

SERIES $I_{total} = I_1 = I_2 = I_3$

$R_{total} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

$V_{total} = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$

PARALLEL $I_{total} = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$

$\frac{1}{R_{total}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$

$V_{total} = V_1 = V_2 = V_3$

OHMS' LAW $V = IR$

POWER $P = IV = I^2R = \frac{V^2}{R}$

ENERGY $E = Pt = IVt = I^2Rt = \frac{V^2t}{R}$

Physics
Power & Energy with Series & Parallel Circuits

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1. Suppose you have a 15 A circuit breaker in series with the following parallel combinations all across 120-V: Television - 10 Ω, Alarm Clock - 60 Ω, Lamp - 40 Ω. Can you have all 3 things on at the same time?

$12A + 2A + 3A = 17A$ no b/c it exceeds amount of 15 A allowed

2. A curling iron of resistance 80.0 Ω is plugged into a 120-V outlet. How much thermal energy is produced in 60 seconds?

$R = 80.0 \Omega$
 $V = 120V$
 $P = \frac{V^2}{R} = 180W$
 $E = \frac{V^2}{R} t = 10,800 J$
 $\Rightarrow 21600 J$ (2 min)

3. A 13.0-Ω resistors and a 52.0-Ω resistors are connected in series and placed across a 135-V generator.

a) What is the equivalent resistance of the circuit?

$R_T = 13 + 52 = 65 \Omega$

* changed to 130 V
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b) What is the value of the current in the circuit?

$135V = I \cdot 65$
 $I = 2.08 A$

$130 = I \cdot 65$
 $I = 2 A$

c) What is the potential drop (voltage) across each resistor?

$V = 2.08 A \cdot 13 \Omega = 27.04 V$

$V = 2.08 \cdot 52 \Omega = 108.16$

$V = 2 A \cdot 13 = 26V$

$V = 2 A \cdot 52 = 104V$

d) Calculate the power of each resistor.

$P = I^2R$
 $P = (2.08)^2 (13 \Omega) = 56.2 W$

$P = (2.08)^2 (52) = 225 W$

$P = (2^2)(13) = 52 W$

$P = (2^2)(52) = 208 W$

e) What is the total power of the circuit?

$P = 56.2 + 225 = 281.2 W$

$P = 52 + 208 = 260 W$

4. A 3.0-Ω resistor, a 6.0-Ω resistor and two 12.0-Ω resistors are connected in parallel and placed across a ~~48.0-V~~ ^{9V} power supply.

a) What is the equivalent resistance of the circuit?

$$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{4}{12} + \frac{2}{12} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{8}{12} = \frac{12}{8} \quad R_T = 1.5 \Omega$$

b) What is the value of the current in each branch of the circuit?

$$9.0 \text{ V} = I \cdot 1.5 \quad I = 6 \text{ A}$$

c) What is the value of the total current through the circuit?

$$3 \Omega: 9 = I \cdot 3 = 3 \text{ A}$$

$$6 \Omega: 9 = I \cdot 6 = 1.5 \text{ A}$$

$$12 \Omega: 9 = I \cdot 12 = 0.75 \text{ A}, 0.75$$

d) Calculate the power of each resistor.

$$3 \Omega: P = 3 \text{ A} \cdot 9 = 27 \text{ W}$$

$$6 \Omega: P = 1.5 \text{ A} \cdot 9 = 13.5 \text{ W}$$

$$12 \Omega: P = 0.75 \cdot 9 = 6.75 \text{ W}, 6.75 \text{ W}$$

e) What is the total power of the circuit?

$$P = 27 + 13.5 + 6.75 + 6.75 = 54 \text{ W}$$

5. A blow dryer rated at 1500 W is plugged into an outlet of 120-V. What is the resistance of the blow dryer?

$$P = 1500 \text{ W}$$

$$V = 120 \text{ V}$$

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

$$1500 \text{ W} = \frac{120^2}{R}$$

$$1500 R = 14,400$$

$$R = 9.6 \Omega$$

7. A digital clock has a resistance of 12,000 Ω and is plugged into a 115-V outlet.

a) How much current does it draw?

$$115 \text{ V} = I \cdot 12,000 \Omega$$

$$I = 0.00958 \text{ A}$$

$$(9.58 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A})$$

b) How much power does it use?

$$P = I^2 R = (9.58 \times 10^{-3})^2 (12,000)$$

$$P = 1.10 \text{ W}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.0011 \text{ kW}$$

c) If the clock is constantly on (in use 24 hours a day), how much energy in kWh does the clock use in one day?

$$E = 0.0011 \text{ kW} \cdot 24 \text{ hr} = 0.0264 \text{ kWh}$$

c) If the owner of the clock pays \$0.10 per kWh, how much does it cost to operate the clock for 30 days?

$$0.0264 \cdot 30 = 0.792 \text{ kWh} \cdot 0.10$$

$$= \$ 0.08$$

8. Tim left for school at 6:45 a.m. and forgot to turn off her TV, which is rated at 300 W when plugged into a 120-V source. After he came home from school, he left the TV on until leaving for work at 4 p.m. ~~3:45 p.m.~~ ^{3:45 p.m.} = 9 hr

a) How much energy (in kWh) did the TV use?

$$E = 300 \text{ W} \cdot 9 \text{ hr} = 2700 \text{ W} \cdot \text{hr} \times \frac{1 \text{ kW}}{1000 \text{ W}} = 2.7 \text{ kWh}$$

b) At \$0.13 per kWh, how much did it cost to run the TV?

$$2.7 \text{ kWh} \cdot 0.13 = \$ 0.35$$