

Problem 28.42

a.) Using the standard relationship for power:

for the heater:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{heater}} &= iV \\ \Rightarrow i &= \frac{P}{V} \\ &= \frac{(1.50 \times 10^3 \text{ W})}{(120 \text{ V})} \\ &= 12.5 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

for the toaster:

$$\begin{aligned} i_{\text{toaster}} &= \frac{(750 \text{ W})}{(120 \text{ V})} \\ &= 6.25 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

for the grill:

$$\begin{aligned} i_{\text{grill}} &= \frac{(1000 \text{ W})}{(120 \text{ V})} \\ &= 8.33 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

b.) The total current drawn when all three are turned on is:

$$(12.5 \text{ A}) + (6.25 \text{ A}) + (8.33 \text{ A}) = 27.08 \text{ A}$$

As this is more than the 25-A circuit breaker, running all three will trip the breaker.