$$R_{\rm eq} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} R_j$$
 (*n* resistances in series)
$$\frac{1}{R_{\rm eq}} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{1}{R_j}$$
 (*n* resistances in parallel)

Resistors in series have the same current running through each resistor, but different voltages across each resistor. The voltage across each resistor is given by V = iR.

Resistors in parallel have the same voltage across each resistor, but different currents running through each resistor. The current running through each resistor is given by i = V/R.

What is the voltage at point "b" relative to ground?

A) 8 v

B) 6 v

C) 5 v

D) 4 v

What is the voltage at point "a" relative to ground?

A) 9 v

B) 8 v

C) 4 v

D) 0 v

The voltage *across* the three resistors is:

A) 8 v

B) 5 v

C) 3.5 v

D) 1.5 v