## Applied Physics Lecture 2

## Ohm's Law

How much current flows in a conductor when a certain potential difference is set up across its ends?


German Physicist George Simon Ohm showed

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { "The current flowing through a conductor is directly } \\
& \text { proportional to the potential difference across its } \\
& \text { ends provided the physical state such as temperature } \\
& \text { etc. of the conductor remains constant". }
\end{aligned}
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\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{V}=\mathrm{IR} \\
\mathrm{I}=\mathrm{V} / \mathrm{R}(\text { or } \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{V} / \mathrm{I})
\end{gathered}
$$

V (in volts), R (ohms or mostly kilo ohms), I (ampere or mostly milli amperes)
$I \propto V($ direct $)$ and $I \propto 1 / R$ (Inverse)
If any 2 quantities are given we can find $3^{\text {rd }}$ one.
$R$ depends on nature, dimension or physical state of the conductor.
Resistance: Opposition to the flow of electrons due to their continuous collision with the atom of lattice.

## Graphical Form:

Independent variable is taken on $x$ - axis and dependent on $y$-axis


| VOLTS | OHMS | CURRENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 6 | 2 | $\cdots 3$ |
| 8 | 2 | 4 |
| 10 | 2 | 5 |
| 12 | 2 | 6 |

The V-I graph for above circuit is


## Linear and Non-linear Resistor

Linear: V-I graph is straight line (means $V$ and $I$ are proportional and $R$ remains constant)
Non Linear: If V-I graph is not straight line ( $R$ does not remain constant). In bulb filament due to heat production the value of $R$ increases so current decreases and $V$ and $I$ are not proportional.

## Ohmic and Non ohmic devices

Ohmic: obeys ohm's law (e.g. most of metals like nichrome, copper, silver etc.)
Non-Ohmic: do not obey ohm's law (semiconductor diodes, filament bulbs)


## Cells in Series

In series circuit current remains the same and total voltage is sum of individual voltages of cells in series.
$\mathrm{V}=\mathrm{V}_{1}+\mathrm{V}_{2}+\mathrm{V}_{3}+$ $\qquad$
$I=I_{1}=I_{2}=I_{3}=$ $\qquad$
Current value does not exceed that of the single cell (or lowest value). This combination is used when higher voltages are required.


## Cells in Parallel

Voltage is parallel circuit remains the same and total current is sum of individual currents
$\mathrm{V}=\mathrm{V}_{1}=\mathrm{V}_{2}=\mathrm{V}_{3}=$. $\qquad$ $I=I_{1}+I_{2}+I_{3}+\ldots \ldots$.

This combination is used when increased currents are required.

Each cell is supplying energy at half the rate the resistor is using the energy.


Batteries remain long lasting.

## Both combinations:

used in radio and television receivers.


