10. Resistors II

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**Abstract**

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Consider a wire with resistance \( R = \rho \ell / A \) connected to a battery.

- **Resistor rule**: In the direction of \( I \) across a resistor with resistance \( R \), the electric potential drops: \( \Delta V = -IR \).
- **EMF rule**: From the (−) terminal to the (+) terminal in an ideal source of emf, the potential rises: \( \Delta V = \varepsilon \).
- **Loop rule**: The algebraic sum of the changes in potential encountered in a complete traversal of any loop in a circuit must be zero: \( \sum \Delta V_i = 0 \).
Real batteries have an internal resistance $r$.

The terminal voltage $V_{ba} \equiv V_a - V_b$ is smaller than the emf $\mathcal{E}$ written on the label if a current flows through the battery.

Usage of the battery increases its internal resistance.

Current from loop rule: $\mathcal{E} - Ir - IR = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad I = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R + r}$

Current from terminal voltage: $V_{ba} = \mathcal{E} - Ir = IR \quad \Rightarrow \quad I = \frac{V_{ba}}{R}$
Symbols Used in Circuit Diagrams

- **R** represents a **resistor**
- **A** represents an **ammeter** (connect in series)
- **C** represents a **capacitor**
- **V** represents a **voltmeter** (connect in parallel)
- **L** represents an **inductor**
- **●** represents a **diode**
- **ε** represents an **emf source**
- **E** represents a **transistor**
Consider the resistor circuit shown.

(a) Find the direction of the current $I$ (cw/ccw).
(b) Find the magnitude of the current $I$.
(c) Find the voltage $V_{ab} = V_b - V_a$.
(d) Find the voltage $V_{cd} = V_d - V_c$. 

\[ \begin{align*}
1\Omega & \quad 12V \\
1\Omega & \quad 2\Omega
\end{align*} \]
Consider the resistor circuit shown.

(a) Find the direction (cw/ccw) of the current $I$ in the loop.
(b) Find the magnitude of the current $I$ in the loop.
(c) Find the potential difference $V_{ab} = V_b - V_a$.
(d) Find the voltage $V_{cd} = V_d - V_c$.

![Resistor Circuit Diagram](image-url)
Consider the resistor circuit shown.

(a) Guess the current direction (cw/ccw).
(b) Use the loop rule to determine the current.
(c) Find $V_{ab} \equiv V_b - V_a$ along two different paths.
Resistors Connected in Parallel

Find the equivalent resistance of two resistors connected in parallel.

- Current through resistors: $I_1 + I_2 = I$
- Voltage across resistors: $V_1 = V_2 = V$
- Equivalent resistance: $\frac{1}{R} \equiv \frac{I}{V} = \frac{I_1}{V_1} + \frac{I_2}{V_2}$
- $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$
Find the equivalent resistance of two resistors connected in series.

- Current through resistors: $I_1 = I_2 = I$
- Voltage across resistors: $V_1 + V_2 = V$
- Equivalent resistance: $R \equiv \frac{V}{I} = \frac{V_1}{I_1} + \frac{V_2}{I_2}$
- $\Rightarrow R = R_1 + R_2$
Consider the two resistor circuits shown.

(a) Find the resistance $R_1$.
(b) Find the emf $\varepsilon_1$.
(c) Find the resistance $R_2$.
(d) Find the emf $\varepsilon_2$. 
Consider the two resistor circuits shown.

(a) Find the resistance $R_1$.
(b) Find the current $I_1$.
(c) Find the resistance $R_2$.
(d) Find the current $I_2$. 

\begin{center}
\begin{tikzpicture}
\begin{scope}
\draw (-2,0)--(-2,2)--(-1,2)--(-1,1.5)--(1,1.5)--(1,0)--cycle;
\draw (-2,1.5)--(-1,1.5);
\draw (-1,1.5)--(-1,1);
\draw (-1,1)--(-2,1);
\draw (-2,1)--(-2,0);
\draw (-1,1)--(-1,0);
\draw (-2,0)--(-2,-1);
\draw (-1,0)--(-1,-1);
\node at (-2.5,0) {12V};
\node at (-2.5,1.5) {3A};
\node at (-2.5,2) {I_1};
\node at (-1.5,1.5) {$1\Omega$};
\node at (-0.5,1.5) {$R_1$};
\node at (0.5,1.5) {$6\Omega$};
\end{scope}
\begin{scope}[xshift=5cm]
\draw (-2,0)--(-2,2)--(-1,2)--(-1,1.5)--(1,1.5)--(1,0)--cycle;
\draw (-2,1.5)--(-1,1.5);
\draw (-1,1.5)--(-1,1);
\draw (-1,1)--(-2,1);
\draw (-2,1)--(-2,0);
\draw (-1,1)--(-1,0);
\draw (-2,0)--(-2,-1);
\draw (-1,0)--(-1,-1);
\node at (2.5,0) {12V};
\node at (-2.5,1.5) {$3\Omega$};
\node at (-2.5,2) {I_2};
\node at (-1.5,1.5) {$2\Omega$};
\node at (0.5,1.5) {$R_2$};
\end{scope}
\end{tikzpicture}
\end{center}
Consider the resistor and capacitor circuits shown.

(a) Find the equivalent resistance $R_{eq}$.
(b) Find the power $P_2, P_3, P_4$ dissipated in each resistor.
(c) Find the equivalent capacitance $C_{eq}$.
(d) Find the energy $U_2, U_3, U_4$ stored in each capacitor.
Power in Resistor Circuit

Battery in use

- Terminal voltage: $V_{ab} = \mathcal{E} - Ir = IR$
- Power output of battery: $P = V_{ab}I = \mathcal{E}I - I^2r$
  - Power generated in battery: $\mathcal{E}I$
  - Power dissipated in battery: $I^2r$
- Power dissipated in resistor: $P = I^2R$

Battery being charged:

- Terminal voltage: $V_{ab} = \mathcal{E} + Ir$
- Power supplied by charging device: $P = V_{ab}I$
- Power input into battery: $P = \mathcal{E}I + I^2r$
  - Power stored in battery: $\mathcal{E}I$
  - Power dissipated in battery: $I^2r$
Consider two 24V batteries with internal resistances (a) \( r = 4\Omega \), (b) \( r = 2\Omega \).

- Which setting of the switch (L/R) produces the larger power dissipation in the resistor on the side?
A battery providing an emf $\mathcal{E}$ with internal resistance $r$ is connected to an external resistor of resistance $R$ as shown.

For what value of $R$ does the battery deliver the maximum power to the external resistor?

- Electric current: $\mathcal{E} - Ir - IR = 0 \implies I = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{R + r}$

- Power delivered to external resistor: $P = I^2 R = \frac{\mathcal{E}^2 R}{(R + r)^2}$

- Condition for maximum power: $\frac{dP}{dR} = 0 \implies R = r$
Consider the circuit of resistors shown.

- Find the equivalent resistance $R_{eq}$.
- Find the currents $I_1, \ldots, I_5$ through each resistor and the voltages $V_1, \ldots, V_5$ across each resistor.
- Find the total power $P$ dissipated in the circuit.
Kirchhoff’s Rules

Loop Rule

- When any closed-circuit loop is traversed, the algebraic sum of the changes in electric potential must be zero.

Junction Rule

- At any junction in a circuit, the sum of the incoming currents must equal the sum of the outgoing currents.

Strategy

- Use the junction rule to name all independent currents.
- Use the loop rule to determine the independent currents.
In the circuit of steady currents, use the junction rule to find the unknown currents $I_1, \ldots, I_6$. 
Applying Kirchhoff’s Rules

Consider the circuit shown below.

- Junction a: \( I_1, I_2 \) (in); \( I_1 + I_2 \) (out)
- Junction b: \( I_1 + I_2 \) (in); \( I_1, I_2 \) (out)
- Two independent currents require the use of two loops.
- Loop A (ccw): \( 6V - (2\Omega)I_1 - 2V - (2\Omega)I_1 = 0 \)
- Loop B (ccw): \( (3\Omega)I_2 + 1V + (2\Omega)I_2 - 6V = 0 \)
- Solution: \( I_1 = 1A, \ I_2 = 1A \)
Consider the electric circuit shown.

- Identify all independent currents via junction rule.
- Determine the independent currents via loop rule.
- Find the Potential difference $V_{ab} = V_b - V_a$. 
Use Kirchhoff’s rules to find

(a) the current $I$,
(b) the resistance $R$,
(c) the emf $\varepsilon$,
(d) the voltage $V_{ab} \equiv V_b - V_a$. 

\[ I = 1A \text{ and } R = 2\Omega \text{ and } \varepsilon = 6A \]
Consider the electric circuit shown.

(a) Find the current through the 12V battery.
(b) Find the current through the $2\,\Omega$ resistor.
(c) Find the total power dissipated.
(d) Find the voltage $V_{cd} \equiv V_d - V_c$.
(e) Find the voltage $V_{ab} \equiv V_b - V_a$. 

![Resistor Circuit Diagram]
Consider the electric circuit shown.

- Find the equivalent resistance $R_{eq}$ of the circuit.
- Find the total power $P$ dissipated in the circuit.
More Complex Capacitor Circuit

No two capacitors are in parallel or in series. Solution requires different strategy:

- zero charge on each conductor (here color coded),
- zero voltage around any closed loop.

Specifications: $C_1, \ldots, Q_5, V$.
Five equations for unknowns $Q_1, \ldots, Q_5$:

- $Q_1 + Q_2 - Q_4 - Q_5 = 0$
- $Q_3 + Q_4 - Q_1 = 0$
- $\frac{Q_5}{C_5} + \frac{Q_3}{C_3} - \frac{Q_4}{C_4} = 0$
- $\frac{Q_2}{C_2} - \frac{Q_1}{C_1} - \frac{Q_3}{C_3} = 0$
- $V - \frac{Q_1}{C_1} - \frac{Q_4}{C_4} = 0$

Equivalent capacitance: $C_{eq} = \frac{Q_1 + Q_2}{V}$

(a) $C_m = 1\text{pF}$, $m = 1, \ldots, 5$ and $V = 1\text{V}$:

$C_{eq} = 1\text{pF}$, $Q_3 = 0$

$Q_1 = Q_2 = Q_4 = Q_5 = \frac{1}{2}\text{pC}$.

(b) $C_m = m\text{pF}$, $m = 1, \ldots, 5$ and $V = 1\text{V}$:

$C_{eq} = \frac{159}{71}\text{pF}$, $Q_1 = \frac{55}{71}\text{pC}$, $Q_2 = \frac{104}{71}\text{pC}$,

$Q_3 = -\frac{9}{71}\text{pC}$, $Q_4 = \frac{64}{71}\text{pC}$, $Q_5 = \frac{95}{71}\text{pC}$.
Consider the electrical circuit shown.

(a) Find the equivalent resistance \( R_{eq} \).

(b) Find the current \( I_3 \) through resistor \( R_3 \).
Consider the electrical circuit shown.

(a) Find the equivalent resistance $R_{eq}$.
(b) Find the current $I_3$ through resistor $R_3$.

Solution:

(a) $R_{36} = \left( \frac{1}{R_3} + \frac{1}{R_6} \right)^{-1} = 2\Omega$, $R_{eq} = R_2 + R_{36} = 4\Omega$. 
Consider the electrical circuit shown.

(a) Find the equivalent resistance $R_{eq}$.
(b) Find the current $I_3$ through resistor $R_3$.

Solution:

(a) $R_{36} = \left( \frac{1}{R_3} + \frac{1}{R_6} \right)^{-1} = 2\Omega$, $R_{eq} = R_2 + R_{36} = 4\Omega$.

(b) $I_2 = I_{36} = \frac{12V}{R_{eq}} = 3A$

$\Rightarrow V_3 = V_{36} = I_{36}R_{36} = 6V \Rightarrow I_3 = \frac{V_3}{R_3} = 2A$. 
Consider the two-loop circuit shown.

(a) Find the current $I_1$.
(b) Find the current $I_2$. 

\[ 2\Omega \quad 2\Omega \quad 2\Omega \quad 2\Omega \quad 3\Omega \]

\(2V\) \hspace{1cm} \(10V\)
Consider the two-loop circuit shown.

(a) Find the current $I_1$.
(b) Find the current $I_2$.

Solution:

(a) $- (2\Omega)(I_1) + 10V - (2\Omega)(I_1) - 2V = 0 \Rightarrow I_1 = \frac{8V}{4\Omega} = 2A.$
Consider the two-loop circuit shown.

(a) Find the current $I_1$.
(b) Find the current $I_2$.

Solution:

(a) $-(2\Omega)(I_1) + 10V - (2\Omega)(I_1) - 2V = 0 \Rightarrow I_1 = \frac{8V}{4\Omega} = 2A$.

(b) $-(2\Omega)(I_2) + 10V - (2\Omega)(I_2) - (3\Omega)(I_2) = 0 \Rightarrow I_2 = \frac{10V}{7\Omega} = 1.43A$.  

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Consider the electric circuit shown.

(a) Find the current $I$ when the switch $S$ is open.
(b) Find the power $P_3$ dissipated in resistor $R_3$ when the switch is open.
(c) Find the current $I$ when the switch $S$ is closed.
(d) Find the power $P_3$ dissipated in resistor $R_3$ when the switch is closed.
Consider the electric circuit shown.

(a) Find the current $I$ when the switch $S$ is open.
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(c) Find the current $I$ when the switch $S$ is closed.
(d) Find the power $P_3$ dissipated in resistor $R_3$ when the switch is closed.

**Solution:**

(a) $I = \frac{24V}{8\Omega} = 3A$. 
Consider the electric circuit shown.

(a) Find the current $I$ when the switch $S$ is open.
(b) Find the power $P_3$ dissipated in resistor $R_3$ when the switch is open.
(c) Find the current $I$ when the switch $S$ is closed.
(d) Find the power $P_3$ dissipated in resistor $R_3$ when the switch is closed.

Solution:

(a) $I = \frac{24V}{8\Omega} = 3A$.
(b) $P_3 = (3A)^2(4\Omega) = 36W$. 
Consider the electric circuit shown.

(a) Find the current $I$ when the switch $S$ is open.
(b) Find the power $P_3$ dissipated in resistor $R_3$ when the switch is open.
(c) Find the current $I$ when the switch $S$ is closed.
(d) Find the power $P_3$ dissipated in resistor $R_3$ when the switch is closed.

**Solution:**

(a) $I = \frac{24\text{V}}{8\Omega} = 3\text{A}$.

(b) $P_3 = (3\text{A})^2 (4\Omega) = 36\text{W}$.

(c) $I = \frac{24\text{V}}{6\Omega} = 4\text{A}$. 
Consider the electric circuit shown.

(a) Find the current $I$ when the switch $S$ is open.
(b) Find the power $P_3$ dissipated in resistor $R_3$ when the switch is open.
(c) Find the current $I$ when the switch $S$ is closed.
(d) Find the power $P_3$ dissipated in resistor $R_3$ when the switch is closed.

Solution:

(a) $I = \frac{24\text{V}}{8\Omega} = 3\text{A}$.
(b) $P_3 = (3\text{A})^2 (4\Omega) = 36\text{W}$.
(c) $I = \frac{24\text{V}}{6\Omega} = 4\text{A}$.
(d) $P_3 = (2\text{A})^2 (4\Omega) = 16\text{W}$. 
Consider the resistor circuit shown.
(a) Find the equivalent resistance $R_{eq}$.
(b) Find the power $P$ supplied by the battery.
(c) Find the current $I_4$ through the $4\Omega$-resistor.
(d) Find the voltage $V_2$ across the $2\Omega$-resistor.
Consider the resistor circuit shown.
(a) Find the equivalent resistance $R_{eq}$.
(b) Find the power $P$ supplied by the battery.
(c) Find the current $I_4$ through the $4\Omega$-resistor.
(d) Find the voltage $V_2$ across the $2\Omega$-resistor.

Solution:

(a) $R_{eq} = 8\Omega$. 
Consider the resistor circuit shown.
(a) Find the equivalent resistance $R_{eq}$.
(b) Find the power $P$ supplied by the battery.
(c) Find the current $I_4$ through the $4\Omega$-resistor.
(d) Find the voltage $V_2$ across the $2\Omega$-resistor.

Solution:

(a) $R_{eq} = 8\Omega$.

(b) $P = \frac{(24\text{V})^2}{8\Omega} = 72\text{W}$. 
Consider the resistor circuit shown.
(a) Find the equivalent resistance \( R_{eq} \).
(b) Find the power \( P \) supplied by the battery.
(c) Find the current \( I_4 \) through the 4\( \Omega \)-resistor.
(d) Find the voltage \( V_2 \) across the 2\( \Omega \)-resistor.

Solution:

(a) \( R_{eq} = 8\Omega \).

(b) \( P = \frac{(24V)^2}{8\Omega} = 72W \).

(c) \( I_4 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{24V}{8\Omega} = 1.5A \).
Consider the resistor circuit shown.
(a) Find the equivalent resistance $R_{eq}$.
(b) Find the power $P$ supplied by the battery.
(c) Find the current $I_4$ through the $4\Omega$-resistor.
(d) Find the voltage $V_2$ across the $2\Omega$-resistor.

Solution:

(a) $R_{eq} = 8\Omega$.

(b) $P = \frac{(24V)^2}{8\Omega} = 72W$.

(c) $I_4 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{24V}{8\Omega} = 1.5A$.

(d) $V_2 = (1.5A)(2\Omega) = 3V$. 
Consider the two-loop circuit shown.

(a) Find the current $I_1$.
(b) Find the current $I_2$.
(c) Find the potential difference $V_a - V_b$. 
Consider the two-loop circuit shown.

(a) Find the current $I_1$.
(b) Find the current $I_2$.
(c) Find the potential difference $V_a - V_b$.

Solution:

(a) $I_1 = \frac{8V + 10V}{7\Omega} = 2.57A$. 
Consider the two-loop circuit shown.

(a) Find the current $I_1$.
(b) Find the current $I_2$.
(c) Find the potential difference $V_a - V_b$.

Solution:

(a) $I_1 = \frac{8\text{V} + 10\text{V}}{7\Omega} = 2.57\text{A}$.
(b) $I_2 = \frac{8\text{V} - 6\text{V}}{9\Omega} = 0.22\text{A}$.
Consider the two-loop circuit shown.

(a) Find the current $I_1$.
(b) Find the current $I_2$.
(c) Find the potential difference $V_a - V_b$.

Solution:

(a) $I_1 = \frac{8V + 10V}{7\Omega} = 2.57\, \text{A}$.
(b) $I_2 = \frac{8V - 6V}{9\Omega} = 0.22\, \text{A}$.
(c) $V_a - V_b = 8V - 6V = 2\, \text{V}$.