

Electrical Circuits

See the image of a passive electrical circuit below. Write a function called **voltage** that computes the voltages at junctions A, B and C. The function has two inputs, V for the voltage of the supply in volts and R , a vector of the values of the resistors in ohm. R_1 in the figure is $R(1)$, that is, the first element of the vector R . In general, R_N is $R(N)$. The output of the function is a three-element column vector with the voltage levels at junctions A, B and C, respectively.

To compute the voltage levels, we can use [Kirchhoff's first law](#) that states that the sum of current flowing in and out of a junction must be zero. So, for example, here is the equation for junction A:

$$\frac{V - A}{R_1} - \frac{A - B}{R_7} - \frac{A}{R_2} = 0$$

The current across a resistor is the voltage difference divided by the resistance, i.e., $i_N = \frac{V_{in} - V_{out}}{R_N}$. You have to be careful that you use the correct sign for inflow and outflow. In

the above equation, we assumed that $A > B$, so the current flows out, hence, the negative sign. But if the assumption was wrong, that will still work since $A - B$ will then be negative, so overall, it will turn into a positive inflow value.

You need to write the remaining two equations for junctions B and C and rearrange the equations to get the canonical form so that we can use MATLAB's support for solving linear equations.

Good values to check your function with:

- $R_1 = 0$ means that A must be at V level. Same for R_3 and R_5 for B and C, respectively.
- $R_2 = 0$ makes $A = 0$. Same for R_4 and R_6 for B and C, respectively.
- If $\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{R_3}{R_4} = \frac{R_5}{R_6}$ then A, B and C will be at the same level independent of R_7 and R_8 .

