

The potential  $V$  is the same everywhere on an ideal wire.

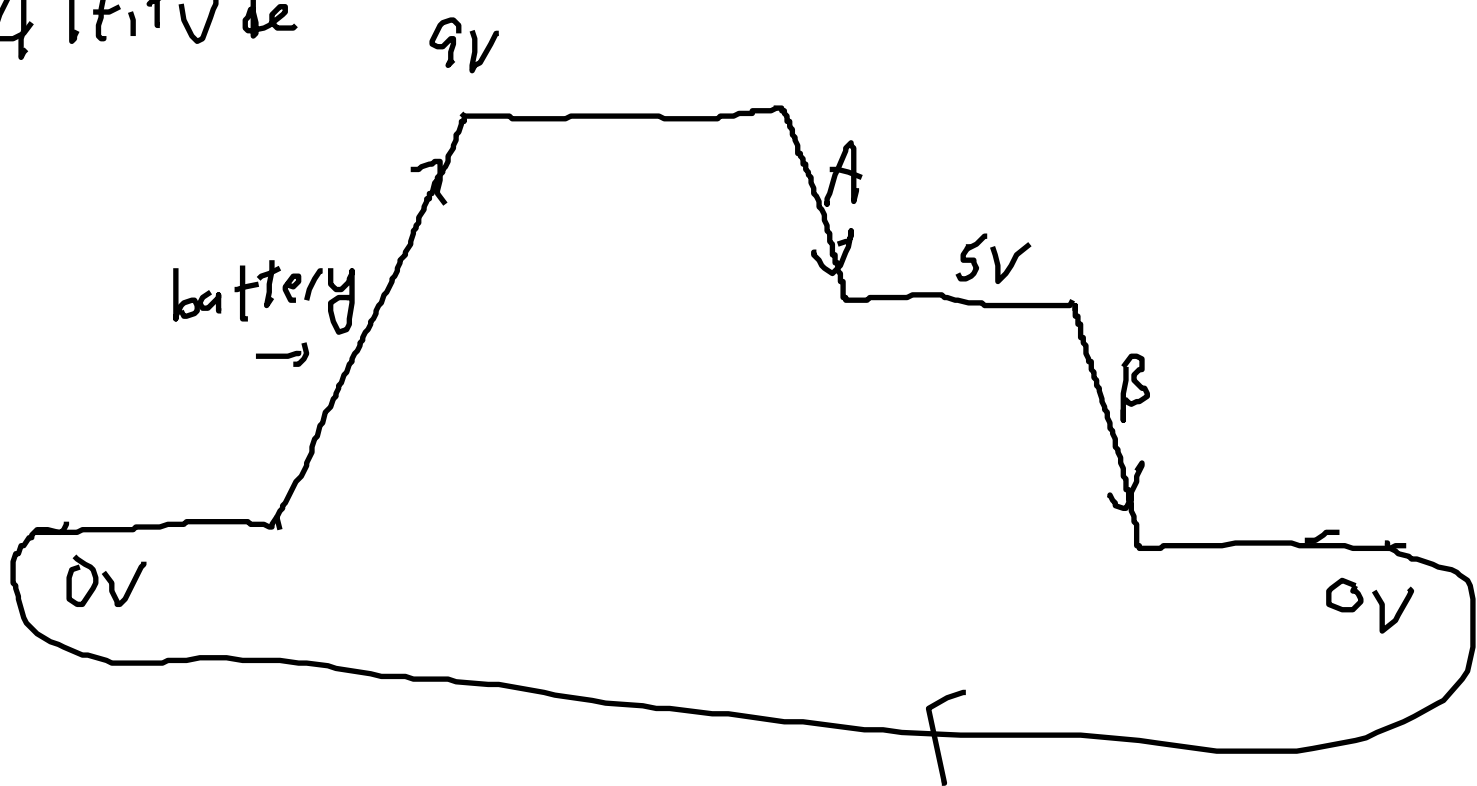
The potential difference  $\Delta V$  between two points  $p$  &  $q$  is  $\Delta V = V_p - V_q$   
 aka "voltage"

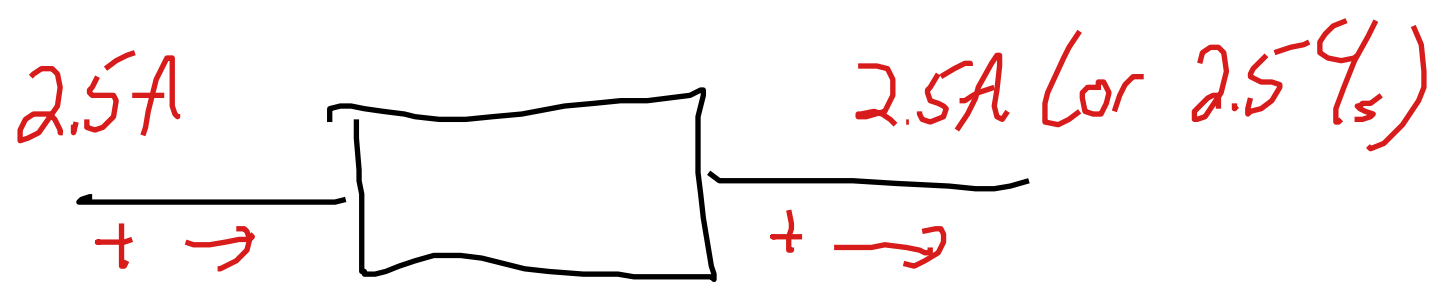
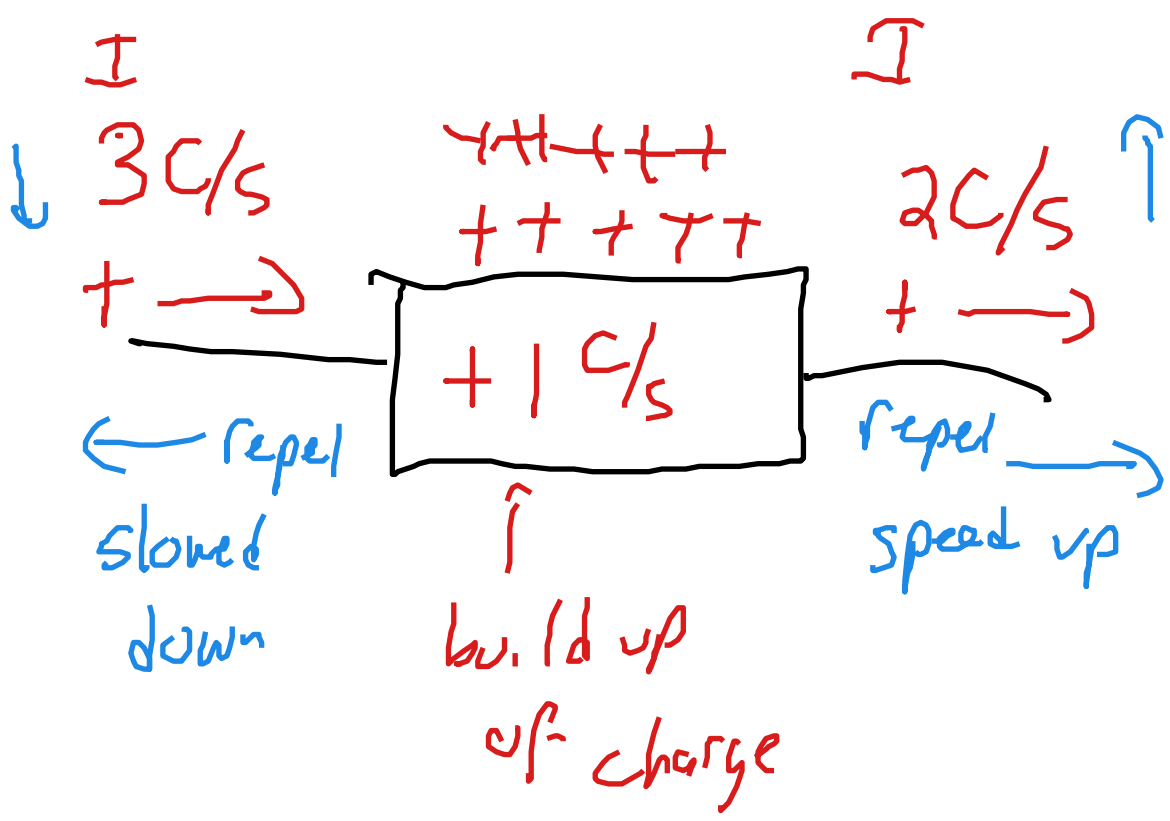
Potential Drop across A is

$$\Delta V_A = 9V - 5V = \boxed{4V}$$

$$\Delta V_B = 5V - 0V = \boxed{5V}$$

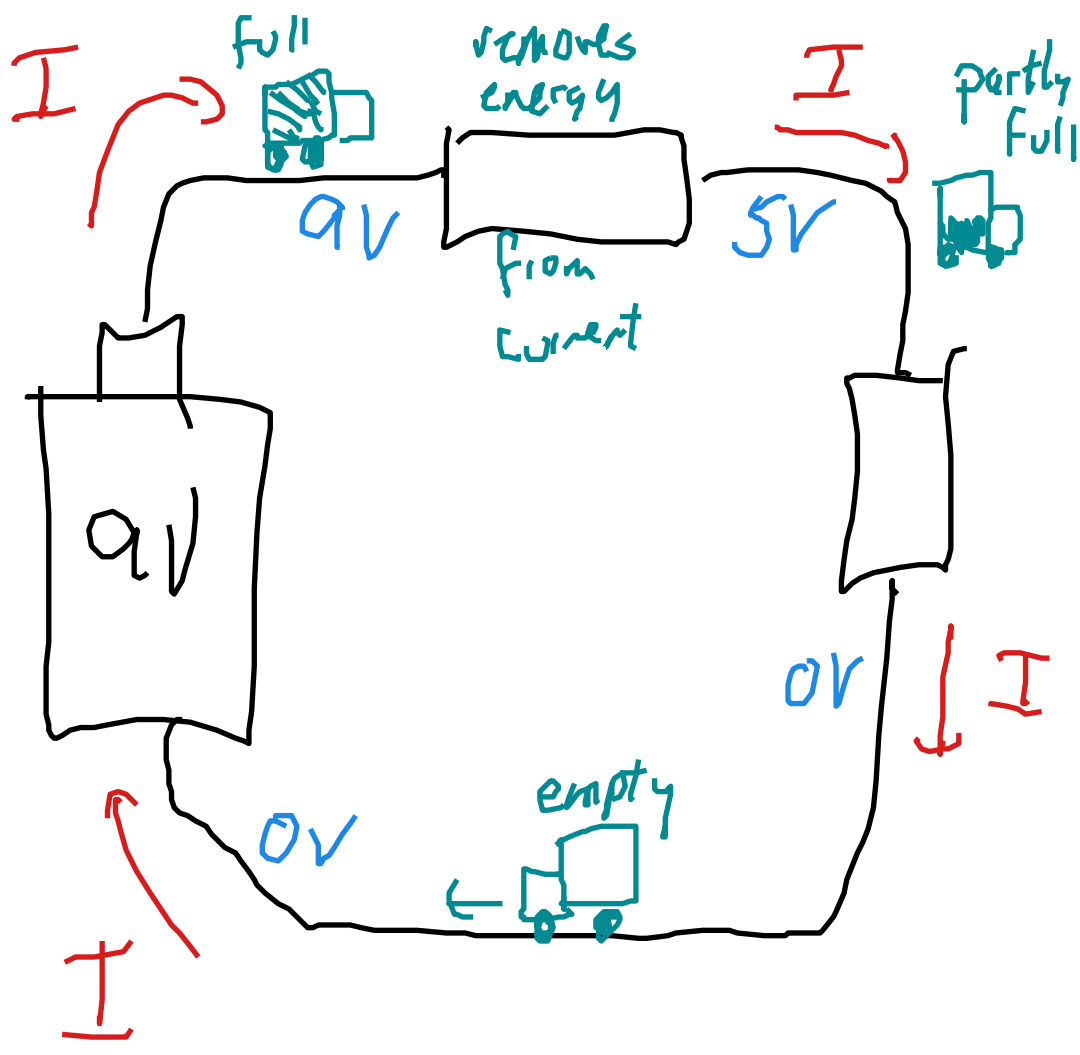
Altitude





Steady current exhibits  
conservation of current

Current in = current out  
 for any device

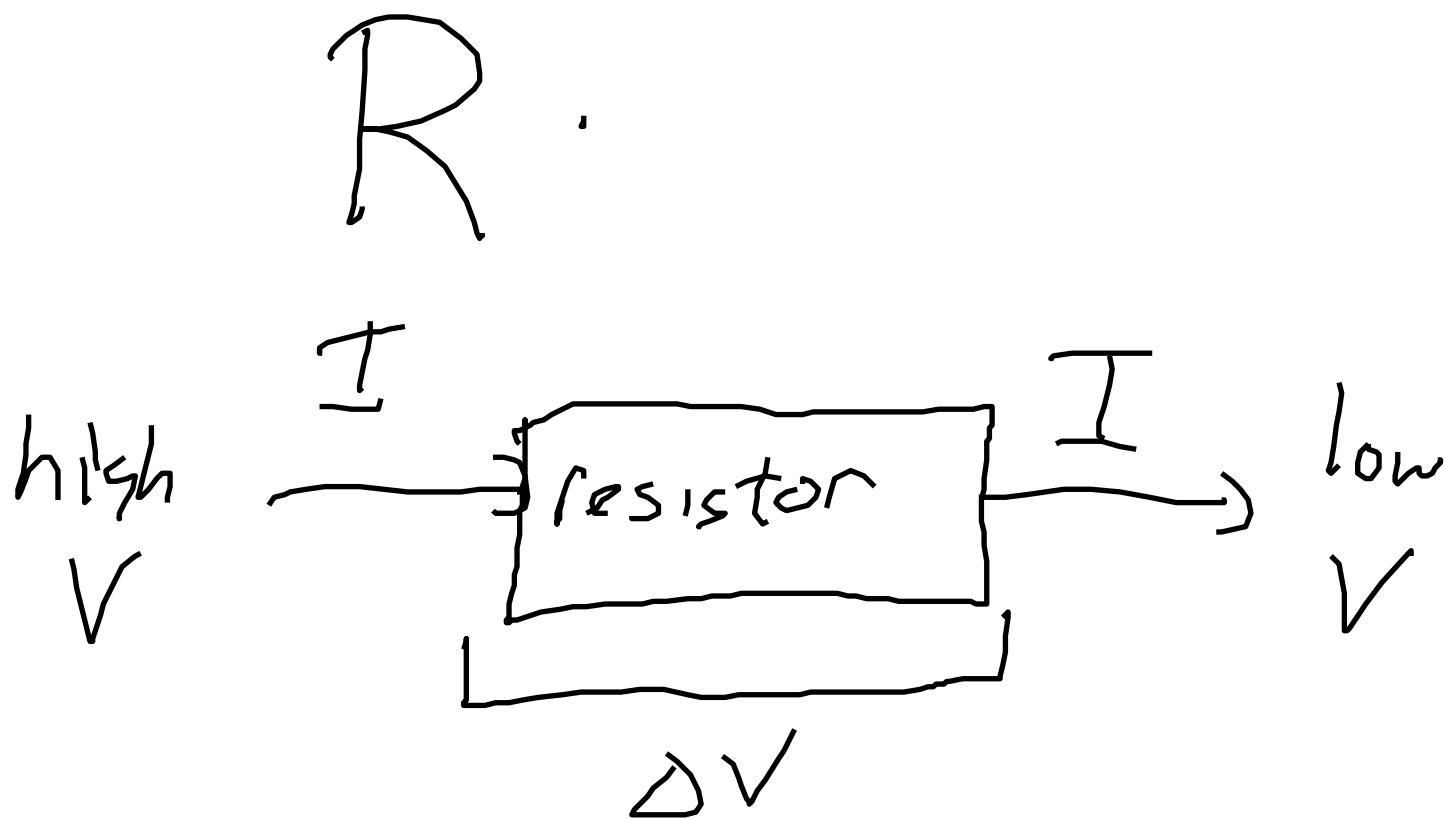


Where does potential come in?

Current = train cars

Potential Energy = Cargo

Resistors have resistance



$$I = \frac{1}{R} \Delta V$$

- bigger drop  $\Delta V$ , more current  $I$
- less resistance, more current  $I$

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

definition of  
resistance

Units:  $\frac{\text{Volts}}{\text{Amperes}} = 1 \text{ Ohm } (\Omega)$

thousand

$$k\Omega$$

$$10^{+3}$$

million

$$M\Omega$$

$$10^{+6}$$

are common

$$\Delta V = IR$$

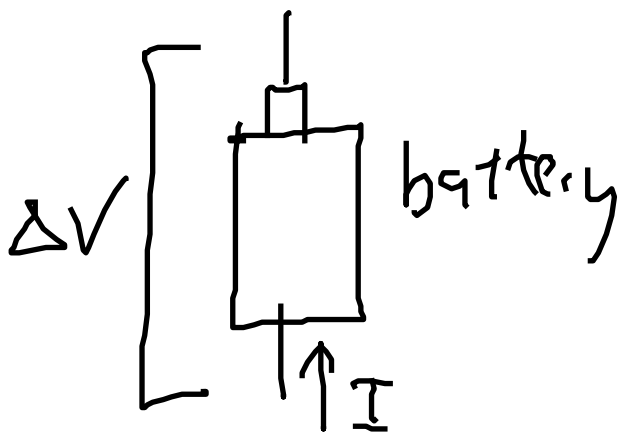
Ohm's Law

For most simple devices (e.g. resistors)

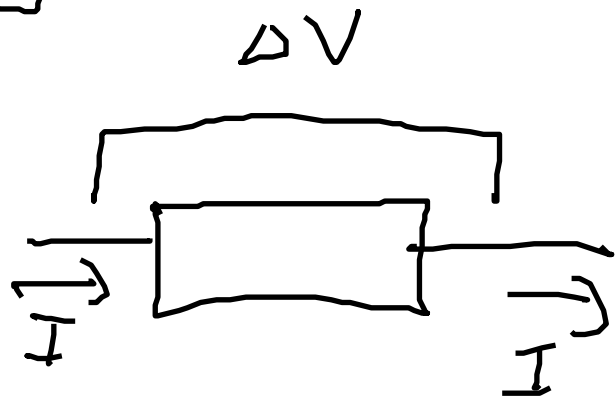
$R$  is constant.

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$$P = I \Delta V$$



Power supplied  
by battery  
is  $P = + I \Delta V$   
(current goes uphill)



power released  
by resistor  
is  $P = - I \Delta V$   
(current goes downhill)

$$P = I \Delta V$$

$$\Delta V = IR$$

$$P = I(IR)$$

$$P = \left(\frac{\Delta V}{R}\right) \Delta V$$

$$P = I^2 R$$

$$P = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{R}$$

Two incandescent light bulbs

$$P_A = 40W$$

$$P_B = 60W$$

Which light bulb has the higher resistance?



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Is  $P$  proportional to  $R$  or  $1/R$ ?

If  $I$  is constant, then

$$P = I^2 R \text{ suggests } P \sim R$$

If  $\Delta V$  is constant, then

$$P = \frac{(\Delta V)^2}{R} \text{ suggests } P \sim \frac{1}{R}$$

Light Bulbs:

In household circuit,

$\Delta V$  at wall sockets is 120V.

40W

$$P = I \Delta V$$

$$40W = I (120V)$$

$$I = \frac{40}{120} = 0.33A$$

$$\Delta V = IR$$

$$120 = (0.33)R$$

$$R = \frac{120}{0.33} = 360 \Omega$$

$$P = I^2 R = 40 = (0.33)^2 (360)$$

$$P = \frac{\Delta V^2}{R} \Rightarrow 40 = \frac{(120)^2}{360}$$

60W

$$P = I \Delta V$$

$$60W = I (120V)$$

$$I = \frac{60}{120} = 0.5A$$

$$\Delta V = IR$$

$$120 = (0.5)R$$

$$R = 240 \Omega$$

$$P = 60 = (0.5)^2 (240)$$

$$60 = \frac{(120)^2}{240}$$