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**TSOKOS LESSON 5-2:  
HEATING EFFECT OF ELECTRIC  
CURRENTS**

# Reading Activity Questions?

# Essential Idea:

- One of the earliest uses for electricity was to produce light and heat. This technology continues to have a major impact on the lives of people around the world.

# International-Mindedness:

- A set of universal symbols is needed so that physicists in different cultures can readily communicate ideas in science and engineering.

# Nature Of Science:

- Peer review: Although Ohm and Barlow published their findings on the nature of electric current around the same time, little credence was given to Ohm. Barlow's incorrect law was not initially criticized or investigated further. This is a reflection of the nature of academia of the time, with physics in Germany being largely non-mathematical and Barlow held in high respect in England. It indicates the need for the publication and peer review of research findings in recognized scientific journals.

# Theory Of Knowledge:

- Sense perception in early electrical investigations was key to classifying the effect of various power sources; however, this is fraught with possible irreversible consequences for the scientists involved.
- Can we still ethically and safely use sense perception in science research?

# Understandings:

- Circuit diagrams
- Kirchhoff's circuit laws
- Heating effect of current and its consequences
- Resistance expressed as  $R I = V$
- Ohm's law
- Resistivity
- Power dissipation



# Applications And Skills:

- Drawing and interpreting circuit diagrams
- Identifying ohmic and non-ohmic conductors through a consideration of the  $V/I$  characteristic graph
- Solving problems involving potential difference, current, charge, Kirchhoff's circuit laws, power, resistance and resistivity

# Applications And Skills:

- Investigating combinations of resistors in parallel and series circuits
- Describing ideal and non-ideal ammeters and voltmeters
- Investigating one or more of the factors that affect resistance experimentally

# Applications And Skills:

- Describing practical uses of potential divider circuits, including the advantages of a potential divider over a series resistor in controlling a simple circuit

# Guidance:

- The filament lamp should be described as a non-ohmic device; a metal wire at a constant temperature is an ohmic device
- The use of non-ideal voltmeters is confined to voltmeters with a constant but finite resistance
- The use of non-ideal ammeters is confined to ammeters with a constant but non-zero resistance
- Application of Kirchhoff's circuit laws will be limited to circuits with a maximum number of two source-carrying loops

# Data Booklet Reference:

- *Kirchoff's circuit laws:*
  - $\Sigma V = 0$  (loop)
  - $\Sigma I = 0$  (junction)
- *Refer to electrical symbols on page 4 of the physics data booklet*

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

$$P = VI = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

$$R_{total} = R_1 + R_2 + \bullet \bullet \bullet$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{total}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \bullet \bullet \bullet$$

$$\rho = \frac{RA}{L}$$

# Utilization:

- Although there are nearly limitless ways that we use electrical circuits, heating and lighting are two of the most widespread
- Sensitive devices can employ detectors capable of measuring small variations in potential difference and/or current, requiring carefully planned circuits and high precision components

# Aims :

- Aim 2: electrical theory and its approach to macro and micro effects characterizes much of the physical approach taken in the analysis of the universe
- Aim 3: electrical techniques, both practical and theoretical, provide a relatively simple opportunity for students to develop a feeling for the arguments of physics

# Aims:

- Aim 6: experiments could include (but are not limited to): use of a hot-wire ammeter as a historically important device; comparison of resistivity of a variety of conductors such as a wire at constant temperature, a filament lamp, or a graphite pencil; determination of thickness of a pencil mark on paper; investigation of ohmic and non-ohmic conductor characteristics; using a resistive wire wound and taped around the reservoir of a thermometer to relate wire resistance to current in the wire and temperature of wire



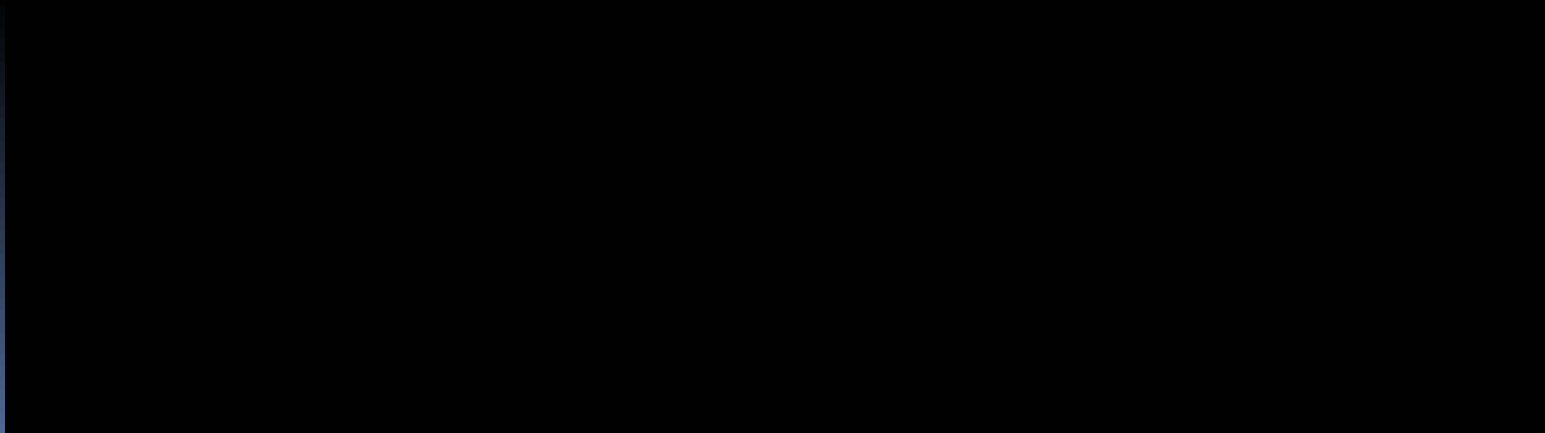
# Aims:

- Aim 7: there are many software and online options for constructing simple and complex circuits quickly to investigate the effect of using different components within a circuit

# Introductory Video: Resistance 1



# Introductory Video: Resistance 2



# Introductory Video: Resistance 3



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**HEAT**

- Electrons give up kinetic energy to the molecules and heat shows up as an increase in the temperature of the conductor

# Electric Resistance and Ohm's Law

- Electric resistance of a conductor is defined as the potential difference across its ends, divided by the current flowing through it:

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

- The unit for resistance is the Ohm ( $\Omega$ ) and is equal to  $1 \text{ V/A}$

# Electric Resistance and Ohm's Law

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

- When the temperature of a conductor is kept constant, current is proportional to the potential difference across it

- Ohm's Law

$$I \propto V$$

- This implies resistance is constant



# Electric Resistance and Ohm's Law

$$I \propto V$$

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- A conductor with zero electric resistance is known as a perfect conductor
  - Current can flow without a potential difference
  - *Superconductors* can achieve zero resistance at very low temperatures (critical temperature) and are thus perfect conductors

# Electric Resistance and Ohm's Law

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- For metals, increase in temperature results in increased resistance
  - Increased temperature means increased vibration of atoms
  - This increases the number of collisions per unit time
  - This means less time between collisions
  - This means drift speed (current) is reduced

# Electric Resistance and Ohm's Law

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- Assuming the conductor is kept at constant temperature, three factors affect resistance:
  - properties of the material
  - length
  - cross-sectional area.

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- Resistance increases with length
- Resistance decreases with cross-sectional area

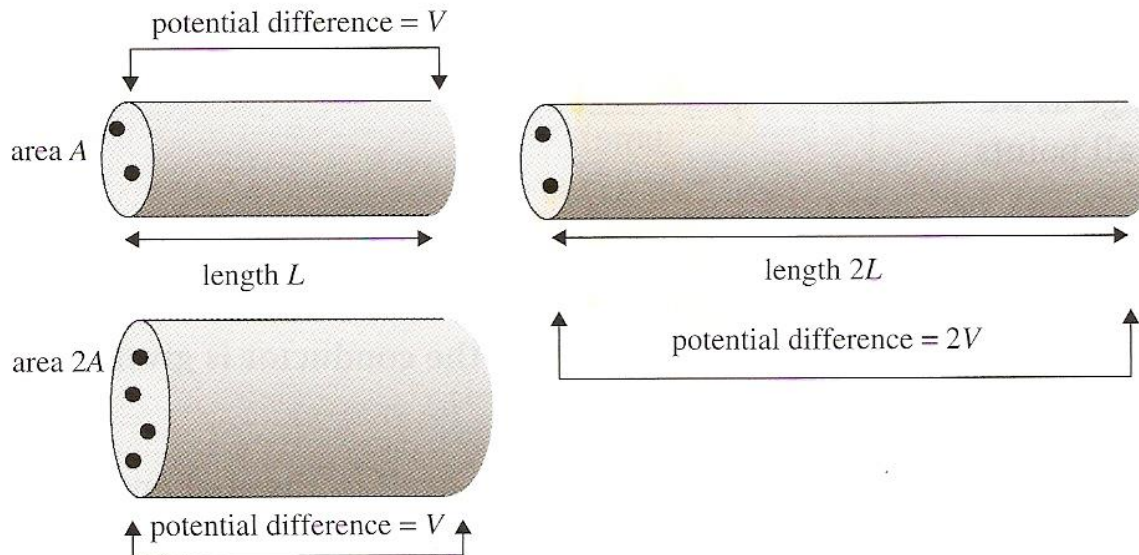
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- The constant of proportionality is *resistivity* ( $\rho$ )

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$$

$$\rho = \frac{RA}{L}$$

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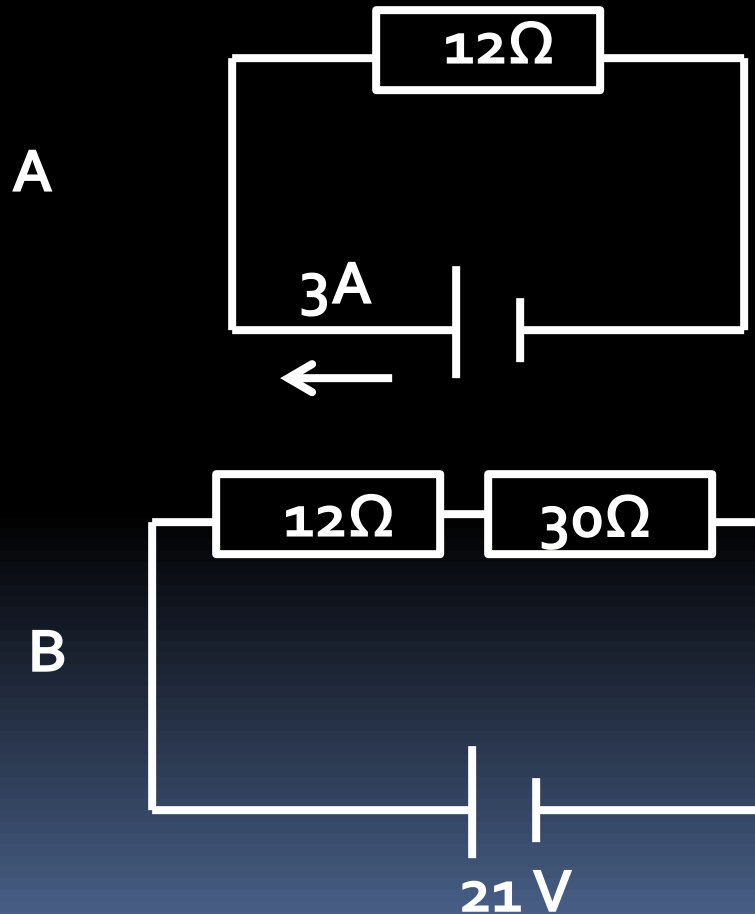
# Potential Drop (Voltage)

- This derivation tells us that for current to flow through a resistor, there must be a potential difference (V) across the resistor.
- In a circuit, the voltage is said to “drop” across each resistor
- If we assume the resistance of the conductor (wire) is negligible, the total voltage drop and potential difference will be the same

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$$V = IR$$

# Potential Drop

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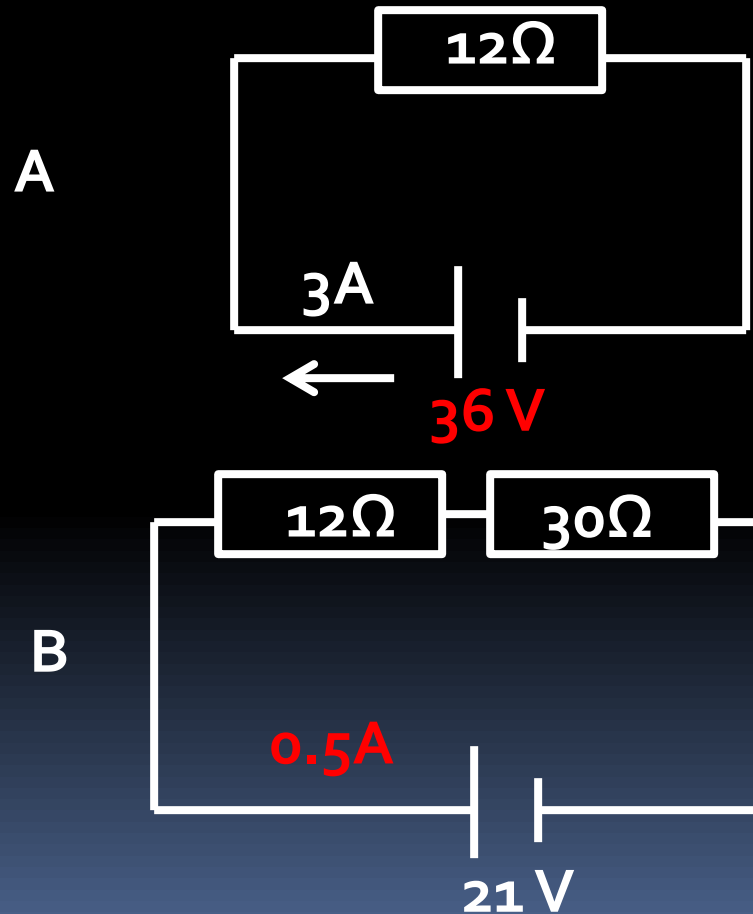
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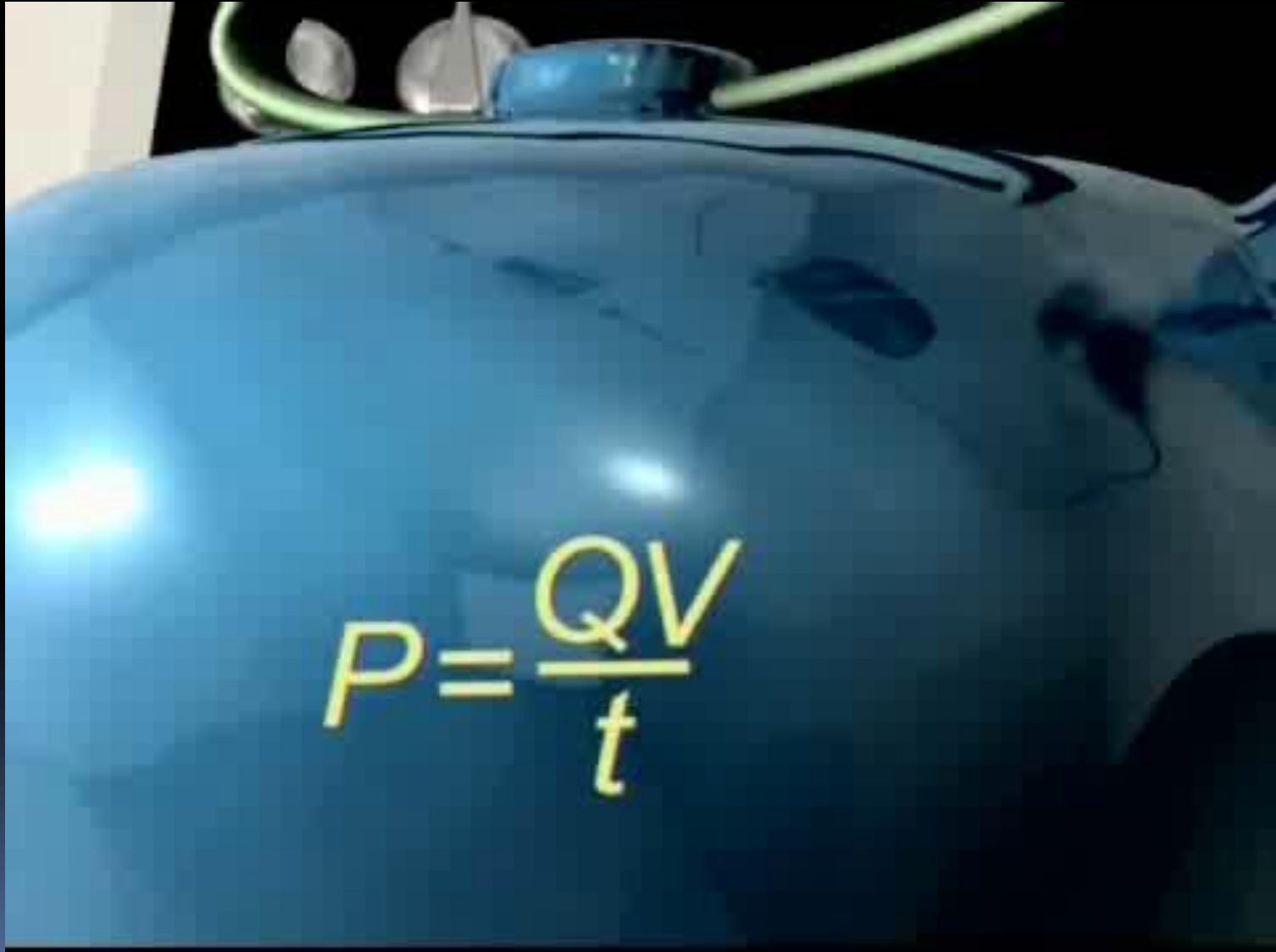


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# Electricity - Measurement of Power



# Electric Power

- We have seen that it requires work to move a charge across a potential
- A current is a movement of charge so work is being done, and it is movement per unit time
- Where there is work per unit time, there is POWER

$$P = \frac{\textit{Work}}{\textit{Time}}$$

$$W = QV$$

$$P = \frac{QV}{\Delta t}$$

$$I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$$

$$P = VI$$

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$$P = VI$$

$$\frac{P}{V} = I$$

$$\frac{60}{220} = I = 0.27 A$$

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

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

$$R = \frac{220^2}{60} = 807 \Omega$$

# Emf ( $\epsilon$ )

- **Emf sources**
  - **battery - converts stored chemical energy into electrical energy**
  - **generator – converts mechanical energy into electrical energy**
  - **thermocouple – converts thermal energy into electrical energy**
  - **photoelectric material – converts solar energy into electrical energy**



# Emf ( $\epsilon$ )

- Charges will not move in a conductor unless there exists an electric potential created by an electromotive force (emf) providing the energy
  - Resistance
  - Superconductors are an exception
- Since the electrons must be 'pushed' from the positive terminal to the negative terminal, work must be done on the electrons

# Emf ( $\epsilon$ )

- Electromotive force (emf,  $\epsilon$ ) is equal to the total work done in moving a unit charge completely around a circuit

$$\epsilon = \frac{W}{q}$$

- Unit for emf is the volt (V, J/C)

# Emf ( $\varepsilon$ )

- Emf can also be defined as the total power generated by the voltage source per unit current

$$\varepsilon = \frac{W}{q}$$

$$P = \frac{W}{t}, Pt = W$$

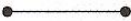
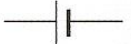
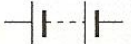

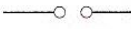






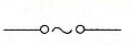

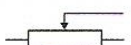

$$\varepsilon = \frac{Pt}{q}$$

$$I = \frac{q}{t}, \frac{1}{I} = \frac{t}{q}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{P}{I}$$

# Simple DC Circuits

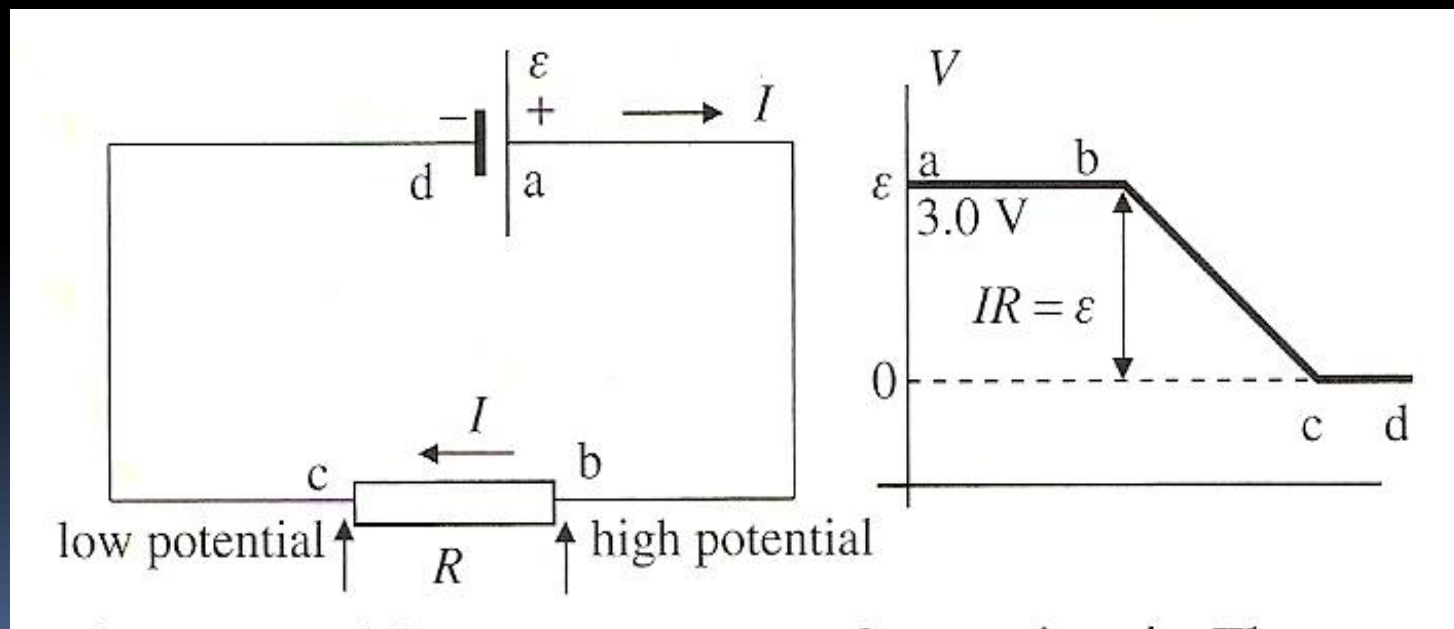
# Simple Electric Circuits

| Symbols   | Component name                      |
|---|-------------------------------------|
|    | connection lead                     |
|    | cell                                |
|    | battery of cells                    |
|    | resistor                            |
|    | power supply                        |
|    | junction of conductors              |
|    | crossing conductors (no connection) |
|    | filament lamp                       |
|    | voltmeter                           |
|    | ammeter                             |
|    | switch                              |
|   | ac supply                           |
|  | galvanometer                        |
|  | potentiometer                       |
|  | heating element                     |

**Table 5.1** Names of electrical components and their circuit symbols.

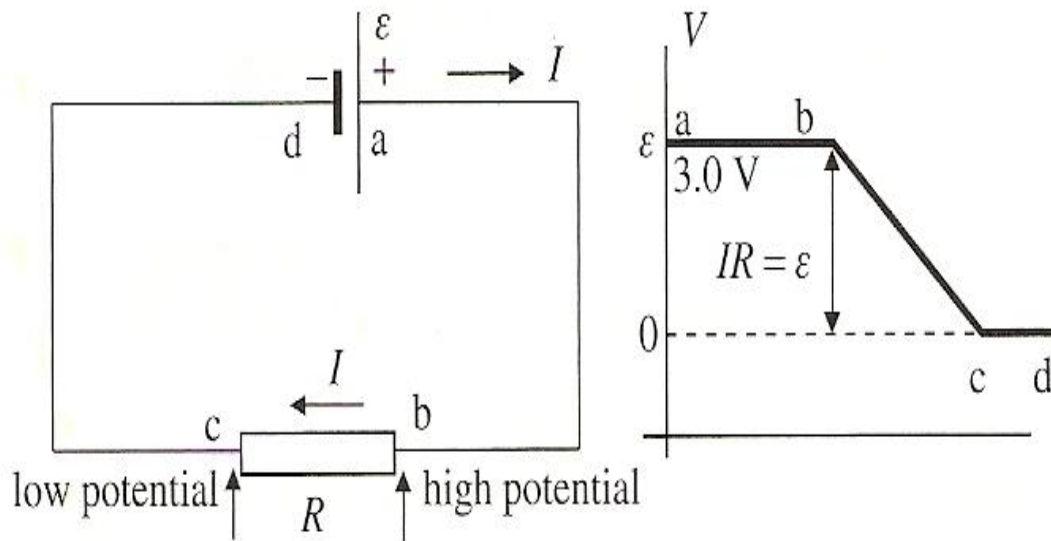
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$$V = IR$$

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

$$I = \frac{3.0}{1.5} = 2\text{A}$$

# Series Circuits

- Circuits are said to be “in series” when the same current runs through them as if they were connected end to end
  - The potential drop across each resistor is,  
 $V_1 = IR_1, V_2 = IR_2, V_3 = IR_3$

$$V = IR_1 + IR_2 + IR_3$$

$$V = I(R_1 + R_2 + R_3)$$

$$V = IR_{Total}$$

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



# Series Circuits

- For resistors in series, it is the same as replacing all resistors with one that has the total value of all in series.
- For resistors in series, the same current flows through all resistors and the potential drop across the resistors is equal to the drop across the series.

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

# Series Circuits

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$$R_{Total} = 3 + 2 + 7 = 12$$

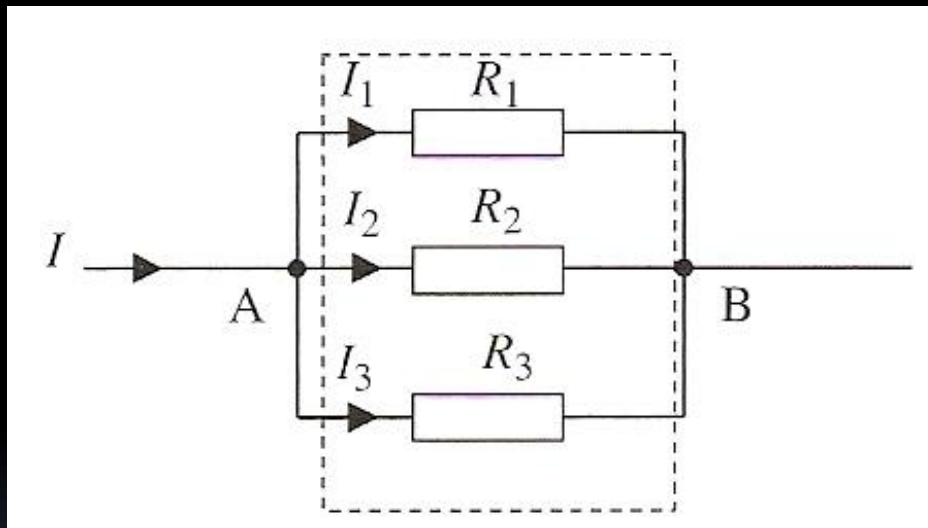
$$V = IR = 2.5 \times 12 = 30V$$

# Parallel Circuits

- In parallel circuits, the current splits and flows through two or more resistors
- The current that enters the split must equal the current that exits the split
- The sum of the split currents must equal the current in and out
- The same potential exists across each resistor that is connected in parallel
  - That is what determines the current

# Parallel Circuits

- Consider the circuit below



# Parallel Circuits

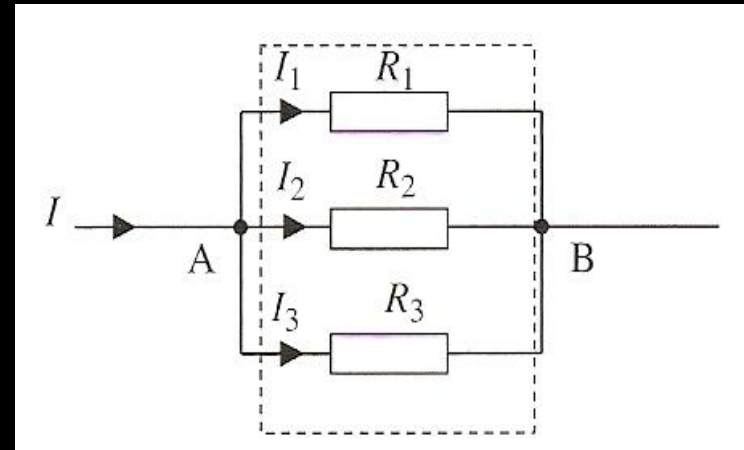
$$V = IR$$

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

$$I_{Total} = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$$

$$I_{Total} = \frac{V}{R_1} + \frac{V}{R_2} + \frac{V}{R_3}$$

$$I_{Total} = V \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \right)$$



$$\frac{I_{Total}}{V} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$$

$$R_{Total} = \frac{V}{I_{Total}}$$

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# Series Circuits

$$R_{Total} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$$

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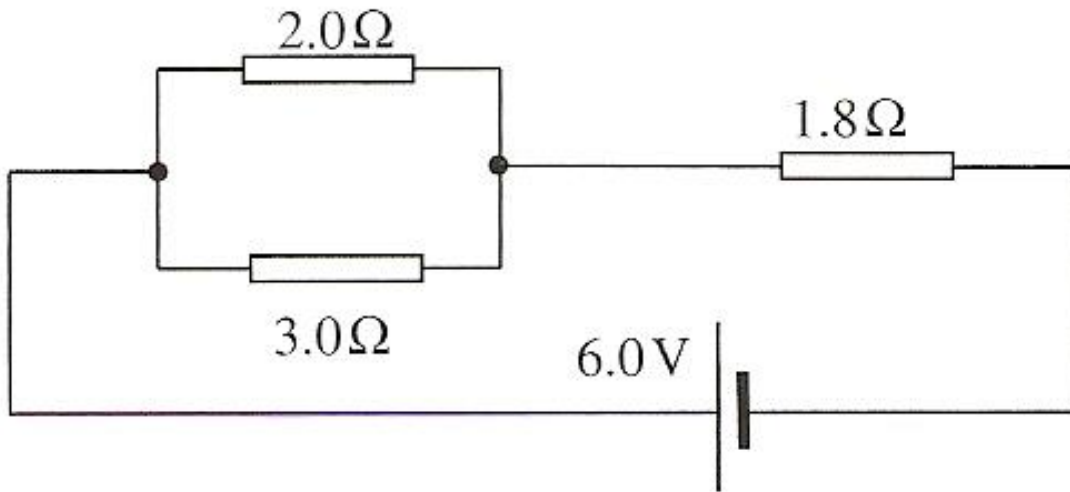
# Analyzing Circuits

- The reason we have learned how to combine resistors that are in series or in parallel is that it gives us a means for analyzing circuits



# Analyzing Circuits

- **EXAMPLE:** Find the current through each resistor and the potential difference across each resistor in the circuit below:



- *In series resistors, the current through each resistor is the same and the potential difference (drop) is different.*
- *In parallel resistors, the potential difference (drop) is the same and the current through each resistor is different.*

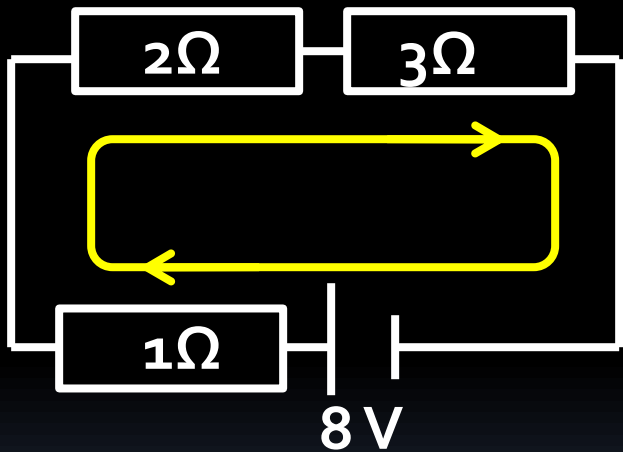
# Kirchhoff's Second Law

- AKA Voltage Law, AKA Loop Law
- The sum of the voltages around a circuit equal zero
  - Voltage across power sources are positive
  - Voltage drops across resistors are negative

$$\Sigma V = 0$$

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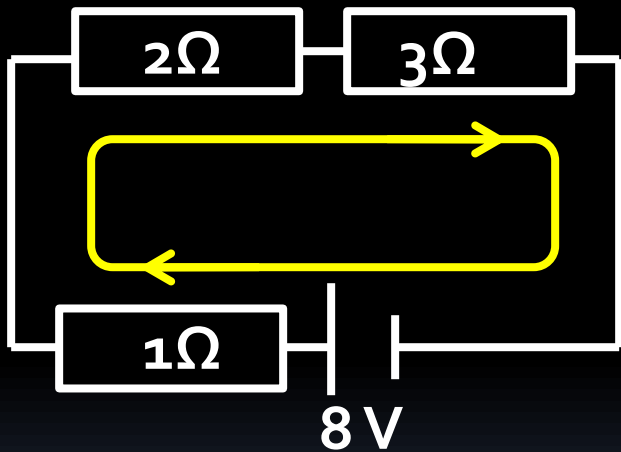
$$\Sigma V = +8 - 1I - 2I - 3I = 0$$

$$8 = 6I$$

$$1.3\text{A} = I$$

# Kirchhoff's Second Law

- This example illustrates the fact that series resistors can be added.



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$$R_{total} = 1 + 2 + 3 = 6\Omega$$

$$V = IR_{total}$$

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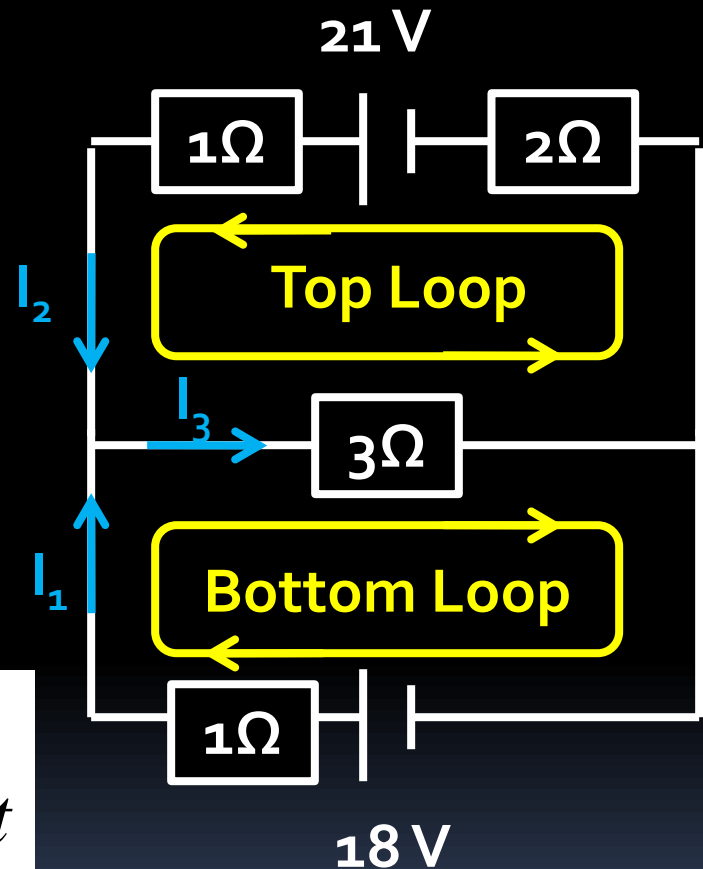
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# Kirchhoff's First Law

- AKA Current Law, AKA Junction Law
- The sum of the currents going into a junction will equal the sum of the currents flowing out of a junction.

$$\sum I_{in} = \sum I_{out}$$

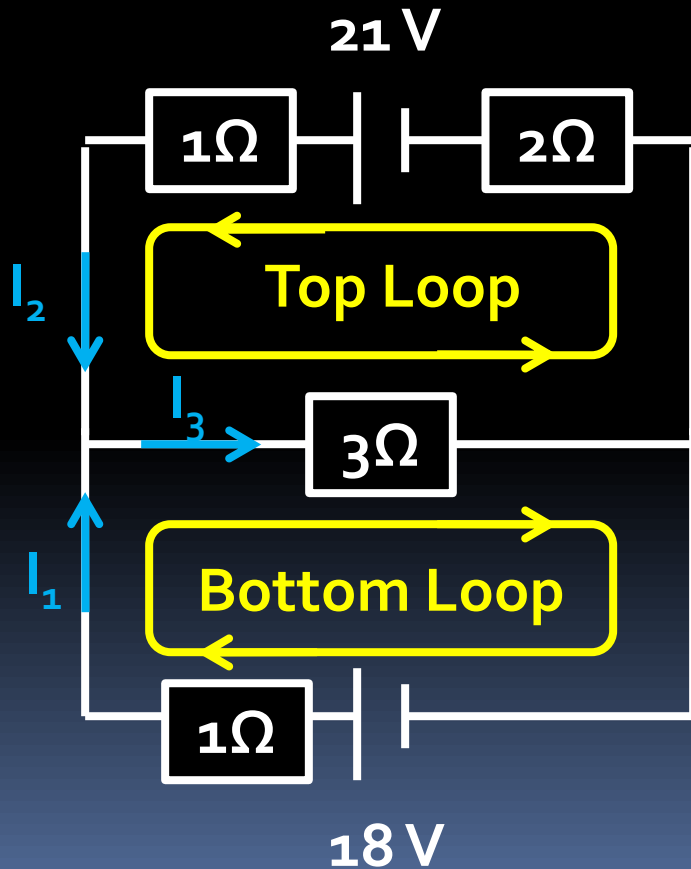
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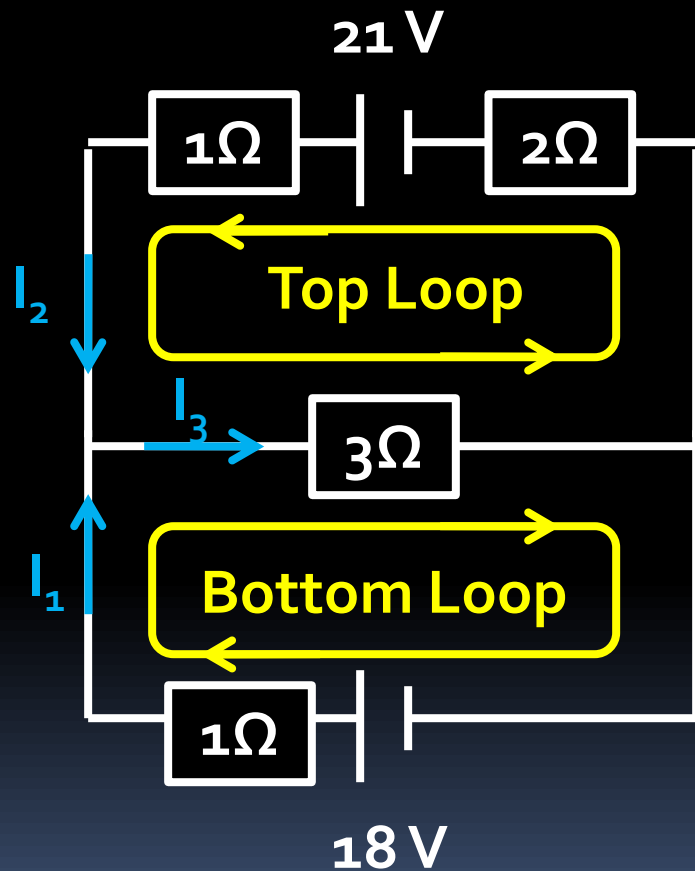


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$$18V = 1I_1 + 3I_3$$

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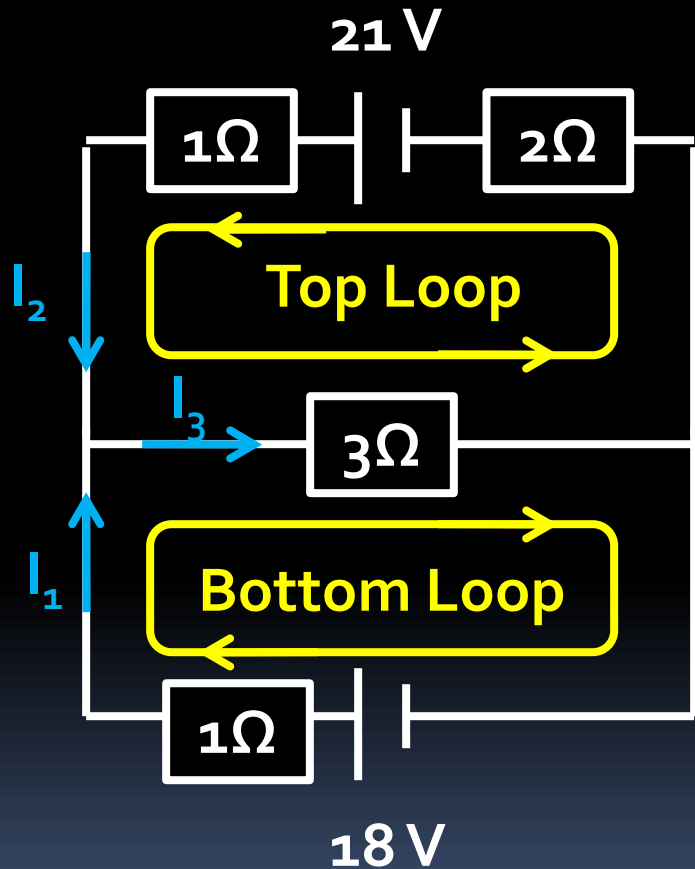
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$$7V - 2I_2 = I_1$$



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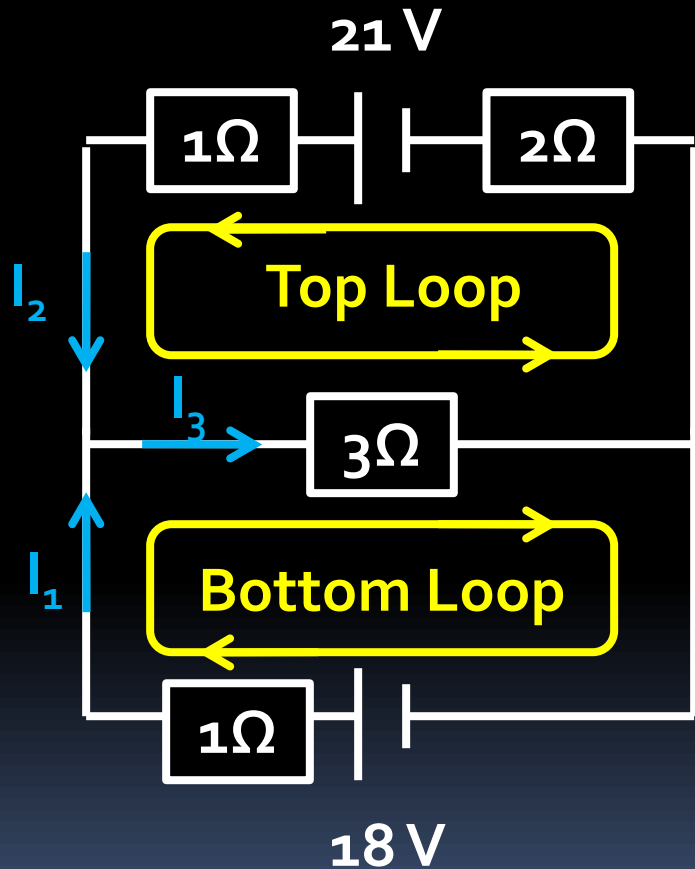
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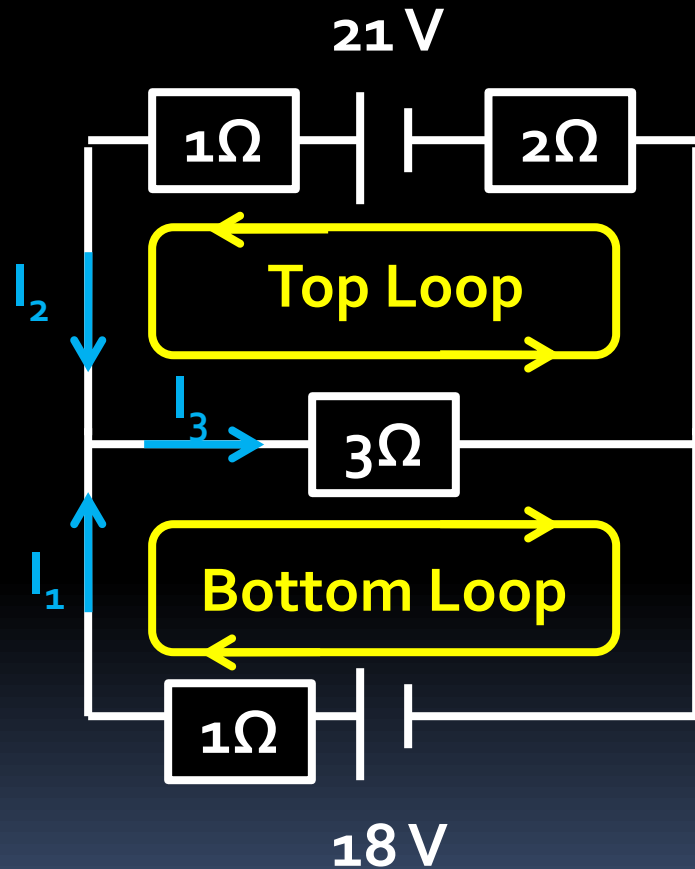
$$18V = 1I_1 + 3I_3$$

$$18V = (7V - 2I_2) + 3(I_1 + I_2)$$

$$18V = 7V - 2I_2 + 3I_1 + 3I_2$$

$$11V = I_2 + 3I_1$$

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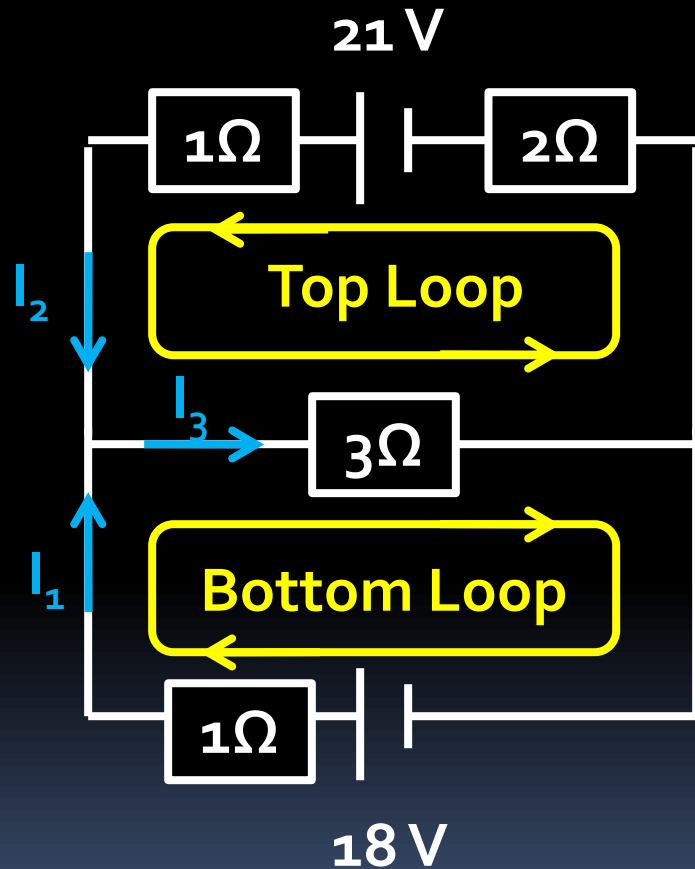
$$11V = I_2 + 3(7V - 2I_2)$$

$$11V = I_2 + 21V - 6I_2$$

$$-10V = -5I_2$$

$$2A = I_2$$

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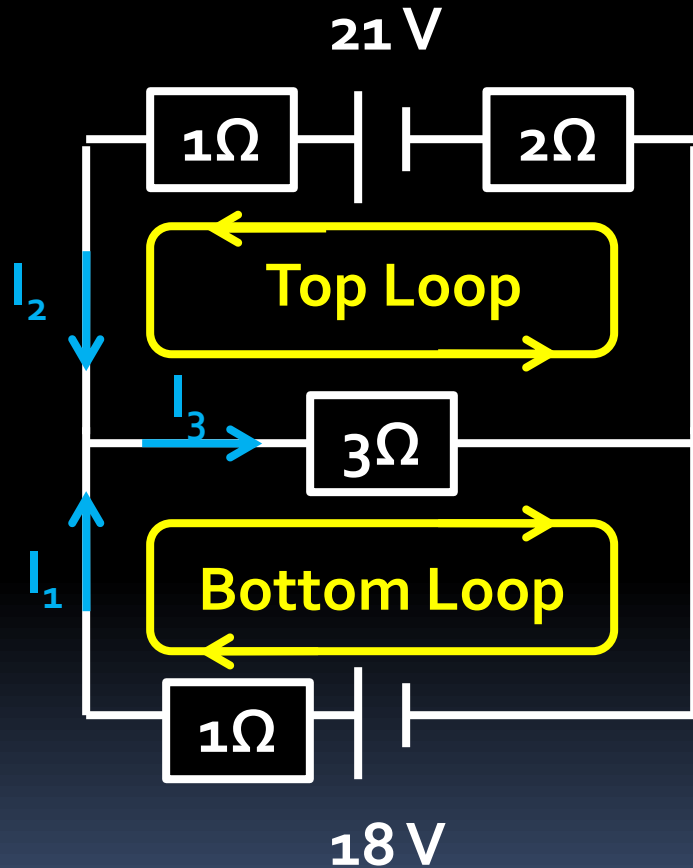
$$7V - 2(2) = I_1$$

$$3A = I_1$$

$$I_1 + I_2 = I_3$$

$$(2) + (3) = I_3 = 5A$$

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$$2A = I_2$$

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$$(2) + (3) = I_3 = 5A$$

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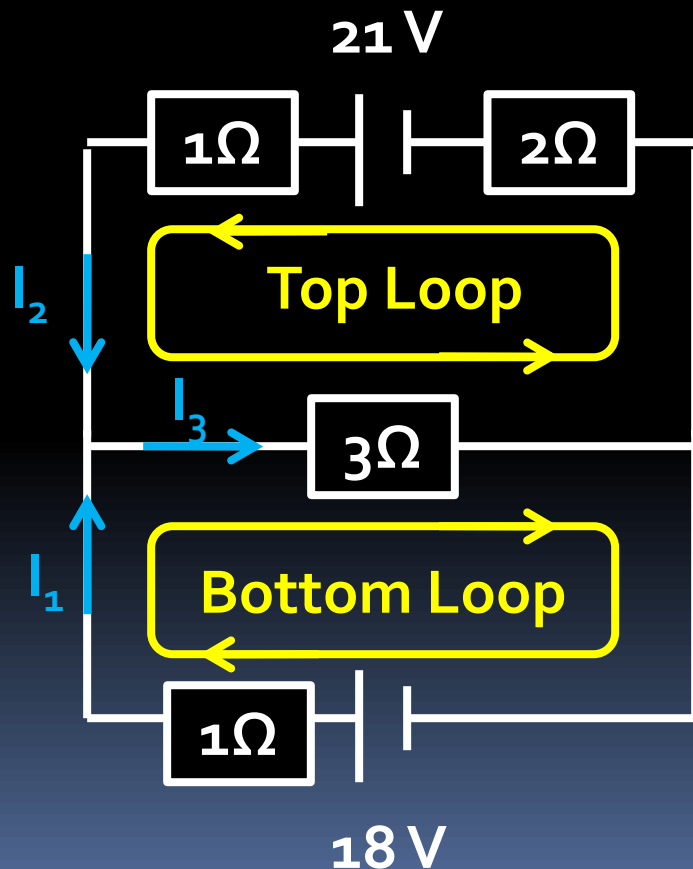
- *Does it check?*

$$I_1 = 3, I_2 = 2, I_3 = 5$$

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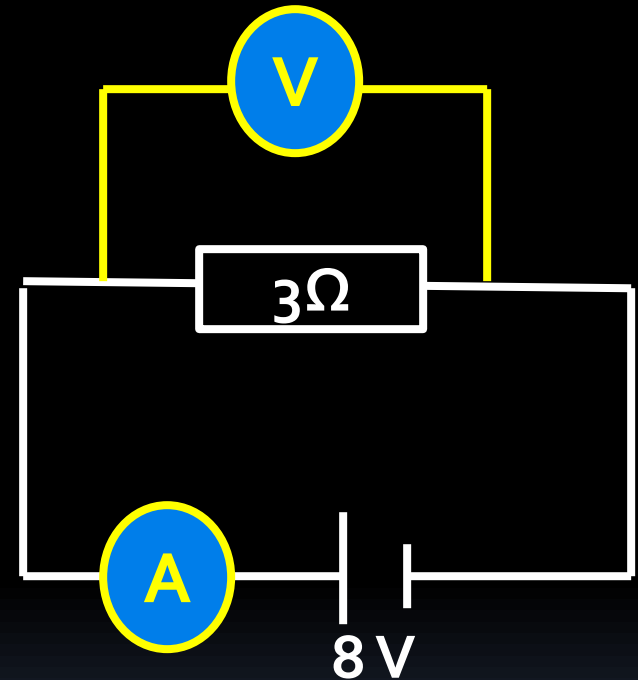
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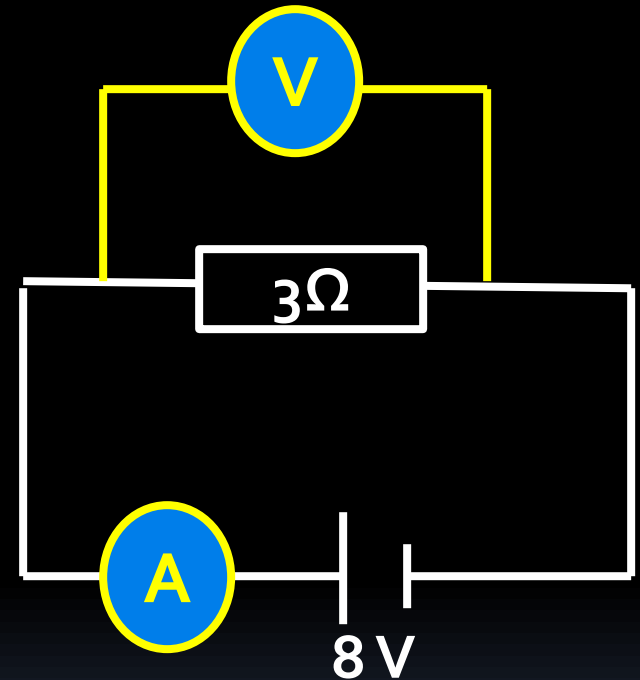
# Ammeters and Voltmeters

- Ammeters measure amps which is short for amperes which is the unit of current
- **Ammeters must be installed in series with the circuit**
- **An ideal ammeter will have zero resistance**
  - *Otherwise, there would be a voltage drop across the ammeter which would change the current*



# Ammeters and Voltmeters

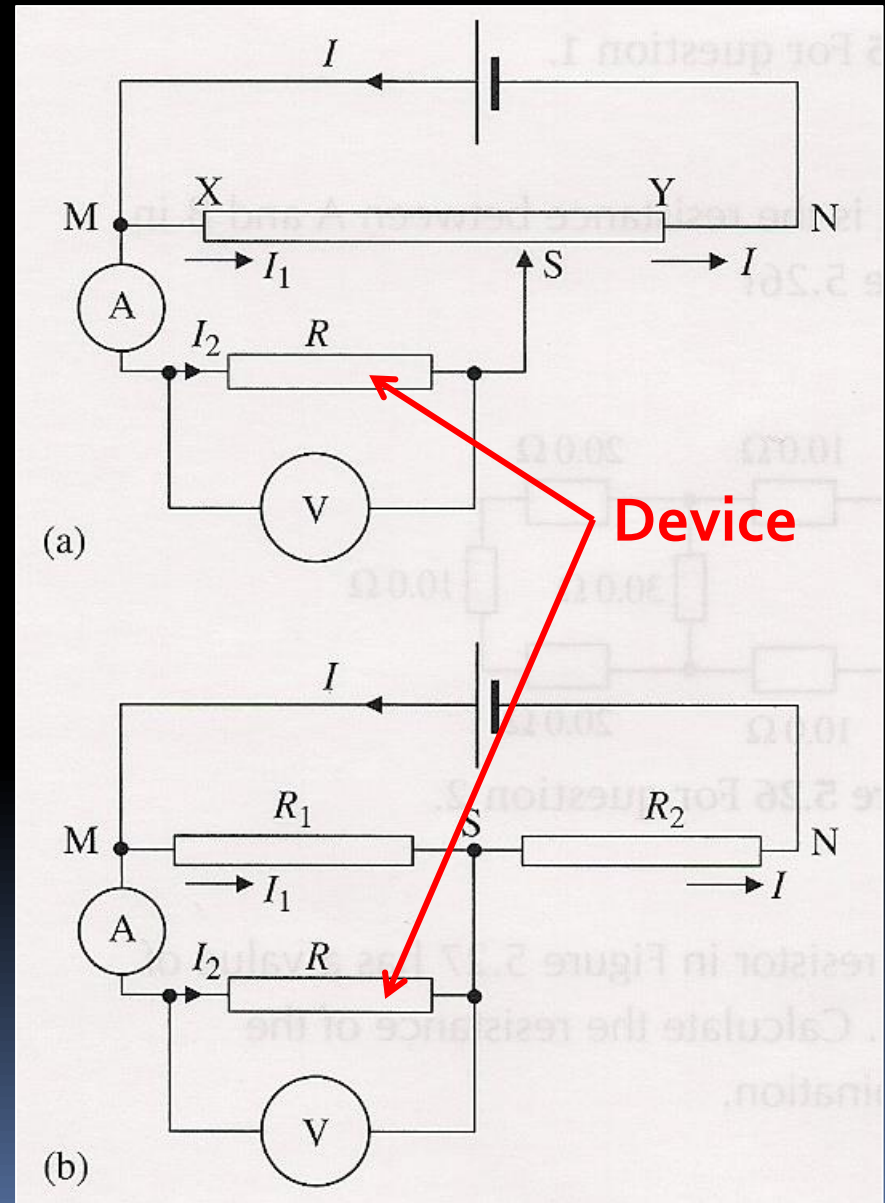
- Voltmeters measure volts which is the unit for potential difference
- **Voltmeters must be installed in parallel with the circuit**
- **An ideal voltmeter will have infinite resistance**
  - *Otherwise, there would be current through it and would give a lower voltage reading than actual*





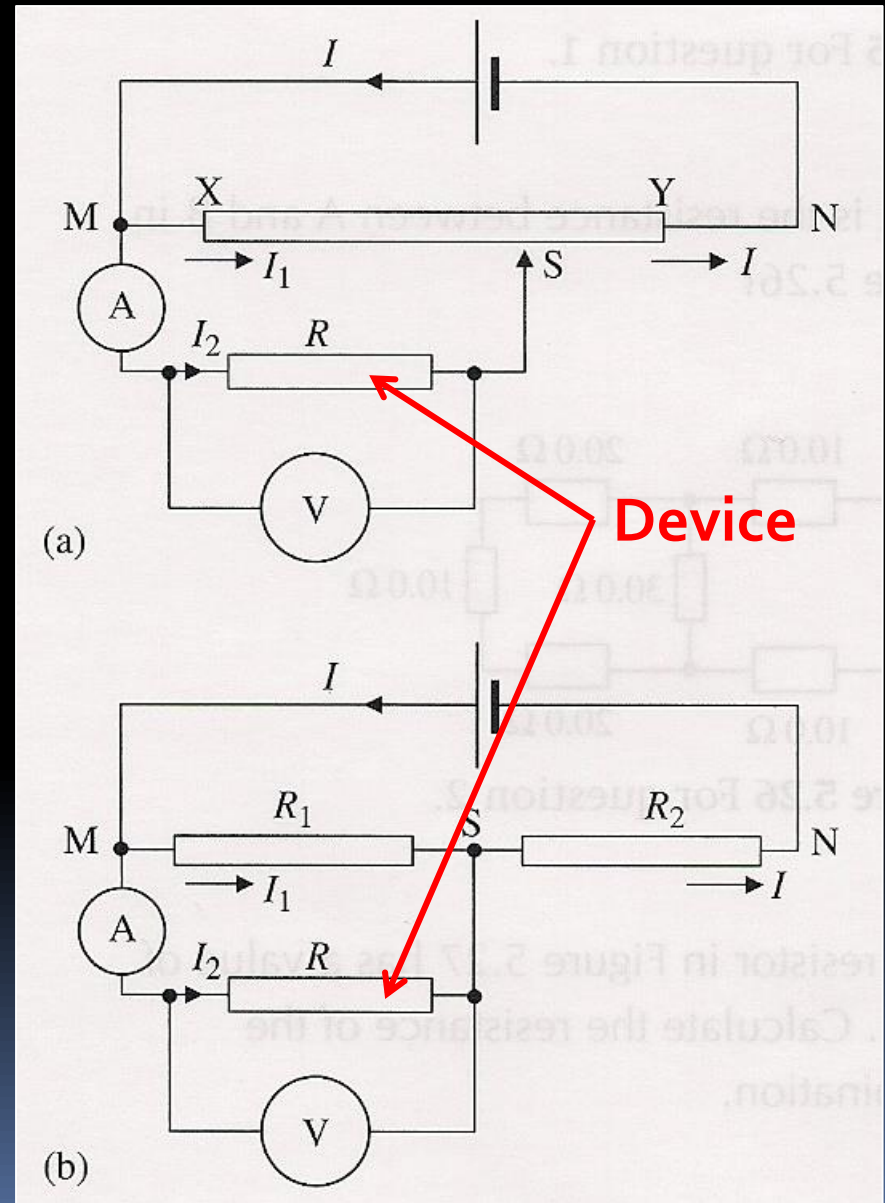
# Potential Divider

- The XY bar is a resistor, but the connection at S splits the XY resistor into two pieces, one in parallel to the device and one in series with the circuit.



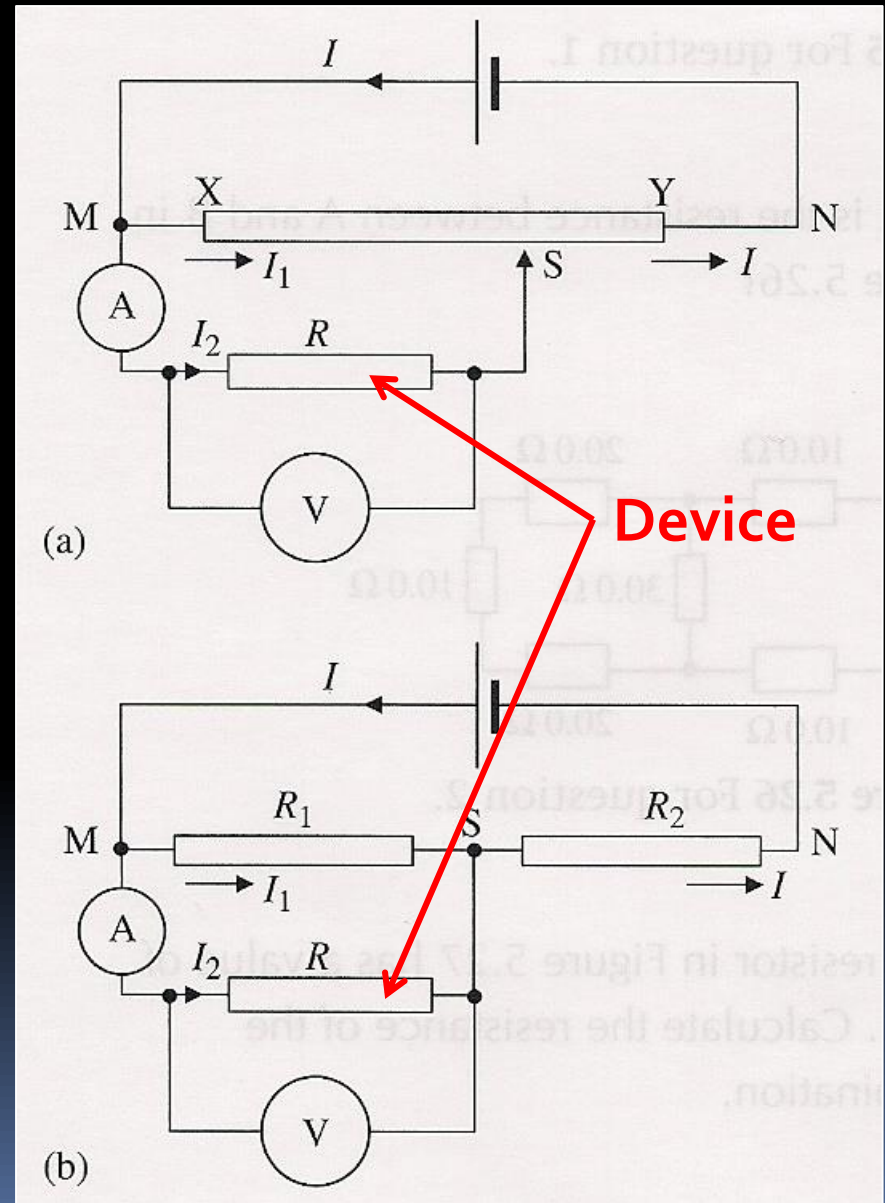
# Potential Divider

- Diagram (b) illustrates how the XY resistor is effectively split in two
  - The resistance of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  add to the total resistance of XY
  - $R_1$  is the portion in parallel with the device
  - $R_2$  is in series with the parallel circuit



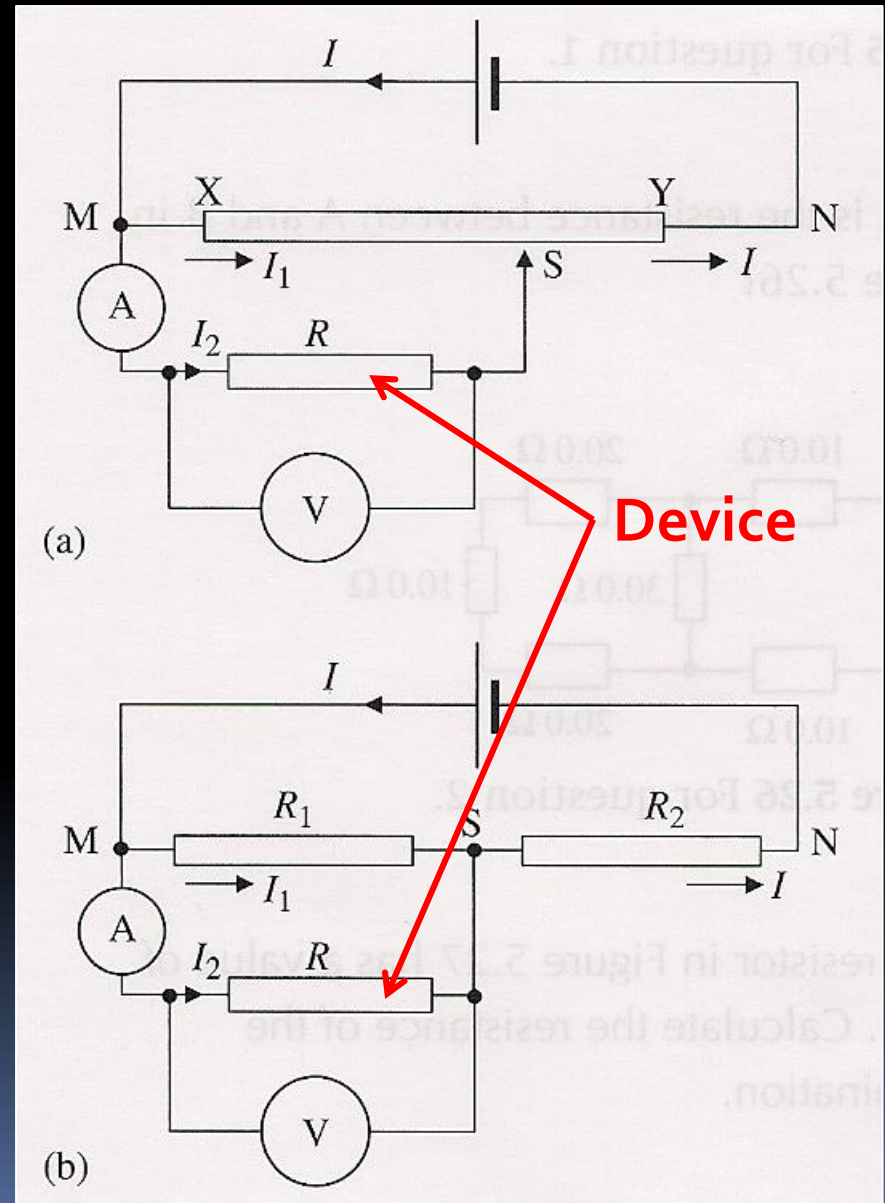
# Potential Divider

- By changing the amount of resistance in parallel to the device, we can create different currents and voltage drops in the device
  - The voltage across the device drops to zero when the S slider is at position X



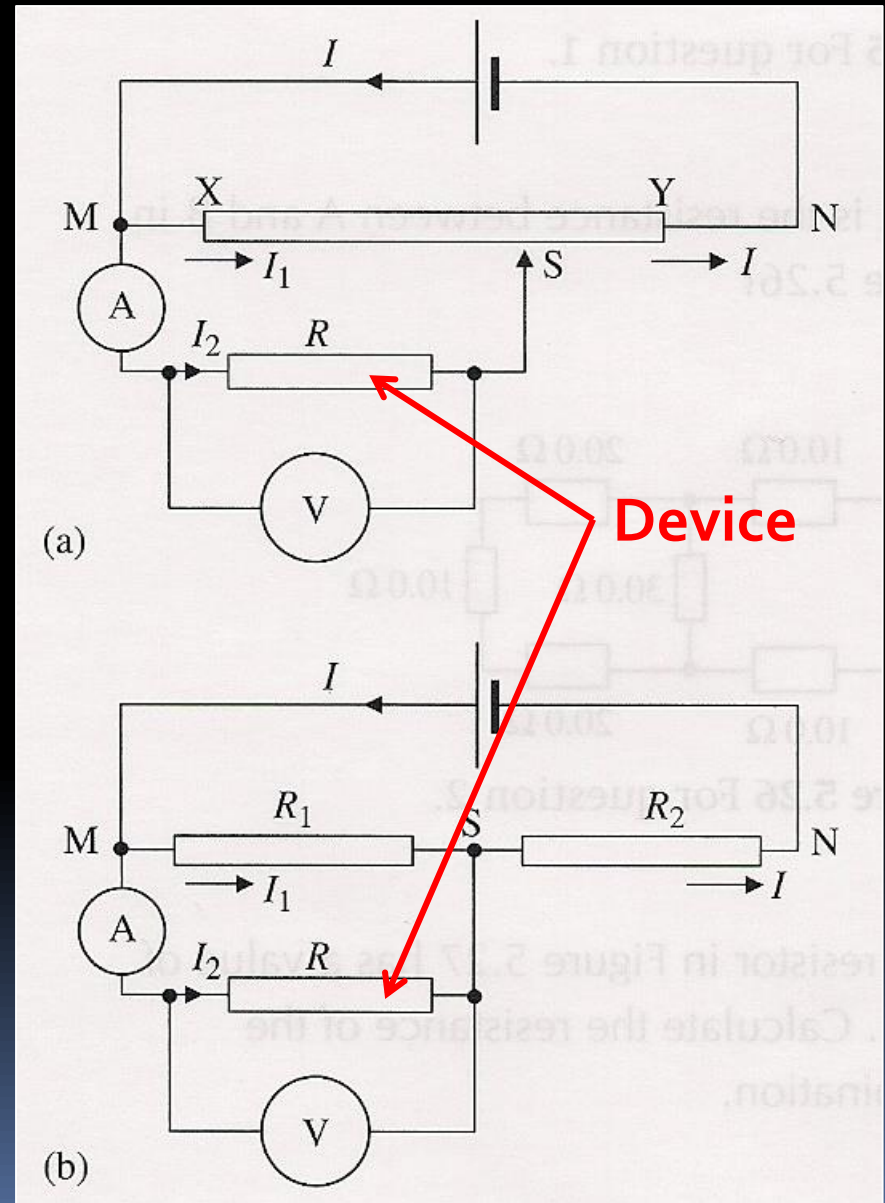
# Potential Divider

- By changing the amount of resistance in parallel to the device, we can create different currents and voltage drops in the device
  - The voltage across the device increases to maximum (equal to the emf of the power source) when the S slider is at position Y



# Potential Divider

- You will have a graded exercise on potential dividers in the near future!!!*



# Electrical Circuits - Ohm's Law - Summary



# Understandings:

- Circuit diagrams
- Kirchhoff's circuit laws
- Heating effect of current and its consequences
- Resistance expressed as  $R I = V$
- Ohm's law
- Resistivity
- Power dissipation

# Applications And Skills:

- Drawing and interpreting circuit diagrams
- Identifying ohmic and non-ohmic conductors through a consideration of the  $V/I$  characteristic graph
- Solving problems involving potential difference, current, charge, Kirchhoff's circuit laws, power, resistance and resistivity



# Applications And Skills:

- Investigating combinations of resistors in parallel and series circuits
- Describing ideal and non-ideal ammeters and voltmeters
- Investigating one or more of the factors that affect resistance experimentally

# Applications And Skills:

- Describing practical uses of potential divider circuits, including the advantages of a potential divider over a series resistor in controlling a simple circuit

# Essential Idea:

- One of the earliest uses for electricity was to produce light and heat. This technology continues to have a major impact on the lives of people around the world.



QUESTIONS?



# Homework

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