

E1.1 Analysis of Circuits

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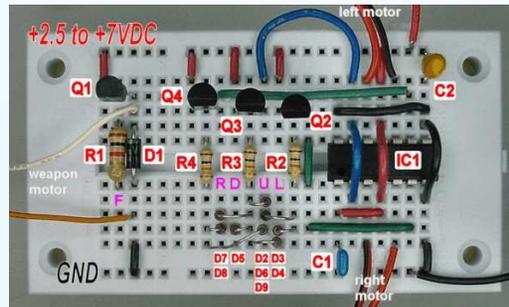
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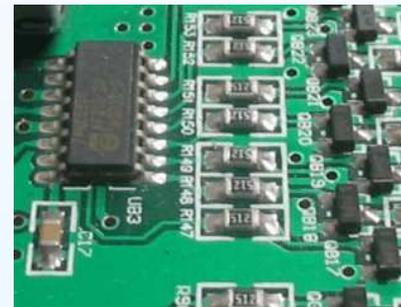
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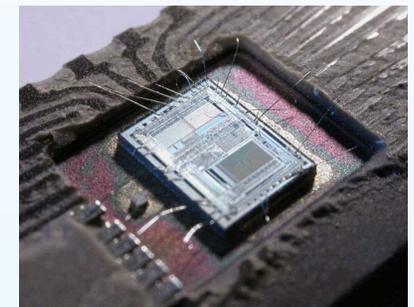
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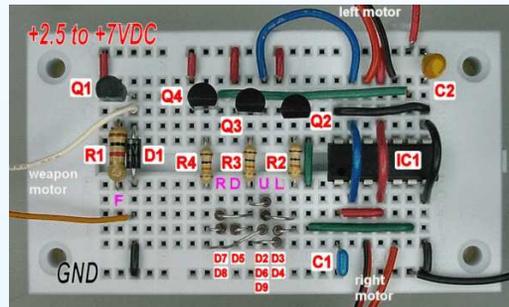
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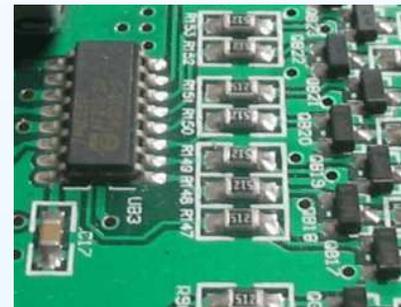
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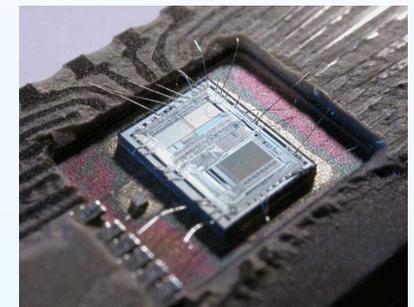
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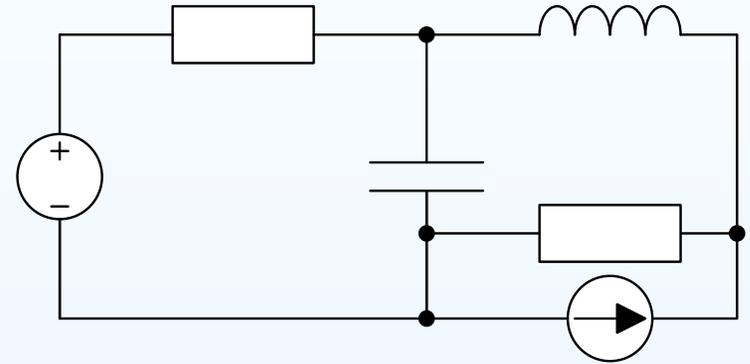
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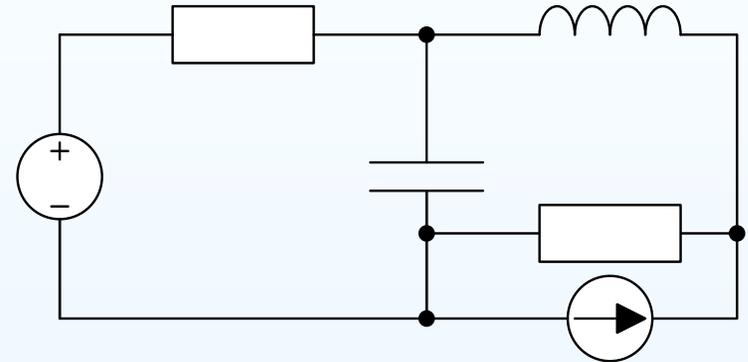
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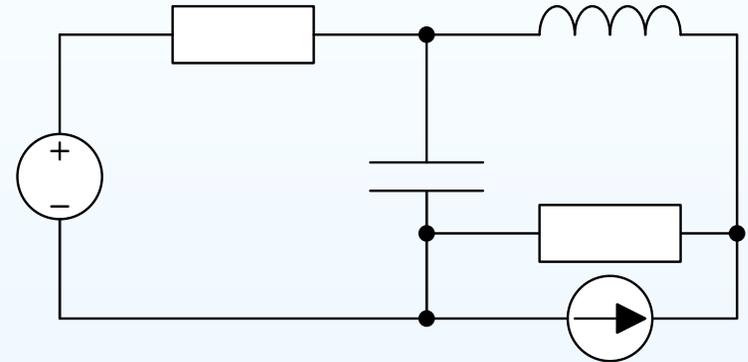
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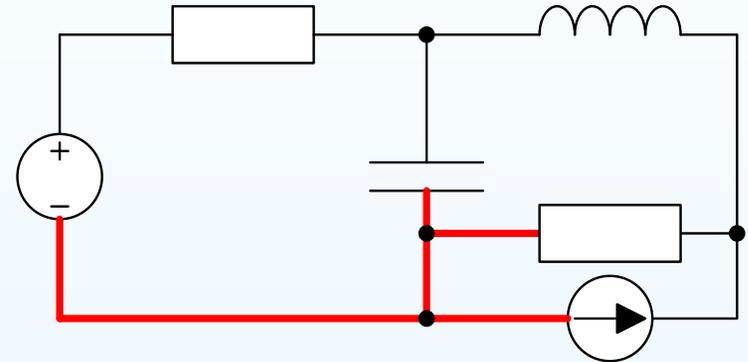
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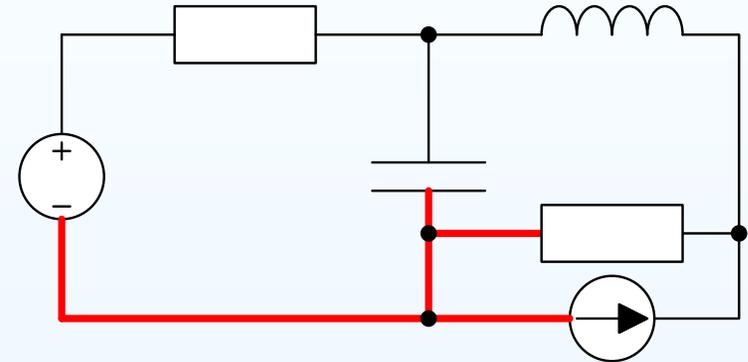
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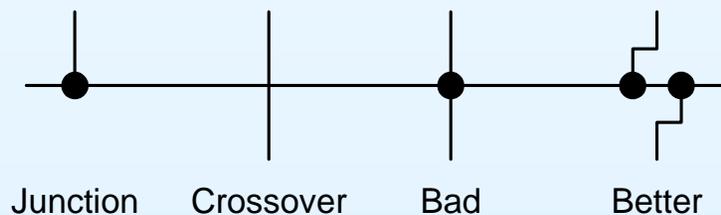
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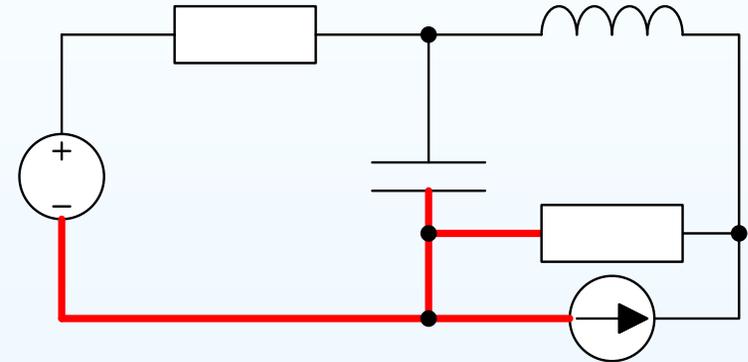
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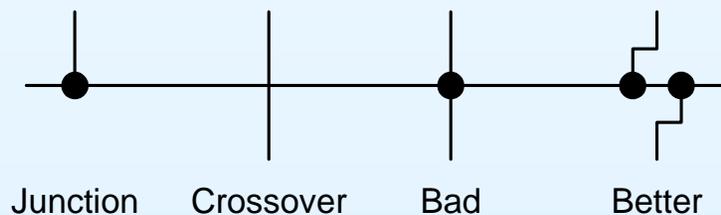
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Consequence: Charge never accumulates in a conductor: everywhere in a conducting path stays electrically neutral at all times.

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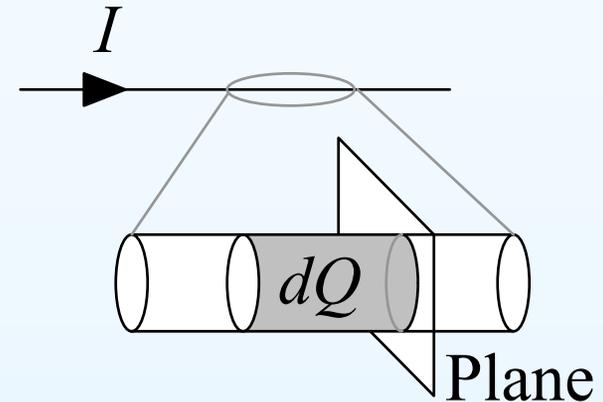
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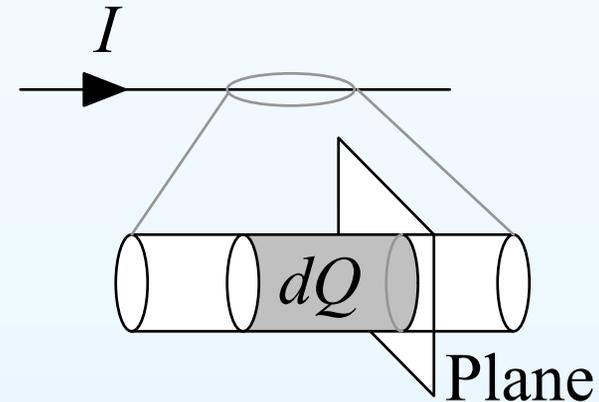
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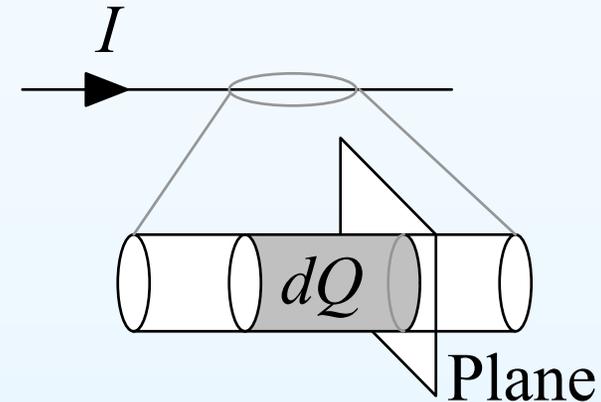
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Using an ammeter, we measure current in Ampères (usually abbreviated to Amps or A): $1 \text{ A} = 1 \text{ C/s}$

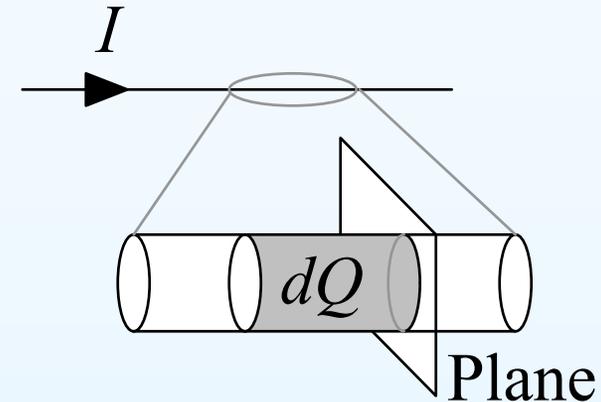
Analogy: the flow of water in a pipe or river is measured in litres per second

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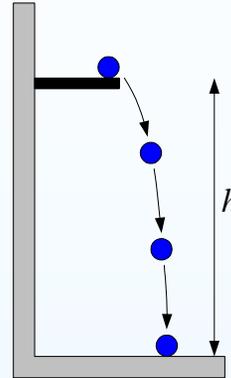


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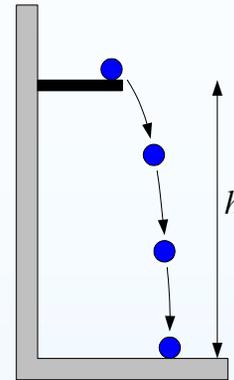


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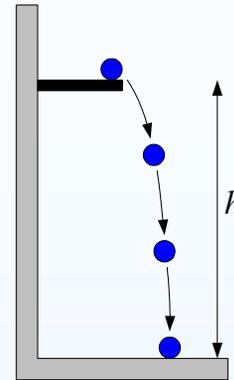
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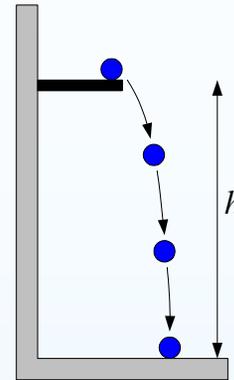
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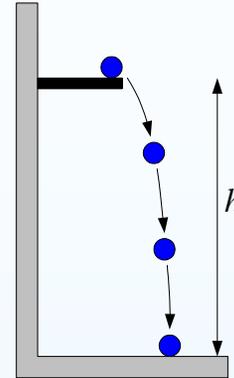
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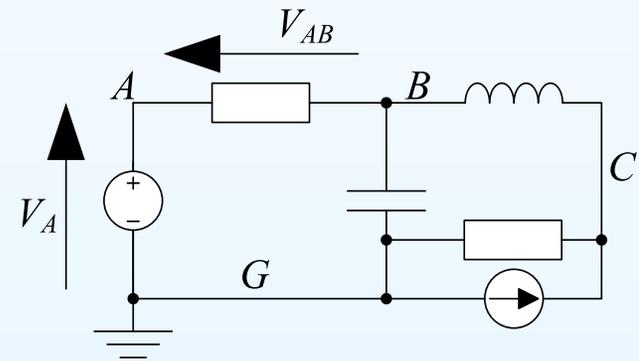
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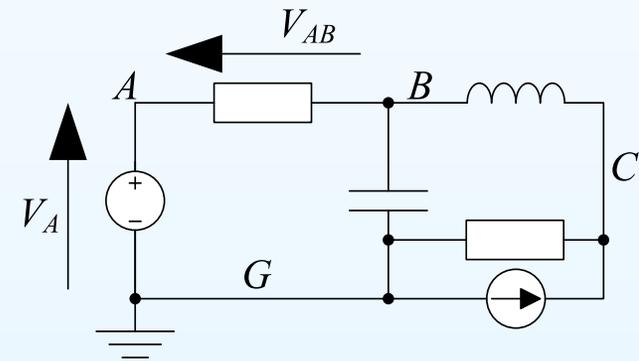
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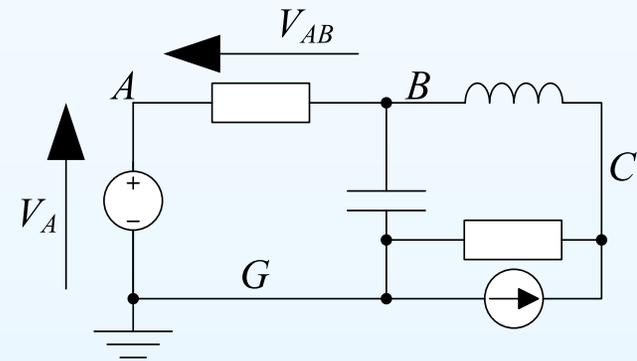
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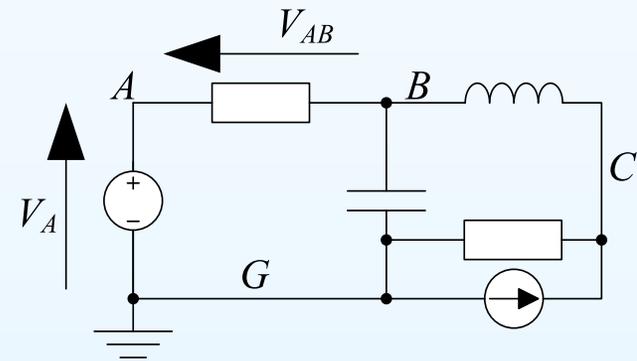
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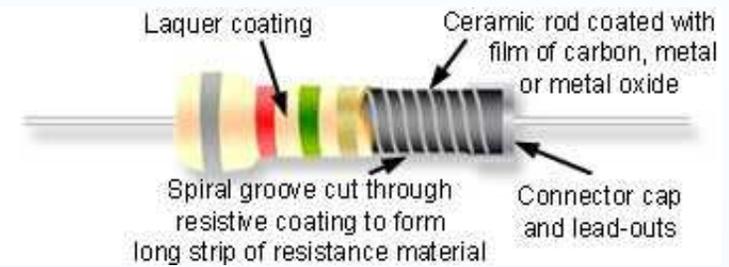
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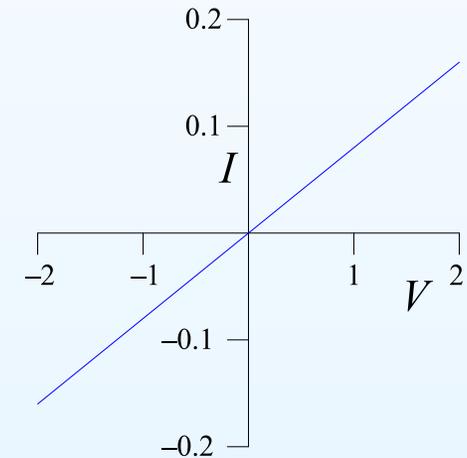
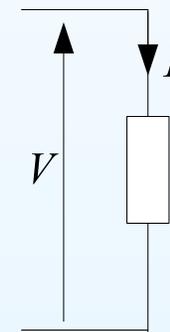
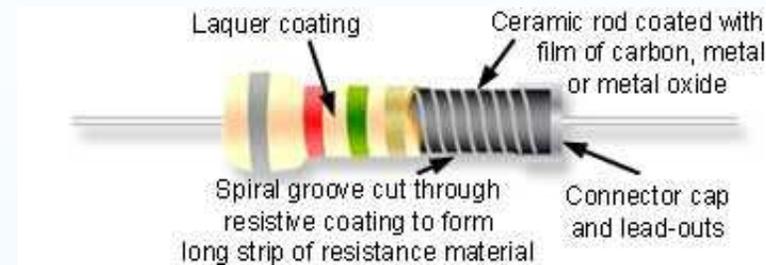
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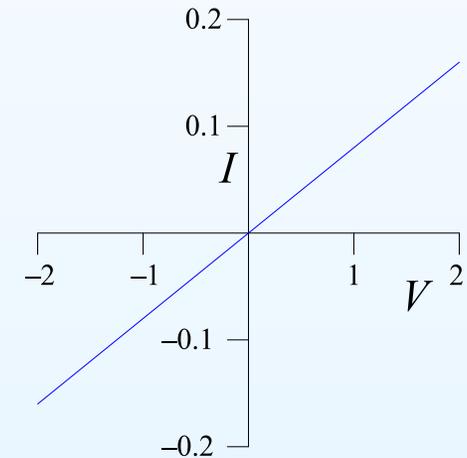
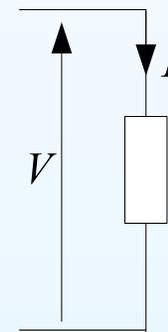
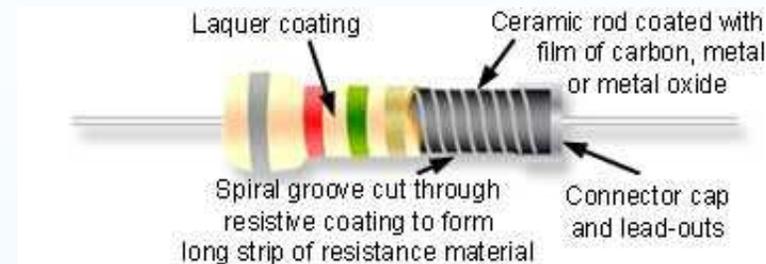
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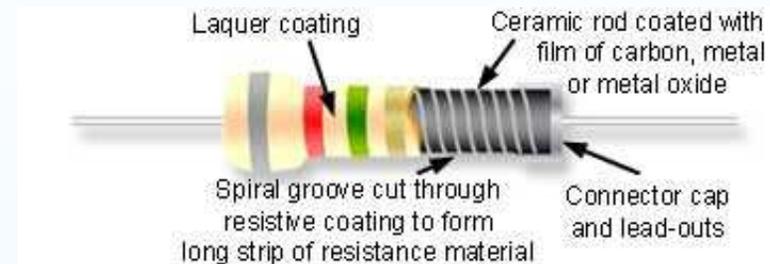


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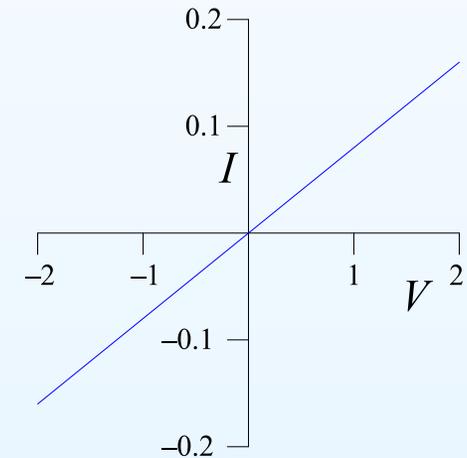
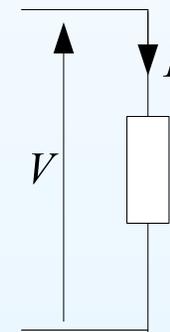
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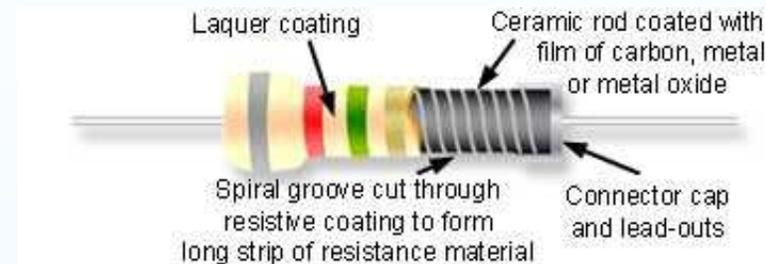
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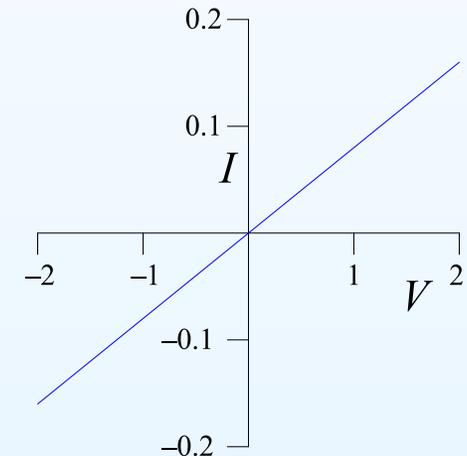
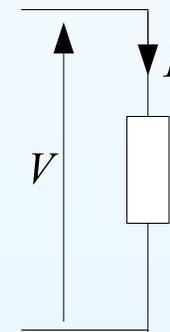
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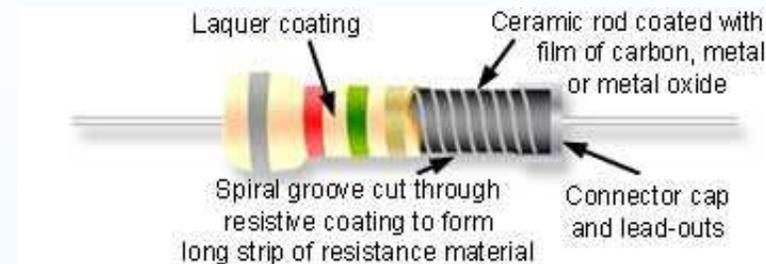
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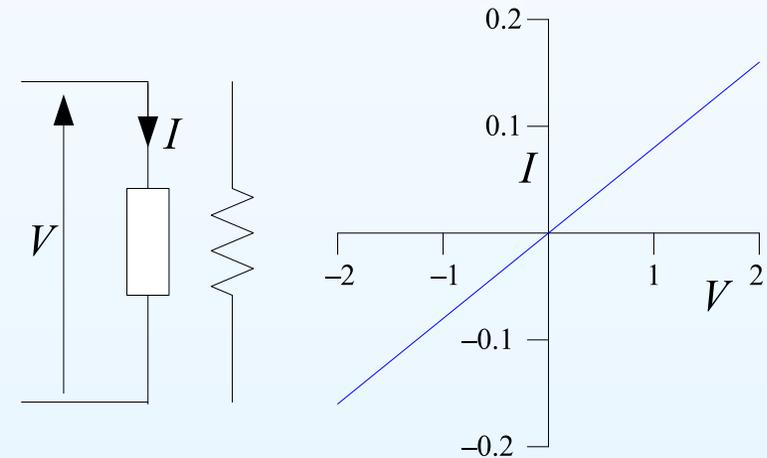
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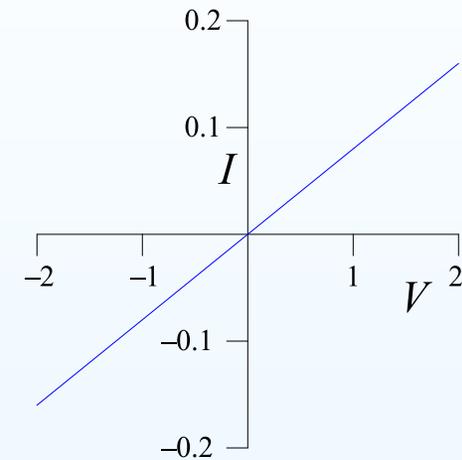
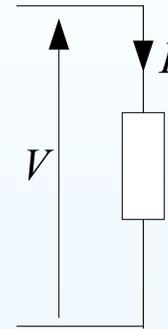
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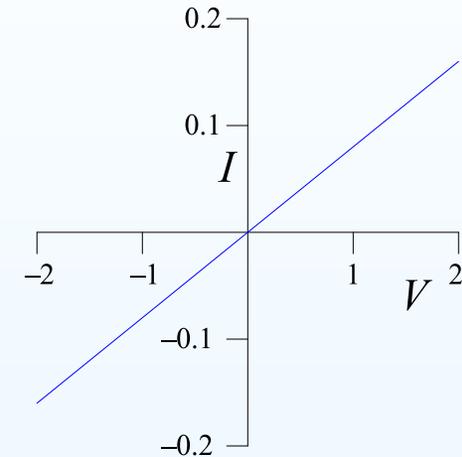
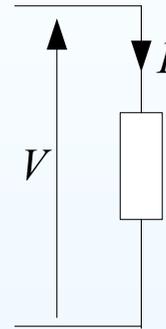


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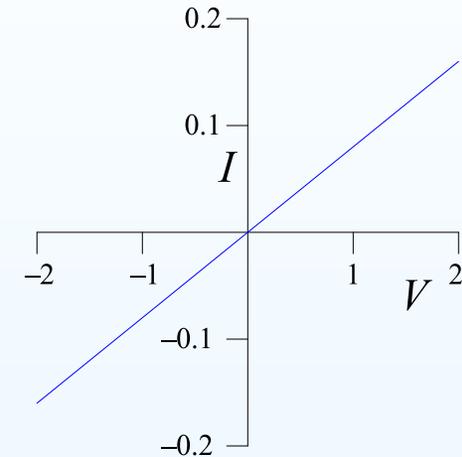
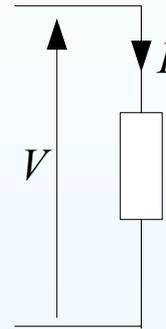
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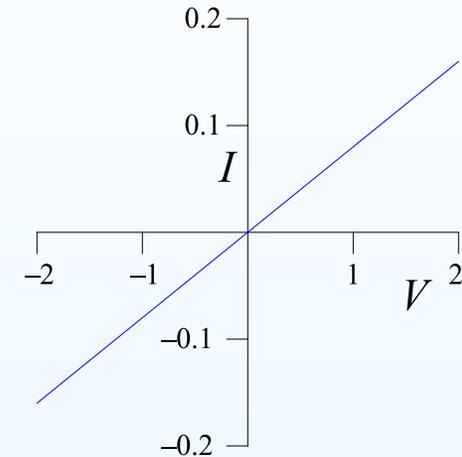
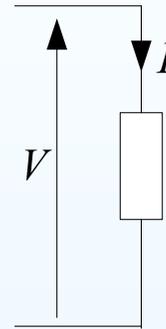
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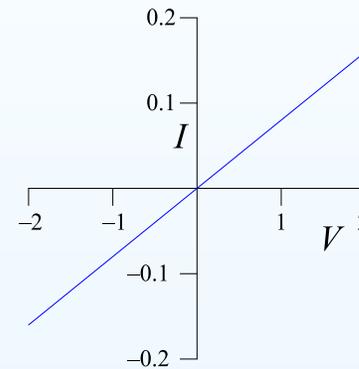
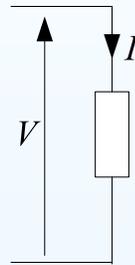
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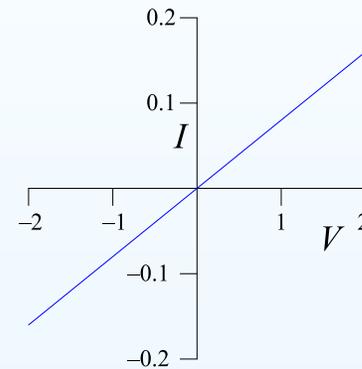
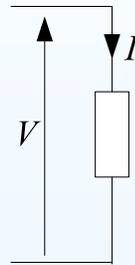
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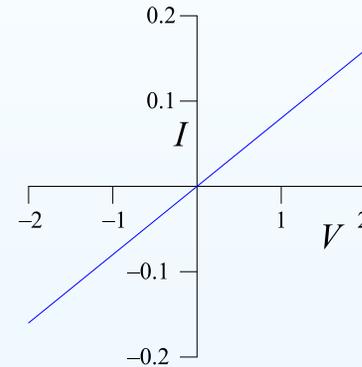
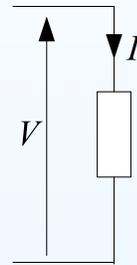
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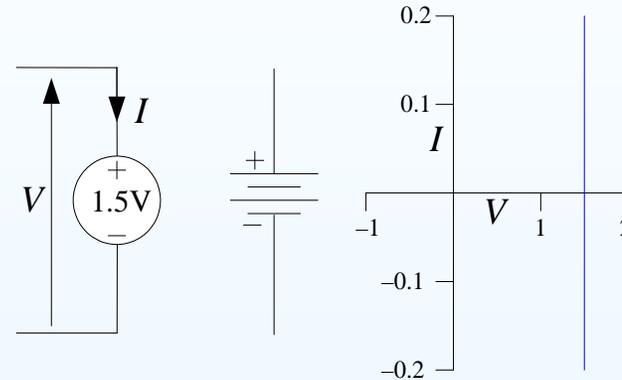
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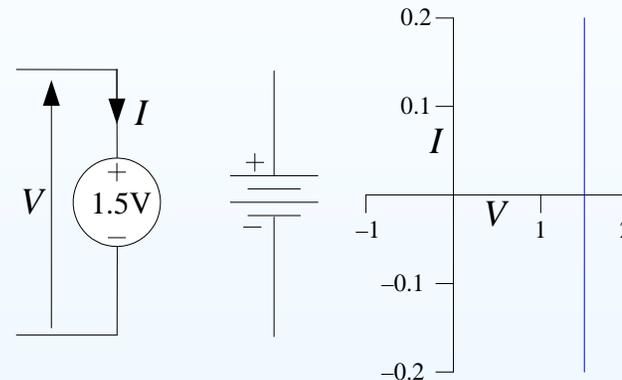
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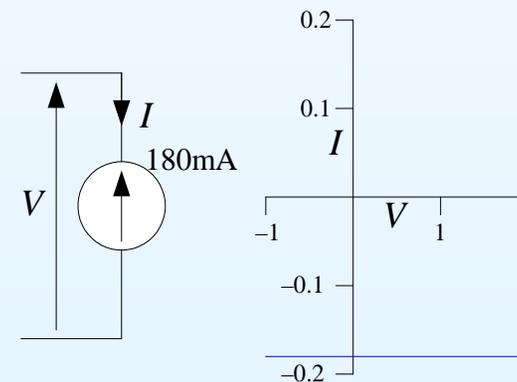
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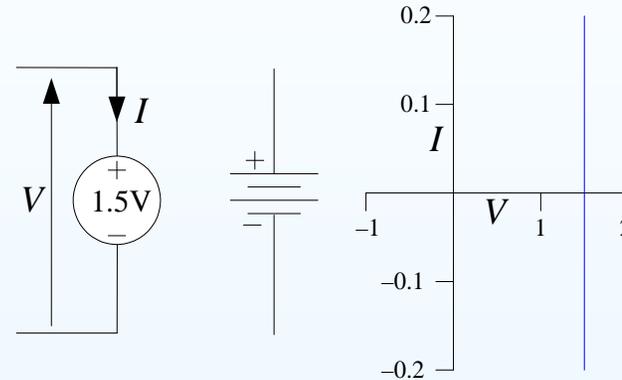
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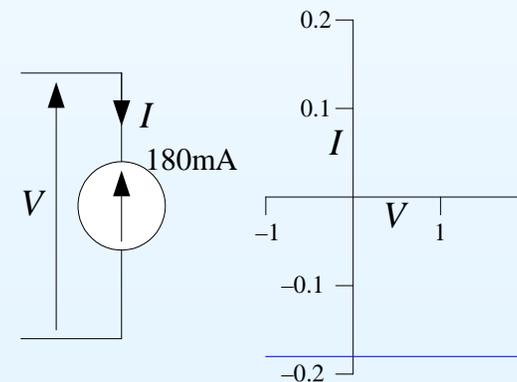
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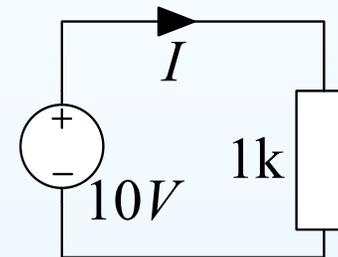
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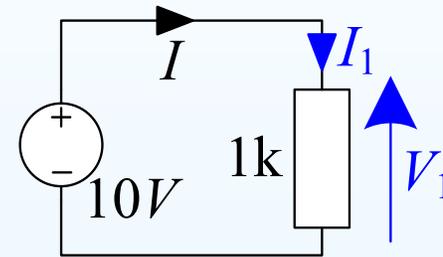
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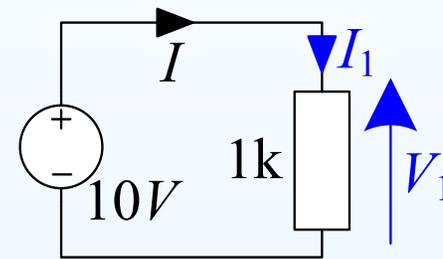
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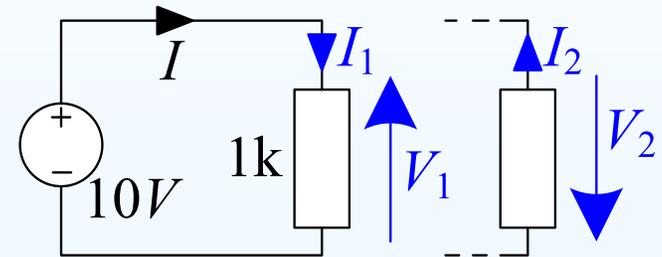
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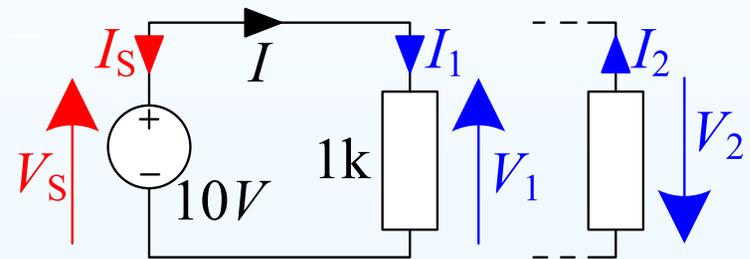
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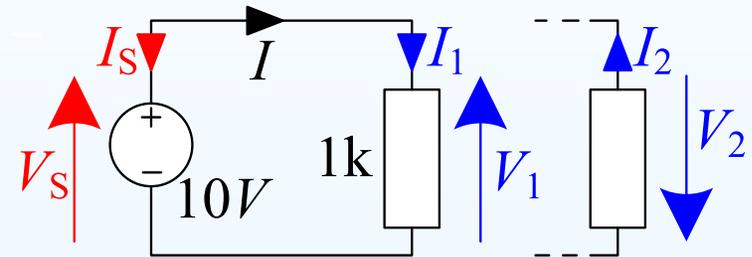
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Current	I	Amp	A
Energy	W	Joule	J
Potential	V	Volt	V
Power	P	Watt	W
Resistance	R	Ohm	Ω

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10^{-3}	milli	m
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