

# University Physics 227N/232N Review / Office Hours / General Levity

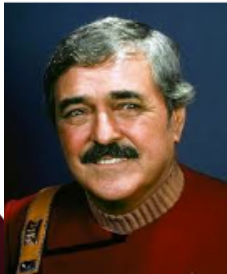
**Exam #2 this Wednesday**  
**Something amusing this Friday (but NO quiz)**  
**Spring Break next week!**

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Happy Birthday to Jessica Biel, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Robyn Hitchcock,  
Star Trek's original Scotty (James Doohan), Georg Cantor, and Brian Cox!



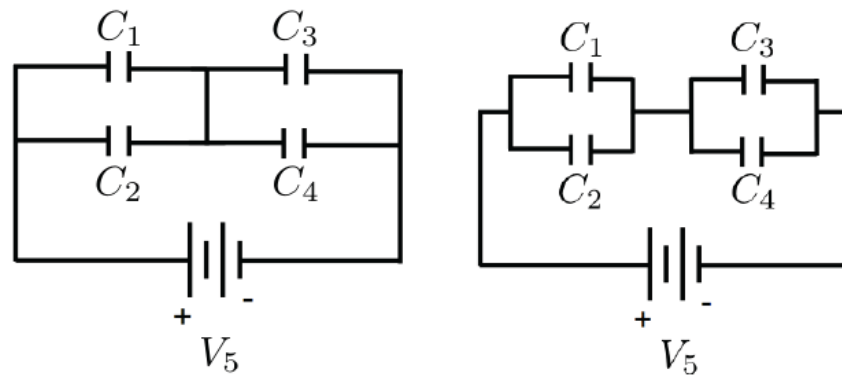
# Exam #2 This Wednesday

- Covers chapters 23-25 of the text
  - Capacitors and capacitance
  - Electrostatic stored energy
  - Current
  - Ohm's Law
  - Resistors and resistance
  - Kirchhoff's circuit rules
- No RC, time-dependent circuits
- We'll revisit that with inductors later in the semester
- Sample exam and solutions posted to class website

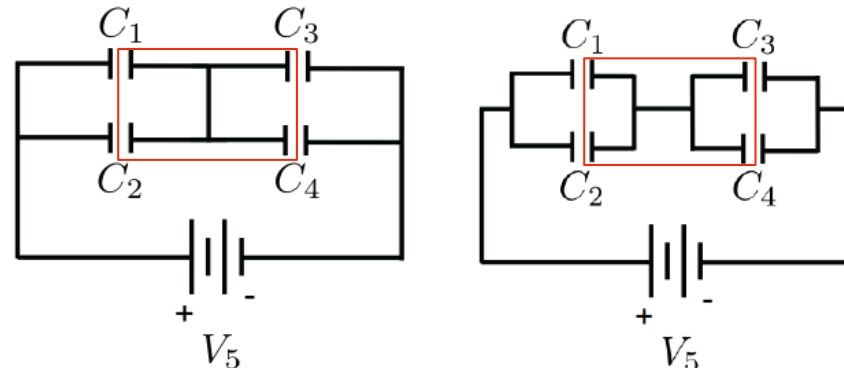


# Useful tips

- Wires are equipotentials
  - They can be moved and redrawn as equivalent circuits as long as you don't change the elements they connect to
  - So, for example, these two figures are equivalent:



- Isolated wires have no net charge
  - So the charges on all capacitors attached to them must add up to zero



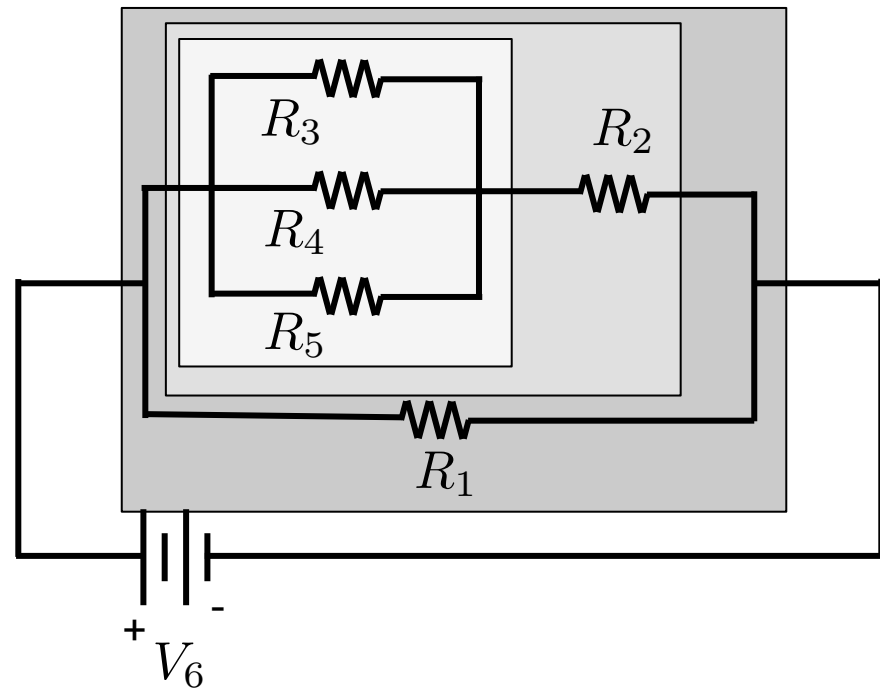
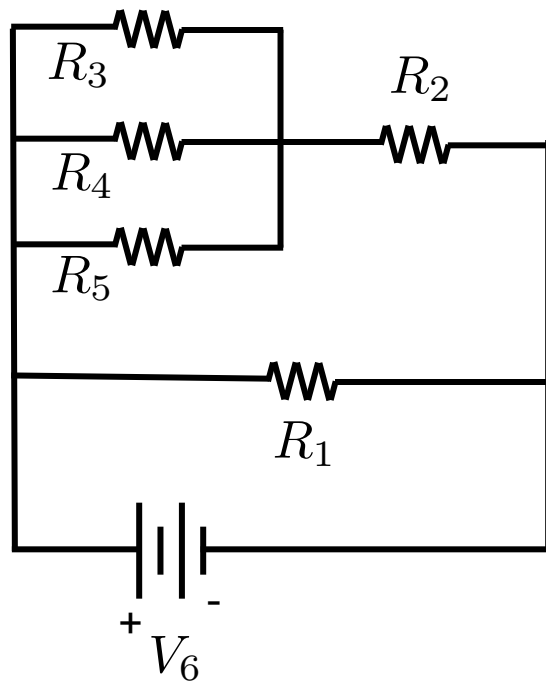
$$Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 + Q_4 = 0$$

$$(Q_{12} + Q_{34} = 0)$$



# For Circuits with Series/Parallel Elements

- It sometimes helps to redraw the circuit in a line
  - “Follow the electrons” around from the EMF
  - These two circuits are equivalent but the right one is easier to analyze



# Handy Cheat Sheet Reminders

Definition of capacitance:  $C \equiv \frac{Q}{V}$

Capacitance of a parallel plate capacitor:  $C = \kappa \frac{A}{4\pi k d}$  ( $\kappa$ : dielectric constant)

Capacitors in parallel:  $C_{\text{equiv}} = C_1 + C_2 + \dots$

Capacitors in series:  $\frac{1}{C_{\text{equiv}}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots$

Energy stored in capacitor:  $U_{\text{stored}} = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$

Definition of current:  $I \equiv \frac{dQ}{dt}$

Ohm's Law, voltage drop across a resistor:  $V = IR$

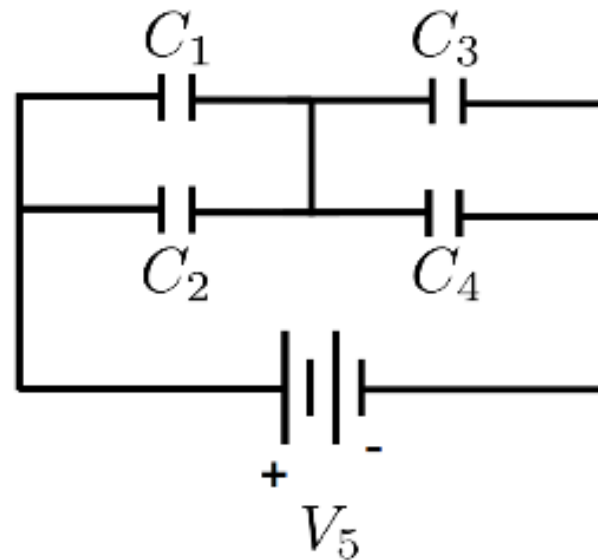
Power dissipated by a resistor:  $P = IV = I^2R$  (1 Watt = (1 Coulomb)(1 Volt))

Resistors in series:  $R_{\text{equiv}} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$

Resistors in parallel:  $\frac{1}{R_{\text{equiv}}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots$



## Sample Exam Question 1



The circuit shown above has capacitors  $C_1 = 1.0 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_2 = 2.0 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_3 = 3.0 \mu\text{F}$ , and  $C_4 = 4.0 \mu\text{F}$  connected by perfectly conducting wires. The EMF  $V_5$  has a voltage across its terminals of  $V_5 = 12.0 \text{ V}$ , and the circuit is in a state where the capacitors are charged.

- (a) (3 points) Find the equivalent capacitance of the capacitors.
- (b) (3 points) Find the charges  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_3$ , and  $Q_4$  of each capacitor.
- (c) (4 points) Find the voltages  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ ,  $V_3$ , and  $V_4$  across each capacitor. Are they consistent with the voltage across the EMF?



## Sample Exam Question 2

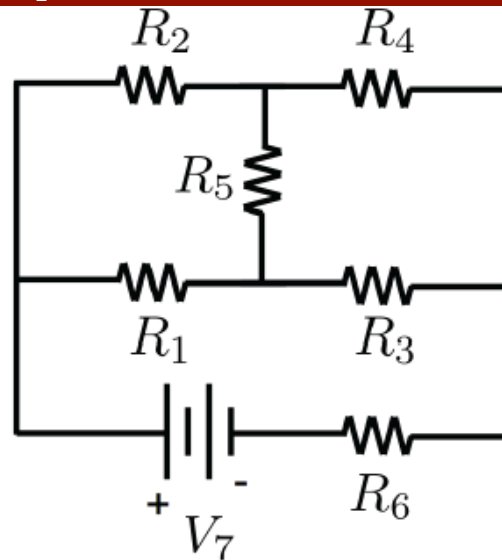
An incandescent light bulb has a resistance of  $140\ \Omega$  when it is lit and  $9.5\ \Omega$  when it is not lit. It is plugged into a DC power supply that provides a constant voltage of 120V.

- (a) (2 points) What current goes through the bulb just as it is plugged in, when it's not lit? What current goes through the bulb after it's lit?
- (b) (2 points) What power does the bulb draw in both cases?
- (c) (3 points) How many electrons pass through the bulb per second when it's lit?
- (d) (3 points) A second identical light bulb is connected in series with the first one. How much power do both bulbs draw now?





## Sample Exam Question 3



The circuit shown above has resistors  $R_1 = 1.0 \, \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 2.0 \, \Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 3.0 \, \Omega$ ,  $R_4 = 4.0 \, \Omega$ ,  $R_5 = 5.0 \, \Omega$ , and  $R_6 = 6.0 \, \Omega$  connected by perfectly conducting wires. The EMF  $V_7$  has a voltage across its terminals of  $V_7 = 12.0 \, \text{V}$ . This circuit cannot be reduced to just parallel and series capacitors; you have to use Kirchhoff's rules to evaluate it.

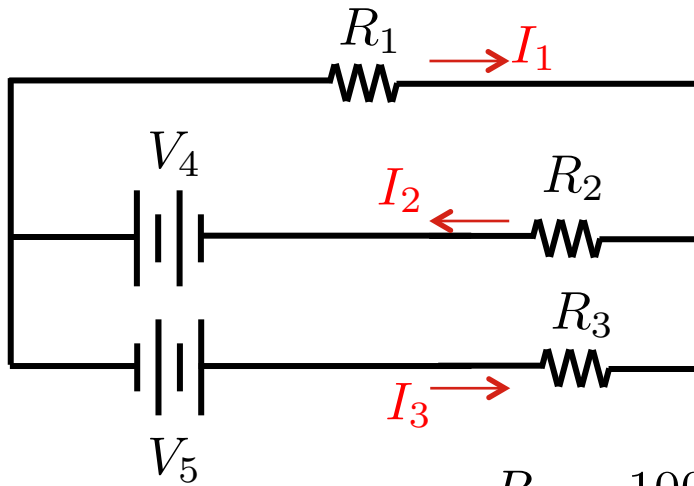
- (a) (2 points) Draw and label arrows for the six currents in the resistors in the diagram.
- (b) (4 points) There are four nodes in the above diagram. Select three of them and label them A, B, and C in the diagram. Using Kirchhoff's node rule and the currents you have drawn in part (a), write down the current equations for these three nodes.
- (c) (4 points) You need three more equations, so draw three Kirchhoff loops. Using Kirchhoff's loop rule, write down the three voltage equations for these loops.
- (d) (5 points) Solve the equations in parts (b) and (c) to find the currents in each of the resistors.





# Another Kirchhoff Example

<http://farside.ph.utexas.edu/teaching/302I/lectures/node66.html>



$$\text{Node rule : } I_1 + I_3 = I_2$$

$$\text{Loop rule (top) : } V_4 - I_1 R_1 - I_2 R_2 = 0$$

$$\text{Loop rule (outer) : } V_5 - I_3 R_3 + I_1 R_1 = 0$$

$$R_1 = 100\Omega, R_2 = 10\Omega, R_3 = 5\Omega, V_4 = 12\text{ V}, V_5 = 6\text{ V}$$

$$V_4 - I_1 R_1 - (I_1 + I_3) R_2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad V_4 - I_1 (R_1 + R_2) - I_3 R_2 = 0$$

$$(12\text{ V}) - (110\Omega) I_1 - (10\Omega) I_3 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 1.2\text{ A} = 11 I_1 + I_3$$

$$6\text{ V} - (5\Omega) I_3 + (100\Omega) I_1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 1.2\text{ A} = I_3 + 20 I_1$$

$$I_1 = 0\text{ A}$$

$$I_3 = 1.2\text{ A}$$

$$I_2 = I_1 + I_3 = 1.2\text{ A}$$

