## today: dc circuits

## mostly current \& resistance

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

$$
A
$$


$\Delta t$



## not so funny now.

WE WERE GOING TO USE THE TIME MACHINE TO PREVENT THE ROBOT APOCALYPSE, BUT THE GUY WHO BUILT IT WAS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER.



## $I=$ Cause/Resistance

$I$ is the current, or flow rate, describes different scenes:
(a) Heat flow through a wall

(b) Charge
flow through a wire

(c) Fluid flow through a pipe


Resistance $R$
has the same form in most cases,

$$
R=\rho L / A
$$

| Transport what? | Heat | Electric charges | Displacement <br> of a molecule <br> in a fluid | Volume of fluid |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Current form <br> (items/second) | $I=-\Delta T / R$ | $I=-\Delta V / R$ | $v_{\mathrm{av}} \equiv \mathrm{I}=-\Delta P / R$ | $I=-\Delta P / R$ |
| Current units | $\mathrm{J} / \mathrm{s}$ or W | C/s or <br> amperes | $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}$ | $\mathrm{m}^{3} / \mathrm{s}$ |
| Resistance form | $R=\rho L / A$ | $R=\rho L / A$ | $R=\rho L / A$ | $R=\rho L / A^{2}$ |
| Detail of $\rho$ <br> (resistivity) | $\rho=\mathbf{1} /$ heat <br> conductivity | $\rho=$ electrical <br> resistivity | $\rho=\mathbf{6} \eta \pi$ | $\rho=\mathbf{8} \eta \pi$ |

> battery $=$ pump voltage $=$ pressure
> current $=$ flow resistor $=$ constriction capacitor $=$ diaphragm $/$ flexible reservoir diode $=$ check valve inductor $=$ paddle wheel


(a)


$$
\Delta V=V_{b}-V_{a}=-I R
$$

(b)

(c)


$$
V_{a}=+I R \quad V_{b}=0
$$

## real V source $=$ ideal V source +R


actual circuit has a parasitic $r$

b)

$R$ in series with output ("steals" V )

## real current sources


current source
R in parallel with output ("steals" I)

## series resistors: conservation of energy



Two Resistors in Series:

$$
R_{\mathrm{eq}}=R_{1}+R_{2}
$$

Three or More Resistors in Series:

$$
R_{\mathrm{eq}}=R_{1}+R_{2}+R_{3}+\ldots
$$

The current through resistors in series is the same.

## voltage divider



$$
V_{\text {out }}=\frac{R_{2}}{R_{1}+R_{2}} V_{\text {in }}
$$

## parallel resistors: conservation of charge

$\Delta V_{1}=\Delta V_{2}=\Delta V$


$$
\frac{1}{R_{\text {eq }}}=\frac{1}{R_{1}}+\frac{1}{R_{2}}
$$


$\Delta V$

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$$

current divider

## rank the currents



## more complex arrangements


(c)

(b)


## measuring voltage


! INCORRECT!
b)


## real voltmeters

(a)

(b)


## measuring current

a)

! INCORRECT!
b)


CORRECT

## a simple ammeter



## dc Circuits, part II

## same thing, just more of it

## Thévenin equivalents

This image: Horowitz \& Hill, The art of electronics


## $\mathrm{V}_{\text {th }}=\mathrm{V}$ (open circuit)

$\frac{\mathrm{V} \text { (open circuit) }}{\mathrm{I} \text { (closed circuit) }}$
any combination of R's andV's is equivalent to a SINGLE R andV disconnect from red dots = open circuit voltage short red dots, current there is closed-circuit current.
(Norton equivalent: a single I source in parallel with R)

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$\Delta V$

## so what?

real sources $=$
ideal sources +R
real meter $=$ ideal meter with $R$


## $V$ source loading


$\Delta V_{\text {load }}=V-I r$
for $r \ll R_{\text {load }}$, $\Delta V_{\text {load }} \approx V$

V source wants R high
extra series resistance
one solution:
large resistor in parallel with load

## I source loading



$$
\begin{gathered}
I_{\text {load }}=1 \frac{r}{r+R} \\
\text { for } R_{\text {load }}<r, \\
I_{\text {load }} \approx 1
\end{gathered}
$$

source
extra parallel resistance

## I source wants R Iow

 sourcing currents at high $R_{\text {load }}$ is hard
## measuring the meter


$\Delta V_{\text {load }}=I R_{\text {eq }}=\frac{R}{1+R / r} I \quad R_{\text {load }}<r, \Delta V_{\text {load }} \approx I R$

## summary

voltmeter wants R low! can use a buffer/follower ... later

I source wants R Iow
transformer pre-amp consider sourcing $V$
V source wants R high large series + parallel resistors present large $R$

## Sourcing current

This is what a hand meter does.

Why is it no good?


## Sourcing current, properly



No problem.
You just need four wires.

## Sourcing voltage



Still have to measure voltage on device the wires still use up some of V
What about current?

## Sourcing voltage better



## source/meter resistances

voltmeter wants R low but $V$ source wants $R$ high
need buffer/amp on V meter resistor in parallel with source
if V source is problem, R is too low consider sourcing I

## what if I want to measure a *really* high R?



## what if I want to measure a *really* low R?


$R_{\text {wires }}$
this works just fine ...
so long as your $V$ meter is good or you can tolerate large I v. good amp / part of a bridge

## what if I want to measure a small change in R ?


balance bridge to $V=0$ detect small changes from null

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\mathrm{R}_{2}=-1 W-W \\
\\
\approx R_{3}
\end{array}
$$

make $R_{1}-R_{3}$ about the same trimming resistor on $R_{2}=d R$

$$
R_{x}=\frac{R_{3} R_{2}}{R_{1}}
$$

# Rules for analyzing more complicated circuits 


(a)


$$
\Delta V=V_{b}-V_{a}=-I R
$$

(b)


$$
\Delta V=V_{b}-V_{a}=+I R
$$


$\Delta V=V_{b}-V_{a}=+\varepsilon$

$\Delta V=V_{b}-V_{a}=-\varepsilon$
(a)

(b)


## capacitors

Definition of Capacitance: the capacitance $C$ is the ratio of the charge stored on one conductor (or the other) to the potential difference between the conductors:

$$
\begin{equation*}
C \equiv \frac{|Q|}{|\Delta V|} \tag{4.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

frequency-dependent resistor $I$ and $V$ are $90^{\circ}$ out of phase can't dissipate power, ideally

$$
I=\frac{d Q}{d t}=\frac{d(C V)}{d t} \rightarrow C \frac{d V}{d t}
$$



Capacitance of a parallel plate capacitor:

$$
C=\epsilon_{0} \frac{A}{d}
$$

where $d$ is the spacing between the plates, and $A$ is the area of the plates.

## combinations of capacitors

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## Two Capacitors in Series:

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Three or More Capacitors in Series:

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$$


(b)

## capacitors with stuff inside



Parallel plate capacitor with a dielectric between the plates:

$$
\begin{equation*}
C=\kappa \epsilon_{0} \frac{A}{d}=\epsilon_{r} \epsilon_{0} \frac{A}{d} \tag{4.29}
\end{equation*}
$$

the dielectric increases the capacitance by a factor $\kappa$, the dielectric constant. The dielectric constant is also written $\epsilon_{r}$ sometimes.

## rc circuits




Time constant $\tau$ of an $R C$ circuit:

$$
\begin{equation*}
V \propto e^{-T / R C} \tag{6.27}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\tau=R C
$$

This gives $\tau$ in seconds [s] when $R$ is in Ohms $[\Omega]$ and $C$ is in farads $[\mathrm{F}]$.

## RC differentiator

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
I=C \frac{d}{d t}\left(V_{\text {in }}-V\right)=\frac{V}{R} \\
\quad \text { for small RC, } \\
\\
\quad C \frac{d V_{\text {in }}}{d t} \approx \frac{V}{\bar{R}}
\end{array}\right\} \quad V(t) \approx R C \frac{d}{d t} V_{\text {in }}(t)
$$

## RC integrator

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { R } \\
& V_{\text {in }}(t)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& I=C \frac{d V}{d t}=\frac{V_{i n}-V}{R} \\
& \text { for large } \left.\mathrm{RC}\left(\mathrm{~V} \ll \mathrm{~V}_{\text {in }}\right)\right\} V(t)=\frac{1}{R C} \int^{t} V_{\text {in }}(t) d t+\mathrm{const} \\
& C \frac{d V}{d t} \approx \frac{V_{i n}}{R}
\end{aligned}
$$

## so what?

filtering of signals

# unintentional capacitive coupling see from waveform shape 

more later

## ac resistive circuits


nothing earth-shattering happens
except $P$ is lower than you expect

## ac capacitive circuits

(a)


I andV $90^{\circ}$ out of phase average power is ZERO
frequency response? insulating at dc conducting at high $f$
voltage "lags" current

$$
Z=\frac{1}{i w C}=\frac{-1}{2 \pi i f C}
$$

## filters



## familiar?


low-pass filter
frequency domain
time domain
integrator
$V(t)=\frac{1}{R C} \int^{t} V_{i n}(t) d t+\mathrm{const} \quad V(t) \approx R C \frac{d}{d t} V_{i n}(t)$
high-pass


## low-pass



## audio crossovers


parallel




$\mathrm{dB} /$ decade ...


