

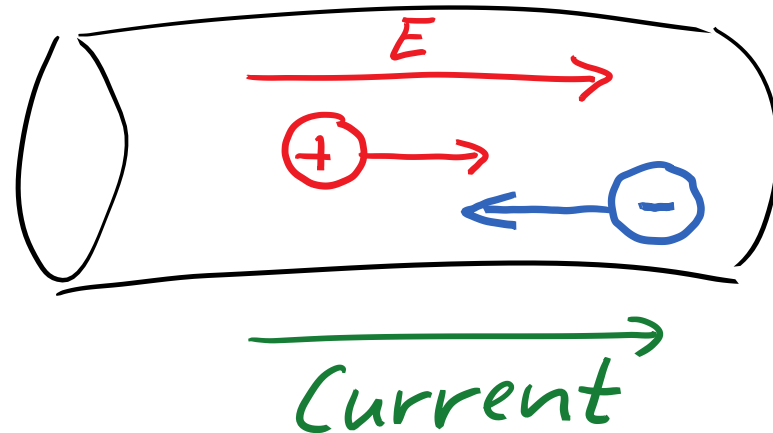
Review:
Current, Resistance, Ohm's Law

Direction of current

- Current is motion of charges
- Charge carriers in metals are electrons
- Current is created by a potential difference due to an electric field

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

Unit: 1C/1s= 1A Ampere



Resistance and resistivity

Current increases proportional to applied voltage

Ohm's Law

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

$$R = \frac{\Delta V}{I} \quad \text{Resistance}$$

Unit: $1\text{V}/1\text{A} = 1\Omega$ Ohm

Resistance depends on:

- Material
- Length of wire
- Cross section

Resistance is a
device property.

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

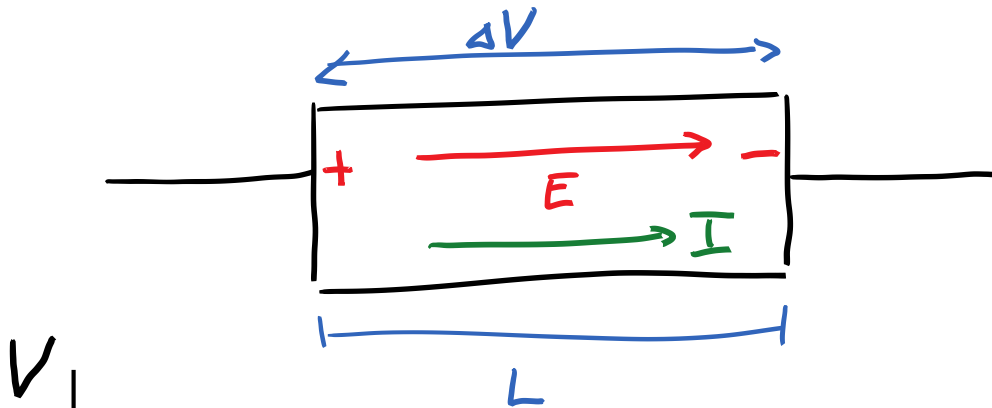
ρ resistivity (lower case Greek "rho")

Unit: Ωm

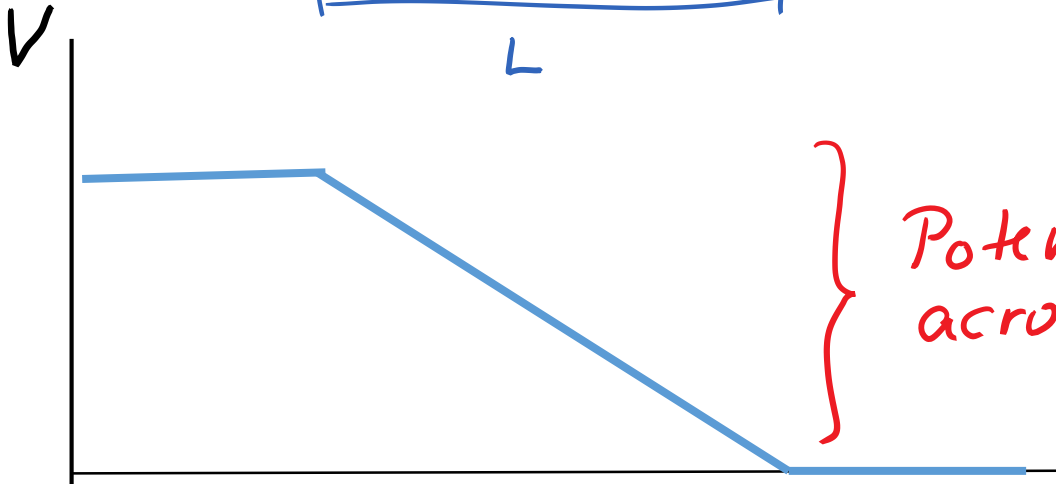
Material property

Current flow through resistor

Assume "ideal wires" ($R=0$).



$$E = \frac{\Delta V}{L}$$



Potential drop
across resistor

Power

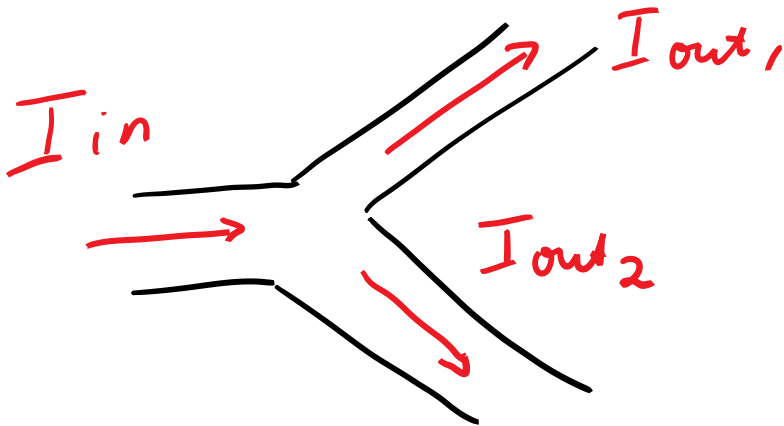
When current flows through a resistor, power is dissipated and energy transformed into heat.

$$P_R = I\Delta V_R = I^2 R = \frac{(\Delta V_R)^2}{R}$$

Kirchhoff's Laws: Junction Law

Current is the same at all points in a current-carrying wire.

Current is not “used up”. Charge cannot be created or destroyed.
“What goes in must come out”.



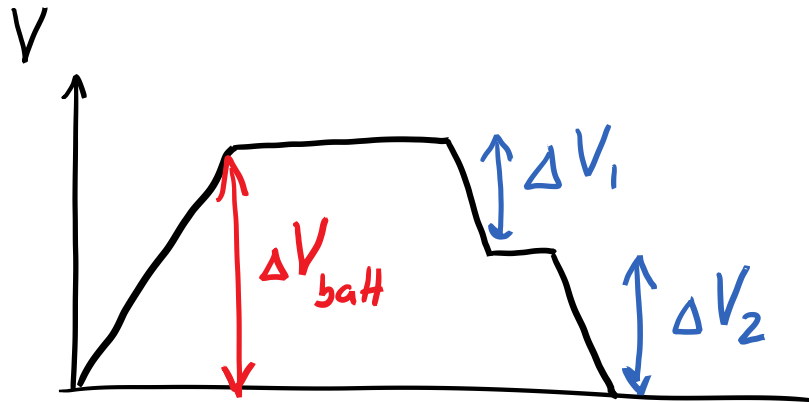
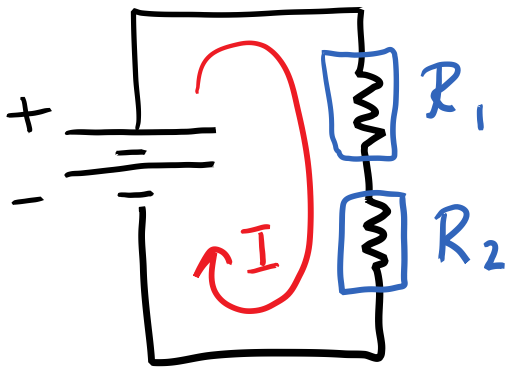
$$\sum I_{in} = \sum I_{out}$$

Kirchhoff's Laws: Loop Law

Potential energy depends on position.

If we come back to the same point, we come back to the same value of potential energy.

$$\Delta V_{loop} = \sum_i \Delta V_i = 0$$



Resistors in series

Same current

$$R_{eq} = \sum R_i$$

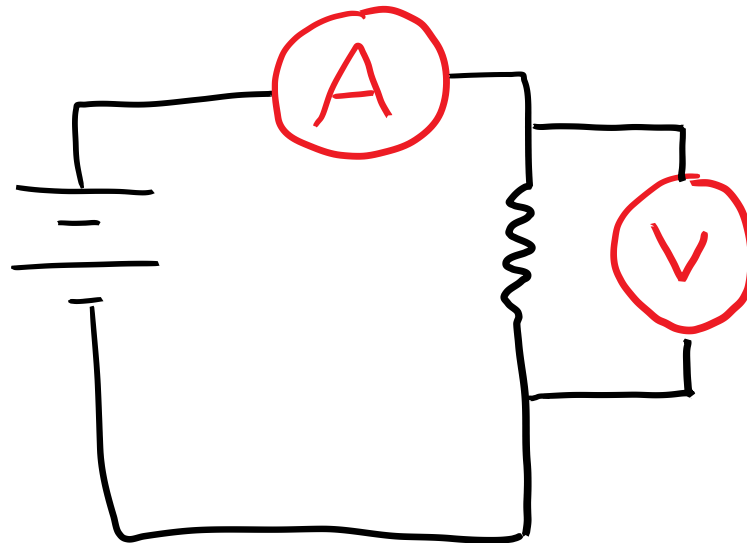
Resistors in parallel

Same voltage

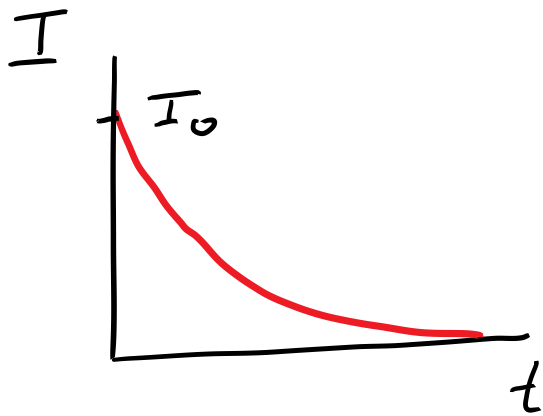
$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \sum \frac{1}{R_i}$$

Measuring current and voltage

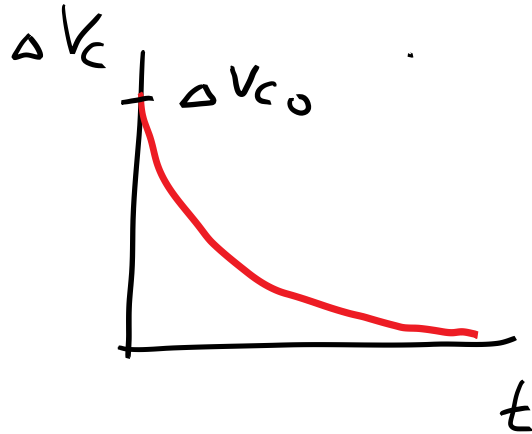
- Voltmeter in parallel with the resistor (same voltage)
- Ideal Voltmeter: infinite resistance
- Ammeter in series with the resistor (same current)
- Ideal Ammeter: zero resistance



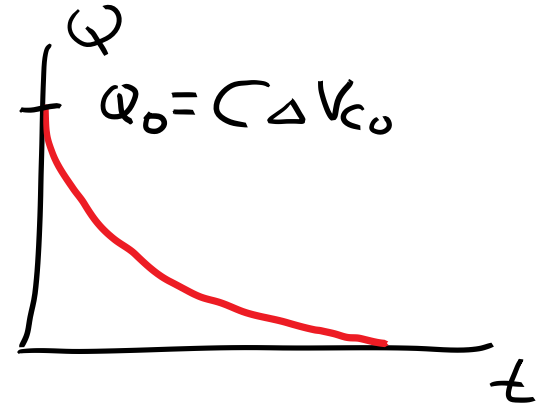
Discharging a capacitor



$$I = I_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$



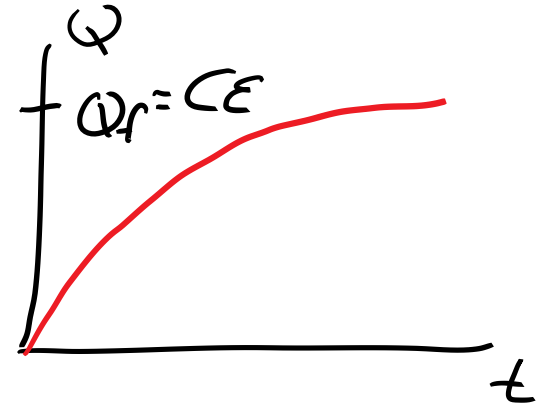
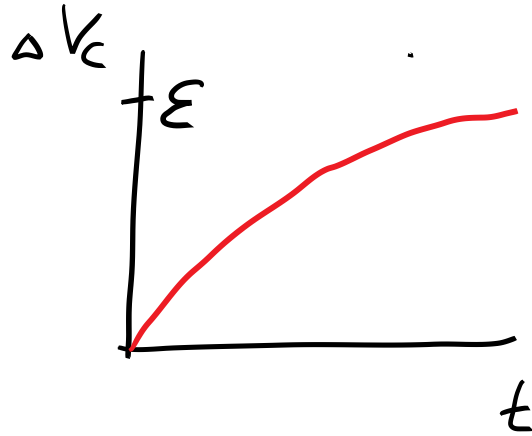
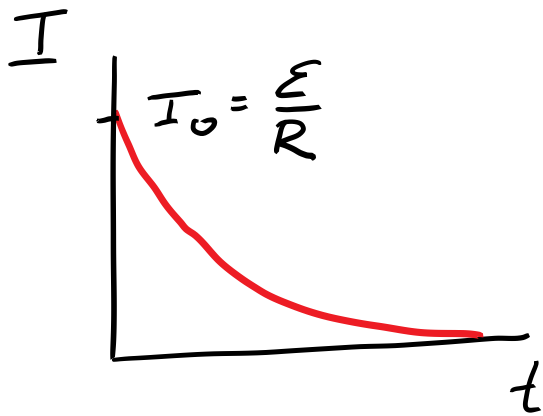
$$\Delta V_c = \Delta V_{c_0} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$



$$Q = Q_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$\tau = RC$ time constant

Charging a capacitor



$$I = I_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$$\Delta V_C = \mathcal{E} (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$$

$$Q = Q_f (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$$

$\tau = RC$ time constant