

# Electromotive Force (emf)

- The ElectroMotive Force (emf) is the difference in potential between the terminals of a battery when it is **not** connected to a circuit.
- As soon as a battery is connected to a circuit and current flows through it, there is **energy lost** inside the battery due to its internal resistance.
- This causes the battery to deliver **less** energy to the circuit
- The voltage available to the circuit is called the terminal voltage and is **always less** than the emf of the battery.



$$V_{term} = \mathcal{E} - IR$$

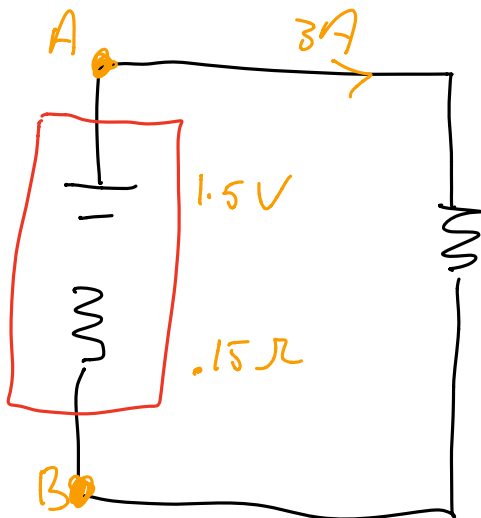
$V_{term}$  is voltage (in V)

$\mathcal{E}$  is emf (in V)

$I$  is current (in A)

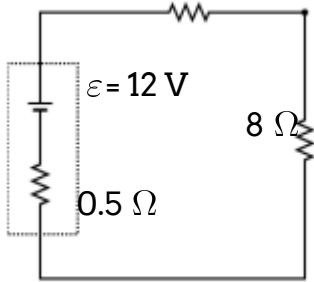
$R$  is resistance (in  $\Omega$ )

If a 1.5 V battery has an internal resistance of 0.15  $\Omega$ , what is the terminal voltage of the battery as 3 A flows through it?



$$\begin{aligned} V_{term} = V_{ab} &= \mathcal{E} - IR \\ &= 1.5 - 3(0.15) \\ &= 1.05 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

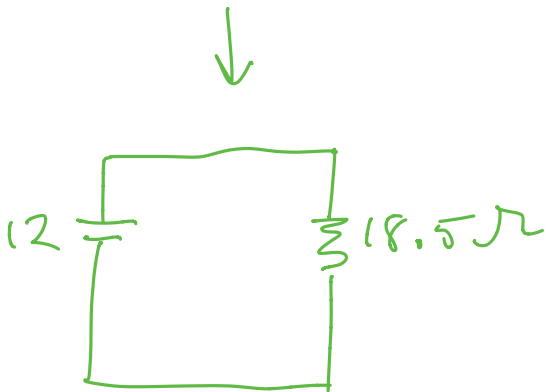
Determine  $V_{\text{Terminal}}$   
 $10 \Omega$



$$V_{\text{Term}} = \mathcal{E} - IR$$

$$= 12 - (.649)(.5)$$

$$= 11.68 \text{ V}$$



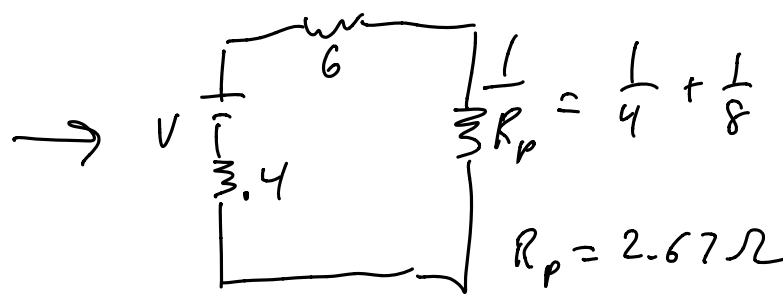
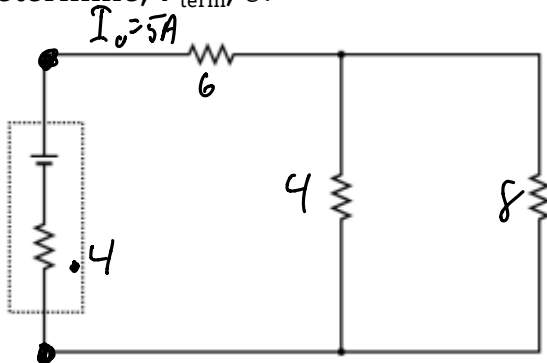
$$V = IR$$

$$12 = I(18.5)$$

$$\frac{12}{18.5} = I$$

$$0.649 \text{ A} = I$$

Determine,  $V_{\text{term}}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$ .



$$V_{\text{Term}} = \mathcal{E} - IR$$

$$= 45.4 - 5(.4)$$

$$= 43.4 \text{ V}$$

$$V = IR$$

$$= 5(9.07)$$

$$= 45.4 \text{ V}$$

$$R_T = 9.07 \Omega$$

Determine,  $V_{\text{Term}}, \varepsilon$ .

