

Chapters 35: Electric Circuits

Text:Chapter 35

Think and Explain: 1-10

Think and Solve: 1-4

Vocabulary:

ammeter, voltmeter, series, parallel, equivalent resistance, circuit, short circuit, open circuit

Equations:

$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots \qquad \frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots$$

$$I = \frac{Q}{t} \qquad V = IR \qquad P = IV \qquad V = \frac{PE_e}{q} \qquad P = \frac{PE_e}{t} \qquad Q = ne$$

Constants: $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

Key Objectives:*Concepts*

- explain what happens to current and voltage in series and parallel circuits.
- correctly interpret a circuit diagram.
- correctly use ammeters and voltmeters in a circuit. (**Lab Practical!**)
- compare and contrast an ammeter and a voltmeter.
- apply the law of conservation of charge to a circuit (i.e. what happens to current in a circuit)
- apply the law of conservation of energy to a circuit. (i.e. what happens to voltage in a circuit)
- given a circuit made of identical light bulbs, be able to predict the relative brightness of each bulb and what would happen if bulbs were unscrewed or shorted.
- explain how the outlets in your home are connected and why.

Problem Solving

- solve for the missing variable in Ohm's Law.
- calculate the equivalent resistance for resistors connected in series or parallel.
- calculate the missing variables (V, I, R) for a series, parallel or compound circuit.