

31.20. Visualize: Please refer to Figure Ex32.20.

Solve: The three resistors are in series. The total resistance of this combination is

$$R_{\text{eq}} = R + 50 \, \Omega + R = 2R + 50 \, \Omega$$

Thus, $R_{\text{eq}} > 50 \, \Omega$ as long as $R > 0 \, \Omega$.