

Series Circuit Problems: Show your work – Draw the circuit – Make a chart

1. Three resistors, $25. \Omega$, $45. \Omega$ and $75. \Omega$ are connected in series and a 0.51 A current passes through them. Determine:
a) The equivalent resistance. ($145. \Omega$)

$$R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 = 25 + 45 + 75 = 145 \Omega$$

- b) The potential difference across all three resistors. ($74. \text{ V}$)

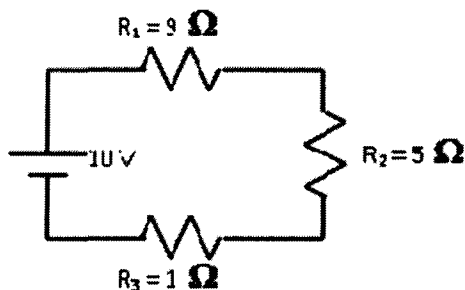
$$V = IR = 0.51(145) = 74 \text{ V}$$

2. Three resistors, 9.0Ω , 5.0Ω and 1.0Ω are connected in series across a 24 V battery. Find:

- a) The current in each resistor. (1.6 A)

- b) The voltage difference across each resistor. (14 V , 8.0 V , 1.6 V)

- c) The power dissipated by each resistor. (23 W , 13 W , 2.6 W)



	R	I	V	P
R_1	9	1.6	14	23
R_2	5	1.6	8	13
R_3	1	1.6	1.6	2.6
TOTAL	15	1.6		

3. A battery dissipated 2.5 W of power in each of two 47.0Ω resistors connected in series. What is the voltage of the battery?

$$P = IV$$

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

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

$$2(2.5) = \frac{V^2}{2(47)}$$

$$V^2 = 470$$

$$V = 21.7 \text{ volts}$$

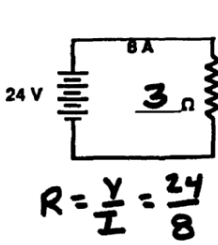
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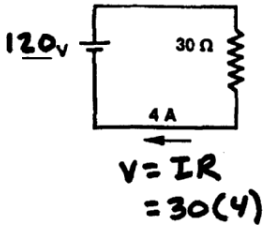
4. A $16.0\ \Omega$ resistor and an $8.0\ \Omega$ are connected in series across a $12\ \text{V}$ battery. What is the voltage difference across each resistor? ($8.0\ \text{V}$, $4.0\ \text{V}$)

	R	I	V	P
R_1	16	0.5	8	4
R_2	8.0	0.5	4	2
TOTAL	24	0.5	12.0	6

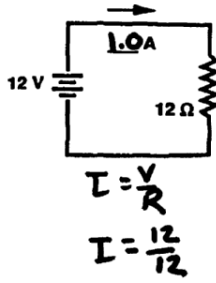
$V = IR$



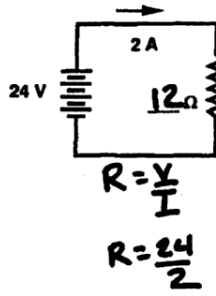
$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{24}{8}$



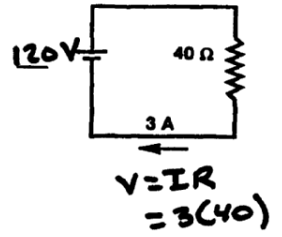
$V = IR$
 $= 30(4)$



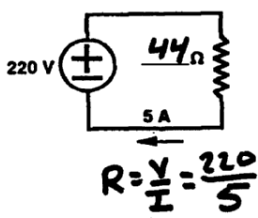
$I = \frac{V}{R}$
 $I = \frac{12}{12}$



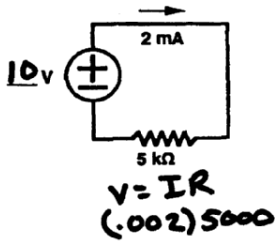
$R = \frac{V}{I}$
 $R = \frac{24}{2}$



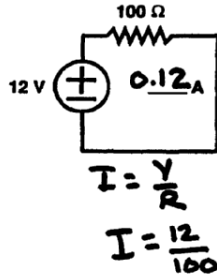
$V = IR$
 $= 3(40)$



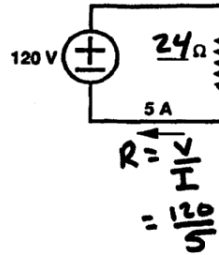
$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{220}{5}$



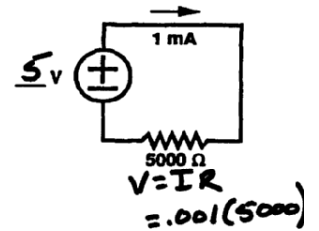
$V = IR$
 $(.002) 5000$



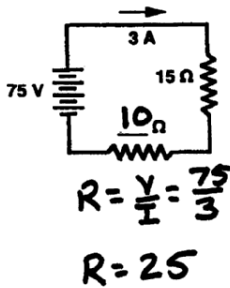
$I = \frac{V}{R}$
 $I = \frac{12}{100}$



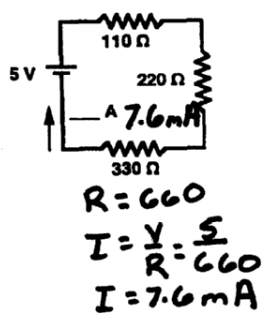
$R = \frac{V}{I}$
 $= \frac{120}{5}$



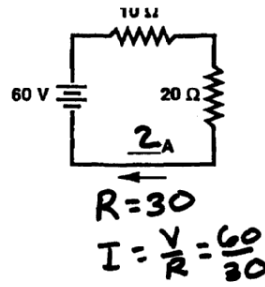
$V = IR$
 $= .001(5000)$



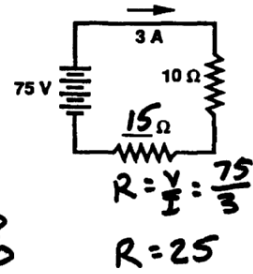
$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{75}{3}$
 $R = 25$



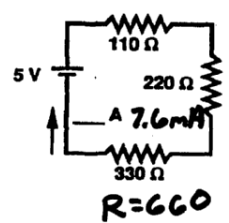
$R = 660$
 $I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{5}{660}$
 $I = 7.6 \text{ mA}$



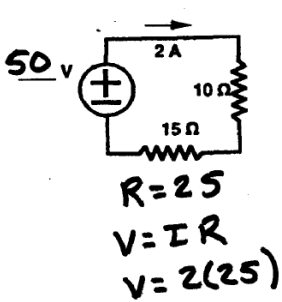
$R = 30$
 $I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{60}{30}$



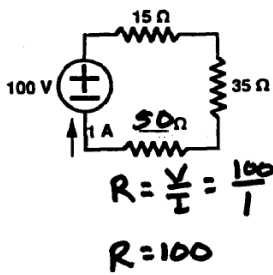
$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{75}{3}$
 $R = 25$



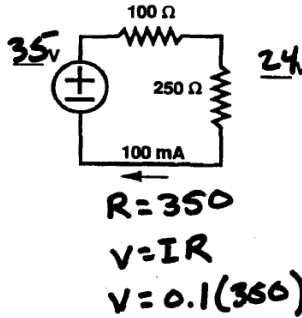
$R = 660$



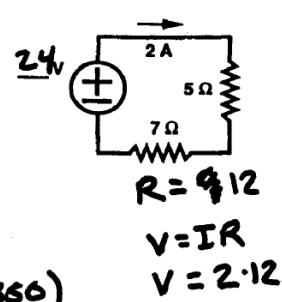
$R = 25$
 $V = IR$
 $V = 2(25)$



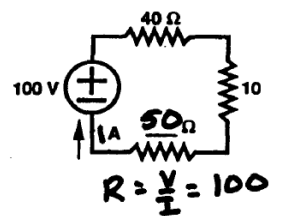
$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{100}{1}$
 $R = 100$



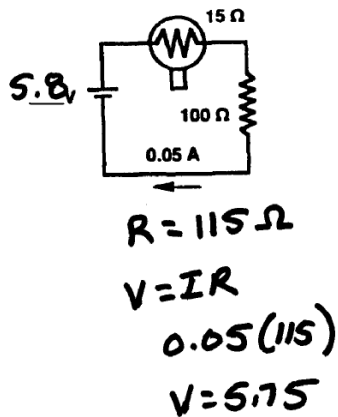
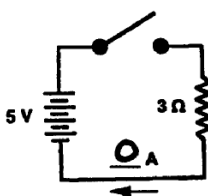
$R = 350$
 $V = IR$
 $V = 0.1(350)$



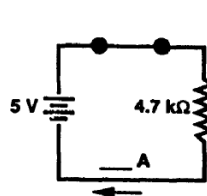
$R = 12$
 $V = IR$
 $V = 2 \cdot 12$



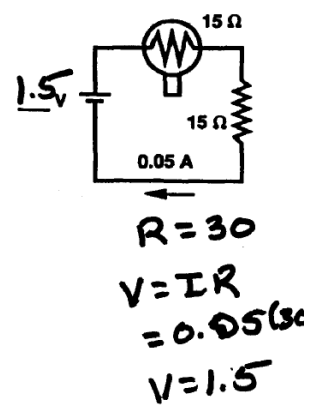
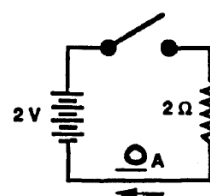
$R = \frac{V}{I} = 100$



$R = 115 \Omega$
 $V = IR$
 $0.05(115)$
 $V = 5.75$



$I = \frac{V}{R}$
 $= \frac{5}{4700}$
 ~~$= 0.106 \text{ mA}$~~
1.06 mA



$R = 30$
 $V = IR$
 $= 0.05(30)$
 $V = 1.5$