

Electronics and Electricity
Basics
John R. Leeman
GEARS 2023



Image: WikiPedia

A Few Safety Notes



- Never work on high voltage DC or any AC systems unless qualified
- This class doesn't qualify you
- Don't work on live systems if possible
- Don't work alone
- Unsure? Stop
- Did I mention this course doesn't make you an electrician?



Image: FieldVibe

"Anything can be a fuse" - A Mechanical Engineer

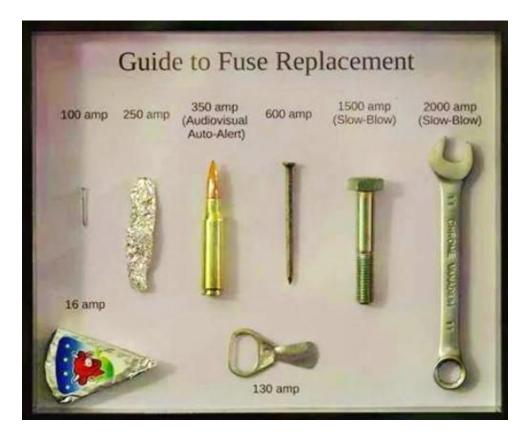
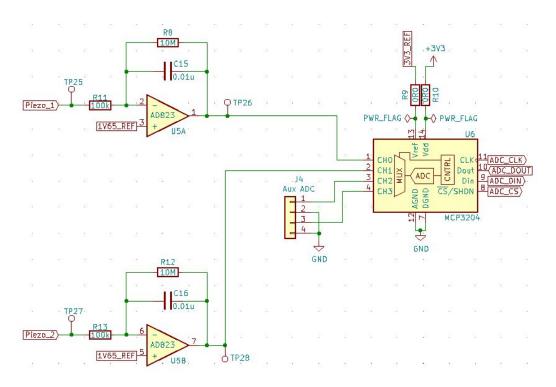




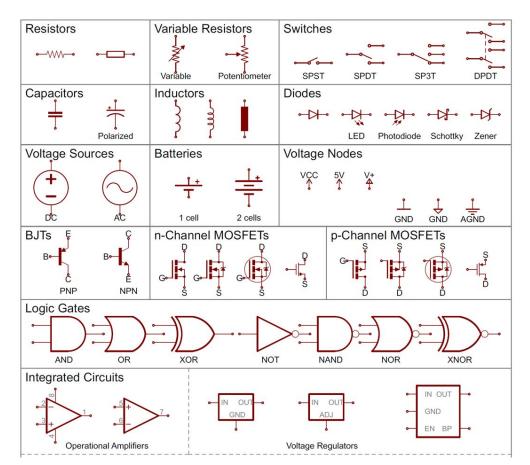
Image: Twitter

We draw circuits in schematic diagrams with symbols to represent parts and connections



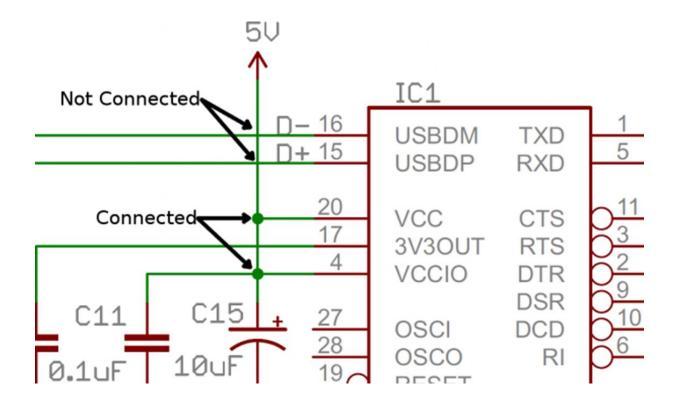


The symbols are "standard" for many components



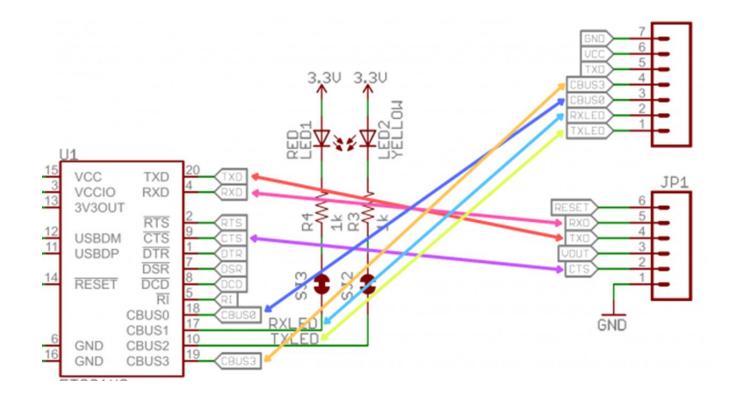


Junctions mark there connections are made



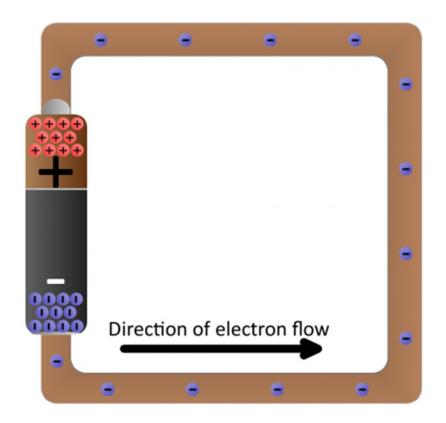


We also use net name labels to reduce schematic clutter





Electric circuits are closed loops that electrons flow through. Electrical energy is stored electrical potential difference.





We generally think in conventional current flow, not electron flow



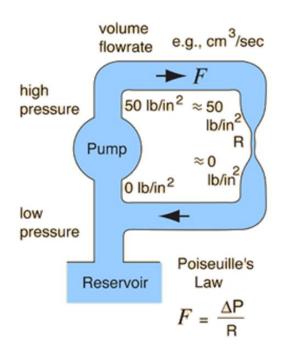
WE WERE GOING TO USE THE TIME MACHINE TO PREVENT THE ROBOT APOCALYPSE, BUT THE GUY WHO BUILT IT WAS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER.

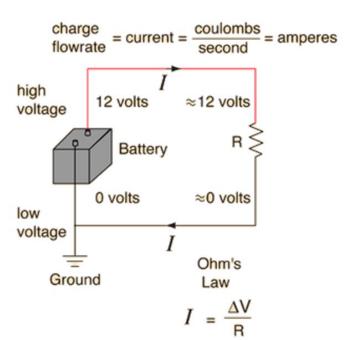


Image: XKCD

In electronics we generally only have to consider a few fundamental quantities

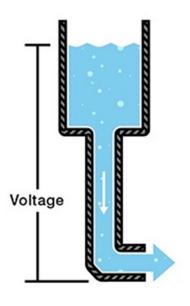
- Voltage
- Current
- Resistance
- Capacitance
- Inductance
- Reactance

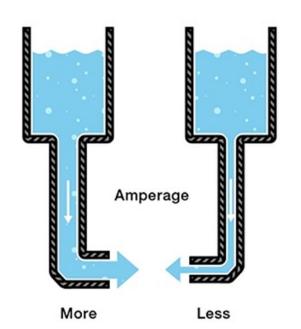


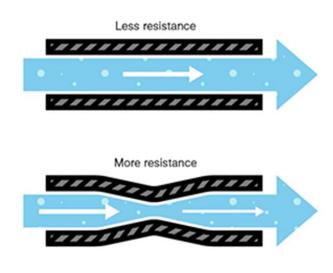




We can use the water analogy for voltage, current, and resistance

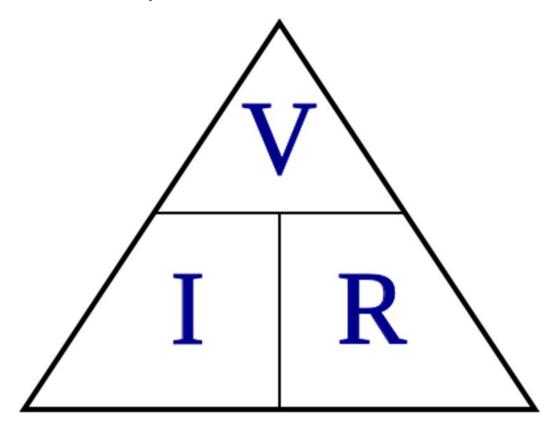






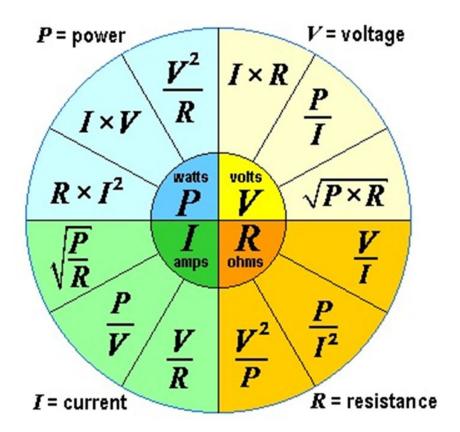


Ohm's Law relates these quantities



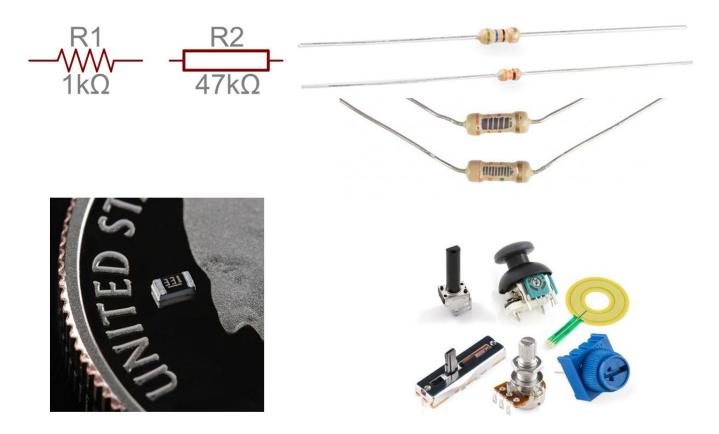


Ohm's Law relates all of these quantities





Resistors





There are common values, we recommend 1% or better

Colour	Band 1 First digit	Band 2 Second digit	Band 3 Multiplier	Band 4 Tolerance
Black	0	0	x 1 (x 1)	-
Brown	1	1	x 10 (x 10)	1%
Red	2	2	x 100 (x 100)	2%
Orange	3	3	x 1 000 (x 1k)	not used
Yellow	4	4	x 10 000 (x 10k)	not used
Green	5	5	x 100 000 (x 100k)	not used
Blue	6	6	x 1 000 000 (x 1M)	not used
Violet	7	7		not used
Grey	8	8	2	not used
White	9	9		not used
Gold	92	2	12	5%
Silver	-		- 10%	

	1% Resistor Values (kΩ)				
5% Resistor Values (kΩ)	100-174	178-309	316-549	562-976	
10	100	178	316	562	
11	102	182	324	576	
12	105	187	332	590	
13	107	191	340	604	
15	110	196	348	619	
16	113	200	357	634	
18	115	205	365	649	
20	118	210	374	665	
22	121	215	383	681	
24	124	221	392	698	
27	127	226	402	715	
30	130	232	412	732	
33	133	237	422	750	
36	137	243	432	768	
39	140	249	442	787	
43	143	255	453	806	
47	147	261	464	825	
51	150	267	475	845	
56	154	274	487	866	
62	158	280	499	887	
68	162	287	511	909	
75	165	294	523	931	
82	169	301	536	953	
91	174	309	549	976	



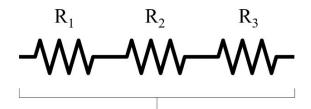
Find the current flowing through the following circuit



Resistors in parallel and sum in different ways

Series Resistors

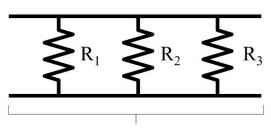
Current is the same across each resistor. Voltage is divided.



$$R_{Equivalent} = R_1 + R_2 + ... + R_{N-1} + R_N$$

Parallel Resistors

Voltage is the same across each resistor. Current is divided.

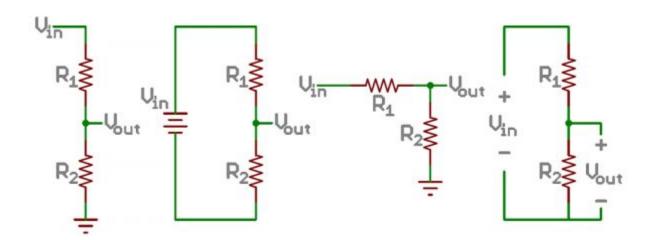


$$R_{Equivalent} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_{1}} + \frac{1}{R_{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_{N-1}} + \frac{1}{R_{N}}}$$

Now, find the current limiting resistor required for this circuit



Voltage dividers are a building block you'll find over and over



$$V_{out} = V_{in} \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



Wire - it is a component too!





Image: Simkan Cable

Connectors

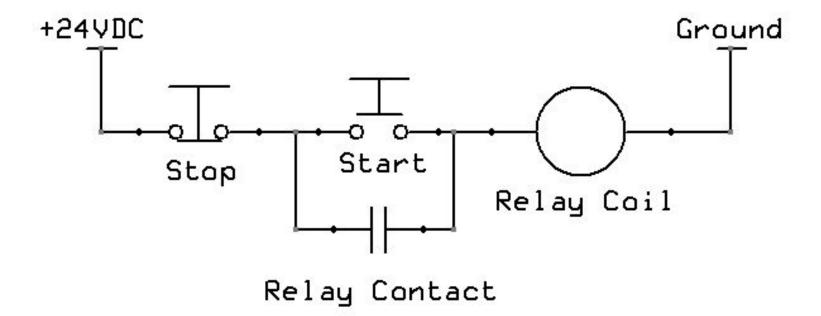




Common Circuits You May Encounter

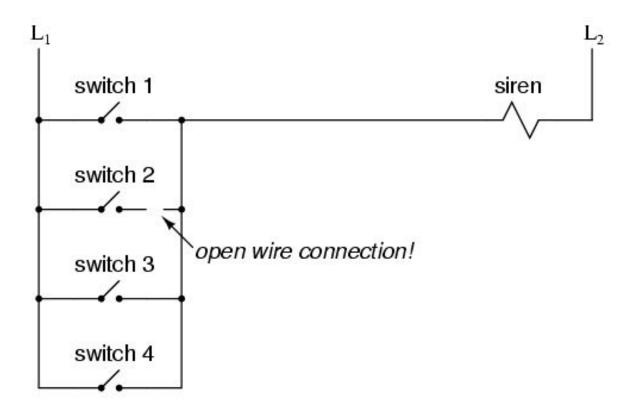


Start/Stop Circuit



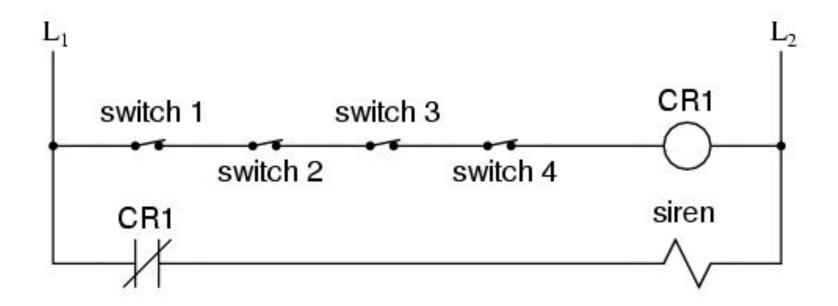


Failsafe Circuit





Failsafe Circuit





Common Equipment













Images: Test Equipment Depot, tequipment.net, Tektronix