

6.002

CIRCUITS AND  
ELECTRONICS

Introduction and Lumped Circuit Abstraction

# ADMINISTRIVIA

- ☠ Lecturer: Prof. Anant Agarwal
- Textbook: Agarwal and Lang (A&L)
- Readings are important!  
Handout no. 3
- Assignments —  
Homework exercises  
Labs  
Quizzes  
Final exam

- Two homework assignments can be missed (except HW11).

- Collaboration policy

Homework

You may collaborate with others, but do your own write-up.

Lab

You may work in a team of two, but do you own write-up.

- Info handout

- Reading for today —  
Chapter 1 of the book

# What is engineering?

Purposeful use of science

# What is 6.002 about?

Gainful employment of  
Maxwell's equations

From electrons to digital gates  
and op-amps

## Nature as observed in experiments

$V$	3	6	9	12	...
$I$	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	...

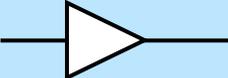
## Physics laws or "abstractions"

- Maxwell's
  - Ohm's  $V = R I$
- abstraction for tables of data

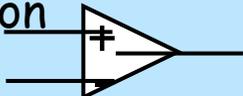
## Lumped circuit abstraction



## Simple amplifier abstraction



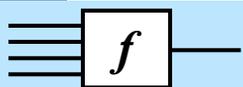
## Operational amplifier abstraction



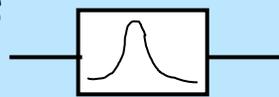
## Digital abstraction



## Combinational logic



## Filters



## Clocked digital abstraction



## Analog system components:

Modulators,  
oscillators,  
RF amps,  
power supplies 6.061

## Instruction set abstraction

Pentium, MIPS 6.004

Programming languages  
Java, C++, Matlab 6.001

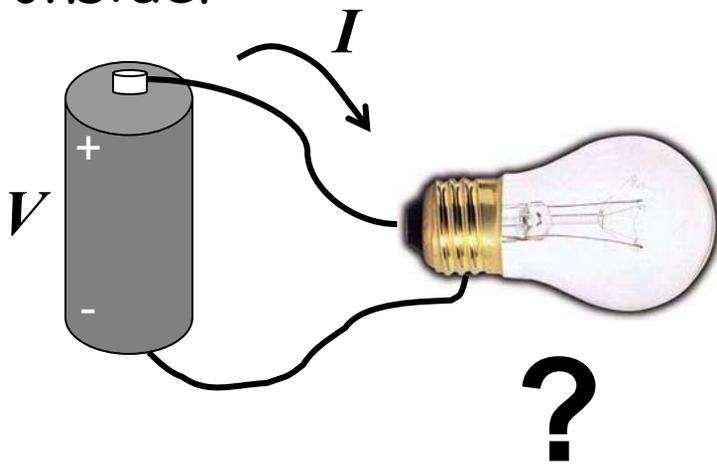
Software systems 6.033

Operating systems, Browsers

Mice, toasters, sonar, stereos, doom, space shuttle  
6.455 6.170

# Lumped Circuit Abstraction

Consider



The Big Jump  
from physics  
to EECS

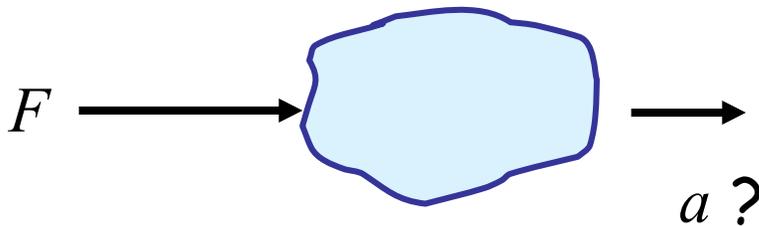
Suppose we wish to answer this question:  
What is the current through the bulb?



# *Instead, there is an Easy Way...*

First, let us build some insight:

Analogy



I ask you: What is the acceleration?

You quickly ask me: What is the mass?

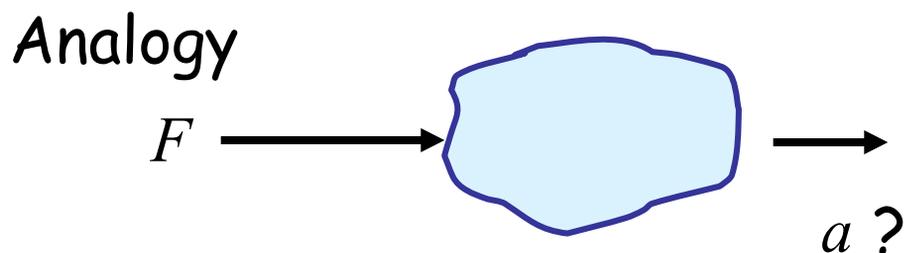
I tell you:  $m$

You respond:  $a = \frac{F}{m}$

Done!!!

## *Instead, there is an Easy Way...*

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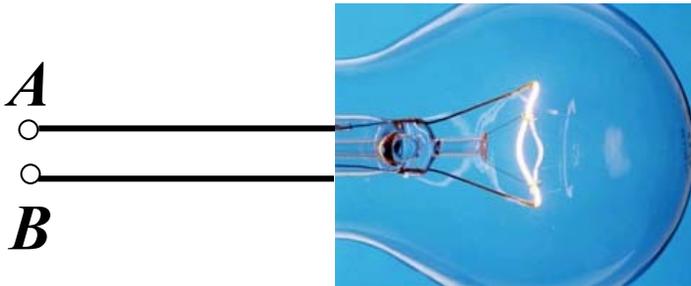
In doing so, you ignored

- the object's shape
- its temperature
- its color
- point of force application

→ Point-mass discretization

# *The Easy Way...*

Consider the filament of the light bulb.



We do not care about

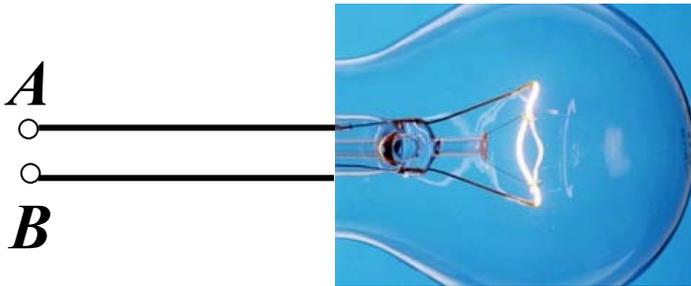
- how current flows inside the filament
- its temperature, shape, orientation, etc.

Then, we can replace the bulb with a

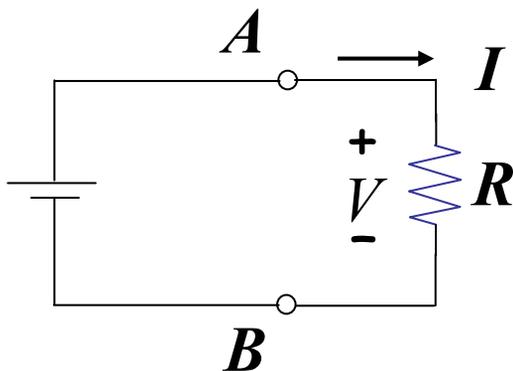
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for the purpose of calculating the current.

# The Easy Way...



Replace the bulb with a  
*discrete resistor*  
for the purpose of calculating the current.

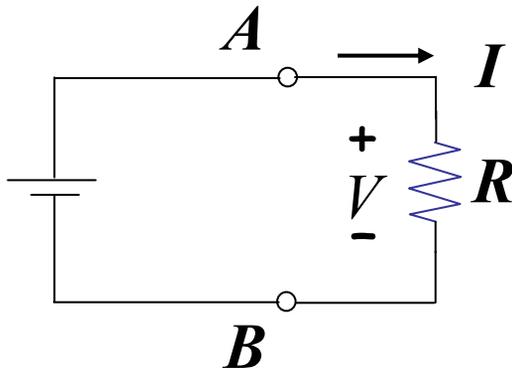


and  $I = \frac{V}{R}$

In EE, we do things  
the easy way...

$R$  represents the only property of interest!  
Like with point-mass: replace objects  
with their mass  $m$  to find  $a = \frac{F}{m}$

# The Easy Way...



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In EE, we do things the easy way...

$R$  represents the only property of interest!

$R$  relates element  $v$  and  $i$

$I = \frac{V}{R}$  called element  $v$ - $i$  relationship

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*R* is a lumped element abstraction  
for the bulb.

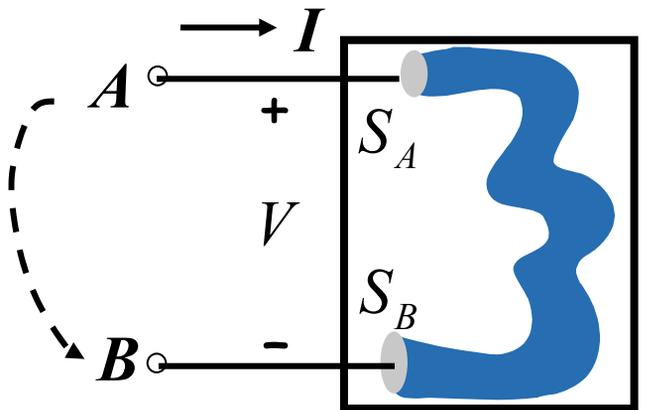
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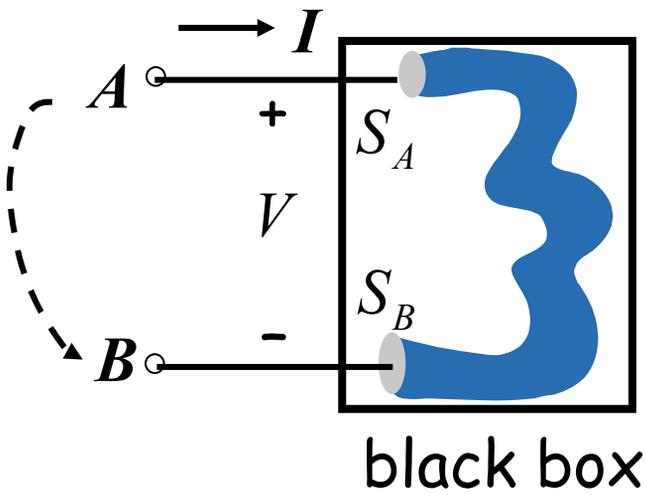
Not so fast, though ...



black box

Although we will take the easy way using lumped abstractions for the rest of this course, we must make sure (at least the first time) that our abstraction is reasonable. In this case, ensuring that  $V$   $I$

are defined  
for the element



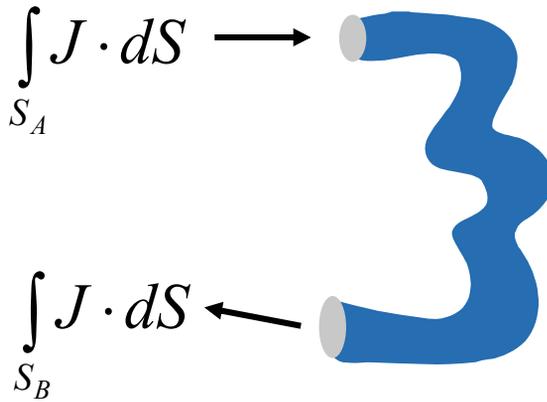
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must be defined  
for the element

**I** must be defined. True when

$$I \text{ into } S_A = I \text{ out of } S_B$$

True only when  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = 0$  in the filament!



$$\int_{S_A} J \cdot dS - \int_{S_B} J \cdot dS = \frac{\partial q}{\partial t}$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $I_A$   $I_B$

from  
Maxwell

$$I_A = I_B \text{ only if } \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = 0$$

So let's assume this

$\boxed{V}$  Must also be defined.

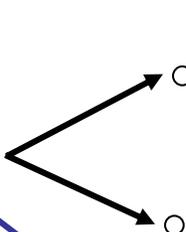
see  
A & L

So let's assume this too

$V_{AB}$  defined when  $\frac{\partial \phi_B}{\partial t} = 0$

So  $V_{AB} = \int_{AB} E \cdot dl$  outside elements

## Lumped Matter Discipline (LMD) Or self imposed constraints:



- $\frac{\partial \phi_B}{\partial t} = 0$  outside
- $\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = 0$  inside elements  
bulb, wire, battery

More in  
Chapter 1  
of A & L

Lumped circuit abstraction applies when elements adhere to the lumped matter discipline.

**Demo** → Lumped element examples whose behavior is completely captured by their  $V-I$  relationship.

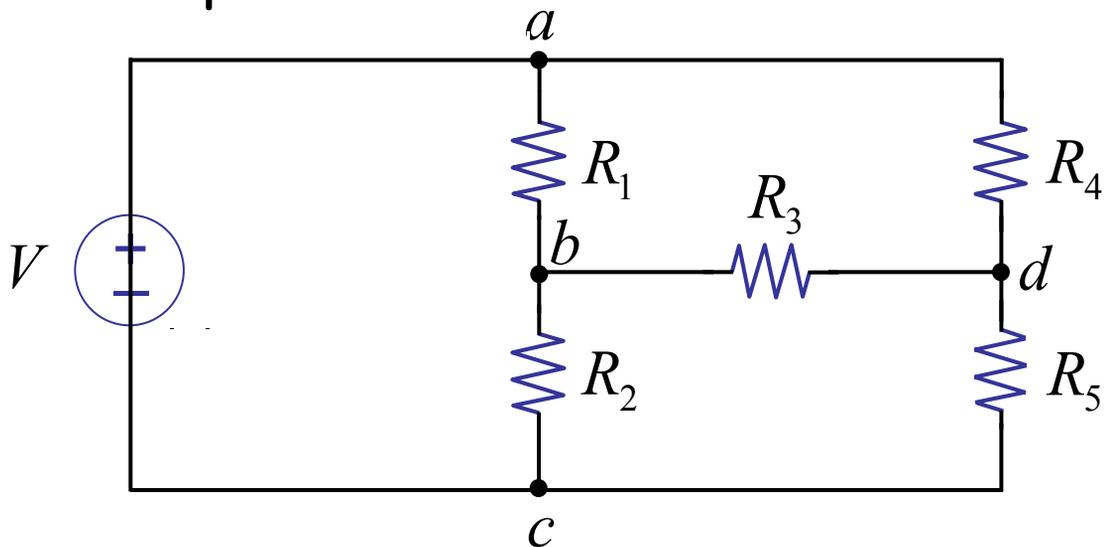
only for the sorts of questions we as EEs would like to ask!

**Demo** → Exploding resistor demo  
→ can't predict that!  
Pickle demo  
→ can't predict light, smell

## So, what does this buy us?

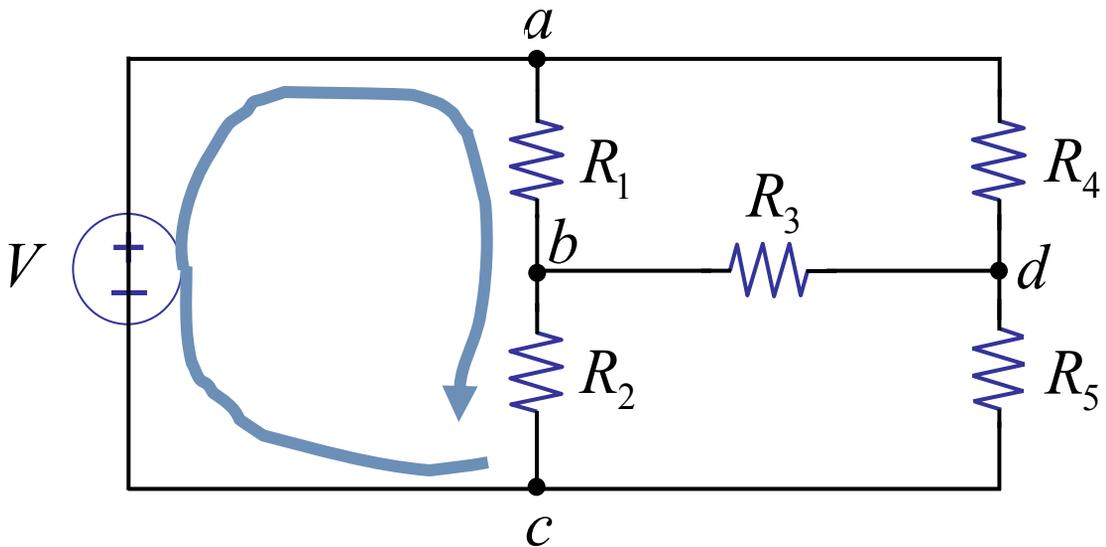
Replace the differential equations with simple algebra using lumped circuit abstraction (LCA).

For example —



What can we say about voltages in a loop under the lumped matter discipline?

What can we say about voltages in a loop under LMD?



$$\oint E \cdot dl = -\frac{\partial \phi_B}{\partial t} \rightarrow 0 \text{ under DMD}$$

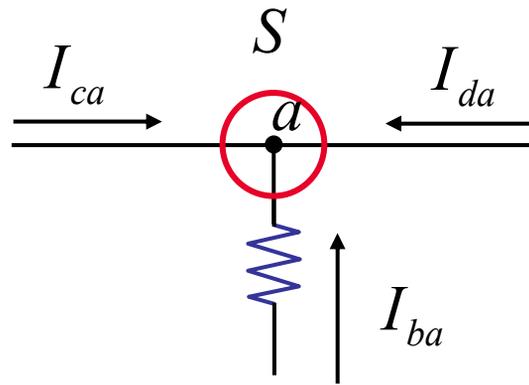
$$\Rightarrow \int_{ca} E \cdot dl + \int_{ab} E \cdot dl + \int_{bc} E \cdot dl = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow + V_{ca} + V_{ab} + V_{bc} = 0$$

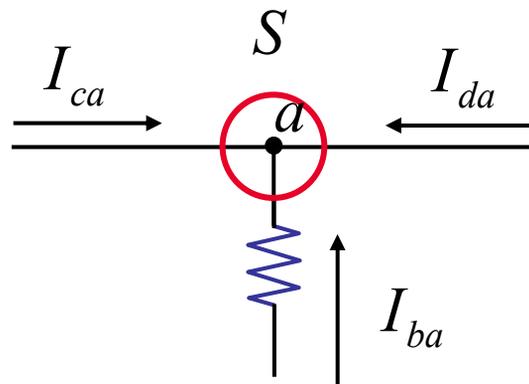
**Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL):**  
The sum of the voltages in a loop is 0.

# What can we say about currents?

Consider



# What can we say about currents?



$$\oint_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = -\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} \quad \text{under LMD} \\ 0$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{ca} + I_{da} + I_{ba} = 0$$

**Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL):**

The sum of the currents into a node is 0.

simply conservation of charge

# KVL and KCL Summary

KVL:

$$\sum_j v_j = 0$$

loop

KCL:

$$\sum_j i_j = 0$$

node