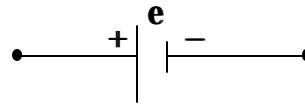


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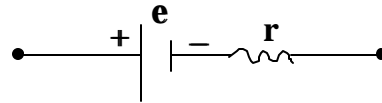
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1. A battery is also called an **electromotive force** (emf).

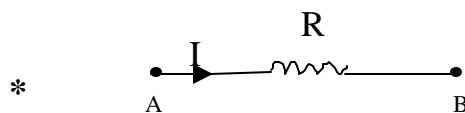
An **ideal emf** has no internal resistance r .



A **real emf** has an internal resistance r .

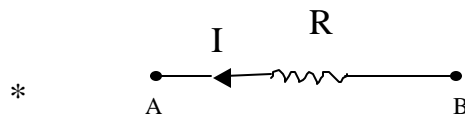


2. Analyzing circuits:



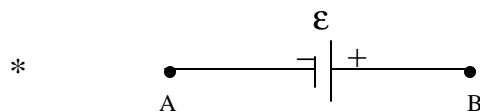
$$V_B - V_A = -IR < 0$$

As you move in *the same direction as the current the potential drops* ($\Delta V = V_B - V_A$ is **negative**).



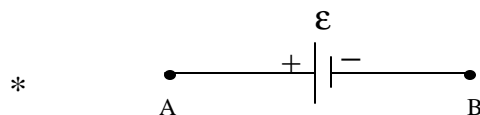
$$V_B - V_A = +IR > 0$$

As you move in the *opposite direction of the current the potential increases* ($\Delta V = V_B - V_A$ is **positive**).



$$V_B - V_A = +\epsilon > 0$$

As you move across the power supply from *- to +* the *potential increases* ($\Delta V = V_B - V_A$ is **positive**).



$$V_B - V_A = -\epsilon > 0$$

As you move across the power supply from *+ to -* the *potential drops* (ΔV is **negative**).

3. Suppose we have a battery of emf \mathbf{e} and internal resistance \mathbf{r} connected in an electrical circuit.

- The rate of energy transferred from the emf to the charge carriers is $\mathbf{P = I V}$.
- The rate at which energy is dissipated in the internal resistance \mathbf{r} of the battery is $\mathbf{P = I^2 r}$.
- The rate at which chemical energy inside the battery changes is $\mathbf{P = I e}$.

- Note: $\mathbf{I V = I e - I^2 r}$ or $\mathbf{I e = I V + I^2 r}$.

- If the emf is ideal then $\mathbf{I e = I V}$.

4. Resistors

For a *series combination* of resistors, the equivalent resistor is:

$$R_{\text{eq}} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$$

Note that **the current** through resistors in series is **the same**.

For a *parallel combination* of resistors, the equivalent resistor is:

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

Note that **potential difference** across each resistor is **the same**.

Kirchhoff's Law # 1:

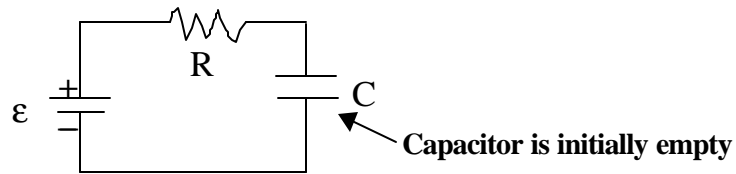
The sum of the currents at a junction must be equal to zero. This is the law of conservation of charge.

Kirchhoff's Law # 2:

The sum of the changes in potential around a loop must be equal to zero. This is the law of conservation of energy.

5. Capacitors

- When a battery is connected across an **uncharged** capacitor in a simple RC circuit, then the capacitor will charge up.



The **current** in the circuit varies in time according to;

$$I(t) = \frac{\epsilon}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} = \frac{\epsilon}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

The **charge** on the capacitor plate varies in time according to

$$q(t) = C\epsilon \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right)$$

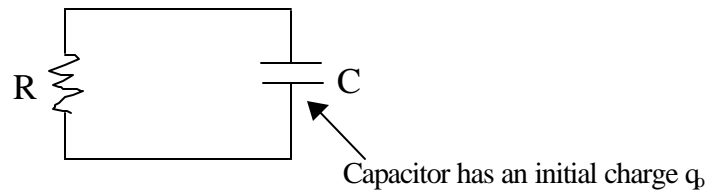
And the **potential difference** across the capacitor can be calculated from

$$V = \frac{q}{C} = \epsilon \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right)$$

Where ϵ is the potential difference (emf) across the battery in Volts, R is the resistance in the circuit in Ohms, and C is the capacitance in Farad.

The product **$RC = \tau$** is called the **time constant** and has units of **time**.

- When a **charged** capacitor is connected across a resistance **R** then the capacitor will discharge into the resistance.



The **current** in the circuit varies according to the expression:

$$I(t) = \frac{q_0}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

where q_0 is the initial charge on the capacitor.

The **charge** on the plate of the capacitor varies in time according to the expression:

$$q(t) = q_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

The **potential difference** across the capacitor varies in time according to the expression:

$$V = \frac{q}{C} = \frac{q_0}{C} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$