Coordination - Level up! 7

Level 0: Basic combos

For the circuit(s) below, say that $V_{bat} = 5V$, $R_1 = 2\Omega$, $R_2 = 3\Omega$, $R_3 = 4\Omega$, $C_1 = 6mF$, $C_2 = 7mF$, and $C_3 = 8mF$. For your given circuit:

- (a) What is the equivalent capacitance or resistance of the circuit?
- (b) Which circuit element would have the largest voltage drop?
- (c) Which circuit element would have the smallest charge or smallest current?



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Level 1: Equal circuit elements

For the circuit(s) below, say that $V_{bat} = 16V$, all resistors are $R = 150\Omega$ and all capacitors are $C = 470\mu F$. For your given circuit:

- (a) What is the equivalent capacitance or resistance of the circuit?
- (b) Which elements are in series? Which are in parallel? How do you know?



Level 2: Resistor Circuits

For the circuit(s) below, you have been given some of the quantities for various elements around the circuit. For example, V_1 would correspond to the voltage across Resistor 1. For your given circuit,

- (a) Which resistors are in series and which resistors are in parallel? How do you know?
- (b) Find all the missing quantities for each resistor (R, V, I, and P).
- (c) What is the voltage, current, and power provided by the battery in your circuit?
- (d) If the resistors in the circuit were lightbulbs, which would be the brightest?



Level 3: Capacitor Circuits

For the circuit(s) below, you have been given some of the quantities for various elements around the circuit. For example, V_1 would correspond to the voltage across Capacitor 1. For your given circuit,

- (a) Which capacitors are in series and which capacitors are in parallel? How do you know?
- (b) Find all the missing quantities for each capacitor (C, V, Q, and U).
- (c) What is the voltage provided by the battery in your circuit?
- (d) What is the total charge stored by the circuit? What is the total energy?



Level 4: But why do you need multiple batteries?!

For the circuit(s) below, say that $V_{bat1} = 9V$, $V_{bat2} = 6V$, and all resistors are $R = 100\Omega$. For your given circuit:

- (a) Are there places in your circuit that can simplify? (AKA resistors in series or in parallel?)
- (b) Redraw the circuit after making the simplifications that you can.
- (c) How many different currents do you have in your circuit? Draw and label this on your picture. What node rule equations can you make?
- (d) How many different loops do you have in your circuit? What loop rule equations can you make?
- (e) Solve for your unknown currents. Note: you can use Wolfram Alpha or other resources online to solve the system of equations.



Bonus: Combine all of the things!

Consider the circuit below where initially the capacitors are all uncharged.

- (a) Initially, where is there current in the circuit?
- (b) What is the initial current provided by the battery if $V_{bat} = 6V$, all resistors are $R = 1000\Omega$, and all capacitors are C = 2200mF? (At the moment the switch is closed.)
- (c) What would the V vs t, Q vs t, and I vs t graphs look like for each of the capacitors?
- (d) After the switch has been closed for a long time, where is there current in the circuit?
- (e) What is the final current provided by the battery? (After the switch has been closed for a long time.)
- (f) If the switch is then opened again, what would you expect to happen? Explain in words.

