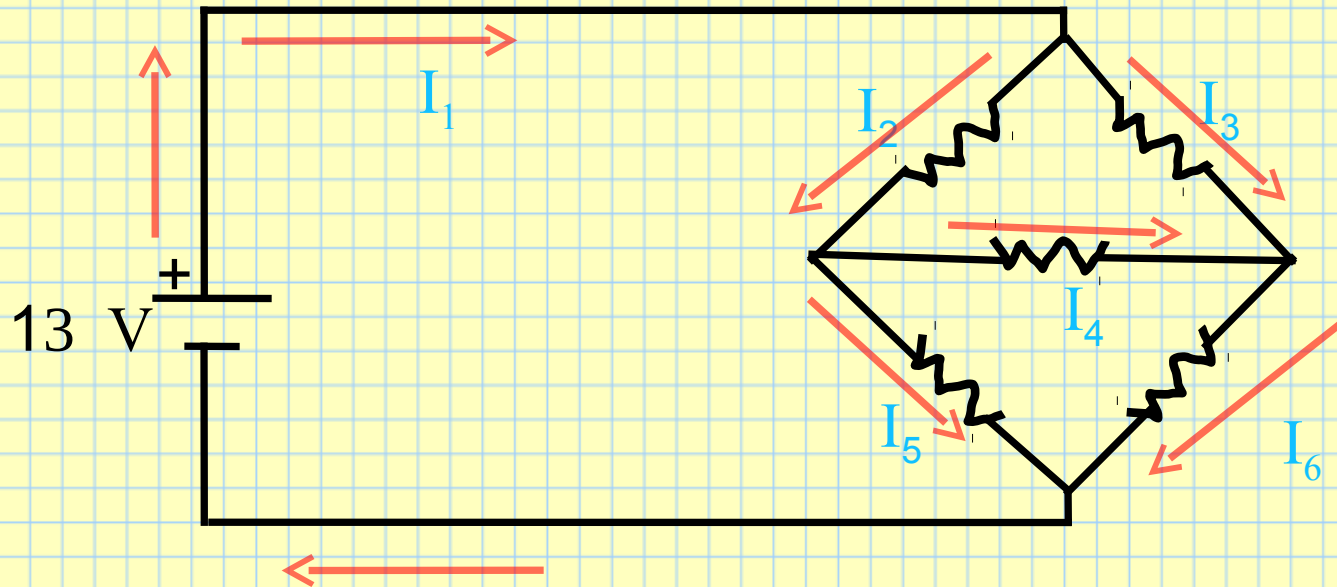
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- *NOTE for Junction Rule! Actual directions of current may differ, but value of current derived is correct!*

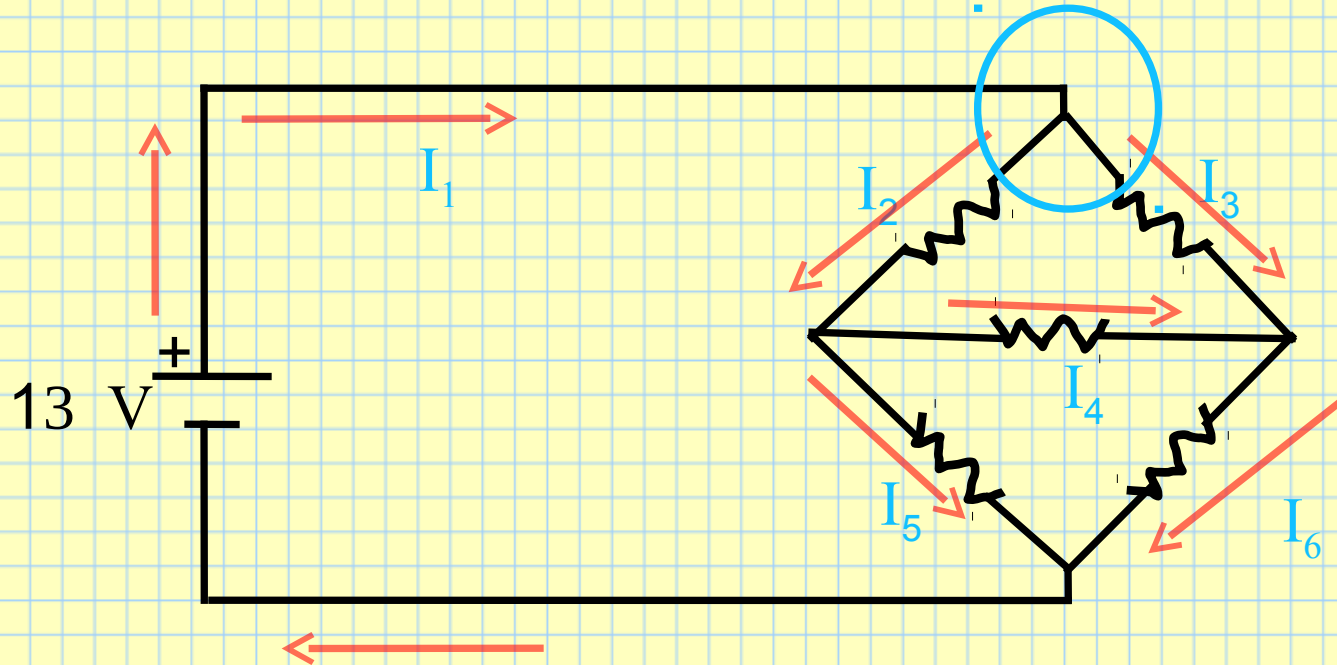
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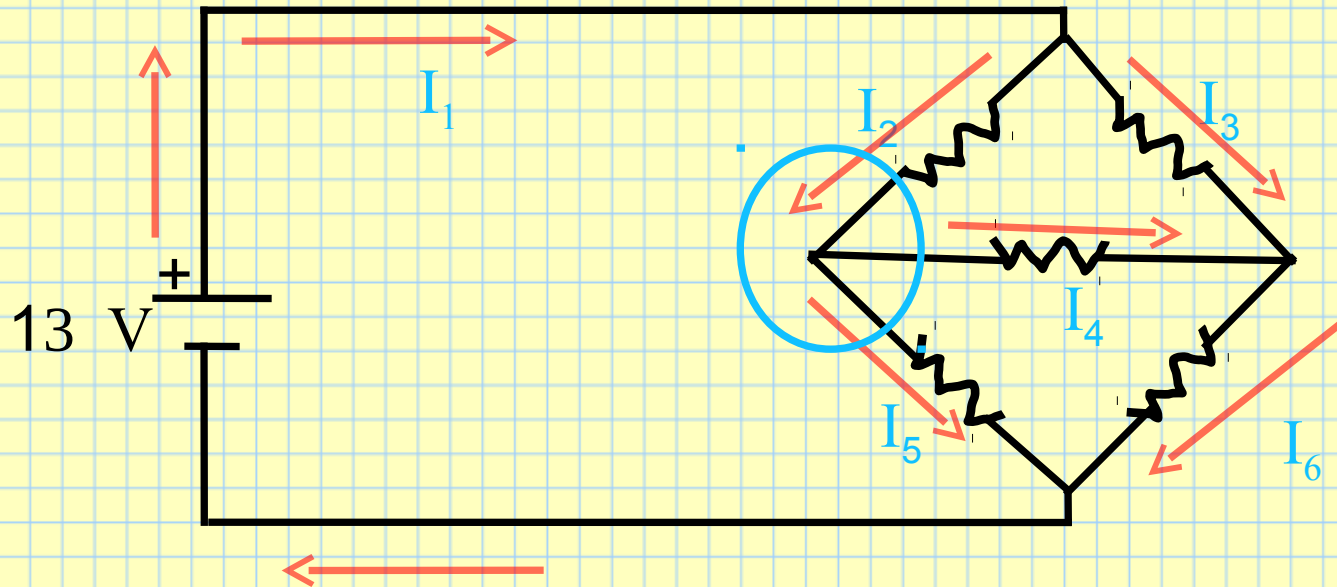
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$$I_1 - I_2 - I_3 = 0 \text{ or } I_1 = I_2 + I_3$$

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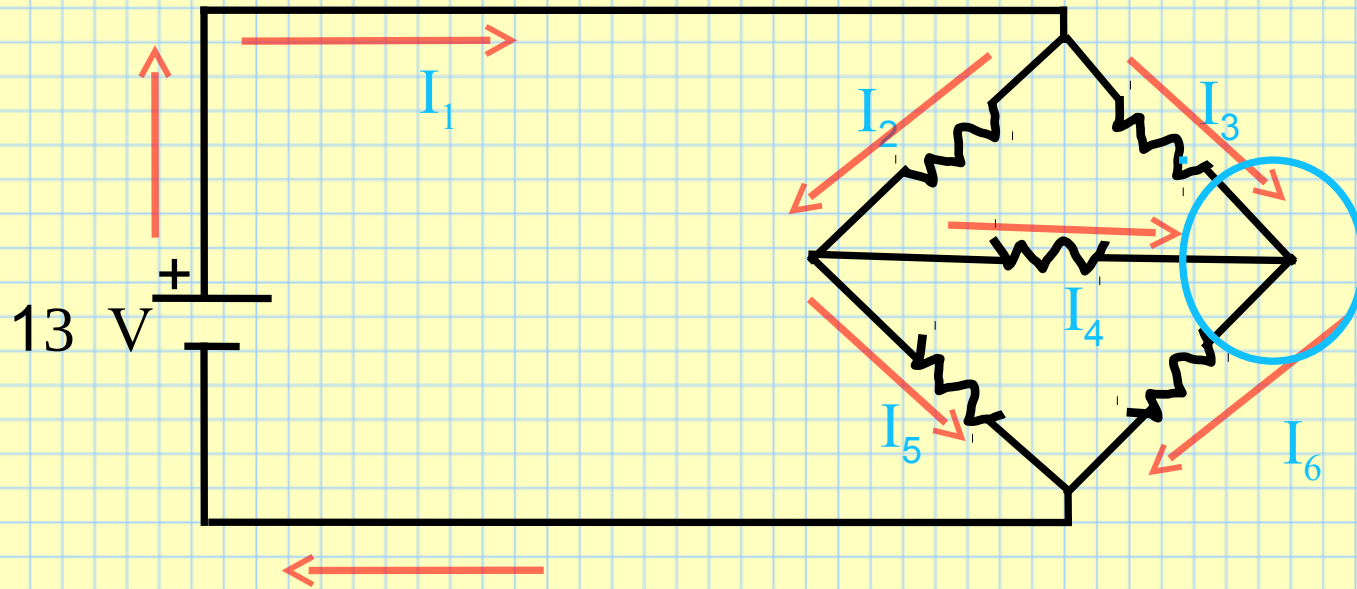
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$$I_2 - I_5 - I_4 = 0 \text{ or } I_2 = I_4 + I_5$$

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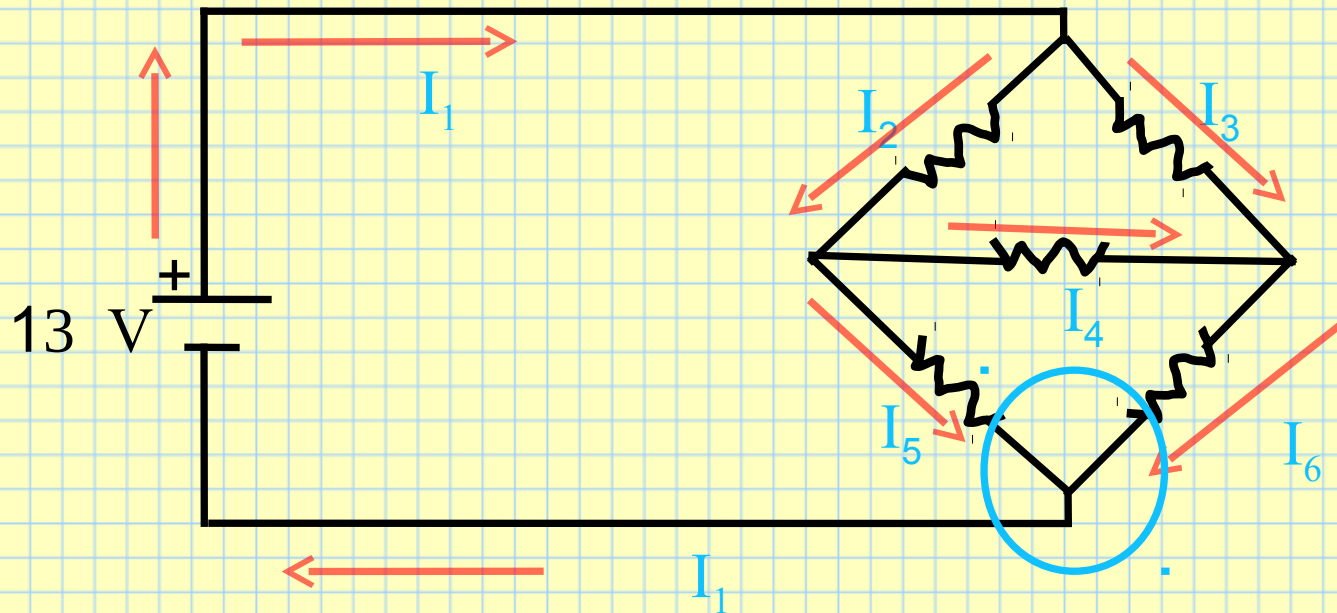
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$$I_4 + I_3 - I_6 = 0 \text{ or } I_6 = I_4 + I_3$$

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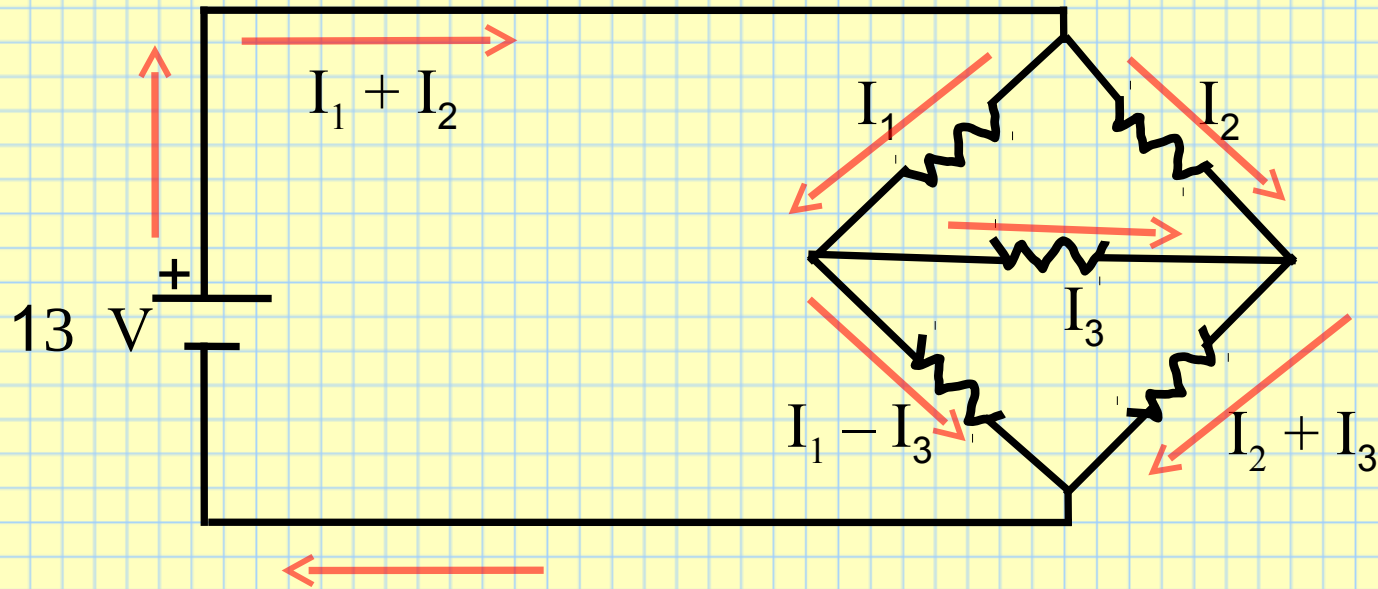
- Step 1: Junction Rule!
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A complex network – Example 26.6

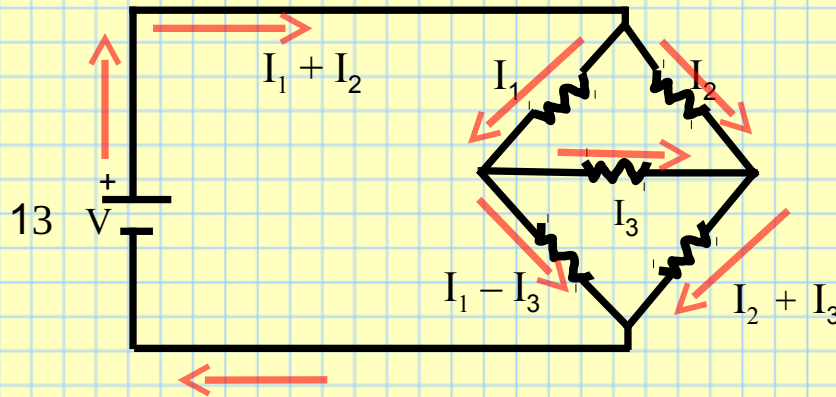
- Step 1: Junction Rule!
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- *NOTE for Junction Rule! How you divide current doesn't matter, but it can simplify solution steps...*

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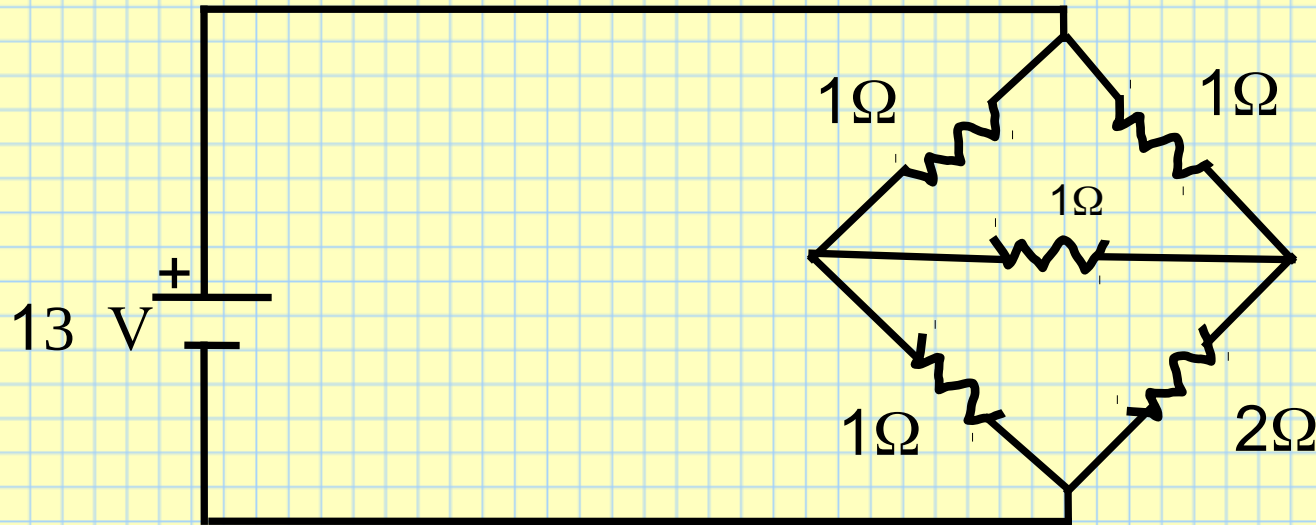
- Step 1: Junction Rule!
- Define current directions and labels



- Lots of ways to do this – none is necessarily better than another.
 - Direction WILL affect final signs in your answer.
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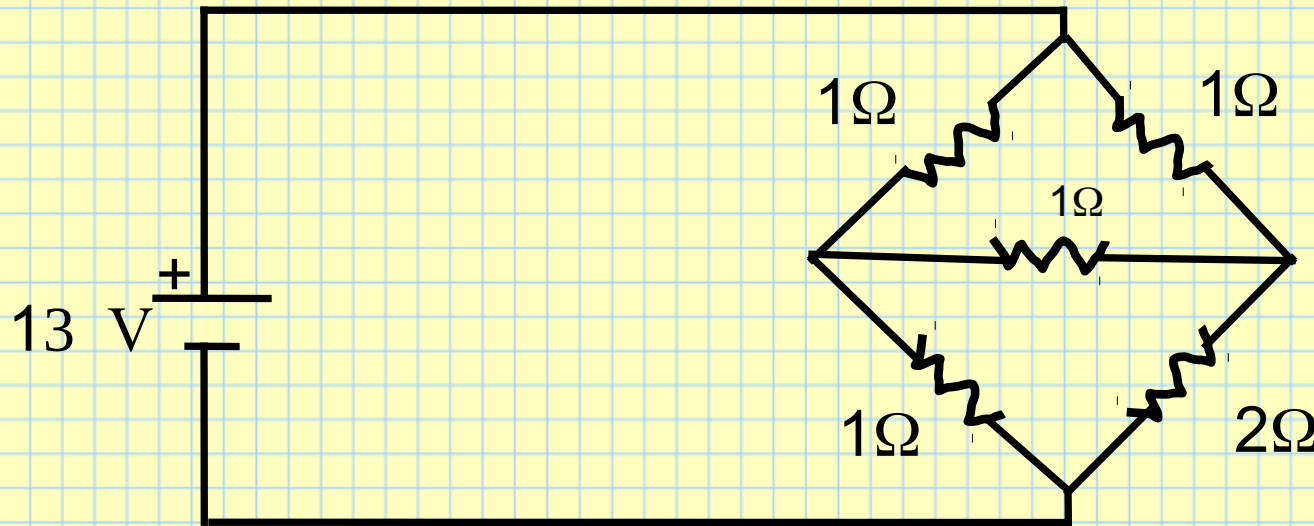
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- Step 2: Loop Rule!
 - Define loop directions and labels



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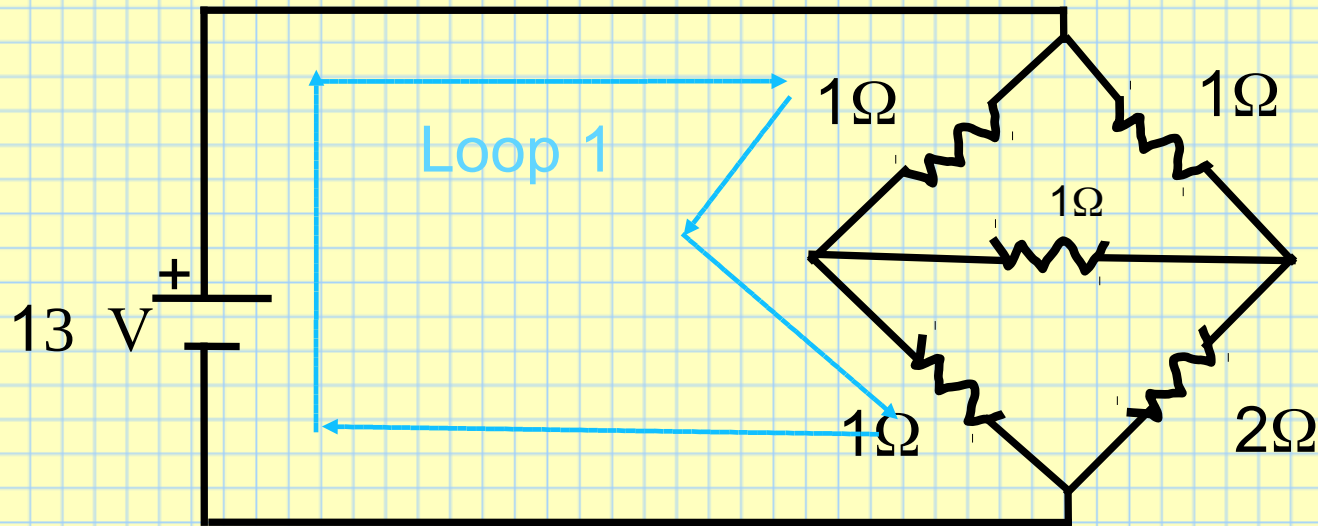
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- *Note: Loop Rule!*
 - *Loop directions do NOT have to be in any particular direction nor order!*

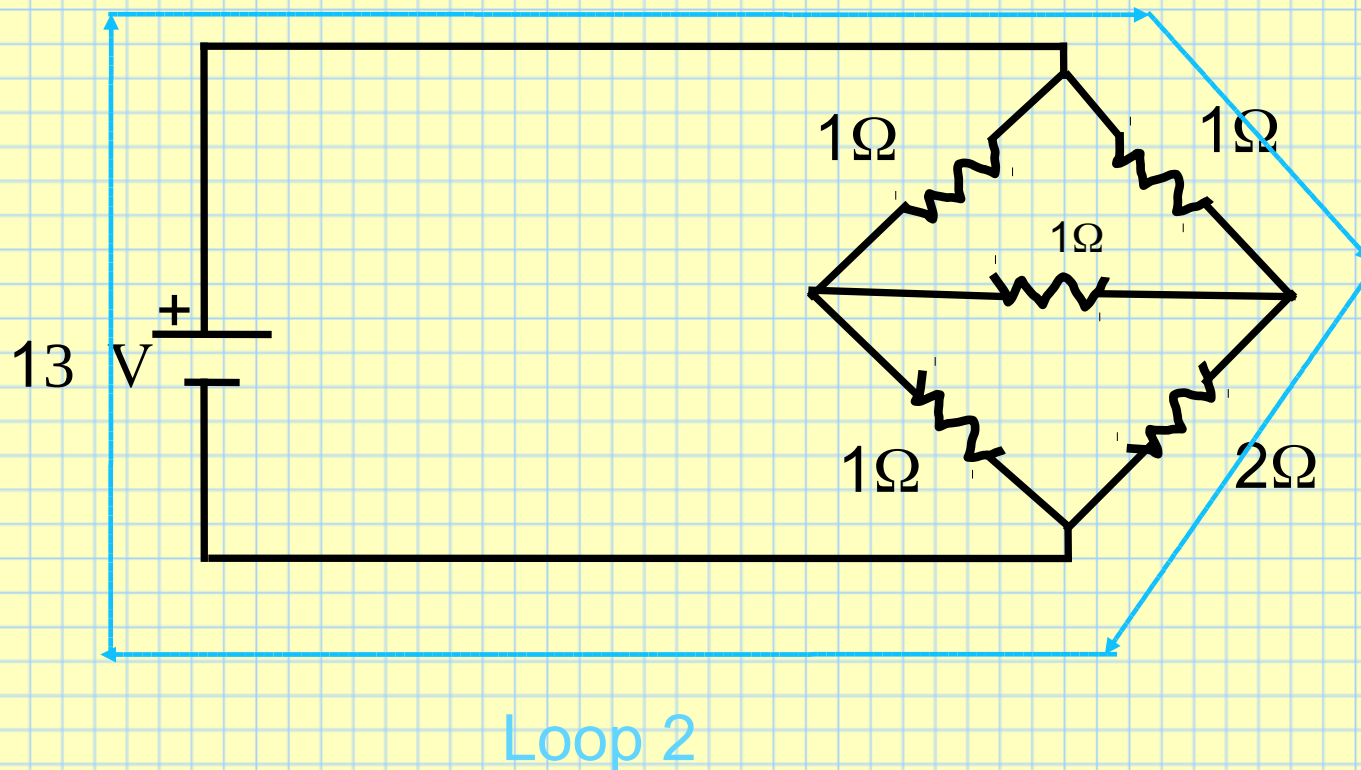
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- Step 2: Loop Rule!
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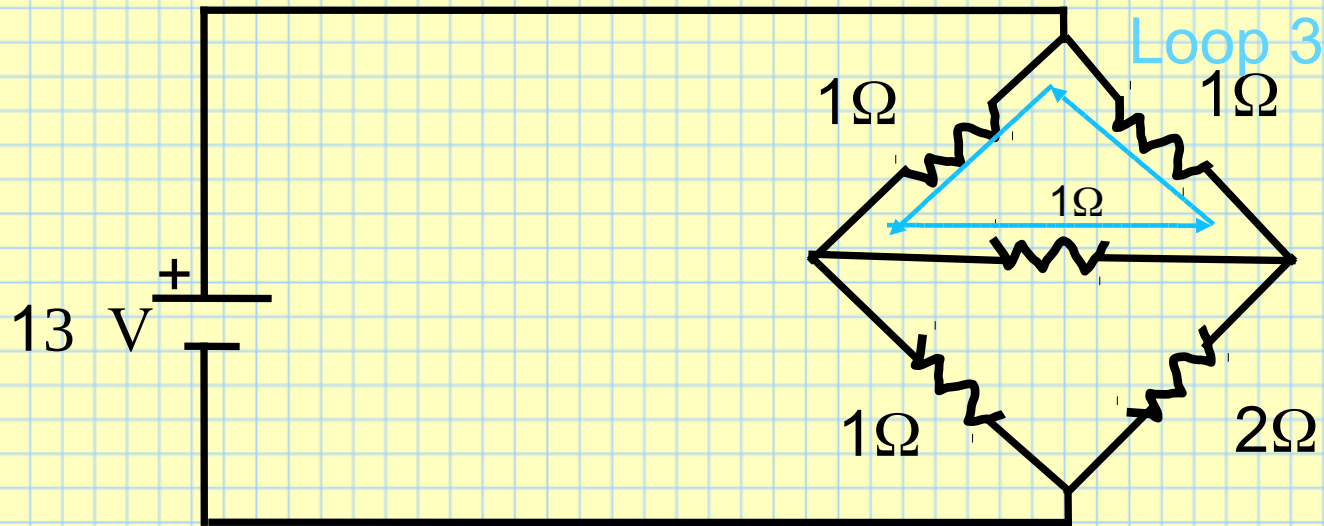
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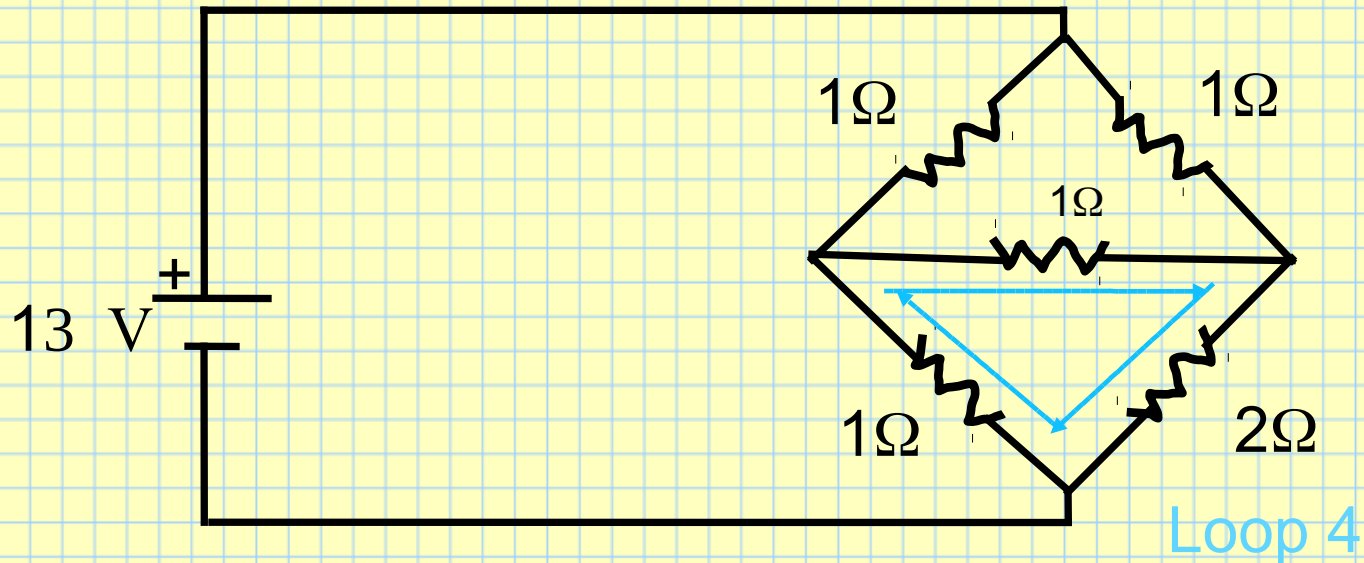
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- Step 2: Loop Rule!
 - Define loop directions and labels



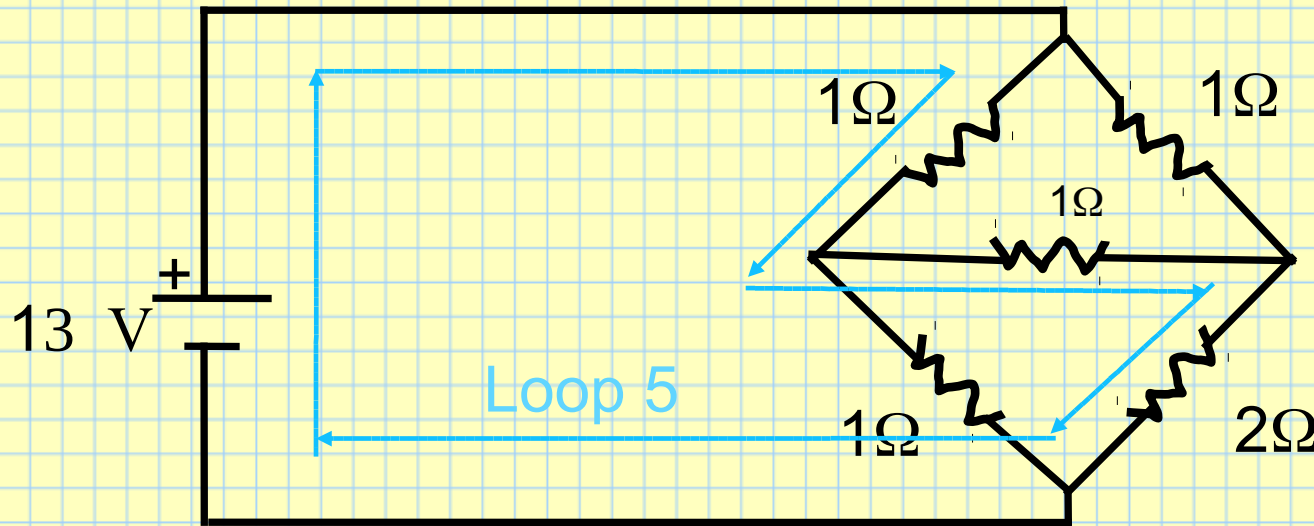
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- Step 2: Loop Rule!
 - Additional loops available!



A complex network – Example 26.6

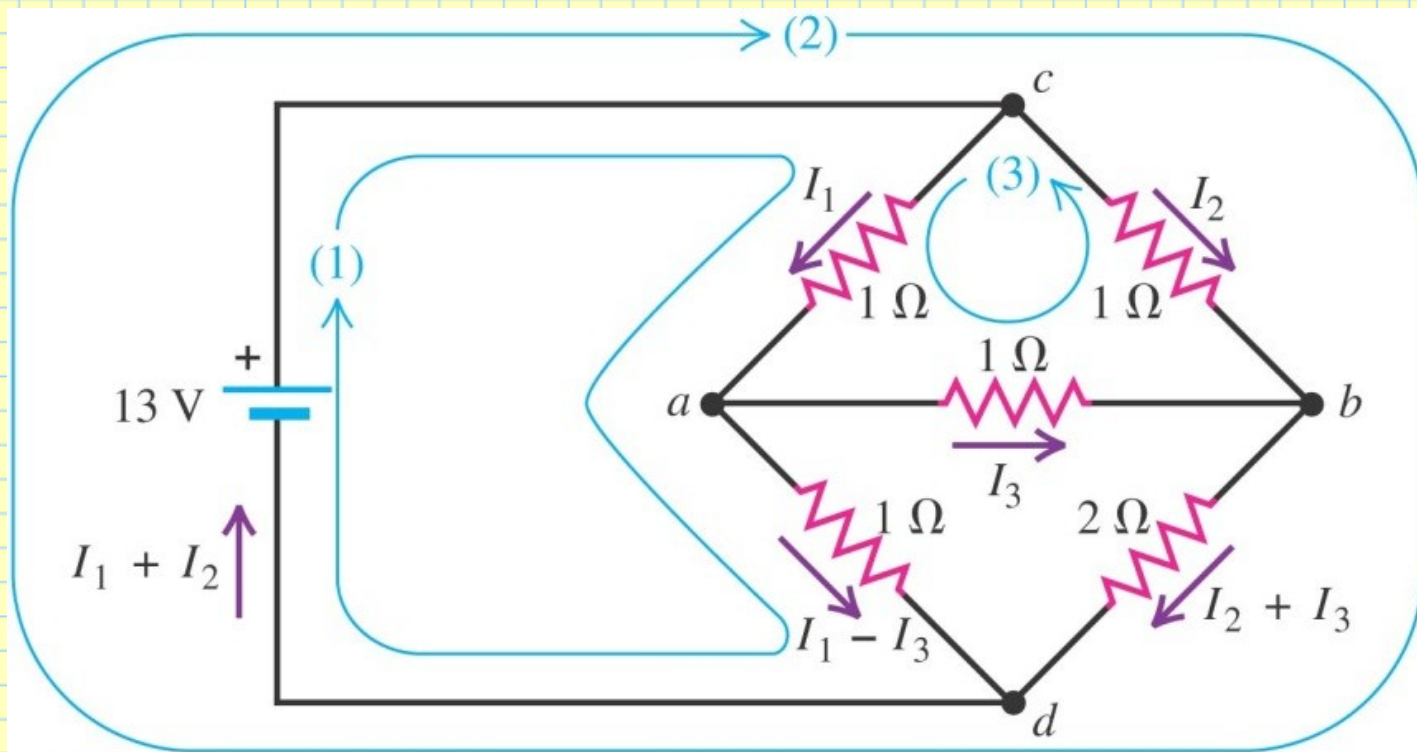
- Step 2: Loop Rule!
 - Additional loops available!



- Any closed path will work.
- Extra loops good for checking

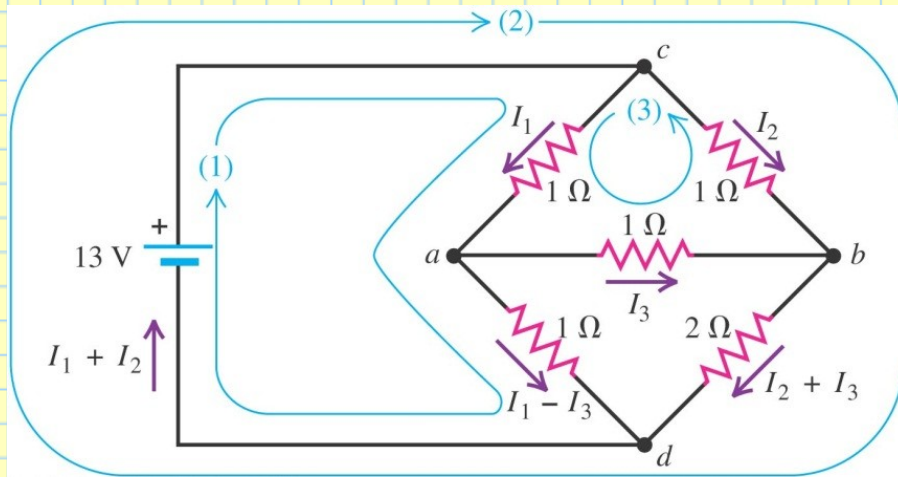
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- Step 3: Make Loop Equations!



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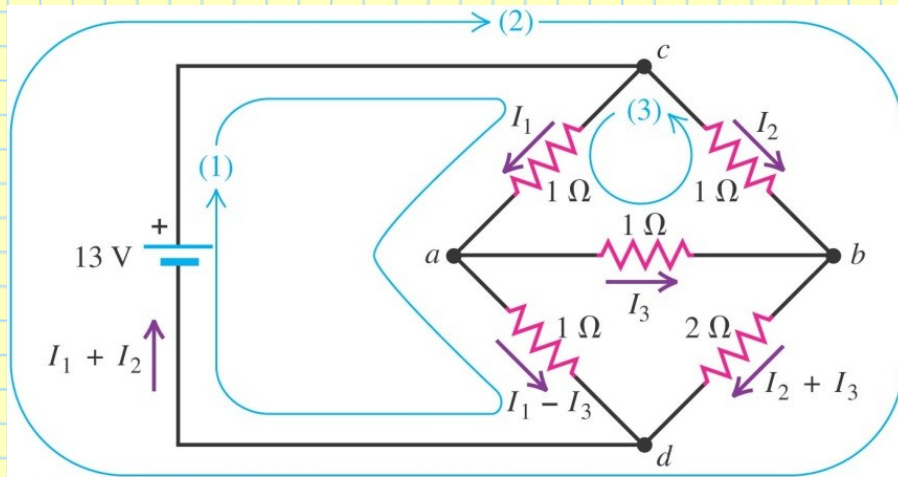
- Step 4: Solve equations (substitution or matrix)



- $+13 - 1I_1 - 1(I_1 - I_3) = 0$
- $+13 - 1I_2 - 2(I_2 + I_3) = 0$
- $-1I_1 - 1I_3 + 1I_2 = 0$

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- Step 4: Solve equations (substitution or matrix)

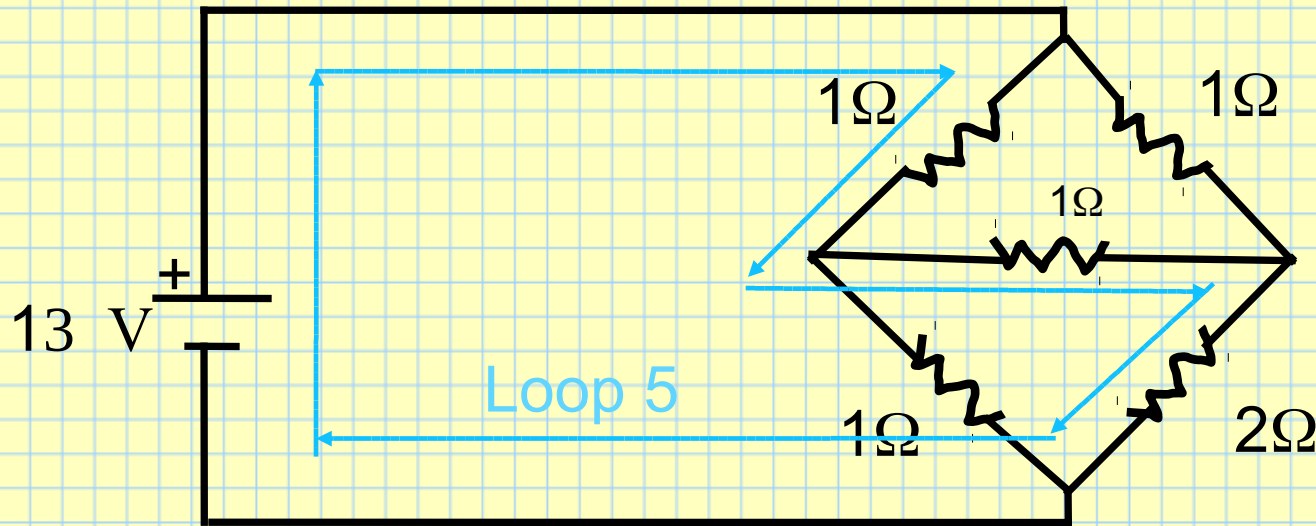


- $I_1 = +6 \text{ A}$
- $I_2 = 5 \text{ A}$
- $I_3 = -1 \text{ A}$

So I_3 is really going from b to c

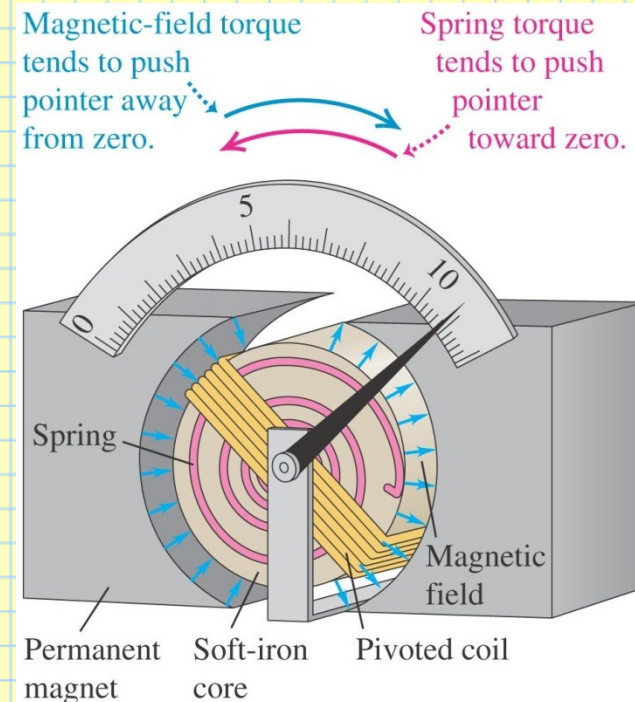
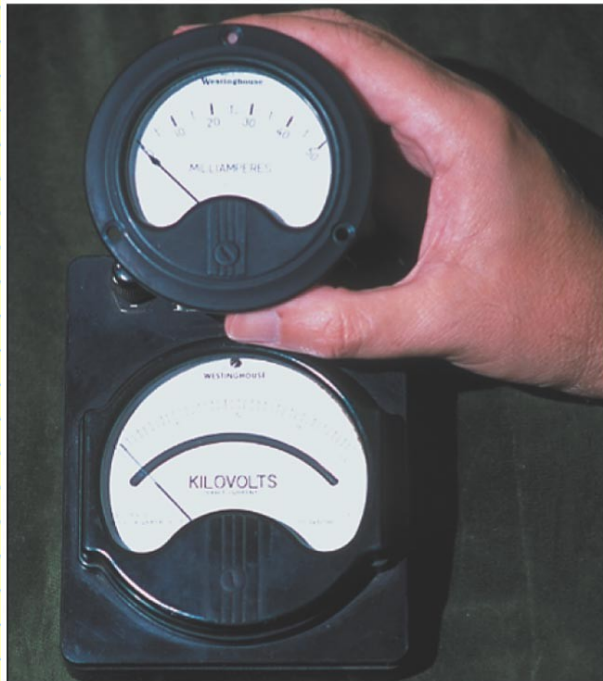
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- Step 5: Check with extra loop equations!



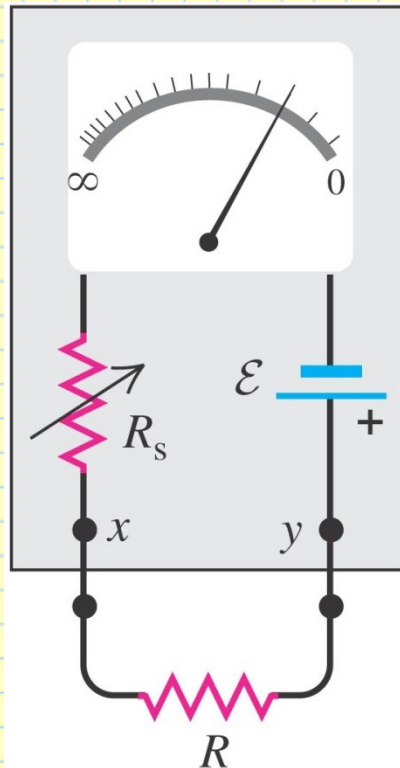
D'Arsonval galvanometer

- A *d'Arsonval galvanometer* measures the current through it (see Figures below).
- Many electrical instruments, such as ammeters and voltmeters, use a galvanometer in their design.

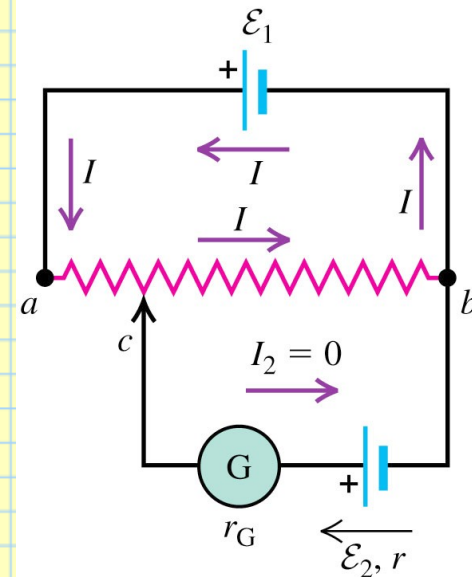


Ohmmeters and potentiometers

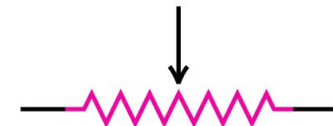
- An *ohmmeter* is designed to measure resistance.
- A *potentiometer* measures the emf of a source without drawing any current from the source.



(a) Potentiometer circuit



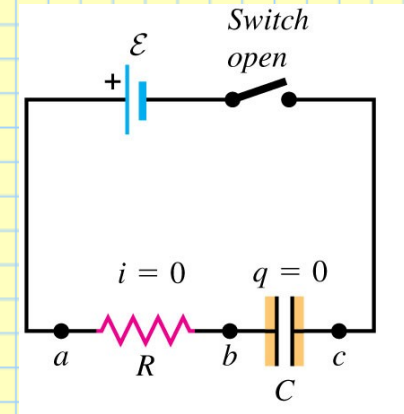
(b) Circuit symbol for potentiometer (variable resistor)



Adding Capacitors to DC circuits!

- **RC circuits include**

- Batteries (Voltage sources!)
- Resistors
- Capacitors
- ... and switches!



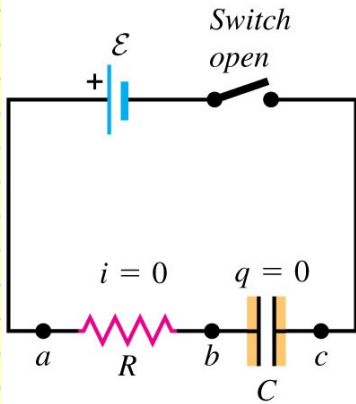
- RC circuits will involve **TIMING** considerations

- Time to *fill up* a capacitor with charge
- Time to *drain* a capacitor that is already charged

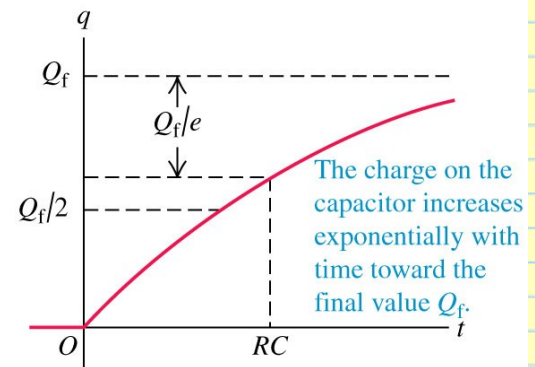
Charging a capacitor

- Start with uncharged capacitor! What happens??

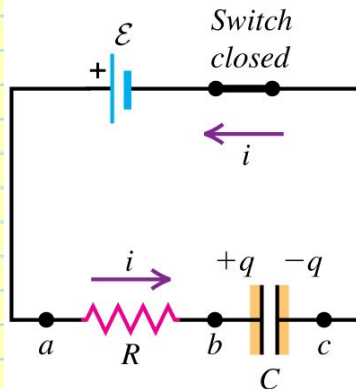
(a) Capacitor initially uncharged



(b) Graph of capacitor charge versus time for a charging capacitor

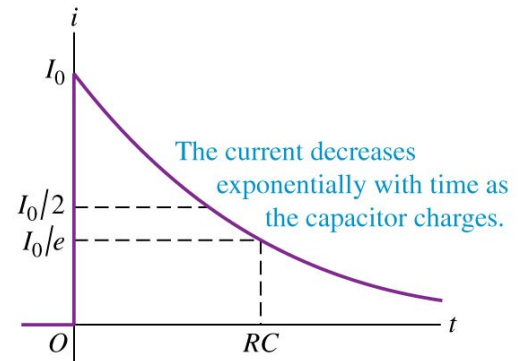


(b) Charging the capacitor



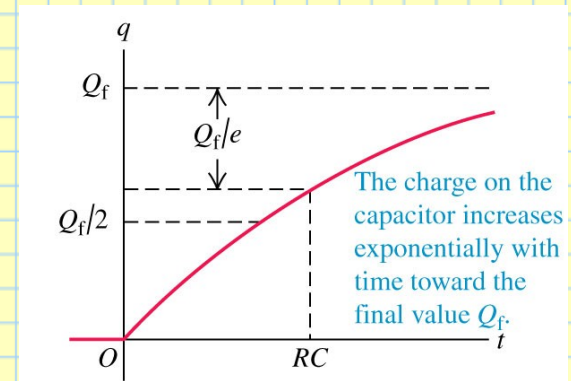
When the switch is closed, the charge on the capacitor increases over time while the current decreases.

(a) Graph of current versus time for a charging capacitor



Adding Capacitors to DC circuits!

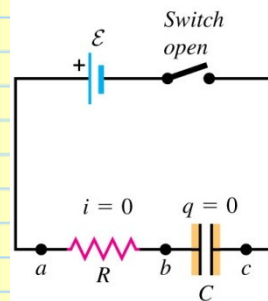
- In charging RC circuits the *time constant* is τ
- τ increases with R
 - Larger resistors decrease current
 - Less charge/time arrives at capacitor
 - It takes longer to fill up capacitor
- τ increases with C
 - Larger capacitors have more capacity!
 - They take longer to fill up!



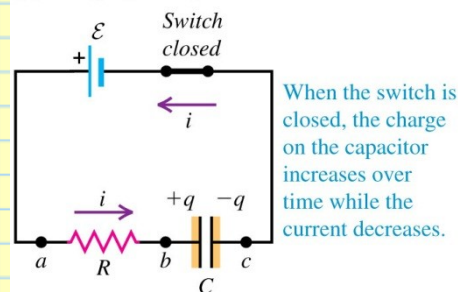
Charging a capacitor

- The *time constant* is $\tau = RC$.
- In ONE time constant:
 - Current drops to $1/e$ of initial value (about 36%)
 - Charge on capacitor plates rises to $\sim 64\%$ of maximum value

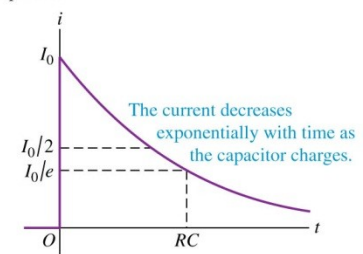
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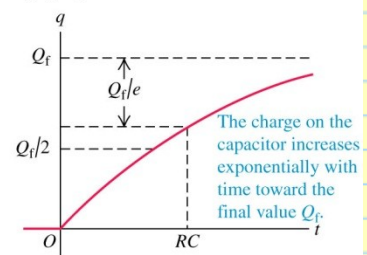
(b) Charging the capacitor



(a) Graph of current versus time for a charging capacitor



(b) Graph of capacitor charge versus time for a charging capacitor



Charging a Capacitor

- $V_{ab} = iR$
- $C = q/V_{bc}$ so $V_{bc} = q/C$
- $\mathcal{E} - iR - q/C = 0$

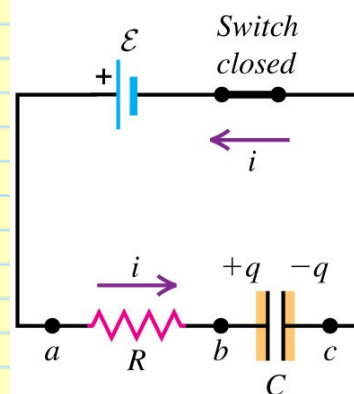
- Current is a function of time

- $i = dq/dt$

- $\mathcal{E} - (dq/dt)R - q(t)/C = 0$

- *A differential equation involving charge q*

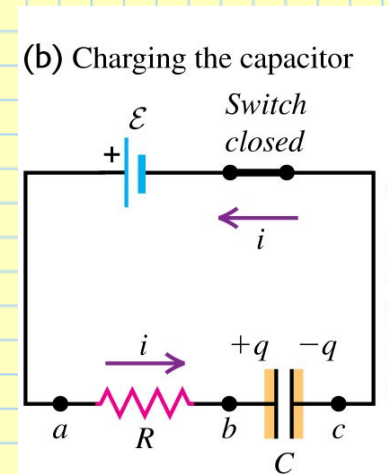
(b) Charging the capacitor



When the switch is closed, the charge on the capacitor increases over time while the current decreases.

Charging a Capacitor

- $\mathcal{E} - (dq/dt)R - q/C = 0$
- *Boundary conditions* relate **q** and **t** at key times:
 - $q(t) \text{ on capacitor} = 0 \text{ @ } t=0$
 - $q = Q_{\text{max}}, i(t) = 0 \text{ @ } t = \infty$
(when capacitor is full)

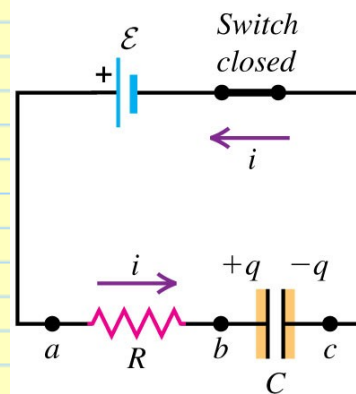


Charging a Capacitor

- $E - iR - q/C = 0$
- General Solution
- $q(t) = Q_{\max} (1 - e^{-t/RC})$
- Check?

- $q(t)$ on capacitor = 0 @ $t=0$
- $i(t) = dq/dt = (Q_{\max}/RC) e^{-t/RC}$
- $i(0)$ is maximum current, $Q_{\max}/RC = E/R = I_0$
- $i(t) = 0$ when capacitor is full, @ $t = \infty$

(b) Charging the capacitor



When the switch is closed, the charge on the capacitor increases over time while the current decreases.

Charging a capacitor

- 10 M Ω resistor connected in series with 1.0 μ F un-charged capacitor and a battery with Emf of 12.0 V.
 - What is the time constant?
 - What fraction of final charge is on capacitor after 46 seconds?
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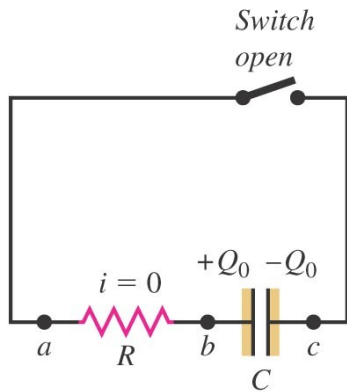
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 - $\tau = RC = 10$ seconds
 - $Q(t) = Q_{\max} (1 - e^{-t/RC})$ so $Q(46 \text{ seconds})/Q_{\max} = 99\%$
 - $I(t) = I_0 e^{-t/RC}$ so $I(46 \text{ seconds})/I_0 = 1\%$
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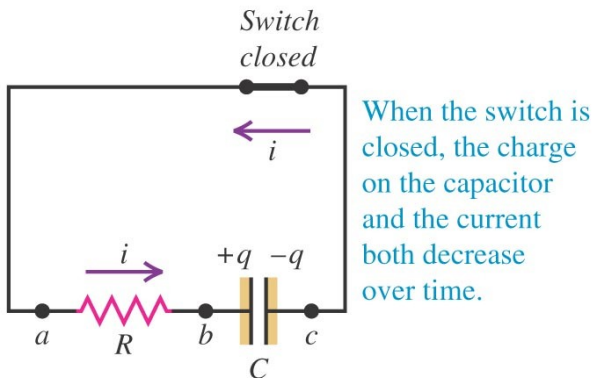
Discharging a capacitor

- Disconnect Battery – let Capacitor “drain”

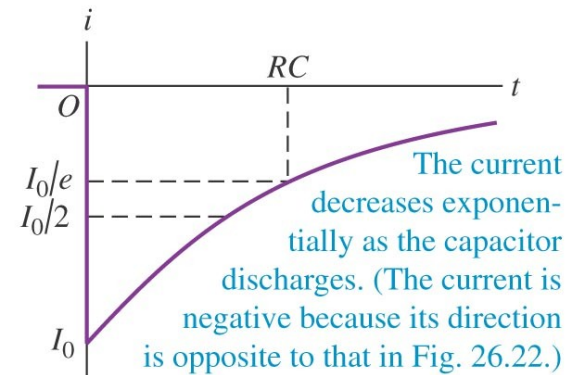
(a) Capacitor initially charged



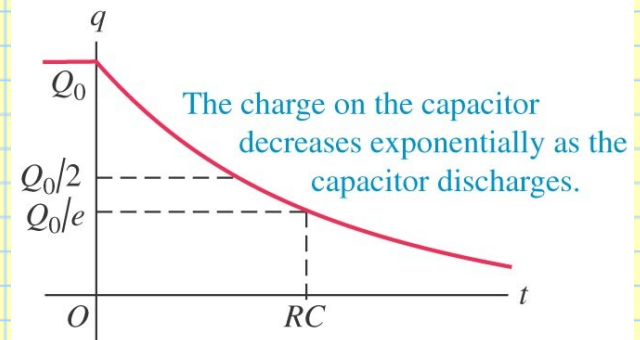
(b) Discharging the capacitor



(a) Graph of current versus time for a discharging capacitor



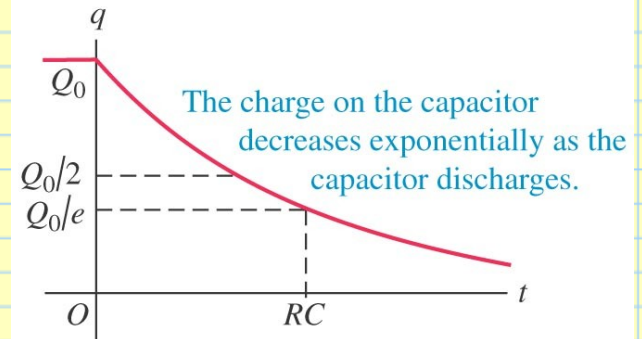
(b) Graph of capacitor charge versus time for a discharging capacitor



Adding Capacitors to DC circuits!

- In discharging RC circuits the *time constant* is still τ
- τ increases with R
 - Larger resistors decrease current
 - Less charge/time *leaves* capacitor
 - It takes longer to *drain* capacitor
- τ increases with C
 - Larger capacitors have more capacity!
 - They take longer to *drain*!

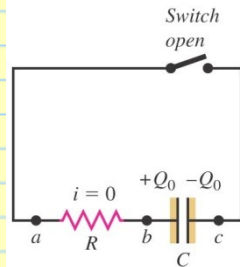
(b) Graph of capacitor charge versus time for a discharging capacitor



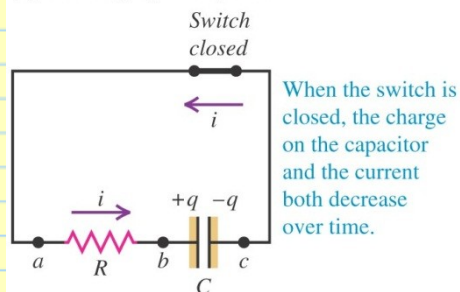
Discharging a capacitor

- Time constant is still RC !
- In one time time constant:
 - Charge on plates DROPS by 64%
 - Current through resistor DROPS by 64% (“negative”)

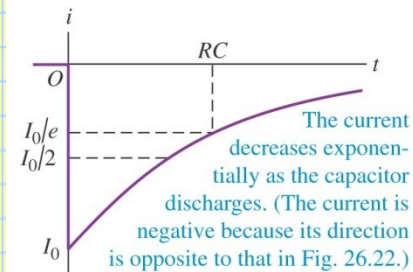
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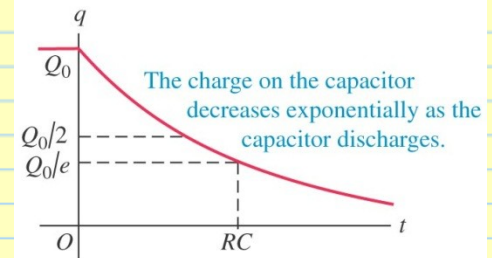
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(b) Graph of capacitor charge versus time for a discharging capacitor

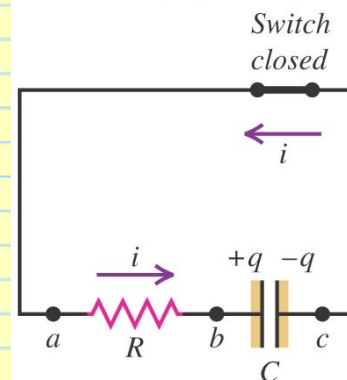


Charging a Capacitor

- $V_{ab} = iR$
- $V_{bc} = q/C$
- $iR + q/C = 0$

- Another differential equation involving charge
- $i = dq/dt$
- $(dq/dt)R + q(t)/C = 0$

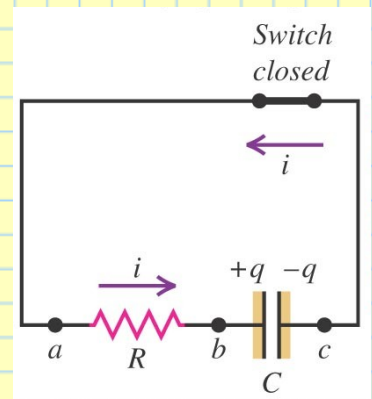
(b) Discharging the capacitor



When the switch is closed, the charge on the capacitor and the current both decrease over time.

Discharging a Capacitor

- $iR + q/C = 0$
- $(dq/dt)R + q(t)/C = 0$
- Boundary conditions:
 - $q(t)$ on capacitor = Q_{\max}
@ $t=0$
 - $q=0, i(t)=0$
@ $t=\infty$
when capacitor is *empty*



Discharging a Capacitor

- $iR + q/C = 0$

- General Solution

- $q(t) = Q_{\max} e^{-t/RC}$

- $i = dq/dt = -I_0 e^{-t/RC}$

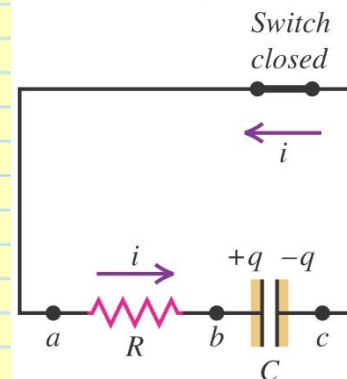
(sign changes because direction changes)

- Check

- $q(t) \text{ on capacitor} = Q_{\max} \text{ @ } t=0$

- $q=0, i(t)=0$ when capacitor is empty,
@ $t = \infty$

(b) Discharging the capacitor



When the switch is closed, the charge on the capacitor and the current both decrease over time.

Discharging a capacitor

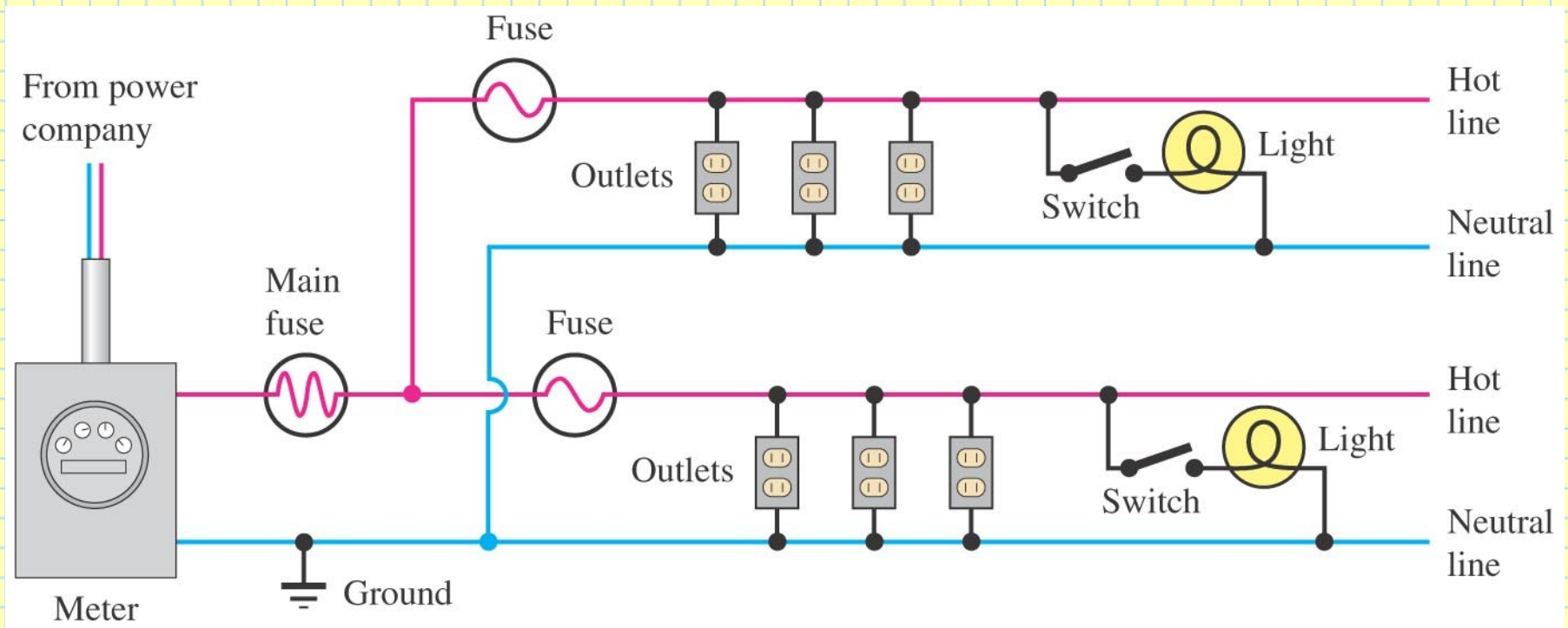
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- $\tau = RC = 10\text{ seconds}$ (still!)
 - Q_{max} (initially at $t = 0$) $= 5.0\text{ }\mu\text{C}$.
 - $Q(t) = Q_{\text{max}} e^{-t/RC}$ so $Q(t) = 0.5\text{ }\mu\text{C} = 1/10^{\text{th}} Q_{\text{max}} \Rightarrow$
 $t = RC \ln(Q/Q_{\text{max}}) = 23\text{ seconds}$ (2.3τ)
 - $I(t) = -Q_0/RC (e^{-t/RC})$ so $I(2.3\tau) = -5.0 \times 10^{-8}\text{ Amps}$
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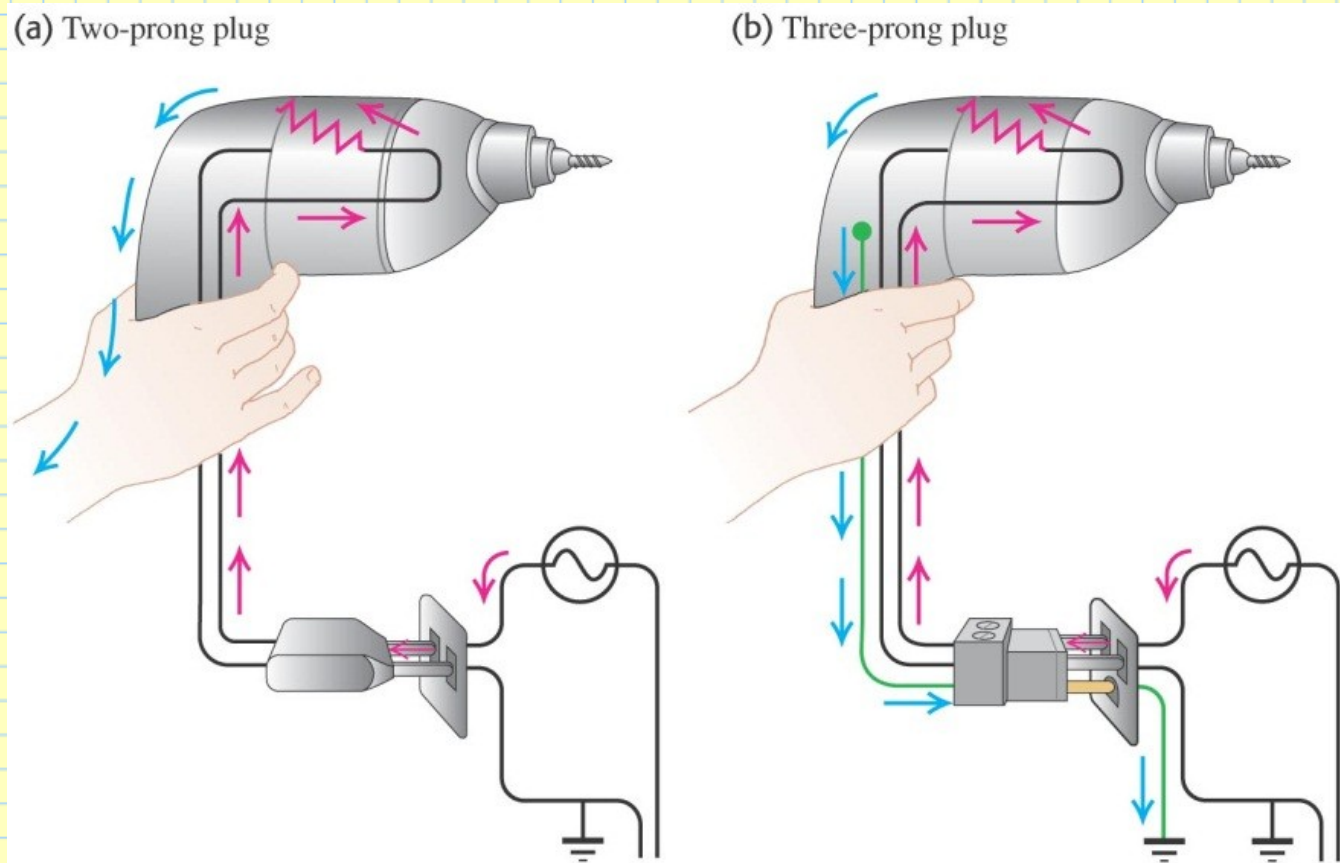
Power distribution systems

Circuits, lines, loads, and fuses...



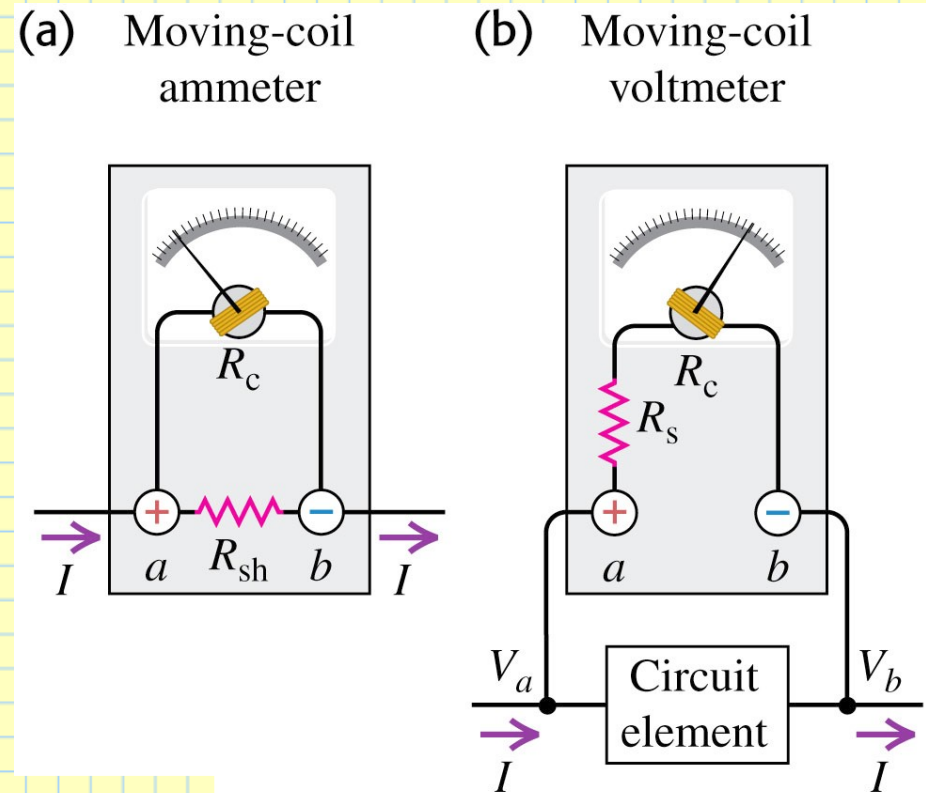
Household wiring

- Why it is safer to use a three-prong plug for electrical appliances...



Ammeters and voltmeters

- An *ammeter* measures the current passing through it.
- A *voltmeter* measures the potential difference between two points.
- Figure 26.15 at the right shows how to use a galvanometer to make an ammeter and a voltmeter.



Ammeters and voltmeters in combination

- An ammeter and a voltmeter may be used together to measure resistance and power.

