

# RESISTIVE CIRCUITS

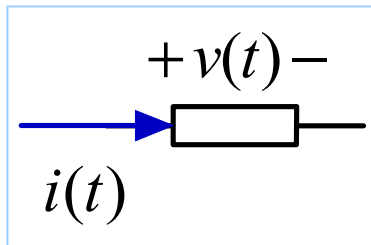
Here we introduce the basic concepts and laws that are fundamental to circuit analysis

## LEARNING GOALS

- OHM'S LAW - DEFINES THE SIMPLEST PASSIVE ELEMENT: THE RESISTOR
- KIRCHHOFF'S LAWS - THE FUNDAMENTAL CIRCUIT CONSERVATION LAWS- KIRCHHOFF CURRENT (KCL) AND KIRCHHOFF VOLTAGE (KVL)
- LEARN TO ANALYZE THE SIMPLEST CIRCUITS
  - SINGLE LOOP - THE VOLTAGE DIVIDER
  - SINGLE NODE-PAIR - THE CURRENT DIVIDER
- SERIES/PARALLEL RESISTOR COMBINATIONS - A TECHNIQUE TO REDUCE THE COMPLEXITY OF SOME CIRCUITS
- WYE - DELTA TRANSFORMATION - A TECHNIQUE TO REDUCE COMMON RESISTOR CONNECTIONS THAT ARE NEITHER SERIES NOR PARALLEL
- CIRCUITS WITH DEPENDENT SOURCES - (NOTHING VERY SPECIAL)



## RESISTORS



A resistor is a passive element characterized by an algebraic relation between the voltage across its terminals and the current through it

$v(t) = F(i(t))$  General Model for a Resistor

A linear resistor obeys OHM's Law

$$v(t) = Ri(t)$$

The constant,  $R$ , is called the resistance of the component and is measured in units of Ohm ( $\Omega$ )

From a dimensional point of view Ohms is a derived unit of Volt/Amp

*Since the equation is algebraic the time dependence can be omitted*

Standard Multiples of Ohm

$M\Omega$  Mega Ohm ( $10^6 \Omega$ )

$k\Omega$  Kilo Ohm ( $10^3 \Omega$ )

A common occurrence is  $\frac{\text{Volt}}{\text{mA}}$  resulting in resistance in  $k\Omega$

### Conductance

If instead of expressing voltage as a function of current one expresses current in terms of voltage, OHM's law can be written

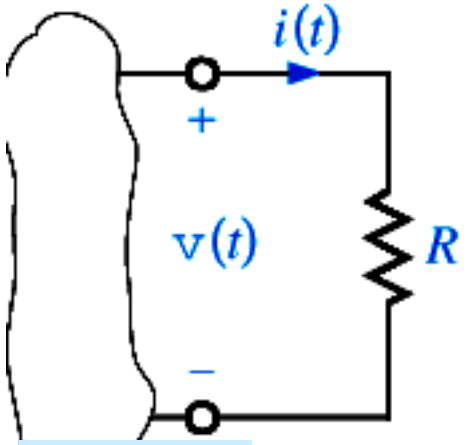
$$i = \frac{1}{R} v$$

We define  $G = \frac{1}{R}$  as Conductance of the component and write

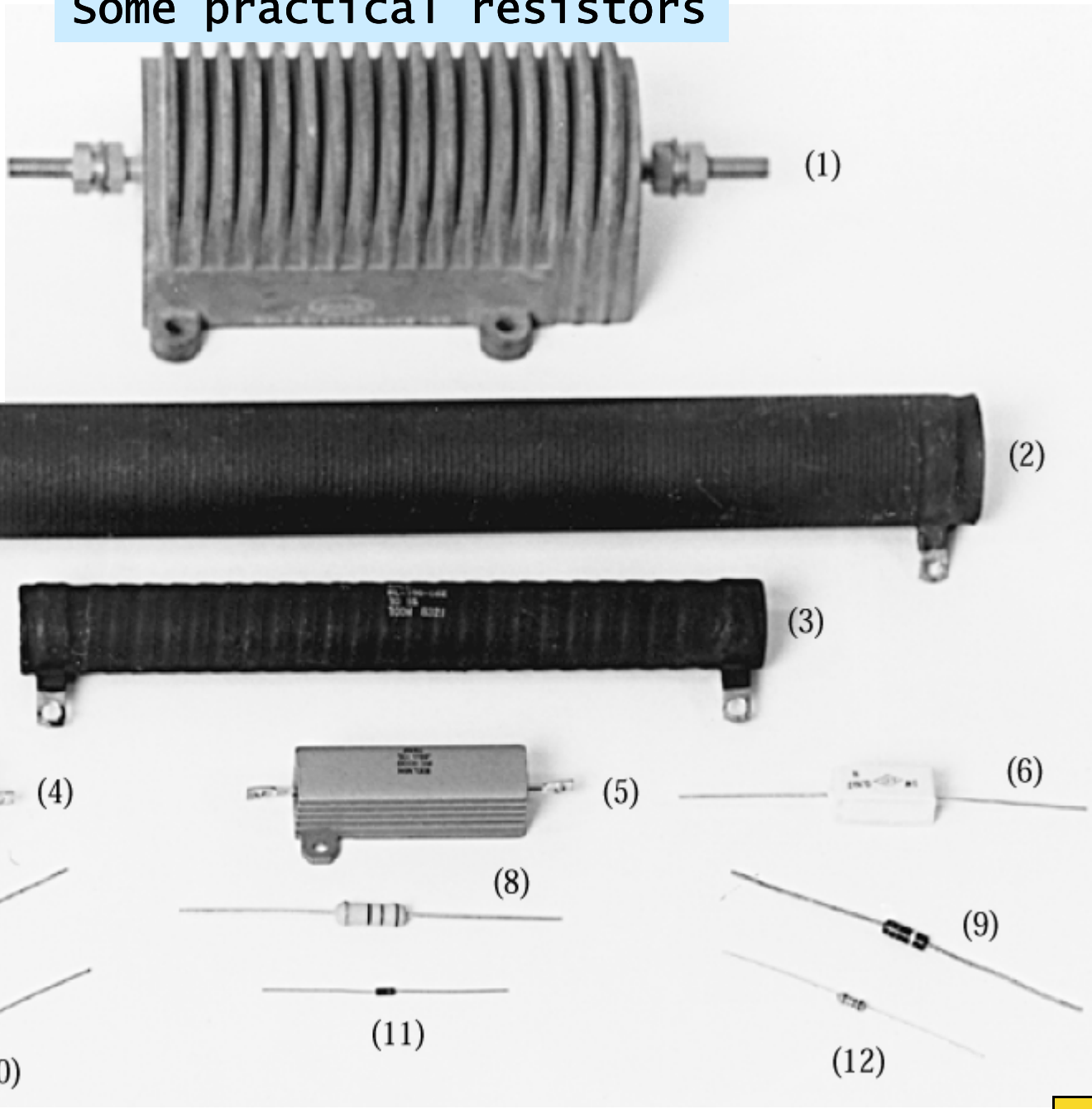
$$i = Gv$$

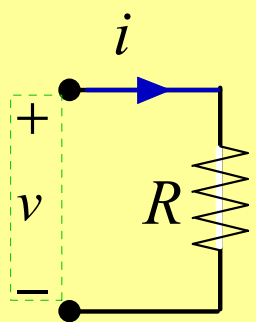
The unit of conductance is Siemens

# Some practical resistors



Symbol

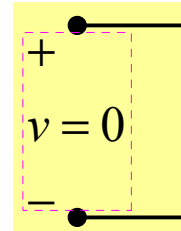




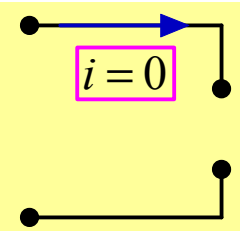
Notice passive sign convention

Circuit Representation

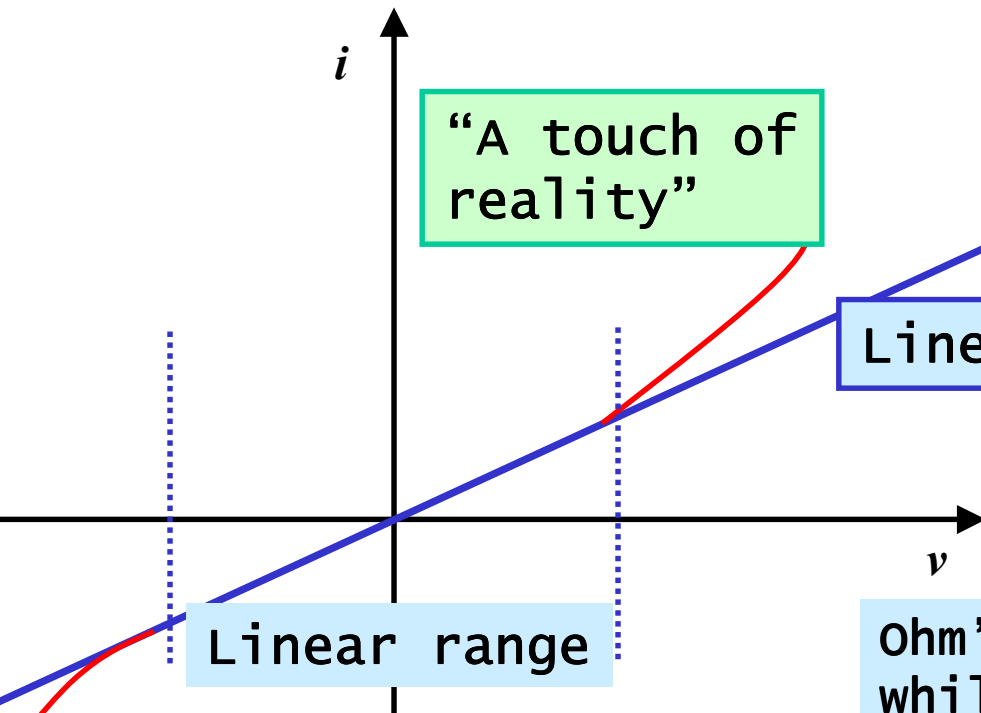
Two special resistor values



Short  
Circuit  
 $R = 0$   
 $G = \infty$



Open  
Circuit  
 $R = \infty$   
 $G = 0$



"A touch of reality"

Linear approximation

Linear range

Actual v-I relationship

Ohm's Law is an approximation valid while voltages and currents remain in the Linear Range

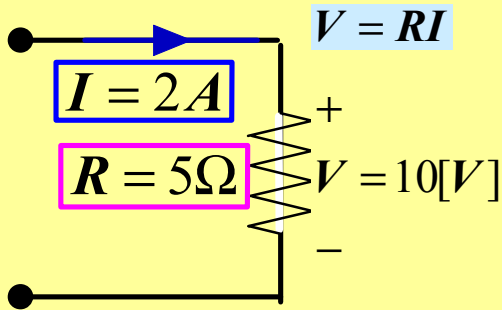


# OHM'S LAW PROBLEM SOLVING TIP

$$v = Ri \quad i = Gv \quad \text{OHM'S LAW}$$

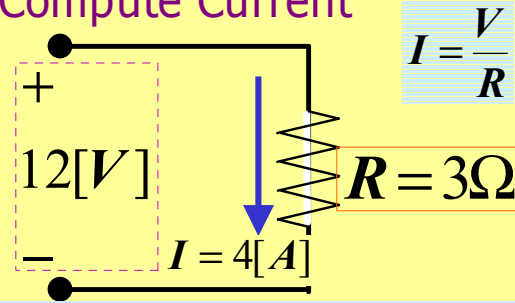
One equation and three variables.  
Given ANY two the third can be found

Given current and resistance  
Find the voltage



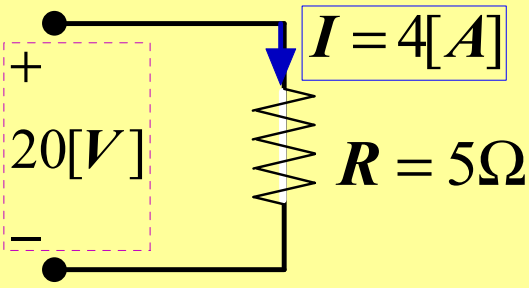
Notice use of passive sign convention

Given Voltage and Resistance  
Compute Current



Determine direction of the current using passive sign convention

Given Current and Voltage  
Find Resistance



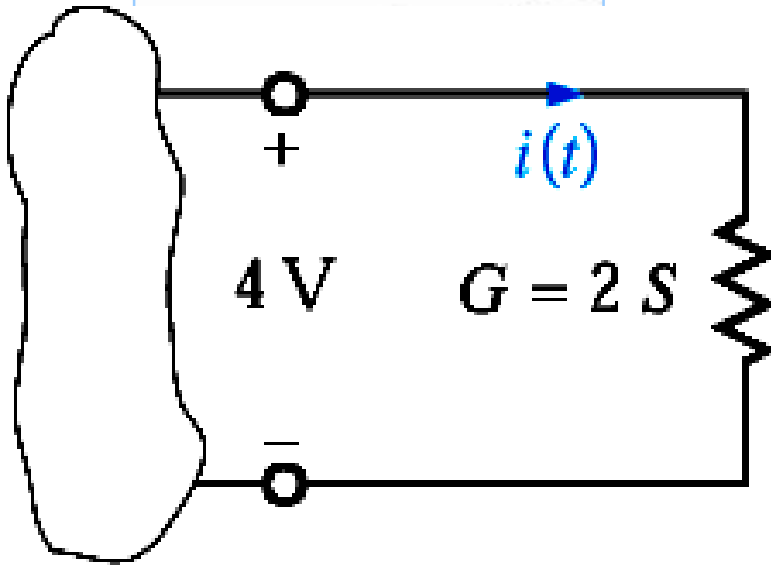
$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

Table 1 Keeping Units Straight

Voltage	Current	Resistance
Volts	Amps	Ohms
Volts	mA	kΩ
mV	A	mΩ
mV	mA	Ω



Determine  $i(t)$



GIVEN VOLTAGE AND CONDUCTANCE

REFERENCE DIRECTIONS SATISFY  
PASSIVE SIGN CONVENTION

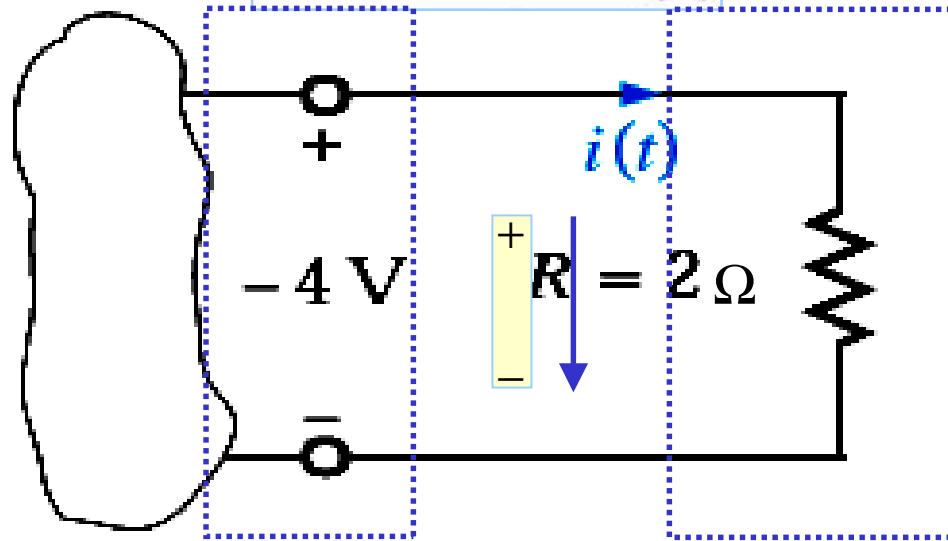
$$i(t) = Gv(t) \quad \text{OHM'S LAW}$$

UNITS?

CONDUCTANCE IN SIEMENS, VOLTAGE  
IN VOLTS. HENCE CURRENT IN AMPERES

$$i(t) = 8[A]$$

Determine  $i(t)$

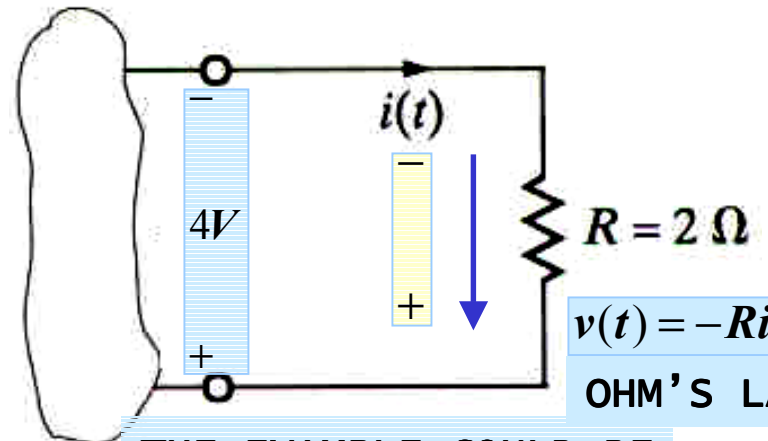


OHM'S LAW

$$v(t) = Ri(t)$$

UNITS?

$$-4[V] = (2\Omega)i(t) \Rightarrow i(t) = -2[A]$$



$$v(t) = -Ri(t)$$

OHM'S LAW

THE EXAMPLE COULD BE  
GIVEN LIKE THIS



## RESISTORS AND ELECTRIC POWER

Resistors are passive components that can only absorb energy. Combining Ohm's law and the expressions for power we can derive several useful expressions

$$P = vi \quad (\text{Power})$$

$$v = Ri, \text{ or } i = Gv \quad (\text{Ohm's Law})$$

Problem solving tip: There are four variables ( $P, v, i, R$ ) and two equations. Given any two variables one can find the other two.

Given  $P, i$

$$v = \frac{P}{i}, R = \frac{v}{i}$$

Given  $v, R$

$$i = \frac{v}{R}, P = vi = \frac{v^2}{R}$$

Given  $i, R$

$$v = Ri, P = vi = Ri^2$$

Given  $P, R$

$$i = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}}, v = Ri = \sqrt{PR}$$

If not given, the reference direction for voltage or current can be chosen and the other is given by the passive sign convention

## A MATTER OF UNITS

Working with SI units Volt, Ampere, Watt, Ohm, there is never a problem. One must be careful when using multiples or sub multiples.

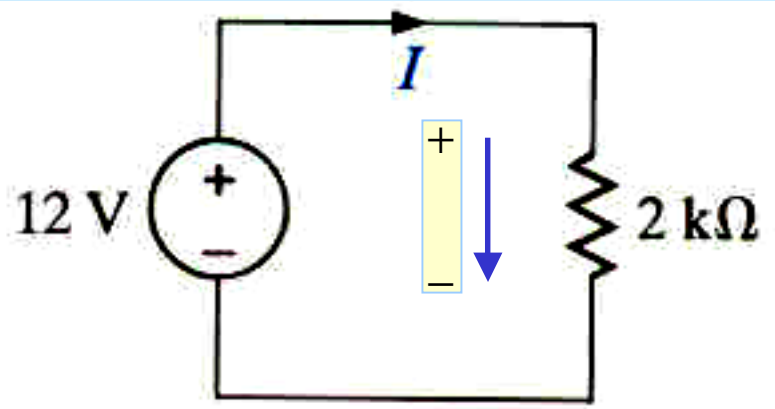
EXAMPLE:  $R = 40 \text{ k}\Omega, i = 2 \text{ mA}$

The basic strategy is to express all given variables in SI units

$$v = (40 * 10^3 \Omega) * (2 * 10^{-3} A) = 80 [V]$$

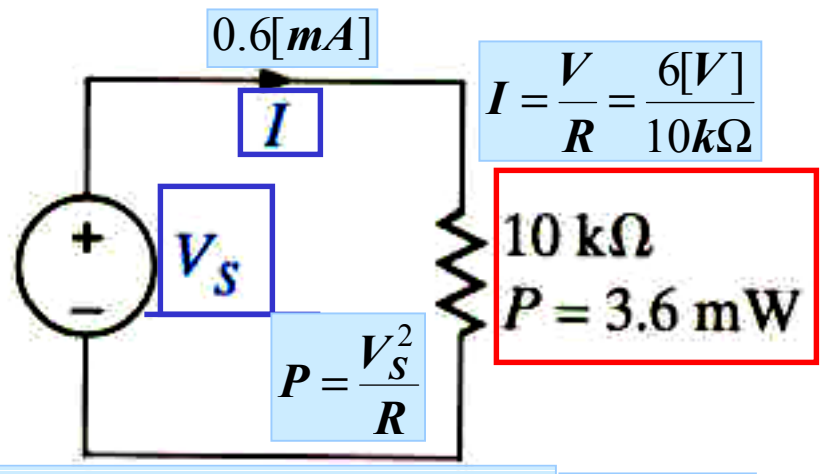
$$P = Ri^2 = (40 * 10^3 \Omega) * (2 * 10^{-3} A)^2 = 160 * 10^{-3} [W]$$

**DETERMINE CURRENT AND POWER ABSORBED BY RESISTOR**



$$I = V/R = 12/2k = 6mA$$

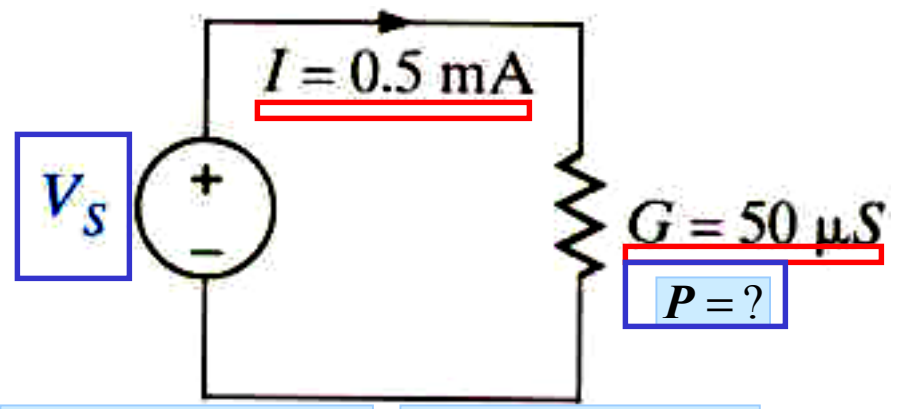
$$P = VI = I^2R = \frac{V^2}{R} \quad P = (12[V])(6[ mA ]) = 72[ mW ]$$



$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{6[V]}{10k\Omega}$$

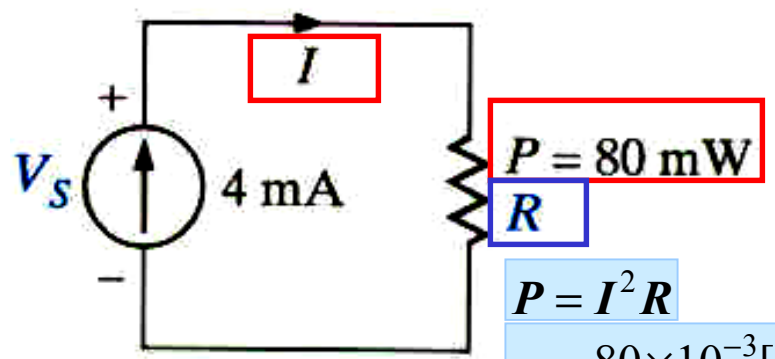
$$P = \frac{V_s^2}{R}$$

$$V_s^2 = (10 \times 10^3 \Omega)(3.6 \times 10^{-3} W) \quad V_s = 6[V]$$



$$V_s = IR \Rightarrow V_s = \frac{I}{G} \quad V_s = \frac{0.5 \times 10^{-3} [A]}{50 \times 10^{-6} [S]} = 10[V]$$

$$P = I^2R = \frac{I^2}{G} \quad P = \frac{(0.5 \times 10^{-3} [A])^2}{50 \times 10^{-6} [S]} = 0.5 \times 10^{-2} [W] = 5[ mW ]$$



$$P = V_s I$$

$$V_s = \frac{80[ mW ]}{4[ mA ]} = 5[V]$$

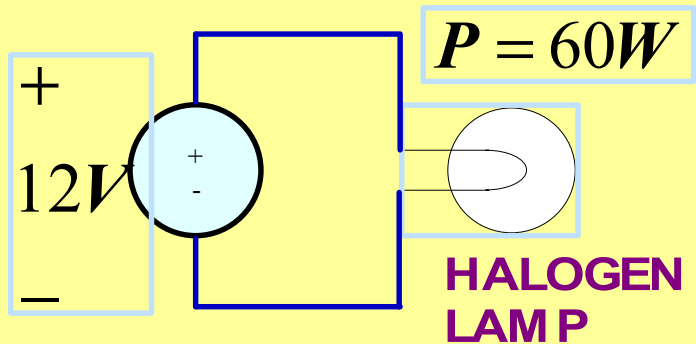
$$P = I^2 R$$

$$R = \frac{80 \times 10^{-3} [W]}{(4 \times 10^{-3} A)^2}$$

$$R = 5k\Omega$$







Resistance of Lamp  $R = V/I = 2.4 \text{ Ohms}$

Current through Lamp  $I = P/V = 5A$

$q = \int \text{current}$

Charge supplied by battery in 1min  $Q = 5 * 60 [C]$

**SAMPLE PROBLEM**

Recognizing the type of problem:  
 This is an application of Ohm's Law  
 We are given Power and Voltage.  
 We are asked for Resistance, Current  
 and Charge

**Possibly useful relationships**

$$P = VI = \frac{V^2}{R} = I^2 R$$

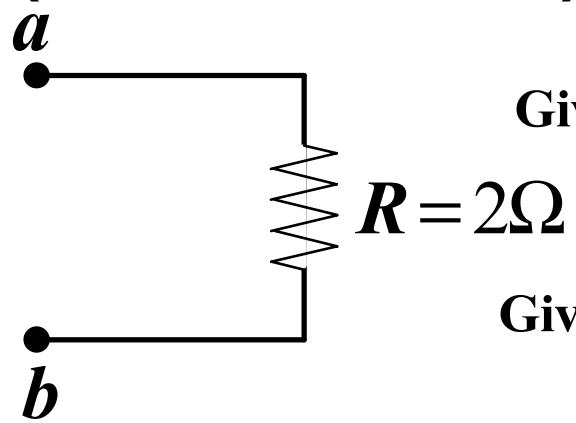
$$V = IR$$



$q_a(t) = 10\cos(t)[mC]$  is the charge entering at  $a$

Given: charge. Required: current

(time is in seconds)



$$i_{ab}(1) =$$

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt} = -10\sin(t)[mA]$$

$$i(1) = -10\sin(1)$$

Given: current. Required: voltage

$$v_{ab}(t = \pi) =$$

$$V = Ri \quad -2 * 10 \sin \pi = 0$$

Given: current, resistor, voltage. Required: power

$$p_R(t) =$$

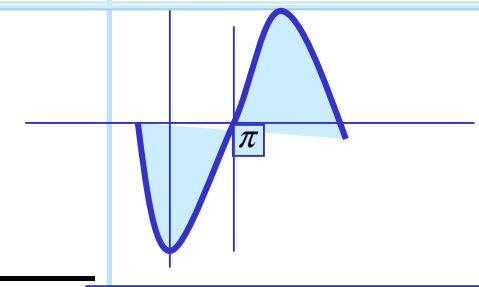
$$p = Ri^2 = 2[\Omega] * (10^{-2})^2 * \sin^2(t)[A]^2$$

$$p = 200 \sin^2(t) \mu W$$

For  $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq t \leq \pi$ ,

the current flows from \_\_\_ to \_\_\_

point \_\_\_ has higher voltage than point \_\_\_



Sketch for  $-\sin(t)$

On the time interval, current from a to b is negative.

SAMPLE QUESTION

Current flows from b to a and point b has the higher voltage

