

Fundamentals of Corrosion Mathematics and Electricity

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Appalachian Underground Corrosion Short Course

Rules

- Set cell phones to silent operation
- If you get a call, feel free to walk out, and walk back in when you're done
- If you have a question, leave your hand up for about 10 seconds, then use your voice

Disclaimers

- We will be concentrating on some fundamental mathematical and electrical concepts
- Math is like any other skill –
IT REQUIRES PRACTICE
- I can introduce the information, but you “learn” it by attempting the problems (and struggling) all by yourself.
- This is the “fundamentals” course.

Agenda

- Units
- circuit theory

- Ohms Law
- series and parallel circuit theory

- Evening session (7:00) – do it again

More about “units” than you thought possible

- Introduce “conversion factors” in order to change from one unit system to another.
- Miles to feet
- Tons to pounds
- Years to days
- Millivolts to volts
- Amps to milliamps

Mathematical Concept #1

- ANY number times “1” is always the same number

- EXAMPLE

$$5 * 1 = 5$$

$$23 * 1 = 23$$

$$142 * 1 = 142$$

- You can keep multiplying the number by “one” with no change

- EXAMPLE

$$5 * 1 * 1 * 1 = 5$$

$$23 * 1 * 1 * 1 * 1 = 23$$

Mathematical Concept #2

- A number divided by itself is equal to “1”
- There are some cases where this is not true, but you don't need to worry about it.

EXAMPLES

$$\frac{5}{5} = 1$$

$$\frac{23}{23} = 1$$

$$\frac{142}{142} = 1$$

Concept #2 - elaborated

- I introduced the second concept using pure numbers – 5, 23, 142
- Let's use distance instead of pure numbers.
- If I run 5280 feet.
- And “you” run 1 mile.
- Who runs farther?
- Same distance.
- 1 mile = 5280 feet
- Then:

$$\frac{1 \text{ mile}}{5,280 \text{ feet}} = 1$$

Adding “UNITS” makes a difference

$$\frac{1}{5280} = 0.0001894$$

$$\frac{1 \text{ mile}}{5280 \text{ feet}} = 1$$

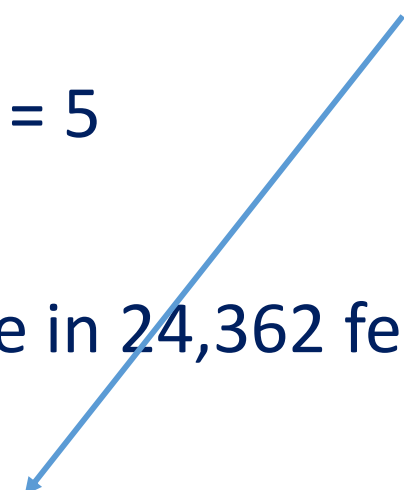
$$\frac{1}{2000} = 0.0005$$

$$\frac{1 \text{ ton}}{2000 \text{ lbs}} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{24} = 0.0416$$

$$\frac{1 \text{ day}}{24 \text{ hours}} = 1$$

Combine concepts 1 and 2 to convert units

- Concept 2 – $\frac{23}{23} = 1$ $\frac{1 \text{ mile}}{5280 \text{ feet}} = 1$
 - Concept 1 - $5 * 1 = 5$
 - How many miles are in 24,362 feet?
 - $24,362 \text{ feet} * \frac{1 \text{ mile}}{5,280 \text{ feet}} = 4.614 \text{ miles}$
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Setting up the equation

- You want the unit you HAVE on the bottom of the conversion factor
- You want the unit you NEED on the top of the conversion factor
- $24,362 \text{ feet} * \frac{1 \text{ mile}}{5,280 \text{ feet}} = 4.614 \text{ miles}$
- When you multiply – the same units on top and bottom cancel, and you're left with the unit you need
- $24,362 \text{ ~~feet~~} * \frac{1 \text{ mile}}{5,280 \text{ ~~feet~~$

A quick note about fractions

- $\frac{15}{690} = \frac{\cancel{3} * 5}{69 * \cancel{5} * 2} = \frac{3}{69 * 2} = \frac{\cancel{3}}{\cancel{3} * 23 * 2} = \frac{1}{46}$ VALID

- *Cancelling only works when multiplying fractions*

- $\frac{15}{690} = \frac{\cancel{10} + 5}{\cancel{10} + 680} = \frac{5}{680} = \frac{1}{136}$ NOT VALID

Examples

- Convert 8.35 miles to feet

- $8.35 \text{ miles} * \frac{5,280 \text{ feet}}{1 \text{ mile}} = 44,088 \text{ feet}$

- Convert 3.16 tons to lbs

- $3.16 \text{ tons} * \frac{2,000 \text{ lbs}}{1 \text{ ton}} = 6,320 \text{ lbs}$

- Convert 3.6 years to days

- $3.6 \text{ years} * \frac{365.25 \text{ days}}{1 \text{ year}} = 1,314.9 \text{ days}$

Let's take the examples further

- Convert 8.35 miles to “millimeters”

$$8.35 \text{ miles} * \frac{5,280 \text{ feet}}{1 \text{ mile}} * \frac{12 \text{ inches}}{1 \text{ foot}} * \frac{25.4 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ inch}} = 13,438,022 \text{ mm}$$

- I don't have to remember how many mm are in a mile
- I used concept #1 to string conversion factors together
- I only need to remember how many mm are in one inch

- Convert 3.16 tons to milligrams

$$3.16 \text{ tons} * \frac{2000 \text{ lbs}}{1 \text{ ton}} * \frac{454 \text{ gms}}{1 \text{ lb}} * \frac{1,000 \text{ mg}}{1 \text{ gm}} = 2,869,280,000 \text{ mg}$$

What if you invert the conversion factor?

- $8.35 \text{ miles} * \frac{5,280 \text{ feet}}{1 \text{ mile}} = 44,088 \text{ feet (correct)}$

- $8.35 \text{ miles} * \frac{1 \text{ mile}}{5,280 \text{ feet}} = 0.00158 \frac{\text{mile-mile}}{\text{foot}}$

- Two clues you got the conversion factor wrong

- One – you know that 8 miles is more than 1/1000th of a foot
- Two – very strange unit – mile²/foot (valid but strange)
 - the units did not cancel

Electrical Units

- Volt – an honorary unit for Count Alessandro Volta
 - Volta invented the modern battery and discovered methane

- $1 \text{ Volt} = \frac{1 \text{ kg} - \text{m}}{\text{Coloumb} - \text{s}^2}$

- Ampere – an honorary unit for French physicist Andre Ampere

- $1 \text{ Amp} = \frac{1 \text{ Coloumb}}{\text{s}}$

Converting electrical units

- In the cathodic protection field electrical unit conversions are typically limited to:
Amps to milliamps / milliamps to amps
and
Volts to millivolts / millivolts to volts
- The factors look like this:

$$\frac{1 \text{ Amp}}{1,000 \text{ mA}}$$

$$\frac{1,000 \text{ mA}}{1 \text{ Amp}}$$

$$\frac{1 \text{ Volt}}{1,000 \text{ mV}}$$

$$\frac{1,000 \text{ mV}}{1 \text{ Volt}}$$

Volt and Amp Conversion Examples

$$630mA * \frac{1A}{1000mA} = 0.63A$$

$$0.542 V * \frac{1,000 mV}{1 V} = 542 mV$$

$$-823mA * \frac{1A}{1000mA} = -0.823A$$

$$2.81 V * \frac{1,000 mV}{1 V} = 2,810 mV$$

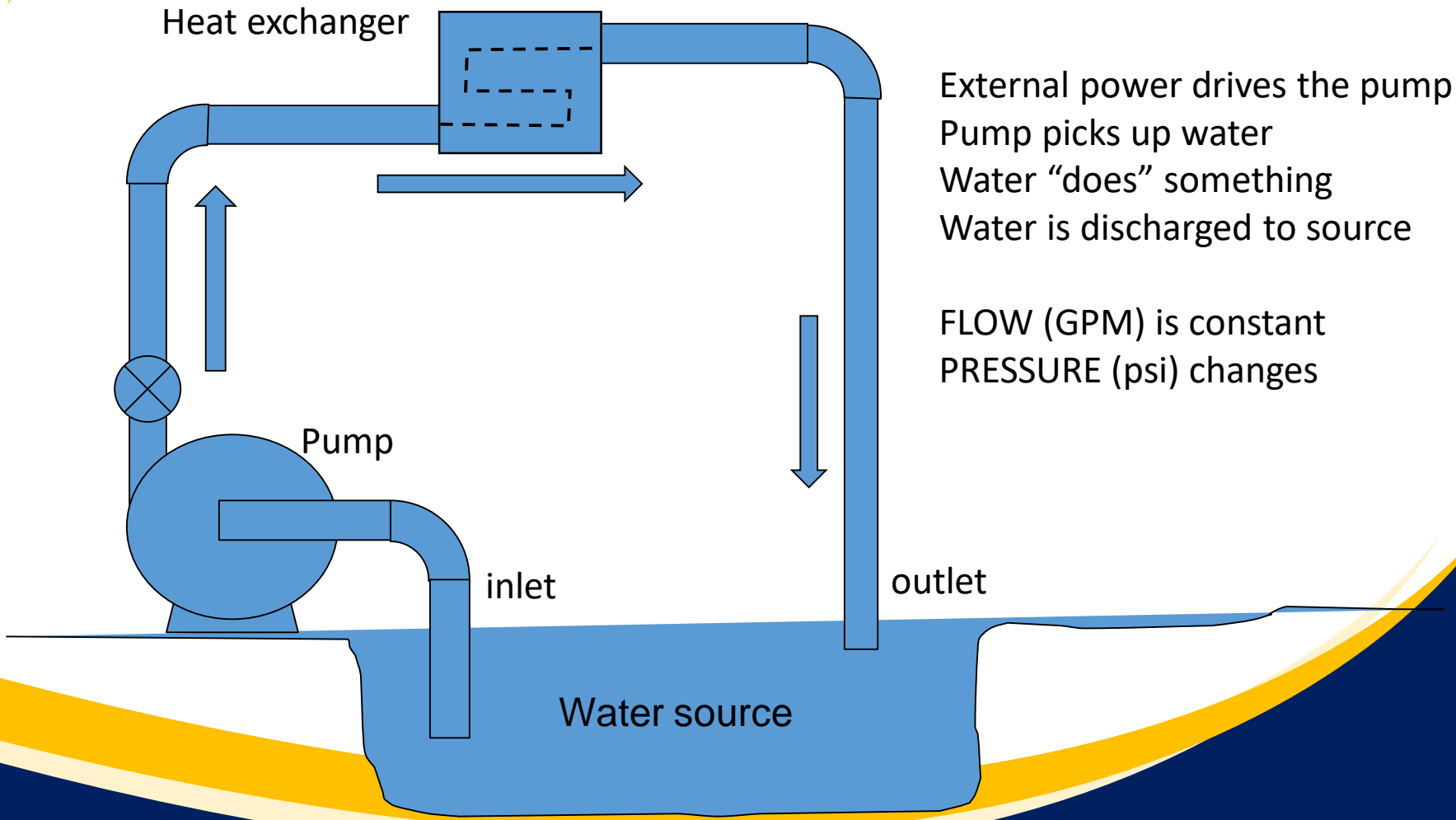
$$-1.71A * \frac{1000mA}{1A} = -1710mA$$

$$0.79 mV * \frac{1 V}{1,000 mV} = 0.00079V$$

$$2.5A * \frac{1000mA}{1A} = 2500mA$$

$$39.6 mV * \frac{1 V}{1,000 mV} = 0.0396 V$$

A Fluid Circuit

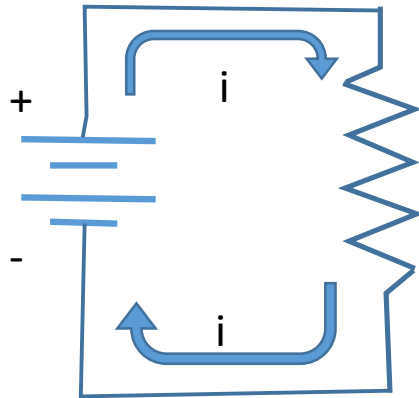


Measurement in a fluid circuit

- Pressure can be measured without interrupting the flow.
 - Pressure gauge in a tap
- Flow rate is measured by making all the fluid go through a meter. Flow is diverted
 - Ultrasonic meters do not divert flow

An Electrical Circuit

Voltage Source –
current flows out
of the “+” side



Resistor – described in “ohms”

Current is the same at all points
Voltage changes throughout circuit

Current flowing clockwise
in this illustration – denoted
by “i”

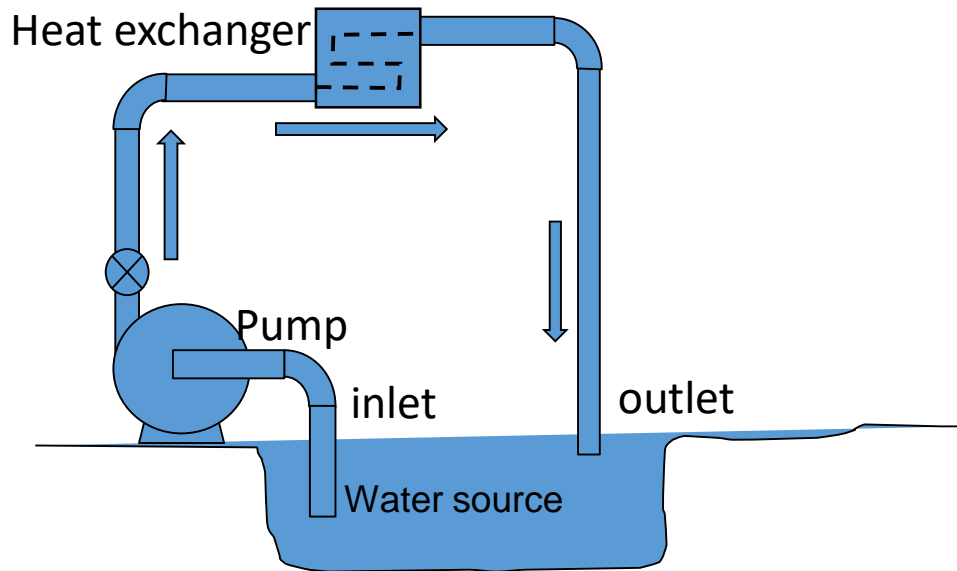
Measurement in an electrical circuit

- Voltage can be measured without interrupting the flow.
 - Similar to pressure in a fluid circuit
- Current is measured by making all the current flow through a meter. Flow is diverted.

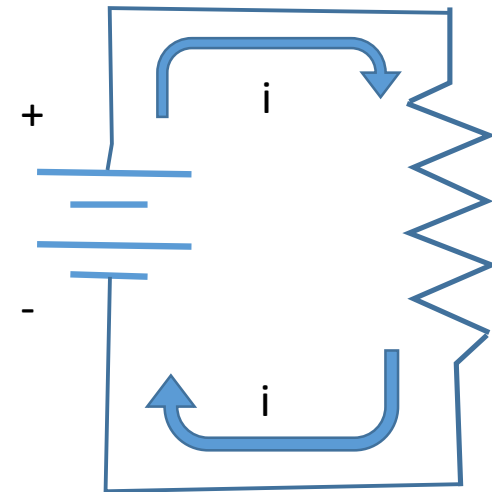
Equivalence – Fluid to Electricity

PRESSURE (psi)
FLOW (gpm or cfs)

POTENTIAL (volts)
CURRENT (amps)



Pressure changes around circuit
Flow rate is constant



Potential changes around circuit
Current is constant

Equivalence

- **FLUIDS**

- **Pressure**

- Pounds per square inch
- Measure without diverting flow

- **Flow**

- Gallons per minute
- Measured by diverting flow

- **ELECTRICITY**

- **Potential**

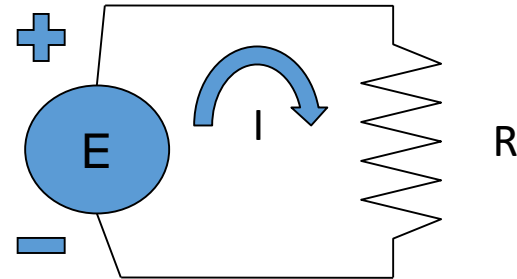
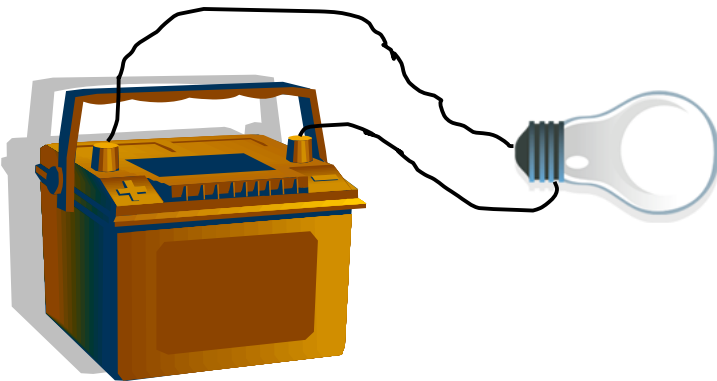
- Volts
- Measured without diverting current

- **Current**

- Amps (coulombs / sec)
- Measured by diverting the current

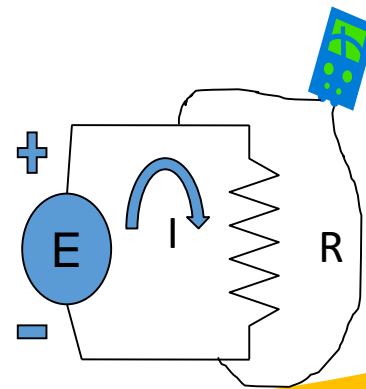
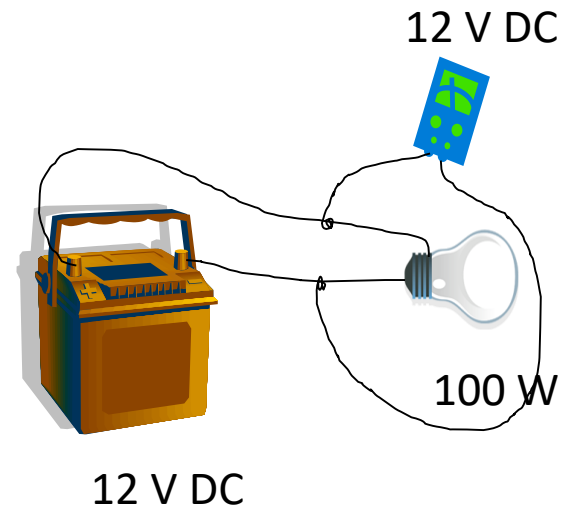
A simple circuit

- 12 V car battery attached to a light bulb
- Current flows out of the (+) terminal and returns to the (-) terminal



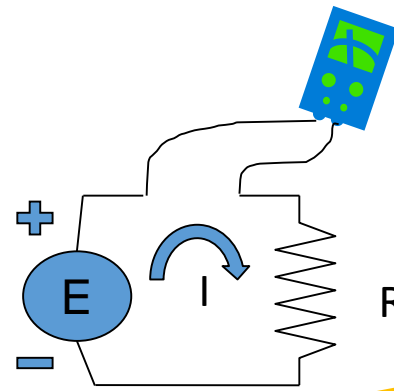
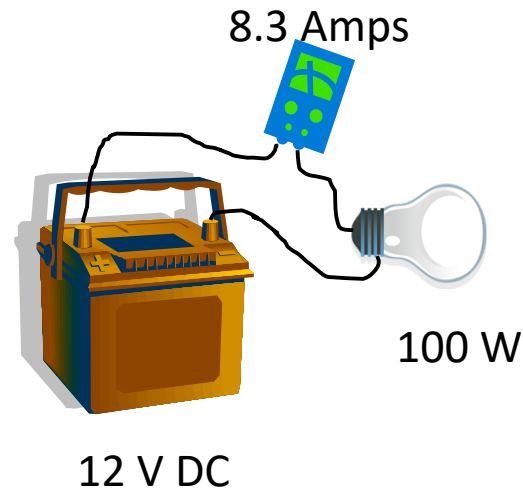
Measuring electrical potential

- Measuring potential, no current goes through the meter
- High internal resistance meter
- Meter is separate from current flow



Measuring electrical current

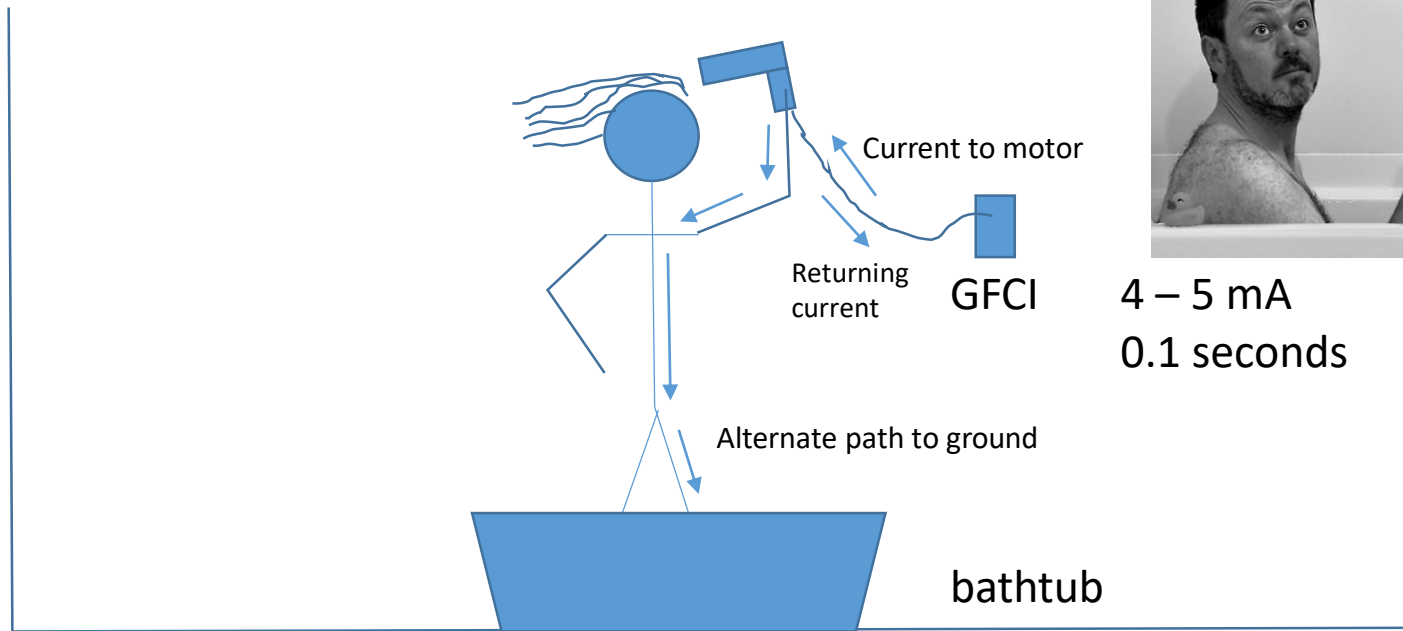
- In order to measure current, all current goes through the meter.
- Meter becomes part of the circuit
- Current meters have very low internal resistance



Circuits around the house

- A GFCI (in outlets around moisture) operates (and protects you) on the principal that “current is the same at all points in a circuit”.
- A normal breaker – like in your main breaker box opens (breaks the circuit) when TOO MUCH current is flowing.
- A ground fault circuit interrupter opens when current on one side of the circuit is different from the current on the other side.

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter



4 – 5 mA
0.1 seconds

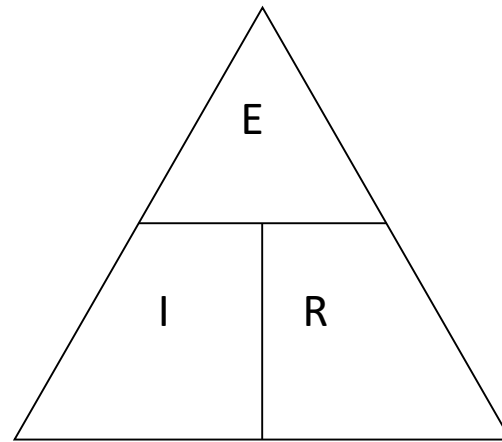
Ohm's Law

A potential of 1 volt across a resistance of 1 ohm causes 1 amp of current to flow

$$E = I * R$$

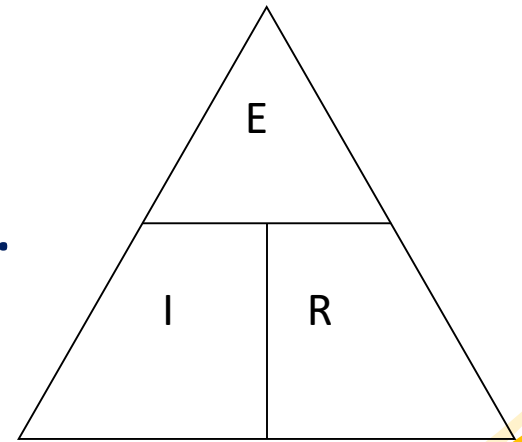
$$I = E / R$$

$$R = E / I$$



Ohm's Law

- Using the triangle.
- Cover the variable that you need to find.
- The “known” variables will be in the configuration you need.
- Need to know “I”?
- Cover the I and you're left with $\frac{E}{R}$.
- Therefore $I = \frac{E}{R}$

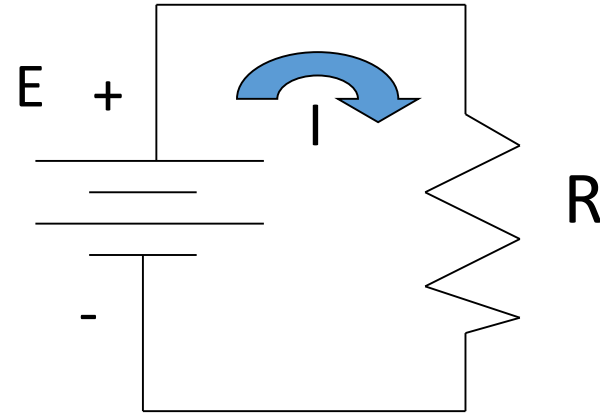


Units and Ohm's Law

- ALWAYS convert units to Amps, volts, and Ohms.
- Do NOT use milliamps, millivolts, or kilo-ohms.

Ohm's Law Example 1

- If the voltage (E) is 10.5 Volts and the resistance (R) is 5 ohms, how much current (I) is flowing?

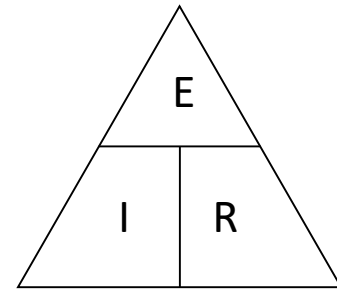


- $I = E/R = E \div R$
- $I = 10.5V \div 5\text{ohms}$
- $I = 2.1 \text{ Amps}$

$$E = IR$$

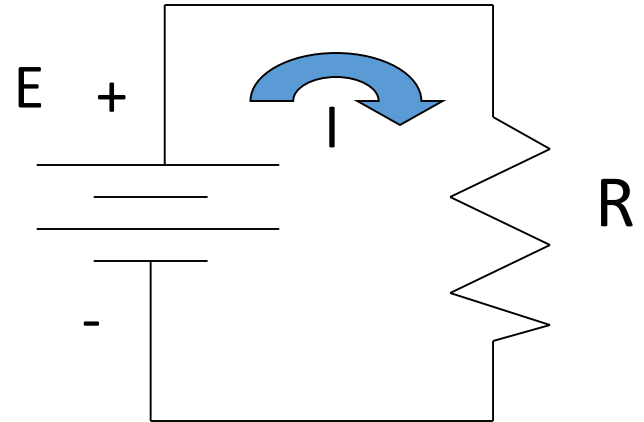
$$R = E/I$$

$$I = E/R$$



Ohm's Law Example 2

- If the voltage (E) is 1.6 Volts and the current (I) is 2 amps, what is the resistance in the circuit?

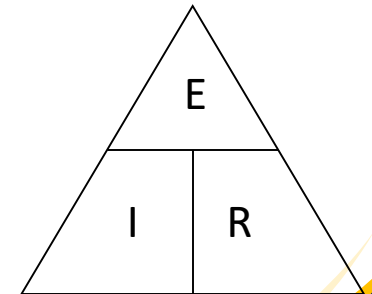


- $R = E \div I$
- $R = 1.6V \div 2 \text{ amps}$
- $R = 0.8 \text{ ohms}$

$$E = IR$$

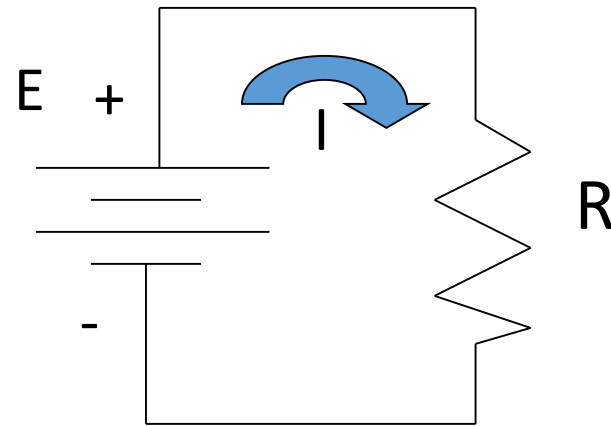
$$R = E/I$$

$$I = E/R$$



Ohm's Law Example 3

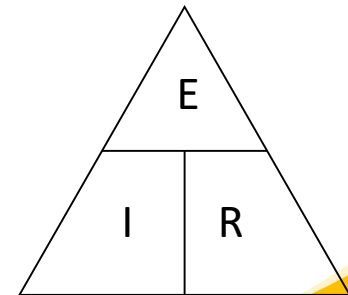
- If the current (I) is 100 mA and the resistance (R) is 1.5 ohms, what is the voltage across the resistor?
- $E = I * R$
- $I = 100 \text{ mA} = 0.1\text{A}$
- $R = 1.5 \text{ ohms}$
- $E = 0.1 * 1.5$
- $E = 0.15\text{V}$



$$E = IR$$

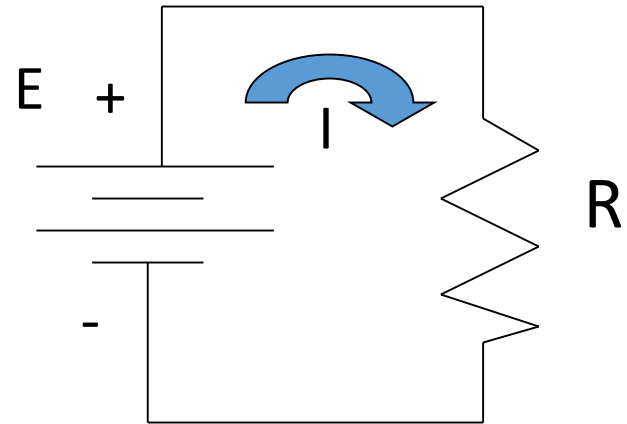
$$R = E/I$$

$$I = E/R$$



Ohm's Law Example 3 – mistake included

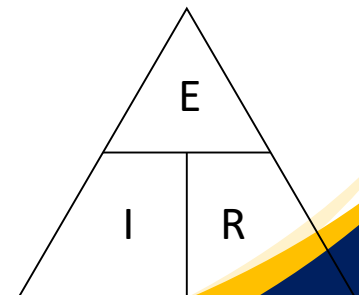
- If the current (I) is 100 mA and the resistance (R) is 1.5 ohms, what is the voltage across the resistor?
- $E = I * R$
- $I = 100 \text{ mA}$
- $R = 1.5 \text{ ohms}$
- $E = 100 * 1.5$
- $E = 150 \text{ V (not 0.15V)}$



$$E = IR$$

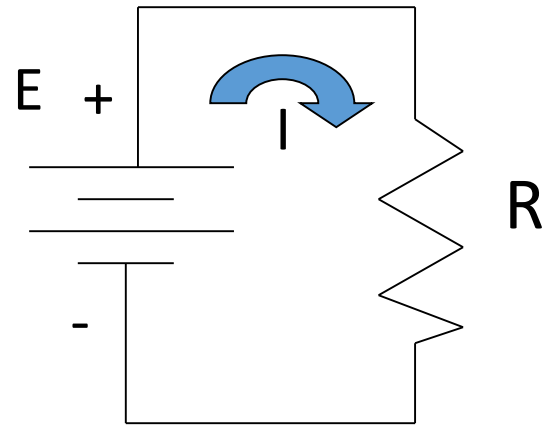
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$$I = E/R$$



Ohm's Law Example 4

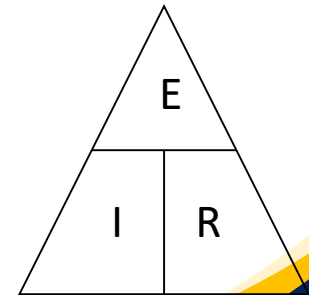
- If the current (I) is 2.5 mA and the voltage (E) is 2.5 volts, what is the resistance of the circuit?
- $R = E \div I$
- $I = 2.5 \text{ mA} = 0.0025\text{A}$
- $E = 2.5 \text{ volts}$
- $R = 2.5 \div .0025$
- $R = 1000 \text{ ohms}$



$$E = IR$$

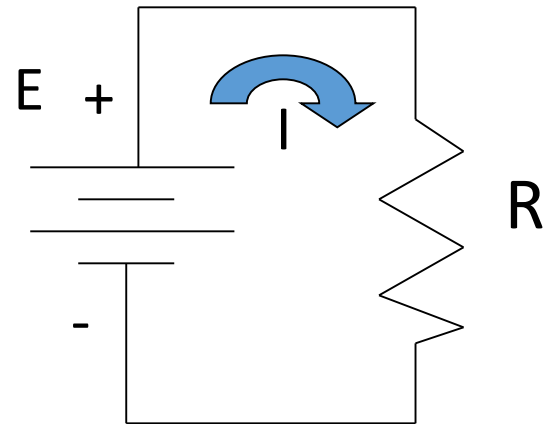
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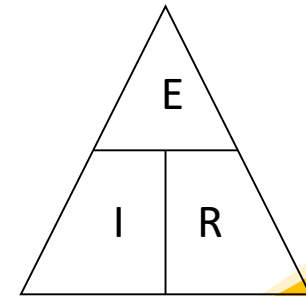
- If the current (I) is 2.5 mA and the voltage (E) is 2.5 volts, what is the resistance of the circuit?
- $R = E \div I$
- $I = 2.5 \text{ mA}$
- $E = 2.5 \text{ volts}$
- $R = 2.5 \div 2.5$
- $R = 1 \text{ ohm (wrong)}$



$$E = IR$$

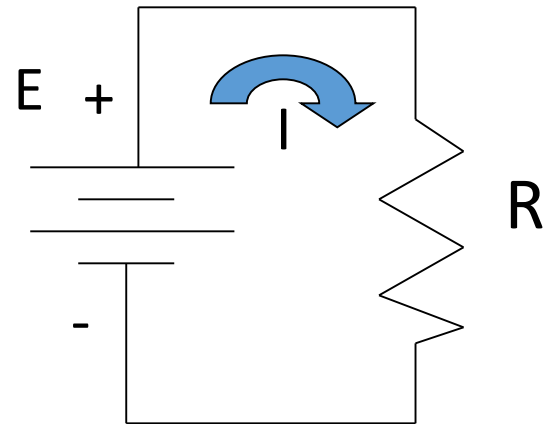
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$$I = E/R$$



Ohm's Law Example 5

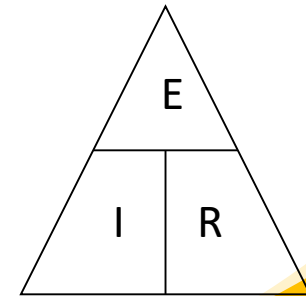
- If the current (I) is 20 A and the resistance (R) is 2 ohms, what is the voltage across the resistor?
- $E = I * R$
- $I = 20 \text{ A}$
- $R = 2 \text{ ohms}$
- $E = 20 * 2$
- $E = 40 \text{ V}$



$$E = IR$$

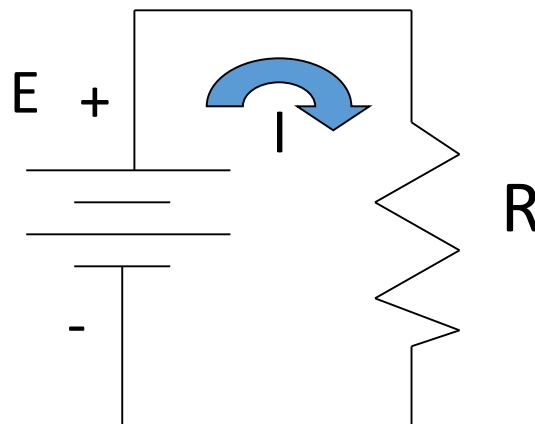
$$R = E/I$$

$$I = E/R$$



Ohm's Law Example 6

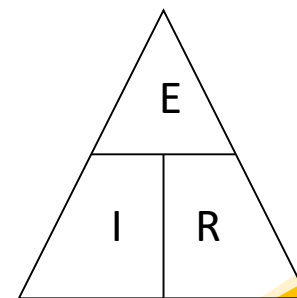
- If the voltage (E) is 12 Volts and the resistance (R) is 4 ohms, how much current (I – in milliamps) is flowing?
- $I = E \div R$
- $I = 12V \div 4 \text{ ohms}$
- $I = 3 \text{ Amps}$
- $I = 3 \text{ A} * (1000\text{mA}/1\text{A})$
- $I = 3000 \text{ mA}$



$$E = IR$$

$$R = E/I$$

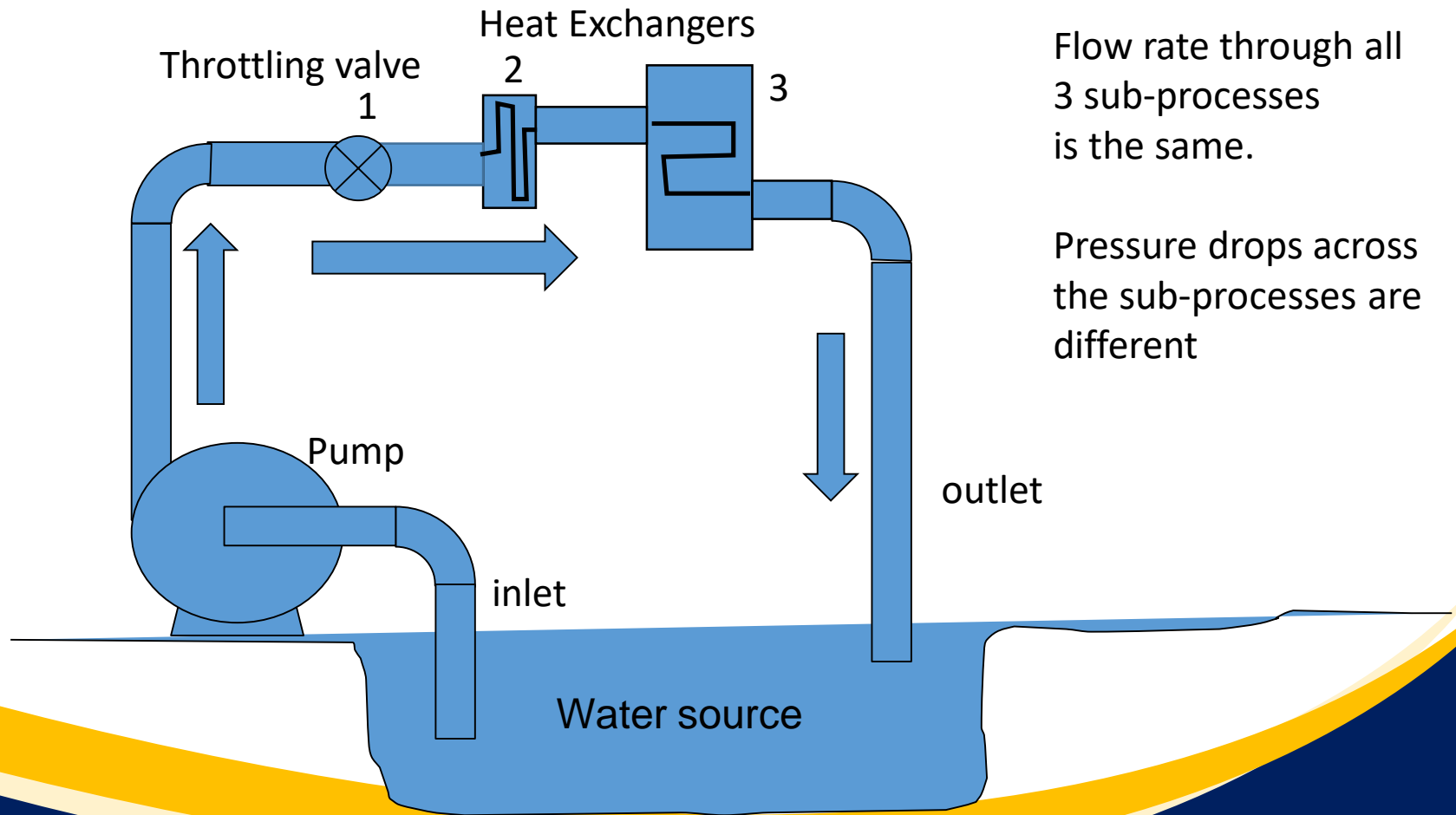
$$I = E/R$$



Electric Circuit Analysis

- Resistors in a circuit can be connected in series
 - Current is the same through all resistors
 - Voltage drop across different resistances is different
- Resistors in a circuit can be connected in parallel
 - Current through different resistors is different
 - Voltage drop across all resistors is the same

Fluid Circuit with “resistance” in series

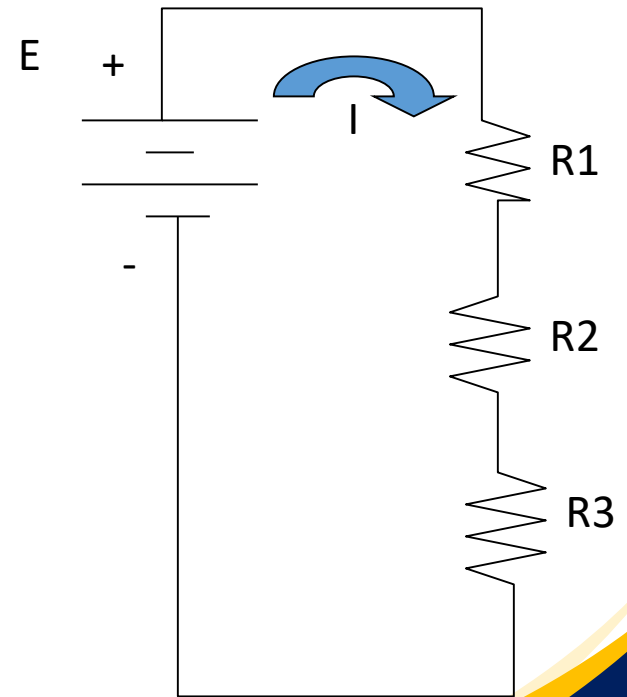


Flow rate through all 3 sub-processes is the same.

Pressure drops across the sub-processes are different

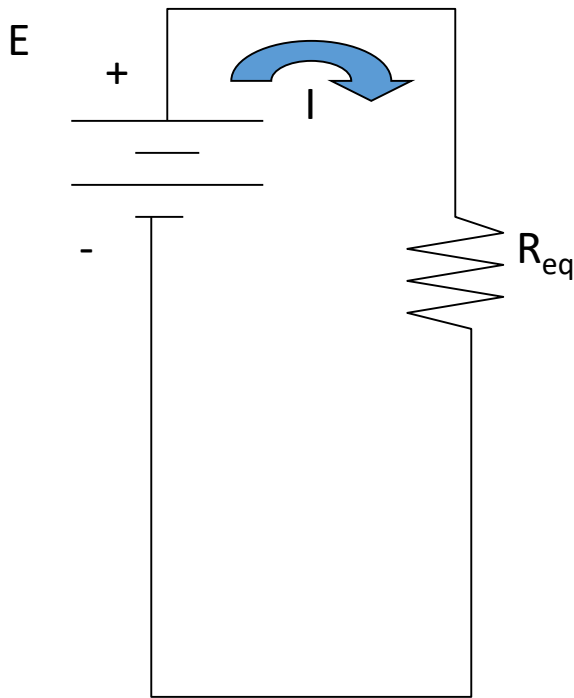
Resistors in Series

- All the current flows through all the resistors
- Depending on the resistance values, the voltage drop across each R is different.
- What is the equiv R ?

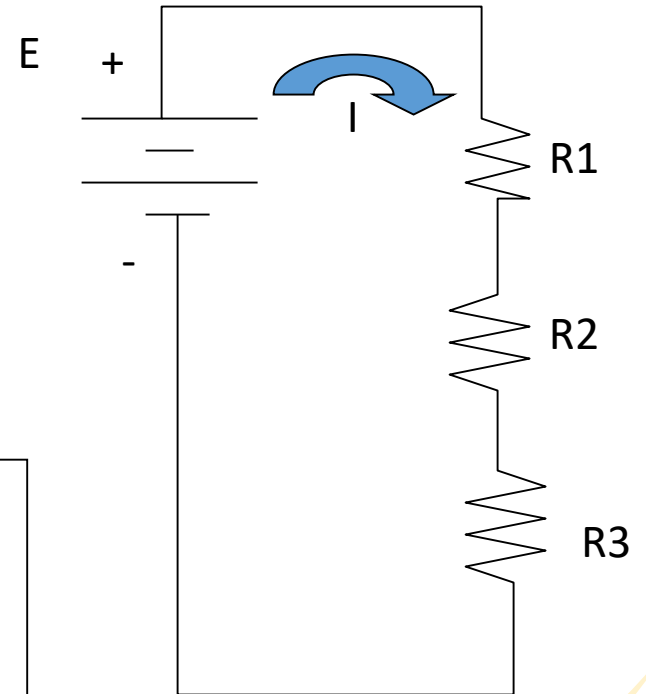


Resistors in Series

what is the equivalent resistance?



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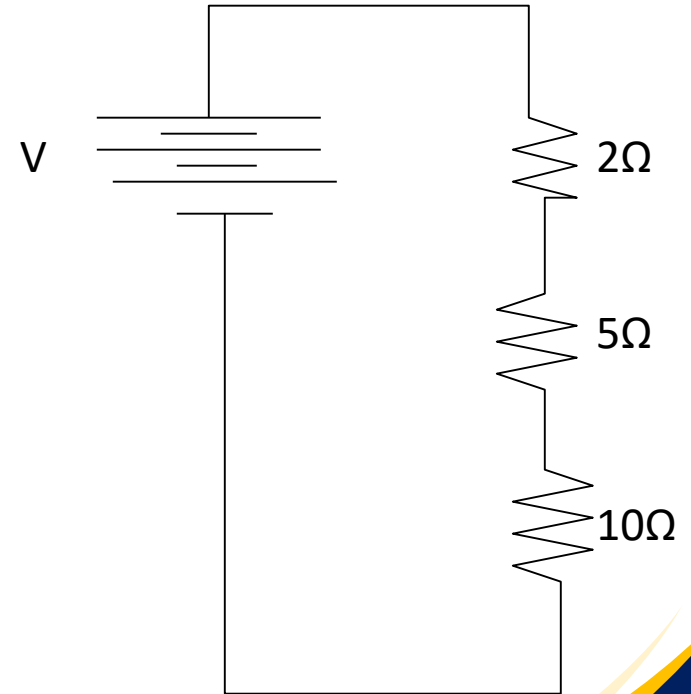
$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

The equivalent resistance is greater than the largest resistor.

Series Circuit Example

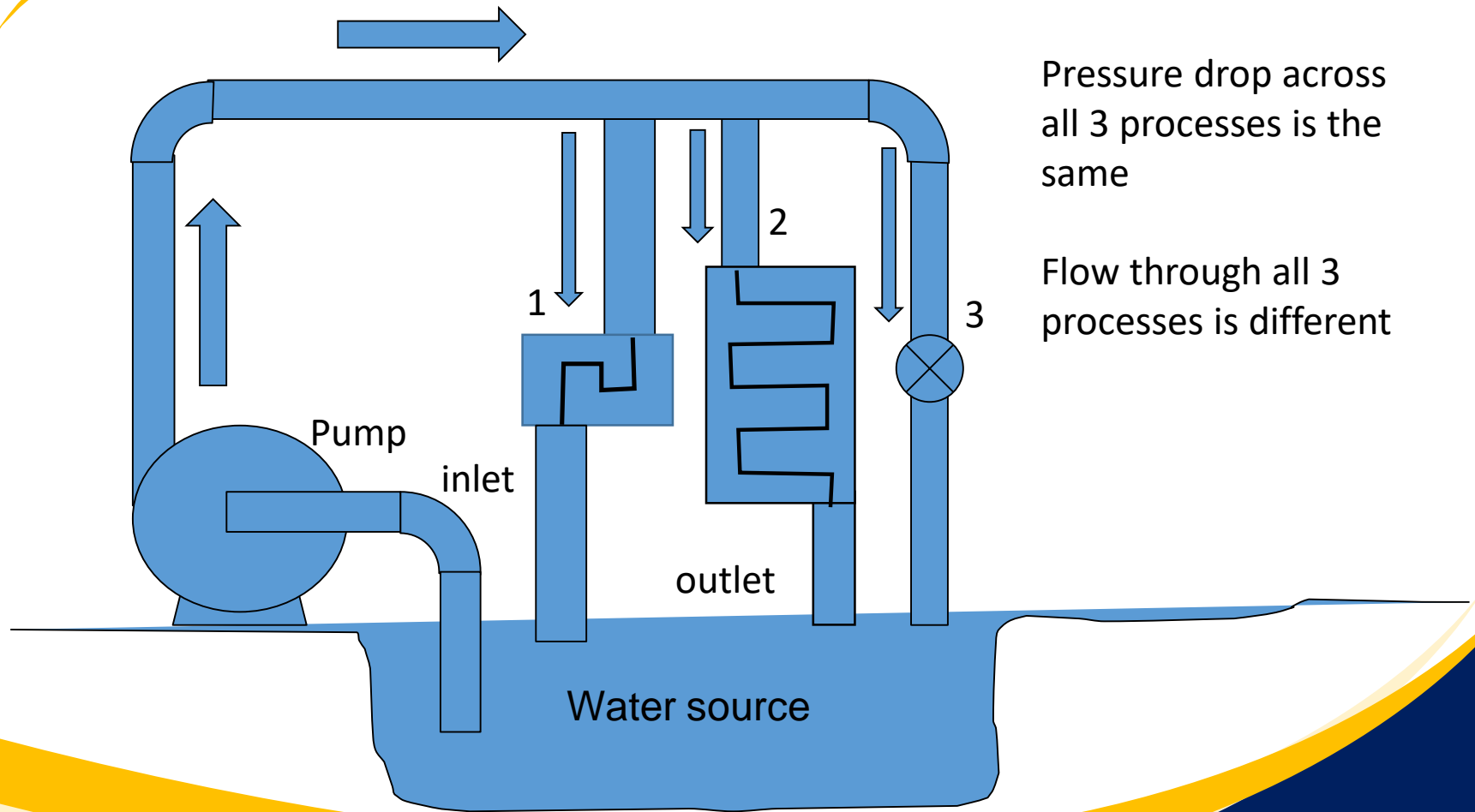
$$R_{eq} = 2 \Omega + 5 \Omega + 10 \Omega$$

$$R_{eq} = 17 \Omega$$



The equivalent resistance is HIGHER than the highest individual resistor.

Fluid circuit with “resistance” in parallel

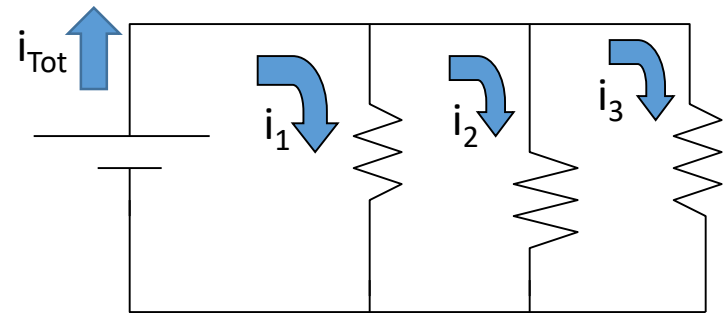


Pressure drop across all 3 processes is the same

Flow through all 3 processes is different

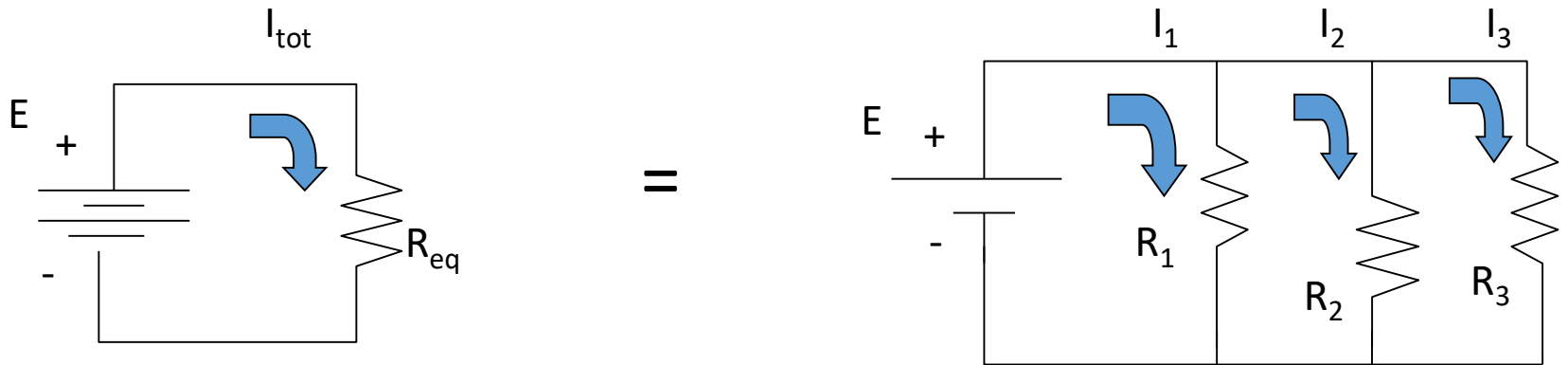
Resistors in Parallel

- Different currents flow through the resistors
- The voltage drop across each R is the same.
- What is the equiv R?



$$i_{Tot} = i_1 + i_2 + i_3$$

Resistors in Parallel



$$I_{total} = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \quad I = E/R$$

$$E/R_{eq} = E/R_1 + E/R_2 + E/R_3$$

$$1/R_{eq} = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + 1/R_3$$

Numerical Example of Parallel Resistors

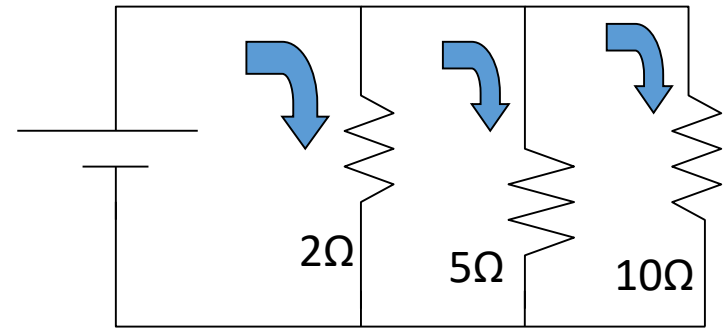
$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{2\Omega} + \frac{1}{5\Omega} + \frac{1}{10\Omega}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = 0.5\ \Omega^{-1} + 0.2\ \Omega^{-1} + 0.1\ \Omega^{-1}$$

$$= 0.8\ \Omega^{-1}$$

$$R_{eq} = 1/0.8 = 1.25\ \Omega$$

The Equivalent resistance is LOWER than the lowest resistance.





End of Presentation

