

# OHM'S LAW AND ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS

# ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS

All you need to be an inventor is a good imagination and a pile of junk.

-Thomas Edison

# OHM'S LAW



Georg Simon **Ohm** (1787-1854)

$$I = V / R$$

**I** = Current (Amperes) (amps)

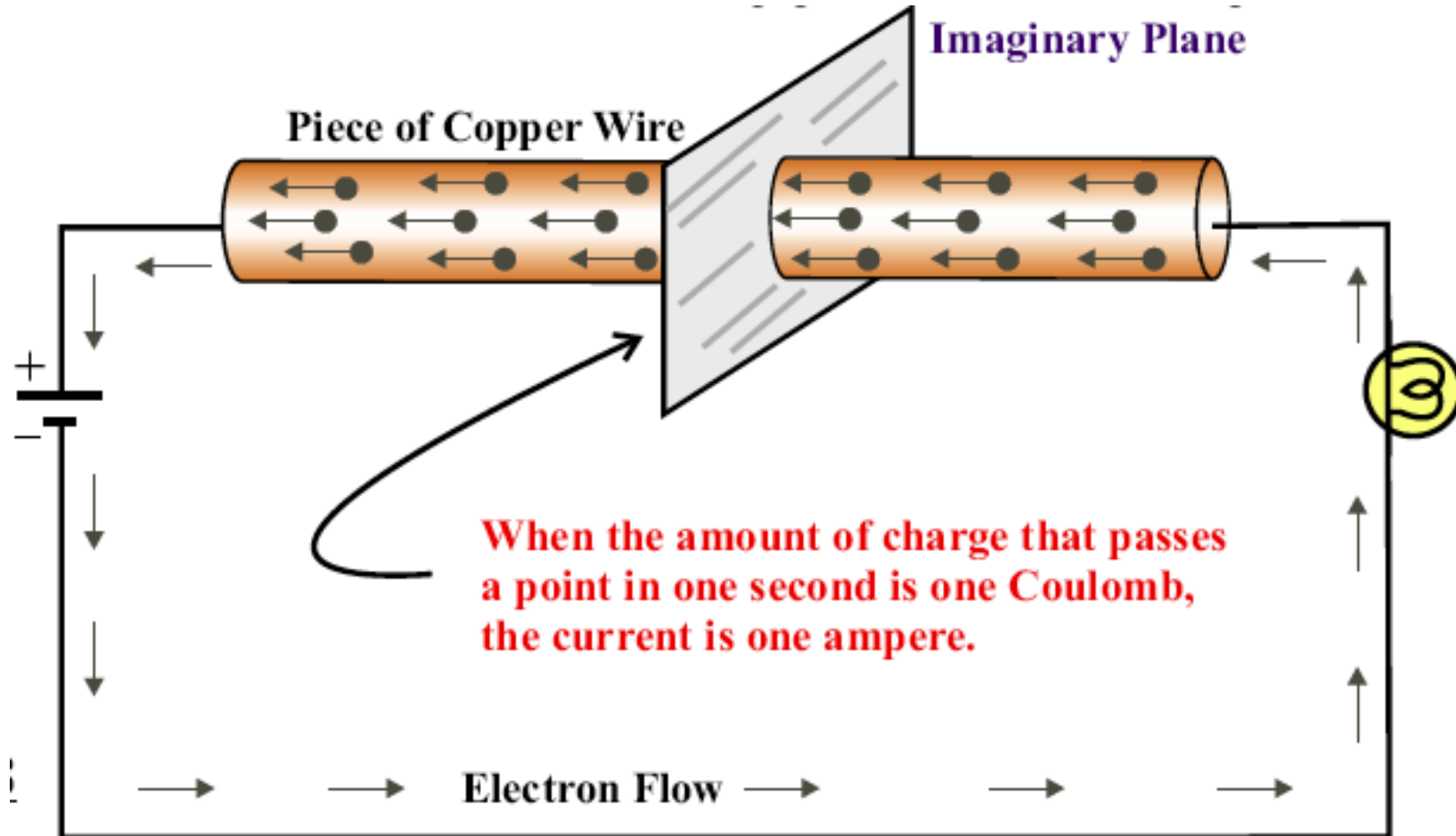
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**R** = Resistance (ohms)

# OHM'S LAW

- Ohm's Law explains the relationship between voltage (V or E), current (I) and resistance (R)
- The amount of current in a circuit is dependent on its resistance and the applied voltage. Specifically  $I = V/R$
- If you know any two of the factors V, I, and R you can calculate the third.
- Current  $I = V/R$
- Voltage  $V = IR$
- Resistance  $R = V/I$

# 1 ampere = 1 coulomb per second



# CHART

Quantity	Symbol	Unit of Measurement	Unit Abbreviation
Current	I	Ampere ("Amp")	A
Voltage	E <i>or</i> V	Volt	V
Resistance	R	Ohm	$\Omega$

# VOLTAGE (V)

- It is the push or pressure behind current flow through a circuit, and is measured in (V) volts.



# CURRENT

- Current refers to the quantity/volume of electrical flow. Measured in Amps (A)
- The symbol for current is  $I$  (for intensity) and is measured in **amperes**

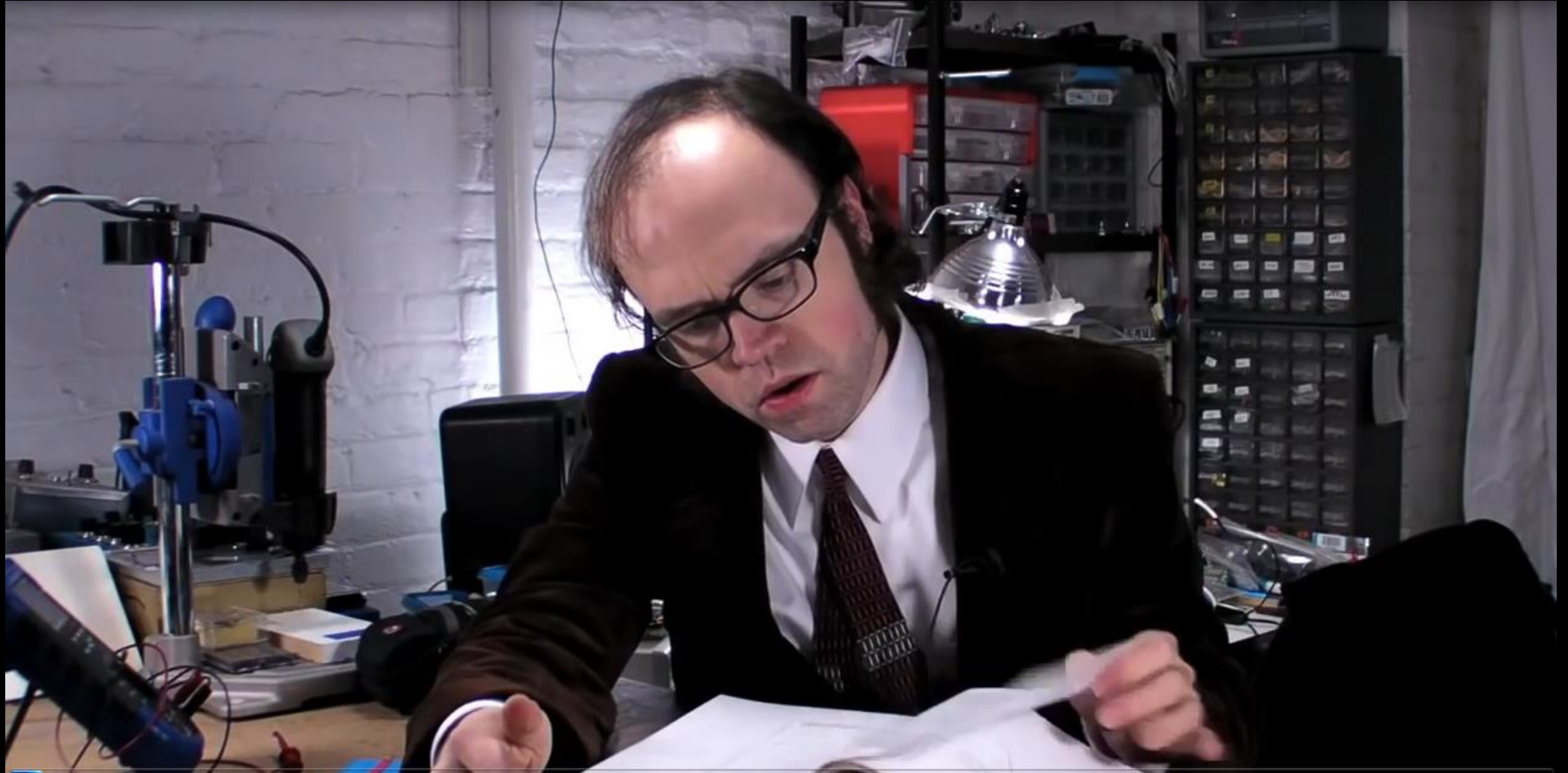




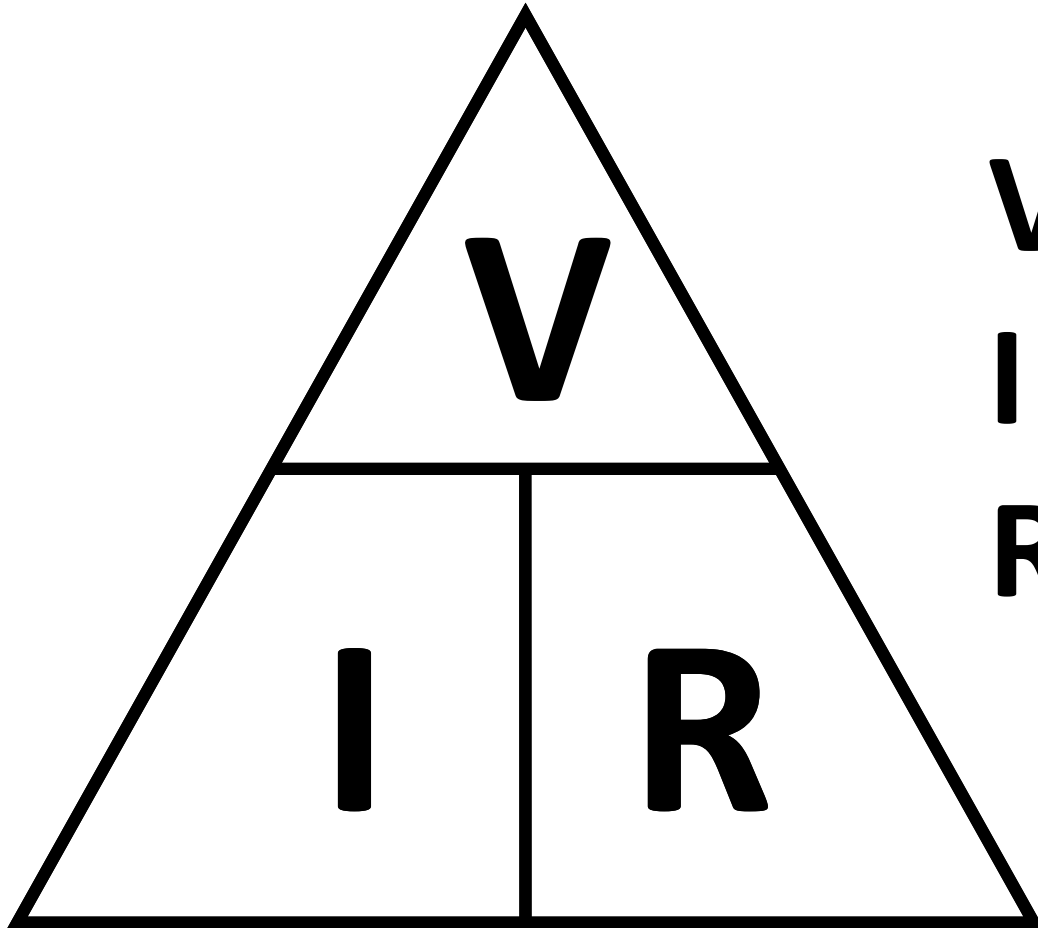
# RESISTANCE

- Resistance to the flow of the current. Measured in Ohms  $\Omega$
- Opposition to the flow of current is termed resistance.
- The fact that a wire can become hot from the flow of current is evidence of resistance.
- Conductors have very little resistance.
- Insulators have large amounts of resistance.





# TRICK TO REMEMBER OHM'S LAW



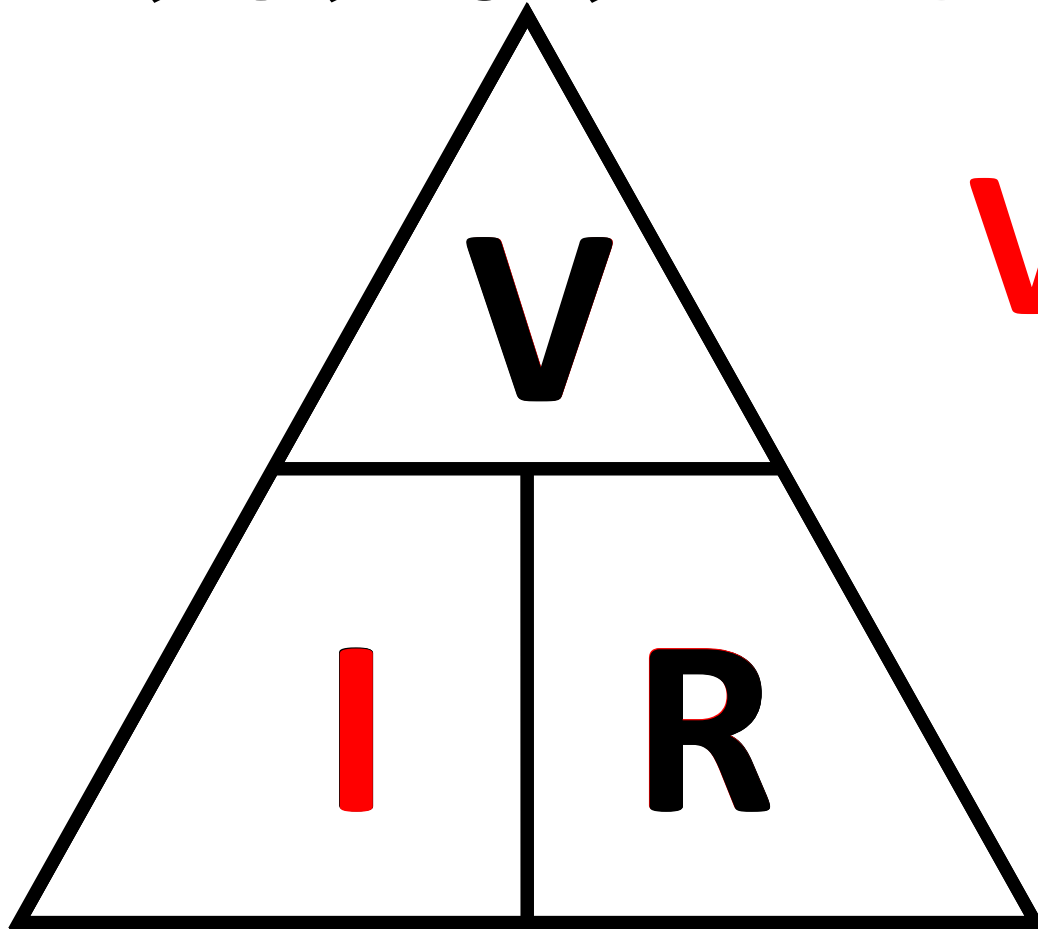
**V = Voltage = Volts**

**I = Amperes = Amps**

**R = Resistance = Ohms**

**Ω**

# TRICK TO REMEMBER OHM'S LAW



$$V = I * R$$

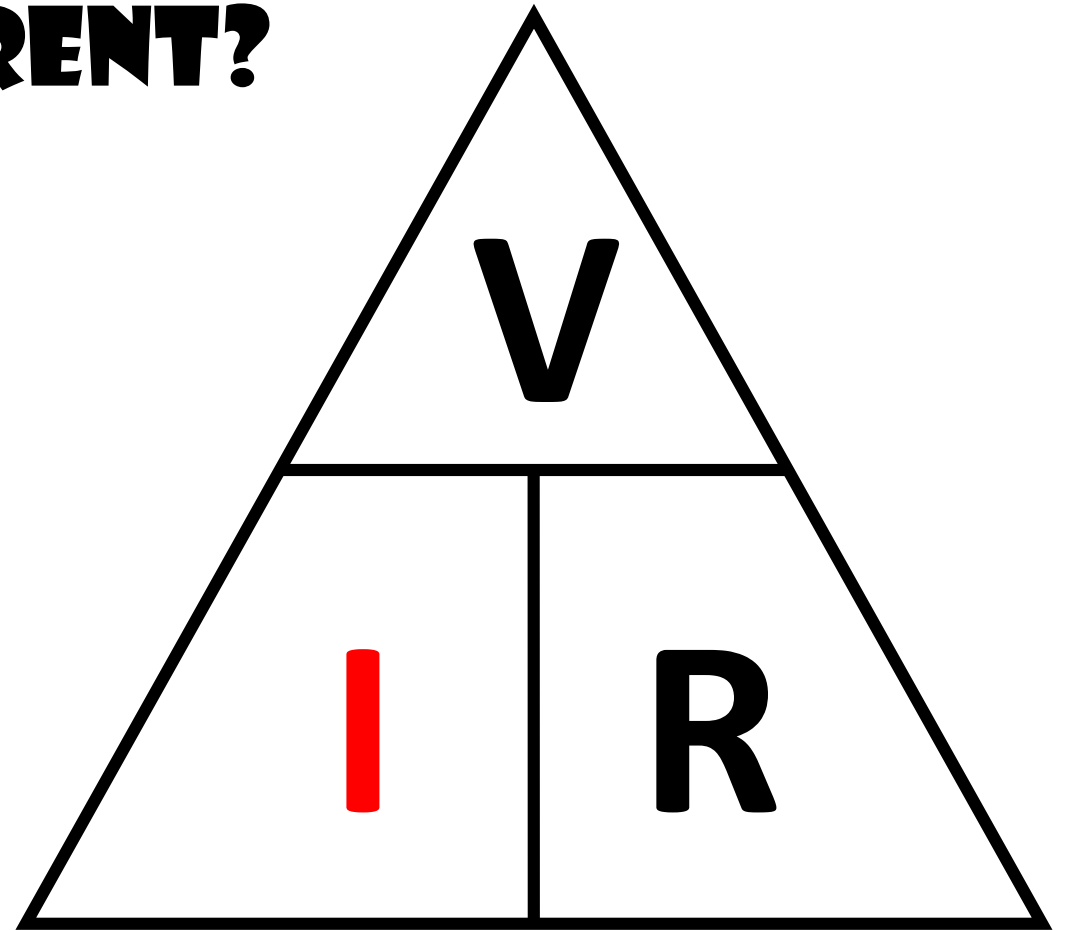
$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

# HOW DO CALCULATE CURRENT?

- Voltage is 5V
- Resistance is 220  $\Omega$
- Current = Amp ?

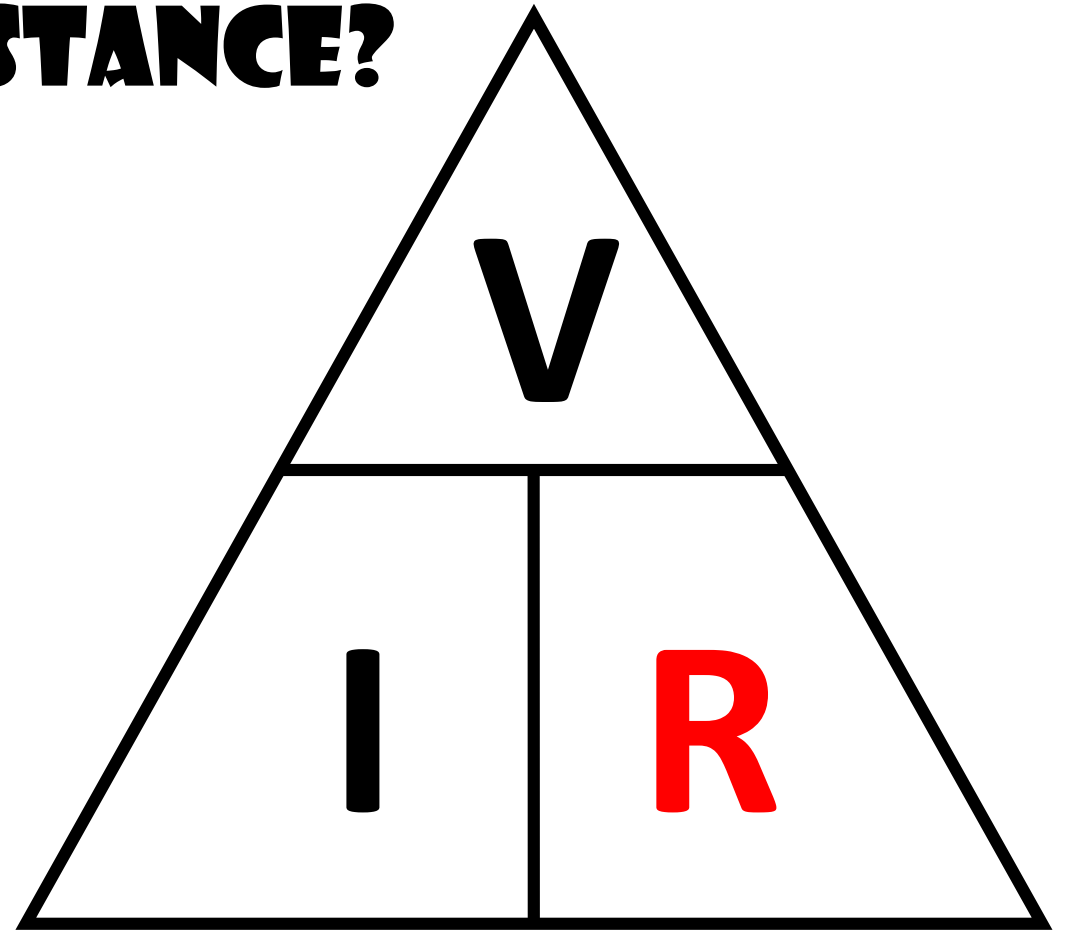
$$I = \frac{V}{R} \quad I = \frac{5}{220}$$



$$I = 22.7 \text{ mA}$$

# HOW DO CALCULATE RESISTANCE?

- Voltage is 5V
- Current is 10mA
- Resistance = Ohm?



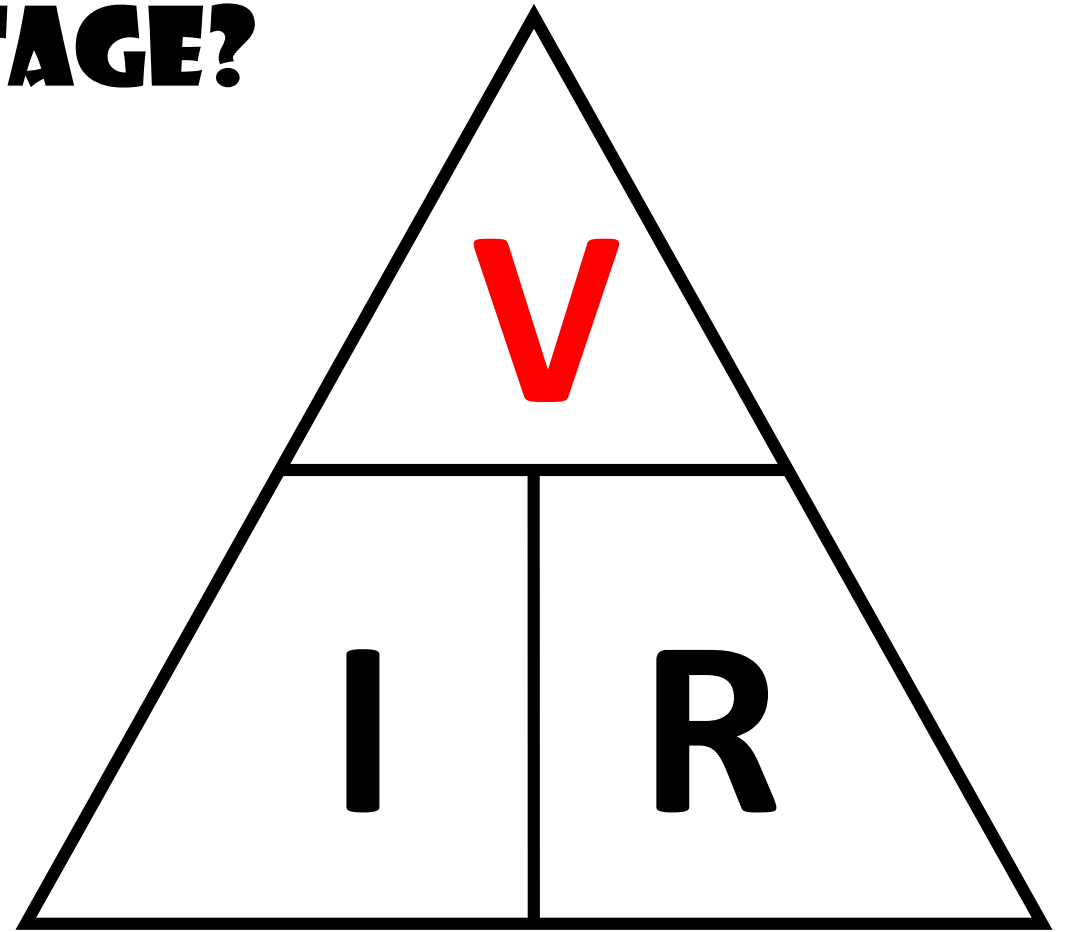
$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$R = \frac{5}{.010 \text{ amp}}$$

$$R = 500 \Omega$$

# HOW DO CALCULATE VOLTAGE?

- Resistance is  $1\text{K}\Omega$
- Current is  $200\text{ mA}$
- Voltage =  $V$ ?



$$V = I * R$$

$$V = .2 * 1\text{K}\Omega$$

$$V = 200\text{v}$$

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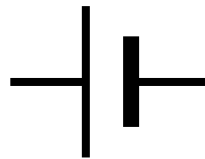
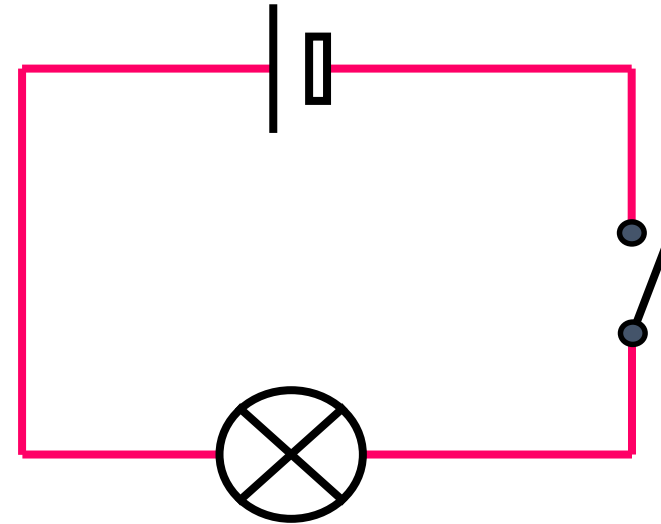
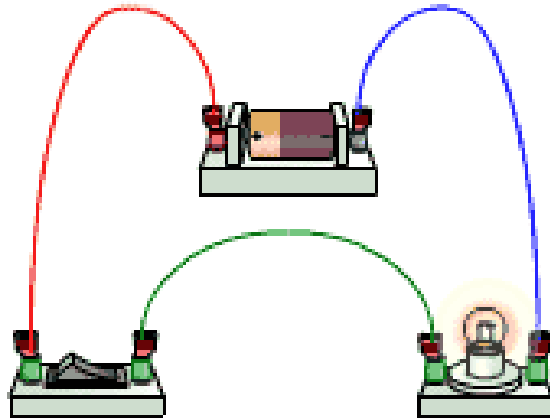


# THE CENTRAL CONCEPT: CLOSED CIRCUIT



# CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

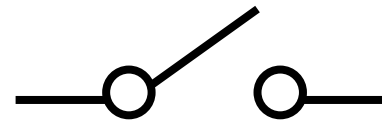
Scientists usually draw electric circuits using symbols;



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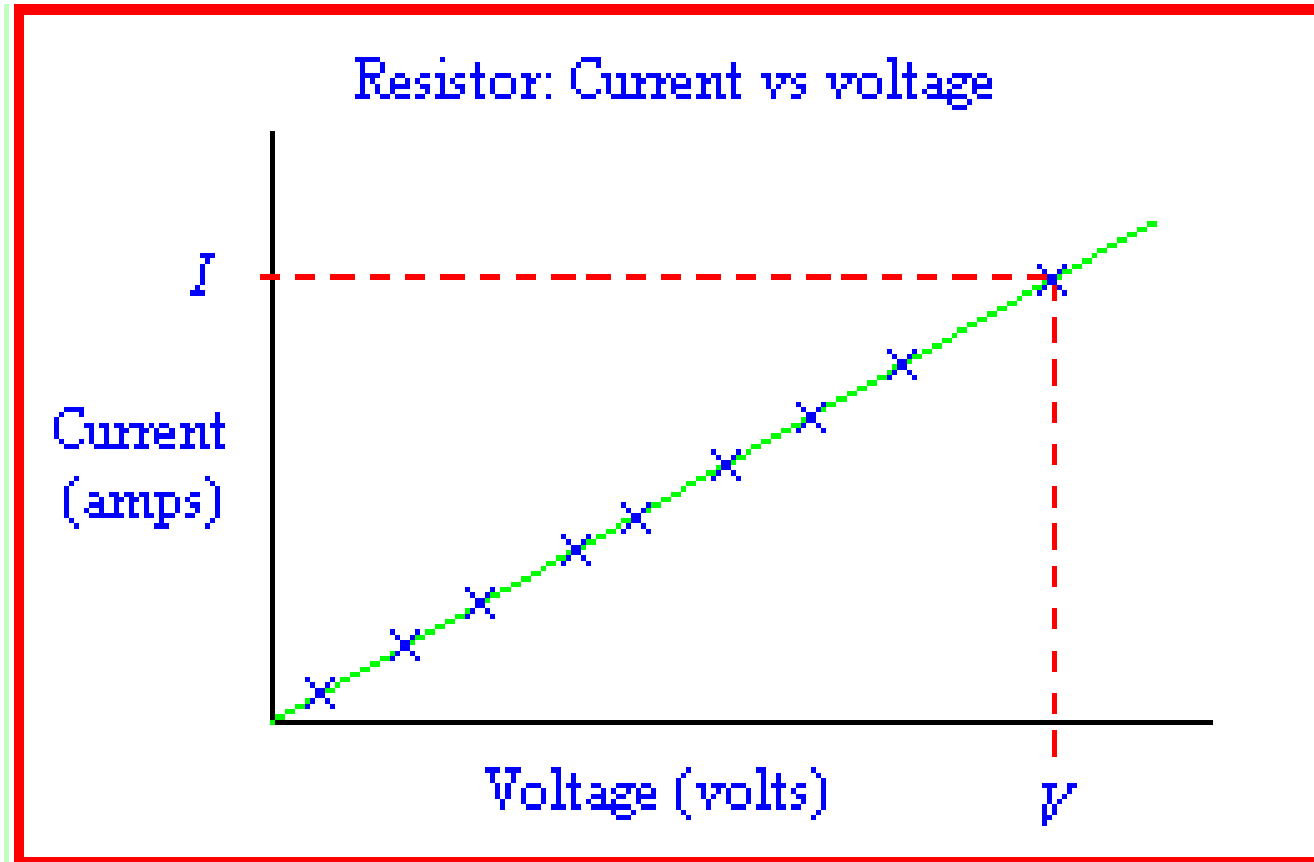
switch



wires

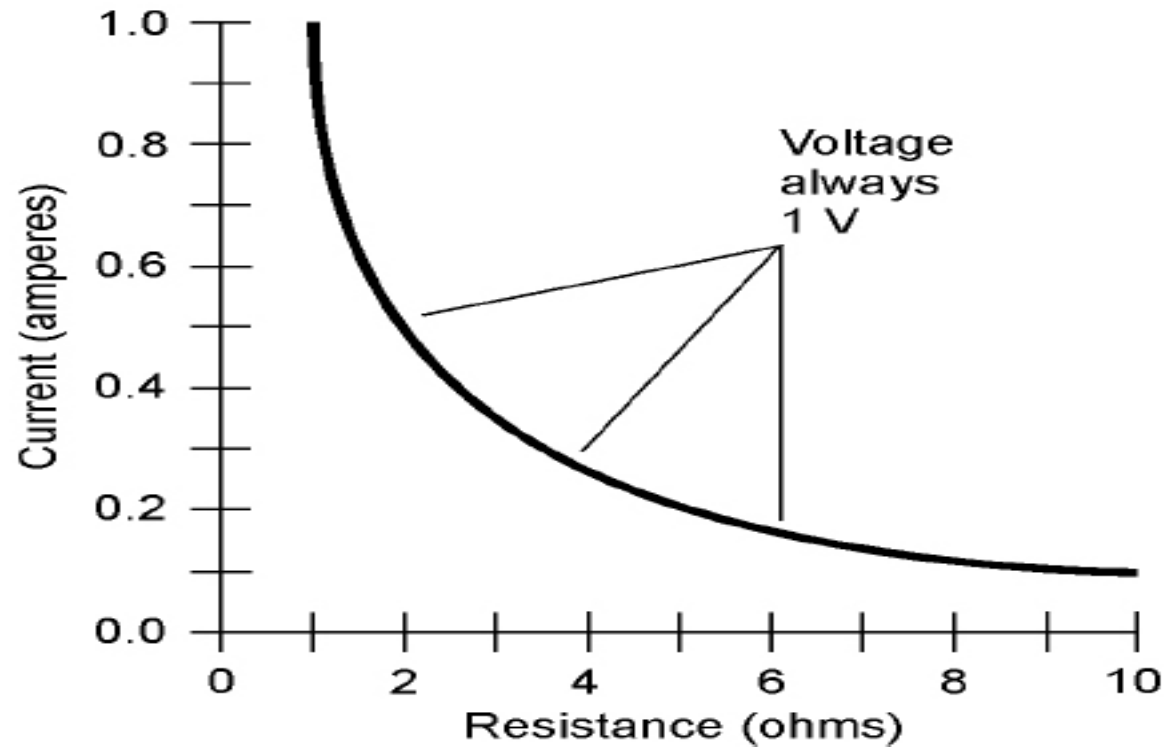
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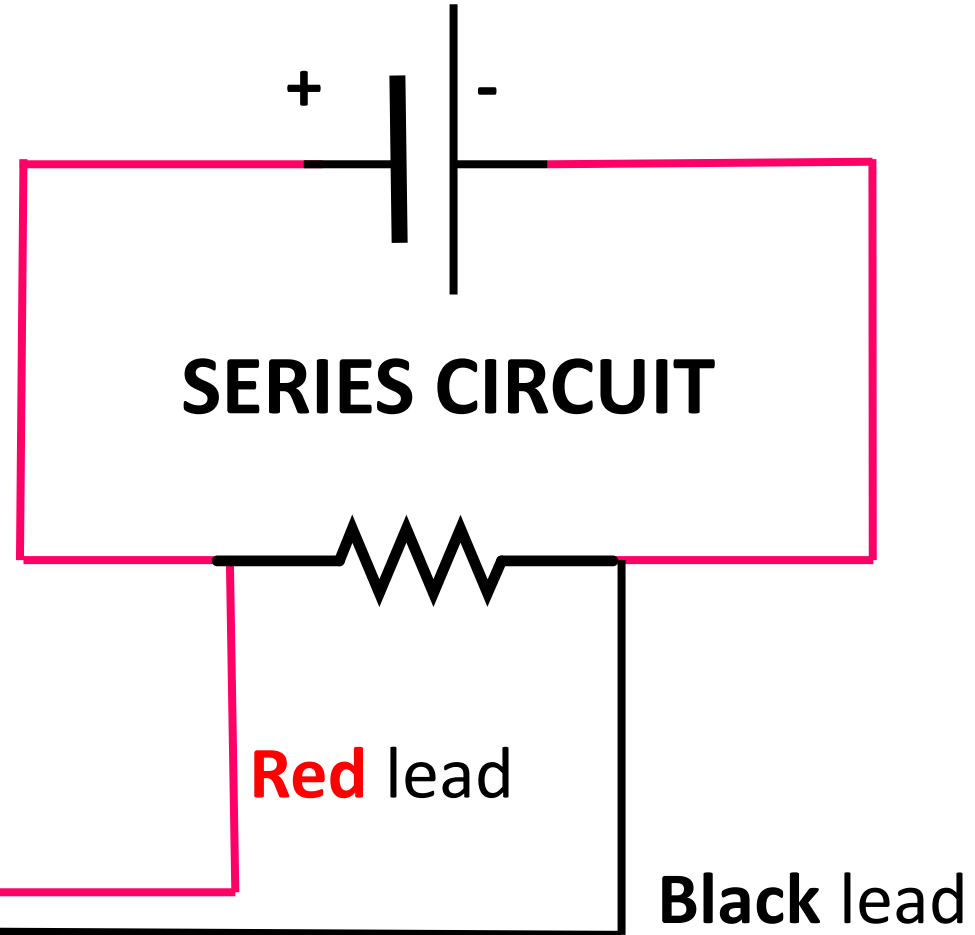
# Current is Inversely Proportional to Resistance for a Constant Voltage

## OHM'S LAW



# MEASURING VOLTAGE

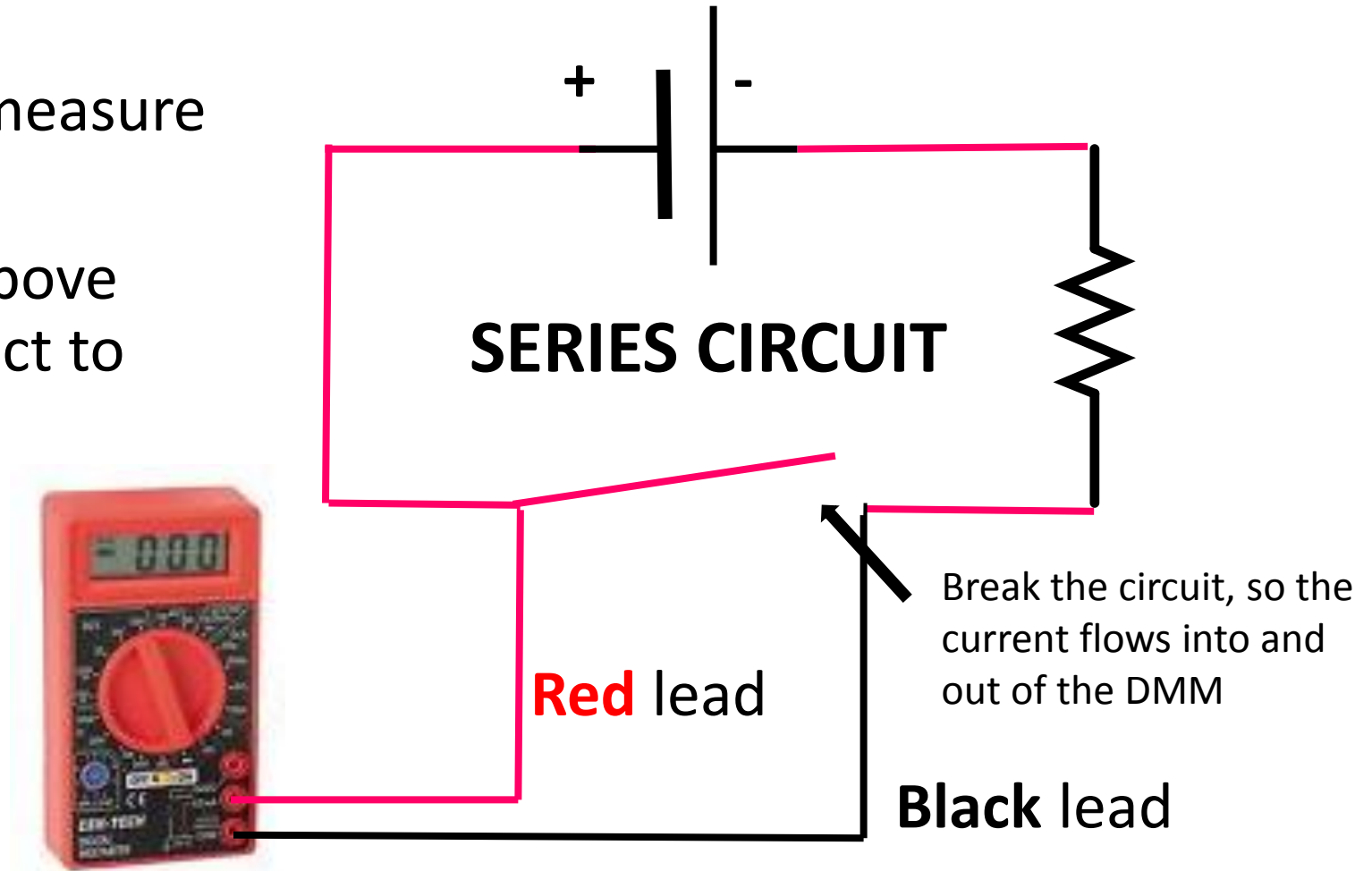
- Set the DMM to  $\Omega$  (to measure Resistance)
- Set it to the closest value above the target resistor you are measuring



This is how we measure volts in a circuit

# MEASURING CURRENT

- Set the DMM to Amps (to measure Current)
- Set it to the closest value above the target current you expect to measure



This is how we measure Amps in a circuit



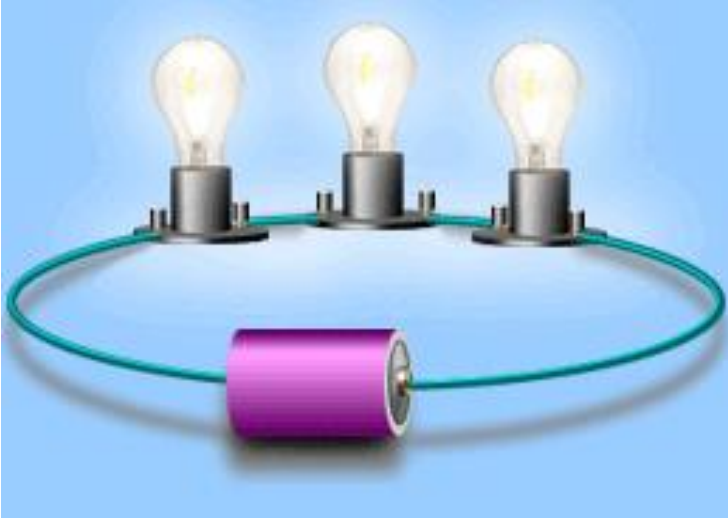
# GENERAL RULE.

1. Assuming the resistance does not change:
  - As voltage increases, current increases.
  - as voltage decreases, current decreases.
  
2. Assuming the voltage does not change:
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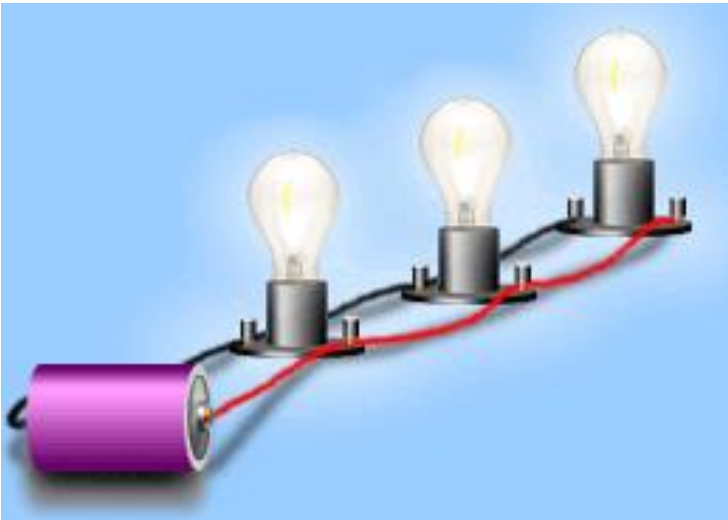
# RECAP!!

- What is Voltage?
- What is Current?
- What is Resistance?

# SIMPLE CIRCUITS

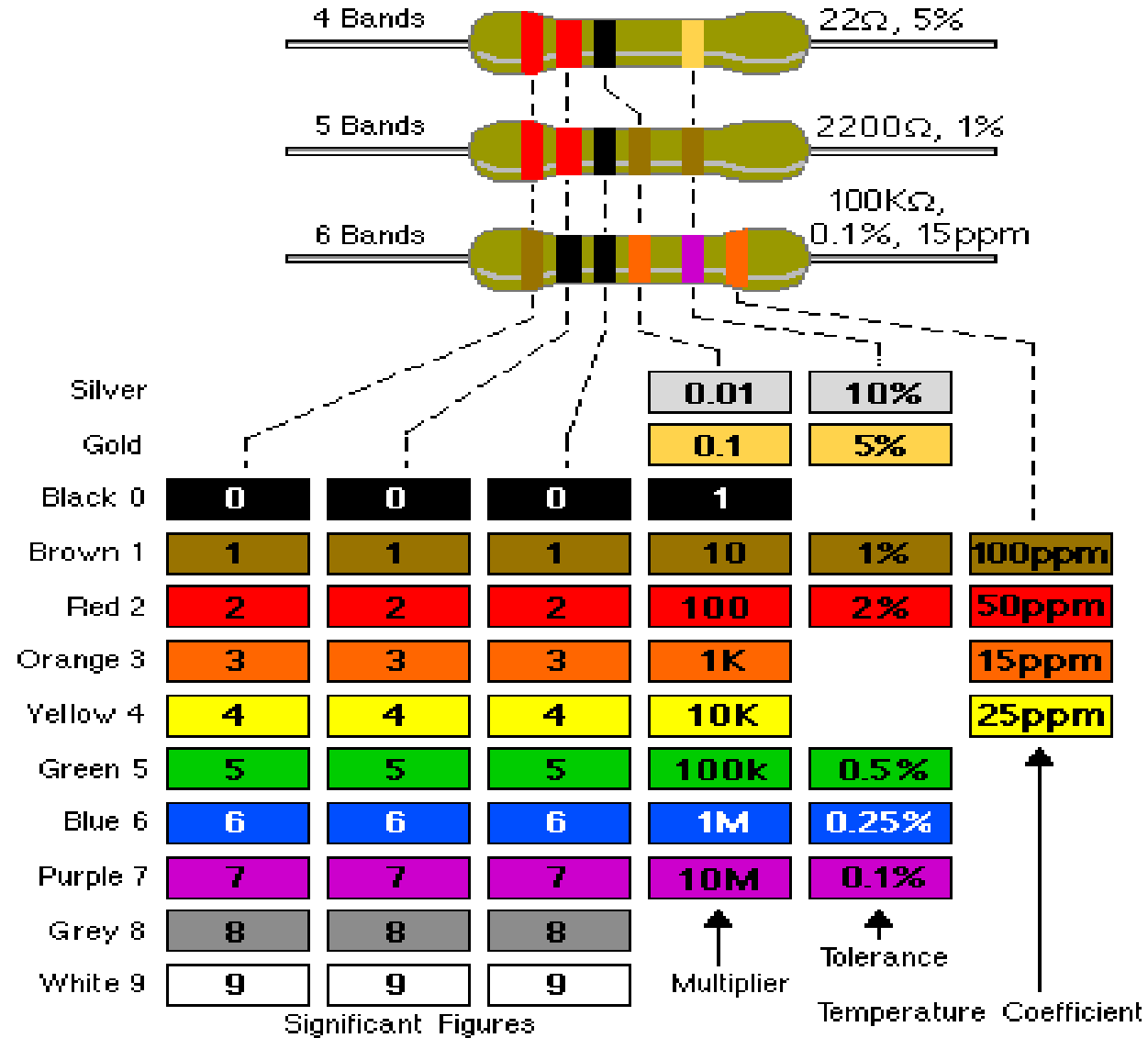


- Series circuit
  - All in a row
  - 1 path for electricity
  - 1 light goes out and the circuit is broken



- Parallel circuit
  - Many paths for electricity
  - 1 light goes out and the others stay on

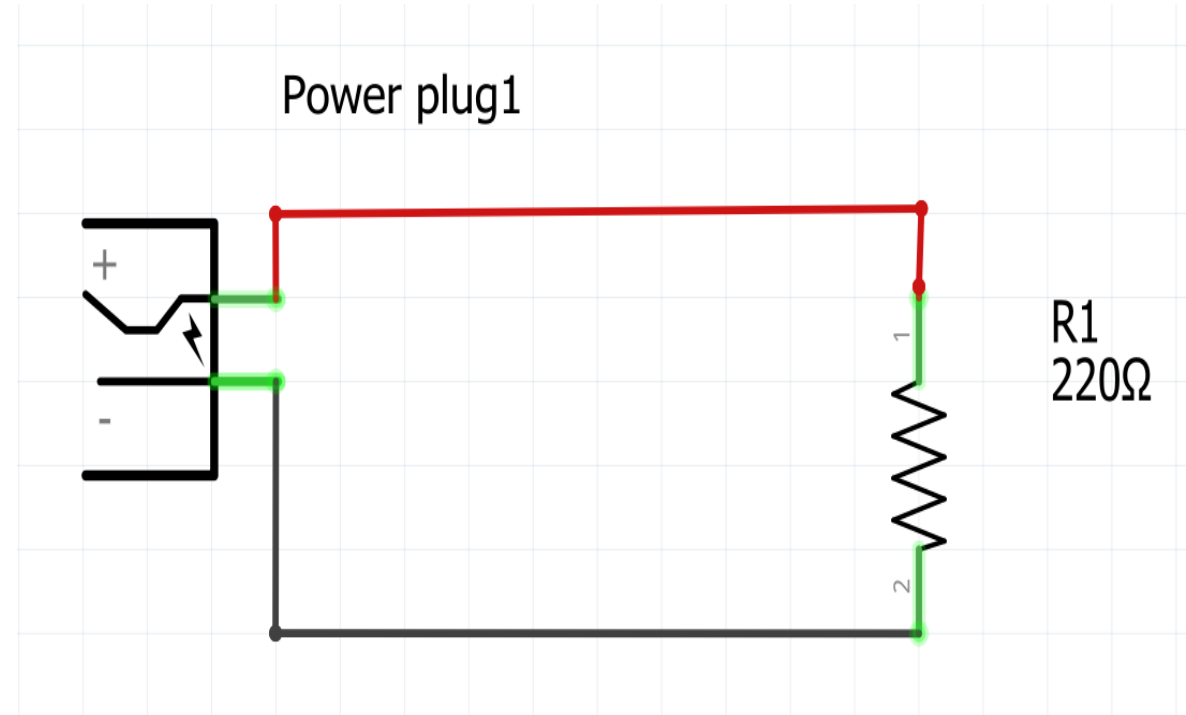
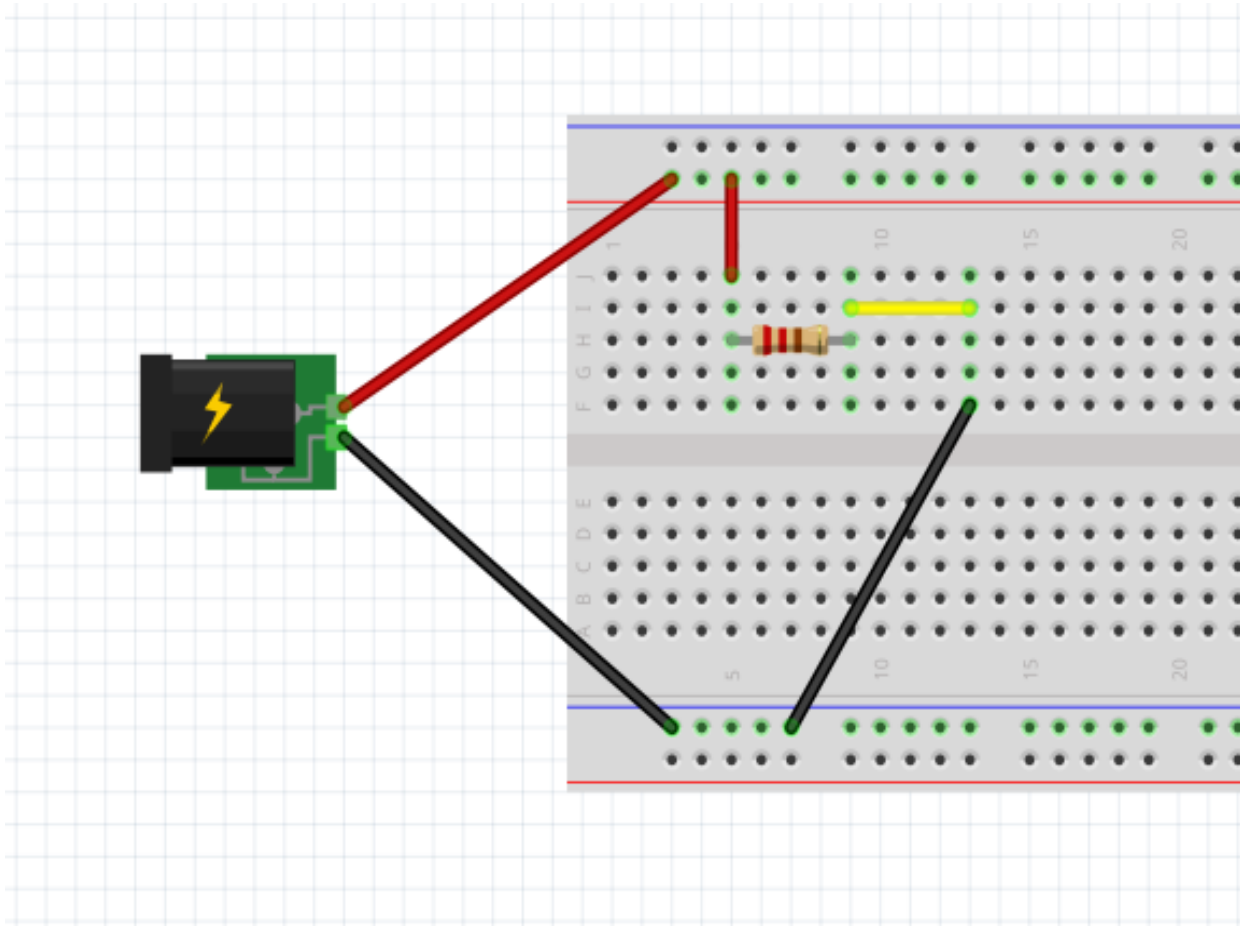
# RESISTOR COLOR CHART



Resistor Color Code System

## LAB TIME

# TESTING DIFFERENT RESISTOR CIRCUIT



# LOG SOME DATA

- Open your log books
- On the next available space
  - Note the Date
  - Draw a table (add table label that says “for a fixed 5 volt power supply”)

Resistor Marked Value	Resistor Measured Value	Measured Voltage	Expected Current	Measured Current

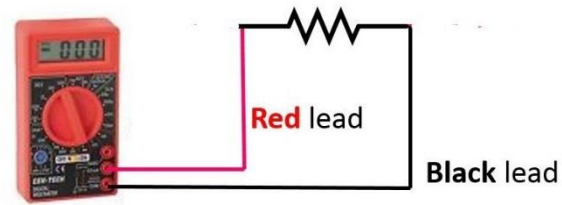
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- The measure each Resistor and record the measured value
  - How do we do that?



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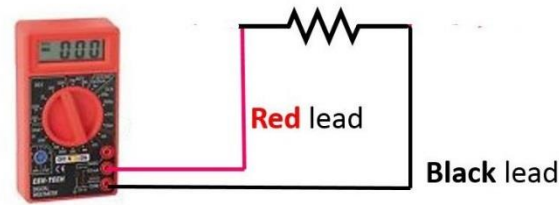
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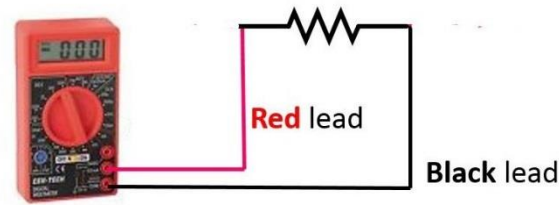
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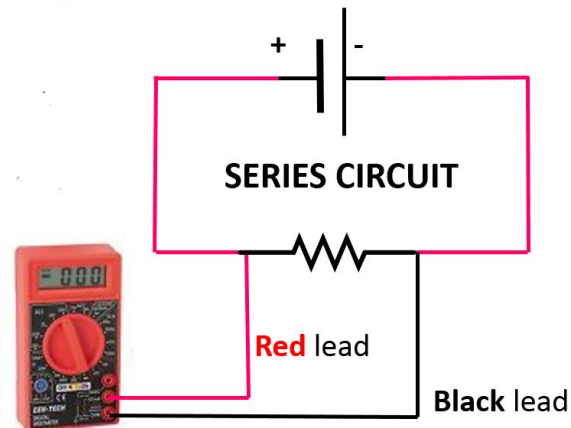
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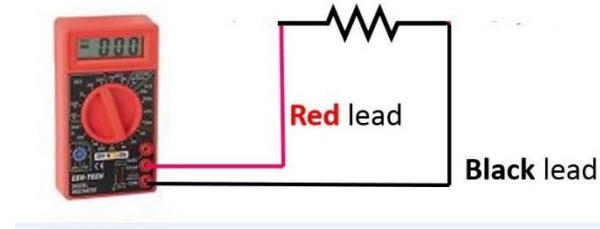


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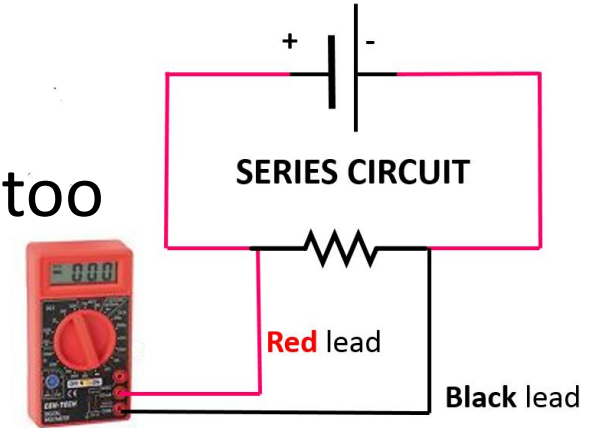


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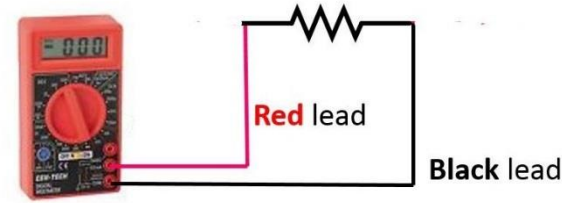


- Now Measure the current for each Resistor
  - How do we do that?

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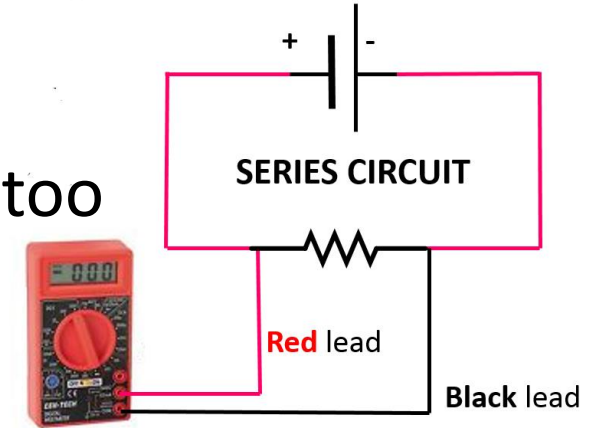
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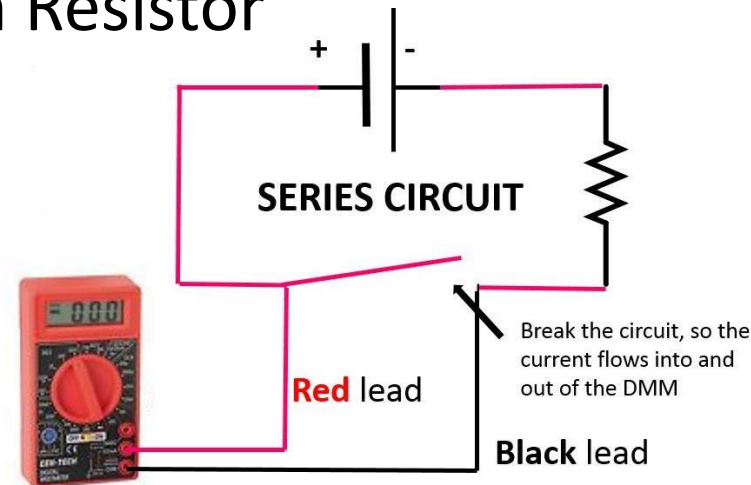
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## REFERENCE SLIDES

# RESISTANCE

- Opposition to the flow of current is resistance
- The fact that a wire can become hot from the flow of current is evidence of resistance.
- Conductors have very little resistance.
- Insulators have large amounts of resistance.

# CONDUCTORS

- Have 1 valence electron
- Materials in which electrons can move freely from atom to atom are called conductors.
- In general all metals are good conductors.
- The purpose of conductors is to allow electrical current to flow with minimum resistance.



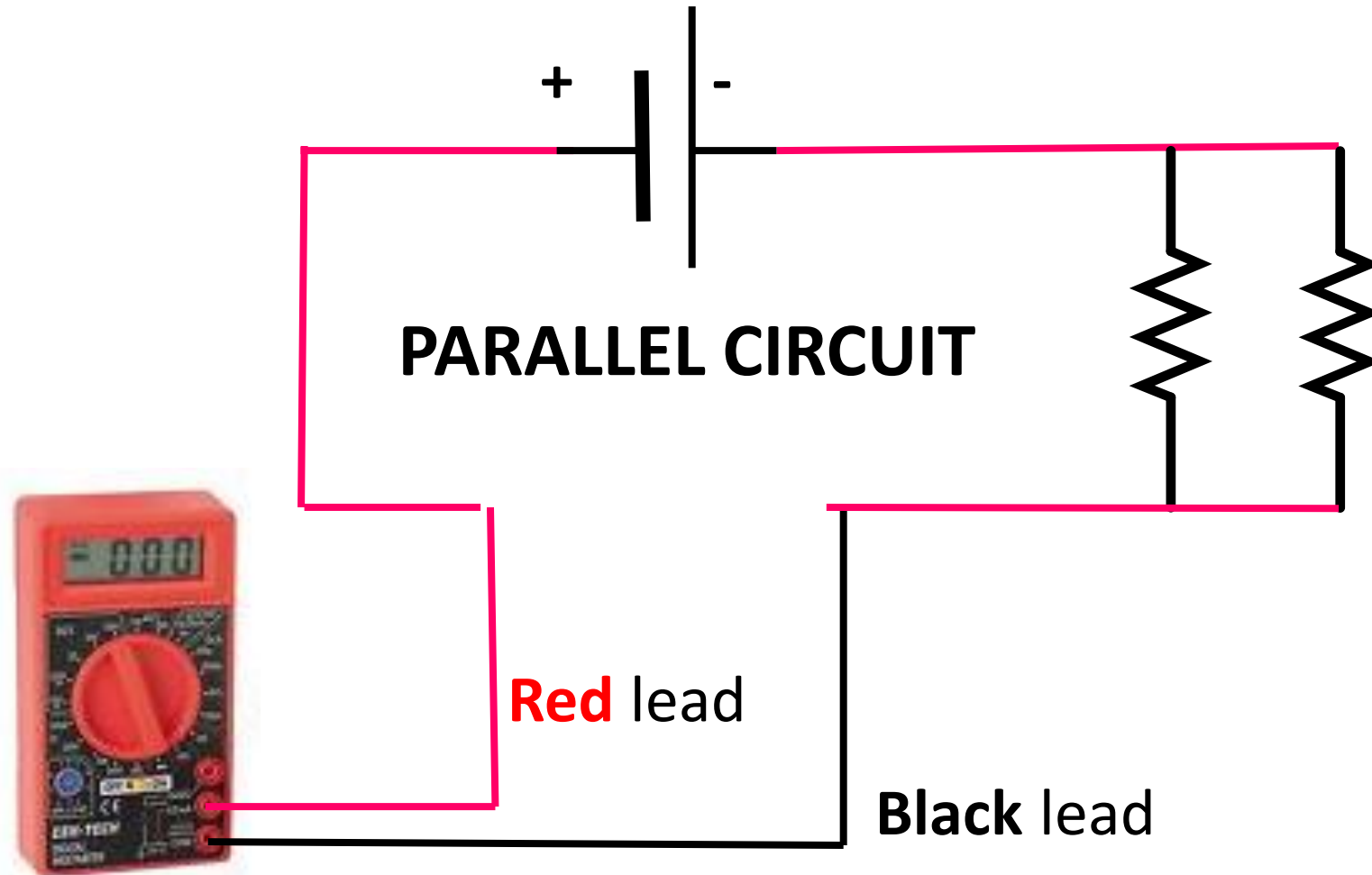
# INSULATORS

- Have 8 valence electrons
- Materials in which electrons tend to stay put and do not flow easily from atom to atom are termed insulators.
- Insulators are used to prevent the flow of electricity.
- Insulating materials such as glass, rubber, or plastic are also called dielectrics, meaning they can store charges.
- Dielectric materials are used in components like capacitors which must store electric charges.

# SEMI-CONDUCTORS

- Have 4 valence electrons
- Materials which are neither conductors nor insulators
- Common semi conductor materials are carbon, germanium and silicone.
- Used in components like transistors

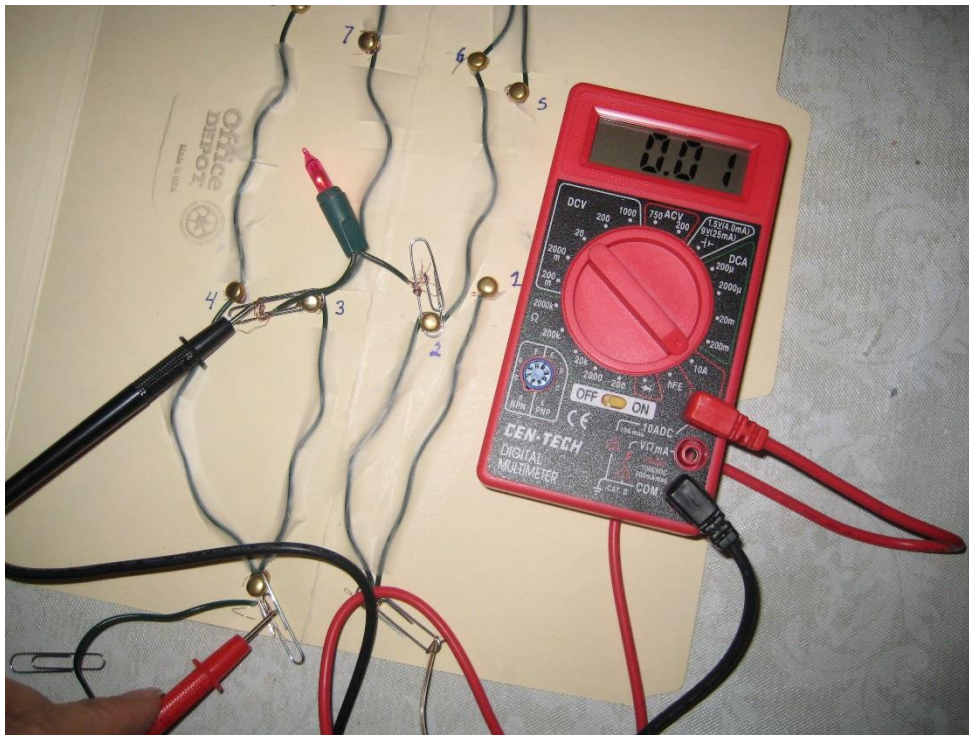
# MEASURING VOLTAGE



This is how we measure volts in a circuit

# MEASURING CURRENT

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# SERIES CIRCUITS

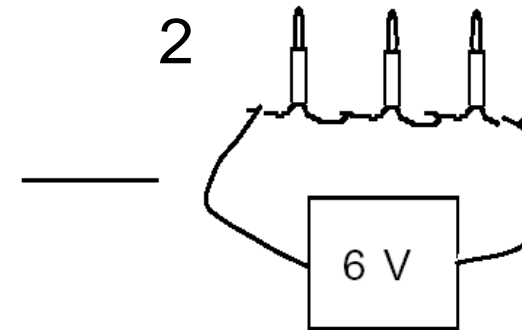
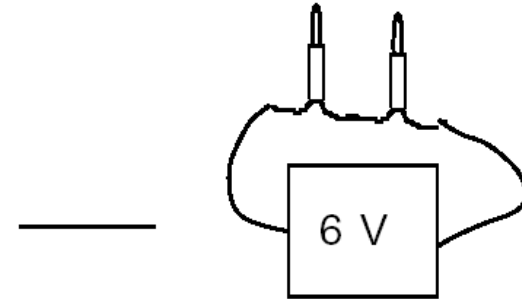
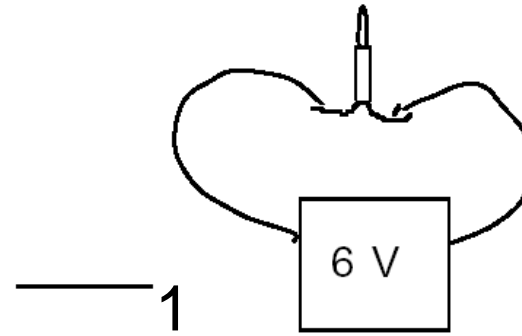


Connect one bulb to the battery.

Connect 2 bulbs and the battery to form a series circuit.

Connect 3 bulbs and the battery to form a series circuit.

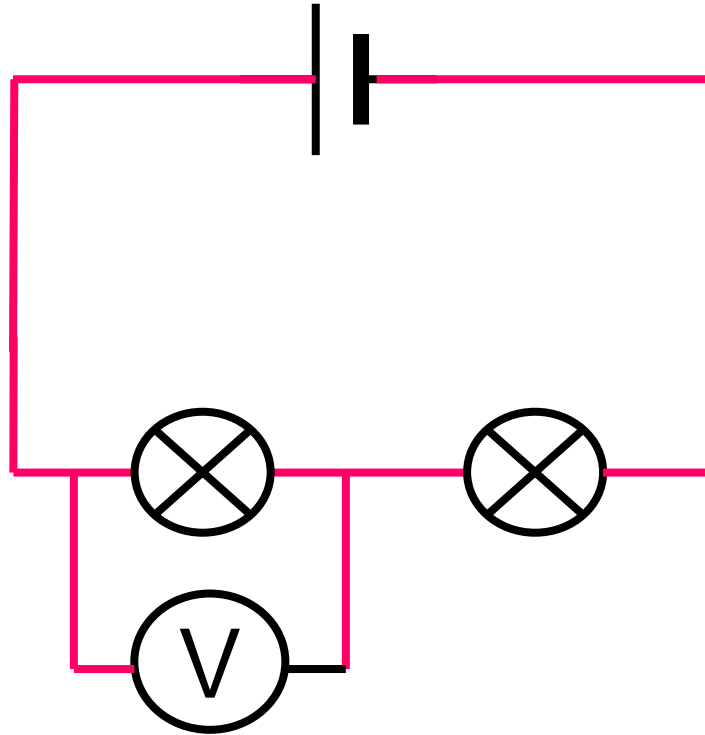
Mark from 1 to 3 each diagram according to brightness. (3 - brightest)



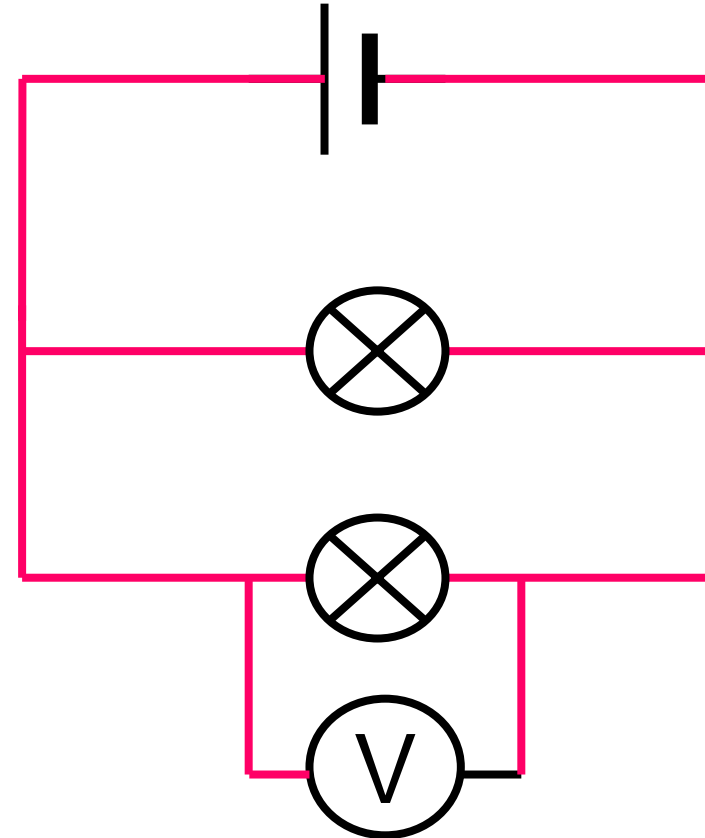
Since the brightness of the bulbs indicates how much current

# measuring voltage

This is how we draw a voltmeter in a circuit.



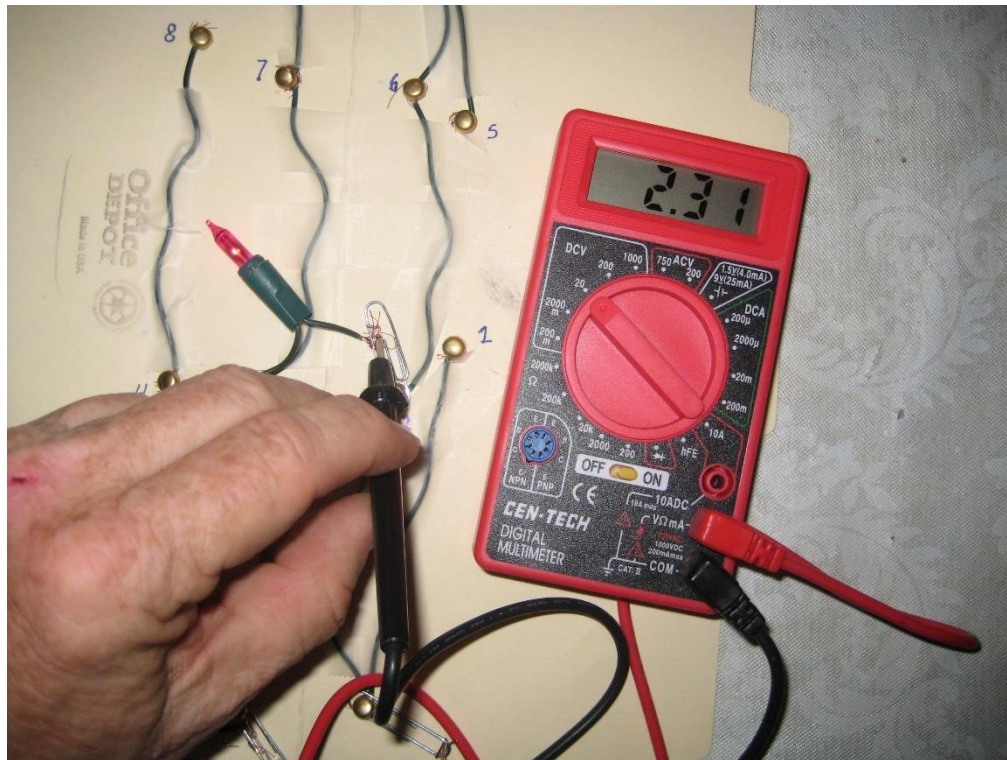
**SERIES CIRCUIT**



**PARALLEL CIRCUIT**

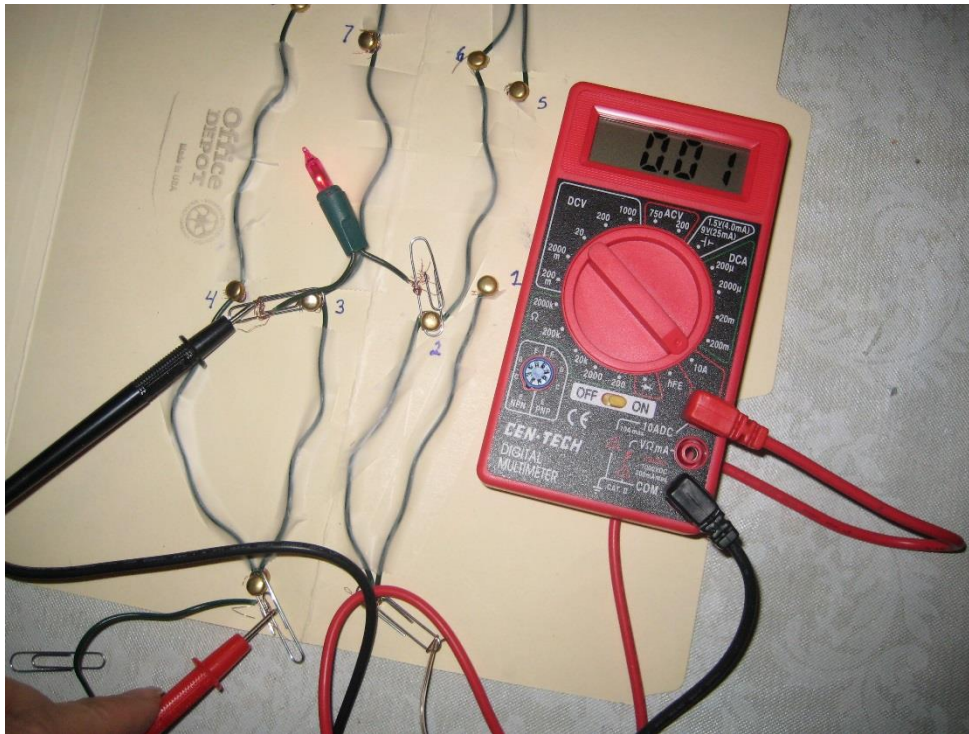
# MEASURING VOLTAGE

The 'electrical push' which the cell gives to the current is called the **voltage**. It is measured in **volts** (V) on a **voltmeter**



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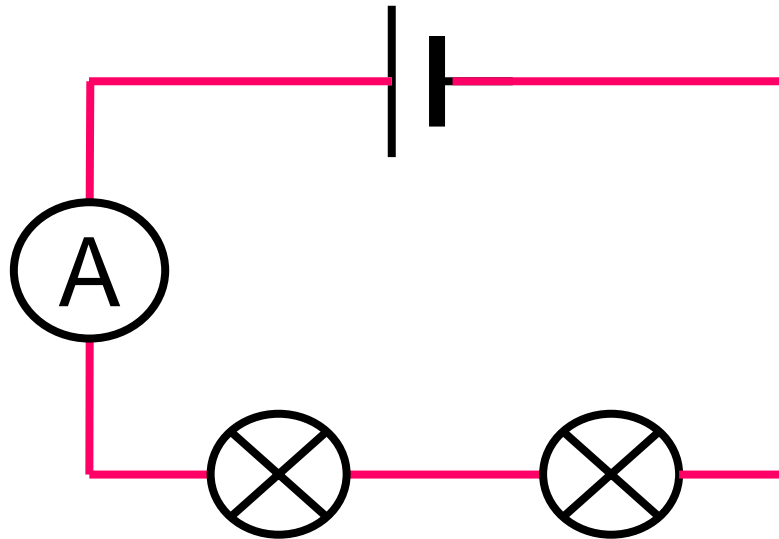
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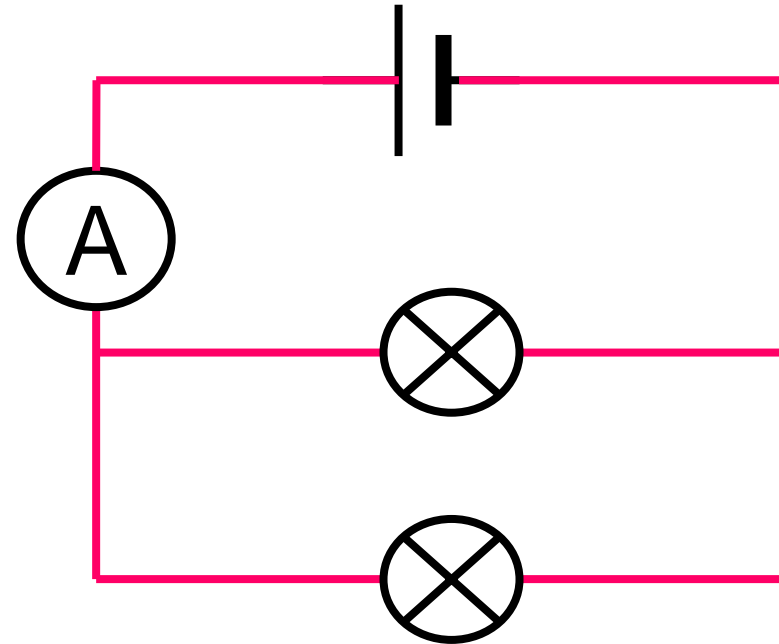


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