CLASS 4: ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE

ENGR 102 – Introduction to Engineering



Resistance

Resistance

The degree to which a circuit element opposes the flow of electrical current

Schematic symbol:



- \Box Units: ohms (Ω)
- May be discrete, intentional circuit components, or parasitic resistance of wires, cables, interconnects, etc.

Resistance – Fluid Analogy

 Electrical resistance is analogous to the resistance of a pipe to fluid flow due to friction



Resistance – Thermal Analogy

 Electrical resistance is analogous to the resistance of heat conduction through a solid



Conductance

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- Electrical conductance is the degree to which a circuit element allows the flow of electrical current
- Conductance is the inverse of resistance

$$G = \frac{1}{R}$$

Schematic symbol:



Real Resistors

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- Resistors for use in electronic circuits come in many shapes and sizes depending on their target application
- Size primarily determined by power handling capability
 - Larger resistors can dissipate more power
- Two primary form factors:
 - Axial lead resistors
 - Chip resistors

Axial Lead resistors

- Cylindrical resistive component with wire leads extending from each end
- Used with through-hole technology printed circuit boards (PCB's)
 - Useful for prototyping
 - Size varies with power handling capacity







Resistor Color Code



Chip Resistors

- Small rectangular footprint
 0805 0.080" x 0.050"
 0603 0.060" x 0.030"
 0402 0.040" x 0.020"
 0201 0.020" x 0.010"
- Used with surfacemount technology PCB's
- More common than axial lead in modern electronics





Ohm's Law



Georg Simon Ohm, 1789 – 1854

"The current through a resistor is proportional to the voltage across the resistor and inversely proportional to the resistance."

Ohm's Law – said differently

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"The voltage across a resistor is proportional to the current through the resistor and proportional to the resistance."

Ohm's Law – fluid analogy

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- Voltage is analogous to pressure
 - Driving potentials
- Electrical *current* is analogous to *flow rate*
- A pipe carrying fluid has some resistance determined by physical characteristics (length, diameter, roughness, etc.)



Ohm's Law – thermal analogy

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- Voltage is analogous to temperature
 - Driving potentials
- Electrical current is analogous to heat flux
- A solid slab or wall has some thermal resistance determined by physical characteristics (thickness, material properties, etc.)



Resistor Color Code

What are the values of the following resistors? Exercise

Ohm's Law

A 1 kW space heater is plugged into a 120 V wall outlet. The resistive heating element in the heater has a resistance of 14 Ω.
 How much current does the heater draw?

Diodes & LEDs

Diodes allow current to flow in one direction only

- Diode is off $(I_d = 0)$ when voltage is less than the *turn-on* voltage $(V_d < V_{d,on})$
 - Typically, $V_{d,on} \approx 600 700 \, mV$
- When the diode is on $(I_d > 0)$, diode voltage is approximately constant, independent of current $(V_d = V_{d,on})$



Diodes & LEDs

- Light-emitting diodes (LEDs) behave the same way
- LED turn-on voltage depends on color

D $V_{d,on} \approx 1.8 V \dots 3.6 V$

Determine the LED current in the circuit below

• Assume $V_{d,on} = 2 V$



Exercise

Diodes & LEDs

Determine the value of the current-limiting resistor, R, below, such that I = 18 mA• Assume $V_{d,on} = 2 V$



Exercise