

# Electric Circuits, Resistance & Ohm's Law

## Exercise – 1

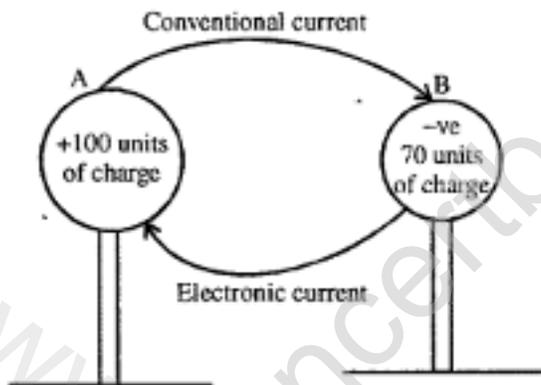
### Question 1.

In which direction conventional current and electronic current flow from a source of electricity ?

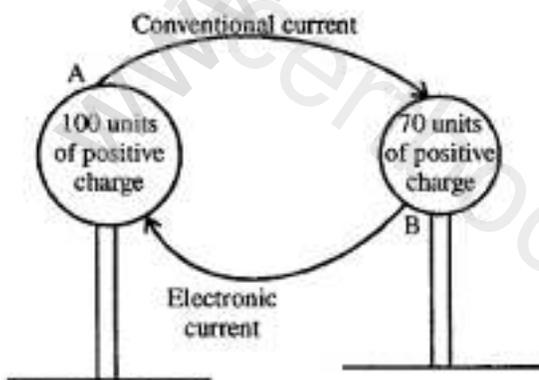
### Answer:

Electronic current is always in opposite direction to conventional current.

1. When both the bodies are positively charged and are in contact the body having more +ve charge is at higher potential conventional current from A to B  $+100 > +70$  from higher potential to lower potential.  
∴ Electronic current from B to A.

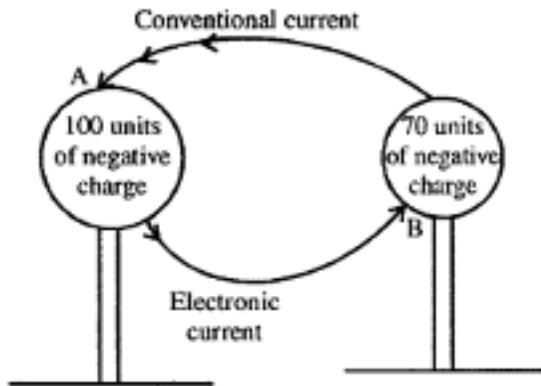


2. When both A and B negative charge conventional current: from higher potential ( $-70$ ) to lower potential ( $-100$ ) i.e. from B to A electronic current: from A to B.



3. When A has +ve charge of 100 units and B has -ve charge of 70 units  
Conventional Current: from A to B Higher potential to lower potential a electronic

current from b to A.



### Question 2.

Define electric potential. State its practical unit and define it.

**Answer:**

**Electric Potential** : "Is the electrical state of a conductor which determines the direction of flow of charge when two conductors are either in contact or joined by a metallic wire."

**Or**

**ELECTRIC POTENTIAL** "at a point is the work done in moving unit positive charge from infinity to that point in an electric field.

S.I. unit is volt.

**VOLT** : "If work done in moving 1 coulomb of charge from one point to other is 1 joule, the potential-difference between two points is said to be 1 volt."

### Question 3.

Define quantity of charge. States its practical unit and define it

**Answer:**

Quantity of charge is "The number of charges (electrons) which drift from a higher to a lower potential is called quantity of charge."

Particle unit of charge is coulomb.

**Coulomb**: "Flow of  $6.25 \times 10^{18}$  electrons through a conductor constitute 1 coulomb."

**Or**

"Charge carried by  $6.25 \times 10^{18}$  electrons is called 1 coulomb."

### Question 4.

Define electric current State its practical unit and define it

**Answer:**

Electric current: "Rate of flow of charge".  $I = Q/t = ne/t$

S.I. Unit  $\rightarrow$  Ampere (A)

**Ampere** : "When a charge of 1 coulomb passes in 1 second current flowing is one ampere."

### Question 5.

State two multiples and two submultiples of the unit of electric potential and electric current

**Answer:**

**Multiple units of :**

Electric potential is

1. (Kv) kilovolt =  $10^3$  V
2. Megavolt (Mv) =  $10^6$  V

**Electric current :**

1. KA (kilo-ampere) = 1000 A
2. MA (Mega-ampere) =  $10^6$

**Sub multiple units of:**

**Electric potential:**

1. mV millivolt =  $10^{-3}$  V
2.  $\mu$ v = microvolt =  $10^{-6}$  V

**Electric current :**

1. mA = milliamperere =  $10^{-3}$  A
2.  $\mu$ A = micro-ampere =  $10^{-6}$  A

### Question 6.

What do you understand by the terms potential difference? State its practical unit

**Answer:**

Potential difference: "Is the amount of work done in moving a unit positive charge from one point to other." Practical unit – volt.

### Question 7.

Define

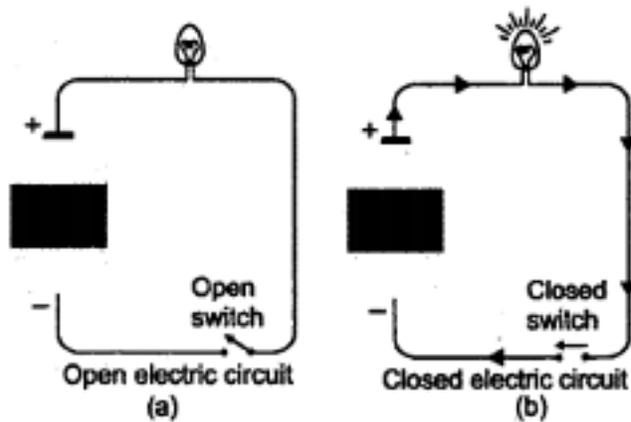
- (a) open electric circuit
- (b) closed electric circuit.

**Answer:**

(a) **Open electric circuit** : "An electric circuit in which flow of current stops, because of an open switch is called an open electric circuit.

(b) **Closed electric circuit** : "An electric circuit in which a current flows continuously,

because the switch is closed is called a closed electric .



### Question 8.

What do you understand by the term electric resistance? state its practical unit.

#### Answer:

“The obstruction offered to the flow of current by a conductor (wire) is called its RESISTANCE.”

S.I. UNIT – is  $1/\text{OHM}$  or  $(\text{Ohm})^{-1}$

### Question 9.

What do you understand by the term electric conductance? State its practical unit

#### Answer:

“The reciprocal of resistance is called electric CONDUCTANCE”. i.e.

Conductance =  $1/\text{Resistance}$

S.I. Unit of Conductance  $\Omega^{-1}$  or  $\text{OHM}^{-1}$

### Question 10.

What is a superconductor ? Name two materials and the temperature at which they become superconductors.

#### Answer:

SUPER CONDUCTOR : “The substances which lose resistance when they are cooled to very low temperature (nearly absolute zero) are called super conductors, e.g. mercury at 4.12 k, LEAD. TIN, VANADIUM etc. and this phenomenon is called SUPER CONDUCTIVITY. The temperature at which they become super-conductors is called CRITICAL TEMPERATURE.

### Question 11.

State the laws of resistance.

#### Answer:

Laws of resistance :

1. Resistance of a conductor is directly proportional to its length  $R \propto l$
2. Resistance of a conductor is Inversely proportional to its area of cross-section  $R \propto \frac{1}{a}$
3. Resistance of a conductor depend upon its nature i.e. copper has less resistance than iron.
4. Resistance of a conductor increases with increase in temperature i.e. resistance of filament of a bulb is more when lighted as compared to when it is not lighted.

### Question 12.

Define specific resistance and state its unit in CGS and SI system.

**Answer:**

**Specific resistance:** "Is the resistance of a wire of that material of unit length and unit area of cross-section."

**Unit:**

In C.G.S. system  $\rightarrow [\Omega - \text{cm}] \text{ ohm} - \text{cm}$

In S.I. system  $\rightarrow [\Omega - \text{m}] \text{ ohm} - \text{metre.}$

### Question 13.

Name two materials in each case whose resistance

- (a) increases,
- (b) remains the same and
- (c) decreases with the rise in temperature.

**Answer:**

**Two materials:**

1. Cu, iron, sp. resistance increases Tungston with increase in temp.
2. Metallic alloys like eureka, Manganin and German silver The sp. resistance remains the same with rise in temp.
3. Carbon and Rubber. Resistance decrease with increase in temperature.

### Question 14.

Give two differences between the electric resistance and electric specific resistance of a material

**Answer:**

Two differences between resistance and sp. resistance.

**Resistance :**

1. S.I. unit is ohm ( $\Omega$ )
2. It is measured as ratio of pot. difference at the ends of a conductor to the current flowing through the conductor.

**Resistivity or sp. Resistance :**

S.I. unit  $[\Omega\text{-m}] \text{ ohm. metre.}$  It is measured as the resistance offered by a conductor of unit length and unit area of cross-section.

## Multiple choice questions

Tick (✓) the most appropriate option.

### Question 1.

The graph between  $V/I$  for a conductor is a straight line. The slope of the graph represents :

- (a) resistivity
- (b) resistance
- (c) electric potential
- (d) none of these

**Answer:**

- (b) resistance

### Question 2.

Two conductors A and B have 500 and 100 units of . negative charge when the conductors are connected by an electric wire the conventional current flows from :

- (a) A to B
- (b) B to A
- (c) Current does not flow
- (d) none of these

**Answer:**

- (b) B to A

### Question 3.

A conductor at 4.2 K is found to offer no resistance. Such a conductor is called

- (a) zero conductor
- (b) superconductor
- (c) absolute conductor
- (d) none of these

**Answer:**

- (b) superconductor

### Question 4.

Which of the following is non-ohmic resistance ?

- (a) Copper wire
- (b) Brass wire
- (c) Copper wire wound on an electromagnet
- (d) Constantan wire

**Answer:**

- (b) Brass wire

**Question 5.**

Which of the following an ohmic resistance ?

- (a) Diode valve
- (b) Filament of a bulb
- (c) Carbon arc light
- (d) Manganin wire

**Answer:**

- (d) Manganin wire

**Question 6.**

A conductor has a resistivity of  $2.63 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$  at  $20^\circ \text{C}$ . If the temperature of conductor is raised to  $200^\circ \text{C}$ , its resistivity will :

- (a) increase
- (b) decrease
- (c) remain unaffected
- (d) none of these

**Answer:**

- (a) increase

**Question 7.**

Amongst the following substance, the resistance will decrease with the increase in temperature in case of:

- (a) copper
- (b) carbon
- (c) brass
- (d) nichrome

**Answer:**

- (b) carbon

**Numericals on Specific Resistance****Practice Problems : 1****Question 1.**

A wire of resistance  $4.5 \Omega$  and length  $150 \text{ cm}$ , has an area of cross-section of  $0.04 \text{ cm}^2$ . Calculate sp. resistance of the wire.

**Answer:**

$$R = 4.5\Omega, l = 150 \text{ cm}, a = .04 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\therefore \text{ sp. resistance of wire } \rho = \frac{Ra}{l}$$

$$\rho = \frac{4.5 \times 0.04}{150} = \frac{180}{150000} = 0.0012\Omega - \text{cm}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{a}{3}$$

### Question 2.

A wire of length 40 cm and area of cross-section  $0.1 \text{ mm}^2$  has a resistance of  $0.8 \Omega$ . Calculate sp. resistance of the wire.

### Answer:

$l = 40 \text{ cm}$ , area of cross-section  $a = 0.1 \text{ mm}^2 = 0.1/100 \text{ cm}^2$   $R = 0.8 \Omega$

$$\text{Specific resistance of wire } \rho = \frac{Ra}{l} = \frac{0.8}{40} \times \frac{1}{1000}$$

$$\rho = 0.00002\Omega - \text{cm}$$

### Practice Problems : 2

### Question 1.

Resistance of a conductor of length 75 cm is  $3.25 \Omega$ . Calculate the length of a similar conductor, whose resistance is  $13.25\Omega$ .

### Answer:

$$l_2 = ? \quad R_2 = 13.25\Omega$$

$$l_1 = 75 \text{ cm} \quad R_1 = 3.25\Omega$$

$$\frac{l_2}{l_1} = \frac{R_2}{R_1} \quad \therefore l_2 = \frac{R_2 l_1}{R_1} = \frac{13.25 \times 75}{3.25}$$

$$l_2 = 305.76 \text{ cm}$$

Question 2.

A conductor of length 85 cm has a resistance of 3.750. Calculate the resistance of a similar conductor of length 540 cm.

**Answer:**

$$l_1 = 85 \text{ cm} \quad R_1 = 3.75 \Omega$$

$$l_2 = 540 \text{ cm} \quad R_2 = ?$$

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1} = \frac{l_2}{l_1} \quad \therefore R_2 = \frac{l_2 R_1}{l_1} = \frac{540 \times 3.75}{85}$$

$$R_2 = 23.82 \Omega$$

**Practice Problems : 3**

**Question 1.**

A resistance wire made from German silver has a resistance of 4.250. Calculate the resistance of another wire, made from same material, such that its length increases by 4 times and area of cross-section decreases by three times.

**Answer:**

$$R_1 = 4.25 \quad l_1 = l \text{ (say)}$$

$$a_1 = a \text{ (say)}$$

$$R_2 = ? \quad l_2 = 4l$$

$$a_2 = \frac{a}{3}$$

As both the wires are made of the same material, have same sp. resistance

$$\therefore \rho = \frac{R_1 a_1}{l_1} = \frac{R_2 a_2}{l_2} \quad \text{or} \quad R_2 = \frac{R_1 a}{l} \times \frac{4l}{\frac{a}{3}}$$

$$\therefore R_2 = 12 R_1 = 12 \times 4.25 = 51.00 \Omega$$

**Question 2.**

A nichrome wire of length  $l$  and area of cross-section  $a/4$  has a resistance  $R$ . Another nichrome wire of length  $3l$  and area of cross-section  $a/2$  has a resistance of  $R_1$ . Find the ratio of  $R_1 : R$ .

**Answer:**

As both the wire are made of same material, have same sp. resistance

$$\therefore \rho = \frac{R \frac{a}{4}}{l} = \frac{R_1 \frac{a}{2}}{3l} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{R}{4} = \frac{R_1}{6}$$

$$\therefore \frac{R_1}{R} = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \therefore R_1 : R = 3 : 2$$

### Exercise – 2

#### Question 1.

(a) Define series circuit.

**Answer:**

(a) **Series circuit:** “Resistances are said to be connected in series if same current flows through them and the resistance are connected end to end.”

(b) State three characteristics of a series circuit Ans. Characteristics of series circuit:

**Answer:**

1. Same current flows through each resistance.
2.  $V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 \dots$  i.e. total potential drop is the sum of individual resistances.
3. When we want higher resistance, connect them in series. (Resistance is more than individual resistances).

#### Question 2.

(a) Define parallel circuit.

**Answer:**

**Parallel circuit :** “Resistances are said to be connected in parallel if one end of each is connected at a common terminal and other end of each at other common terminal and they have a common pot. difference.”

(b) State three characteristics of a parallel circuit.

**Answer:**

**Characteristics of parallel circuit:**

1. Pot. difference of each resistance is same.
2. Current divides [ $I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \dots$ ]
3.  $1/R = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + 1/R_3$  reciprocal of total resistance is the sum of reciprocals of individual resistances.
4. Total resistance is less than the least of individual resistances.

#### Question 3.

(a) State Ohm’s law.

**Answer:**

**Ohm's Law** : "Physical conditions like temp. remaining the same potential across the ends of a conductor is directly proportional to the current flowing".

(b) What are the limitations of Ohm's law?

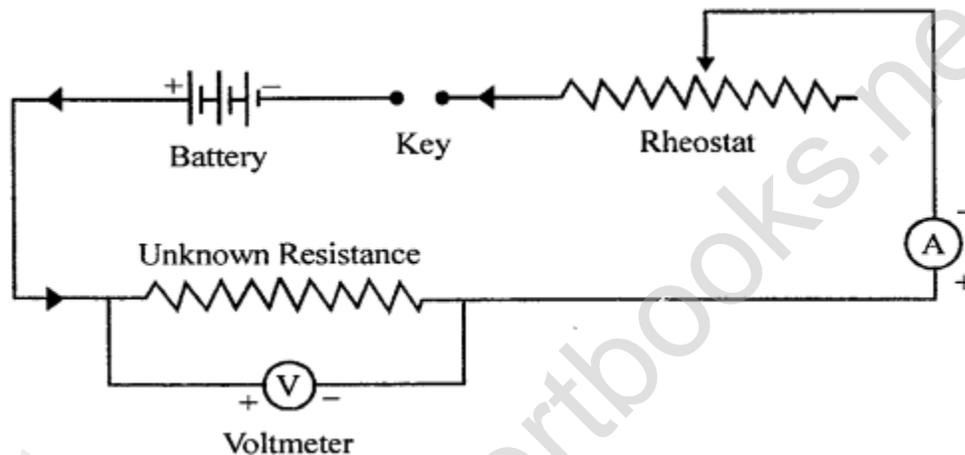
**Answer:**

Ohm's Law is obeyed only when temperature remains constant.

**Question 4.**

How will you verify Ohm's law by voltmeter, ammeter method?

**Answer:**



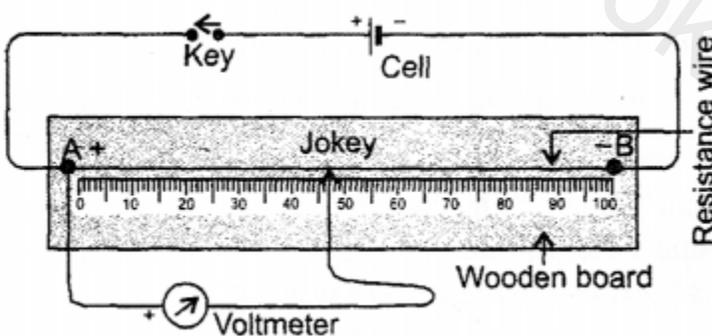
**Verification of Ohm's Law:** Use the circuit as shown taking care the +ve of voltmeter and +ve of Ammeter should be connected to the +ve of battery and voltmeter in parallel. Key is closed and Rheostat is set to get the minimum reading in Ammeter and voltmeter. The rheostat is then gradually moved and each time value of A and V are noted. The ratio of  $V/I$  is always found constant. This verifies Ohm's law.

**Question 5.**

How will you verify Ohm's law by potentiometer method?

**Answer:**

Potentiometer method to verify



Connect the potentiometer as shown, close the key and record the potential difference by pressing the jockey at 10 cm intervals of length of the potentiometer wire. Repeat the experiment for six different lengths of potentiometer wire and record the corresponding pot. differences.

potential diff. (in volts)	$V_1$	$V_2$	$V_3$	$V_4$	$V_5$	$V_6$
Length (in cm)	$l_1$	$l_2$	$l_3$	$l_4$	$l_5$	$l_6$

Find the ratio between potential difference and length. It is found.

$$\frac{V_1}{l_1} = \frac{V_2}{l_2} = \frac{V_3}{l_3} = \frac{V_4}{l_4} = \frac{V_5}{l_5} = \frac{V_6}{l_6} = \text{constant}$$

$V/I = \text{constant (} l \text{)}$  (where  $I$  is current and the current in series circuit is constant quantity)

But  $I \propto R$  {By law of resistance}

$V/R = I$  or  $I = V/R$

Hence ohm's law is verified.

#### Question 6.

What are ohmic resistances ? Given two examples.

**Answer:**

**Ohmic resistances :** "Conductors which obey ohm's law are called ohmic resistances."

**Two examples :** Vanadium, all pure metals like Cu, Al, etc.

#### Question 7.

What are non-ohmic resistances ? Give two examples.

**Answer:**

**Non-ohmic resistances:** "The resistances which do not obey ohm's law are called non-ohmic resistances."

**Two examples :** Diode valve, triode valve, transistors, filament of a bulb.

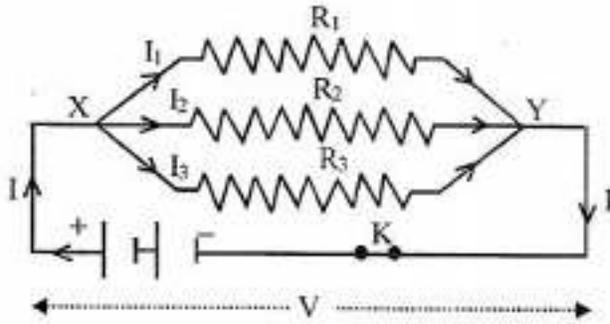
#### Question 8.

Derive an expression for three resistances connected in series.

**Answer:**

EQUIVALENT RESISTANCE OF RESISTORS

(i) in PARALLEL :



Let three resistors are connect in such away that one end of each  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  is connected at a common terminal (X) and the other end of each at common terminal (Y) through a battery. So that potential difference of each resistor is  $V$  and current  $I$  at X divides itself and  $I_1, I_2$  and  $I_3$  flows through  $R_1, R_2$  and  $R_3$  respectively and again combine at y and current  $I$  flows further.

$I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \dots$ (i) we know that

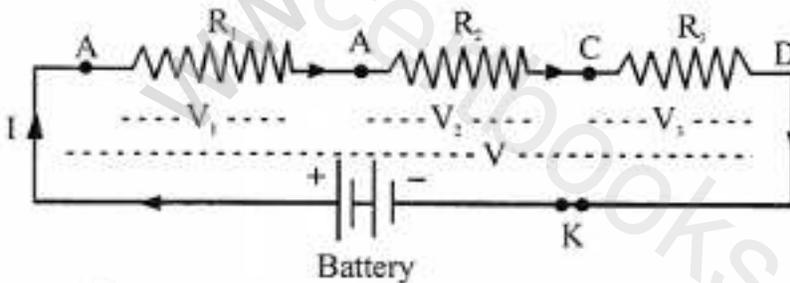
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V}{R} &= \frac{V}{R_1} + \frac{V}{R_2} + \frac{V}{R_3} & I &= \frac{V}{R} \\ \therefore \frac{V}{R} &= V \left[ \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \right] & \therefore I_1 &= \frac{V}{R_1} \\ & & I_2 &= \frac{V}{R_2} \\ & & I_3 &= \frac{V}{R_3} \quad \text{put in (i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{I}{R} = \frac{I}{R_1} + \frac{I}{R_2} + \frac{I}{R_3}$$

EQUIVALENT or RESULTANT resistance of parallel conductors

The reciprocal of EQUIVALENT RESISTANCE is equal to the sum of the reciprocals of individual resistors.

EQUIVALENT RESISTANCE OF RESISTORS In (ii)



Let three resistors  $R_1, R_2,$  and  $R_3,$  be connected in series i.e. resistors are joined one after the other as shown and same current  $I$  passes through each and each resistors has potential difference say  $V_1, V_2,$  and  $V_3$  so that total p.d. between A and D terminals is  $V$

$$V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 \dots$$
(i)  $V = IR$

$$IR = I R_1 + I R_2 + I R_3 \quad V_1 = I R_1$$

$$IR = I[R_1 + R_2 + R_3] \quad V_2 = I R_2$$

$$V_3 = I R_3 \quad \text{put in (i)}$$

$$R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

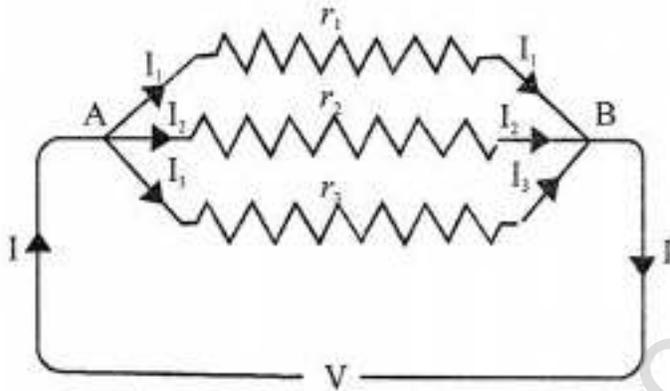
i. e. EQUIVALENT RESISTANCE of resistors in series is the sum of their individual resistance.

**Question 9.**

Derive an expression for three resistances connected in parallel.

**Answer:**

To derive relation for resultant resistance of three resistances in parallel, consider three resistances



1.  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  One end of each is connected to common terminal X and other end of each at common terminal Y.
2. Here current  $I$  divides into  $I_1, I_2, I_3$ , flowing through  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  and potential difference is  $v$  for all resistances.

We know that  $I = \frac{V}{R}$

$$\therefore I_1 = \frac{V}{r_1}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{V}{r_2}$$

$$I_3 = \frac{V}{r_3}$$

put in (i)

$$I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$$

$$\frac{V}{R} = \frac{V}{r_1} + \frac{V}{r_2} + \frac{V}{r_3}$$

$$\frac{V}{R} = V \left[ \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} + \frac{1}{r_3} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} + \frac{1}{r_3}$$

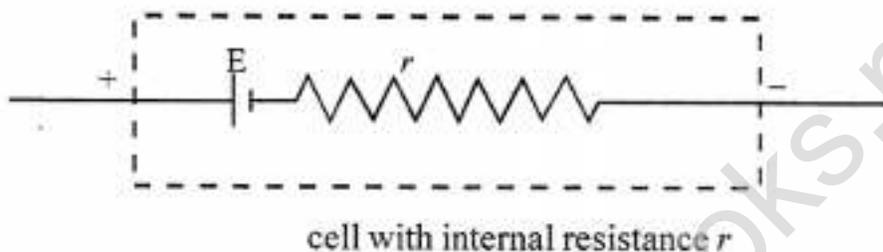
**Question 10.**

What do you understand by the term internal resistance of a cell ?

**Answer:**

**INTERNAL RESISTANCE OF A CELL :**

“The resistance offered by the electrolyte inside the cell to the flow of current is called the internal resistance of cell.



**Question 11.**

State the factors on which internal resistance of a cell depends.

**Answer:**

**Factors effecting the internal resistance of a cell :**

1. Surface area of electrodes larger surface area, lesser is the internal resistance.
2. Distance between electrodes : more the distance, more is the internal resistance.
3. Temp, of electrolyte  $r \propto 1/T$
4. Higher the concentration of electrolyte greater is internal resistance.

**Question 12.**

What is the difference between emf and terminal voltage of a cell ?

**Answer:**

**Difference between e.m.f. and terminal voltage :**

**Terminal voltage :** When current is drawn from a cell i.e. the cell is in a closed circuit, the potential differences between the electrodes (terminals) of a cell is called terminal voltage,

**e.m.f. :** “when no current is drawn from a cell i.e. when the cell is in open circuit, the pot. difference between the terminals of the cell is called electromotive force, (e.m.f.).

**Multiple choice questions**

Tick ( ✓ ) the most appropriate option.

**Question 1.**

**In a series circuit:**

- (a) p.d. across all resistors is same
- (b) current flowing through all resistors is same
- (c) The combined resistance of all resistors is less than individual resistors.
- (d) none of the above

**Answer:**

- (b) current flowing through all resistors is same

**Question 2.**

**In a parallel circuit:**

- (a) p.d. across all resistors is same
- (b) current flowing through all resistors is same
- (c) the equivalent resistance of all resistors is more than any of the individual resistors
- (d) none of the above

**Answer:**

- (a) p.d. across all resistors is same

**Question 3.**

**Two resistors of  $2\ \Omega$ . each are connected in a parallel. The equivalent resistance is :**

- (a) less than  $2\ \Omega$  but more than  $1\ \Omega$
- (b) one ohm
- (c) four ohm
- (d) between  $4\ \Omega$  and  $2\ \Omega$

**Answer:**

- (b) one ohm

**Question 4.**

A new cell is marked  $1.5\ \text{V}$ . When connected to an external resistance, the voltmeter connected to its terminals reads  $1.2\ \text{V}$ . The drop in potential across the terminals of the cell is due to the :

- (a) internal resistance of cell
- (b) external resistance .
- (c) both (a) and (b)
- (d) none of these

**Answer:**

- (a) internal resistance of cell

**Question 5.**

A potentiometer is connected to a cell through switch in series. To one end of the potentiometer is attached a voltmeter with the help of connecting wire and a jockey. When the jockey is moved over the potentiometer wire from zero end to  $100\ \text{cm}$  the reading shown by voltmeter is likely to :

- (a) decrease
- (b) increase
- (c) does not change
- (d) none of these

**Answer:**

- (b) increase

**Question 6.**

When the current is drawn from a cell in a closed circuit, the potential difference between the terminals of cell is called :

- (a) e.m.f.
- (b) p.d.
- (c) terminal voltage
- (d) both (a) and (b)

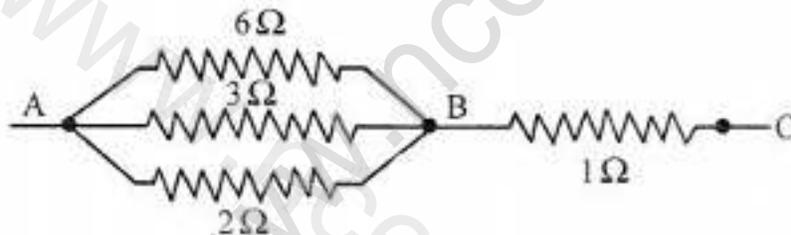
**Answer:**

- (c) terminal voltage

**Numerical Problems on Resistance**

**Practice Problems : 1**

**Question 1.**



Calculate the equivalent resistance

1. between points A and B
2. between points A and C.

**Answer:**

Resistance 6Ω, 3Ω and 2Ω are in parallel between A and B

1. Equivalent resistance between AB is  $R_1$  ∴  $R_1 = 1\Omega$  Now combination  $R_1$  and  $1\Omega$  of BC are in series
2. Now between points A and C  $R = R_1 + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2\Omega$

### Question 2.

In figure, calculate equivalent resistance between points

1. A and B
2. B and C
3. A and C.

### Answer:

Equivalent resistance between AB  $4\Omega$  and  $12\Omega$  are in parallel

$$\therefore R_1 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{12}} = \frac{3+1}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore R_1 = 3\Omega$$

(ii) Between B and C

Equivalent resistance  $R_2$  between BC

$$\frac{1}{R_2} = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{2+1+3}{24} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\therefore R_2 = 4\Omega$$

2. Between B and C

Equivalent Resistance  $R_2$  between BC

3. Between A and CD

Now  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are in series

Equivalent Resistance between A and C

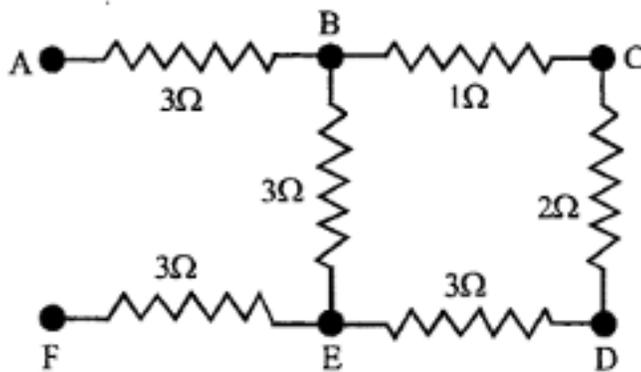
$$R = R_1 + R_2 = 3 + 4 = 7\Omega$$

### Practice Problems : 2

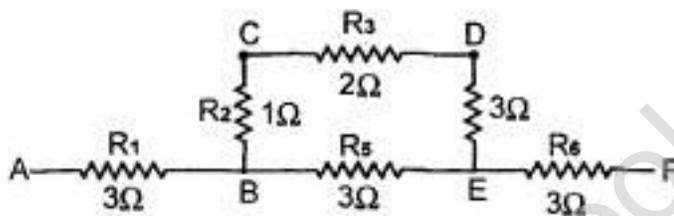
### Question 1.

Calculate the equivalent resistance between points

1. B and E (ii) A and F.



2.



1. Equivalent Resistance between BE, ( $1\Omega$ ,  $2\Omega$ ,  $3\Omega$  are in series) is  $R_1$

$$R_1 = 1 + 2 + 3 = 6\Omega$$

$R_1$  is in parallel to  $R_2 = 3\Omega$

their resultant  $R_3$

$$\frac{1}{R_3} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1+2}{6} = \frac{3}{6}$$

$$\therefore R_3 = 2\Omega$$

(ii) Equivalent resistance between A and F

i.e.  $R_4$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_5$  are in series

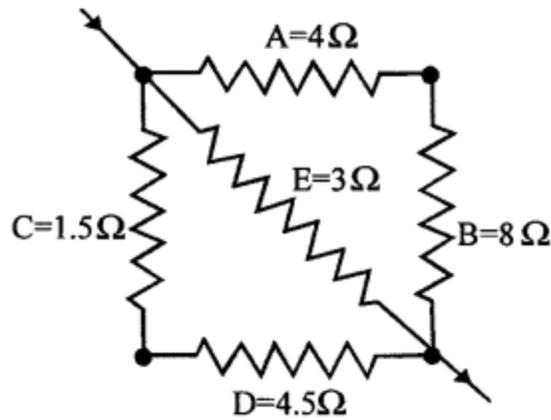
$3\Omega$ ,  $2\Omega$  and  $3\Omega$  are in series

$$R = 3 + 2 + 3 = 8\Omega$$

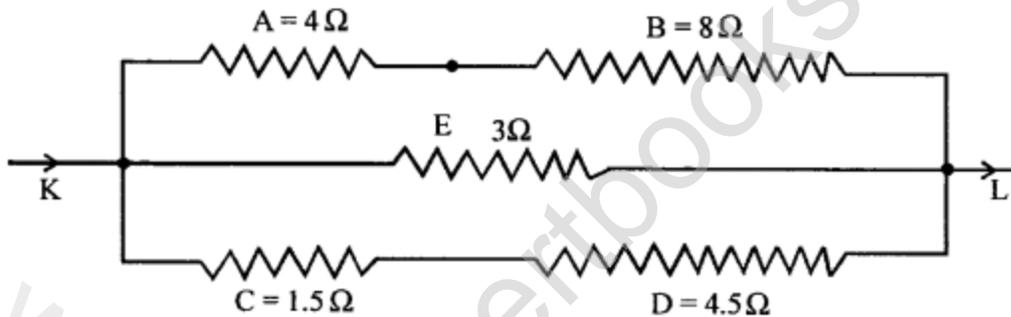
**Answer:**

### Question 2.

Calculate the equivalent resistance of circuit diagram shown in Fig. below.



**Ans.**



Resistances A and B are in series

$$R_1 = 4 + 8 = 12\Omega$$

Resistance C and D are in series

$$R_2 = 1.5 + 4.5 = 6\Omega$$

Now  $R_1$ , E and  $R_2$  are in parallel

$\therefore$  Equivalent resistance between F and G

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{E} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

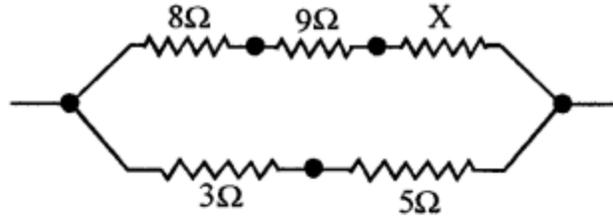
$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1+4+2}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{12}{7} = 1.71\Omega$$

**Practice Problems : 3**

**Question 1.**

Equivalent resistance of circuit diagram is  $6\Omega$ . Calculate the value of  $x$ .



**Ans.**  $8\Omega$ ,  $9\Omega$ ,  $x\Omega$  are in series

$$\therefore R_1 = 8 + 9 + x = (17 + x) \Omega \quad \dots(i)$$

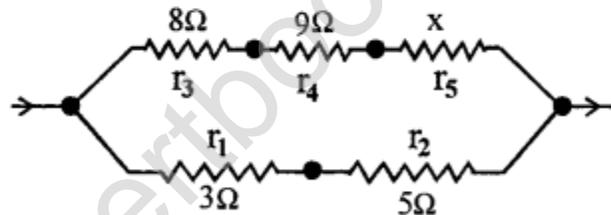
$3\Omega$  and  $5\Omega$  are in series

$$\therefore R_2 = 3 + 5 = 8\Omega \quad \dots(ii)$$

Now Equivalent resistance of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  which are in parallel is  $R_3 = 6\Omega$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{R_3} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{(17+x)} + \frac{1}{8}$$



$$\text{or } \frac{1}{17+x} = \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{24}$$

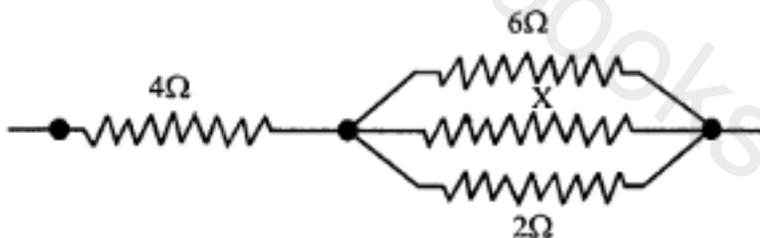
$$\therefore 17 + x = 24$$

$$x = 24 - 17 = 7$$

$$x = 7\Omega$$

**Question 2.**

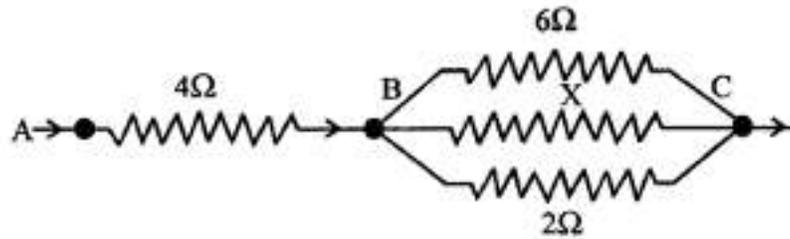
Equivalent resistance of circuit diagram is  $5\Omega$ . Calculate the value of  $x$ .



**Answer:**

Since Equivalent resistance of  $4\Omega$  and parallel combination is  $5\Omega$  and  $4\Omega$  and parallel combination are in series.

Resistance of parallel combination is = 5 - 4 = 1Ω



$$\therefore \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{6-3-1}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore x = 3\Omega$$

### Numerical Problems on Ohm's Law

#### Practice Problems : 1

##### Question 1.

A current of 0.2 A flows through a conductor of resistance 4.5Ω. Calculate p.d. at the ends of conductor.

**Answer:**

Here  $I = 0.2 \text{ A}$ ,  $R = 4.5\Omega$

p.d. at the ends of conductor  $V = IR$

$$V = 0.2 \times 4.5 = 0.9 \text{ V}$$

##### Question 2.

A bulb of resistance 400Ω is connected to 200 V mains. Calculate the magnitude of current.

**Answer:**

$R = 400\Omega$ ,  $V = 200 \text{ V}$

$$I = V/R = 200/400 = 0.5 \text{ A}$$

##### Question 3.

An electric heater draws a current of 5 A, when connected to 220 V mains. Calculate the resistance of its filament.

**Answer:**

$I = 5 \text{ A}$ ,  $V = 220 \text{ V}$ ,  $R = ?$

$$R = V/I = 220/5 = 44\Omega$$

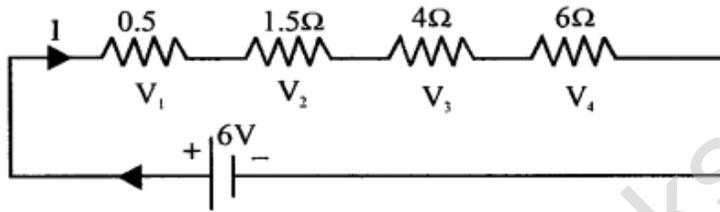
## Practice Problems : 2

### Question 1.

Four resistors of resistance  $0.5\ \Omega$ ,  $1.5\ \Omega$ ,  $4\ \Omega$  and  $6\ \Omega$  are connected in series to a battery of e.m.f.  $6\ \text{V}$  and negligible internal resistance. Calculate :

1. current drawn from the cell
2. p.d. at the ends of each resistor.

**Answer:**



Equivalent resistance of four resistors in series

$$R = 0.5\ \Omega + 1.5\ \Omega + 4\ \Omega + 6\ \Omega = 12\ \Omega$$

e.m.f. of battery  $V = 6\ \text{V}$

$$(i) \quad \therefore I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{6}{12} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5\ \text{A}$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{P.d. across } 0.5\ \Omega, V_1 = I r_1 = \frac{1}{2} \times .5 = 0.25$$

$$V_1 = 0.25\ \text{V}$$

$$\text{Similarly } V_2 = 1.5 \times 0.5 = 0.75\ \text{V}$$

$$V_3 = 4 \times 0.5 = 2\ \text{V}$$

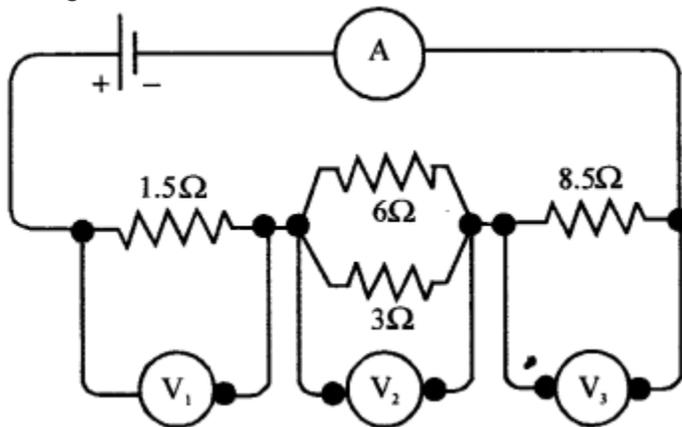
$$V_4 = 6 \times 0.5 = 3\ \text{V}$$

### Question 2.

Figure shows a circuit diagram having a battery of  $24\ \text{V}$  and negligible internal resistance. Calculate :

1. reading of the ammeter,

2. reading of  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  and  $V_3$ .



**Answer:**

As  $6\Omega$  and  $3\Omega$  are in parallel

$$\therefore \frac{1}{R_1} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore R_1 = 2\Omega$$

Now total resistance of the circuit =  $[1.5 + 2 + 8.5] = 12\Omega$

V of battery = 24 volt.

$$\therefore \text{(i) Reading of ammeter } I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{24}{12}$$

$$I = 2A$$

$$\text{(ii) Reading of } V_1 = Ir_1 = 2 \times 1.5 = 3V$$

$$\text{Similarly } V_2 = Ir_2 = 2 \times 2 = 4V$$

$$\text{and } V_3 = Ir_3 = 2 \times 8.5 = 17V$$

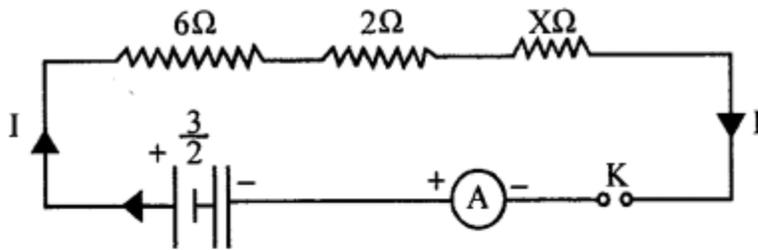
**Practice Problems : 3**

**Question 1.**

Three resistors of  $6\Omega$ ,  $2\Omega$  and  $x$  are connected in series to a cell of e.m.f  $3/2$  V, when the current registered in circuit is  $1/6$  A. Draw the circuit diagram and calculate value of  $x$

**Answer:**

Circuit diagram:



Here  $V = \frac{3}{2}$  V,  $I = \frac{1}{6}$  A

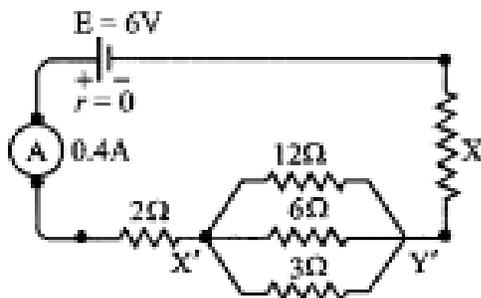
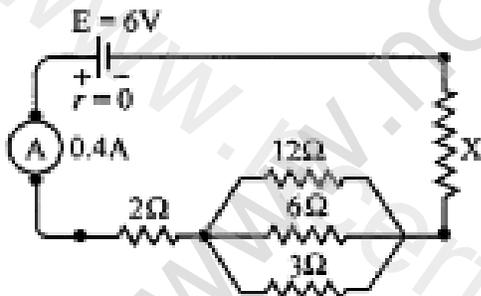
$\therefore$  Resistance of circuit =  $R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}}{\frac{1}{6}} = 9\Omega$

But  $6\Omega$ ,  $2\Omega$ ,  $X\Omega$  are in series

$\therefore 6 + 2 + X = 9$   
 $X = 9 - 8 = 1\Omega$

**Question 2.**

Carefully study the circuit diagram in figure and calculate the value of resistor x.



**Answer:**

Effective resistance between X'Y' which are in parallel

$$\frac{1}{R_1} = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1+2+4}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$R_1 = \frac{12}{7} \Omega$$

$$V = 6V$$

$$I = 0.4 \text{ A}$$

$$\text{Total resistance in circuit} = R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{6}{0.4}$$

$$R = \frac{60}{4} = 15 \Omega$$

$$\therefore 2\Omega + \frac{12}{7}\Omega + X = 15$$

$$X = 15 - 2 - \frac{12}{7} = \frac{91-12}{7} = \frac{79}{7} = 11.28$$

$$X = 11.28 \Omega$$

#### Practice Problems : 4

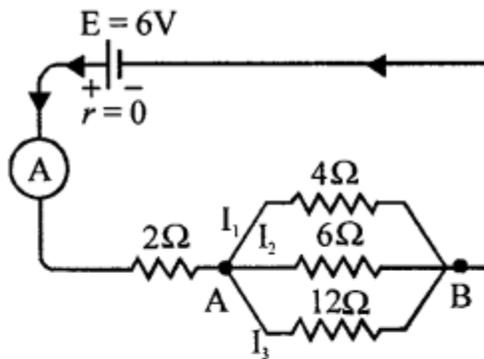
##### Question 1.

Three resistors of  $4\Omega$ ,  $6\Omega$ , and  $12\Omega$  are connected in parallel. The combination of these resistors is connected in series to a resistance of  $2\Omega$  and then to a battery of e.m.f.  $6 \text{ V}$  and negligible internal resistance.

- Draw the circuit diagram
- Calculate the current in main circuit
- Calculate the current in each of the resistors in parallel

**Answer:**

(a) Circuit diagram



Effective resistance between AB

$$\frac{1}{R_1} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore R_1 = 2\Omega$$

Now  $R = 2\Omega + 2\Omega = 4\Omega$  (as in series)

(b) Current in circuit  $I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{6}{4} = 1.5 A$

(c) Now p.d. across AB =  $V = IR_1 = \frac{3}{2} \times 2 = 3V$

(i)  $I_1$  through  $4\Omega = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75 A$

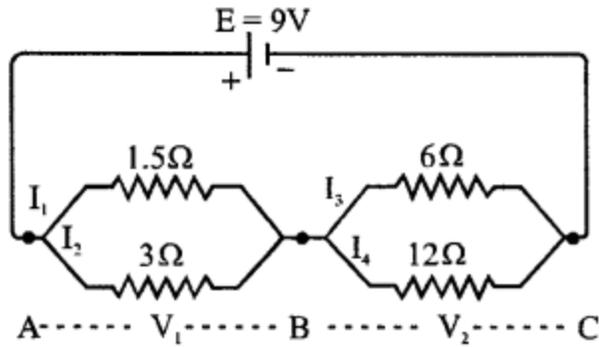
(ii)  $I_2 = \frac{3}{6} = 0.5 A$

(iii)  $I_3 = \frac{3}{12} = 0.25 A$

### Question 2.

Study the circuit diagram in figure carefully and calculate:

- current in main circuit
- current in each of the resistors in parallel circuit.



**Ans.** Effective resistance between AB and BC

$$\frac{1}{R_1} = \frac{1}{1.5} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{R_2} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$R_1 = 1\Omega \quad \therefore \quad R_2 = 4\Omega$$

But  $R = R_1 + R_2$  being in series

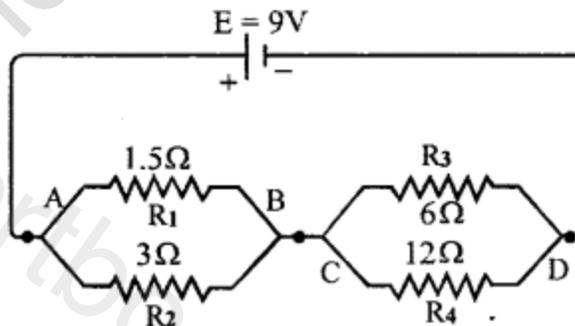
$$R = 1 + 4 = 5\Omega, \quad V = 9V$$

$$\therefore \text{(a) current in main circuit} = I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{9}{5} = 1.8 A$$

$$\text{(b) P.d. across AB, } V_1 = IR_1 = 1.8 \times 1 = 1.8 V$$

$$\therefore I_1 = \frac{V_1}{1.5} = \frac{1.8}{1.5} = 1.2 A$$

$$\text{and } I_2 = \frac{1.8}{3} = 0.6 A$$



$$\text{P.d. across BC, } V_2 = IR_2 = 1.8 \times 4 = 7.2 V$$

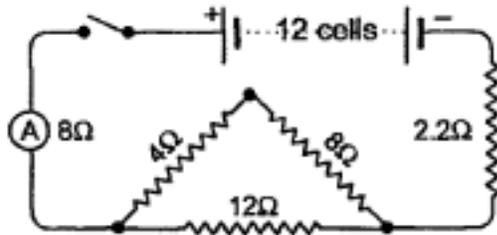
$$\therefore I_3 = \frac{V_2}{6} = \frac{7.2}{6} = 1.2 A$$

$$\text{and } I_4 = \frac{7.2}{12} = 0.6 A$$

**Practice Problems : 5**

### Question 1.

Figure shows a circuit diagram containing 12 cells, each of e.m.f 1.5 V and internal resistance 0.25Ω Calculate:



- (a) Total internal resistance
- (b) Total e.m.f.
- (c) Total external resistance
- (d) Reading shown by the ammeter
- (e) Current in 12Ω and 8Ω resistors
- (f) p.d. across 2.2 resistor
- (g) Drop in potential across the terminals of the cell

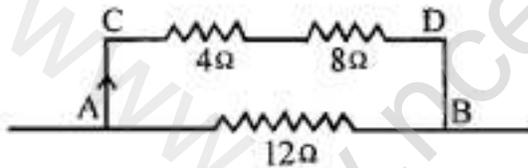
#### Answer:

Number cells in series =  $n = 12$

(a) Total internal resistance of 12 cells =  $n r = 12 \times 0.25 = 3\Omega$

(b) Total e.m.f. =  $12 \times 1.5 = 18 \text{ v}$

(c) Total external resistance :  $4 + 8 = 12 \Omega$  in series



$$\text{Resistance between AB} = \frac{12 \times 12}{(12+12)} = 6 \Omega$$

as are in parallel.

$$\therefore \text{Total external resistance} = 0.8 + 6 + 2.2 = 9 \Omega$$

(d) Reading shown by the ammeter

$$I = \frac{E}{R+r} = \frac{18}{(9+3)} = \frac{18}{12} = 1.5 \text{ A}$$

(e) To find Current in  $12 \Omega$  and  $8 \Omega$

$$V = IR$$

$$I_1 \text{ through CD} = 1.5 \times 6 = 9 \text{ V}$$

$$I_1 \text{ through } 8 \Omega = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{9}{(8+4)} = \frac{9}{12} = 0.75 \text{ A}$$

$$I_2 \text{ through } 12 \Omega = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{9}{12} = 0.75 \text{ A}$$

(f) p.d. across 2.2 resistor

$$\begin{aligned} \text{p.d. across 2.2 resistor} &= I \times R \\ &= 1.5 \times 2.2 \\ &= 3.30 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

(g) Drop in potential across the terminals of the cell.

$$= E - V$$

$$(12 \times 1.5) - IR$$

$$18 - (1.5 \times 9)$$

$$18 - 13.5 = 4.5 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Or } Ir$$

$$1.5 \times 3$$

$$= 4.5 \text{ V}$$

### Question 2.

Four cells, each of e.m.f 2 V and internal resistance  $0.2 \Omega$  each are connected in series to form a battery. This battery is connected to an ammeter, a resistance  $1.2 \Omega$  and then to a set of resistance of  $4 \Omega$ ,  $6 \Omega$  and  $12 \Omega$  in parallel to complete the overall circuit in series.

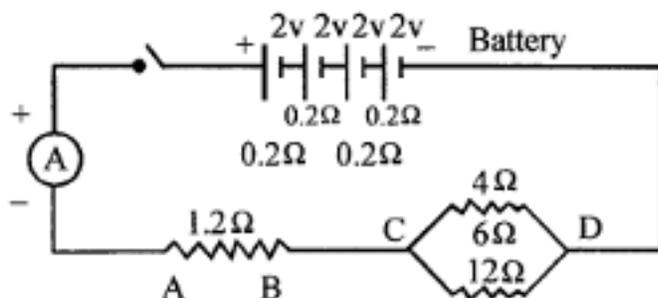
(a) Draw circuit diagram of arrangement.

(b) Calculate total internal resistance

- (c) Total e.m.f.
- (d) Current recorded by ammeter.
- (e) Current flowing through 6 wire in parallel.
- (f) Drop in potential across the terminals of the battery.

**Answer:**

- (a) Circuit diagram :



- (b) Total internal resistance  $r = 4 \times 0.2 = 0.8 \Omega$
- (c) Total e.m.f.  $= 4 \times 2 = 8 \text{ v}$
- (d) Current recorded by ammeter ?  
 $R_1$  across CD  $1/R_1 = 1/4 + 1/6 + 1/12 = R_1 = 2 \Omega$   
 Total resistance  $(0.8 + 1.2 + 2) = 4 \Omega$   
 $I = v/R = 8/4 = 2\text{a}$
- (e)  $V$  across CD  $= I R_1 = 2 \times 2 = 4 \text{ V}$   
 Current through  $6 \Omega = v/R = 4/6 = 0.67 \text{ A}$
- (f) drop in potential across the terminals of the battery  $E - V = Ir = 2 \times 0.8 = 1.6 \text{ V}$

### Practice Problems : 6

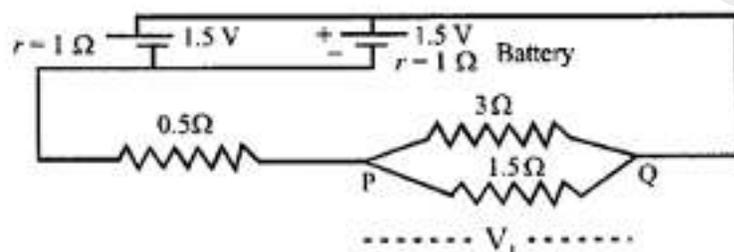
#### Question 1.

Two cells, each of e.m.f 1.5 V and internal resistance 1 Ω are connected in parallel, to form a battery. The battery is connected to an external resistance of 0.5 Ω and two resistances of 3 Ω and 1.5 Ω in parallel.

- (a) Draw the circuit diagram.
- (b) Calculate the current in main circuit.
- (c) Calculate the current in 1.5 Ω resistor.
- (d) Calculate the drop in potential across the terminal of the battery.

**Answer:**

- (a) Circuit diagram



**(b)** Current in the main circuit

Total internal resistance of two parallel cells  $1/R_1 = 1 + 1$

$$R = 1/2 = 0.5 \Omega$$

Effective resistance between PQ =  $1/R_2 = 1/3 + 2/3$

$$R_2 = 1 \Omega$$

Total resistance of circuit  $R = R_1 + R_2 +$  external resistance

$$R = 0.5 + 1 + 0.5 = 2\Omega, V = 1.5 \text{ V}$$

current in main circuit

$$I = V/R = 1.5/2 = 0.75 \text{ A}$$

**(c)** Current in  $1.5 \Omega$  resistor

p.d. between PQ =  $IR_2$

$$V_1 = 0.75 \times 1$$

$$V_1 = 0.75 \text{ V}$$

$$I_1 = 0.75$$

$$I_1 = V_1/1.5 = 0.75/1.5 = 0.5 \text{ A}$$

**(d)** Drop in potential across the terminals of battery  $E - V = Ir = 0.75 \times 0.5 = 0.375 \text{ V}$

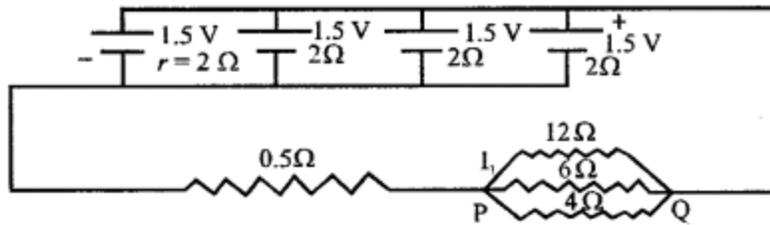
### Question 2.

Four cells, each of e.m.f.  $1.5 \text{ V}$  and internal resistance  $2 \Omega$ . each are connected in parallel to form a battery. The battery is connected to an external resistance of  $0.5 \Omega$ . and three resistances of  $12 \Omega$ ,  $6 \Omega$  and  $4 \Omega$ . in parallel.

1. Draw the circuit diagram.
2. Calculate current in main circuit
3. Calculate current in  $4 \Omega$  resistor.
4. Calculate drop in potential across the terminals of battery.

**Answer:**

1. circuit diagram is drawn



$$(ii) \text{ Resistance across PQ} = \frac{1}{R_1} = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1+2+3}{12} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore R_1 = 2\Omega$$

$$\text{Total internal resistance of 4 cells } \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2}\Omega$$

$$\therefore \text{ Total resistance of the circuit } R = R_1 + r + 0.5$$

$$R = 2 + 0.5 + 0.5 = 3\Omega$$

$$(iii) \text{ Current in the main circuit} = I = \frac{E}{R} = \frac{1.5V}{3\Omega}$$

$$\therefore I = 0.5 \text{ A}$$

$$(iii) \text{ Current in } 4\Omega \text{ resistor } V_1 = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1V$$

4. Drop in potential across the terminals of battery

$$E - V = I_r \\ = 0.5 \times 0.5 = 0.25 \text{ V}$$

**Practice Problems : 7**

**Question 1.**

A cell of e.m.f 1.5 V, records a p.d. of 1.35 V, when connected to an external resistance R, such that current flowing through circuit is 0.75 A. Calculate the value of R and internal resistance of cell

**Answer:**

$$E = 1.5, V = 1.35 \text{ V}, I = 0.75 \text{ A}$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{1.35}{0.75} = 1.8 \Omega$$

$$\text{Also } I = \frac{E}{R+r} \text{ or } 0.75 = \frac{1.5}{1.8+r}$$

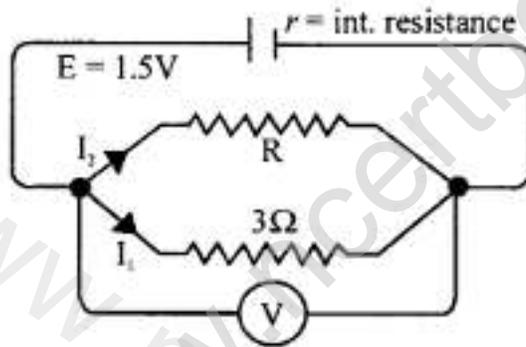
$$1.8 + r = \frac{1.5}{0.75} = 2$$

$$r = 2 - 1.8 = 0.2 \Omega$$

$$r = 0.2 \Omega$$

**Question 2.**

In figure a current of 1 A flows through the circuit, when p.d. recorded at the ends of parallel resistors is 1 volt. Calculate the value of R and r.



For parallel resistors

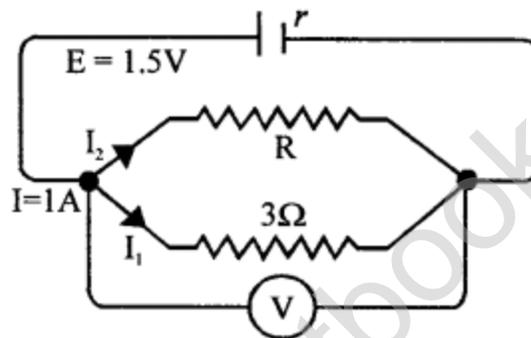
**Answer:** For parallel resistors

$$I = 1\text{A} \quad V = 1\text{V}$$

$$I_1 = \frac{V}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ A}$$

$$\therefore I_2 = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ A}$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{V}{I_2} = \frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}} = 1.5\Omega$$



Now Resultant resistance of parallel combination

$$\frac{1}{R_1} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{1}$$

$$\therefore R_1 = 1\Omega$$

$$\text{But } I = \frac{E}{R_1 + r}$$

$$\text{But } I = \frac{E}{R_1 + r}$$

$$1 = \frac{1.5}{1+r}$$

$$\therefore 1 + r = 1.5$$

$$r = 1.5 - 1 = 0.5$$

Practice Problems : 8

### Question 1.

A cell of e.m.f 1.8 V is connected to an external resistance of 2 Ω, when p.d. recorded at

the ends of resistance is 1.6 V. Calculate the internal resistance of the cell.

**Answer:**

$$I = V/R$$

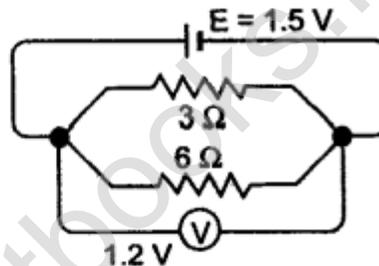
$$I = \frac{1.6}{2} = 0.8 \text{ A}$$

$$E - V = Ir$$

$$1.8 - 1.6 = 0.8 r \quad \therefore r = \frac{0.2}{0.8} = 0.25 \text{ } \Omega$$

**Question 2.**

Study the circuit diagram in Fig. 8.44, and hence, calculate the internal resistance of



$\therefore 3 \text{ } \Omega$  and  $6 \text{ } \Omega$  are in parallel

$$R = \frac{3 \times 6}{(3+6)} = 2 \text{ } \Omega$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{1.2}{2} = 0.6 \text{ A}$$

$$E - V = Ir$$

$$1.5 - 1.2 = 0.6 r$$

$$r = \frac{0.3}{0.6} = 0.5 \text{ } \Omega$$

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**Practice Problems 9**

**Question 1.**

A cell, when connected to an external resistance of  $4.5 \text{ } \Omega$  shows a p.d of 1.35 V. If  $4.5 \text{ } \Omega$  resistance is replaced by  $2.5 \text{ } \Omega$  resistance the p.d drops to 1.25 V. Calculate:

- (a) em.f.,
- (b) internal resistance of the cell

**Answer:**

Let 'E' be the e.m.f and 'r' the internal resistance

Case(I)  $r = R [e-v]/v$

$$r = \frac{4.5[E-1.35]}{1.35} = \frac{10(E-1.35)}{3} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Case (2) } r = \frac{2.5[E-1.25]}{1.25} = \frac{10}{5}(E-1.25) \quad \dots(ii)$$

Comparing (i) and (ii)

$$\frac{10[E-1.35]}{3} = \frac{10}{5}(E-1.25)$$

$$5[E - 1.35] = 3[E - 1.25]$$

$$5E - 6.75 = 3E - 3.75$$

$$5E - 3E = 6.75 - 3.75$$

$$(i) 2E = 3$$

$$\text{e.m.f. } E = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5 \text{ V}$$

Put in (i)

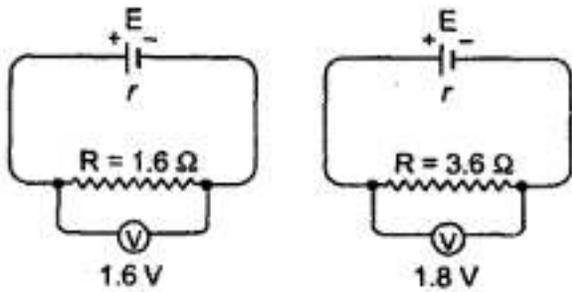
$$r = \frac{10}{3} [E - 1.35]$$

$$r = \frac{10}{3} [1.5 - 1.35]$$

$$= \frac{10}{3} \times \frac{15}{100} = 0.5 \Omega$$

**Question 2.**

Study the figures carefully and hence calculate the value of E and r.



**Answer:**

Let 'E' be the e.m.f. and 'r' in internal resistance from fig.

(b)

$$r = \frac{R(E - V)}{V}$$

$$r = 3.6 \frac{[E - 1.8]}{1.8} = 2[E - 1.8] \quad \dots(i)$$

In fig. (a)

$$r = \frac{1.6[E - 1.6]}{1.6} = [E - 1.6] \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$2[E - 1.8] = [E - 1.6]$$

$$2E - 3.6 = E - 1.6$$

$$2E - E = 3.6 - 1.6$$

$$E = 2V \text{ put in (ii)}$$

$$r = E - 1.6$$

$$r = 2 - 1.6 = 0.4 \Omega$$

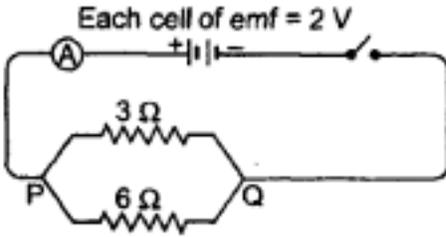
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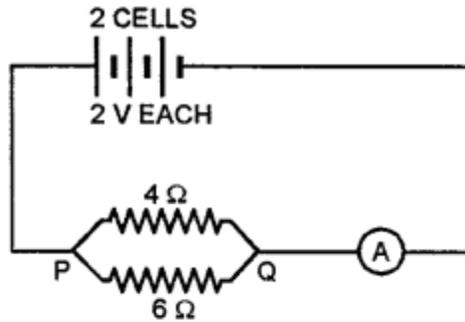
**Question 1.**

Study the diagram carefully and calculate :

(a) the equivalent resistance between P and Q.



- (b) the reading of the ammeter.  
 (e) the electrical power between P and Q.



**Ans.** (a) Equivalent resistance between P and Q.

$$= \frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2+1}{6} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$\therefore R = 2 \Omega$$

Equivalent resistance between P and Q = 2 Ω **Ans.**

(b) Ammeter reading

$$V \text{ of two cells in series} = 2 + 2 = 4 \text{ V}$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{4}{2} = 2 \text{ A}$$

(c) Electric power = VI = P

$$P = 4 \times 2 = 8 \text{ W}$$

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**Question 2.**

Mention two factors which determine the internal resistance of a cell

**Answer:**

The internal resistance of a cell depends on

1. Surface area of electrodes and
2. distance between the electrodes.

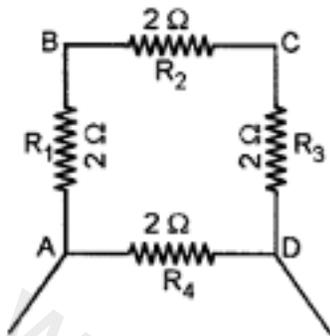
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**Question 3.**

Four resistances of  $2.0\Omega$  each are joined end to end to form a square A B C D. Calculate the equivalent resistance of the combination between any two adjacent corners.

**Answer:**

Resistors  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are in series, therefore their equivalent resistance is  $R_s = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 = 2 + 2 + 2 = 6 \text{ ohm}$ .



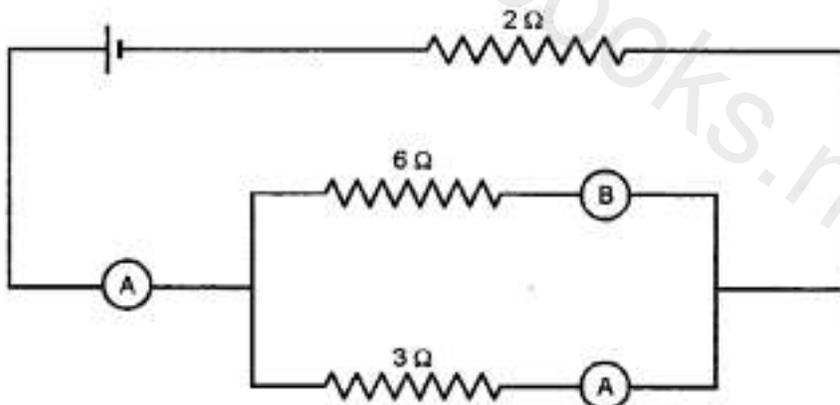
Now  $R_s$  and  $R_4$  are in parallel, therefore equivalent resistance of the combination between two adjacent corners is

$$1/R_p = 1/R_s + 1/R_4 = 1/6 + 1/2 = 2/3$$

Therefore  $R_p = 1.5 \text{ ohm}$ .

**Question 4.**

The figure shows three ammeters A, B and C. The ammeter B reads 0.5 A. If all the ammeters have negligible resistance calculate: Calculate:



1. the readings in the ammeters A and C
2. the total resistance of the circuit

(i) Total resistance in B and C  $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1+2}{6} = \frac{3}{6}$  therefore,

$$r_p = 2 \Omega.$$

Resistance of B = 6  $\Omega$

Current in B = 0.5A

Voltage = ?

$$V = IR. = 0.5 \times 6 = 3 \text{ V.}$$

Current in C = ?

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{3}{3} = \boxed{1 \text{ A}} \text{ Ans.}$$

$$\text{Current in A} = 1 + 0.5 = \boxed{1.5 \text{ A}} \text{ Ans.}$$

$$(ii) \text{ Total resistance} = 2 + 2 = \boxed{4 \Omega} \text{ Ans.}$$

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### Question 5.

A wire of uniform thickness with a resistance of 27  $\Omega$  is cut into three equal pieces and they are joined in parallel. Find the resistance of the parallel combination.

#### Answer:

A wire is cut into 3 pieces

Also Resistance of wire is proportional to length

Resistance  $\propto l$

Let length of wire =  $3l = 27\Omega$

Resistance of each piece,  $l = 27/3 = 9 \Omega$

When connected in parallel Resultant resistance of combination

R is  $1/R = 1/9 + 1/9 + 1/9 = 3/9 = 1/3$

$\therefore R = 3\Omega$

### Question 6.

Mention two factors on which the resistance of a wire depends.

#### Answer:

Two factors are

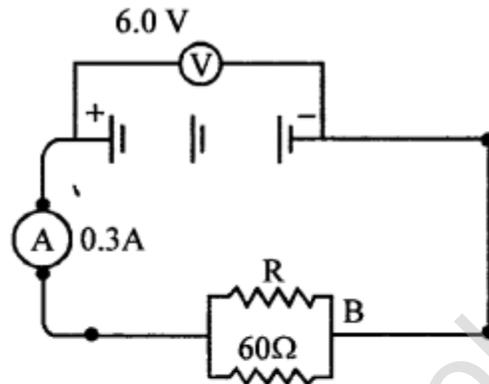
1. length of wire  $R \propto l$
2. Area of cross-section of wire

$R \propto 1/a$

**Question 7.**

In the figure below, the ammeter A reads 0.3 A. Calculate :-

- (a) the total resistance of the circuit.
- (b) the value of R.
- (c) the current flowing through R.



**Ans.**  $I = 0.3 \text{ A}$ ,  $V = 6.0 \text{ V}$

(a)  $\therefore$  Total Resistance of the circuit  $R_1 = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{6}{\frac{3}{10}} = \frac{6}{3} \times 10$   
 $= 20 \Omega$

(b) Value of R,  $\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{60} = \frac{3-1}{60} = \frac{2}{60} = \frac{1}{30}$

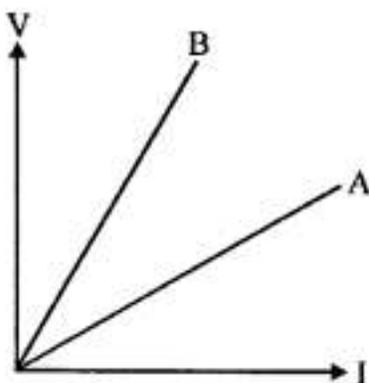
$\therefore R = 30 \Omega$

(c) Current through R =  $I_1 = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{6}{30} = 0.2 \text{ A}$

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**Question 8.**

The V-I graph for a series combination and for a parallel combination of two resistors is as shown in the figure below:



Which of the two, A or B, represents the parallel combination? Give a reason for your answer.

**Answer:**

Slope of V-I graph gives us the resistance of the resistor. Slope of A is less, therefore, combination A has less resistance as compared to B. Further, since the net resistance decreases in parallel combination, therefore, A represents the parallel combination.

**Question 9.**

Calculate the value of the resistance which must be connected to a 15 Ω resistance to provide an effective resistance of 6 Ω.

**Answer:**

As the effective resistance is 6 Ω less than 15 Ω

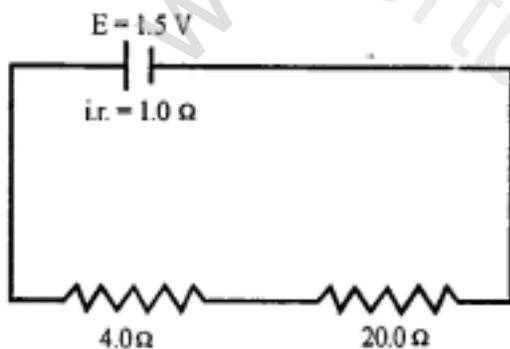
∴ Resistance R must be connected in parallel with 15 Ω

$$1/15 + 1/R = 1/6 \Rightarrow 1/R = 1/6 - 1/15 = 5 - 2/30 = 1/10$$

$$\therefore R = 10\Omega$$

**Question 10.**

A cell of e.m.f. 1.5 V and internal resistance 1.0Ω is connected to two resistors of 4.0Ω and 20.0 Ω in series as shown in the figure:



1. current in the circuit.
2. potential difference across the 4.0 ohm resistor.

3. voltage drop when the current is flowing.
4. potential difference across the cell.

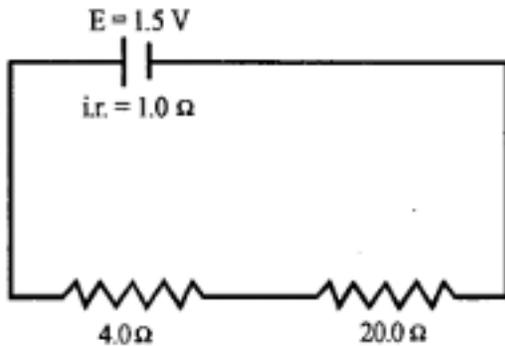
**Answer:**

Here e.m.f.,  $E = 1.5 \text{ V}$

Internal resistance  $1.0 \Omega$

All the resistances are connected in series

The total circuit resistance,  $R = 1 + 4 + 20 = 25 \Omega$



The current,  $i = E/R = 1.5/25 = 0.06 \text{ A}$

Potential difference across  $4 \Omega$  resistance  $= r \times i = 4 \times 0.06 = 0.24 \text{ V}$

Voltage drop across the cell  $= 0.06 \times 1$   
 $= 0.06 \text{ V}$

Potential difference across the cell  $= 1.5 - 0.06$   
 $= 1.44 \text{ V}$

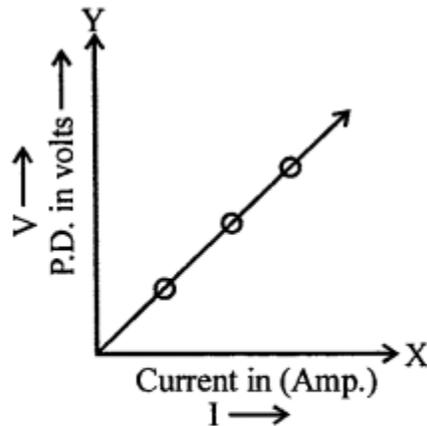
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**Question 11.**

1. Sketch a graph to show the change in potential difference across the ends of an ohmic resistor and the current flowing in it Label the axis of your graph.
2. What does the slope of the graph represent?

**Answer:**

(i)



(ii) Slope says  $I \propto V$  and  $V \propto I$

$$\text{or } \frac{V}{I} = \text{constant}, \frac{V}{I} = R \text{ (Resistance)}$$

**Question 12.**

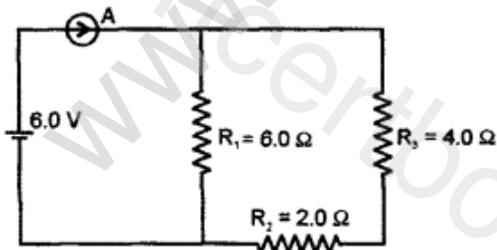
Three resistors of  $6.0 \Omega$ ,  $2.0 \Omega$  and  $4.0 \Omega$  respectively are joined together as shown in the figure. The resistors are connected to an ammeter and to a cell of e.m.f.  $6.0 \text{ V}$ .

Calculate:

(i) the effective resistance of the circuit

(ii) the current drawn from the cell

**Answer:**



As  $R_3$  and  $R_2$  are in series.

$$\therefore R_s = 4 + 2 = 6 \Omega$$

and  $R_1$  is in parallel to its combination

$$\therefore \frac{1}{R_p} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_s} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$R_p = 3 \Omega$$

**Question 13.**

The equivalent resistance of the following circuit diagram is  $4\Omega$ . Calculate the value of  $x$ .

**Answer:**

(i) Equivalent resistance =  $4\Omega$ ,  $5\Omega$ ,  $x\Omega$  are in series

$$\therefore R_1 = (5 + x)\Omega$$

$8\Omega$  and  $4\Omega$  are in series

$$R_2 = 8 + 4 = 12\Omega$$

$R_1$  and  $R_2$  are in parallel

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore R &= \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \\ &= \frac{(5+x)12}{(5+x)+12} = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$3(5+x) = 5+x+12$$

$$15 + 3x = x + 17$$

$$3x - x = 17 - 15 = 2$$

$$2x = 2$$

$$x = 2/2 = 1\Omega$$

**Question 14.**

1. State Ohm's Law.
2. Diagrammatically illustrate how you would connect a key, a battery, a voltmeter, an ammeter, an unknown resistance  $R$  and a rheostat so that it can be used to verify the above law?

**Answer:**

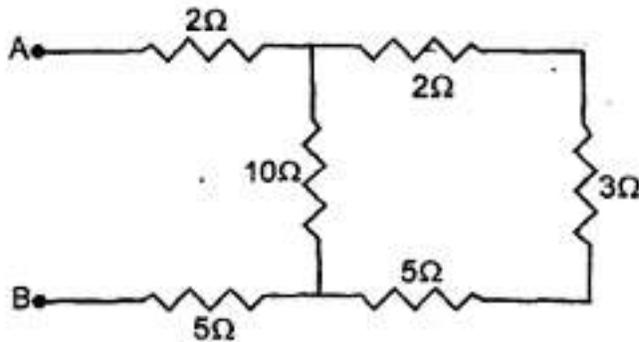
1. Ohm's law states that current flowing in a conductor is directly proportional to the potential difference across its ends provided the physical conditions remain constant.

$$I \propto V \text{ or } V = IR$$

Verification of Ohm's Law: Use the circuit as shown taking care the +ve of voltmeter and +ve of Ammeter should be connected to the +ve of battery and voltmeter in parallel. Key is closed and Rheostat is set to get the minimum reading in Ammeter and voltmeter. The rheostat is then gradually moved and each time value of  $A$  and  $V$  are noted. The ratio of  $v/I$  is always found constant. This verifies Ohm's law.

**Question 15.**

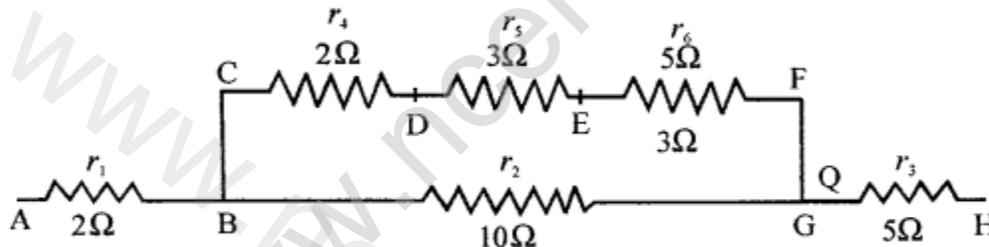
Six resistances are connected together as shown in the figure. Calculate the equivalent resistance between the points A and B.

**Answer:**

Clearly, the resistance of  $2\Omega$ ,  $3\Omega$  and  $5\Omega$  are in series. Total resistance is  $2\Omega + 3\Omega + 5\Omega = 10\Omega$  and the circuit reduces to as shown. Now,  $10\Omega$  and  $10\Omega$  are in parallel, there combined resistance  $R'$  is:

$$\frac{1}{R'} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\therefore R' = 5\Omega$$



Now,  $2\Omega$ ,  $5\Omega$ ,  $5\Omega$  are in series, therefore the net resistance is:

$$R = 2\Omega + 5\Omega + 5\Omega = 12\Omega$$

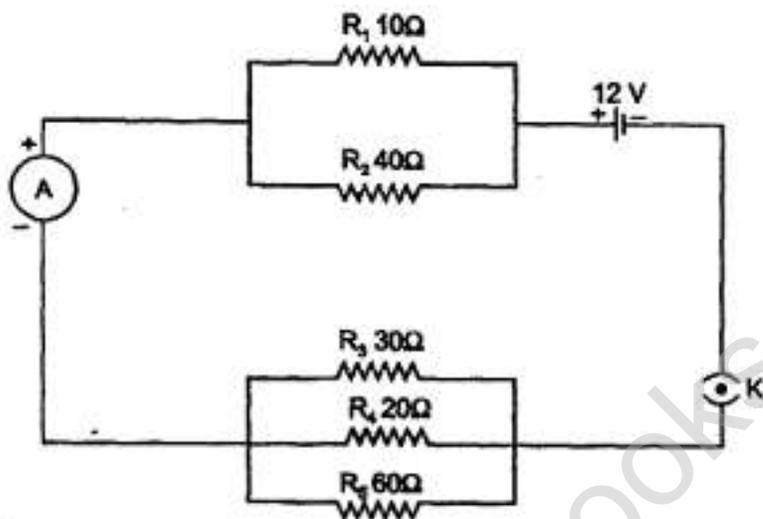
**Question 16.**

(a)

1. A substance has nearly zero resistance at a temperature of 1 K. What is such a substance called ?
2. State any two factors which affect the resistance of a metallic wire.

(b) Five resistors of different resistances are connected together as shown in the figure. A 12 V battery is connected to the arrangement. Calculate :

1. the total resistance in the circuit.
2. the total current flowing in the circuit.



**Answer:**

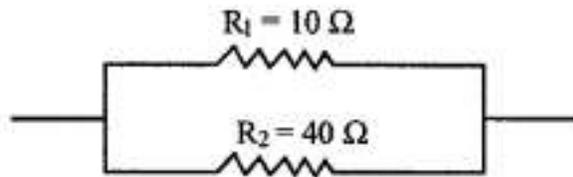
(a)

1. Superconductor
2. The resistance of a metallic wire is affected by
  - (a) Its area of cross-section.  $R \propto a$
  - (b) Length of conductor  $R \propto 1/a$

(b) To solve the above Question, we have to first find the total resistance of the circuit.

1. Here we find that R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are in parallel and their combined resistance R' is given by  $R' = \frac{10 \times 40}{10+40} = 8\Omega$   
 Also, the resistances of 30Ω, 20Ω and 60Ω are in parallel and their combined resistance R'' is given by  
 $\frac{1}{R''} = \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{60}$   
 $= \frac{2}{60} + \frac{3}{60} + \frac{1}{60} = \frac{6}{60}$   
 $R'' = \frac{60}{6} = 10\Omega$   
 Now, R' and R'' are in series and their combined resistance R is given by .  
 $R = R' + R'' = 8\Omega + 10\Omega = 18\Omega$

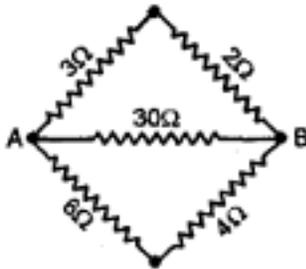
∴ Total resistance in the circuit =  $18\Omega$



(ii) Now,  $I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{12V}{18\Omega} = \frac{2}{3} A = 0.67 A$

**Question 17.**

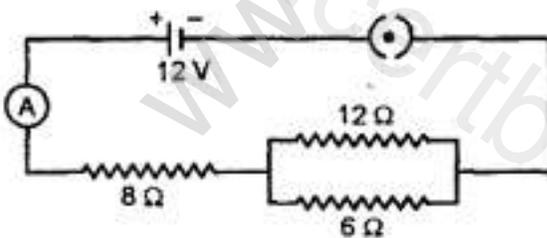
(a) Calculate the equivalent resistance between the points A and B from as shown in fig.



(b)

1. Draw a graph of Potential difference (V) versus Current (I) for an ohmic resistor.
2. How can you find the resistance of the resistor from this graph ?
3. What is a non-ohmic resistance ?

(c) Three resistors are connected to a 12 V battery as shown in the figure given below :



1. What is the current through the 8 Q resistor ?
2. What is the potential difference across parallel combination of 6 Q and 12 Q ?
3. What is the current through the 6 Q resistor ?

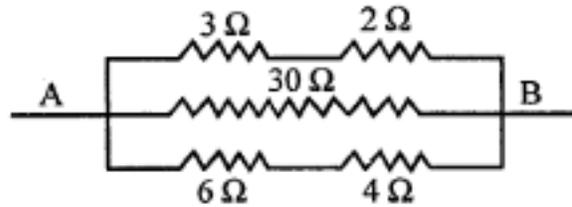
**Answer:**

(a)

- 2 + 3 = 5Ω are in series
- 6 + 4 = 10Ω are in series
- 5, 30, 10Ω are connected in parallel

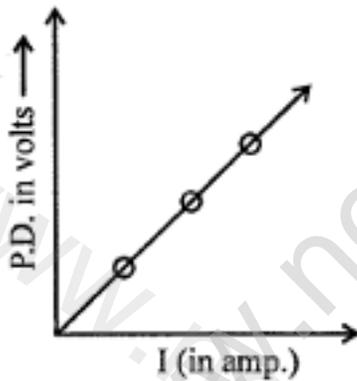
$$\therefore \frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{6+1+3}{30} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$R = 3 \Omega$$



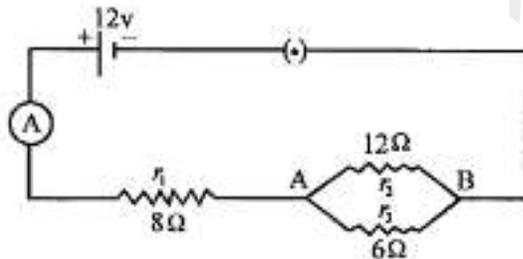
(b)

- V – I for ohmic resistor



- Resistance can be found by finding the reading of V corresponding to I from graph.  
 $R = V/I$
- Non-Ohmic Resistance : “The resistors which do not obey the Ohm’s Law are called non-ohmic resistors.”

(c)



$r_2, r_3$  are in parallel

$$1/R_p = 1/12 + 1/6 = 3/12 = 1/4$$

$$R_p = 4$$

$r_1$  and  $R_p$  are in series

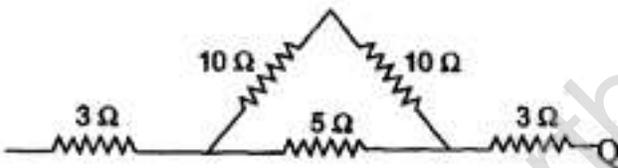
$$\therefore R = r_1 + r = 8 + 4 = 12\Omega$$

- $I = v/R = 12/12 = 1 \text{ A}$
- P.D across parallel combination AB  
 $V = I R_p$   
 $1 \times 4 = 4 \text{ V}$
- Current through  $6\Omega$   
 $I = v/r_3 = 4/6 = 0.666$   
 $I = 0.67 \text{ A}$

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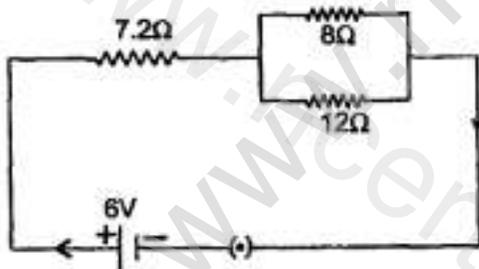
**Question 18.**

(a) Calculate the equivalent resistance between P and Q in the following diagram:



(b) A cell is sending current in an external circuit. How does the terminal voltage compare with the e.m.f of the cell?

(c) Three resistors are connected to a 6 V battery as shown in the figure in 8.59.

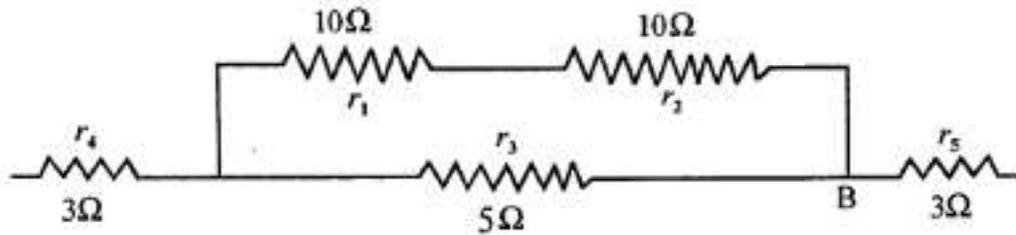


Calculate:

- the equivalent resistance of the circuit.
- total current in the circuit.
- potential difference across the 7.2 c resistor.

**Answer:**

(a)



1.  $r_1, r_2$  are in series

$$R_s = 10 + 10 = 20 \Omega$$

$R_s$  and  $r_3$  are in parallel

$$1/R_p \text{ between A and B} = 1/20 + 1/5 = 5/20 = 1/4$$

$$\therefore R_p = 4$$

Now  $r_4, R_p$  and  $r_5$  are in series

$$\therefore R = 3 + 4 + 3 = 10 \Omega$$

(b) When cell is sending current in an external circuit i.e. current is drawn from the cell, its TERMINAL VOLTAGE 'V' is less than its e.m.f. (E) by an amount equal to the voltage drop inside the cell.

(c) (i) Equivalent resistance of the circuit

$$R = 7.2 + R_p$$

$$= 7.2 + \left( \frac{8 \times 12}{8 + 12} \right)$$

$$R = 7.2 + 4.8 = 12 \Omega$$

(ii) Total current in the circuit

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{6}{12} = 0.5 \text{ A}$$

(iii) P.D. across  $7.2 \Omega$

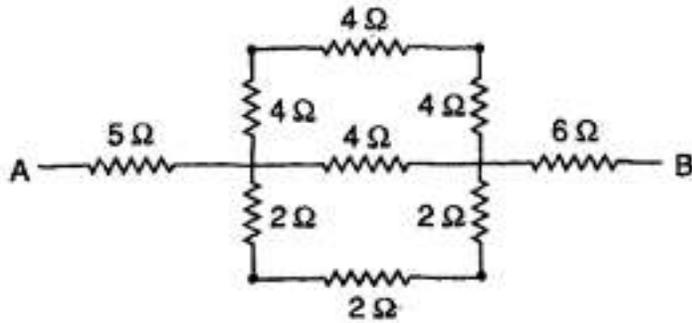
$$V = IR$$

$$= 0.5 \times 7.2 = 3.6 \text{ V}$$

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**Question 19.**

(a) Calculate the equivalent resistance between the points A and B for the following combination of resistors :



(b)

1. State Ohm's law.
2. A metal wire of resistance  $6\Omega$  is stretched so that its length is increased to twice the original length. Calculate the new resistance.

(c) The figure shows a circuit when the circuit is switched on, the ammeter reads  $0.5\text{ A}$ .  $6.0\text{ V}$

1. Calculate the value of the unknown resistor  $R$ .
2. Calculate the charge passing through the  $3\Omega$  resistor in  $120\text{ s}$ .
3. Calculate the power dissipated in the  $3\Omega$  resistor.

**Answer:**

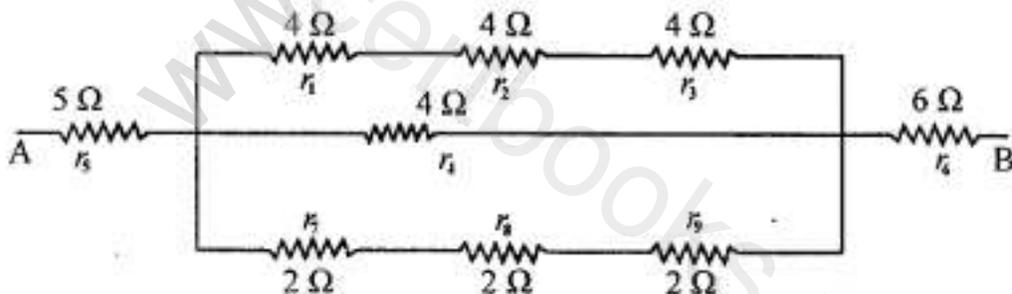
(a) Resistance of three  $4\Omega$  resistors in series =  $4 \times 3 = 12\Omega$   
Resistance of three  $2\Omega$  resistors in series =  $2 \times 3 = 6\Omega$

$\therefore$  Equivalent resistance of  $12\Omega$ ,  $6\Omega$  and  $4\Omega$  in parallel.

$$1/R_p = 1/12 + 1/6 + 1/4 = 1 + 2 + 3/12 = 1/2 \Rightarrow R_p = 2\Omega$$

Equivalent resistance of  $5\Omega$ ,  $2\Omega$  and  $6\Omega$  in series.

$$R = (5 + 2 + 6) \Omega = 13\Omega$$



(b)

1. Ohm's Law : It states, all physical conditions of a conductor remaining same, the current flowing through it is directly proportional to the potential difference at its ends.

2. Let the original length be ( $l$ ) and area of cross-section ( $a$ ), such that its resistance is  $6\Omega$

Applying,  $R = K \frac{l}{a} \Rightarrow 6 = kl/a \dots(i)$

When the length  $2l$ , its area of cross-section becomes  $a/2$ . If

$R_1$  is the new resistance of conductor then :

$R = k \frac{2l}{a/2} = 4k \frac{l}{a} \dots(ii)$

Dividing (ii) by (i)  $R/6 = 4 R = 24 \Omega$

(c)

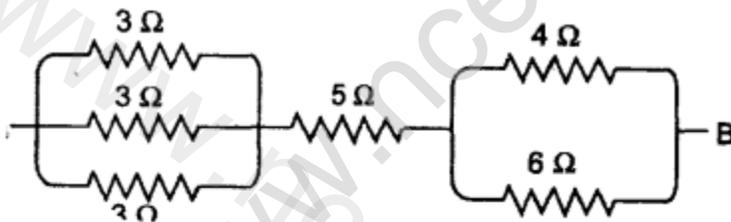
- $I = v/R \quad 0.5 = 6/R + 3$   
 $0.5R + 1.5 = 6 \Rightarrow 0.5R = 4.5 \Rightarrow R = 9 \Omega$
- Charge  $Q = I \times t = 0.5 \times 120 = 60$  Coulombs
- Power dissipated,  $P = I \times V = 0.5 \times 6 = 3$  Watt.

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**Question 20.**

Find the equivalent resistance between points A and B in the following figure.

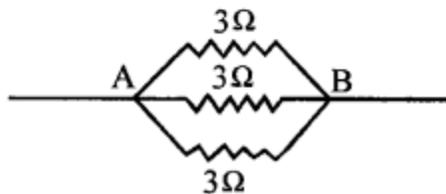
**Answer:**



**Resistance between A and B in parallel  $R_1$**

$$\frac{1}{R_1} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$$

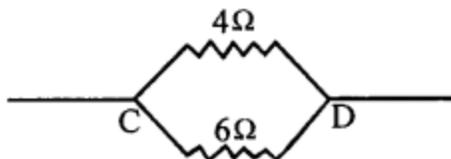
$R_1 = 1\Omega$



Resistance between CD in parallel  $R_2$ .

$$\frac{1}{R_3} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3+2}{12} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$R_3 = \frac{12}{5} = 2.4\Omega$$



$$\text{Total } R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 = 1 + 5 + 2.4 = 8.4\Omega.$$

**Question 21.**

(a) Two resistors of  $4\Omega$  and  $6\Omega$  are connected in parallel to a cell to draw a current of  $0.5\text{ A}$  from the cell.

1. Draw a labelled circuit diagram showing the above arrangement.
2. Calculate the current in each resistor.

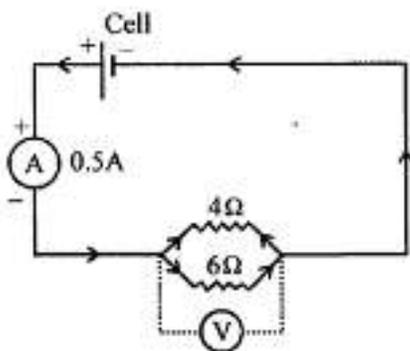
(b)

1. What is an Ohmic resistance ?
2. Two copper wires are of the same length, but one is thicker than the other.
  - (i) Which wire will have more resistance?
  - (ii) Which wire will have more specific resistance?

**Answer:**

(a)

1.  $I = V/R$   $V = IR$



$$\frac{1}{R_p} = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1+2+3}{12} = \frac{1}{2}$$

2. Let current through  $4 \Omega$  resistance is  $I$  then current through  $6 \Omega$  resistance is  $(0.5 - I)$

$$\dots 1 \times 4 = (0.5 - I) \times 6$$

$$4I = 3 - 6I$$

$$4I + 6I = 3$$

$$10I = 3$$

$$I = 0.3 \text{ A}$$

$\therefore$  Current through  $4 \Omega$  resistance =  $0.3 \text{ A}$

and current through  $6 \Omega$  resistance =  $0.5 - 0.3 = 0.2 \text{ A}$

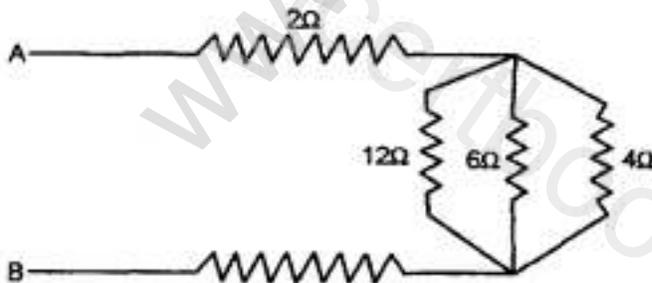
(b)

- Ohmic Resistors** : The resistors which obey Ohm's law are called the Ohmic resistors or linear resistances. For such resistors, a graph plotted for the potential difference  $V$  against current  $I$  is a straight line.
- (i) Thin wire will have more resistance.  
(ii) Specific resistance of both wire is same.

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**Question 22.**

- (a) What happens to the resistivity of semi-conductor with the increase in temperature?  
(b) Fig. the equivalent resistance between point A and B.



**Answer:**

- (a) The resistivity of a semiconductor decreases with increase in temperature.  
(b) Let  $R_p$  be the equivalent resistance of the resistors  $12 \Omega$ ,  $6 \Omega$  and  $4 \Omega$  connected in parallel. Hence, we have

$$1/R_p = 1/12 + 1/6 + 1/4 = 1 + 2 + 3/12 = 1/2$$

$$R_p = 2 \Omega$$

Therefore, the equivalent resistance of the circuit is  $2 \Omega$

$$2 \Omega + R_p + 5 \Omega = 2 \Omega + 5 \Omega = 9 \Omega$$

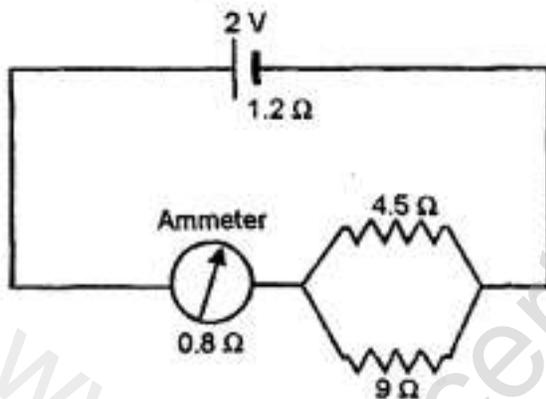
Thus, the equivalent resistance between points A and B is  $9 \Omega$

### Question 23.

(a) The relationship between the potential difference and the current in a conductor is stated in the form of a law.

1. Name the law.
2. What does the slope of V-I graph for a conductor represent?
3. Name the material used for making the connecting wire.

(b) A cell of Emf 2 V and internal resistance  $1.2 \Omega$  is connected with an ammeter of resistance  $0.8 \Omega$  and two resistors of  $4.5 \Omega$  and  $9 \Omega$  as shown in the diagram below:



1. What would be the reading on the Ammeter?
2. What is the potential difference across the terminals of the cell?

### Answer:

(a)

1. The relationship between the potential difference and the current in a conductor is given by Ohm's law.
2. The slope of the V-I graph gives the resistance of the conductor.  
Slope  $R = \frac{V}{I} = R$   
The material used for making connecting wires is copper.

(b) Given that  $\mathcal{E} = 2 \text{ V}$ ,  $r = 1.2 \Omega$ ,  $R_A = 0.8 \Omega$ ,  $R_1 = 4.5 \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 9 \Omega$

1. We know that for the circuit  
 $\mathcal{E} = IR_{\text{total}}$   
Now, the total resistance of the circuit is

$$R_{\text{total}} = r + R_A + R_p$$

$$1/R_p = 1/4.5 + 1/9 = 3/9$$

$$R_p = 3 \Omega$$

$$R_{\text{total}} = 1.2 + 0.8 + 3 = 5 \Omega$$

Hence, the current through the ammeter is

$$I = \frac{V}{R_{\text{total}}} = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4 \text{ A}$$

$$(ii) I = \frac{E - V}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.4 = \frac{2 - V}{1.2}$$

$$I = v/R_{\text{total}} = 2/5 = 0.4 \text{ AB}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.48 = 2 - V - I$$

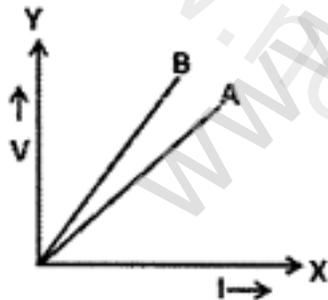
$$V = 2 - 4.8 - 1.52 \text{ V}$$

$\therefore$  Potential difference  $V_{\text{cell}} = 1.52 \text{ V}$

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### Question 24.

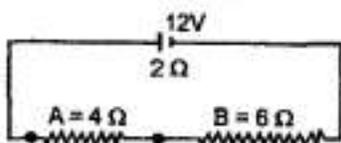
(a) The V-I graph for a series combination and for a parallel combination of two resistors is shown in the figure below. Which of the two A or B. represents the parallel combination? Give reasons for your answer.



(b) A music system draws a current of 400 m A when connected to a 12 V battery.

1. What is the resistance of the music system?
2. The music system left playing for several hours and finally the battery voltage drops and the music system stops playing when current drops to 320 m A. At what voltage the music system stops playing?

(c) A battery of emf 12 V and internal resistance  $2\Omega$  is connected with two resistors A and B of resistance  $4\Omega$  and  $6\Omega$  respectively joined in series.



**Find:**

1. Current in circuit
2. The terminal voltage of the cell
3. P.D. across  $6\Omega$  resistor.
4. Electrical energy spent per minute in  $4\Omega$  resistor.

**Answer:**

(a) A represents Parallel Combination

**Reason :** More current flows in parallel combination as compared to series combination.

(b)

1. (i) Given :  $I = 400\text{ m A} = 400 \times 10^{-3}\text{ A}$   
 $V = 12\text{ V}$   
 $V = IR$   
 $R = v/I = 12\text{ v}/400 \times 10^{-3}\text{ A}$   
 $R = 400 \times 10^{-3}\text{ A}$   
 $R = 30\Omega$
2. Current drops to  $I = 320\text{ m A} = 320 \times 10^{-3}\text{ A}$   
 The music stops playing at  
 $V = IR$   
 $V = 320 \times 10^{-3} \times 30$   
 $V = 9.6\text{ V}$

(C) Given, Emf (E) = 12 V;  $r_1 = 2\Omega$  ;  $R_A = 4\Omega$  ;  $R_B = 6\Omega$

1. The current in the circuit is  
 $I = E/R_{\text{total}} = E/R_1 + R_A + R_B$   
 $I = 12/2 + 4 + 6 = 1\text{ A}$
2. The terminal voltage of the cell is  
 Terminal Voltage = Emf-  $Ir$ ,  
 Terminal Voltage =  $12 - (1 \times 2) = 12 - 2 = 10\text{ V}$
3. The potential difference across the  $6\Omega$  resistor is  
 $V_B = IR_B$   
 $\therefore V_B = 1 \times 6 = 6\text{ V}$

4. The electrical energy spent per minute (= 60 s) is

$$E = I^2 R t$$

$$E = 1^2 \times 4 \times 60 = 240 \text{ J}$$

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