

Problem 28.1

The EMF of a battery measures the inherent power-producing, electric field generating character of the battery. When current is drawn from the battery (which is analogous to current passing *through* the battery), the voltage difference across the battery's terminal is such that

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta V_{\text{terminal}} &= V_{\text{terminal}} = \varepsilon - iR \\ \Rightarrow (11.6 \text{ V}) &= (15 \text{ V}) - iR \\ \Rightarrow i &= \frac{(3.4 \text{ V})}{R}\end{aligned}$$

The power rating is:

$$\begin{aligned}P &= i V_{\text{terminal}} \\ (20 \text{ W}) &= \left[\frac{(3.4 \text{ V})}{R} \right] (11.6 \text{ V}) \\ \Rightarrow R &= 1.97 \Omega\end{aligned}$$

