

Physics 115

General Physics II

Session 24

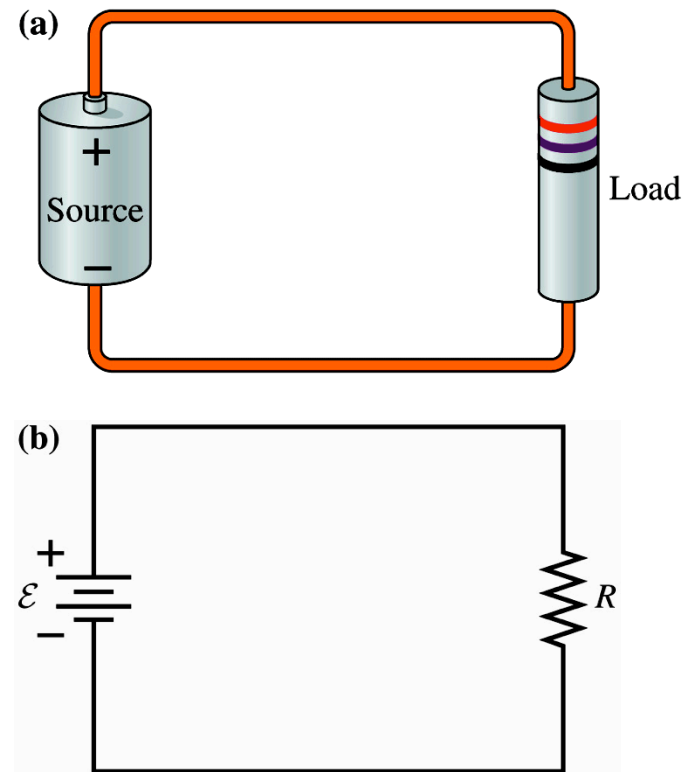
Circuits

Series and parallel R

Meters

Kirchoff's Rules

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Lecture Schedule

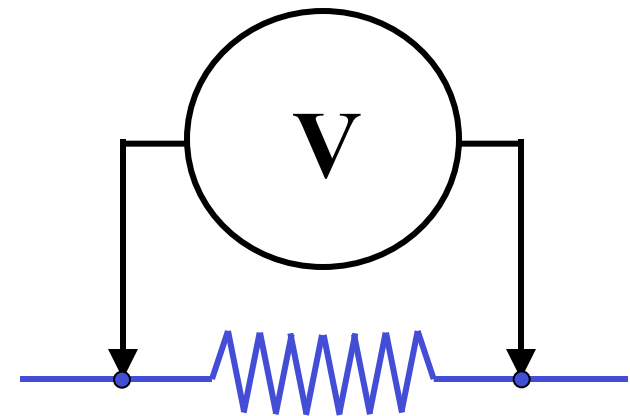
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Today

Voltmeters vs. Ammeters

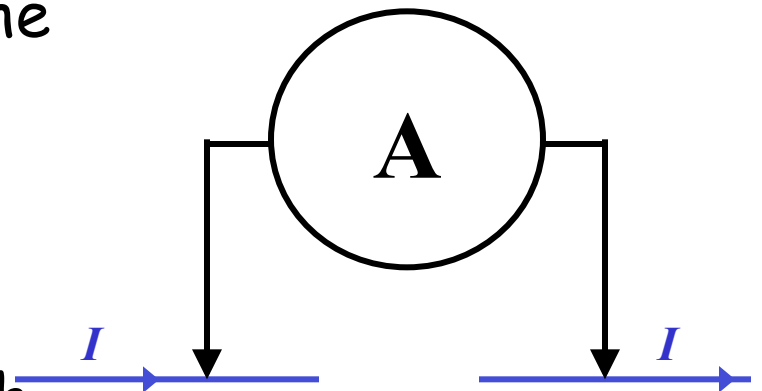
A voltmeter is connected **across** circuit elements to measure the **potential difference** between two points in the circuit.

An ideal voltmeter has **infinite** internal resistance, so it draws no current from the circuit.



An ammeter is **inserted** by breaking a circuit connection, to measure the **current** flowing through that connection in the circuit.

An ideal ammeter has **zero** internal resistance, so it does not affect the current passing through it.



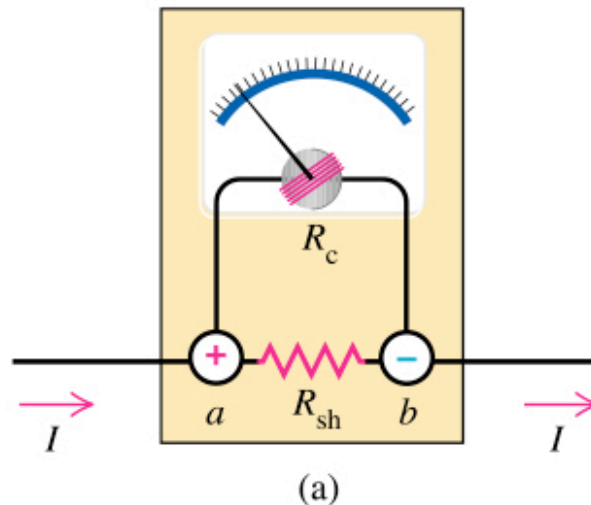
What's inside ammeter, voltmeter

Galvanometer deflects in proportion to **current through** it

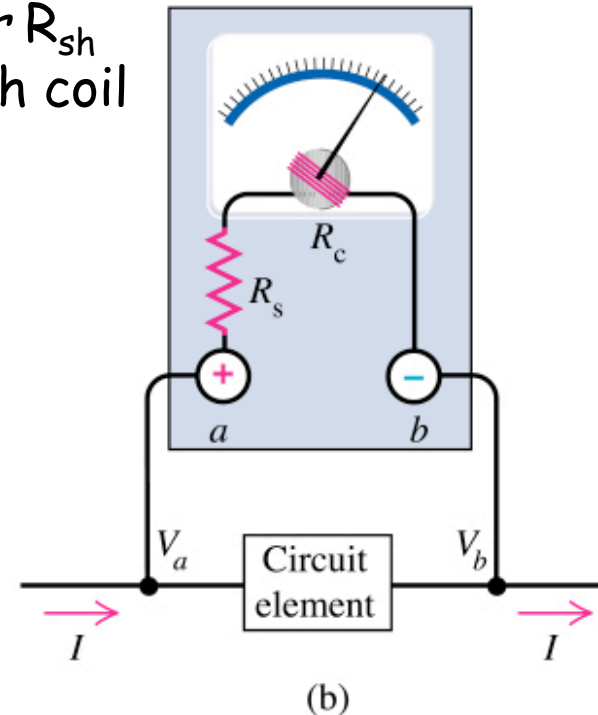
- Assume its **coil** has negligible resistance, $R_c \sim 0$

1. Ammeter:

- Voltage drop across "shunt" resistor R_{sh}
 $V_{sh} = I R_{sh}$ determines current through coil
- Want R_{sh} as **small** as possible



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2. Voltmeter:

- Voltage drop $V_a - V_b$ determines current through R_s and coil
- Want *series resistance* R_s as **large** as possible

More about resistor circuits: ground points

Earth = infinite charge reservoir

Ground wire = connected to the earth

Ground = zero potential for circuits

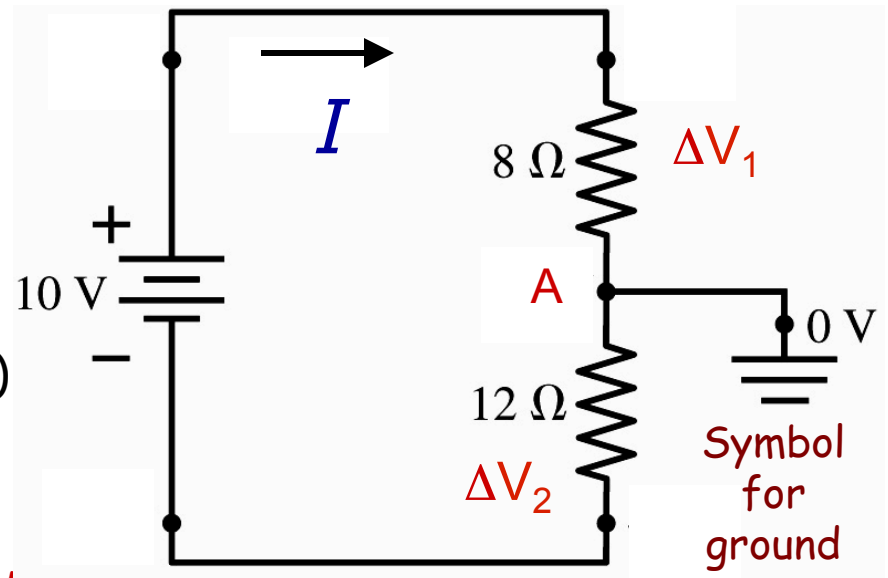
This circuit is **grounded** at the junction between the two resistors. This becomes the "zero" for the V scale, rather than the negative terminal of the battery. (With no ground, we say the circuit is "floating")

Find the potential difference ΔV across each resistor:

$$I = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R} = \frac{10 \text{ V}}{8 \Omega + 12 \Omega} = 0.5 \text{ A} \quad \text{Ohm's Law}$$

$$\mathcal{E} + \Delta V_1 + \Delta V_2 = 0 \quad \text{Cons. of energy}$$

Example: A Grounded Circuit



$$\Delta V_1 = (8 \Omega)(0.5 \text{ A}) = 4 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta V_2 = (12 \Omega)(0.5 \text{ A}) = 6 \text{ V}$$

Notice: **no current** flows through the ground wire: no ΔV across it
(Point A is **+6V** relative to battery's – terminal, but **0V** relative to ground)

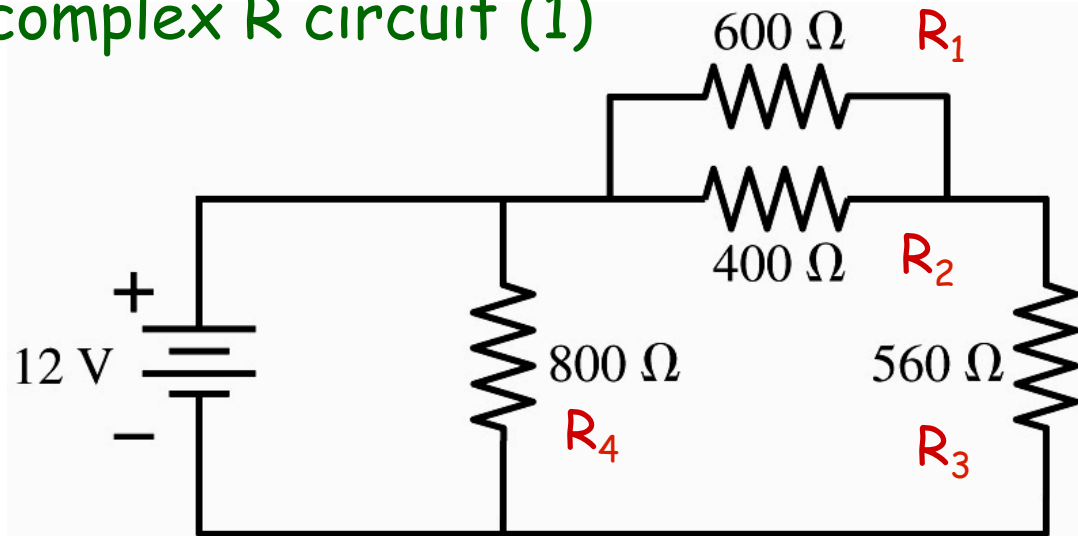
Choice of zero doesn't matter: only ΔV 's have physical meaning

Example:

Analyzing a more complex R circuit (1)

Four resistors are connected to a 12 V battery as shown.

Find the current through the battery.



Step 1: combine parallel resistors into R_{eq1} :

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq1}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

$$R_{eq1} = \frac{1}{1/R_1 + 1/R_2} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{600\Omega(400\Omega)}{(600 + 400)\Omega} = 240\Omega$$

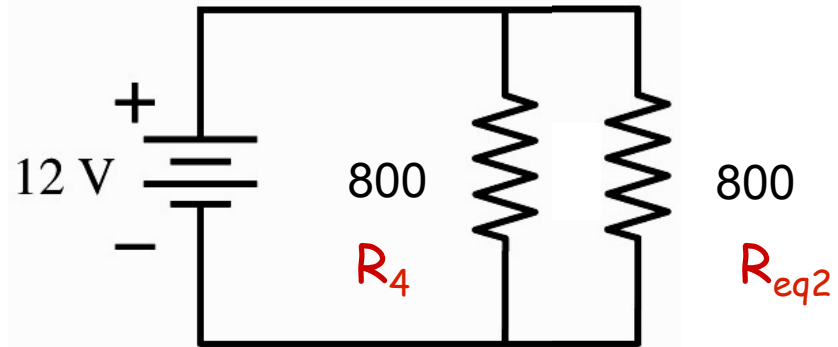
Step 2: combine series resistances R_{eq1} and R_3 into an equivalent R:

$$R_{eq2} = R_{eq1} + R_3 = 240\Omega + 560\Omega = 800\Omega$$

Analyzing a more complex circuit (2)

Now we have this equivalent circuit:

Step 3: combine **these** parallel resistors into one R_{eq} :



$$R_{eq3} = \frac{R_4 R_{eq2}}{R_4 + R_{eq2}} = \frac{800\Omega(800\Omega)}{(800 + 800)\Omega} = 400\Omega$$

$$I_{battery} = \mathcal{E} / R_{eq3} = 12V / 400\Omega = 0.03A$$

How to analyze even more complex circuits

To deal with greater complexity, we can use physical laws to organize our work:

As usual: first, some definitions

Junction = place where wires connect

Closed loop = part of a circuit that forms a single closed path for current

Then

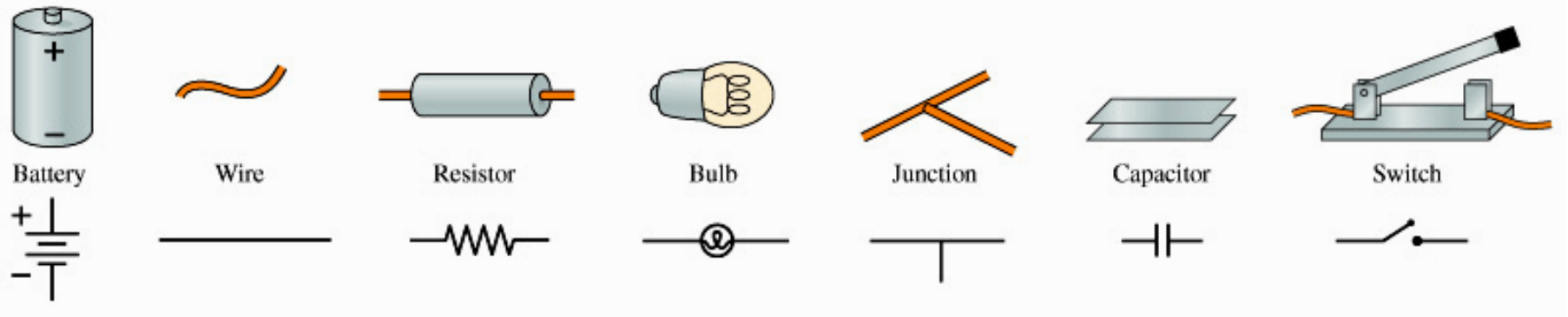
1. **Conservation of matter (charge)**: for any **junction** in a circuit, current in must equal current out: **net** current = 0
2. **Conservation of energy**: for any **closed loop** in a circuit, the sum of potential differences must be 0: **net** ΔV around the loop = 0

= Kirchhoff's rules for electric circuits

Gustav Kirchhoff,
1824-1887

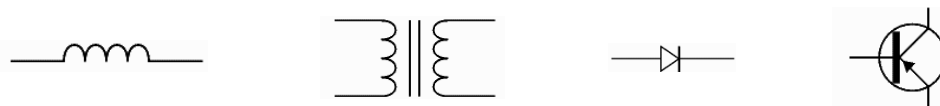


About Circuit Elements & Diagrams



These are some of the symbols commonly used to represent components in circuit diagrams.

Other components (coming soon) and their symbols:
inductance, transformer, diode, transistor

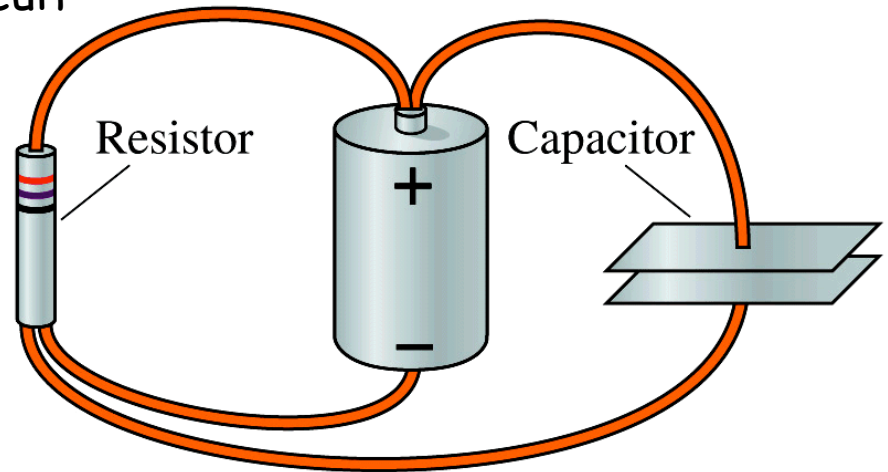


Circuit Diagrams

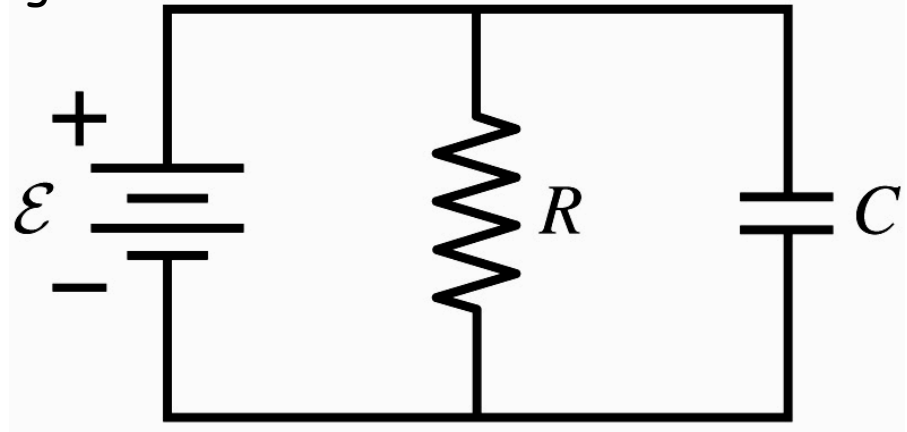
In discussing circuits, we will make the following assumptions:

1. **Wires** have very small resistance, so that we can take $R_{\text{wire}}=0$ and $\Delta V_{\text{wire}}=0$ in circuits. All wire connections are ideal.
2. **Resistors** have constant resistance values, regardless of current
3. Insulators are ideal non-conductors, with $R=\infty$ and $I=0$ through the insulator.

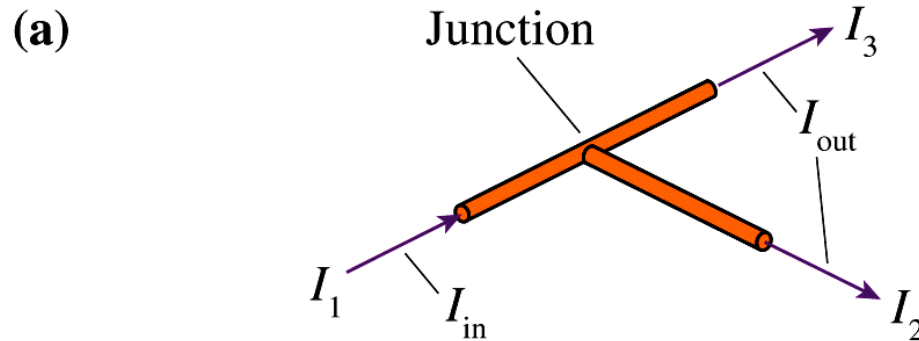
Actual Circuit



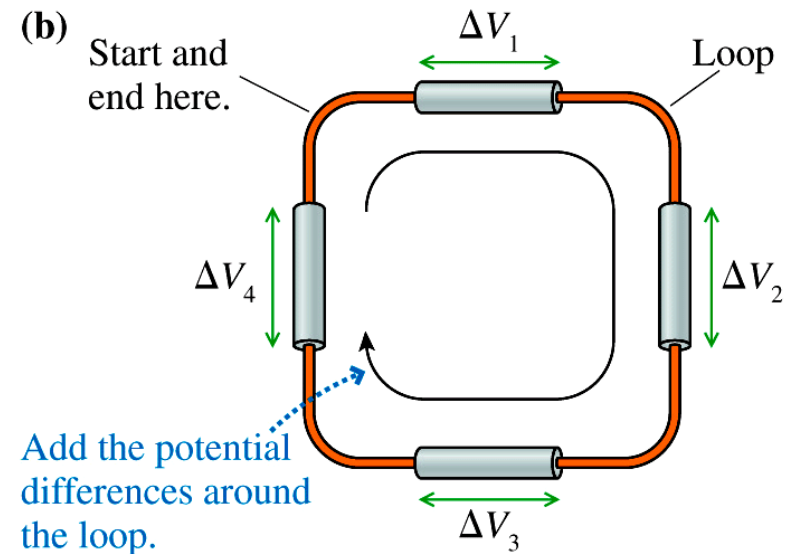
Circuit Diagram



Kirchhoff's Rules for Circuits



Junction law: $I_1 = I_2 + I_3 \rightarrow I_{in} = I_{out}$



Loop law: $\Delta V_1 + \Delta V_2 + \Delta V_3 + \Delta V_4 = 0$

Kirchoff:

1. for any **junction** in a circuit, current in must equal current out: **net** current = 0
 2. for any **closed loop** in a circuit, the sum of potential differences must be 0: **net** ΔV around the loop = 0
- If there is a battery (source of EMF) in the circuit,

$$\Delta V_{\text{loop}} = \sum_i (\Delta V)_i = 0 = +\Delta V_{\text{bat}} - \sum \Delta V_R$$

Kirchhoff's Laws for Multi-loop Circuits

1. Redraw to make a minimum set of current loops. Label all elements.
2. Write a loop equation for each loop.
Take into account **orientation** of sources : **add V's algebraically**.
3. Take into account **direction** of currents where 2 loops share a side:
add currents algebraically
4. Solve equations for currents*

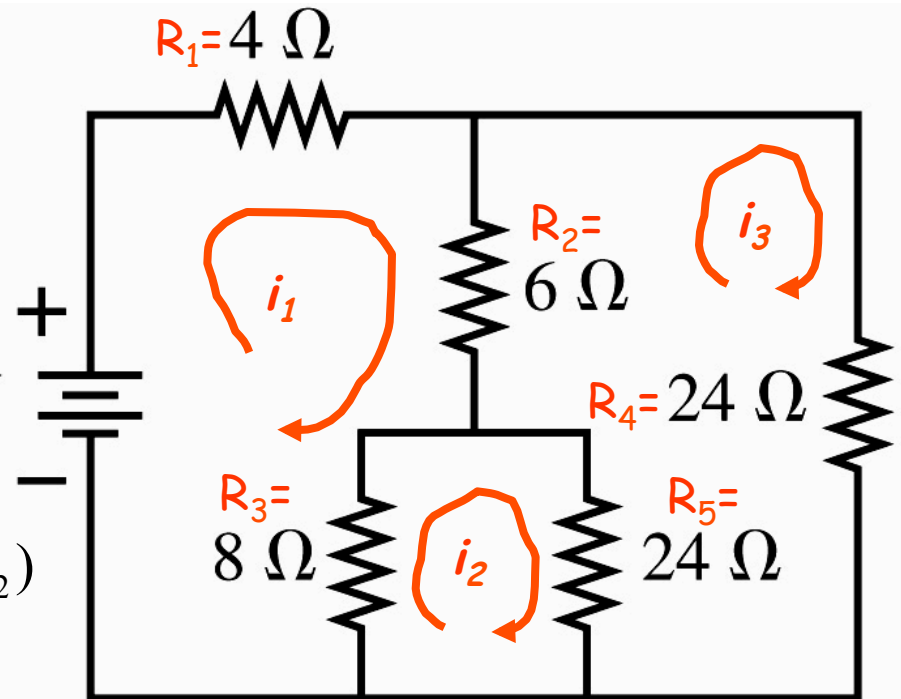
$V_{bat} = 24\text{ V}$

Loop equations:

$$\text{Loop 1: } V_{bat} = R_1 i_1 + R_2 (i_1 - i_3) + R_3 (i_1 - i_2)$$

$$\text{Loop 2: } 0 = R_3 (i_2 - i_1) + R_5 (i_2 - i_3)$$

$$\text{Loop 3: } 0 = R_2 (i_3 - i_1) + R_4 i_3 + R_5 (i_3 - i_2)$$



*(If any current comes out **negative**, that means it actually goes **opposite** to the direction you **assumed**)

Solving the example circuit:

1. Solve loop equations for currents*

$$24V = 4\Omega \cdot i_1 + 6\Omega \cdot (i_1 - i_3) + 8\Omega \cdot (i_1 - i_2)$$

$$0 = 8(i_2 - i_1) + 24(i_2 - i_3)$$

$$0 = 6(i_3 - i_1) + 24i_3 + 24(i_3 - i_2)$$

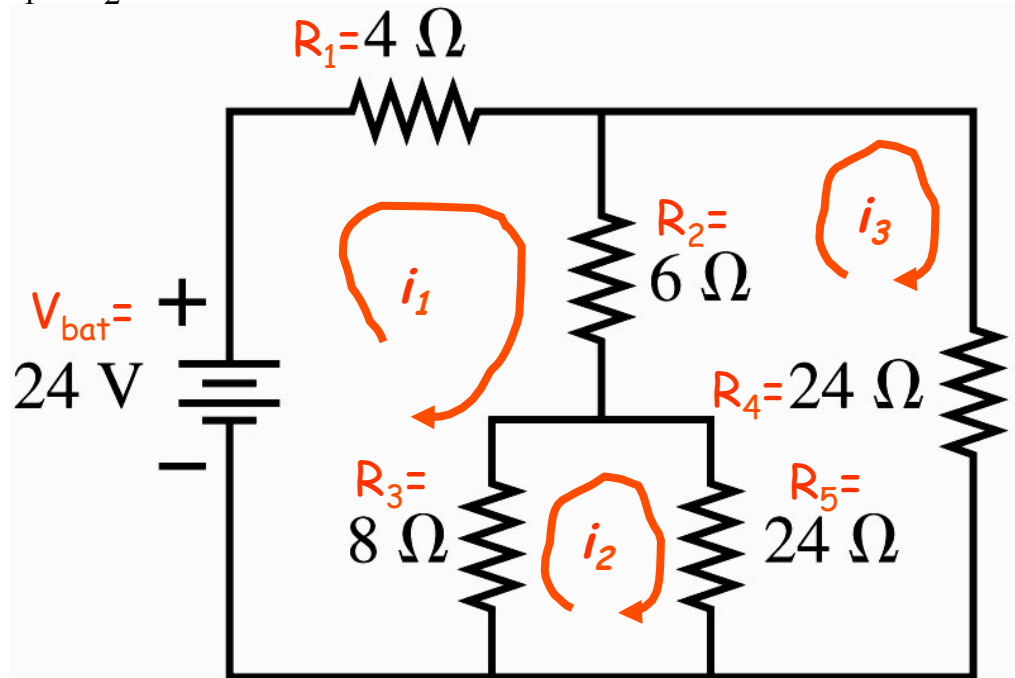
$$8i_1 + 24i_3 = 32i_2 \rightarrow i_2 = \frac{1}{4}i_1 + \frac{3}{4}i_3$$

$$12i_1 = 36i_3 \rightarrow i_3 = \frac{1}{3}i_1, \quad i_2 = \frac{1}{2}i_1$$

$$24 = 4i_1 + 6\left(\frac{2}{3}i_1\right) + 8\left(\frac{1}{2}i_1\right) = 12i_1$$

$$i_1 = 2A, \quad i_2 = 1A, \quad i_3 = \frac{2}{3}A$$

Exercise: check that these satisfy the loop equations



*(If any current comes out *negative*, that means it actually goes **opposite** to the direction you **assumed**)
HERE: all currents turned out as shown

Applying Kirchhoff's Junction Law to Multi-Junction circuit

Alternatively, solve a set of **junction** equations: **same number as loop eqns**

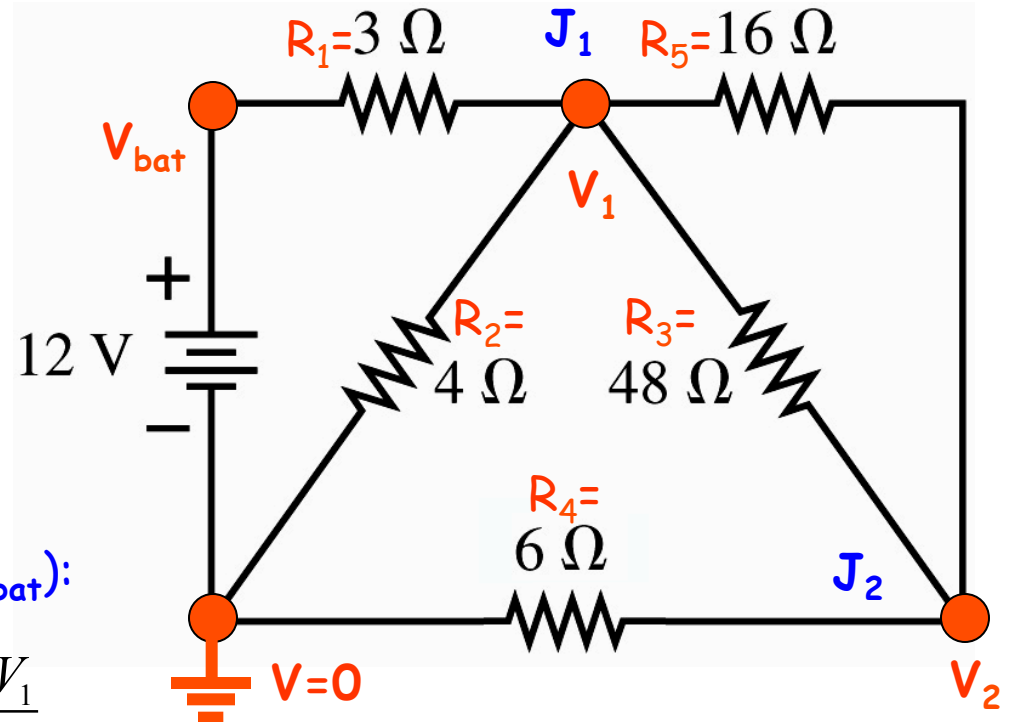
1. Define a minimum set of junction potentials. **You can choose one ground point, defining it as 0V.** Label all elements.
2. Write a **junction equation** for each unknown junction: $I_{\text{net}} = 0$
3. Solve these equations for the unknown junction potentials.

Junction equations

(in this example, we already know V_{bat}):

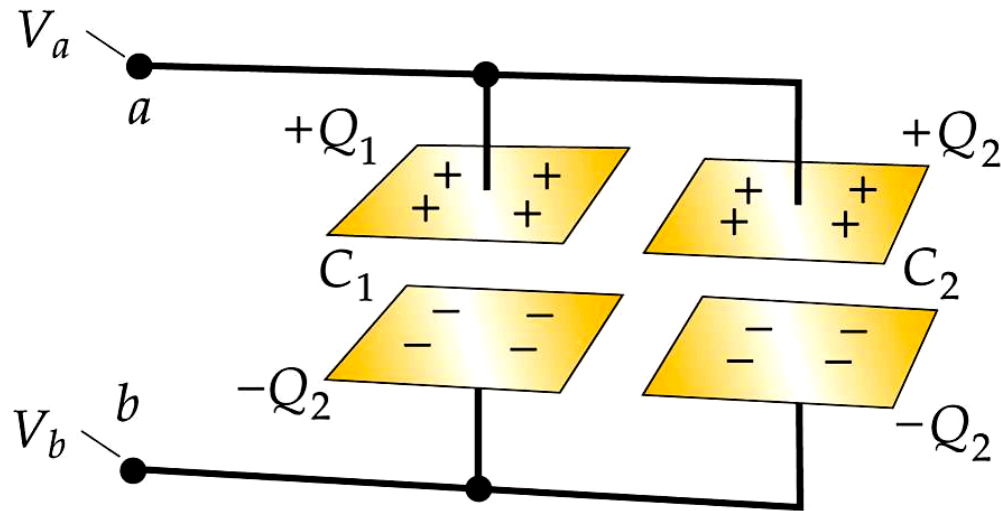
$$J1: 0 = \frac{V_{\text{bat}} - V_1}{R_1} + \frac{0 - V_1}{R_2} + \frac{V_2 - V_1}{R_3} + \frac{V_2 - V_1}{R_5}$$

$$J2: 0 = \frac{0 - V_2}{R_4} + \frac{V_1 - V_2}{R_3} + \frac{V_1 - V_2}{R_5}$$



For each junction:
$$\sum_i \frac{V_{i,\text{away}} - V_J}{R_i} = 0$$

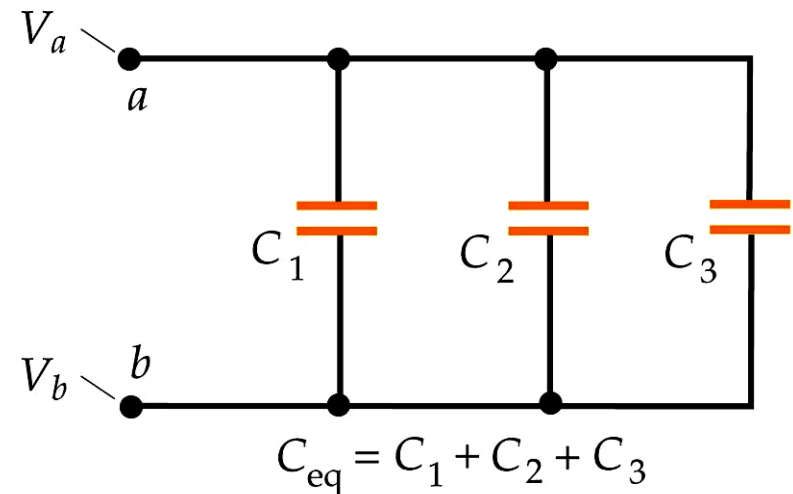
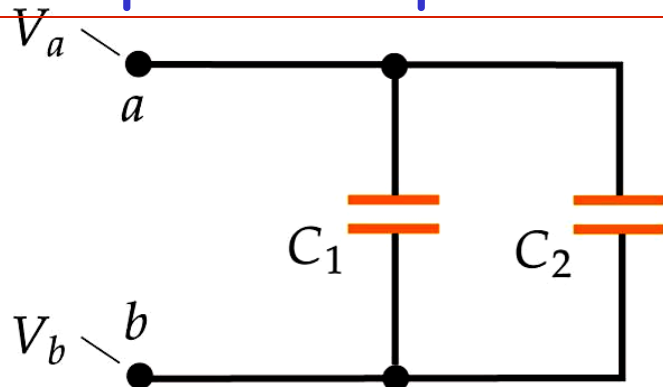
Circuits with Capacitors: C's in Parallel



The connected plates are at the **same** potential, so they form **one** effective capacitor, with a plate area that is the sum of the two plate areas.

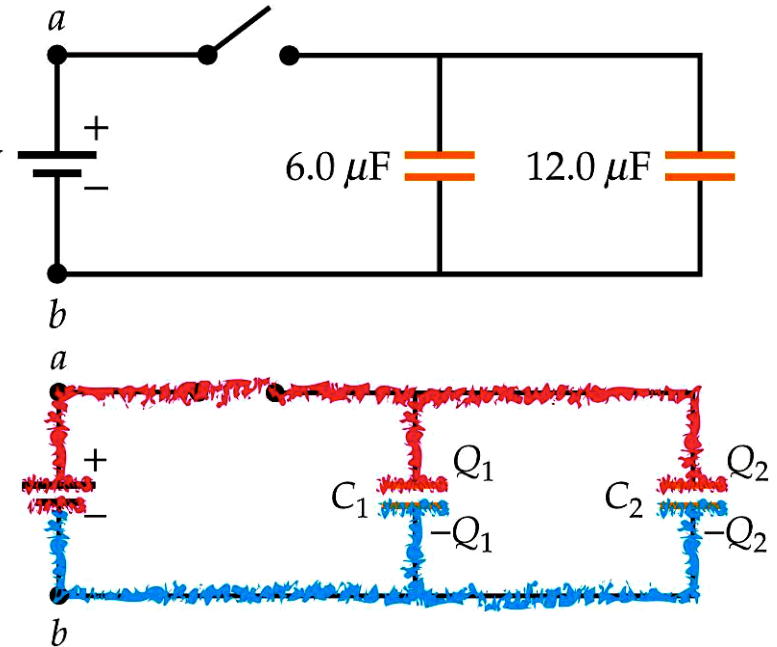
Since $C \sim A$, $C_{\text{eff}} = C_1 + C_2$,

For capacitors in parallel: **add** capacitances (like resistors in series).



Example: Capacitors in Parallel

A $6.0 \mu\text{F}$ and a $12.0 \mu\text{F}$ capacitor are in parallel (terminals joined), and in series with (terminals end-to-end) a 12 V battery and a switch. Initially, the switch is open and the capacitors are uncharged. The switch is then closed.



- When the capacitors are fully charged
- What is **voltage** across each capacitor in the circuit?
 - What is the amount of charge on each capacitor plate?
 - What total charge has passed through the battery?

$V_a = 12 \text{ V}$; $V_b = 0 \text{ V}$. Both C's have same ΔV .

$$Q_1 = C_1 V_a = (6.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(12 \text{ V}) = 72 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} = 72 \mu\text{C}$$

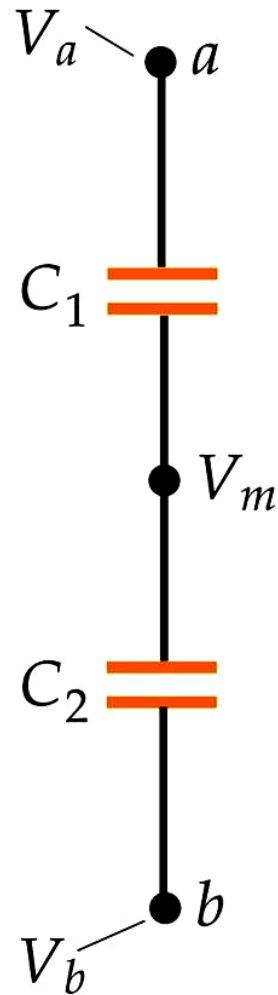
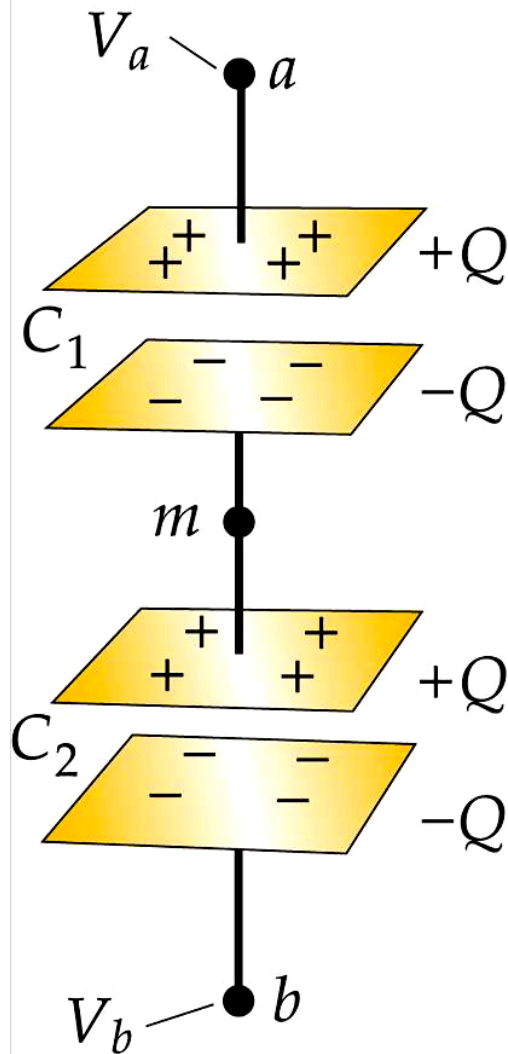
$$Q_2 = C_2 V_a = (12.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(12 \text{ V}) = 144 \times 10^{-6} \text{ C} = 144 \mu\text{C}$$

$$Q_{\text{total}} = Q_1 + Q_2 = (72 \mu\text{C}) + (144 \mu\text{C}) = 216 \mu\text{C}$$

d) What is effective net **capacitance** "seen" by the battery?

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\text{eff}} &= Q_{\text{total}} / V_a \\ &= (216 \mu\text{C}) / (12 \text{ V}) \\ &= 18 \mu\text{F} \end{aligned}$$

Capacitors in Series



The connected string of capacitors all have the **same charge Q** on their plates, and the **voltage drops** across the individual capacitors **add**.

$$Q = C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2 = C_{eff} (V_1 + V_2)$$

$$V_2 = V_1 (C_1 / C_2)$$

$$C_{eff} = \frac{C_1 V_1}{V_1 + V_2} = \frac{C_1 V_1}{V_1 [1 + (C_1 / C_2)]}$$

$$= \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = \frac{1}{1/C_1 + 1/C_2}$$

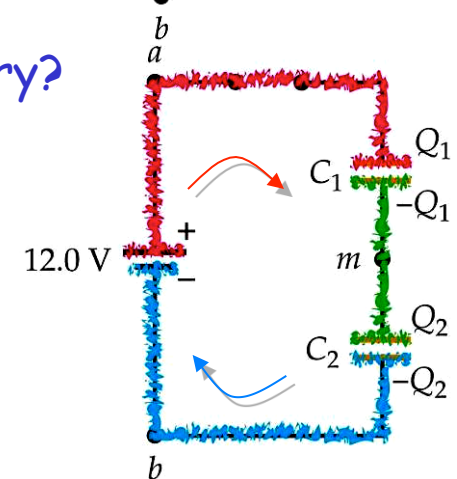
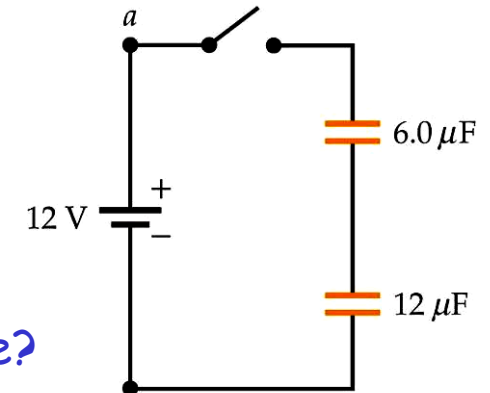
Capacitors in series: **add inversely** (like parallel resistors).

Example: Capacitors in Series

Now the $6.0 \mu\text{F}$ and $12.0 \mu\text{F}$ capacitor, 12 V battery and switch are all **in series**. Initially, the switch is open and the capacitors are uncharged. The switch is then closed.

When the capacitors are fully charged

- (a) What is **voltage** across each device in the circuit?
- (b) What is the amount of **charge** on each capacitor plate?
- (c) What **total charge** has passed through the battery?
- (d) What is the **effective capacitance** across the battery?



$$V_a = 12 \text{ V}; \quad V_b = 0 \text{ V}; \quad V_m = ? \quad V_1 = V_a - V_m; \quad V_2 = V_m - V_b.$$

$$Q_1 = C_1 V_1 = C_1 (V_a - V_m) \quad Q_2 = C_2 V_2 = C_2 (V_m - V_b)$$

$$Q_1 = Q_2 \text{ (why?) } \rightarrow C_1 (V_a - V_m) = C_2 (V_m - V_b)$$

$$V_m = \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2} V_a + \frac{C_2}{C_1 + C_2} V_b = \frac{1}{3} (12 \text{ V}) + \frac{2}{3} (0 \text{ V}) = 4 \text{ V}$$

$$Q_1 = Q_2 = Q_{\text{total}} = C_1 (V_a - V_m) = (6.0 \mu\text{F}) [(12 \text{ V}) - (4 \text{ V})] = 48 \mu\text{C}$$

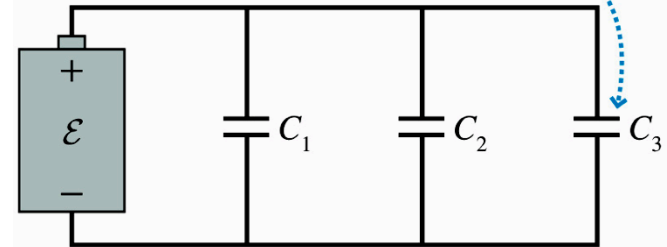
$$\begin{aligned} C_{\text{eff}} &= Q_{\text{total}} / (V_a - V_b) \\ &= (48 \mu\text{C}) / (12 \text{ V}) \\ &= 4 \mu\text{F} \end{aligned}$$

Summary: Combining Capacitors

Parallel: Same ΔV , but different Q s.

$$\begin{aligned}C_{\text{parallel}} &= \frac{Q}{\Delta V_C} = \frac{Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 + \dots}{\Delta V_C} \\&= C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

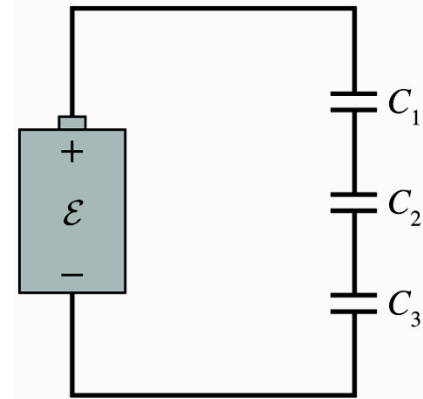
The circuit symbol for a capacitor is two parallel lines.



Parallel capacitors are joined top to top and bottom to bottom.

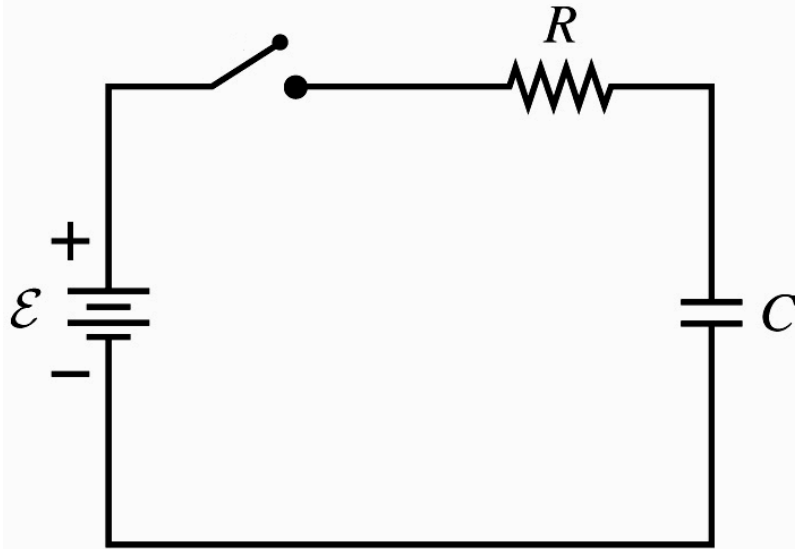
Series: Same Q , but different ΔV s.

$$\begin{aligned}C_{\text{series}} &= \frac{Q}{\Delta V_C} = \frac{Q}{\Delta V_1 + \Delta V_2 + \Delta V_3 + \dots} \\&= \frac{1}{(\Delta V_1 / Q) + (\Delta V_2 / Q) + (\Delta V_3 / Q) + \dots} \\&= \frac{1}{1/C_1 + 1/C_2 + 1/C_3 + \dots}\end{aligned}$$

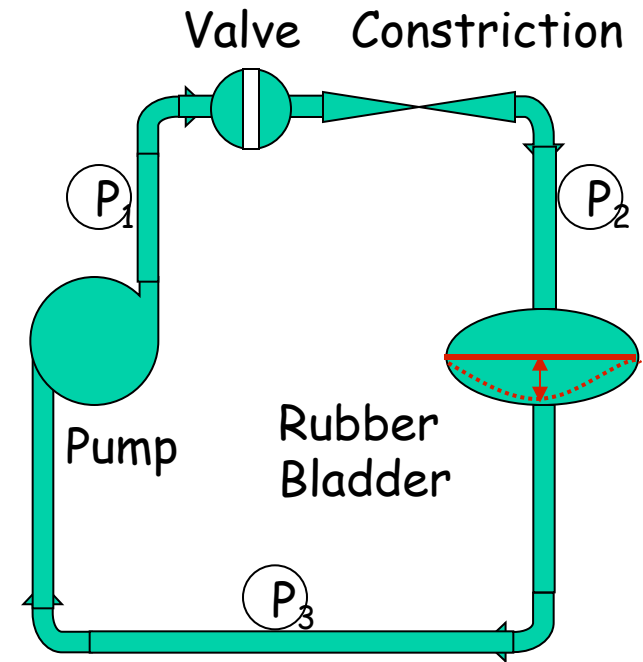


Series capacitors are joined end to end in a row.

"RC circuit" : battery, R, and C in series



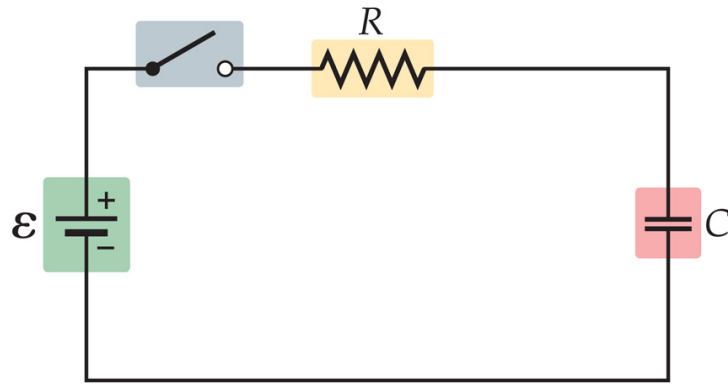
"Plumber's analogy" of an RC circuit: a pump (=battery) pushing water through a closed loop of pipe that includes a valve (=switch), a constriction (=resistor), and a rubber bladder. When the valve starts the flow, the rubber stretches until the pressure difference across the pump ($P_1 - P_3$) equals that across the constriction ($P_1 - P_2$) + bladder ($P_2 - P_3$).



Pump = Battery
Valve = Switch
Constriction = Resistor
Capacitor = Rubber bladder
Pressure = Potential
Water Flow = Current

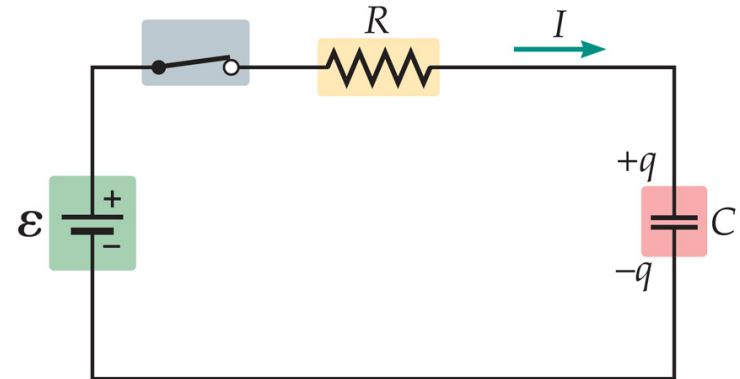
Capacitors: Time-varying current

When switch closes there is **a potential difference of 0** across an uncharged capacitor. After a long time, the capacitor reaches its maximum charge and there is **no current flow** through the capacitor. Therefore, **at $t=0$ the capacitor behaves like a short circuit ($R=0$)**, and **at $t=\infty$ the capacitor behaves like an open circuit ($R=\infty$)**.



(a) $t < 0$

before $t=0$ (C is uncharged)



(b) $t > 0$

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At $t=0$ (C starts charging)

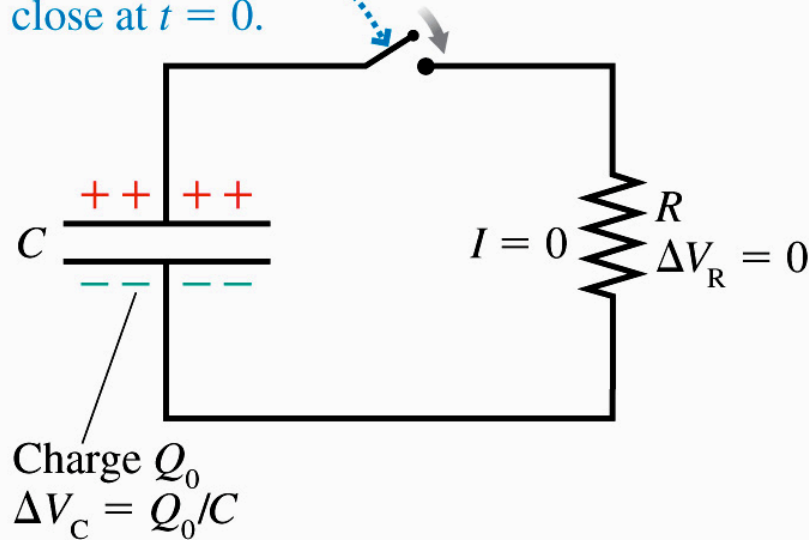
at $t=\infty$, when C is fully charged: $I = 0$ again

What's happening? Voltage drop across C at any time must be $V_C = Q/C$. Current I at any time must be such that $\mathcal{E} = V_C + IR$

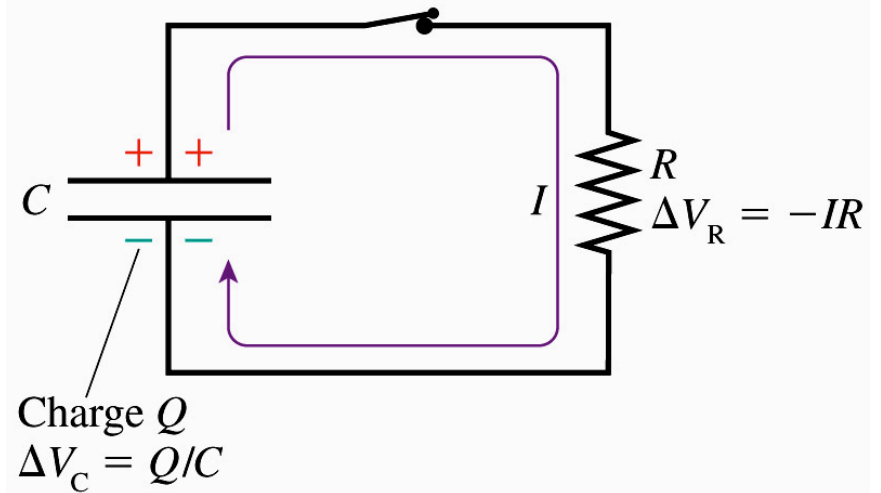
Discharging a fully charged capacitor

(a) Before the switch closes

The switch will close at $t = 0$.



(b) After the switch closes



After switch closes, current flows:

$$\Delta V_C + \Delta V_R = \frac{Q}{C} - IR = \frac{Q}{C} + R \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = 0$$

We find :
$$\frac{Q(t)}{Q_0} = \exp\left[-\frac{t}{RC}\right]$$

Through the magic of calculus...

$$\frac{dQ}{Q} = -\frac{1}{RC} dt \quad \int_{Q_0}^{Q_f} \frac{dQ}{Q} = -\frac{1}{RC} \int_0^t dt$$

$$Q_f = Q_0 e^{-t/RC}$$

Exponential behavior !

RC Exponential Decay

$$Q(t) = Q_0 e^{-t/RC} = Q_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

Define RC time constant: $\tau = RC$

$$1/e = 1/2.71828 = 0.367879$$

$$I(t) = \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} = \frac{Q_0}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \\ = I_0 e^{-t/RC} = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

