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Ohm's law (resistors)

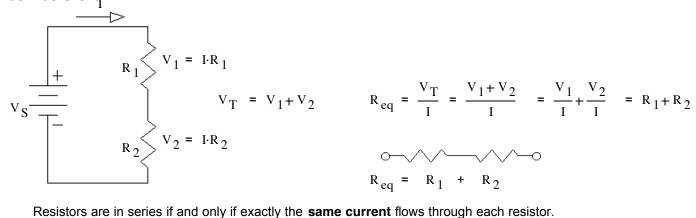
$$V = \frac{V}{I \cdot R} \qquad V = \frac{V}{I$$

 $R = \frac{V}{I}$ definition of resistance and the unit " Ω "



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Series Resistors



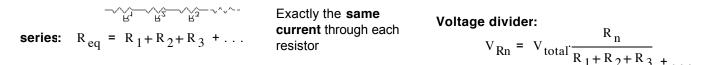
Resistors are in series if and only if exactly the **same current** flows through each resistor.

Exactly the same

resistor

voltage across each

Voltage Divider

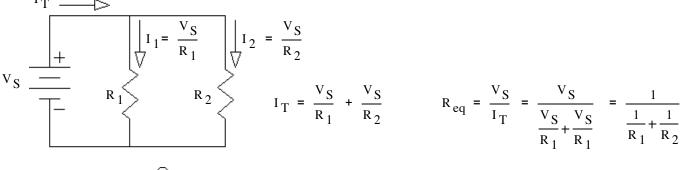


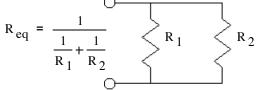
Parallel Resistors

Current Divider

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

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{R}_1 & \mathbf{R}_2 & \mathbf{R}_3 \end{array} \\ \hline \mathbf{I}_{\text{total}} & \overleftarrow{\mathbf{R}}_1 & \mathbf{R}_2 & \mathbf{R}_3 \end{array}$





Resistors are in parallel if and only if the same voltage is across each resistor.

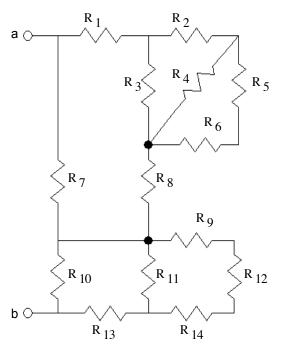
current divider:

$$I_{Rn} = I_{total} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{R_n}}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}} + \dots$$

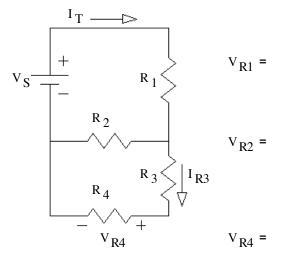
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Series and Parallel

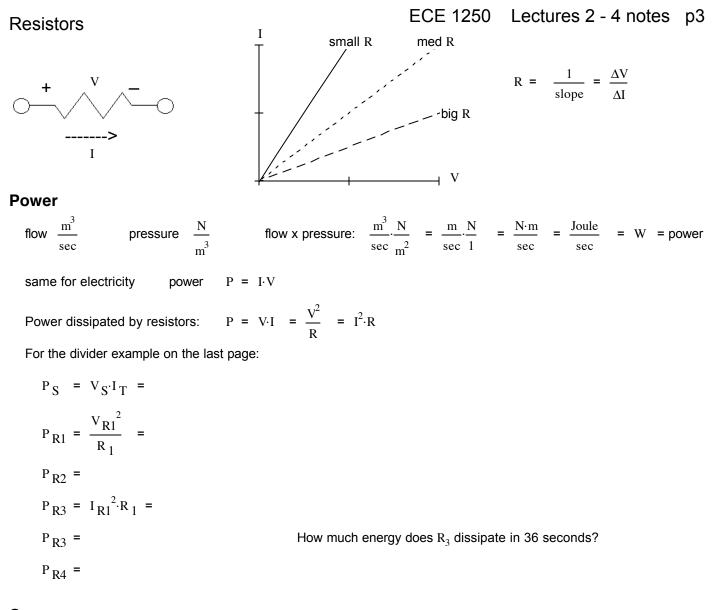


All resistor-only networks can be reduced to a single equivalent, but not always by means of series and parallel concepts. **Dividers** May have to combine some resistors first to get series and parallel resistors to use with divider expressions.

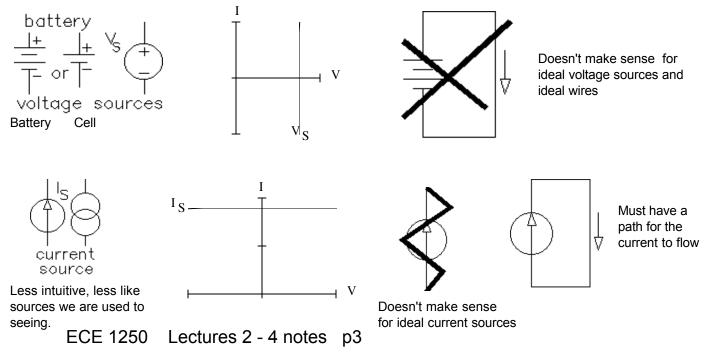


 $I_T =$

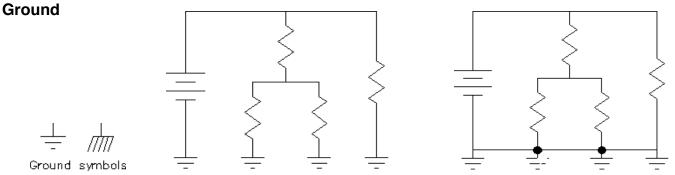
 $I_{R3} =$



Sources







Ground is considered zero volts and is a reference for other voltages.

Nodes & Branches

Node = all points connected by wire, all at same voltage (potential)

