PHYS 1441 – Section 001
Lecture #10

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

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- Chapter 25
  - Electric Current and Resistance
  - The Battery
  - Ohm's Law: Resistors
  - Resistivity
  - Electric Power
  - Alternating Current

Announcements

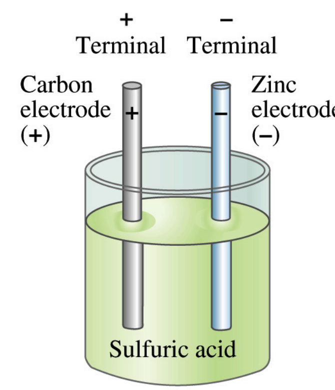
- Reading Assignments: CH25.9 and 25.10
- Mid-term exam
  - In class tomorrow, Wednesday, June 20
  - Comprehensive exam which covers CH21.1 through CH25.6+ appendices for math refresher
  - Bring your calculator but DO NOT input formula into it!
    - Cell phones or any types of computers cannot replace a calculator!
  - BYOF: You may bring a one 8.5x11.5 sheet (front and back) of **handwritten** formulae and values of constants
  - No derivations, word definitions or solutions of any kind!
  - No additional formulae or values of constants will be provided!

Electric Current and Resistance

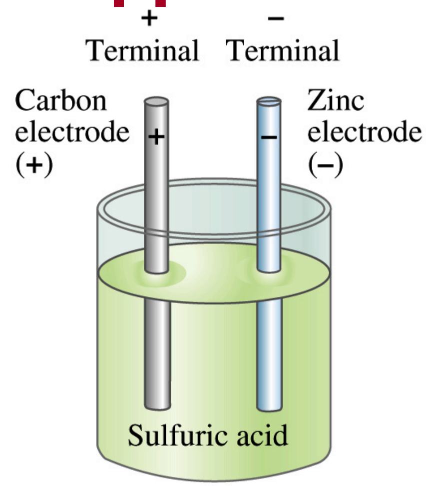
- So far we have been studying static electricity
  - What is the static electricity?
    - The charges so far has not been moving but staying put at the location they are placed.
- Now we will learn dynamics of electricity
- What is the electric current?
  - A flow of electric charge
  - A few examples of the things that use electric current in everyday lives?
- In an electrostatic situation, there is no electric field inside a conductor but when there is current, there is field inside a conductor. Why?
  - Electric field is needed to keep charges moving

The Electric Battery

- What is a battery?
  - A device that produces electrical energy from the stored chemical energy and produces electricity ➔ Maintains potential difference!
- Electric battery was invented by Volta in 1790s in Italy
  - It was made of disks of zinc and silver based on his research that certain combinations of materials produce a greater electromotive force (emf), or potential, than others
- Simplest batteries contain two plates made of dissimilar metals called electrodes
  - Electrodes are immersed in a solution, the electrolyte
  - This unit is called a cell and many of these form a battery
- Zinc and Iron in the figure are called terminals



How does a battery work – I?



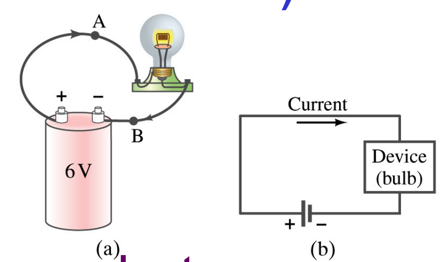
- One of the electrodes in the figure is zinc and the other carbon
- The acid electrolyte reacts with the zinc electrode and dissolves it.
- Each zinc atom leaves two electrons in the electrode and enters into the solution as a positive ion ➔ zinc electrode acquires negative charge and the electrolyte (the solution) becomes positively charged
- The carbon electrode picks up the positive charge
- Since the two terminals are oppositely charged, there is a potential difference between them

How does a battery work – II?

- When the terminals are not connected, only the necessary amount of zinc is dissolved into the solution.
- How is a particular potential maintained?
  - If the terminals are not connected, as too many zinc ions get produced,
    - zinc electrode gets increasingly charged up negative
    - zinc ions get recombined with the electrons in zinc electrode
- Why does battery go dead?
  - When the terminals are connected to a circuit, the negative charges will flow away from the zinc electrode
  - More zinc atoms dissolve into the electrolyte to produce more charge
  - One or more electrode get used up not producing any more charge.

Electric Current

- When a circuit is powered by a battery (or a source of emf) the charge can flow through the circuit.



- Electric Current: Any flow of charge
  - Current can flow whenever there is a potential difference between the ends of a conductor (or when the two ends have opposite charges)
    - The current can flow even through the empty space under certain conditions
  - Electric current in a wire can be defined as the net amount of charge that passes through the wire's full cross section at any point per unit time (just like the flow of water through a conduit.)
  - Average current is defined as: $\boxed{\bar{I} = \Delta Q/\Delta t}$
  - The instantaneous current is: $\boxed{I = dQ/dt}$
  - What kind of a quantity is the current?

Unit of the current?

C/s

1A=1C/s

Scalar

In a single circuit, conservation of electric charge guarantees that the current at one point of the circuit is the same as any other points on the circuit.

Example 25 – 1

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Direction of the Electric Current

- What do conductors have in abundance?
  - Free electrons
- What happens if a continuous loop of conducting wire is connected to the terminals of a battery?
  - Electrons start flowing through the wire continuously as soon as both the terminals are connected to the wire. How?
    - The potential difference between the battery terminals sets up an electric field inside the wire and in the direction parallel to it
    - Free electrons in the conducting wire get attracted to the positive terminal
    - The electrons leaving negative terminal flow through the wire and arrive at the positive terminal
      - Electrons flow from negative to positive terminal
  - Due to historical convention, the direction of the current is opposite to the direction of flow of electrons ➔ Conventional Current

Ohm's Law: Resistance and Resistors

- What do we need to produce electric current?
  - Potential difference
- Georg S. Ohm experimentally established that the current is proportional to the potential difference ($I \propto V$)
  - If we connect a wire to a 12V battery, the current flowing through the wire is twice that of 6V, three times that of 4V and four times that of 3V battery.
  - What happens if we reverse the sign of the voltage?
    - It changes the direction of the current flow
    - Does not change the magnitude of the current
  - Just as in water flow case, if the height difference is large the flow rate is large ➔ If the potential difference is large, the current is large.

Ohm's Law: Resistance

- The exact amount of current flow in a wire depends on
  - The voltage
  - The resistance of the wire to the flow of electrons
    - Just like the gunk in water pipe slows down water flow
    - Electrons are slowed down due to interactions with the atoms of the wire
- The higher the resistance the less the current for the given potential difference V
  - So how would you define resistance?
    - So that current is inversely proportional to the resistance
  - Often it is rewritten as $\boxed{V = IR}$ Ohm's Law
  - What does this mean?
    - The metal conductor's resistance R is a constant independent of V.
  - This linear relationship is not valid for some materials like diodes, vacuum tubes, transistors etc. ➔ These are called non-ohmic

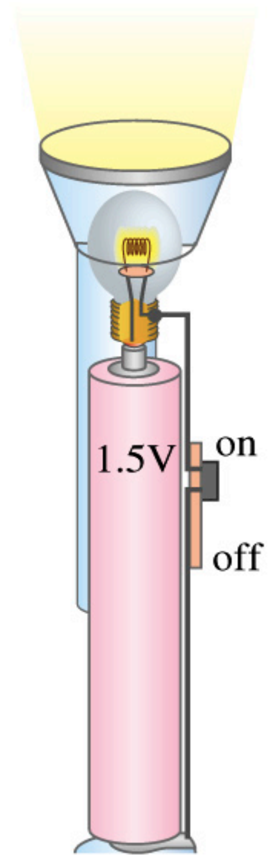
$$\boxed{R = \frac{V}{I}}$$

Unit? ohms Ω

$$1.0\Omega = 1.0V / A$$

Example 25 – 4

Flashlight bulb resistance: A small flashlight bulb draws 300mA from its 1.5V battery. (a) What is the resistance of the bulb? (b) If the voltage drops to 1.2V, how would the current change?



From Ohm's law, we obtain

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{1.5V}{300mA} = \frac{1.5V}{0.3A} = 5.0\Omega$$

Would the current increase or decrease, if the voltage reduces to 1.2V?

If the resistance did not change, the current is

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{1.2V}{5.0\Omega} = 0.24A = 240mA$$

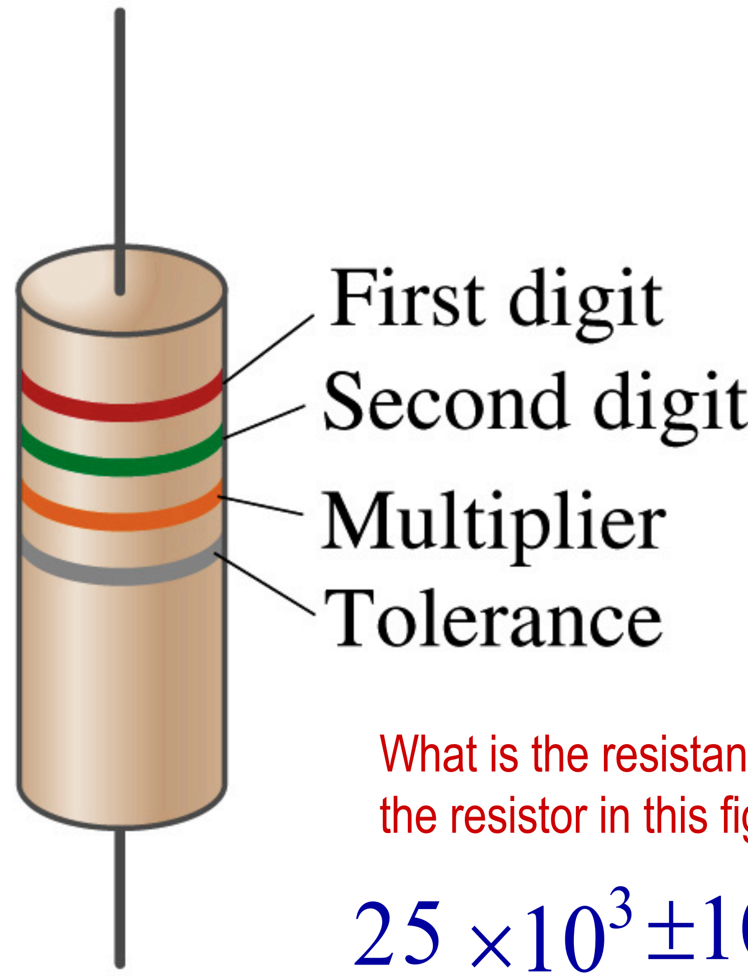
Ohm's Law: Resistors

- All electric devices offer resistance to the flow of current.
  - Filaments of light bulbs or heaters are wires with high resistance to cause electrons to lose their energy in the wire
  - In general connecting wires have low resistance compared to other devices on the circuit
- In circuits, resistors are used to control the amount of current
  - Resistors offer resistance of less than one ohm to millions of ohms
  - Main types are
    - "wire-wound" resistors which consists of a coil of fine wire
    - "composition" resistors which are usually made of semiconductor carbon
    - thin metal films
- When drawn in the circuit, the symbol for a resistor is: 
- Wires are drawn simply as straight lines

Ohm's Law: Resistor Values

- Resistors have its resistance color-coded on its body
- The color-coding follows the convention below:

Color	Number	Multiplier	Tolerance
Black	0	$1=10^0$	
Brown	1	10^1	
Red	2	10^2	
Orange	3	10^3	
Yellow	4	10^4	
Green	5	10^5	
Blue	6	10^6	
Violet	7	10^7	
Gray	8	10^8	
White	9	10^9	
Gold		10^{-1}	5%
Silver		10^{-2}	10%
None			20%

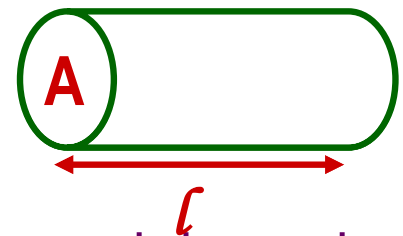


What is the resistance of the resistor in this figure?

$$25\times10^3\pm10\%$$

Resistivity

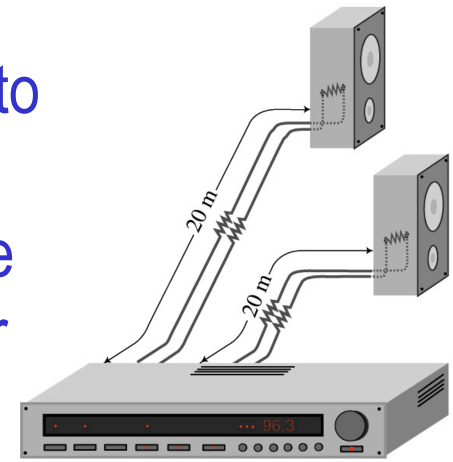
- It is experimentally found that the resistance R of a metal wire is directly proportional to its length ℓ and inversely proportional to its cross-sectional area A
  - How would you formularize this? $\boxed{R = \rho \frac{l}{A}}$



  - The proportionality constant ρ is called the **resistivity** and depends on the material used. What is the unit of this constant?
    - ohm-m or Ω–m
    - The values depends on purity, heat treatment, temperature, etc
  - How would you interpret the resistivity?
    - The higher the resistivity the higher the resistance
    - The lower the resistivity the lower the resistance and the higher the conductivity ➔ Silver has the lowest resistivity.
      - So the silver is the best conductor
  - The reciprocal of the resistivity is called the **conductivity**, σ, $\boxed{\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho}}$

Example 25 – 5

Speaker wires: Suppose you want to connect your stereo to remote speakers. (a) If each wire must be 20m long, what diameter copper wire should you use to keep the resistance less than 0.1-Ω per wire? (b) If the current on each speaker is 4.0A, what is the voltage drop across each wire?



The resistivity of a copper is $\rho_{Cu} = 1.68 \times 10^{-8}\,\Omega \cdot m$ **Table 25.1**

From the formula for resistance, we can obtain the formula for area

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A} \quad \text{Solve for A} \quad A = \rho \frac{l}{R} = \pi r^2$$

$$\text{Solve for d} \quad d = 2r = 2\sqrt{\frac{\rho l}{\pi R}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{1.68 \times 10^{-8}\,\Omega \cdot m \cdot 20m}{\pi \cdot 0.1\Omega}} = 2.1 \times 10^{-3}\,m = 2.1mm$$

From Ohm's law, V=IR, we obtain

$$V = IR = 4.0A \cdot 0.1\Omega = 0.4V$$

Example 25 – 6

Stretching changes resistance: A wire of resistance R is stretched uniformly until it is twice its original length. What happens to its resistance?

What is the constant quantity in this problem? The volume!

What is the volume of a cylinder of length L and radius r? $V = AL = \pi r^2 L$

What happens to A if L increases factor two, L'=2L?

The cross-sectional area, A, halves. A'=A/2

The original resistance is $R = \rho \dfrac{l}{A}$

The new resistance is $R' = \rho \dfrac{L'}{A'} = \rho \dfrac{2L}{A/2} = 4\rho \dfrac{L}{A} = 4R$

The resistance of the wire increases by a factor of four if the length increases twice.

Temperature Dependence of Resistivity

- Do you think the resistivity depends on temperature?
  – Yes
- Would it increase or decrease with the temperature?
  – Increase
  – Why?
  – Because the atoms are vibrating more rapidly as temperature increases and are arranged in a less orderly fashion. So?
    - They interfere more with the flow of electrons.
- If the temperature change is not too large, the resistivity of metals usually increase nearly linearly w/ temperature

$$\boxed{\rho_T = \rho_0\left[1+\alpha\left(T-T_0\right)\right]}$$

  – α is the temperature coefficient of resistivity
  – α of some semiconductors can be negative due to increased number of freed electrons.

Electric Power

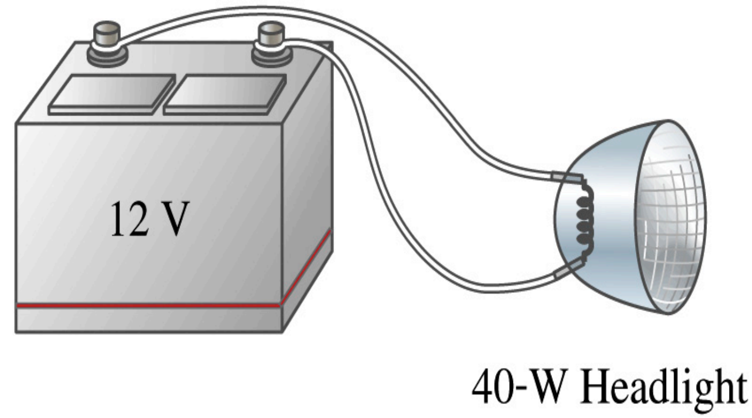
- Why is the electric energy useful?
  - It can transform into different forms of energy easily.
    - Motors, pumps, etc, transform electric energy to mechanical energy
    - Heaters, dryers, cook-tops, etc, transforms electricity to thermal energy
    - Incandescent light bulb filament transforms electric energy to light energy
      - Only about 10% of the energy turns to light and the 90% lost via heat
      - Typical household light bulb and heating elements have resistance of order a few ohms to a few hundred ohms
- How does electric energy transforms to thermal energy?
  - Flowing electrons collide with the vibrating atoms of the wire.
  - In each collision, part of electron's kinetic energy is transferred to the atom it collides with.
  - The kinetic energy of wire's atoms increases, and thus the temperature of the wire increases.
  - The increased thermal energy can be transferred as heat through conduction and convection to the air in a heater or to food on a pan, through radiation to bread in a toaster or radiated as light.

Electric Power

- How do we find out the power transformed by an electric device?
  - What is definition of the power?
    - The rate at which work is done or the energy is transformed
- What is the energy transformed when an infinitesimal charge dq moves through a potential difference V?
  - dU=Vdq
  - If dt is the time required for an amount of charge dq to move through the potential difference V, the power P is
  - $P = dU/dt = V dq/dt$ **What is this?**
  - Thus, we obtain $\boxed{P = VI}$. **In terms of resistance** $\boxed{P = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}}$
  - What is the unit? **Watts = J/s**
  - What kind of quantity is the electrical power?
    - Scalar
  - P=IV can apply to any devices while the formula with resistance can only apply to devices that has resistance.

Example 25 – 8

Headlights: Calculate the resistance of a 40-W automobile headlight designed for 12V.



Since the power is 40W and the voltage is 12V, we use the formula with V and R.

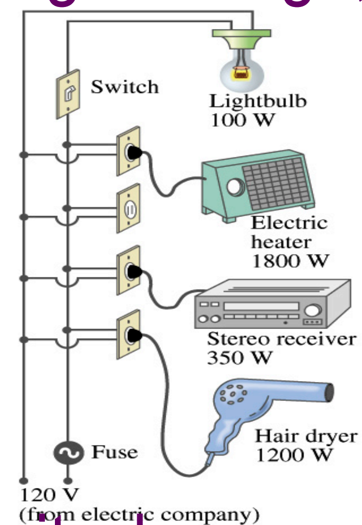
$$\boxed{P = \frac{V^2}{R}}$$

Solve for R

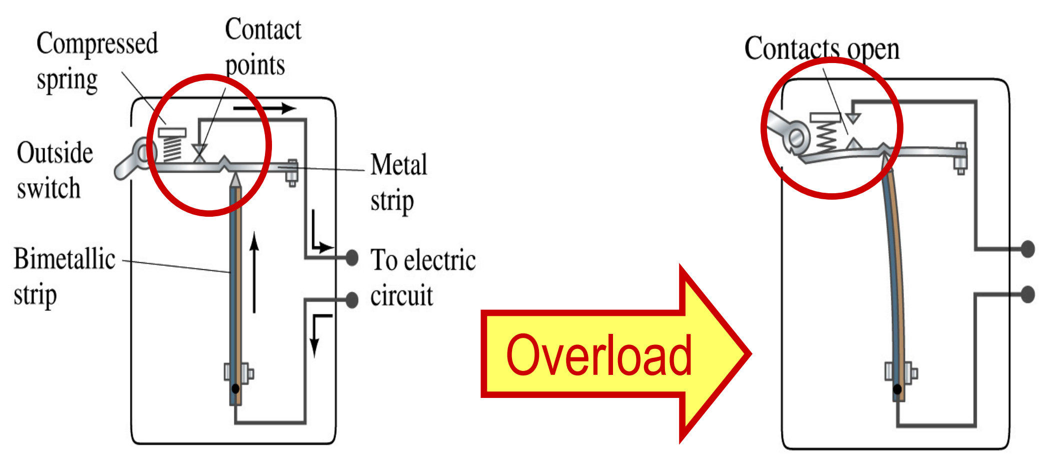
$$R = \frac{V^2}{P} = \frac{(12V)^2}{40W} = 3.6\Omega$$

Power in Household Circuits

- Household devices usually have small resistance
  - But since they draw current, if they become large enough, wires can heat up (overloaded)
    - Why is using thicker wires safer?
      - Thicker wires has less resistance, lower heat
  - Overloaded wire can set off a fire at home



- How do we prevent this?
  - Put in a switch that would disconnect the circuit when overloaded
    - Fuse or circuit breakers
    - They open up the circuit when the current is over certain value

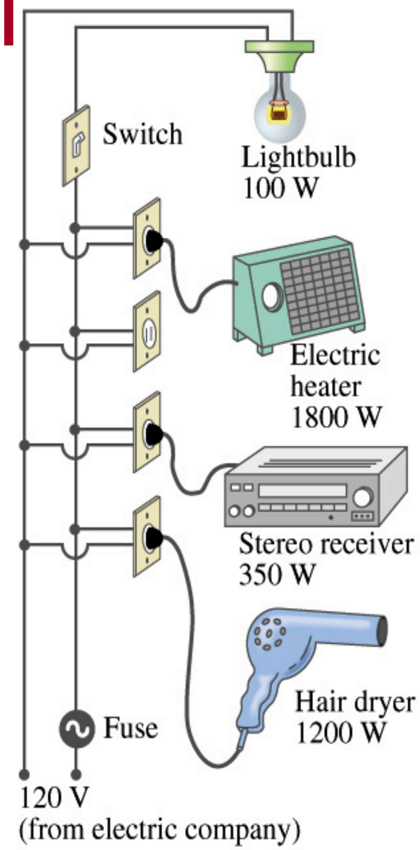


(b) Circuit breaker (closed)

(c) Circuit breaker (open)

Example 25 – 11

Will a fuse blow?: Determine the total current drawn by all the devices in the circuit in the figure.



The total current is the sum of current drawn by individual device.

$P = IV$ Solve for I $I = P/V$

Bulb $I_B = 100W/120V = 0.8A$

Heater $I_H = 1800W/120V = 15.0A$

Stereo $I_S = 135W/120V = 2.9A$

Dryer $I_D = 1200W/120V = 10.0A$

Total current

$$I_T = I_B + I_H + I_S + I_D = 0.8A + 15.0A + 2.9A + 10.0A = 28.7A$$

What is the total power? $P_T = P_B + P_H + P_S + P_D = 100W + 1800W + 350W + 1200W = 3450W$