# Chapter #4

Electric current & circuits

# We will discuss:-

- Electric charges.
- The flow of charges.
- How charges interact.
- Electricity , circuit, current ,electricity, repulsion and attraction.
- Capacitance.
- Medical use of capacitors.
- Potential difference (voltage)
- Power
- Conventional current direction.
- Resistance.
- Ohm's law.
- Series and parallel circuits.
- Capacitors in series and parallel.

# Electric charges.

• The atom is made up of three main parts:-

Protons, neutrons and electrons.





# The flow of charges.

- Electrons : The subatomic particle which can move from one object to another.
- The object will be Negatively charged when we add electrons to the object.
- The object will be **positively** charged when we **remove** electrons from the object.





• When two objects with <u>same</u> charge come into contact they will <u>repel</u>.



When two objects with <u>different</u> charges come into contact they will <u>attract.</u>





# How charges interact?

**Coulomb's Law** – Gives the electric force between two point charges.  $F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \frac{Inverse Square}{Law}$  $k = Coulomb's Constant = 9.0x10^9 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{C}^2$  $q_1 = \text{Point charge -1}$  $q_2 = \text{Point charge - 2}$ r = the distance between the two charges



# Definition.

- Electricity : a form of energy .
- Circuit: a continuous path through which electrons can flow.
- Current electricity: the study of charge that move
- Repulsion : is the movement away from each other.
- Attraction: is the movement towards each other.
- Static electricity : is the study of charges that do not move.

# Capacitance.

- Capacitor: electric device for storing charge.
- The symbol of charge (Q), it measured in units called coulombs (C).
- The charge can be positive or negative .



# Capacitance.

# CAPACITANCE

CAPACITANCE IS A FUNDAMENTAL ELECTRICAL PROPERTY THAT MEASURES THE ABILITY OF A CAPACITOR TO STORE ELECTRICAL CHARGE. IT IS DENOTED BY THE SYMBOL "C" AND IS MEASURED IN UNITS CALLED FARADS (F).

# The medical use of capacitors

- A defibrillator machine is a medical device that uses a single very large capacitor
- This machine gives a patient an electric shock across his heart.
- The shock stops the heart beating erratically (fibrillation)





# What is fibrillation?

• Atrial fibrillation (also called AFib or AF) is an irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia) that can lead to blood clots, stroke, heart failure and other heart-related complications.

| What is atrial fibrillation |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Normal                      | Atrial           |
| Sinus node                  | Sinus node       |
|                             | MedicalNewsToday |

# What is fibrillation?



# What Is AFib?

In atrial fibrillation, the normal, steady electrical activity of the heartbeat is replaced by the rapid, irregular electrical signals of AFib.





# Defibrillation

- <u>Defibrillation</u>: is the process in which an electronic device sends an electric shock to the heart to stop an extremely rapid, irregular heartbeat and restore the normal heart rhythm.
- Defibrillators can also restore the heart's beating if the heart suddenly stops.
- Defibrillators help to stop fibrillation.



# Electric current.

- Electric current : is a flow of charged particles.
- Symbol : I
- The SI unit of electric current is ampere (A)

• Formula : 
$$I = \frac{q}{t}$$
 = Coulomb / sec=C/s= 1 amp

• Where q is the charge , t is the time





# Example 1

• if a current of 80mA exists in a metal wire , how many electrons flow past a given cross-section of the wire in 10 minutes ?

# Potential difference (Voltage)

- When a point charge q moves from point A to point B, it moves through a potential difference
- The potential difference is the change in electric potential energy per unit charge.
- Voltage describes the "pressure" that pushes electricity. The amount of voltage is indicated by a unit known as the volt (V), and higher voltages cause more electricity to flow to an electronic device. However, electronic devices are designed to operate at specific voltages; excessive voltage can damage their circuitry.

# Potential difference (Voltage)

 Electricity flows as a current. You can imagine it as a flow of water, like in a river. The water in rivers flows from mountains upstream to the ocean downstream. In other words, water flows from places with a high water height to places with a low water height. Electricity acts similarly: the concept of water height is analogous to electric potential, and electricity flows from places with high electric potential to places with low electric potential.



# Potential difference (Voltage)

- Formula :  $V = \frac{W}{Q}$ =joules/coulomb =volts
- Batteries
- Outlets
- EKG : records the electrical signal from the heart to check for different heart conditions
- Equipotential lines: points at same potential.



# Part of circuits

- Energy Source :circuit needs an energy source to push a charge through the circuit.
- Load : a device in a circuit that operates using electrical energy.

#### **Electric Circuits**





# Conventional current direction and electrons flow direction



# Electrical resistance



- <u>Resistance</u> is a measure of the opposition to current flow in an electrical circuit.
- Resistance is measured in ohms  $\Omega$ .
- The symbol of resistance (R).



- Long wire has a higher resistance.
- The ratio of voltage to current is called resistance

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ⇒0                                       |                                                                                     |
| -                                        | a large cross-section permits<br>current to flow more<br>easily<br>+ R & trea       |
|                                          | 0                                                                                   |
|                                          | a long wire presents more<br>resistance than a<br>short one                         |
|                                          | -> R = length                                                                       |



# Ohm`s law

• Example 2:

calculate the current if the voltage v=24 volts and R=8 $\Omega$ ?



# electric circuits

• Electric circuits: path for transmitting electric current .



• We will study two types of electric circuits , Series and parallel circuits.

- A series circuit is defined as the circuit in which a number of resistances are connected one after the other.
- In a series circuit, the flow of current follows a single path.

#### Series Circuit:

Circuit in which a current flows through each component, one after another. There is only one path for the current to follow.



• What is the formula for resistance in series ? •  $R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$ 



- The current in a series circuit goes through every component in the circuit. Therefore, all of the components in a series connection carry the same current. A series circuit has only one path through which its current can flow.
- The voltages In a series circuit, the sum of the voltages across components is equal to the supply voltage.

• Example 3 :

In the circuit shown in the figure, two resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  have been connected in series

Find :  $R_{eq}$ , I,  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ , ?



• Example 4 :

In the circuit shown in the figure, which resistor will take more voltage



# Parallel circuits

• Parallel circuit, an electrical path that branches so that the current divides and only part of it flows through any branch.



# Parallel circuits

• What is the formula for the resistance in parallel ?





- The current in a parallel circuit splits into different branches then combines again before it goes back into the supply.
- Voltage is the same across each component of the parallel circuit.

# Parallel circuits

#### • Example 5 :

In the circuit shown in the figure, two resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  have been connected in parallel ?

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Find:R_{eq}, V_1, V_2, I_1, I_2, I_{eq}
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#### summary

#### **Series Resistors**

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



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

#### **Parallel Resistors**

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



#### summary



# Example 6

• Find power P?, if resistance  $R = 50\Omega$ 

V=220 v ?

# Capacitors

- A <u>capacitor</u> is a two-terminal electrical device that can store energy in the form of an electric charge.
- Capacitors may be connected in series or in parallel to obtain a resultant value which may be either the sum of the individual values (in parallel) or a value less than that of the smallest capacitance (in series).







# Capacitor in series

#### **Capacitors in Series:**

v

C<sub>1</sub>





# Capacitor in series

- Example 7:
- What is the total capacitance for the circuit presented below ?



# Capacitor in parallel

**Capacitors in Parallel:** 



$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2.$$

# Capacitor in parallel

- Example 8:
- What is the total capacitance for the circuit presented below ?

• if 
$$C_1 = 20\mu F$$
,  $C_2 = 50\mu F$ 





 $C_{23} = C_2 + C_3$ = 24  $\mu$ F

 $C_2$ 

 $C_3$ 

# combination circuit





# Question 2

Calculate the total current (I) generated by the battery in the circuit given below.

ANS

I = 0.02A





# Question 4

1.

In the circuit given below which of the resistors would draw maximum potential drop(V)?

2. Where you would connect the voltmeter to measure the total voltage?  $$R_1$$ 

