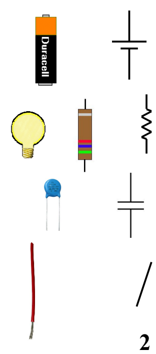
March 15, 2013 Physics 132 Prof. E. F. Redish

- **Theme Music:** **Benny Goodman**
  AC/DC Current
- **Cartoon:** **Bob Thaves**
  Frank & Ernest

Electric circuit elements

- *Batteries* —devices that maintain a constant electrical pressure difference across their terminals (like a water pump that raises water to a certain height).
- *Resistances* —devices that have significant drag and oppose current. Pressure will drop across them.
- *Capacitors* – devices that can maintain a separation of charge if there is a potential difference maintained across the,
- *Wires* — have very little resistance. We can ignore the drag in them (mostly – as long as there are other resistances present).



Foothold ideas: Kirchhoff's principles

1. ***Flow rule***: The total amount of current flowing into any volume in an electrical network equals the amount flowing out.
2. ***Ohm's law***: in a resistor, $\Delta V = IR$
3. ***Loop rule***: Following around any loop in an electrical network the potential has to come back to the same value (sum of drops = sum of rises).

Very useful heuristic

- The Constant Potential Corollary (CPC)
  - Along any part of a circuit with 0 resistance, then $\Delta V = 0$, i.e., the voltage is constant since in any circuit element

$$\Delta V = IR$$
$$R = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta V = 0$$
$$(\text{even if } I \neq 0)$$

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Electric Power

- The rate at which electric energy is depleted from a battery or dissipated (into heat or light) in a resistor is

$$Power = I\Delta V$$

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Units

■ Current (I)	**Ampere** = Coulomb/sec
■ Voltage (V)	**Volt** = Joule/Coulomb
■ E-Field (E)	Newton/Coulomb = Volt/meter
■ Resistance (R)	**Ohm** = Volt/Ampere
■ Capacitance (C)	**Farad** = Volt/Coulomb
■ Power (P)	**Watt** = Joule/sec

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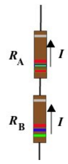
Series and parallel

- Series
  - Same current flows through both devices



$$I = \frac{\Delta V_A}{R_A} = \frac{\Delta V_B}{R_B}$$

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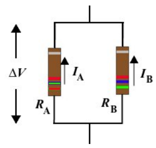
$$\Delta V = \Delta V_A + \Delta V_B$$
$$= I(R_A + R_B)$$

- Parallel
  - Same voltage drop across both devices



$$\Delta V = I_A R_A = I_B R_B$$

$$\frac{I_A}{I_B} = \frac{R_B}{R_A}$$

$$I = I_A + I_B$$
$$= \Delta V\left(\frac{1}{R_A} + \frac{1}{R_B}\right)$$

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