

Problem 27.35

a.) We know that $i = \frac{q}{t}$, so $q = it$ (units amp seconds or amp hours). That means, from what we are given, that:

$$q = it = 55 \text{ A} \cdot \text{h}$$

Using the definition of potential difference and current (q/t):

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V &\equiv \frac{\Delta U}{q} \Rightarrow \Delta U = q\Delta V && \text{(units Joules=Coulombs} \cdot \text{volts)} \\ & && = (it)\Delta V \\ & && = (55 \text{ A} \cdot \text{h})(12.0 \text{ V}) \\ & && = 660 \text{ A} \cdot \text{h} \cdot \text{V} \end{aligned}$$

Dimensionally:

$$\begin{aligned} i = \frac{q}{t} \Rightarrow 1 &= \frac{\text{C}}{\text{A} \cdot \text{sec}} && \text{power} = \frac{\text{Work}}{\text{time}} \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{\text{Watt}}{\frac{\text{J}}{t}} \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{\text{W} \cdot \text{t}}{\text{J}} \\ V = \frac{U}{q} \Rightarrow 1 &= \frac{\text{U}}{qV} \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{\text{J}}{\text{C} \cdot \text{V}} \end{aligned}$$

a.) Using dimensional analysis:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta U &= (660 \text{ A}\cdot\text{h}\cdot\text{V}) \left(\frac{\text{C}}{\text{A}\cdot\text{sec}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{J}}{\text{C}\cdot\text{V}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ W}\cdot\text{sec}}{\text{J}} \right) \\ &= 660 \text{ W}\cdot\text{h} \\ &= .660 \text{ kW}\cdot\text{h}\end{aligned}$$

b.) at 11 cents per kW-hr, how much is the energy in the battery worth?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cost} &= (0.660 \text{ kW}\cdot\text{h}) \left(\frac{\$0.11}{\text{kW}\cdot\text{h}} \right) \\ &= \$0.07\end{aligned}$$