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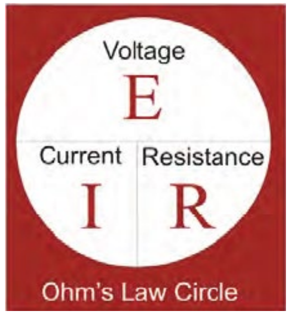

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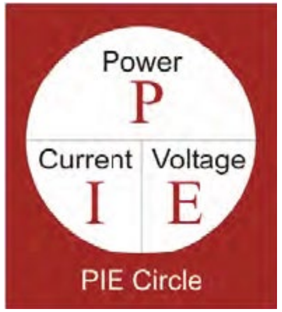

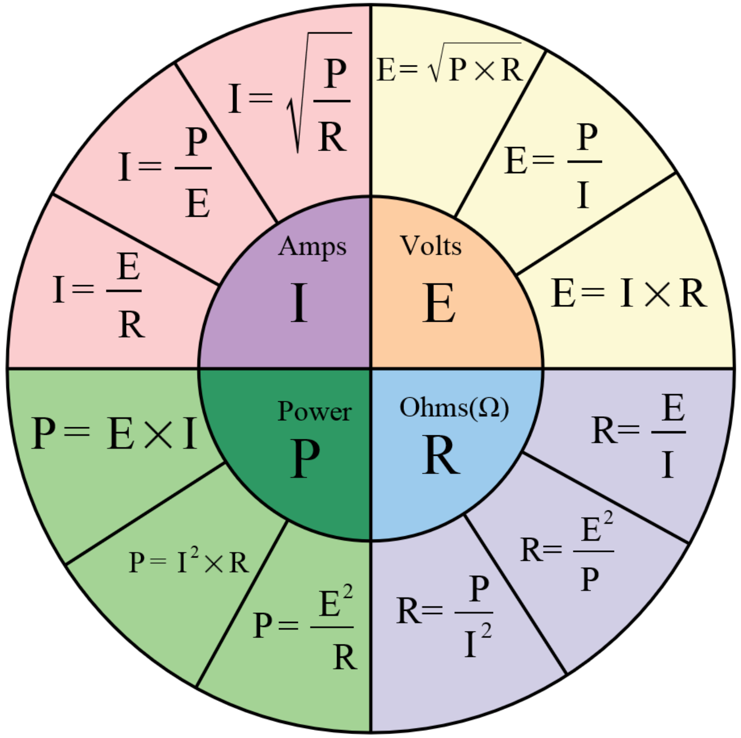

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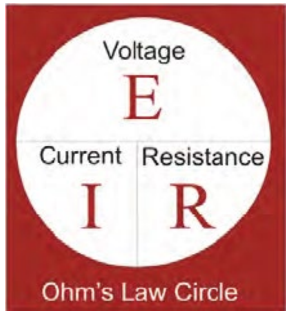

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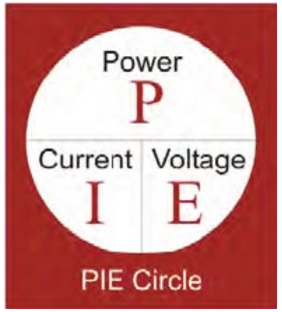

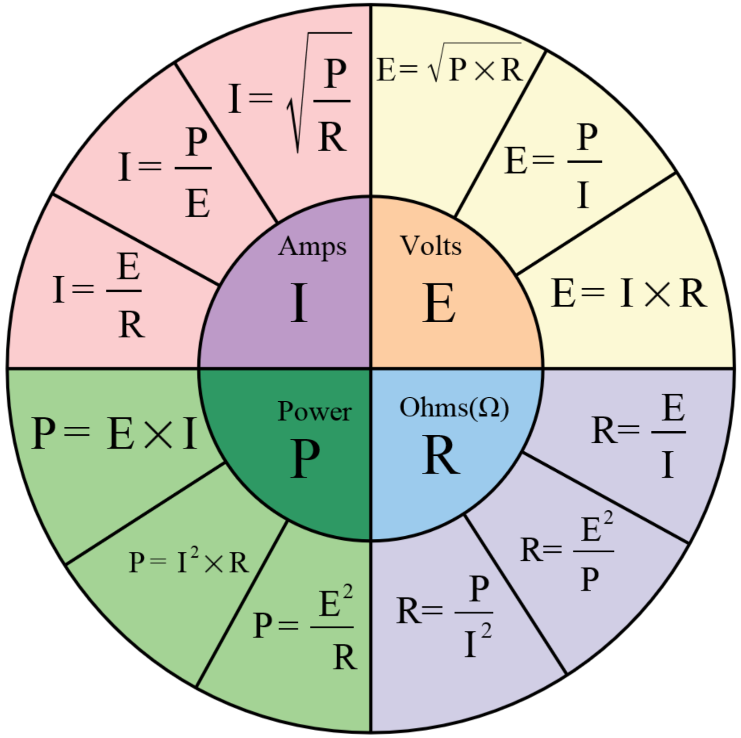

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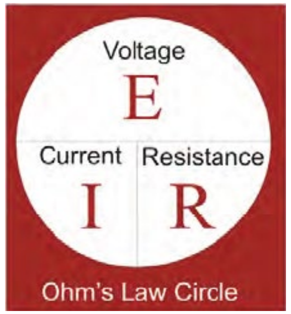

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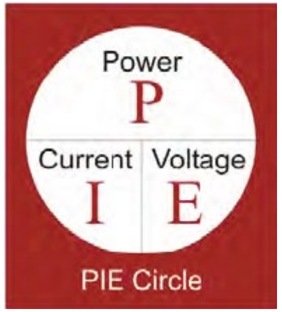

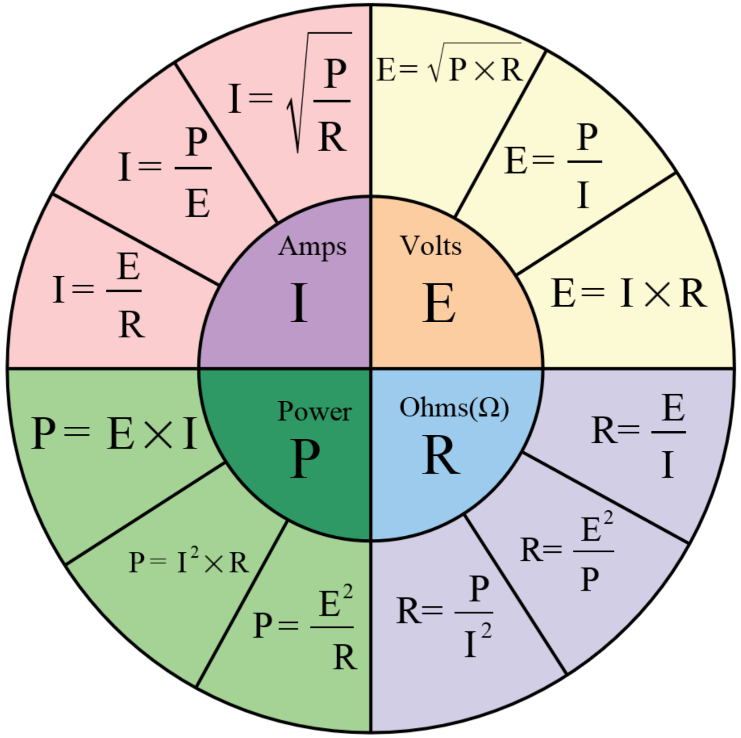

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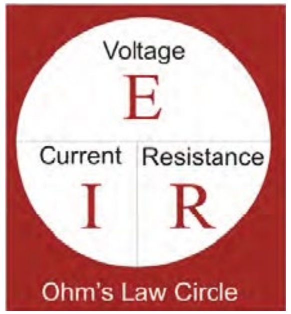

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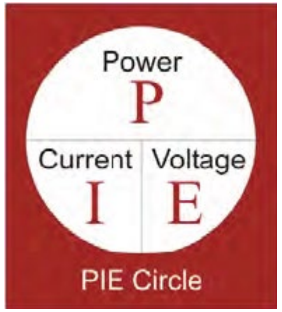

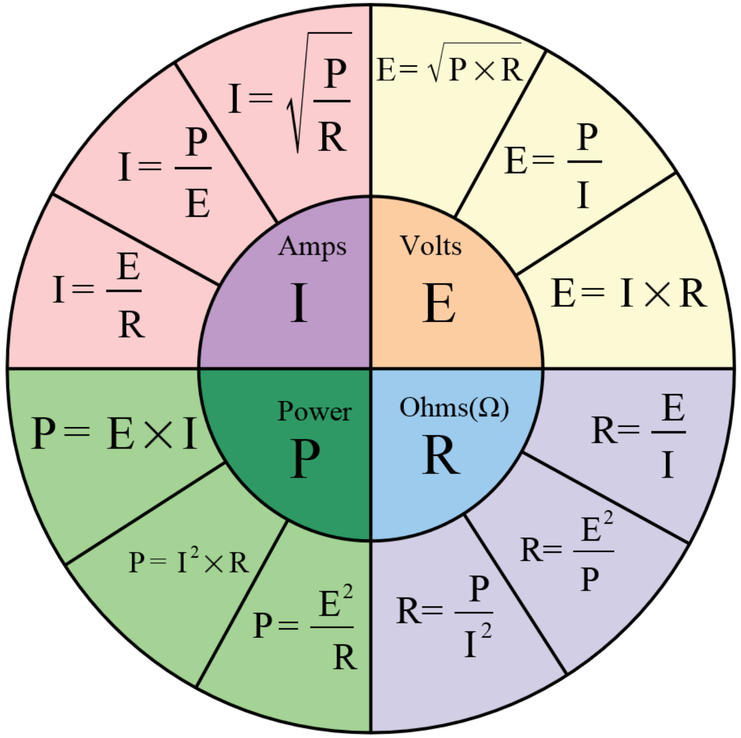

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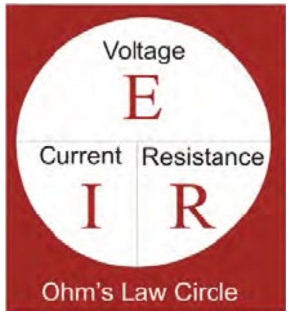

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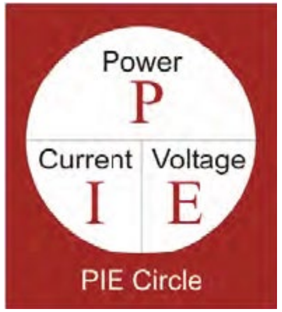

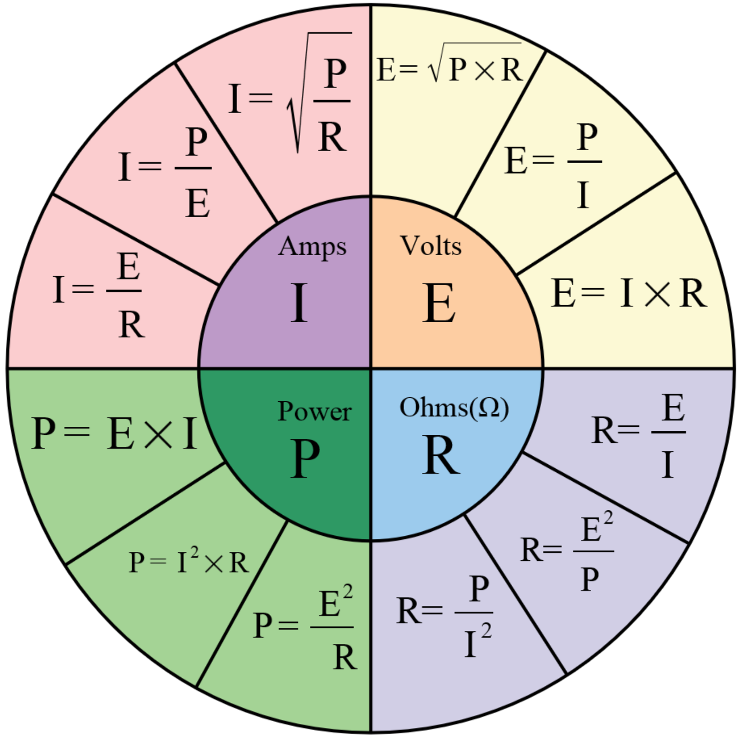

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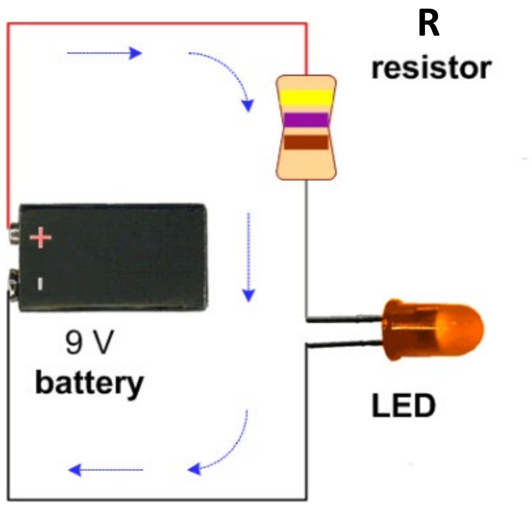

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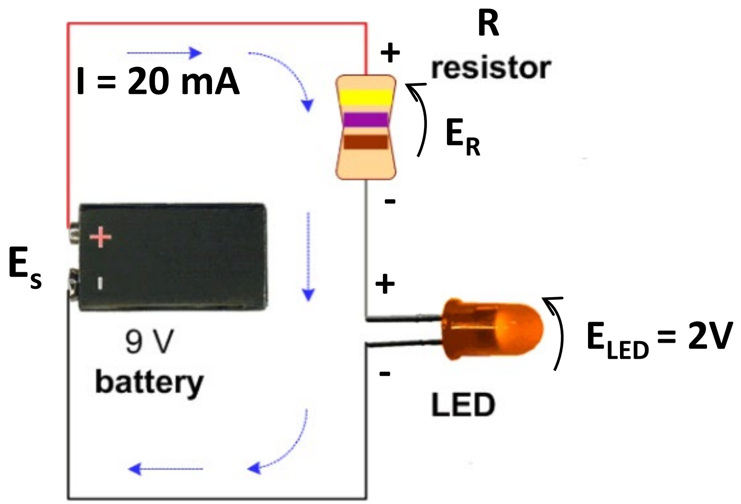

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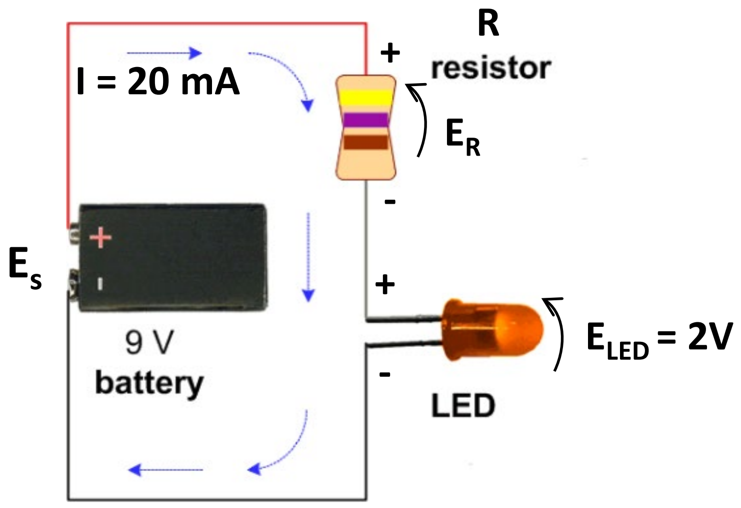


<u>From Kirchoff's Voltage Law</u> [$\Sigma V_{Loop} = 0$]

$$E_S - E_R - E_{LED} = 0$$

$$E_R = 9V - 2V = 7V$$

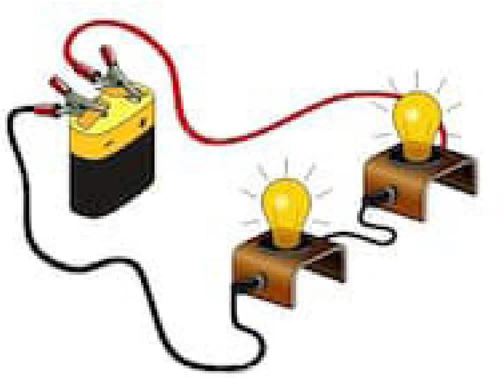
$$R = E/I = 7V/20mA = 350\ \Omega$$

m = milli = 10^{-3}

20mA = 0.02A

Example 2.

For the circuit shown each bulb is 75W and the source voltage is 120V.



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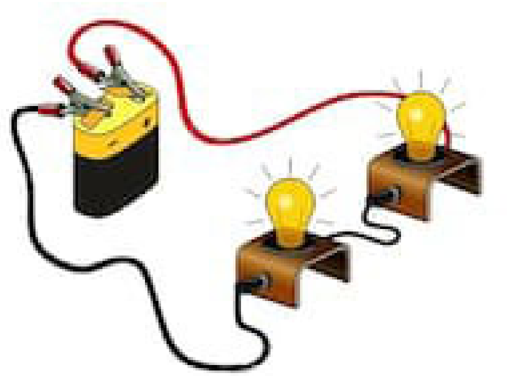
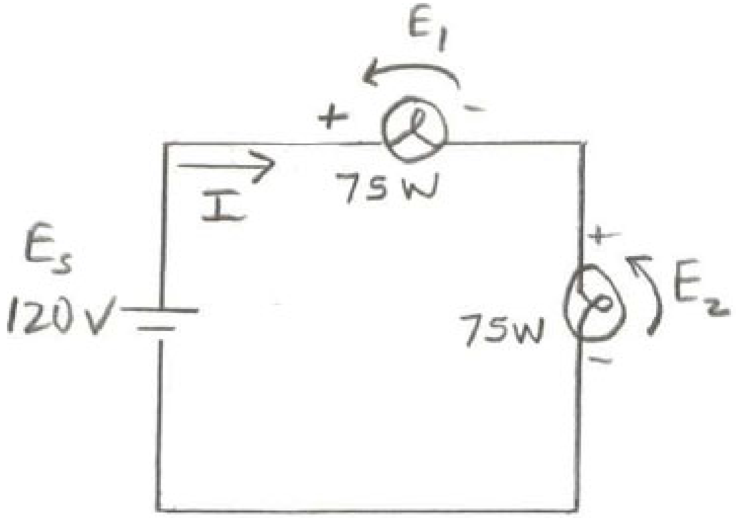


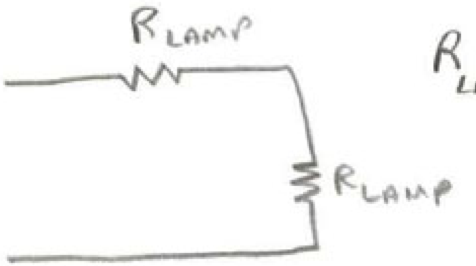


$$I = \frac{P}{E} = \frac{75W + 75W}{120V} = \frac{150W}{120V} = 1.25\,A$$

$$E_1 = \frac{P}{I} = \frac{75W}{1.25A} = 60V$$

$(\Sigma V_{LOOP} = 0)$

$$E_2 = \frac{75W}{1.25A} = 60V \quad \text{or} \quad E_2 = E_S - E_1 = 120 - 60 = 60V$$



$$R_{LAMP} = \frac{E}{I} = \frac{60V}{1.25A} = 48\Omega \text{ (each Lamp)}$$

$$R_{Total} = 48\Omega + 48\Omega = 96\Omega$$

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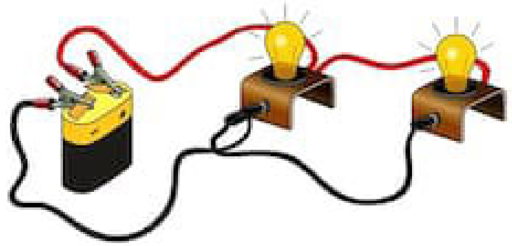

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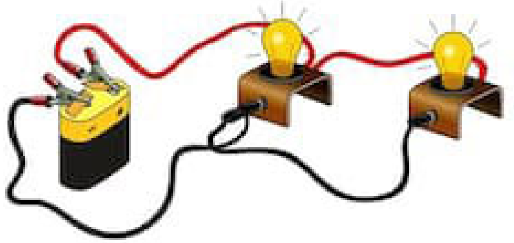

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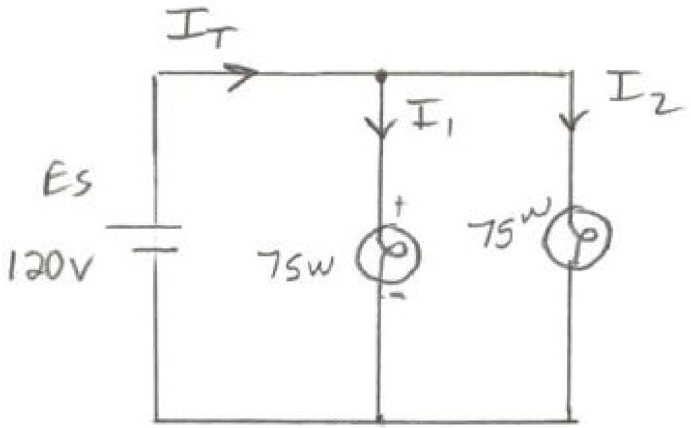
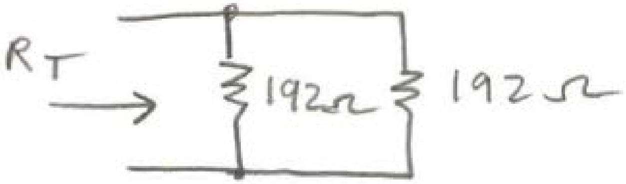


$$I_1 = \frac{P}{E} = \frac{75W}{120V} = 0.625A$$

$$I_2 = \frac{P}{E} = \frac{75W}{120V} = 0.625A$$

$$I_T = I_1 + I_2 = 0.625A + 0.625A = 1.25A$$

$$R_{LAMP} = \frac{E}{I} = \frac{120V}{0.625A} = 192\Omega \text{ (each lamp)}$$



$$R_T = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{192} + \frac{1}{192}} = \frac{192(192)}{192+192} = 96\Omega$$

Electric Power

The elements in a toaster changes electrical energy into ___Heat___ energy.

An electric mixer changes electrical energy into ___Mechanical___ energy.

An electric fan transforms electrical energy into ___Kinetic___ energy.

Can you think of another form of energy electricity is commonly changed into? **Light**

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Convenience Receptacles

15A, 125V
Residential

20A, 125V
Commercial

20A, 125V
Hospital

20A, 125V
GFCI
NEMA 5-20R

How are Receptacles Wired?

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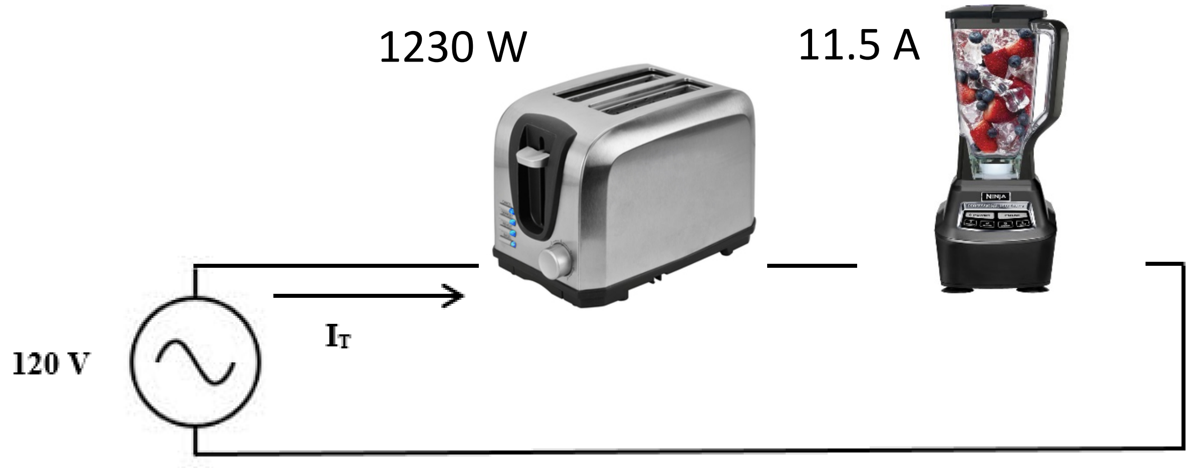

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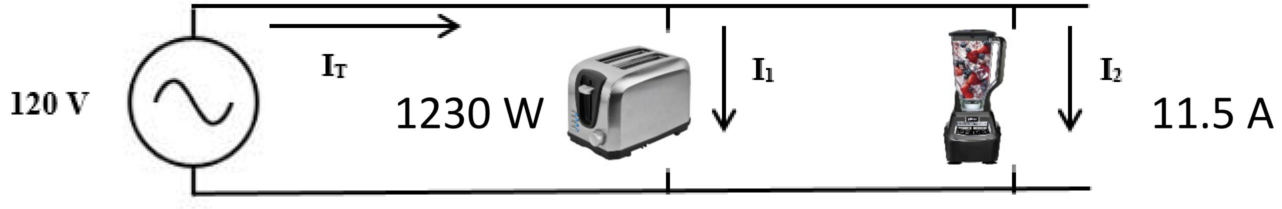

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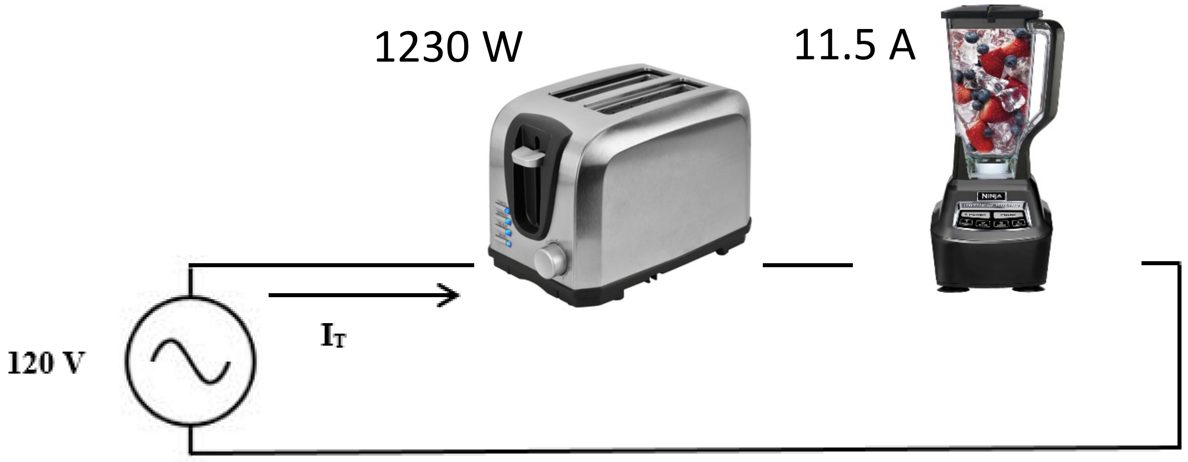

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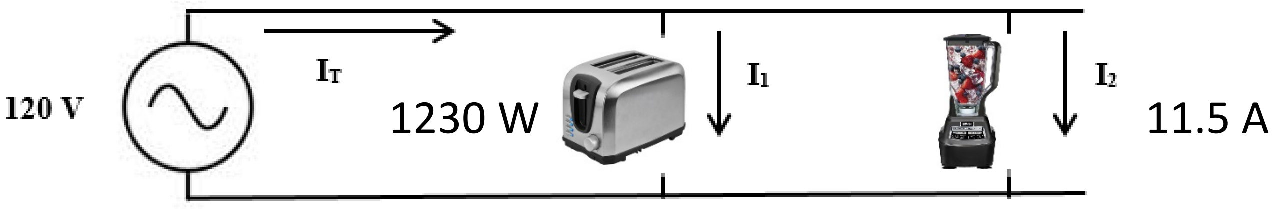

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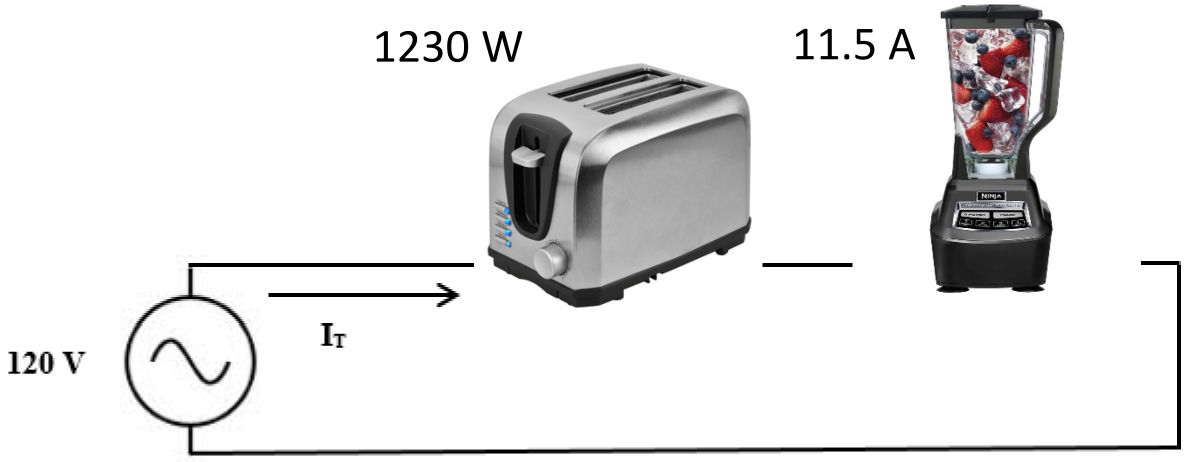

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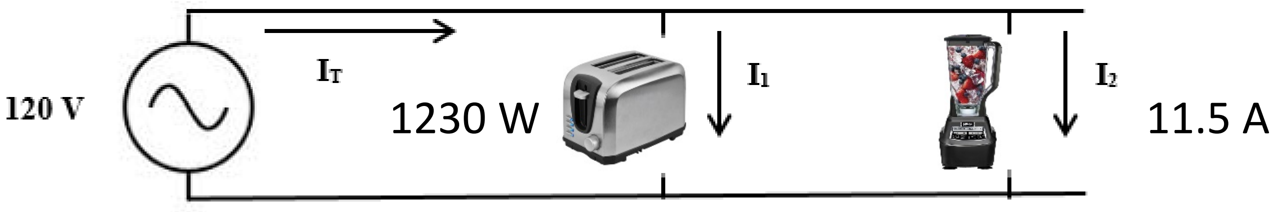

What is the current in the toaster? $I_1 = P_1 / E_1 = 1230\ W / 120\ V = 10.25\ A$

What is the power of the blender? $P = I \times E = 11.5A \times 120V = 1380\ W$

What is a UL Approved Label?

Many products must be permanently marked or labeled with specific safety-related information such as hazards, warnings, cautions, installation instructions and electrical ratings.

Where are UL Labels Typically Found?

UL labels are typically used in electronic applications, including household appliances and other consumer goods. Other industries that use UL labels include medical, industrial, and outdoor applications. Labels are often referred to as a nameplate.

How Much Current?

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$$I = P / E = 900\ W / 120\ V = 7.5\ A$$

How Much Power?

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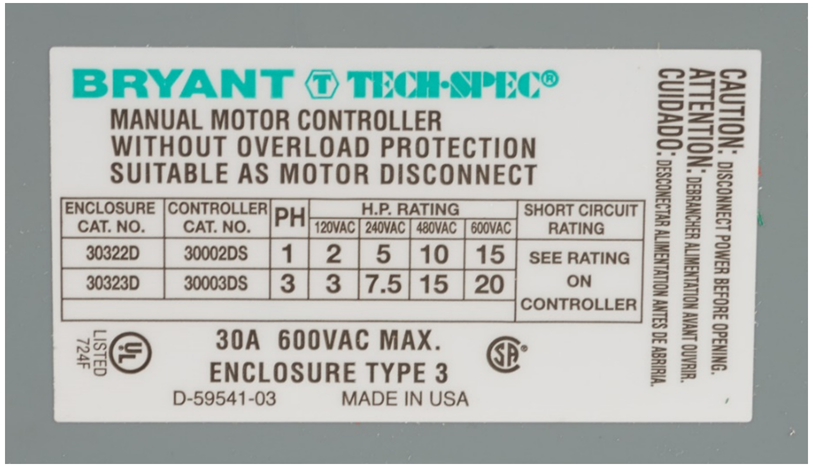
How Much Power?

$$P = I \times E = 4\text{ A} \times 120\text{ V} = 480\text{ W}$$

What is the HP of the motor?

$$HP = 480\text{ W} \times 0.001341 = 0.64\text{ HP } (< 1\text{ HP})$$

UL Nameplate



Direct Current (DC)

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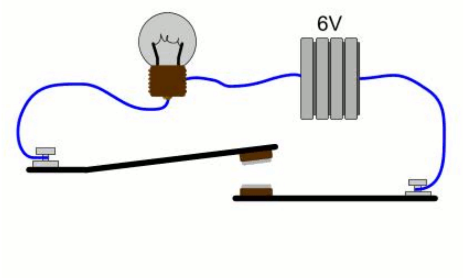


Four rules apply to DC series circuits:

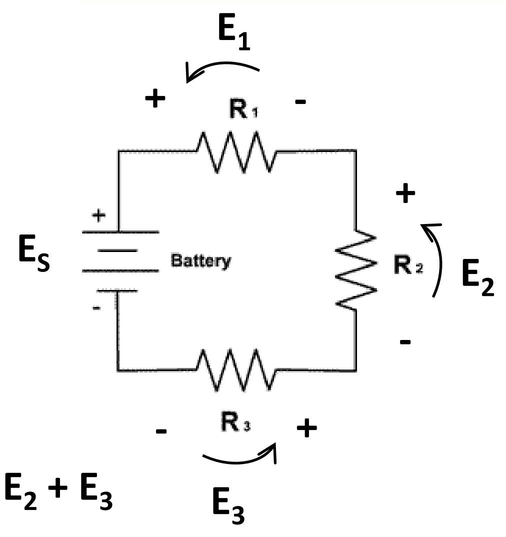
(1) The total voltage is the sum of the voltages across each load.

(2) The current is the same in all parts of the circuit.

(3) The total resistance is the sum of the individual load resistances.

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

(4) The total power is the sum of the powers used by the individual loads.



$E_S = E_1 + E_2 + E_3$

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The rules for DC parallel circuits are:

(1) The voltage across each load is the same.

(2) The total current is the sum of the currents in each load.

(3) The total resistance is always lower than the smallest load resistance. The formula for calculating total resistance (RT) is:

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

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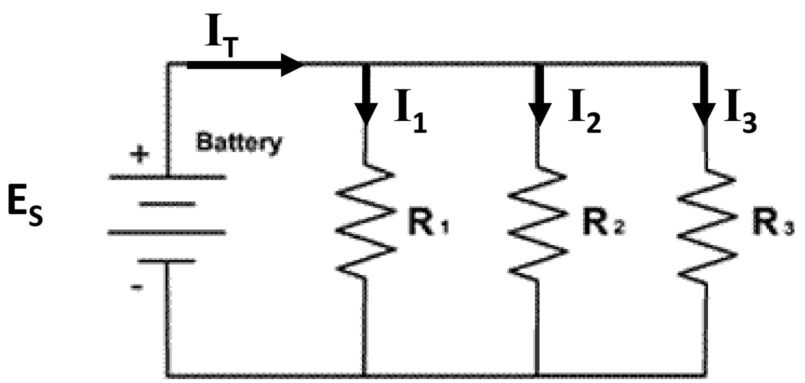

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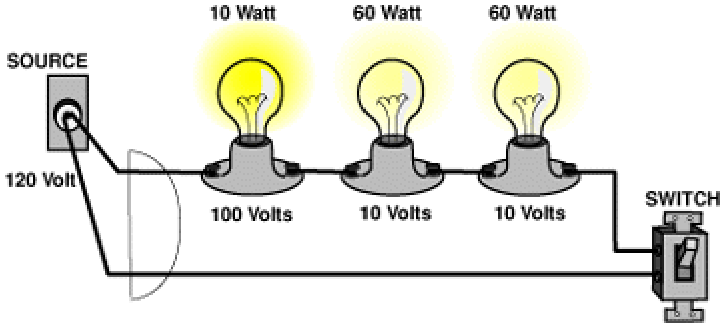

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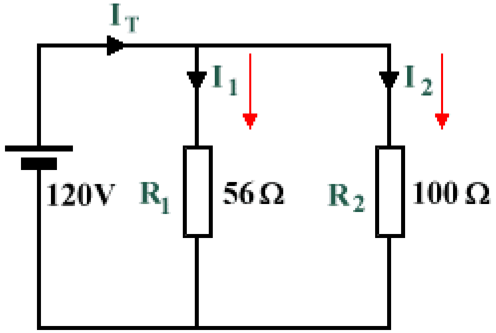

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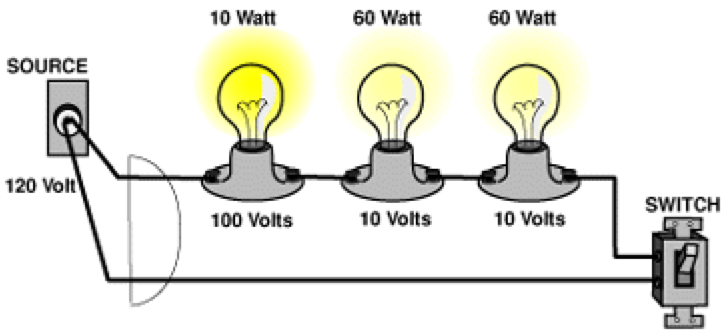

$P_T = 10W + 60W + 60W = 130W$

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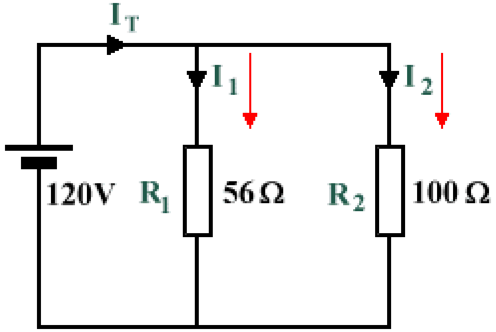

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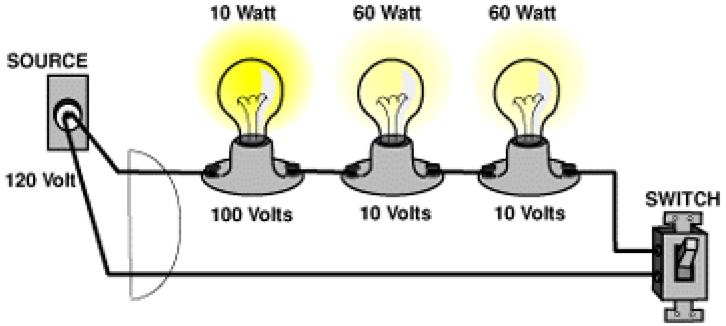

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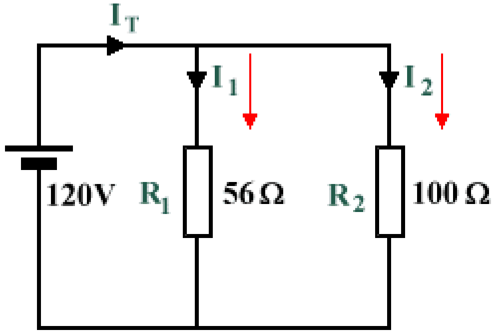


$I_1 = \frac{120V}{56\Omega} = 2.1\,A$

$I_2 = \frac{120V}{100\Omega} = 1.2\,A$

$I_T = I_1 + I_2 = 2.1A + 1.2A = 3.3A$

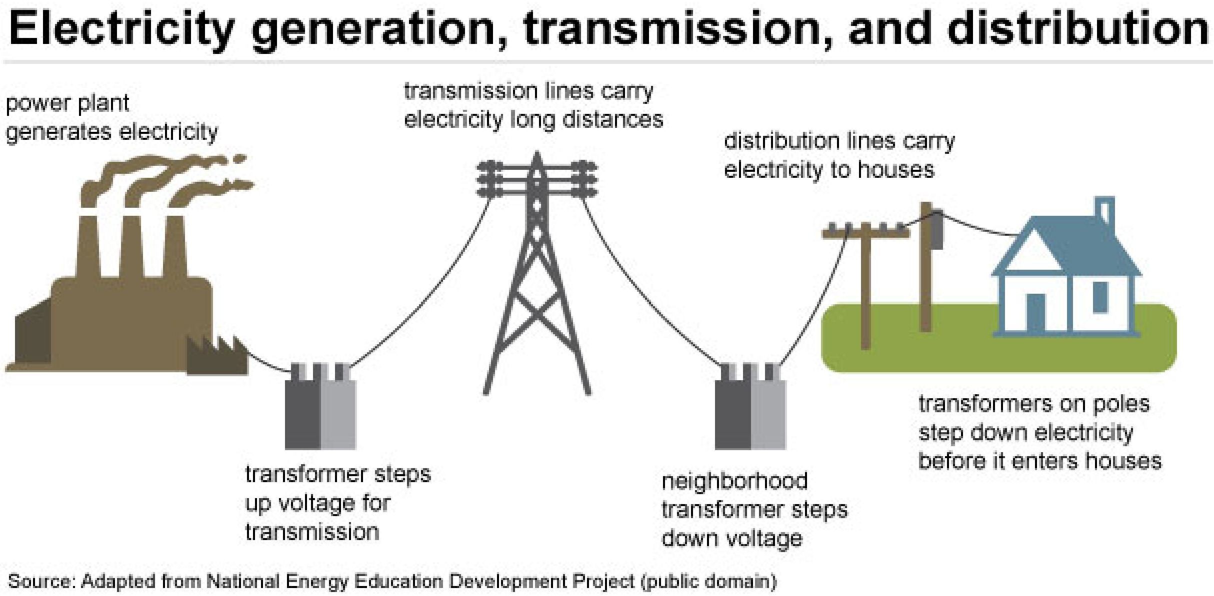
$R_T = \frac{120V}{3.3A} = 36\,\Omega$

or $R_T = \frac{56(100)}{56+100} = 36\,\Omega$

Alternating Current (AC)

Alternating current (AC) is the flow of electric charge that periodically reverses direction. If the source varies periodically, particularly sinusoidally, the circuit is known as an alternating current circuit.

Examples include the commercial and residential power supplied by the electric power grid.



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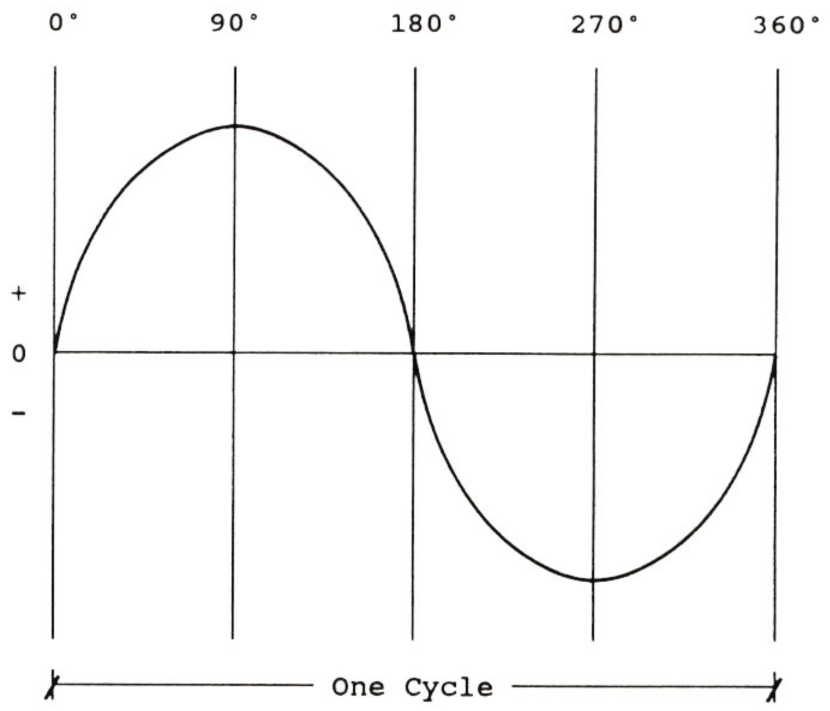
Single-Phase AC



Single-phase ac

Throughout North America, homes are powered by 120-volt single-phase electricity.

At what frequency?

At that frequency, the alternating current sine wave crosses the zero point ___________ times each second.

When either voltage or current crosses the zero point, the electrical power being delivered falls to zero. Does that matter to electronic equipment?

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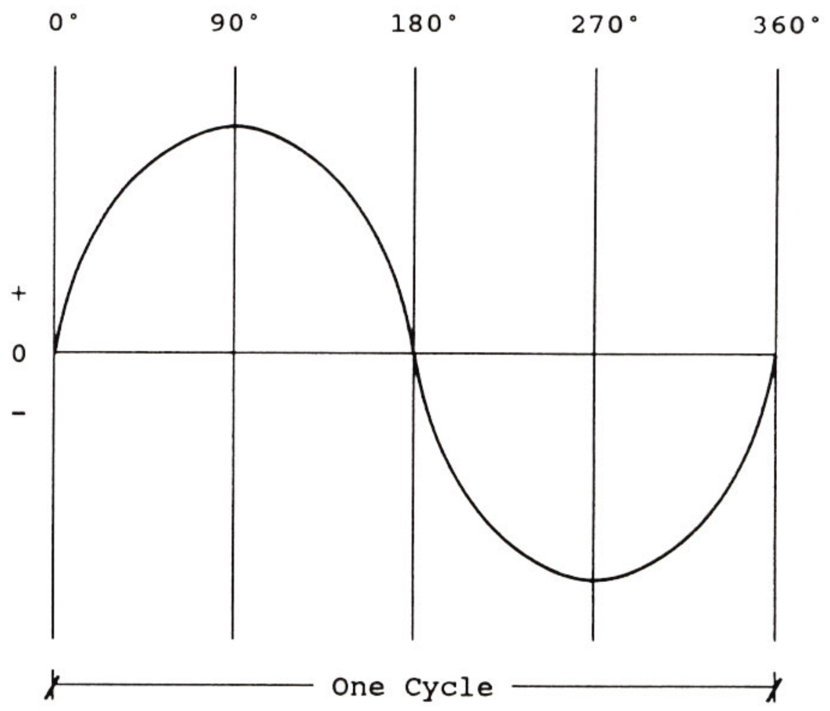

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At what frequency? **60HZ**

At that frequency, the alternating current sine wave crosses the zero point ___**120**___ times each second.

When either voltage or current crosses the zero point, the electrical power being delivered falls to zero. Does that matter to electronic equipment?

Yes. Motors

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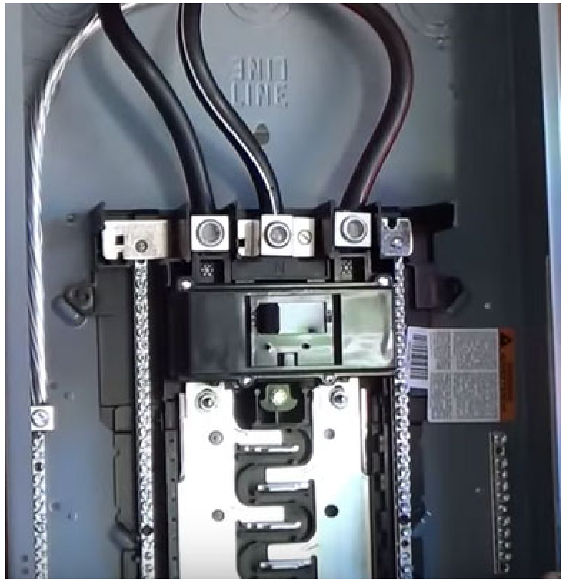

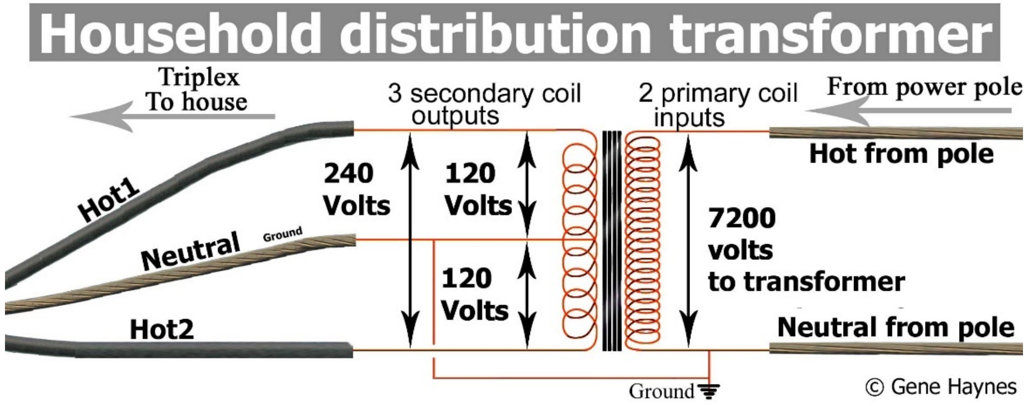

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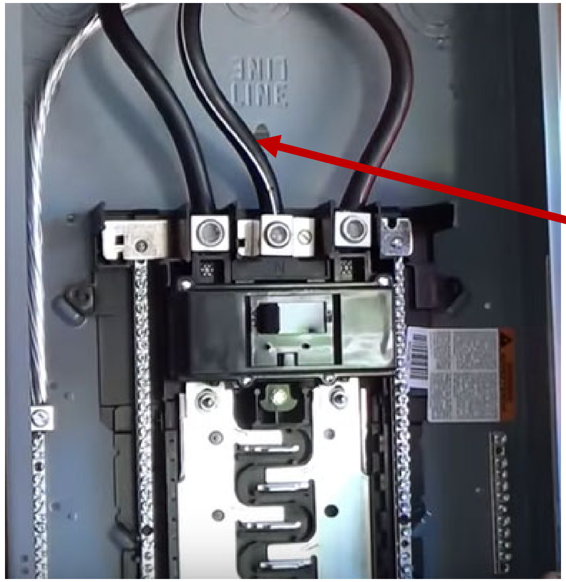

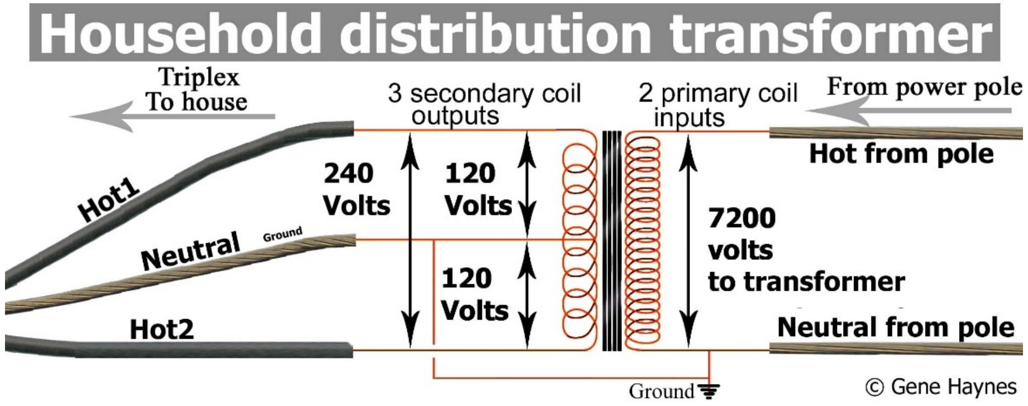

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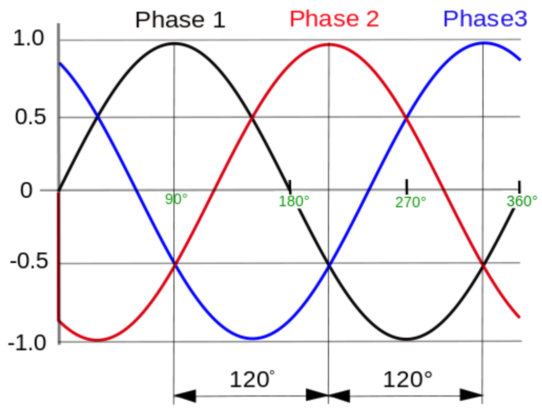
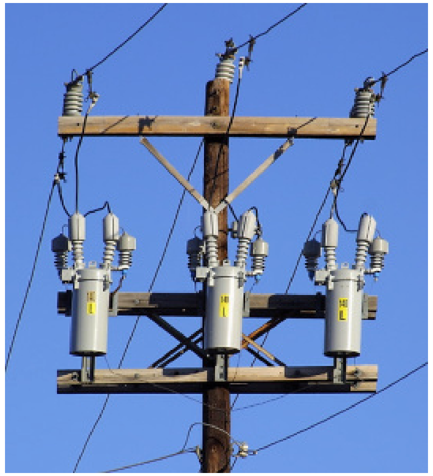
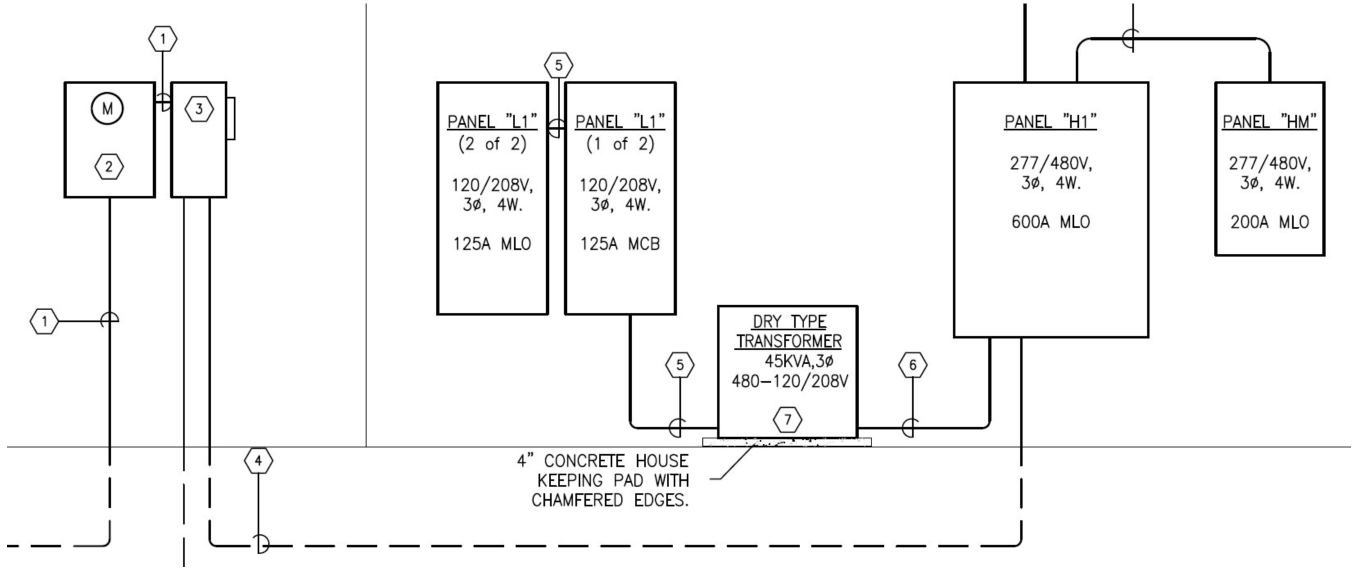




- Three-phase power consists of three sine waves separated by 120 degrees that overlap.
- This form of power is created by an AC generator with three independent windings, each exactly 120 degrees apart. Each current (phase) is carried on a separate conductor.
- Due to the phase relationship, neither voltage nor current flow applied to a load ever drops to zero.
- This means three-phase power at a given voltage can deliver more power. In fact, about 1.7 times the power of a single-phase supply $\sqrt{3} = 1.732$
- Three-phase allows for smaller, less expensive wiring and lower voltages, making it safer and less expensive to run.

Why do Commercial Buildings Use Three-Phase Power?

- Used to power large motors and other heavy loads.
- Motors perform better running on three-phase power.
- It is more efficient for larger loads, less costly to install, and the industry norm for medium to large sized facilities.
- Purchasing power at 13.8KV from the local utility is less costly. The owner will provide and maintain their own step-down transformer, which lowers the voltage to a more usable level (in the US, 480/277 volts). This transformer can be mounted on a pad outside the building or in a transformer room inside the building.



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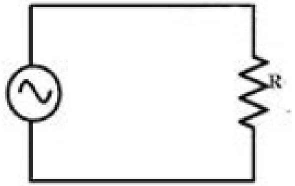
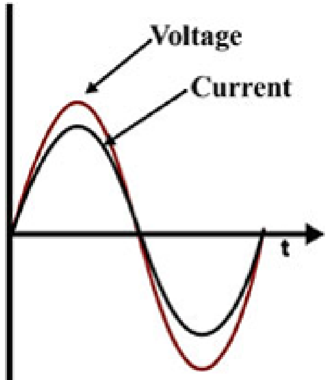
Types of Loads

Purely Resistive Load

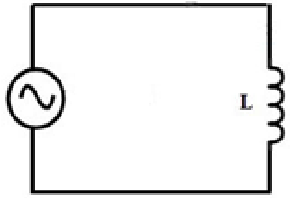


- Resistance is a measure of the opposition to current flow in an electrical circuit.
- Voltage and current sine waves are in-phase when they peak and cross the zero axis at the same time. This occurs when the AC circuit is purely resistive.



Resistive circuit
ϕ = 0, Unity Power factor

Purely Inductive Load



- Inductive reactance is associated with the magnetic field that surrounds a wire or a coil carrying a current.
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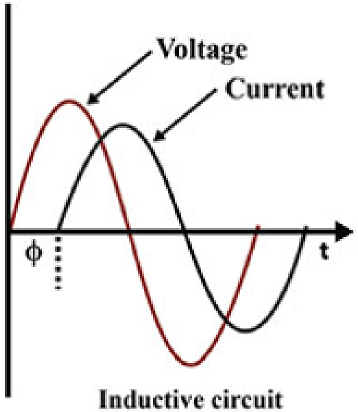
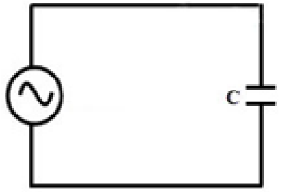
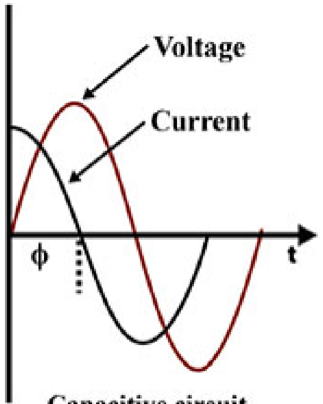


Inductive circuit
Lagging Power factor

Purely Capacitive Load



- Capacitive reactance is associated with the changing electric field between two conducting surfaces (plates) separated from each other by an insulating medium.
- The current leads voltage by 90^{o}. This is because a capacitor does not allow a sudden change in voltage.



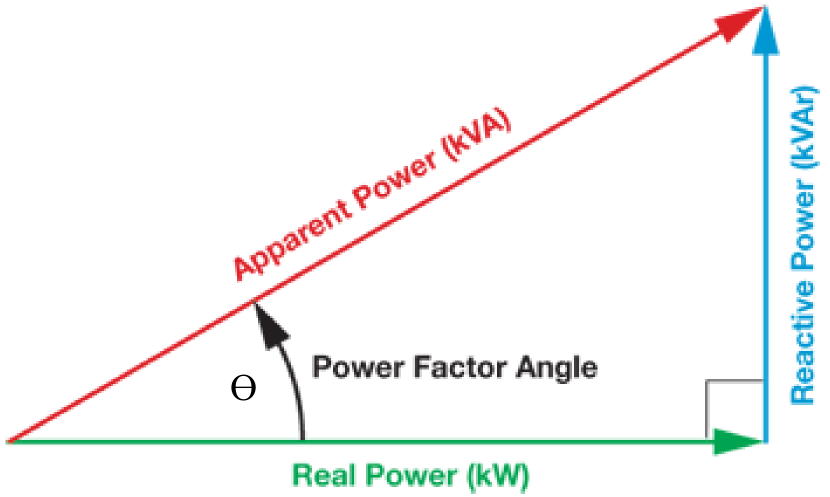
Capacitive circuit
Leading Power factor

Power Factor

- Power factor is the ratio of real power (kW) to apparent power (kVA).
- This ratio can be a value from 0 to 1, and it indicates how efficiently an AC circuit is using electricity, with a value of 1 representing high efficiency.
- In AC circuits, inductive components (capacitors, motors, compressors, etc…) increases the reactive power and increases the difference between real and apparent power.
- A greater difference between real and apparent power produces a lower power factor.

$$PF = \frac{\text{Real Power (KW)}}{\text{Apparent Power (kVA)}}$$

Cos θ = PF



kW is Working Power (also called Actual Power or Active Power or Real Power). It is the power that actually powers the equipment and performs useful work.

kVAR is Reactive Power. It is the power that magnetic equipment (transformer, motor, relay etc.) needs to produce the magnetizing flux.

kVA is Apparent Power. It is the "vectoral summation" of KVAR and KW.

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$$\text{Reactive Power (kVAR)} = \text{kW} \times \tan[\cos^{-1}(\text{PF})]$$

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$$= 2.44\ \text{kVAR}$$

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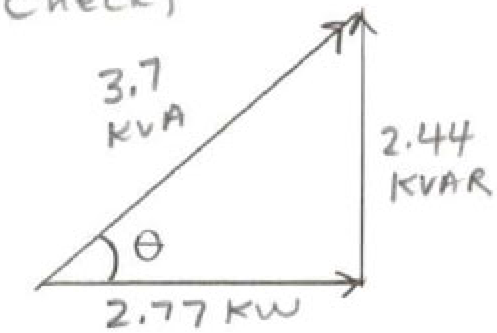

Right Triangle,

$$A^2 + B^2 = C^2$$

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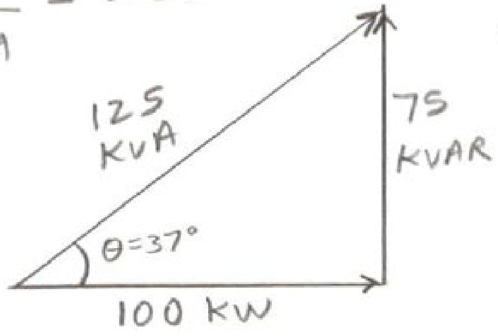

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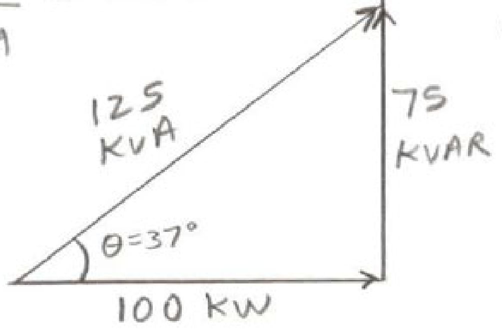

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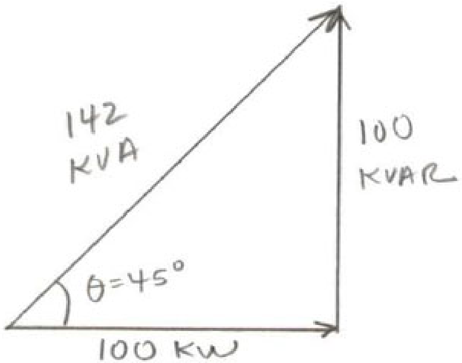

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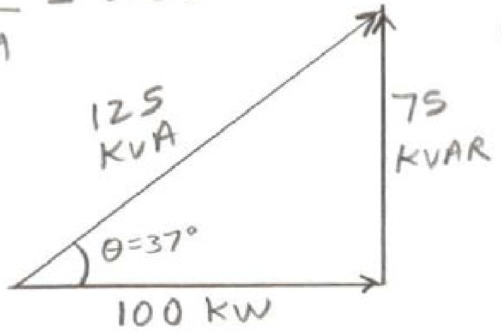

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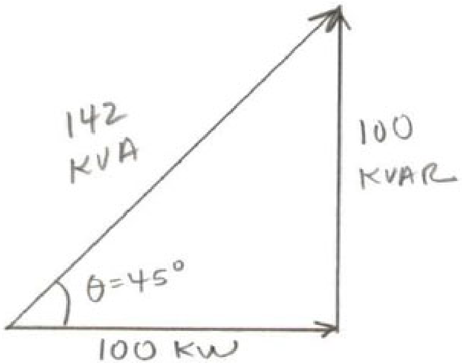

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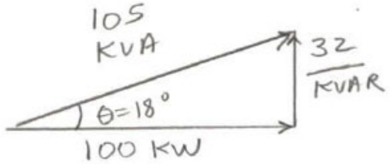
$P_{Apparent} = \frac{100\ kW}{0.95} = 105\ KVA$



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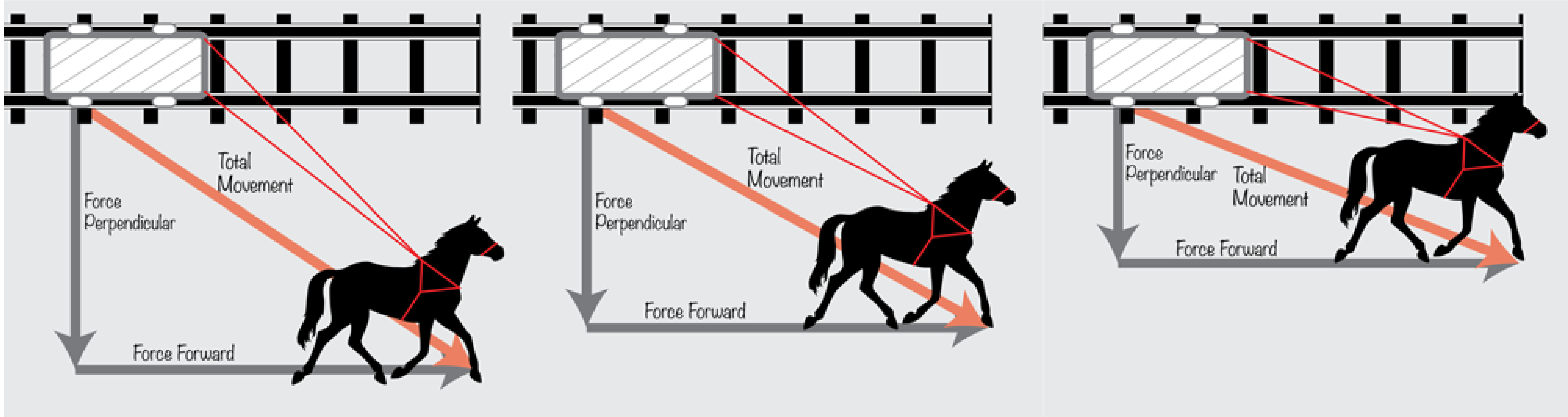

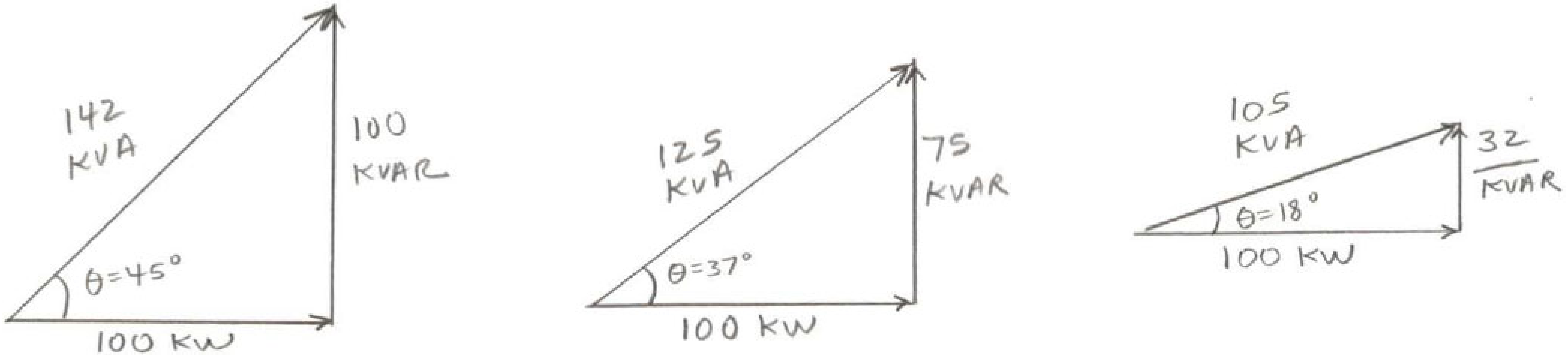

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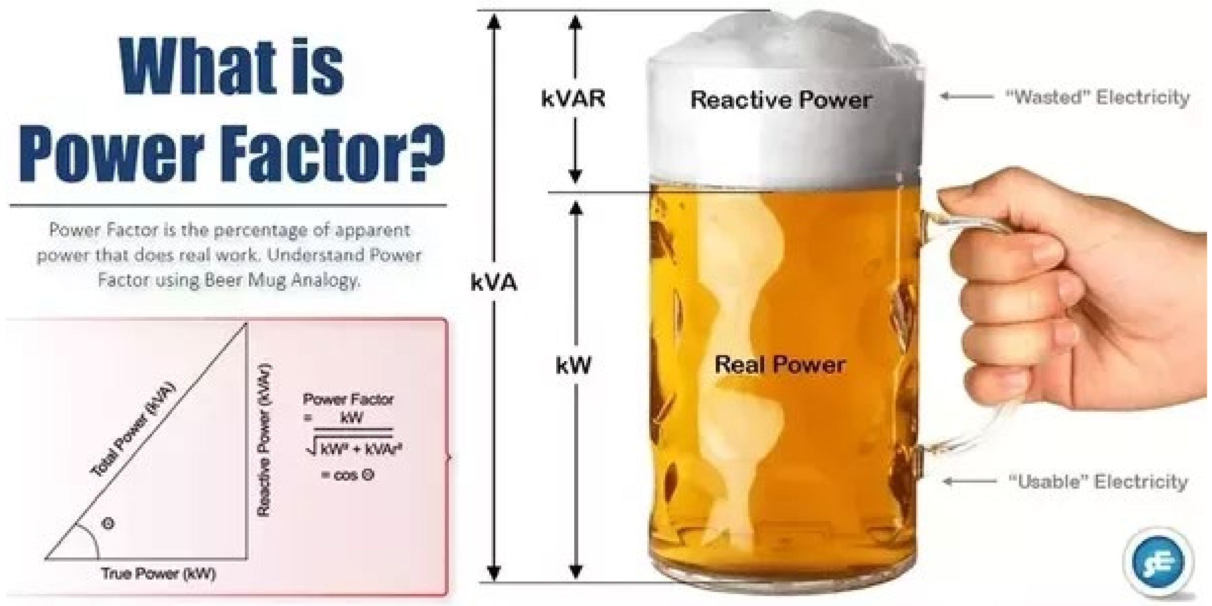
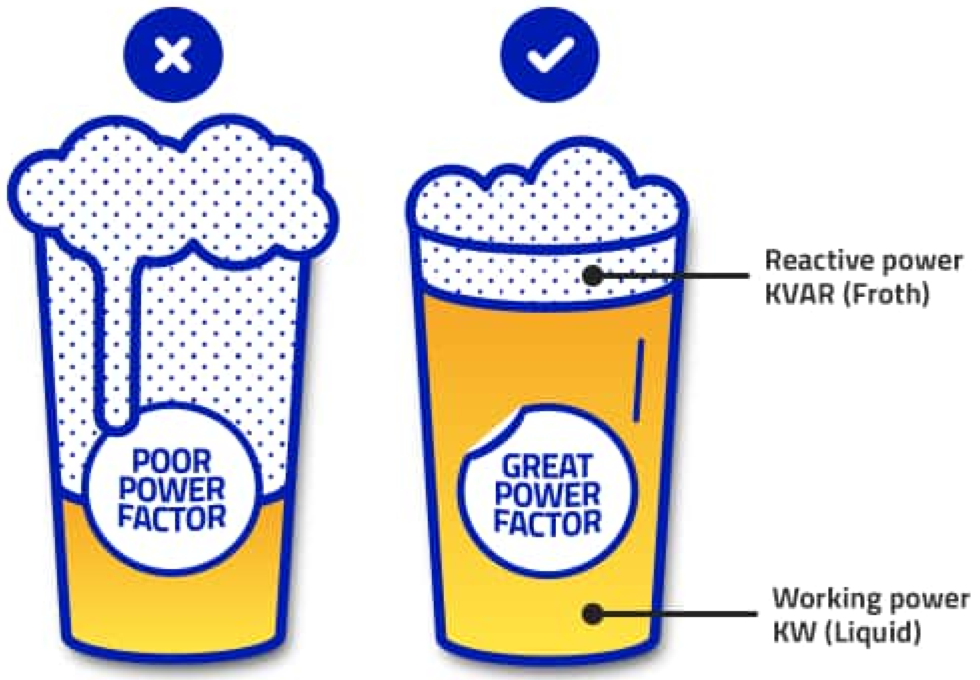
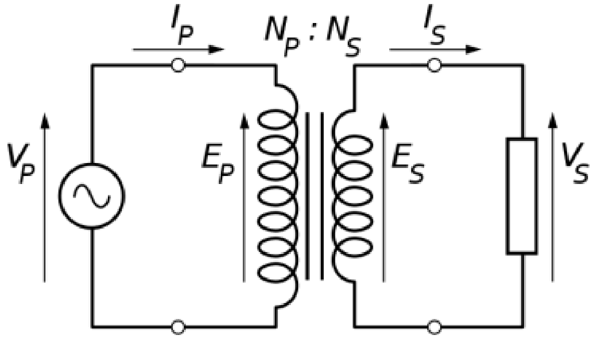


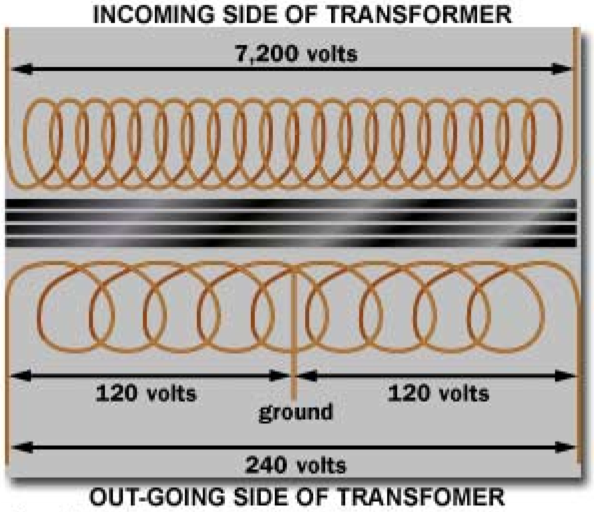


Transformers

- Transformers are electrical devices consisting of two or more coils of wire used to transfer electrical energy by means of a changing magnetic field.
- Transformers are capable of either increasing or decreasing the voltage and current levels of their supply, without modifying its frequency, or the amount of electrical power being transferred from one winding to another via the magnetic circuit.



$$\frac{V_P}{V_S} = \frac{I_S}{I_P} = \frac{N_P}{N_S}$$



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Example 6.

A transformer has 500 turns of the primary winding and 10 turns of the secondary winding.

A. Determine the secondary voltage if the secondary circuit is open and the primary voltage is 120V.
B. Determine the current in the primary and secondary winding, given that the secondary winding is connected to a resistance load 15 Ω?
C. Determine the power of the primary and the power of the secondary.
D. Is this a step-up or step-down transformer?

Solution.

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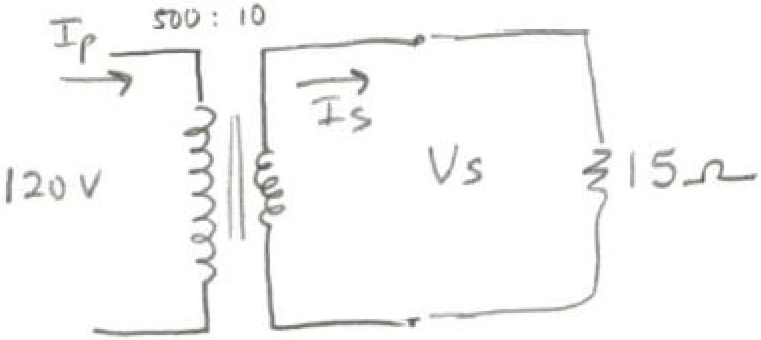


A. $E_S = \frac{N_S}{N_P} \times E_P = \frac{10}{500} \times 120V = 2.4V$

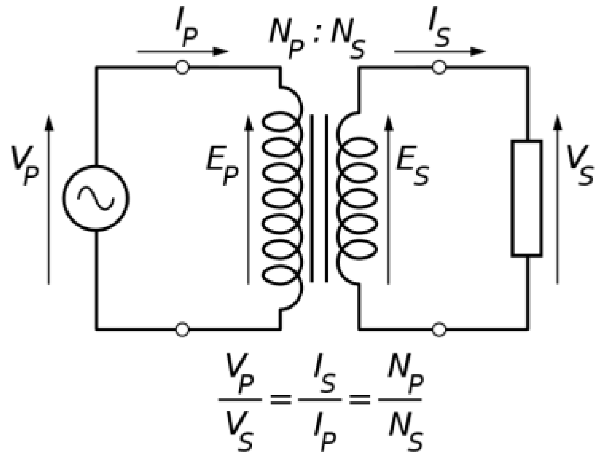
B. $I_S = \frac{E_S}{R_S} = \frac{2.4V}{15\Omega} = 0.16A$

$I_P = \frac{N_S}{N_P} I_S = \frac{10}{500}(0.16A) = 0.0032A$

C. $P_{Primary} = 0.0032A \times 120V = 0.384W$

$P_{Sec} = 0.16A \times 2.4V = 0.384W$

D. Step-Down XFMR



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