

Electric quantities

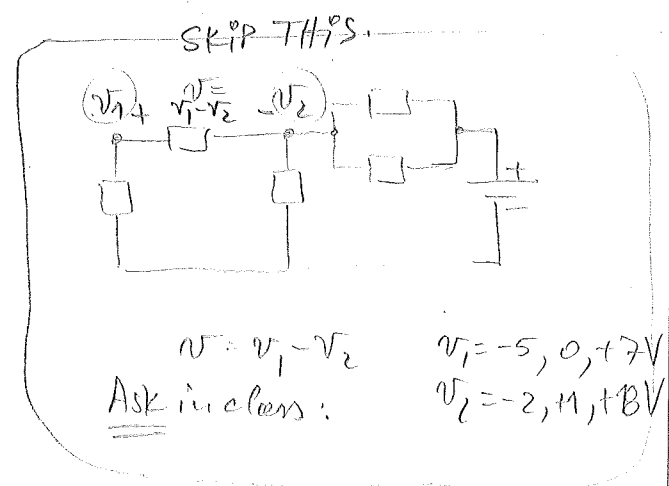
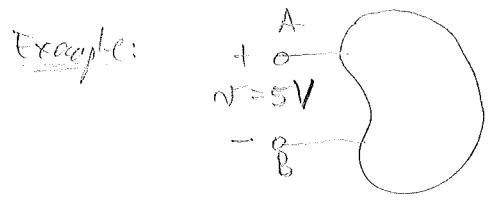
$v \rightarrow E \rightarrow i$

(a) Charge q , [C]

(b) Voltage

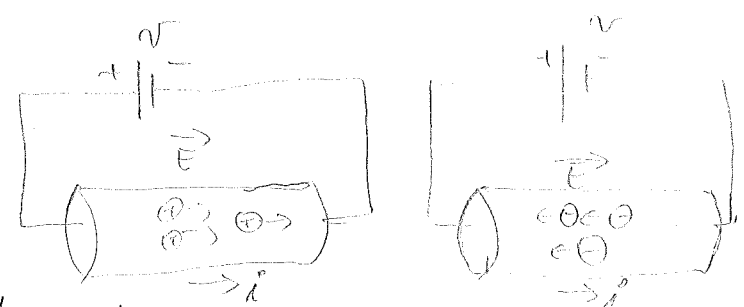
- potential energy w [J]
 - electric potential $v \triangleq \frac{dw}{dq}$ [V] = $\frac{[J]}{[C]}$

- voltage or voltage drop is potential difference.
 - it is a measure of work (or energy) spent to push charge through an element.



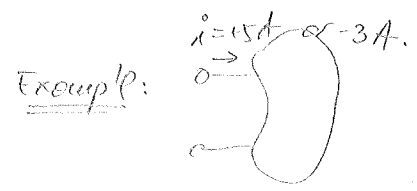
(c) Current

- Charges exposed to an electric field will drift; this stream is called current.
 - The rate at which charge crosses a \perp reference plane is called instantaneous current



(2) $i \triangleq \frac{dq}{dt}$ [A] = $\frac{[C]}{[s]}$

(2) $Q = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} i(t) dt$



(d) Power

To sustain current inside a piece of material (e.g. a circuit element) energy must be expended. The rate at which energy is expended is called instantaneous power:

(3) $p \triangleq \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{dw}{dq} \cdot \frac{dq}{dt} = v \cdot i$ [W] = $\frac{[J]}{[s]} = [V] \cdot [A]$

$p = v \cdot i$ (4)

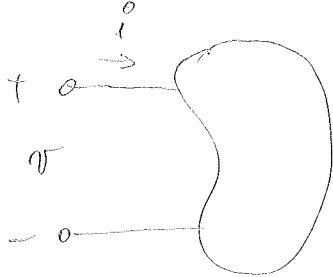
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$$W = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} p(t) dt$$

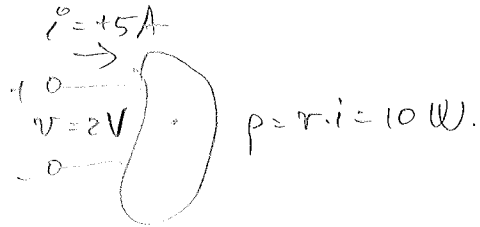
[watt-second] or [kilowatt-hour].

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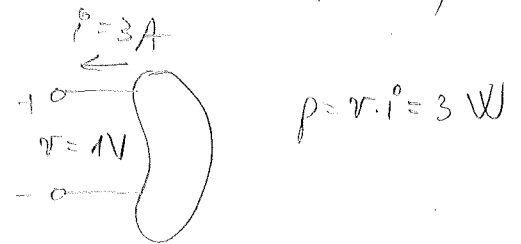
Coming back to the circuit element:



(a) The element is supplied (receives, absorbs, is delivered) power: the current entering the "+" terminal is positive:



(b) The element supplies (provides, delivers, fulfills) power: the current exits the "+" terminal (and is positive)



→ Talk about "passive sign convention".