

Circuits – Set 1

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1. Rank in order, from largest to smallest, the current densities J_a to J_d in these four wires, which carry currents ranging from I to $2I$.

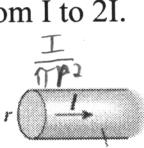
a. $J_b = J_d > J_a > J_c$

b. $J_b > J_a > J_c > J_d$

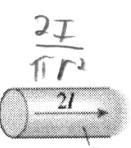
c. $J_b > J_a = J_d > J_c$ //

d. $J_c > J_b > J_a > J_d$

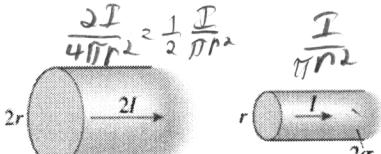
e. $J_c > J_b > J_a = J_d$



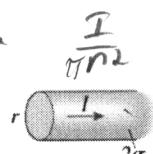
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

$$J = \frac{I}{A}$$

2. A wire carrying a current I has two equal length segments that have equal diameters. If the conductivities of the material in the two segments have a ratio $\sigma_1:\sigma_2=2:1$, what is the ratio $E_1:E_2$ of the electric field strengths in the two segments of the wire.

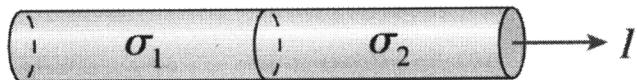
a. $E_1:E_2=4:1$

b. $E_1:E_2=2:1$

c. $E_1:E_2=1:1$

d. $E_1:E_2=1:2$ //

e. $E_1:E_2=1:4$



$$J = \sigma E \Rightarrow \frac{J}{\sigma} = \frac{E}{E} \Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_1 E_1}{\sigma_2 E_2} = \frac{E_1}{E_2} \Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} = \frac{E_1}{E_2} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{1} = \frac{E_1}{E_2} \Rightarrow E_1 = 2E_2$$

3. What is the ratio of the change in potential $\Delta V_1:\Delta V_2$?

a. $\Delta V_1:\Delta V_2=4:1$

b. $\Delta V_1:\Delta V_2=2:1$

c. $\Delta V_1:\Delta V_2=1:1$

d. $\Delta V_1:\Delta V_2=1:2$ //

e. $\Delta V_1:\Delta V_2=1:4$

$$\Delta V = E \ell \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta V_1}{\Delta V_2} = \frac{E_1 \ell}{E_2 \ell} = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}$$

4. What is the ratio of the resistances $R_1:R_2$?

a. $R_1:R_2=4:1$

b. $R_1:R_2=2:1$

c. $R_1:R_2=1:1$

d. $R_1:R_2=1:2$ //

e. $R_1:R_2=1:4$

$$R = \frac{V}{I} \Rightarrow \frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{V_1}{V_2} \cdot \frac{I_2}{I_1}$$

5. What is the ratio of the power dissipated in each segment $P_1:P_2$?

- a. $P_1:P_2=4:1$
- b. $P_1:P_2=2:1$
- c. $P_1:P_2=1:1$
- d. $P_1:P_2=1:2$
- e. $P_1:P_2=1:4$

$$P = VI \Rightarrow \frac{P_1}{P_2} = \frac{V_1 I}{V_2 I}$$

6. Two light bulbs operate on the same potential difference. Bulb A has four times the power output of bulb B. Which bulb has the greater current?

- a. Bulb A
- b. Bulb B
- c. Neither - they both have the same current

$$P = \Delta V I \quad \frac{P_A}{P_B} = \frac{\Delta V I_A}{\Delta V I_B}$$

$$P_A = 4P_B \quad \frac{4P_B}{P_B} = \frac{I_A}{I_B} \Rightarrow I_A = 4I_B \quad I_A > I_B$$

7. If a large resistor and a small resistor are connected in parallel, the equivalent resistance will be closer in value to that of the:

- a. large resistor
- b. small resistor
- c. Neither; it will be exactly between the two values
- d. None of the above

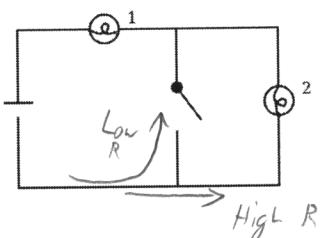
$$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1 R_2}$$

$$R_T = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \quad \text{as } R_2 \rightarrow \infty \\ R_T \rightarrow R_1$$

8. Refer to the diagram. When

dissipated in the circuit will:

- a. increase
- b. decrease
- c. remain the same
- d. None of the above

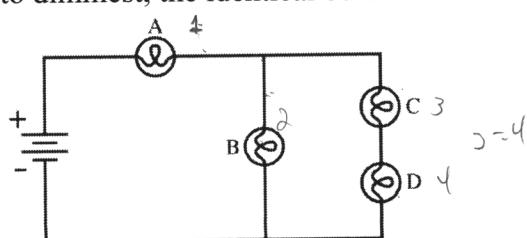


the switch is closed the total power

• Low R, high I

9. Rank in order, from brightest to dimmest, the identical bulbs A to D.

- a. $A = B = C = D$
- b. $A > B > C = D$
- c. $A > C > B > D$
- d. $A > C = D > B$
- e. $C = D > B > A$



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There is a potential difference of 2.5 V between opposite ends of a 6.0 m long iron wire.

Note: there is a table with resistivities in Wolfson.

a) Assuming a uniform electric field in the wire, what is the current density?

b) If the wire diameter is 1.0 mm, what is the total current?

Given

$$\rho = 9.71 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$$

$$\Delta V = 2.5 \text{ V}$$

$$l = 6.0 \text{ m}$$

$$r = 1.0 \text{ mm}$$

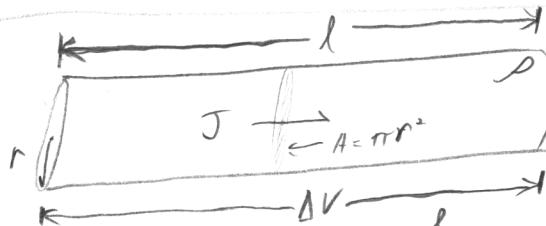
b) $I = J \cdot A$

$$\Rightarrow I = J \cdot \pi r^2$$

$$I = (4.3 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{A}}{\text{m}^2}) \pi (1 \times 10^{-3})^2$$

$I = 13.5 \text{ A}$

a)



$$J = \frac{1}{\rho} E, \quad |\Delta V| = + \int_0^l \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = El \Rightarrow E = \frac{\Delta V}{l}$$

$$J = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\Delta V}{l} \Rightarrow J = \frac{1}{(9.71 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \cdot \text{m})} \cdot \frac{2.5 \text{ V}}{6.0 \text{ m}}$$

$$\Rightarrow J = 4.30 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{A}}{\text{V}} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{m}} \cdot \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}} = \boxed{4.30 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{A}}{\text{m}^2}}$$

The maximum safe current in 12-gauge (1.2 mm diameter) copper wire is 20 A.

a) What is the maximum current density?

b) What is the maximum electric field?

Given

$$\rho = 1.68 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$$

$$r = 1.2 \text{ mm}$$

$$I_{\max} = 20 \text{ A}$$

a) $I_{\max} = J_{\max} \cdot A \Rightarrow J_{\max} = \frac{I_{\max}}{A} \Rightarrow J_{\max} = \frac{20 \text{ A}}{\pi (1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})^2} = \boxed{4.42 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{A}}{\text{m}^2}}$

b) $J = \frac{1}{\rho} E \Rightarrow E_{\max} = \rho J_{\max} \Rightarrow (1.68 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \cdot \text{m}) (4.42 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{A}}{\text{m}^2}) = E_{\max}$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\max} = 7.4 \times 10^{-2} \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}}$$

Engineers call for a power line with a resistance per unit length of $50 \text{ m}\Omega/\text{km}$.

- What wire diameter is required if the line is made of copper?
- What wire diameter is required if the line is made of aluminum?
- If the costs of copper and aluminum wire are \$4.65/kg and \$2.30/kg, respectively, which material is more economical? The densities of copper and aluminum are 8.9 g/cm^3 and 2.7 g/cm^3 , respectively.

Given

$$\rho_c = 1.68 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$$

$$\rho_a = 2.65 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$$

$$\lambda = 50 \text{ m}\Omega/\text{km}$$

want

d_c, d_a

$$a) R = \rho \frac{l}{A} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{R}{l} = \frac{\rho}{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\rho}{\pi r^2} \Rightarrow r = \left[\frac{\rho}{\pi \lambda} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow d = 2 \left[\frac{\rho}{\pi \lambda} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$d_c = 2 \left[\frac{\rho_c}{\pi \lambda} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} =$$

$$d_c = 2 \left[\frac{1.68 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \cdot \text{m}}{\pi \cdot 50 \times 10^6 \Omega/\text{m}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.02 \text{ m} = 20 \text{ mm}$$

$$d_a = 0.026 \text{ m} = 26 \text{ mm}$$

- Re-using ρ to mean mass density ...

$$\rho_c = 8.9 \text{ g/cm}^3, \rho_a = 2.7 \text{ g/cm}^3, C_c = 4.65 \text{ \$/kg}, C_a = 2.30 \text{ \$/kg}$$

Now, use λ to mean linear mass density:
cross-section

$$\lambda = \rho A \Rightarrow \lambda = \rho \pi r^2$$

Now we can calculate cost per unit length

$$\lambda' = \lambda \cdot C \Rightarrow \lambda' = \rho \pi r^2 C \quad \text{continued} \downarrow$$

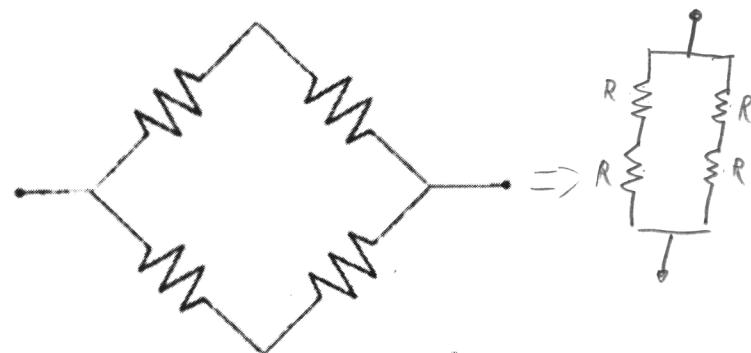
$$\text{copper: } \chi'_c = \rho_c \pi (k_d)^2 C_c$$

$$= (8.9 \times 10^{-2} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}) \pi (1.2 \cdot 0.02 \text{ m})^2 \cdot 4.65 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg}}$$

$$\chi'_c = 1.3 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\chi'_a = 1.08 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{m}}$$

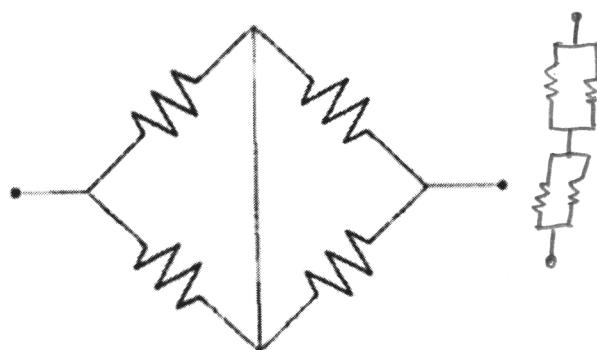
Find the equivalent resistance of the following systems. All resistors have a resistance R.



$$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R+R} + \frac{1}{R+R}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2R} + \frac{1}{2R} = \frac{2}{2R} = \frac{1}{R}$$

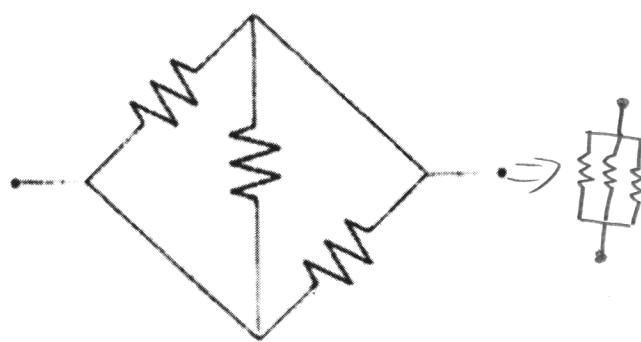
$$\Rightarrow R_T = R$$



$$R_T = \left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{R}\right)^{-1} + \left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{R}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{R}\right)^{-1} + \left(\frac{2}{R}\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2R} + \frac{1}{2R}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_T = R$$



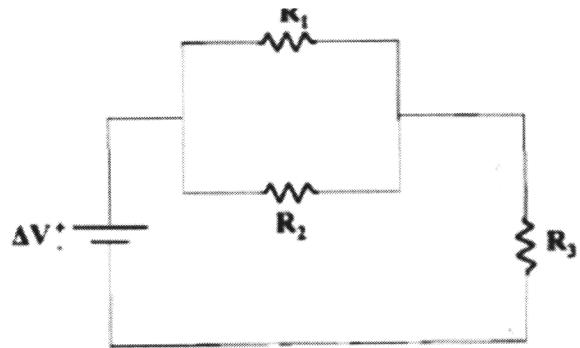
$$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{R} = \frac{3}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_T = \frac{1}{3}R$$

In this circuit, $R_1 = 1.0 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 3.0 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_3 = 2.0 \text{ k}\Omega$, and $\Delta V = 30 \text{ V}$

Find the:

- Equivalent Resistance
- Total Current delivered by the battery
- Voltage across each resistor
- Power dissipated by each resistor
- Total power dissipated in the circuit.



$$a) R_T = R_3 + \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= R_3 + \left(\frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1 R_2} \right)^{-1} = \left(R_3 + \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) = R_T \quad |$$

$$R_T = 2.0 \text{ k}\Omega + \frac{1.0 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot 3.0 \text{ k}\Omega}{4.0 \text{ k}\Omega} \Rightarrow R_T = 2.75 \text{ k}\Omega \quad |$$

$$b) V = IR \Rightarrow V_b = I_{\text{net}} \cdot R_T \Rightarrow \left[I_{\text{net}} = \frac{V_b}{R_T} = \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{I_{\text{net}} = \frac{30 \text{ V}}{2.75 \cdot 10^3 \Omega} = 0.011 \text{ A}} \quad |$$

$$c) I_{\text{net}} = I_3, V_3 = I_3 R_3 \Rightarrow V_3 = I_{\text{net}} R_3 \Rightarrow V_3 = 0.011 \text{ A} \cdot 2.0 \cdot 10^3 \Omega$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V_3 = 22 \text{ V}} \quad |$$

$$\boxed{V_1 = V_2 = V_b - V_3 = 30 \text{ V} - 22 \text{ V} = 8 \text{ V}} \quad |$$

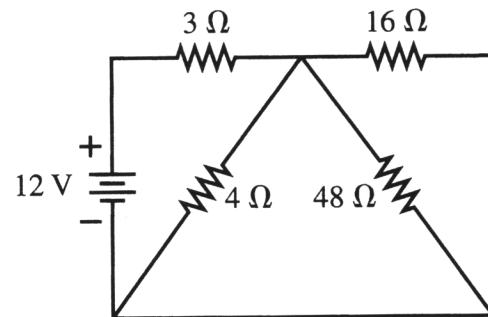
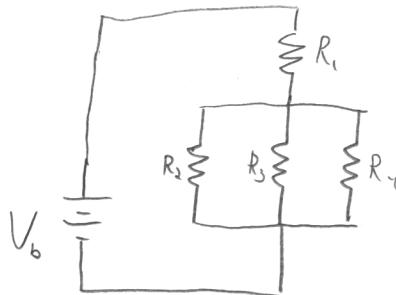
$$d) P = VI \Rightarrow P_3 = V_3 I_3 \Rightarrow \boxed{P_3 = (22 \text{ V})(0.011 \text{ A}) = 0.24 \text{ W}} \quad |$$

$$P = VI, I = \frac{V}{R} \Rightarrow \boxed{P = \frac{V^2}{R}} \quad |, \boxed{P_1 = \frac{(8 \text{ V})^2}{1.0 \cdot 10^3 \Omega} = 0.06 \text{ W}} \quad |$$

$$\boxed{P_2 = \frac{(8 \text{ V})^2}{3.0 \cdot 10^3 \Omega} = 0.02 \text{ W}} \quad |$$

$$e) \boxed{P_T = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 = 0.32 \text{ W}} \quad |$$

For the circuit shown in the figure, find the current through and the potential difference across each resistor.



Start by finding R_{eff}

$$R_{\text{eff}} = R_1 + R_{234}, \quad \frac{1}{R_{234}} = \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \frac{1}{R_4} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \boxed{R_{234} = 3}$$

$$\boxed{R_{\text{eff}} = 6}$$

Now I can find the current through R_1 .

$$V = IR \Rightarrow I = \frac{V}{R} \Rightarrow \boxed{I_{\text{net}} = \frac{V_b}{R_{\text{eff}}}}$$

$$I_1 = I_{\text{net}} \Rightarrow \boxed{V_1 = I_{\text{net}} R_1}$$

$$\boxed{I_1 = 2 \text{ A}, V_1 = 6 \text{ V}}$$

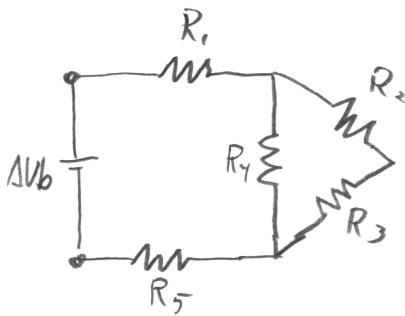
With the current,
I can find the
Voltage.

Same Voltage across R_2 , R_3 , and R_4

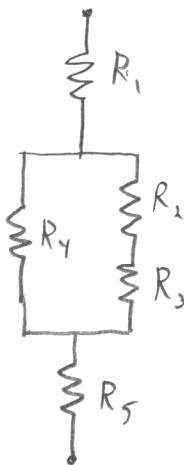
$$V_{234} = V_b - V_1 \Rightarrow \boxed{V_2 = V_3 = V_4 = 6 \text{ V}}$$

$$\text{Then, } I = \frac{V_{234}}{R} \Rightarrow \boxed{I_2 = 1.5 \text{ A}, I_3 = 1.25 \text{ A}, I_4 = 0.375 \text{ A}}$$

Wolfson, 25.37

want I_4 Given: $R = 1\text{ k}\Omega$ for all resistors.

$$V_b = 6V$$



$$R_{234} = \left(\frac{1}{R_2 + R_3} + \frac{1}{R_4} \right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1 \right)^{-1} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_{\text{eff}} = R_1 + R_{234} + R_5 = \frac{8}{3} \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$I_{\text{tot}} = \frac{V_b}{R_{\text{eff}}} = 6 \cdot \frac{3}{8} = \frac{9}{4} \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{234} = I_{\text{tot}} \cdot R_{234} = \frac{9}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{2} V}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{I_4 = \frac{V_{234}}{R_4} = \frac{3}{2} \text{ mA}}$$

Wolfson 25.42

Current in parallel circuits adds:

$$I_T = \sum_{i=1}^n I_i \text{ and if each bulb draws the same current}$$

$$I_T = nI \Rightarrow \boxed{n = \frac{I_T}{I}} \quad P = IV \Rightarrow I = \frac{P}{V}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{n = \frac{I_T}{P} V} \text{ and we want } I_T = I_{\max}$$

$$\boxed{n = \frac{20A}{100W} \cdot 120V = 24 \text{ bulbs}}$$