

Electromagnetism Worksheets (p. 1)– Answer completely on your own paper

1. What condition is necessary for the sustained flow of water in a pipe? What analogous condition is necessary for the sustained flow of charge in a wire?
2. What is an ampere?
3. Why is a current-carrying wire normally not electrically charged?
4. Does charge flow through a circuit or into a circuit? Does voltage flow through a circuit, or is voltage established across a circuit?
5. Will water flow more easily through a wide pipe or a narrow pipe? Will current flow more easily through a thick wire or a thin wire?
6. Does heating a metal wire increase or decrease its electrical resistance?
7. If the voltage impressed across a circuit is held constant while the resistance increases, what change occurs in the current?
8. If the resistance of a circuit remains constant while the voltage across the circuit decreases, what change occurs in the current?
9. What is the error in saying that electrons in a common battery driven circuit travel at about the speed of light?
10. What is the error in saying the source of electrons in a circuit is the battery or generator?
11. What is an electric circuit?
12. How much current flows in a 1000 ohm resistor when 1.5 volts are impressed across it?
13. If the filament in an automobile headlamp is 3 ohms, how many amperes does it draw when connected to a 12 volt battery?
14. How much resistance allows an impressed voltage of 6 V to produce a current of 2 A
15. What is the voltage across a 100 ohm circuit that draws a current of 2 amperes?
16. What is the power when 120 V drives a 2 ampere current through a CD player?
17. What is the current in a typical 60 watt light bulb which is plugged into a 120 V socket?
18. If part of a circuit dissipates energy at a rate of 6 watts when it draws a current of 3 amperes, what voltage is impressed across it?

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Period _____

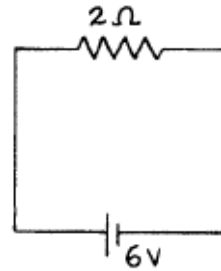
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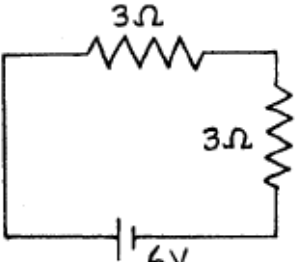
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Series Circuits

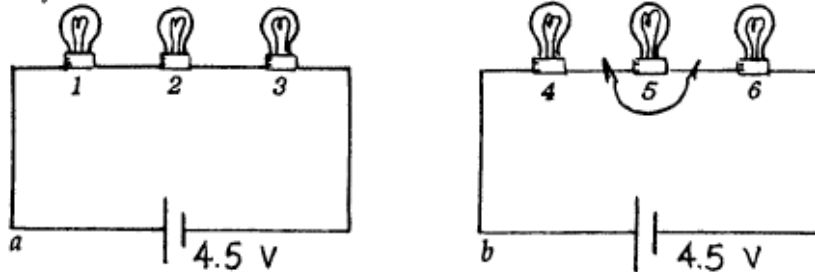
- 19 In the circuit shown at the right, a voltage of 6 V pushes charge through a single resistor of 2 Ω. According to Ohm's law, the current in the resistor (and therefore in the whole circuit) is _____ A.



- 20  If a second identical lamp is added, as on the left, the 6-V battery must push charge through a total resistance of _____ Ω. The current in the circuit is then _____ A.

- 21 The equivalent resistance of three 4-Ω resistors in series is _____ Ω.
- 22 Does current flow *through* a resistor, or *across* a resistor? _____
Is voltage established *through* a resistor, or *across* a resistor? _____
- 23 Does current in the lamps occur simultaneously, or does charge flow first through one lamp, then the other, and finally the last in turn?

- 24 Circuits *a* and *b* below are identical with all bulbs rated at equal wattage (therefore equal resistance). The only difference between the circuits is that Bulb 5 has a short circuit, as shown.

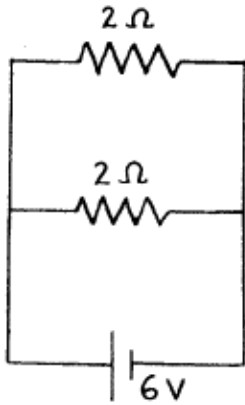


- In which circuit is the current greater? _____
- In which circuit are all three bulbs equally bright? _____
- What bulbs are the brightest? _____
- What bulb is the dimmest? _____
- What bulbs have the largest voltage drops across them? _____
- Which circuit dissipates more power? _____
- What circuit produces more light? _____

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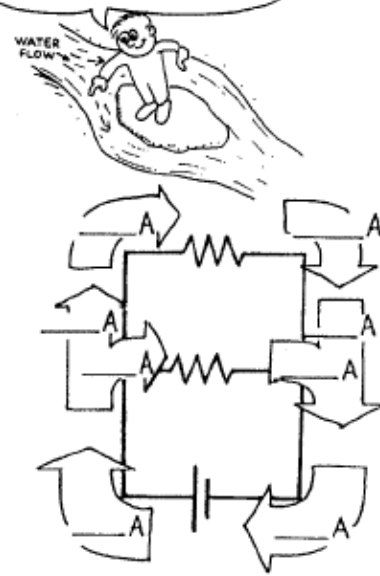
Parallel Circuits

25 In the circuit shown below, there is a voltage drop of 6 V across *each* 2-Ω resistor.

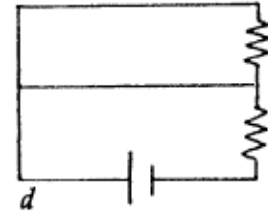
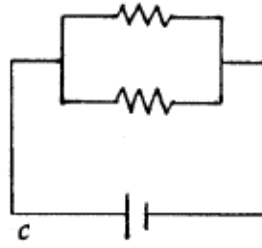
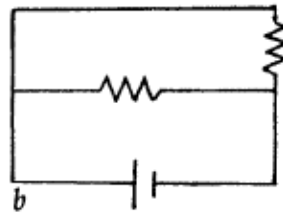
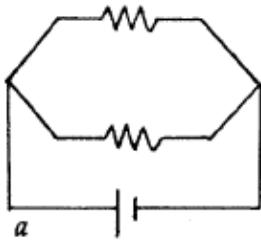


- a. By Ohm's law, the current in *each* resistor is _____ A.
- b. The current through the battery is the sum of the currents in the resistors, _____ A.
- c. Fill in the current in the eight blank spaces in the view of the *same* circuit shown again at the right.

THE SUM OF THE CURRENTS IN THE TWO BRANCH PATHS EQUALS THE CURRENT BEFORE IT DIVIDES.



26 Cross out the circuit below that is *not* equivalent to the circuit above.

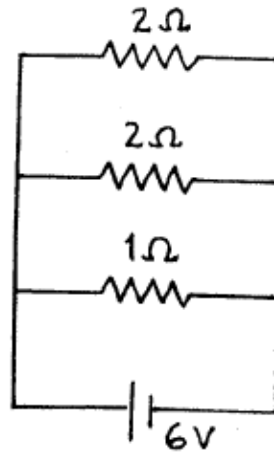


27 Consider the parallel circuit at the right.
a. The voltage drop across each resistor is _____ V.

- b. The current in each branch is:
2-Ω resistor _____ A
2-Ω resistor _____ A
1-Ω resistor _____ A

b. The current through the battery equals the sum of the currents which equals _____ A.

c. The equivalent resistance of the circuit equals _____ Ω.



THE EQUIVALENT RESISTANCE OF A PAIR OF RESISTORS IN PARALLEL IS THEIR PRODUCT DIVIDED BY THEIR SUM!

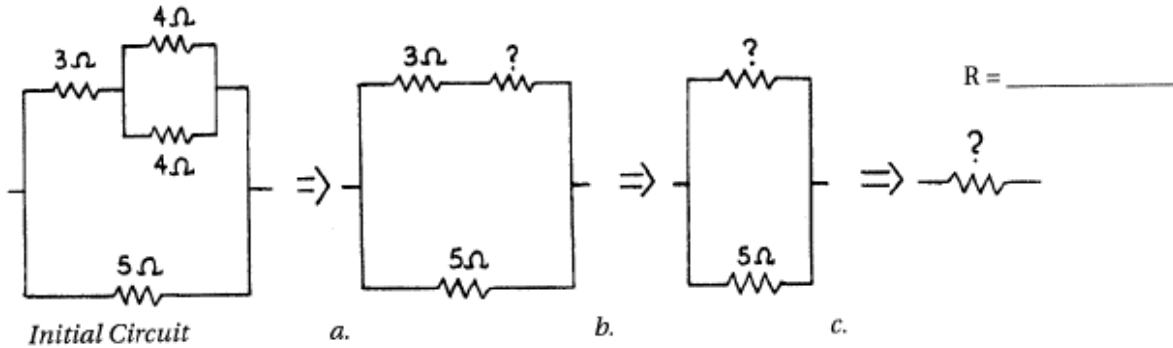


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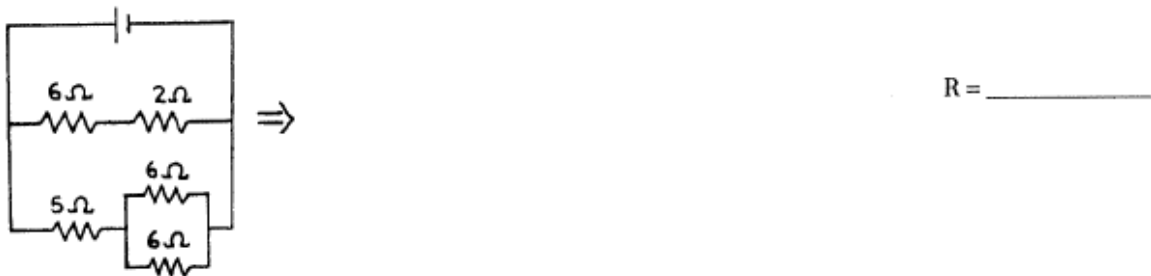
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Compound Circuits

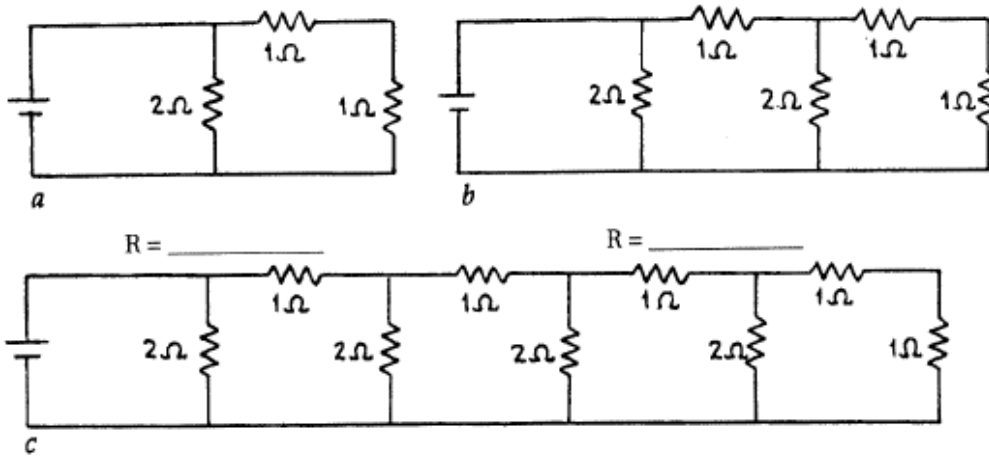
- 28 The initial circuit, below left, is a compound circuit made of a combination of resistors. It is reduced to a single equivalent resistance by the three steps, the circuits to its right, *a*, *b*, *c*. In step *a*, show the equivalent resistance of the parallel $4\text{-}\Omega$ resistors. In step *b* combine this in series with the $3\text{-}\Omega$ resistor. In step *c*, combine the last parallel pair to obtain the equivalent resistance of the circuit. (Note the similarity of this circuit and Figure 35.10 in your textbook.)



- 29 The circuit below is similar to Figure 35.11 in your textbook. In three successive steps, as in Question 1, replace each pair of resistors by a single resistor of equivalent resistance.



- 30 Find the equivalent resistance of these three circuits.



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