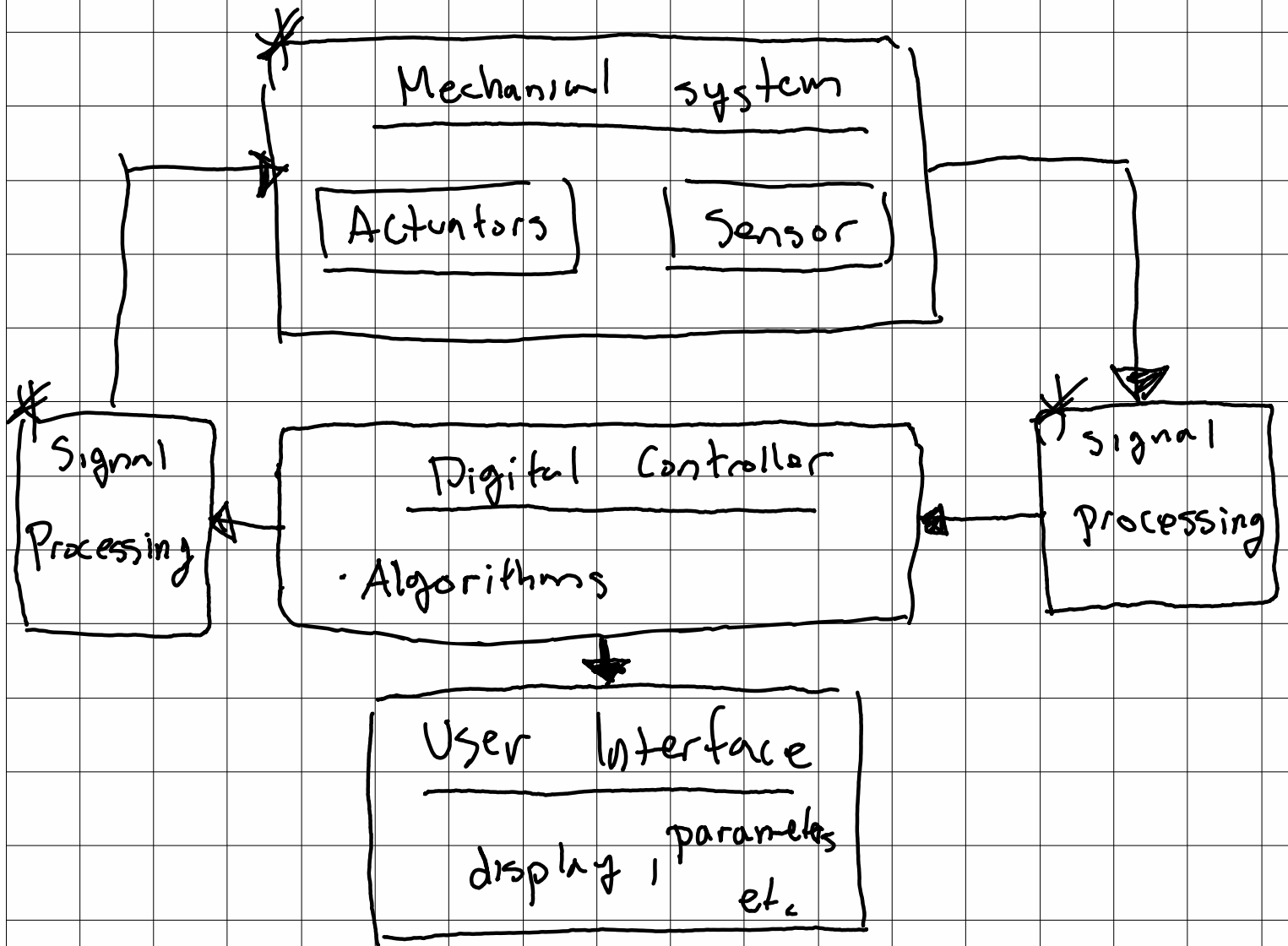


# Lecture 2

1/6/2022

last time: "What is mechatronics?"



Basic electronic components

Today:

① Basic elements of electrical systems

② Kirchhoff's Laws

③ Examples

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all mechatronic systems contain electrical circuits

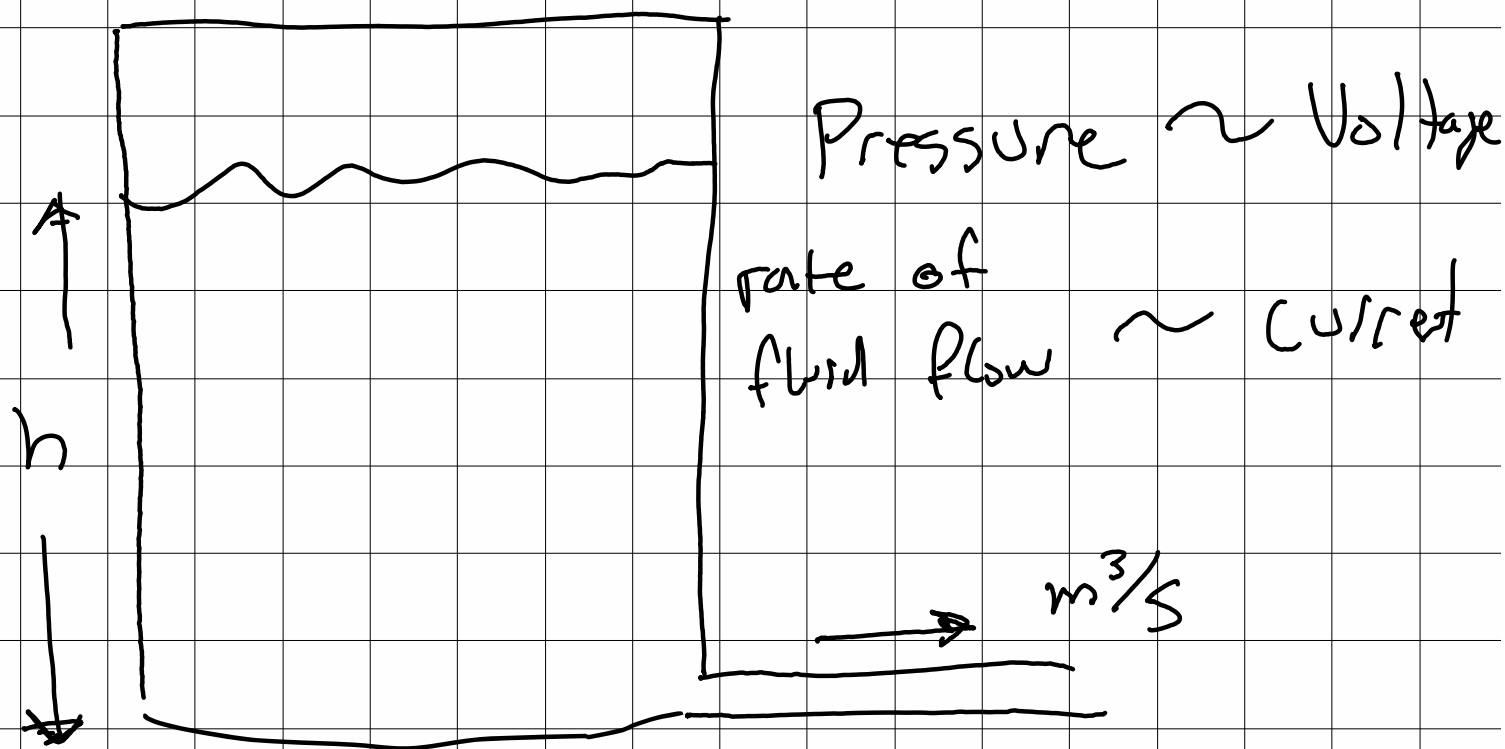
How do circuits work?

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Voltage: a measure of the electric field potential

\* analogous to potential energy in a gravitational field

Current: time rate of "flow of charge"  
→ water through a pipe.



$$I(t) = \frac{dq \rightarrow \text{charge}}{dt \rightarrow \text{time}}$$

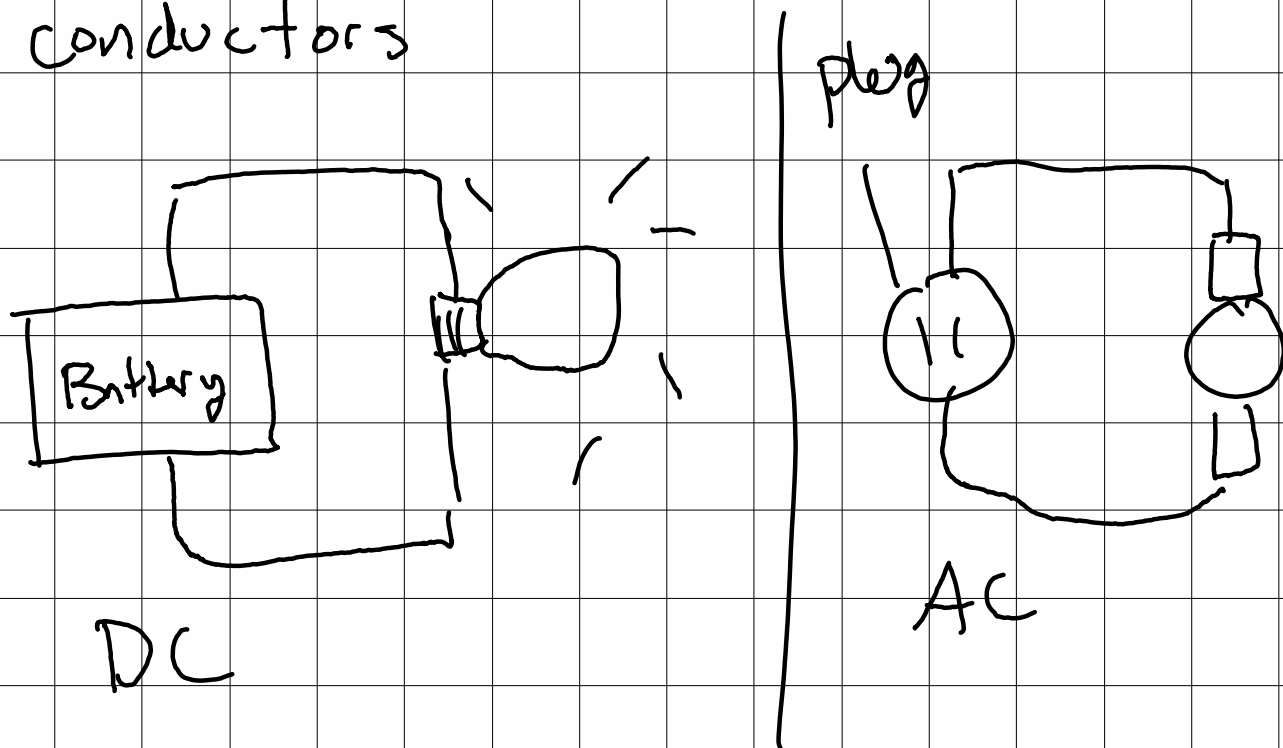
Ampères (A)

\* Charge is from negatively charged electrons

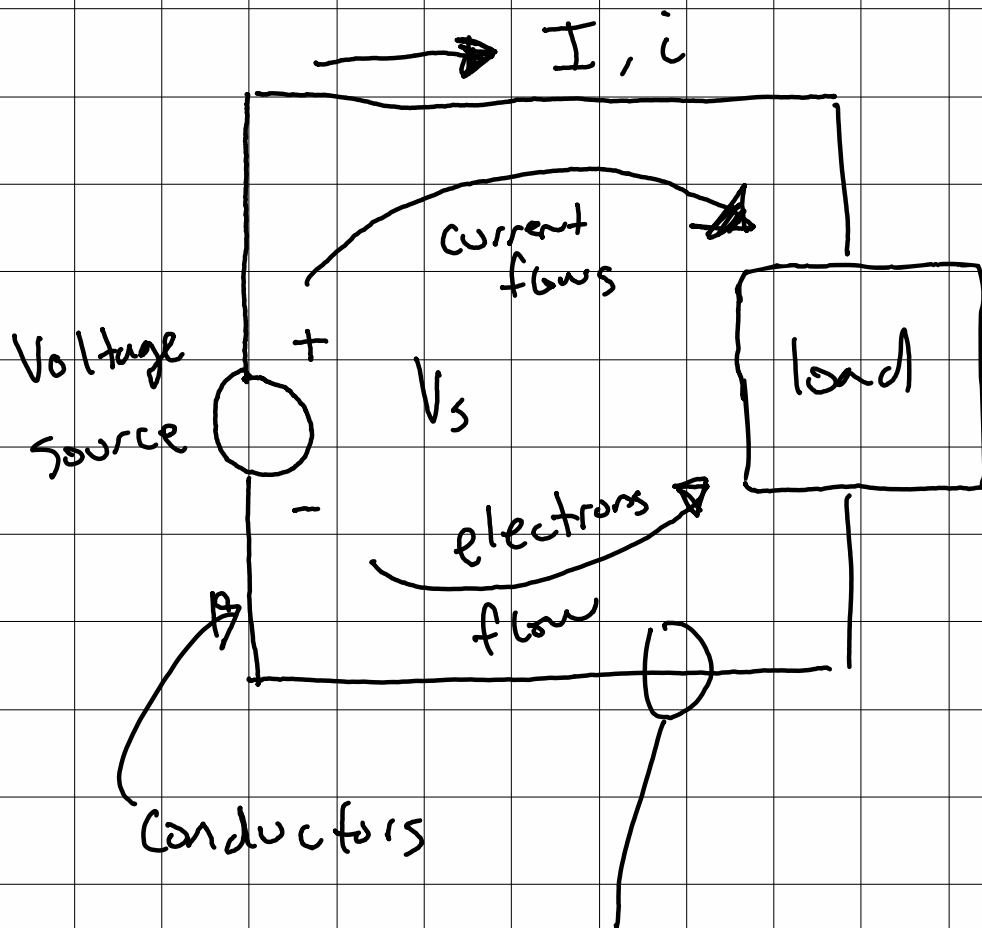
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} V = \text{constant} \\ I = \text{constant} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{DC} \\ \text{direct current} \end{array}$$

$$\text{if } \left. \begin{array}{l} V = f_1(t) \\ I = f_2(t) \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{AC} \\ \text{alternating current.} \end{array}$$

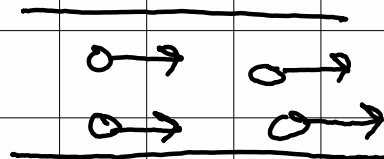
Electrical circuit: closed loop of conductors



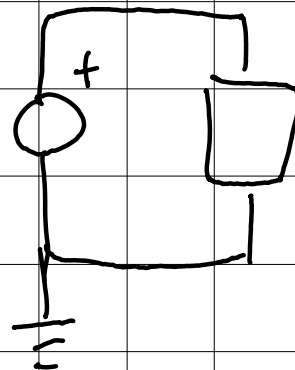
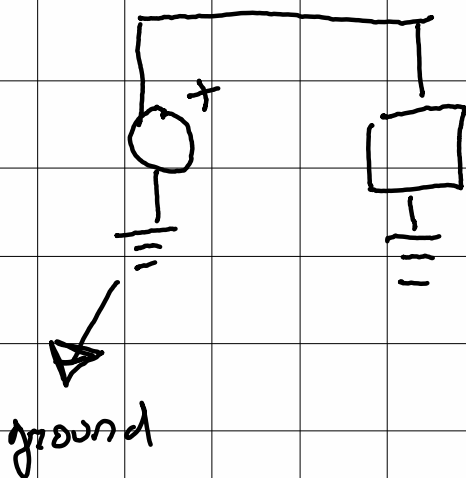
# Terminology & Conventions



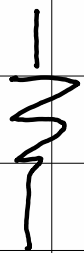
load:  
network of  
circuit elements  
that store/dissipate  
electrical energy



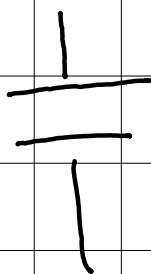
\* Current is the flow of positive charge



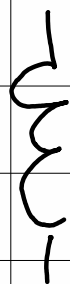
# Basic electrical Elements



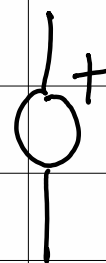
resistor



Capacitor



Inductor



Voltage  
source



Current  
source

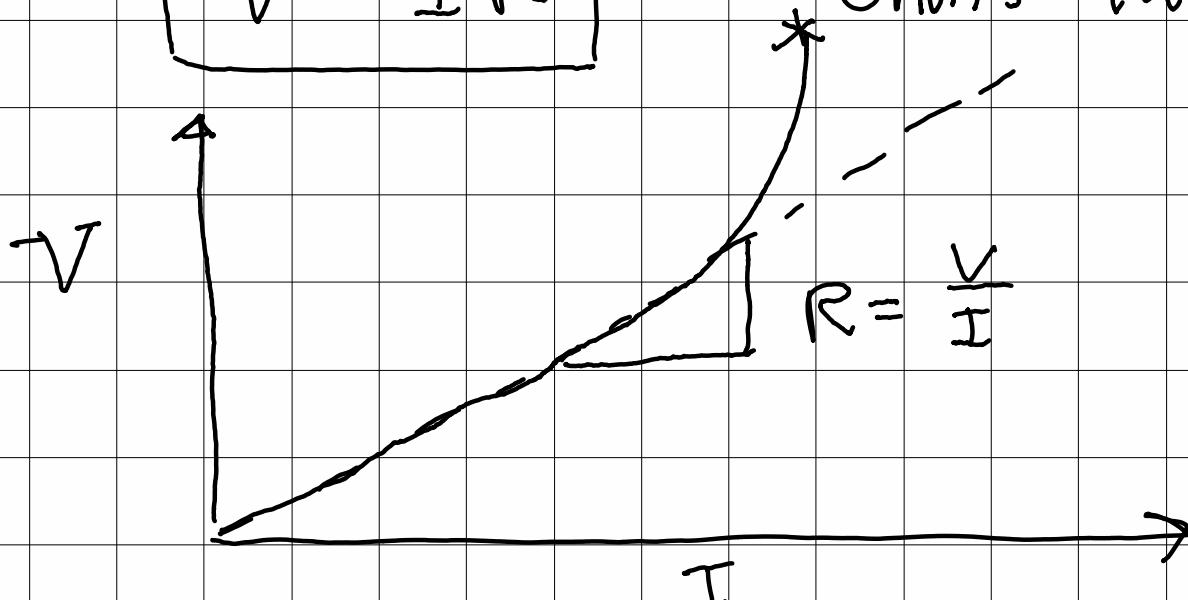
(ideal)

Resistor: converts electrical energy  
into heat  
dissipates energy.

Voltage - current characteristics:

$$V = IR$$

Ohm's law



For homogenous material)  
w/ constant cross-sectional  
area:

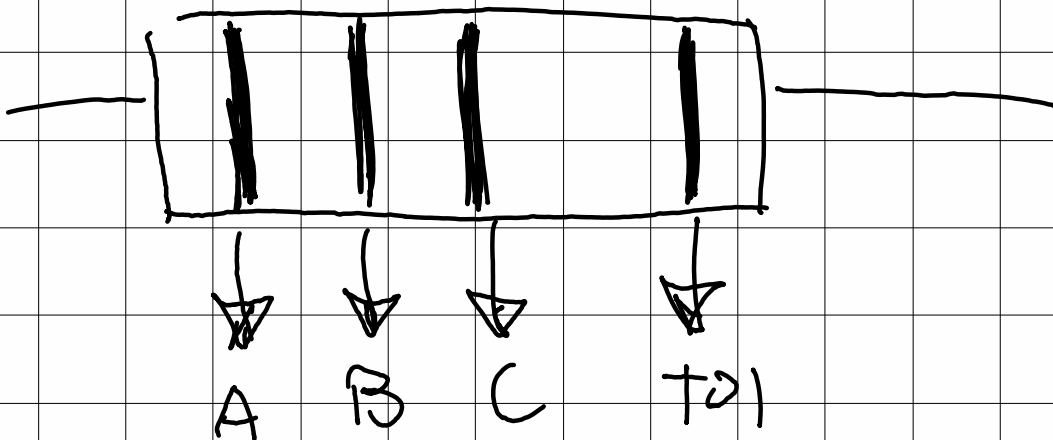
$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$

$L$ : length

$\rho$ : resistivity

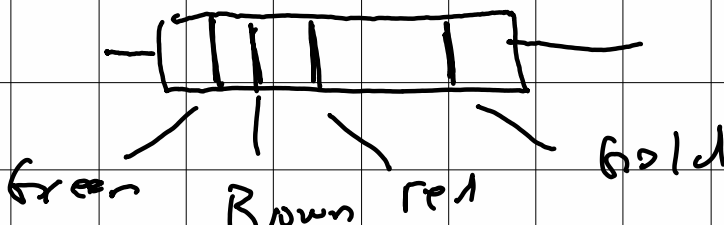
$A$ : cross-sectional  
area

## Resistor Color Codes:



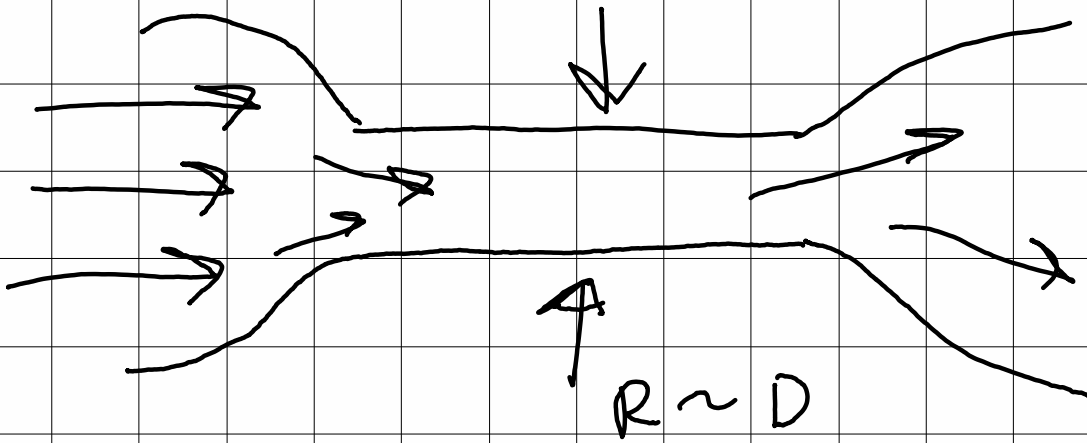
$$R = A \cdot B \times 10^C \pm \text{Tol \% } (\Omega)$$

EX.



$$R = 51 \times 10^2 \pm 5\%$$

# Water Analogy



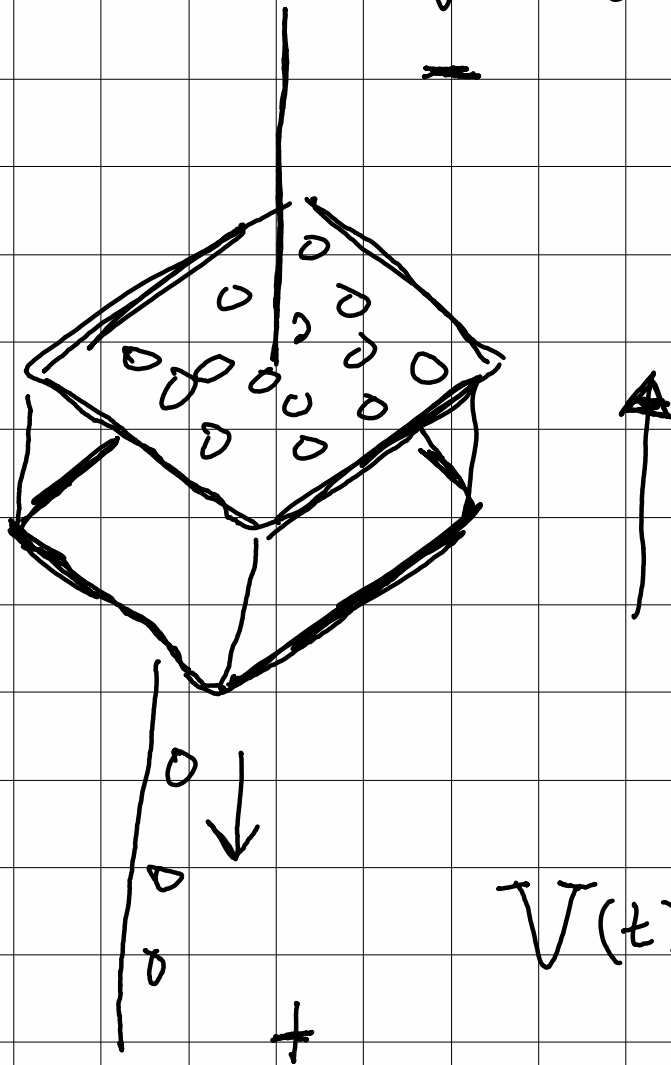
Potentiometer : variable resistor





Capacitor : stores energy  
in the form of an  
electric field

simplest: parallel conductors separated  
by dielectric material



$$V(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t I(\tau) d\tau$$
$$= \frac{q(t)}{C}$$

$$V(t) = \frac{q(t)}{C}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(t) = \frac{1}{C} \left( \frac{d}{dt} q(t) \right) = I$$

$$I(t) = C \frac{dV}{dt}$$

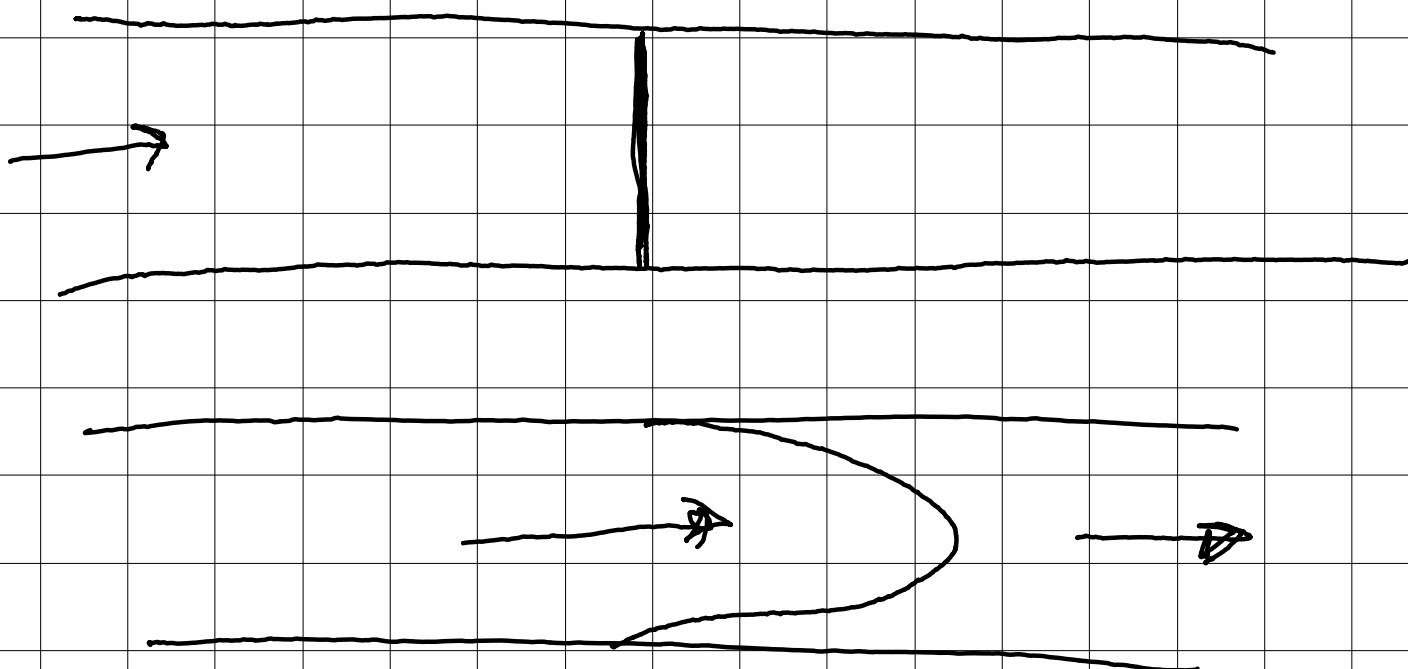
$$I = C \dot{V}$$

C: Capacitance

- material & geometric property

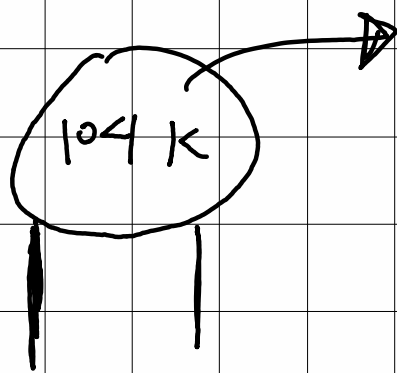
- unit farad (F)

# Water analysis



membrane analogy.

# Capacitor Values



first two digits  
is value

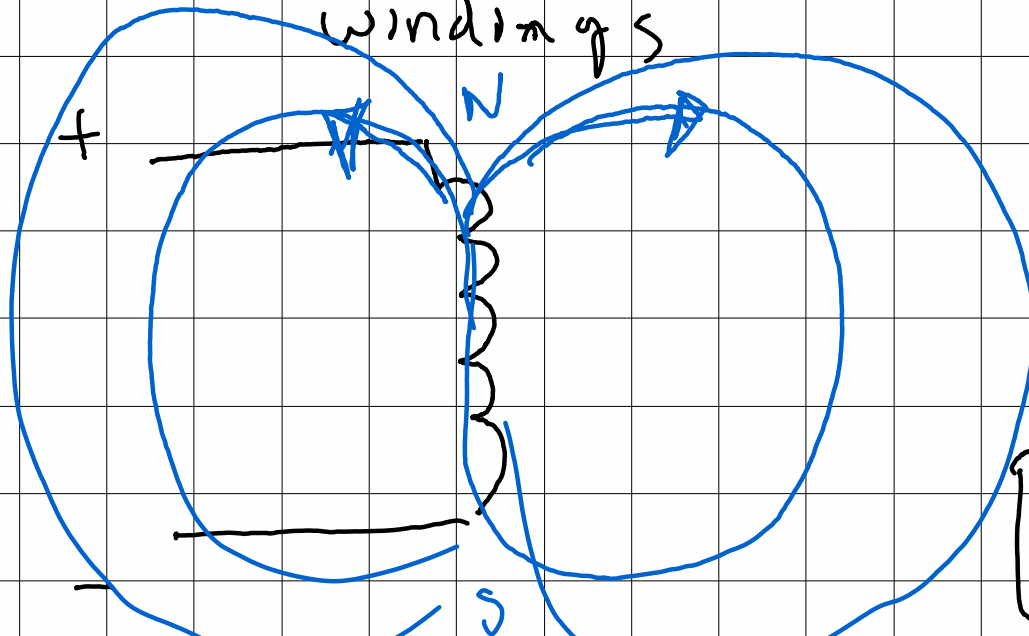
third power

$$10 \times 10^4 \pm 10\% \text{ pF}$$

Inductor : stores energy in the  
form of a magnetic  
field

Faraday's law :  $V(t) = \frac{d\lambda}{dt}$

$\lambda$  : magnetic flux through coil  
windings

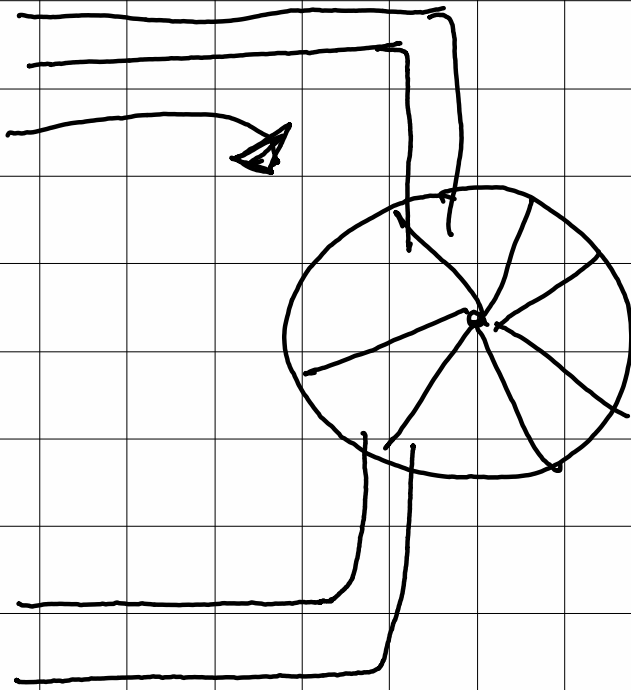


$$\lambda = LI$$

$L$  : inductance  
(H)

$$V(t) = L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

## Water Analogy



Water wheel  
Stores energy

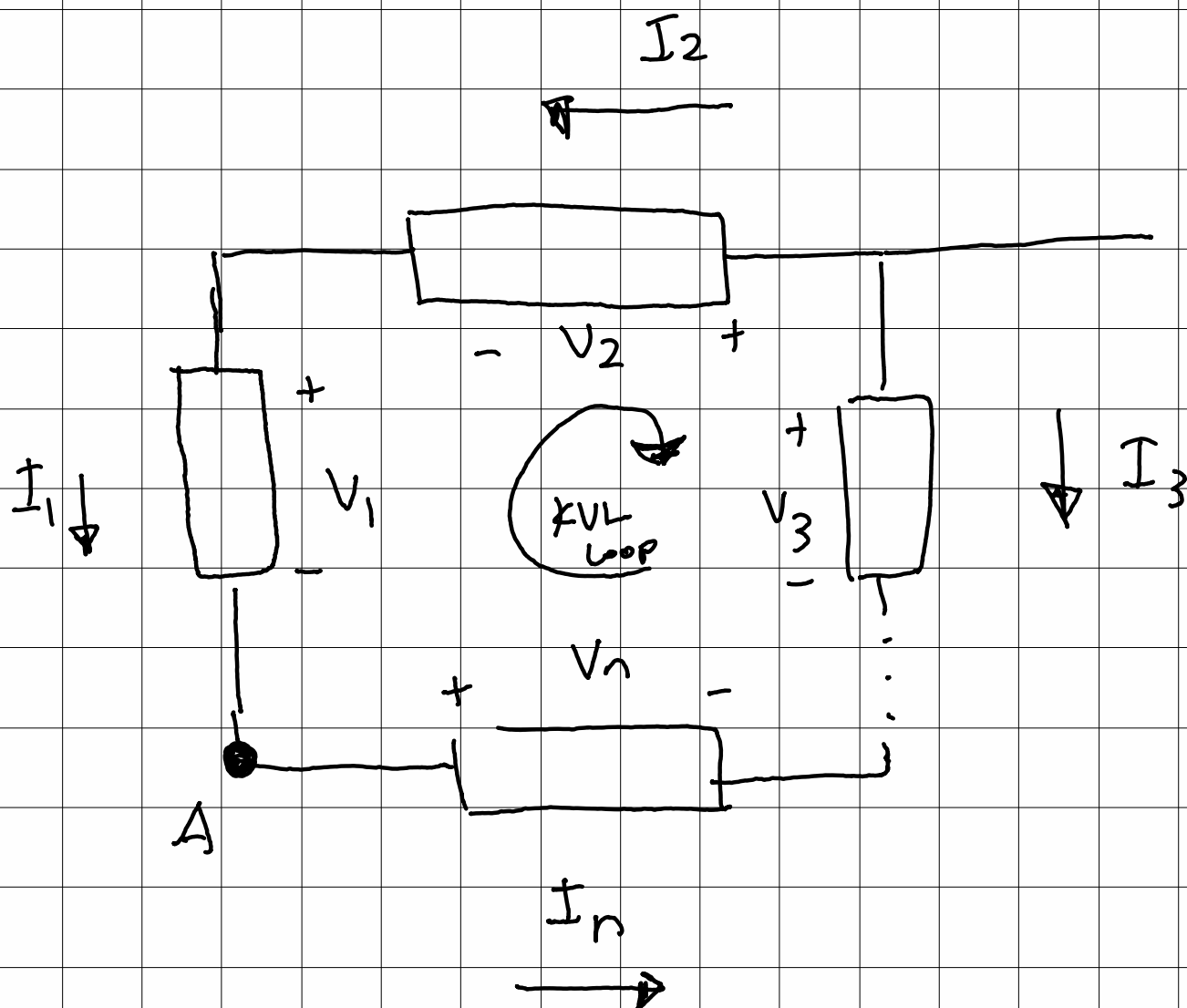
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## Kirchhoff's Laws :

KVL : Voltage Law :

$$\sum_{i=1}^N V_i = 0$$

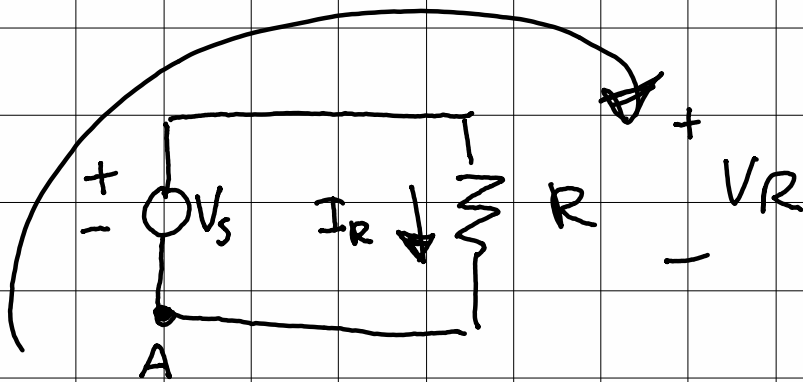
the sum of voltages around closed loop  
is zero!



$$\sum_{i=1}^N V_i = 0$$

$$\underline{-V_1 - V_2 + V_3 \dots - V_n = 0}$$

Ex. 2-3 : Use KVL to find  
current  $I_R$  :



$$-V_s + V_R = 0$$

$$V_R = I_R R$$

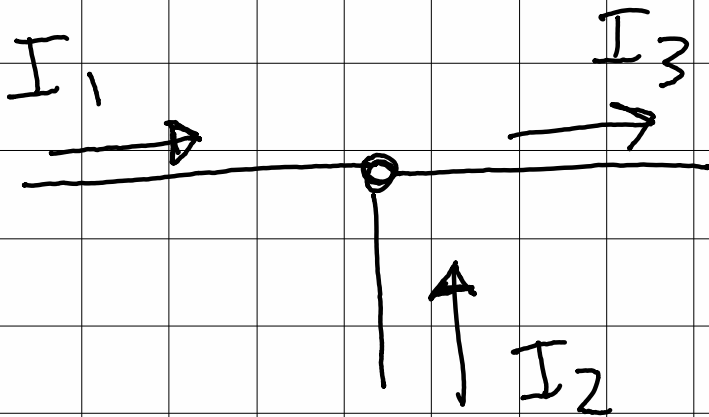
$$-V_s + I_R R = 0$$

$$\boxed{I_R = \frac{V_s}{R}}$$

# Current law (KCL):

Sum of currents flowing into  
a node is 0:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N I_i = 0$$



$$I_1 + I_2 = I_3$$

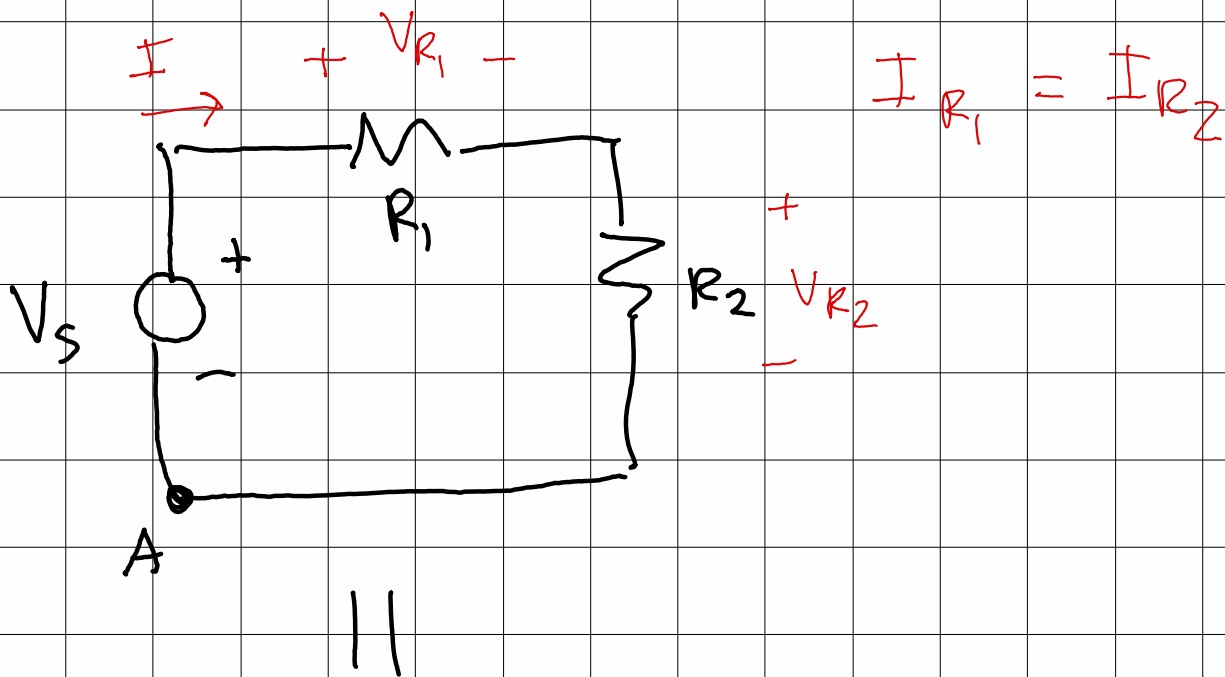
\* Very Important \*

often you must arbitrarily assume  
current direction (denote w/ arrow).  
assume voltages consistent with current.

If the results are negative, the  
current (voltage) flow opposite to Assumed



# Series Resistance



KVL

$$-V_S + V_{R_1} + V_{R_2} = 0$$

$$V_{R_1} = IR_1$$

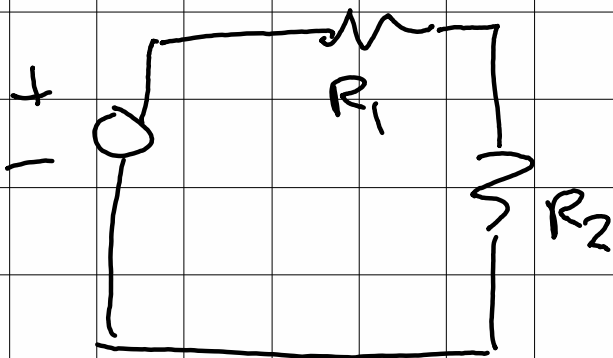
$$V_{R_2} = IR_2$$

$$-V_S + IR_1 + IR_2 = 0$$

$$I = \frac{V_S}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_S = (R_1 + R_2) I \\ V_S = R_{eq} I \end{array} \right.$$

Resistor is series add!



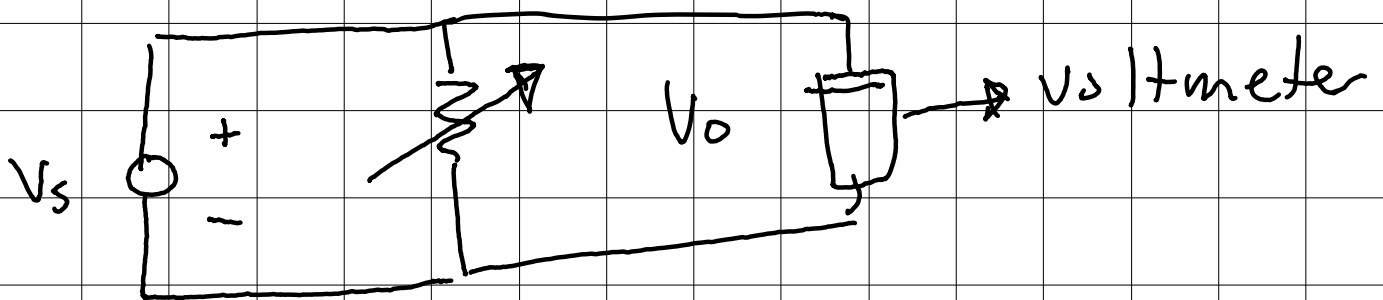
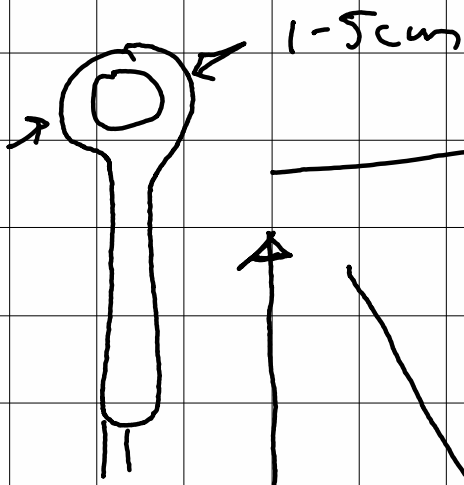
Voltage divider

Why is a voltage divider useful?

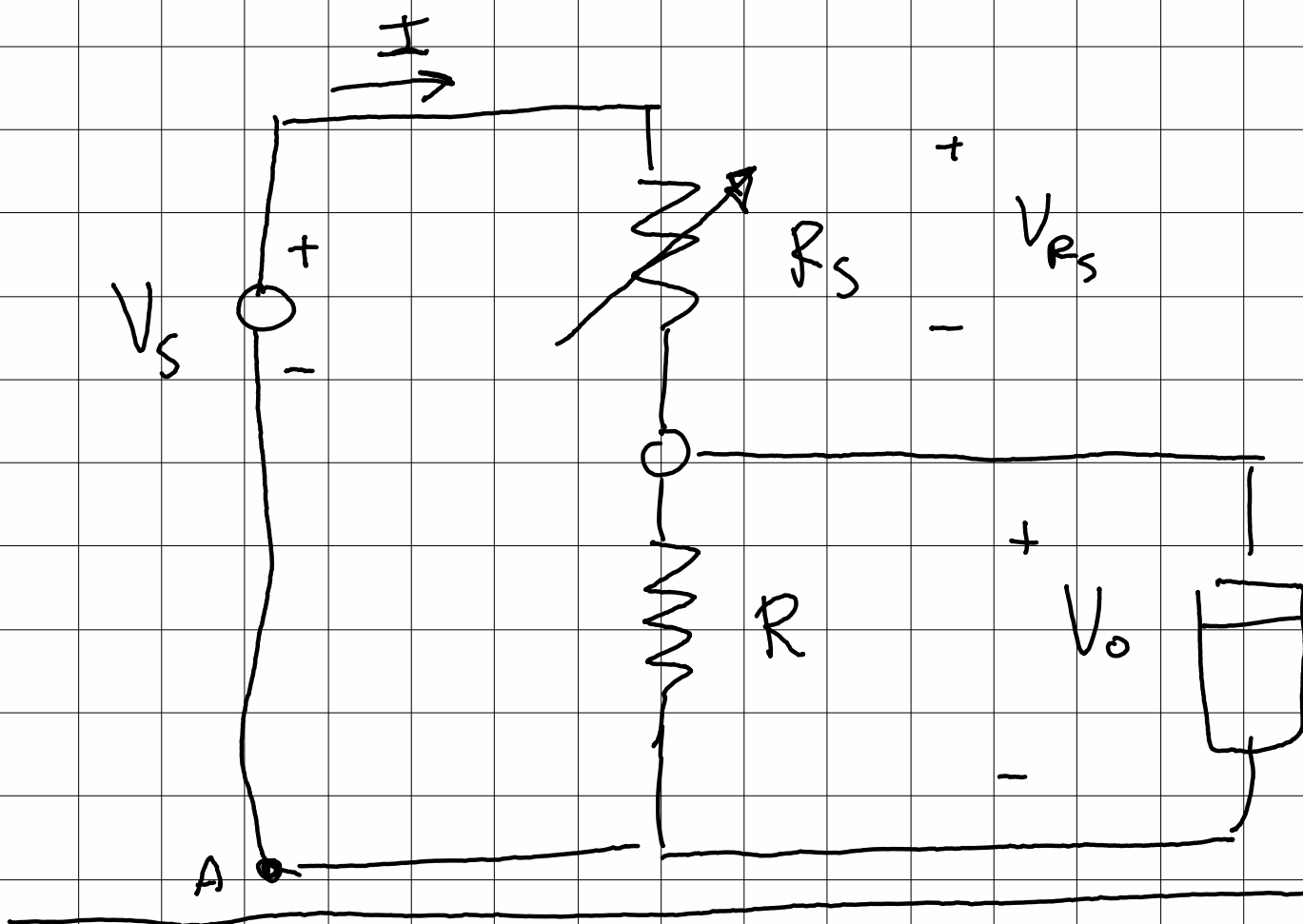
- Step down voltages
- sensing circuits

# Force Sensitive resistors

(FSR)



$$V_s = V_o$$



We want  $V_0 = ?$

$$\text{KCL: } I_{R_s} = I_R = I$$

$$\text{KVL: } -V_s + V_{R_s} + V_0 = 0$$

$$V_s = V_{R_s} + V_0 \Rightarrow V_s = I(R_s + R)$$

$$I = \frac{V_0}{R}$$

$$\text{KVL: } -V_s + V_{R_s} + V_R = 0$$

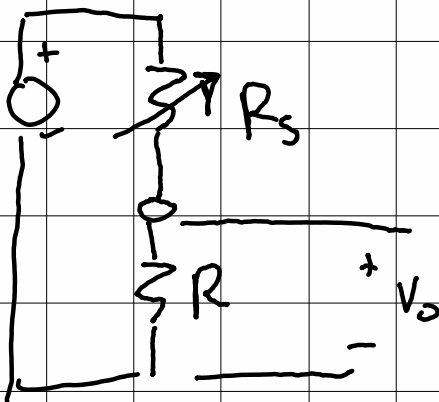
$$\text{KCL: } I_{R_s} = I_R = I$$

$$\Rightarrow V_s = V_{R_s} + V_R$$

$$= IR_s + IR = I(R_s + R)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{V_o}{R}$$

$$V_o = \left( \frac{R}{R_s + R} \right) V_s$$

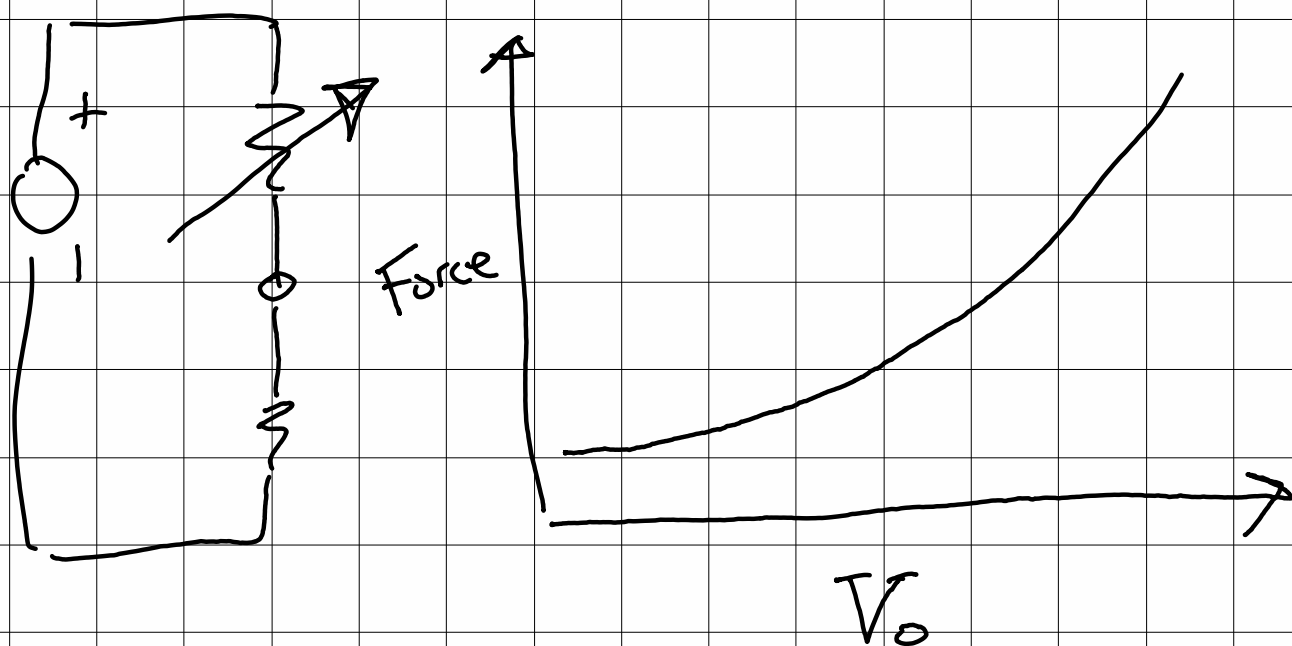


$$\lim_{\substack{R_s \rightarrow 0 \\ F \rightarrow \infty}} V_o = \left( \frac{R}{R_s + R} \right) V_s$$

$$= V_s$$

$$\lim_{\substack{R_s \rightarrow R_{s,\max} \\ F \rightarrow 0}} V_o = \left( \frac{R}{R_{s,\max} + R} \right) V_s$$

$$= \left( \frac{R}{R_{s,\max} + R} \right) V_s$$



This just one example of  
voltage divider application.

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Kits pick up today

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