Non-Ideal Circuit Elements

- 1. A circuit is wired as shown. The battery has internal resistance 0.5 Ω and EMF 12 V.
 - a. Calculate the current in the circuit.
 - b. Determine the terminal voltage of the battery.
 - c. Calculate the power dissipated by the internal resistance of the battery.
 - d. Describe the effect this power dissipation would have on the battery.
- 2. An ideal 12 V battery is wired in series with an ammeter, 18 Ω , and 6 Ω resistor.
 - a. Draw the circuit diagram.
 - b. Calculate the current read by the ammeter if it is ideal.
 - c. Now assume the ammeter is non-ideal, and has an internal resistance of 0.5 Ω . Calculate the effective resistance of this circuit and the current reading for the ammeter.

12.0 V

- 3. Given the circuit diagram.
 - a. Determine the voltage read by the voltmeter if it is ideal.
 - b. Calculate the current through the 180. Ω resistor and the voltmeter.



- d. Calculate the current through the 180. Ω resistor and the voltmeter.
- e. Describe the effect on the current of using a voltmeter that has a larger resistor.
- 4. The current vs voltage graph for a tungsten filament bulb is given on the right.
 - a. Determine how the resistance of the filament changes with voltage.
 - b. Explain how this is different than the resistors you have encountered.
 - c. What physical property of the filament may cause this behavior?



180 Ω



- 5. A student wants to measure the current through a 3300 Ω resistor wired to a 10 V power supply. The student accidentally uses the ammeter in parallel rather than series. Assume the ammeter has an internal resistance of 0.5 Ω .
 - a. Draw the circuit diagram.
 - b. Calculate the current that flows through the ammeter.
 - c. In the ammeter, there is a fuse designed to break at 0.5 A of current. Does the fuse break?
 - d. Explain why the fuse is designed to break.
- 6. Circuit breakers are resettable automatic switches that open when a given current value is exceeded. A 1650 W toaster, 1090 W iron, and a 1250 W microwave oven are turned on in a kitchen. As the drawing shows, they are all through a 20 A circuit breaker to a 120 V power supply.



- a. Obtain the total current delivered by the power supply if all three devices are used at the same time and determine if the circuit breaker will open.
- b. Explain the purpose of the circuit breaker.
- c. Compare a circuit breaker and a fuse.