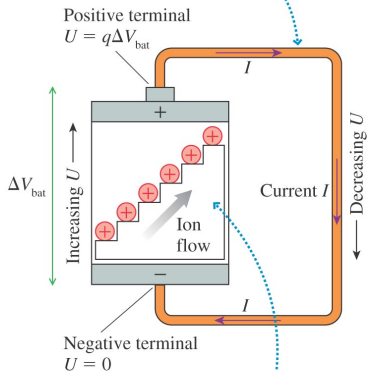


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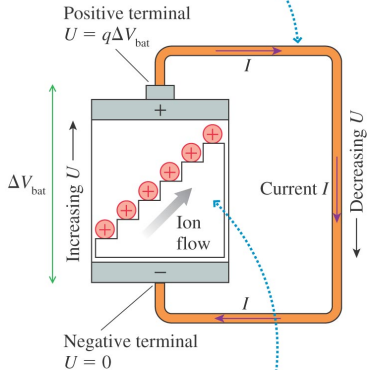
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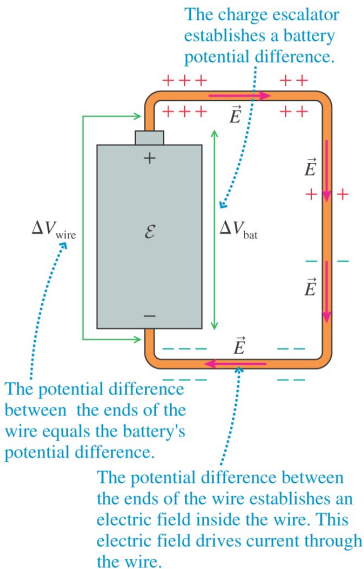


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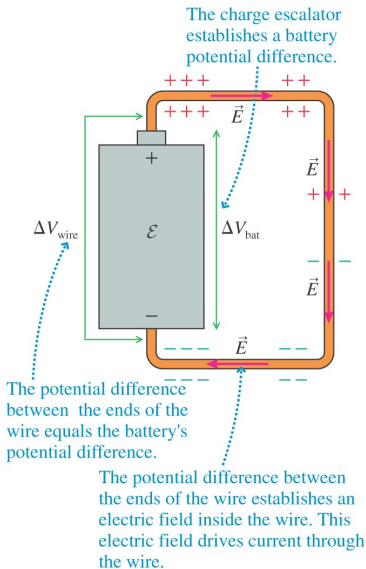
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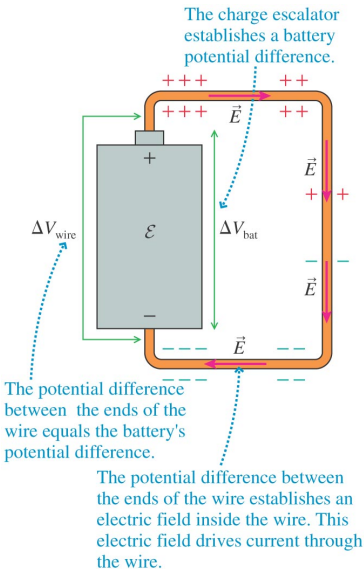
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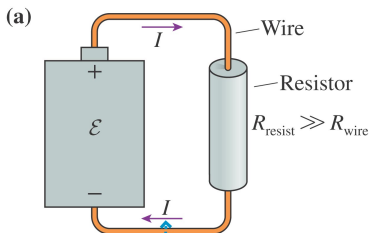
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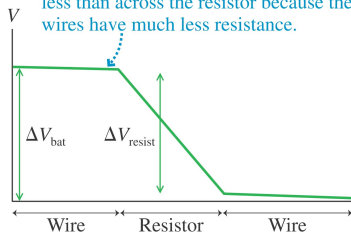
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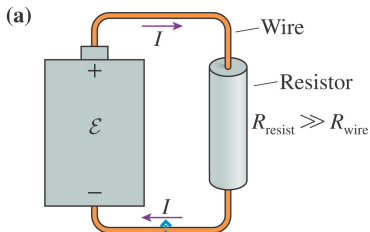
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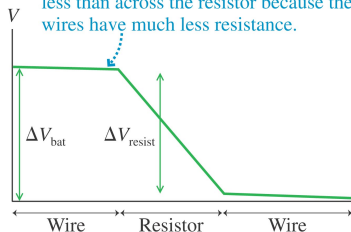


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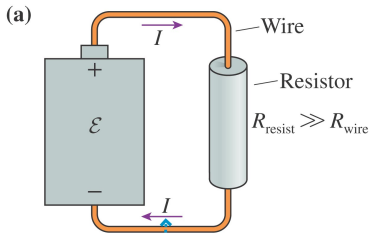
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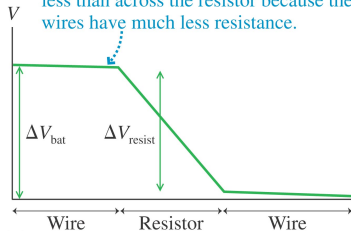
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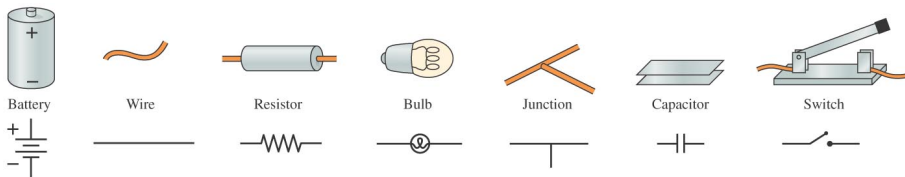
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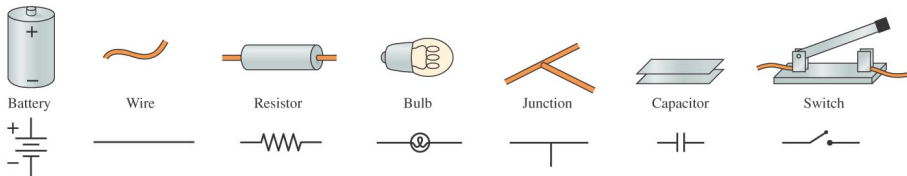
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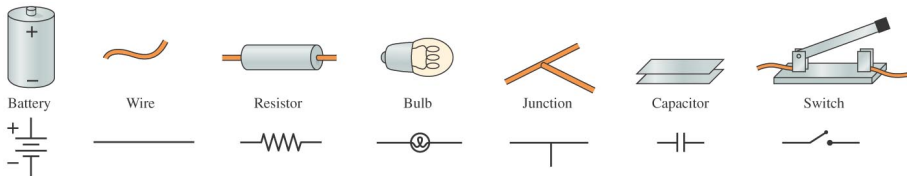
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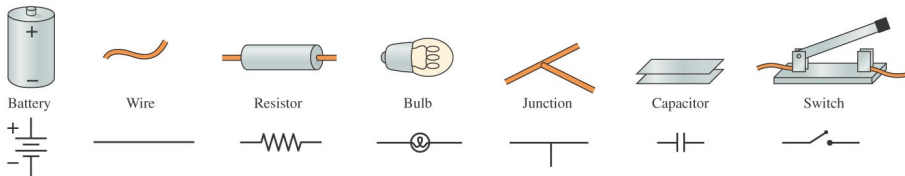
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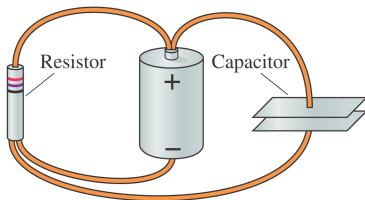
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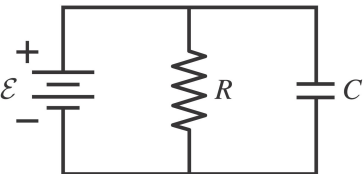


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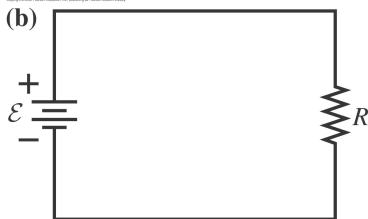
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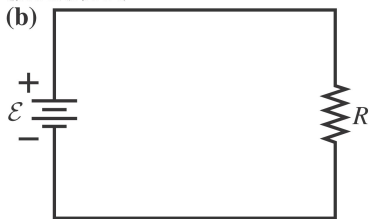
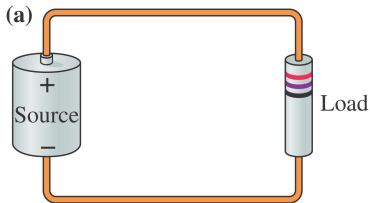
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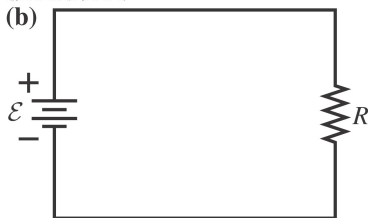


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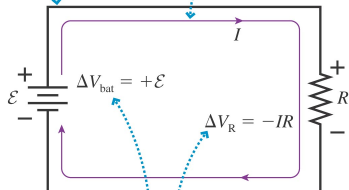
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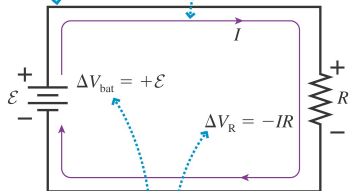
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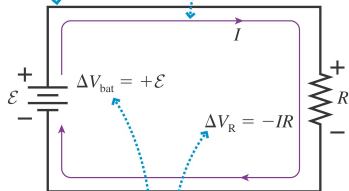
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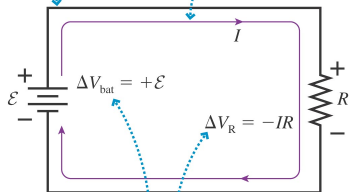
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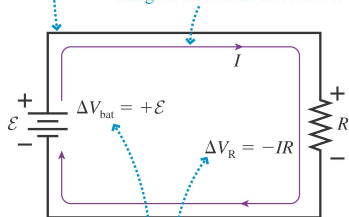
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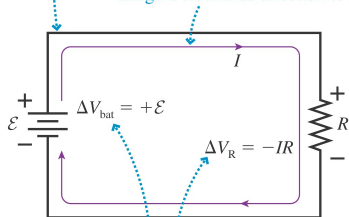
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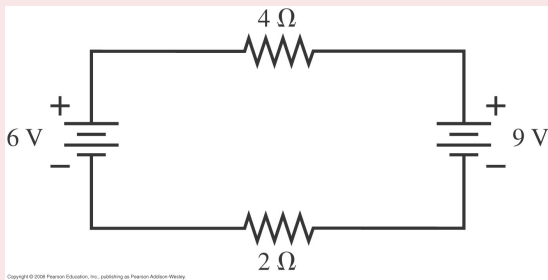
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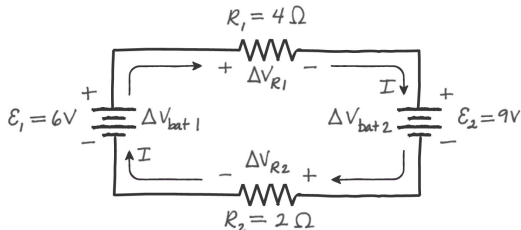
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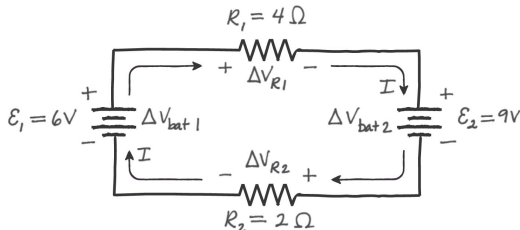
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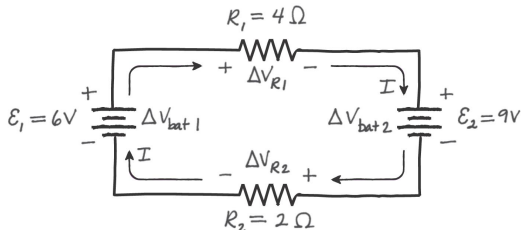
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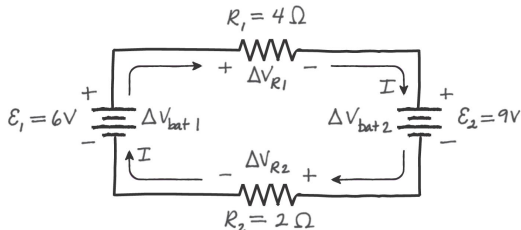


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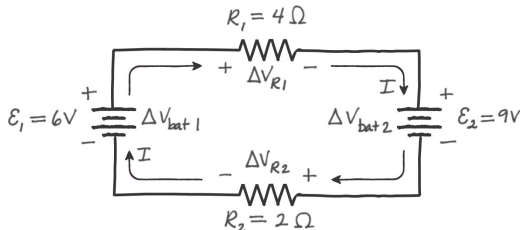


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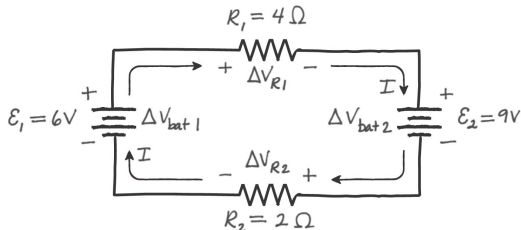


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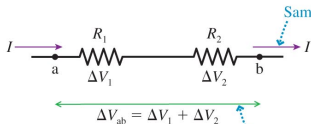
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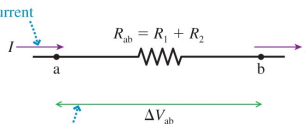
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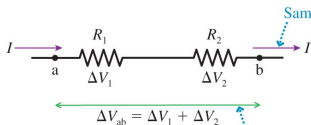


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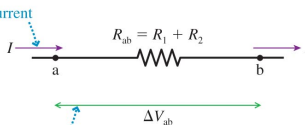
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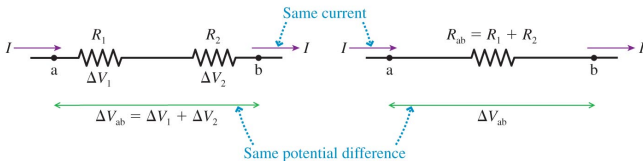
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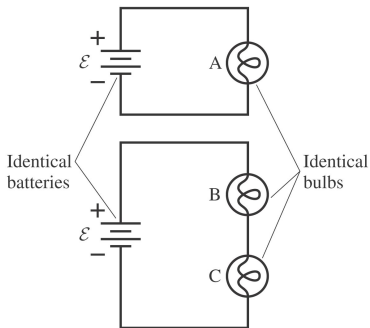
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- We can replace the two resistors with an **equivalent resistor** having current  $I$  and potential difference  $\Delta V_{ab}$

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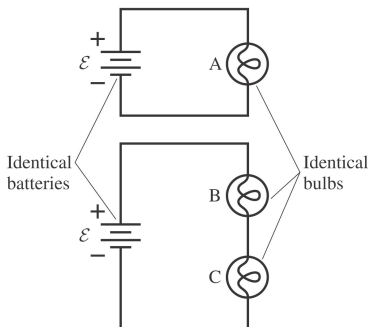
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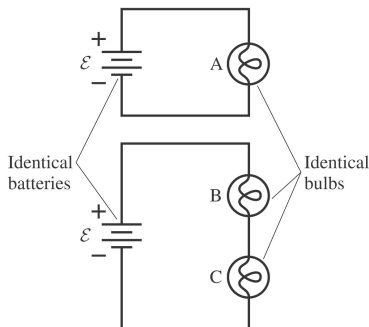
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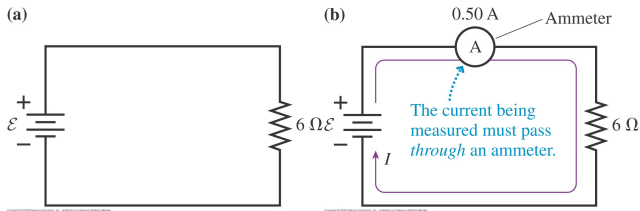
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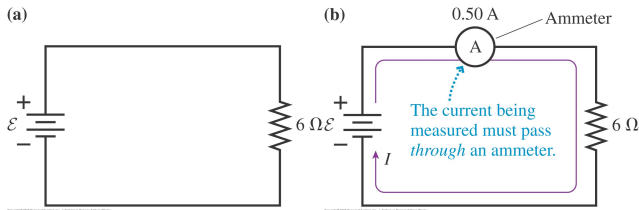
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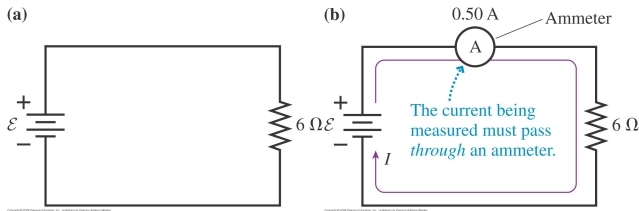
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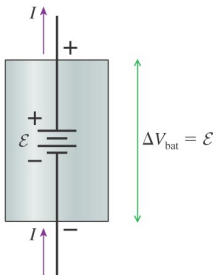
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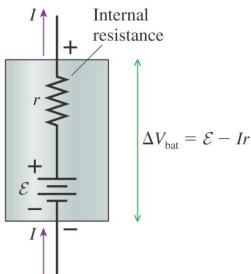
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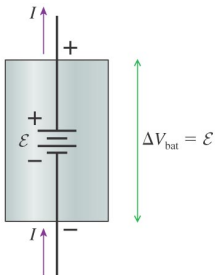


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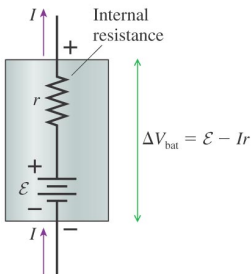
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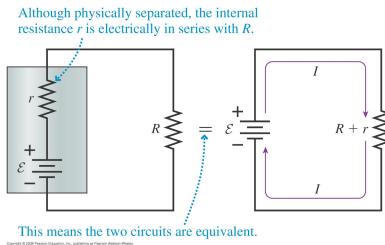
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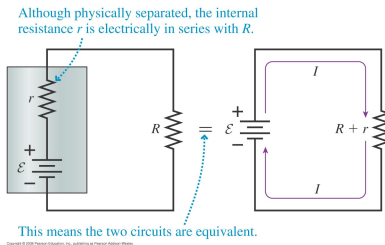
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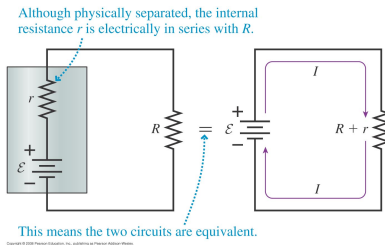
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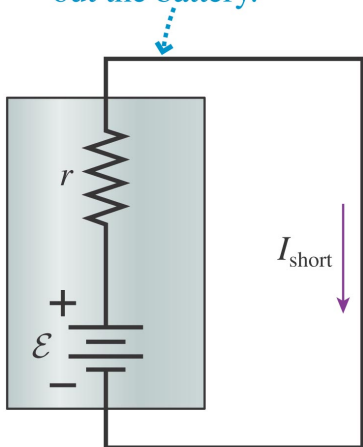
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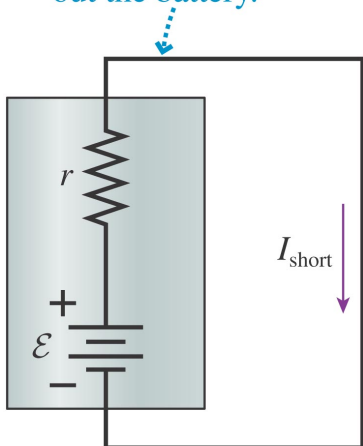


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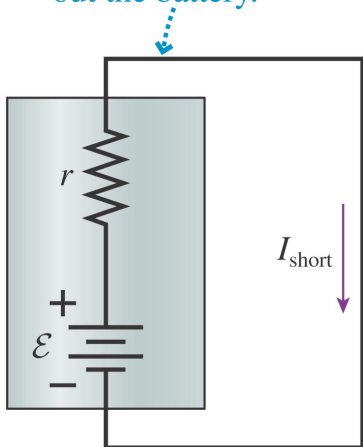
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- This formula gives the maximum possible current this battery can produce. Adding any resistance to the circuit will decrease the current.