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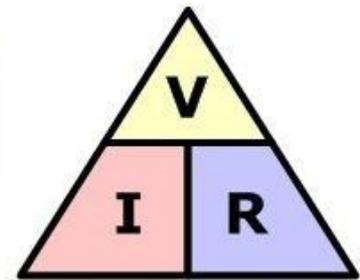
Ohms Law and Power Level



Introduction

Georg Ohm found that, at a constant temperature, the electrical current flowing through a fixed linear resistance is directly proportional to the voltage applied across it. But it is also inversely proportional to its resistance. This relationship between the Voltage, Current and Resistance forms the basis of Ohms Law. But what is Ohm's Law, and how does it relate to electrical circuits.

$$\text{Current, } (I) = \frac{\text{Voltage, } (V)}{\text{Resistance, } (R)} \text{ in Amperes, } (A)$$



By knowing any two values of the Voltage, Current or Resistance quantities we can use Ohms Law to find the third missing value. Thus, this Ohm's Law formula can be used to calculate the values of circuit components, current levels, voltage supplies, and voltage drops around a circuit.

Then Ohms Law is used extensively when solving electrical formulas and calculations, so it is “very important to understand and accurately remember the basic Ohm's law formula and relationships” and how voltage, current and resistance relate to each other.

To find the Voltage, (V)

$$[V = I \times R] \quad V \text{ (volts)} = I \text{ (amps)} \times R \text{ (}\Omega\text{)}$$

To find the Current, (I)

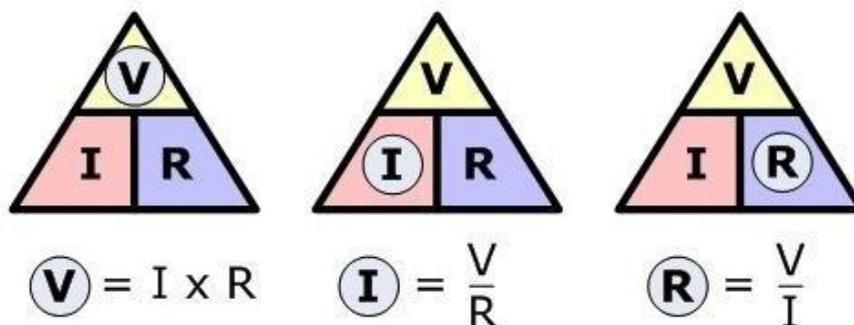
$$[I = V \div R] \quad I \text{ (amps)} = V \text{ (volts)} \div R \text{ (}\Omega\text{)}$$

To find the Resistance, (R)

$$[R = V \div I] \quad R \text{ (}\Omega\text{)} = V \text{ (volts)} \div I \text{ (amps)}$$

It is sometimes easier to remember this Ohms law relationship by using pictures. Here the three quantities of V, I and R have been superimposed into a triangle (affectionately called the Ohms Law Triangle) giving voltage at the top with current and resistance below. This arrangement represents the actual position of each quantity within the Ohms law formulas.

Ohms Law Triangle



Transposing the standard Ohms Law equation above will give us the following combinations of the same equation:



Then by using Ohms Law we can see that a voltage of 1V applied to a resistor of 1Ω will cause a current of 1A to flow and the greater the resistance value, the less current that will flow for a given applied **voltage source**.

Any Electrical device or component that obeys “**Ohms Law**” that is, the current flowing through it is proportional to the voltage across it ($I \propto V$), such as resistors or cables, are said to be “**Ohmic**” in nature, and devices that do not, such as transistors or diodes, are said to be “**Non-ohmic**” devices.

Electrical Power in Circuits

Electrical Power, (P) in a circuit is the rate at which electrical energy is absorbed or produced within a circuit. A source of energy such as a voltage will produce or deliver power while the connected load absorbs it.

Light bulbs and heaters for example, absorb electrical power and convert it into either heat, or light, or both. The higher their value or rating in watts the more electrical power they are likely to consume.

The quantity symbol for power is “P”. It is the product of voltage multiplied by the current with the standard electrical units of measurement being the Watt (W). Prefixes are used to denote the various multiples or sub- multiples of a watt, such as: milliwatts ($mW = 10^{-3}W$) or kilowatts ($kW = 10^3W$).

But what is the formula for power. By using the Ohm’s law equation and substituting for the values of V, I and R the electrical power formula can be found as:

To find the Electrical Power (P)

$$[P = V \times I] \quad P \text{ (watts)} = V \text{ (volts)} \times I \text{ (amps)}$$

Also:

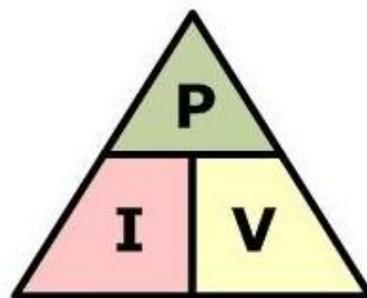
$$[P = V^2 \div R] \quad P \text{ (watts)} = V^2 \text{ (volts)} \div R \text{ (}\Omega\text{)}$$

Also:

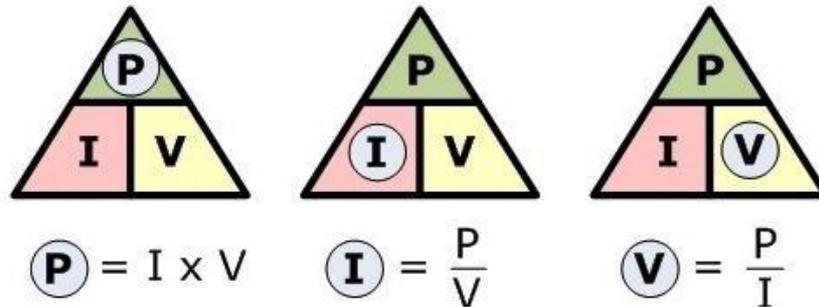
$$[P = I^2 \times R] \quad P \text{ (watts)} = I^2 \text{ (amps)} \times R \text{ (}\Omega\text{)}$$

Again, the three quantities have been superimposed into a triangle this time called a Power Triangle with power at the top and current and voltage at the bottom. Again, this arrangement represents the actual position of each quantity within the Ohms law power formulas.

The Power Triangle



and again, transposing the basic Ohms Law equation above for power gives us the following combinations of the same equation to find the various individual quantities:



So we can see that there are three possible formulas for calculating electrical power in a circuit. If the calculated power is positive, (+P) in value for any formula the component absorbs the power, that is it is consuming or using power. But if the calculated power is negative, (-P) in value the component produces or generates power, in other words it is a source of electrical power such as batteries and generators.

Electrical Power Rating

Electrical components are given a “power rating” in watts that indicates the maximum rate at which the component converts the electrical power into other forms of energy such as heat, light or motion. For example, a 1/4W resistor, a 100W light bulb, etc.

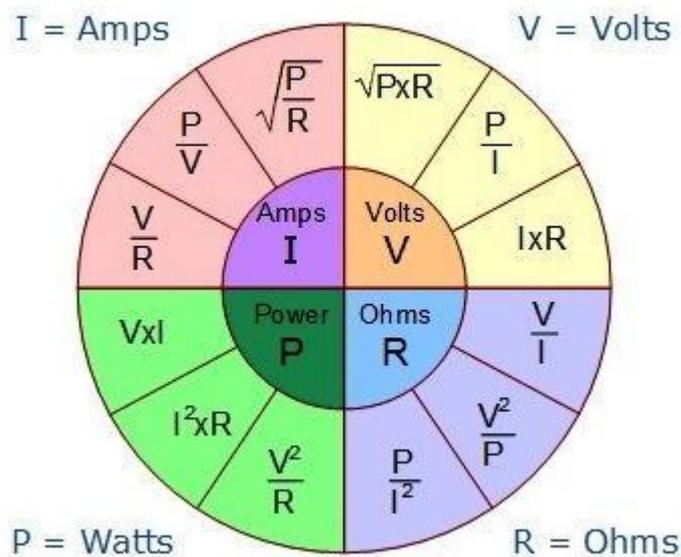
Electrical devices convert one form of power into another. So for example, an electrical motor will convert electrical energy into a mechanical force, while an electrical generator converts mechanical force into electrical energy. A light bulb converts electrical energy into both light and heat.

Also, we now know that the unit of power is the WATT, but some electrical devices such as electric motors have a power rating in the old measurement of “Horsepower” or hp. The relationship between horsepower and watts is given as: 1hp = 746W. So for example, a two-horsepower motor has a rating of 1492W, (2 x 746) or 1.5kW.

Ohms Law Pie Chart

To help us understand the relationships between the various values used to calculate Ohms law a little further. We can take all of the previous Ohm’s Law equations for finding Voltage, Current, Resistance and of course Power, and condense them into a simple **Ohms Law pie chart** for use in AC and DC circuits and calculations as shown.

Ohms Law Pie Chart





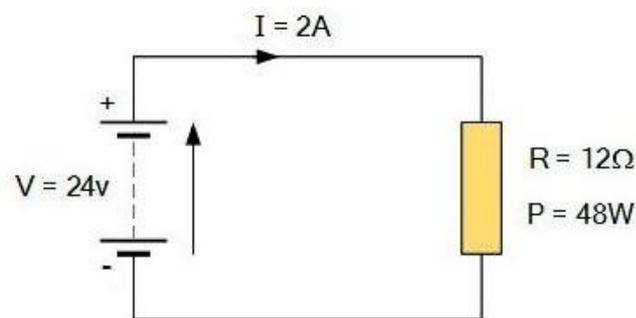
As well as using the *Ohm's Law Pie Chart* shown above, we can also put the individual Ohm's Law equations into a simple matrix table as shown for easy reference when calculating an unknown value.

Ohms Law Matrix Table

| Ohms Law Formulas | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Known Values | Resistance (R) | Current (I) | Voltage (V) | Power (P) |
| Current & Resistance | --- | --- | $V = I \times R$ | $P = I^2 \times R$ |
| Voltage & Current | $R = \frac{V}{I}$ | --- | --- | $P = V \times I$ |
| Power & Current | $R = \frac{P}{I^2}$ | --- | $V = \frac{P}{I}$ | --- |
| Voltage & Resistance | --- | $I = \frac{V}{R}$ | --- | $P = \frac{V^2}{R}$ |
| Power & Resistance | --- | $I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}}$ | $V = \sqrt{P \times R}$ | --- |
| Voltage & Power | $R = \frac{V^2}{P}$ | $I = \frac{P}{V}$ | --- | --- |

Ohms Law Example No1

For the circuit shown below, use Ohms law to find the Voltage (V), the Current (I), the Resistance (R) and the Power (P) around the circuit.



$$\text{Voltage } [V = I \times R] = 2 \times 12\Omega = 24V$$

$$\text{Current } [I = V \div R] = 24 \div 12\Omega = 2A$$

$$\text{Resistance } [R = V \div I] = 24 \div 2 = 12\Omega$$

$$\text{Power } [P = V \times I] = 24 \times 2 = 48W$$

Power within an electrical circuit is only present when **BOTH** voltage and current are present. For example, in an open-circuit condition, voltage is present but there is no current flow $I = 0$ (zero), therefore $V \times 0$ equals 0 (zero) so the power dissipated within the circuit must also be zero (0).

Likewise, if we have a short-circuit condition, current flow is present but there is no voltage $V = 0$ (zero), therefore $0 \times I$ equals 0 so again the power dissipated within the circuit is zero (0).



As electrical power is the product of $V \cdot I$, the power dissipated in a circuit is the same whether the circuit contains high voltage and low current or low voltage and high current flow. Generally, electrical power is dissipated in the form of **Heat** (heaters), **Mechanical Work** such as motors, **Energy** in the form of radiated (Lamps) or as stored energy (Batteries).

Electrical Energy in Circuits

Electrical Energy is the capacity to do work, and the unit of work or energy is the **joule (J)**. Electrical energy is the product of power multiplied by the length of time it was consumed. So if we know how much power, in Watts is being consumed and the time, in seconds for which it is used, we can find the total energy used in watt-seconds.

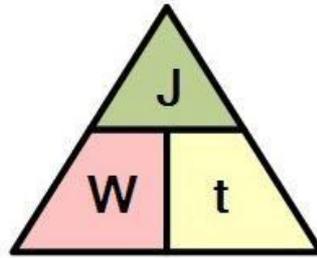
In other words, **Energy = power x time** and **Power = voltage x current**. Therefore electrical power is related to energy and the unit given for electrical energy is the watt-seconds or *joules*.

$$\text{Electrical Energy} = \text{Power, (W)} \times \text{Time, (s)}$$

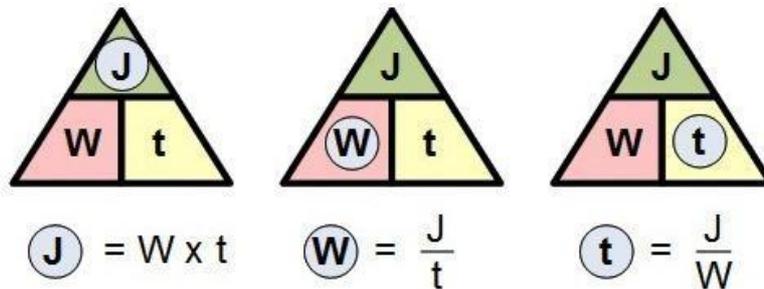
Electrical power can also be defined as the rate of by which energy is transferred. If one joule of work is either absorbed or delivered at a constant rate of one second, then the corresponding power will be equivalent to one watt so power can be defined as “**1 Joule/sec = 1 Watt**”.

Then we can say that one watt is equal to one joule per second and electrical power can be defined as the rate of doing work or the transferring of energy.

Electrical Power and Energy Triangle



or to find the various individual quantities:



We said previously that electrical energy is defined as being watts per second or *joules*. Although electrical energy is measured in Joules it can become a very large value when used to calculate the energy consumed by a component.

For example, if a 100 watt light bulb is left-“ON” for 24 hours, the energy consumed will be 8,640,000 Joules (100W x 86,400 seconds), so prefixes such as **kilojoules** ($\text{kJ} = 10^3\text{J}$) or **mega joules** ($\text{MJ} = 10^6\text{J}$) are used instead and in this simple example, the energy consumed will be 8.64MJ (mega joules).



But dealing with joules, kilojoules or mega joules to express electrical energy, the math's involved can end up with some big numbers and lots of zero's, so it is much more easier to express electrical energy consumed in **Kilowatt-hours**.

If the electrical power consumed (or generated) is measured in watts or kilowatts (thousands of watts) and the time is measure in hours not seconds, then the unit of electrical energy will be the **kilowatt-hours,(kWhr)**. Then our 100 watt light bulb above will consume 2,400 watt hours or 2.4kWhr, which is much easier to understand the 8,640,000 joules.

1 kWhr is the amount of electricity used by a device rated at 1000 watts in one hour and is commonly called a “Unit of Electricity”. This is what is measured by the utility meter and is what we as consumers purchase from our electricity suppliers when we receive our bills.

Kilowatt-hours are the standard units of energy used by the electricity meter in our homes to calculate the amount of electrical energy we use and therefore how much we pay.

So if you switch ON an electric fire with a heating element rated at 1000 watts and left it on for 1 hour you will have consumed 1 kWhr of electricity. If you switched on two electric fires each with 1000 watt elements for half an hour the total consumption would be exactly the same amount of electricity – 1kWhr.

So, consuming 1000 watts for one hour uses the same amount of power as 2000 watts (twice as much) for half an hour (half the time). Then for a 100 watt light bulb to use 1 kWhr or one unit of electrical energy it would need to be switched on for a total of 10 hours ($10 \times 100 = 1000 = 1\text{kWhr}$).



Now that we know what is the relationship between voltage, current and resistance in a circuit, in the next tutorial relating to DC Circuits, we will look at the Standard Electrical Units used in electrical and electronic engineering to enable us to calculate these values and see that each value can be represented by either multiples or sub-multiples of the standard unit.