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The only thing left to do is determine the current flowing through each bulb. Keep in mind that in each circuit, the voltmeter is connected in parallel to the lightbulb. For circuit (A), the voltage drop across the only bulb of the circuit is simply determined as  $\Delta V = I \times R$  where  $I$  is the current through the bulb, which in this case, is also the same current as in the battery.  $\Delta V$  is also the voltage difference across the battery. In the case of B, the two identical bulbs are connected in series. Therefore, according to the rules of series combination, the same current flows through each bulb, and the voltage drop in each bulb adds up to the voltage of the battery. The equivalent resistance of this combination is  $R_{eq} = R + R = 2R$ , and the total current through the battery (which is the same current as each bulb) is  $I = \frac{\Delta V}{2R} = \frac{12V}{2 \times 12\Omega} = \frac{12}{24} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$  A. Hence, the voltage drop across the bulb shown is  $\Delta V_B = I_B \times R = 0.5 \times 12 = 6$  V.

Thus, all calculations are similar to the second circuit, but with only a slight change.  $R_{eq} = R + R = 3R$ ,  $I = \frac{\Delta V}{3R} = \frac{12V}{3 \times 12\Omega} = \frac{12}{36} = \frac{1}{3} = 0.33$  A.  $\Delta V_C = I \times R = \frac{1}{3} \times 12 = 4$  V. Consequently, the rank of the voltage drop across each bulb from greatest to least is as follows  $\Delta V_A > \Delta V_B > \Delta V_C$ . Question: If the voltage across a circuit increases by five times, then what would the current through the circuit be? Solution: Assuming the circuit is made of a material that obeys Ohm's law, a change in voltage will change the current so that the ratio of  $\Delta V$  to  $I$  becomes constant. Therefore, the current also increases five times to maintain the resistance of the circuit unchanged. Question: In a certain electric circuit including a cell, connecting wires, and a filament lightbulb, which of the following would cause the lightbulb to shine less brightly? (a) Decrease or increase the resistance of the circuit. (b) Increase or decrease the voltage of the battery. Solution: As long as the current through the filament lightbulb is small, we can assume Ohm's law will be obeyed. (a) Shining less brightly means less current passes through the filament (resistance). According to Ohm's law, the current is inversely proportional to the resistance, so an increase in the resistance will cause a decrease in the current through the filament and consequently a less glow for the lightbulb. (b) The current through the filament is related to the voltage across it by  $I = \frac{\Delta V}{R}$ . Assuming the resistance of the lightbulb does not change, the current is proportional to the voltage drop. Thus, an increase in voltage causes an increase in the current through the resistor, and as a result, the lightbulb shines brighter. Question: A 12 V battery is connected across a lightbulb with variable resistance. As the resistance increases, what happens to each of the following quantities? (a) The current through the lightbulb. (b) The voltage across the lightbulb. (c) The power consumed by the lightbulb. Solution: We have a circuit with a fixed-voltage battery of 12 V, and a lightbulb (resistor) with variable resistance. We assume that the filament of the lightbulb is made up of a material that obeys Ohm's law. (a) According to Ohm's law, the current through a resistance is  $I = \frac{\Delta V}{R}$ . The voltage is assumed to be fixed, and the only alteration is due to the increases in the resistance. Thus, increasing the resistance decreases the current through the lightbulb filament. (b) The voltage across the bulb is held constant by a battery and does not change with a change in circuit resistance. (c) One of the following formulas can be used to calculate the power consumed by resistance in a circuit:  $P = I \Delta V = \frac{\Delta V^2}{R} = I^2 R$ . If we pick out the first formula,  $P = I \Delta V$ , as you can see in part (a), an increase in the resistance leads to a decrease in the current, and so does power. Ohm's Law: Homework Problems The following are some homework questions appearing for Ohm's law are provided and answered. Problem (6): In the following circuits, find the unknowns. Solution: In each of the circuits, use Ohm's law  $V = IR$  and solve for the unknown. In the left circuit, the current through the resistor is asked for in milliamps. Thus,  $I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{120}{100} = 1.2$  A. To convert it to milliamperes, multiply it by 1000, so we get  $I = 1200$  mA. In the right circuit, the resistance of the light bulb is unknown. As a result,  $R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{600 \times 10^{-3}}{0.01} = 60$   $\Omega$ . Problem (7): In a circuit, the potential drop across the 10  $\Omega$  resistor is 100 V. What is the current through the resistor? Solution: Substitute all known numerical values into Ohm's law equation,  $V = IR$ .  $I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{100}{10} = 10$  A. Problem (8): The voltage-current curve for an ohmic conductor is plotted as shown in the figure below. What is the resistance of resistors 1 and 2? Solution: Ohm's law tells us that resistance is the slope of the voltage vs. current curve  $R = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta I}$ . Recall that the slope  $m$  of a straight line between two points  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$  is determined as  $m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ . Thus, the slope of the voltage-current curve, which is the resistance, is obtained as below: The points  $A(0, 0)$  and  $B(2, 20)$  are on the line  $R_1 = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta I} = \frac{20 - 0}{2 - 0} = 10 \Omega$ . The points  $A(0, 0)$  and  $B(4, 10)$  are on the line  $R_2 = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta I} = \frac{10 - 0}{4 - 0} = 2.5 \Omega$ .