

ELE 202

Electric Circuit Analysis

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ELE 202 Laboratory #2

Basic Concepts, Relationships and Laws of Electric Circuits

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The relationship between *current* (**I**) and *voltage* (**V**) across the terminals of a circuit element defines the behavior of that element within the circuit. The graphical means of representing the terminal characteristics of a circuit element is done by introducing the variable **I** to represent current flowing through the element, while voltage **V** is the *Potential Difference* (**P.D.**) or voltage across the element. If the voltage applied to the element were varied and the resulting current measured, it would be possible to construct a functional relationship between voltage and current known as the **I-V** characteristic. Depending on the electrical properties of a circuit element, this **I-V** relationship can be “linear” or “non-linear”.

Electrical current, **I** ($= dQ/dt$) is the rate at which *free* electrons (or charge, **Q**) is made to drift through a material in a particular direction, that is, moved around a circuit. In order to cause the *free* electrons to drift in a given direction, an Electro-Motive Force (**EMF**) must be applied, and which ends up being the driving force in an electrical circuit. The electrical symbol for an EMF is **E**, the unit of measurement is in **volts (V)**, and the typical voltage-sources of EMF are cells, batteries (or power-supplies), and generators.

When current flows through a metal wire or other circuit elements, it encounters a certain amount of *resistance*, the magnitude of which depends on the electrical properties of the material. Practically all circuit elements exhibit some resistance; as a consequence, the current flowing through an element will cause energy to be dissipated in the form of heat. An ideal resistor, **R**, is a circuit element that exhibits “linear” resistance properties according to **Ohm’s Law**, whereby the voltage across the resistor element is directly proportional to the current flow through it. The unit of electrical resistance (**R**) is the **ohm (Ω)**. It should be noted that the EMF (the driving force, **E**) causes current to flow in a circuit, whereas a **P.D.** (Potential-Difference) is the result of current flowing through a resistor, **R**. Hence, EMF is a “cause” and P.D. is an “effect”.

These basic concepts of current, voltage and power in an electric circuit are easy to grasp however, to actually determine the values and relationships of these variables in a given circuit requires a sound understanding of some “*fundamental laws*” that govern electric circuits. These laws, known as **Ohm’s Law** and **Kirchhoff’s Laws** (**KVL** and **KCL**) form the foundation upon which electric circuit analysis is built. So, for this particular lab, the student is urged to review Ohm’s and Kirchhoff’s laws, and related techniques commonly applied in circuit design and analysis.

References:- (i) Course Textbook: “*Fundamentals of Electric Circuits*” by C. K. Alexander and M. N. O. Sadiku; and (ii) “*Principles and Applications of Electrical Engineering*” by G. Rizzoni.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

- To enhance understanding of the basic electric circuit laws: Ohm's law, Kirchhoff's voltage law (**KVL**), and Kirchhoff's current law (**KCL**)
- To experimentally verify **KVL** and **KCL** in actual circuits.
- To investigate the current-voltage (**I-V**) characteristics of a linear circuit-element (e.g. Resistor) through the use of some simple D.C. circuits.
- To explore and verify the characteristics of *series* and *parallel* combinations of linear circuit-elements.

3.0 REQUIRED LAB EQUIPMENT & PARTS

- Digital Multimeter (DMM) and Power Supply
- ELE202 Lab Kit:- various components, breadboard, wires and jumpers.

4.0 PRE-LAB: ASSIGNMENT

(a) *I-V* Characteristics of Ohmic Resistor using a simple D.C. Circuit

- (i) Assume varying values of the DC source-voltage, **E** applied as shown in **Figure 2.0**. For each source-voltage value, use Ohm's Law to determine the corresponding value of the current, **I_R** when the resistance, **R** is 2.2 kΩ and when it is 3.3 kΩ. Record your theoretical results in **Table 2.0**.

Pre-Lab workspace

$$V = IR$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$= \frac{3V}{2.2k\Omega} = 1.36mA$$

$$= \frac{3V}{3.3k\Omega} = 0.909mA$$

$$= \frac{6V}{2.2k\Omega} = 2.72mA$$

$$= \frac{6V}{3.3k\Omega} = 1.818mA$$

$$= \frac{9V}{2.2k\Omega} = 4.09mA$$

$$= \frac{9V}{3.3k\Omega} = 2.727mA$$

$$= \frac{12V}{2.2k\Omega} = 5.45mA$$

$$= \frac{12V}{3.3k\Omega} = 3.6mA$$

$$= \frac{15V}{2.2k\Omega} = 6.8mA$$

$$= \frac{15V}{3.3k\Omega} = 4.54mA$$

- (ii) Construct and simulate this circuit of **Figure 2.0a** on MultiSIM, and set it up as depicted in **Figure 2.0b** to measure the current, **I_R** and voltage, **V_R** when **R** = 2.2 kΩ. Vary the DC source-voltage, **E** such that the voltage, **V_R** across the resistor has the values listed in **Table 2.0**. For each listed source-voltage, measure the corresponding current, **I_R** and voltage, **V_R**. Record these simulation results in **Table 2.0**.

- Copy and paste a screenshot showing one MultiSIM readings on the circuit. Include the MultiSIM circuit file (.ms14) in your Pre-Lab submission.
- All screenshots should show your name printed on the center-top of the MultiSIM screen and the timestamp at the bottom-lower corner.

- (iii) Change the resistor to **R** = 3.3kΩ, and repeat above **step (ii)**.

- (iv) Compare your Theory results with the MultiSIM results from **Table 2.0**, and comment on your observations.

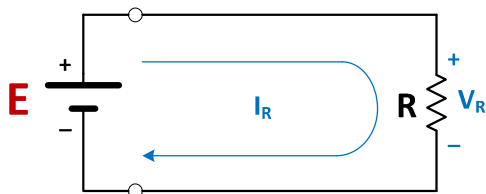


Figure 2.0a: Simple DC Circuit

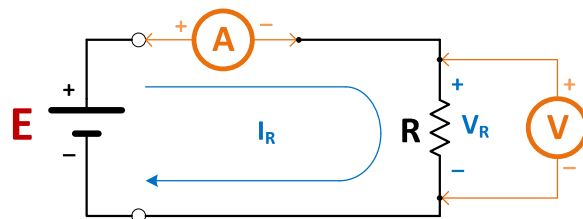


Figure 2.0b: Simple DC Circuit showing
Voltmeter & Ammeter connections

	$V_R \Rightarrow$	3V		6V		9V		12V		15V	
R		Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result
2.2 k Ω	$I_R \Rightarrow$ (mA)	1.36	1.36	2.73	2.73	4.1	4.1	5.45	5.4	6.8	6.8
3.3 k Ω	$I_R \Rightarrow$ (mA)	0.91	0.91	1.82	1.82	2.7	2.7	3.6	3.6	4.55	4.55

Table 2.0: Theoretical and MultiSIM results of the Simple DC Circuit in Figure 2.0

(b) Series Resistors Circuit - KVL

- (i) For the circuit of **Figure 2.1a**, assume the source-voltage, $E = 15V$, $R_1 = 3.3\text{ k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 2.2\text{ k}\Omega$ and $R_3 = 1.0\text{ k}\Omega$. Determine the expected current, I and the voltages across resistors $R_1 (=V_{ab})$, $R_2 (=V_{bc})$ and $R_3 (=V_{cd})$ for the respective values of resistors shown. Record your theoretical results in **Table 2.1**. Determine the sum $\Sigma V = (V_{ab} + V_{bc} + V_{cd})$ to verify the KVL law.

Pre-Lab workspace

$$R_{eq} = 3.3k + 2.2k + 1k$$

$$= 6.5k$$

$$V = IR$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{15V}{6.5k\Omega}$$

$$I = 2.3\text{ mA}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{3.3k}{6.5k} 15$$

$$= 7.62V$$

$$V_2 = 5.08V$$

$$V_3 = 2.30V$$

- (ii) On MultiSIM, construct and simulate the circuit of **Figure 2.1a** using a DC source-voltage, $E = 15V$, $R_1 = 3.3\text{ k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 2.2\text{ k}\Omega$ and $R_3 = 1.0\text{ k}\Omega$. The measurement setup for the simulator is depicted in **Figure 2.1b**. Record the measured current, I and the voltages across resistors $R_1 (=V_{ab})$, $R_2 (=V_{bc})$ and $R_3 (=V_{cd})$ for the respective values of resistors shown. Record your simulation results in **Table 2.1**. Determine the sum $\Sigma V = (V_{ab} + V_{bc} + V_{cd})$ to verify the KVL law.

- Copy and paste a screenshot showing one MultiSIM readings on the circuit. Include the MultiSIM circuit file (.ms14) in your Pre-Lab submission.
- All screenshots should show your name printed on the center-top of the MultiSIM screen and the timestamp at the bottom-lower corner.

Pre-Lab workspace

- (iii) Compare your Theory results with the MultiSIM results from **Table 2.1**, and comment on your observations.

Pre-Lab workspace

They're the same

(iv) **Design Problem:** Referring to the circuit of **Figure 2.1a**, a designer wishes to create three *equal* potential differences (i.e. $V_{ab} = V_{bc} = V_{cd}$) of **5V** each from a source-voltage, **E = 15V**. The **maximum** source-current, **I** available from the **E** battery-source is **5mA**, and so the designer must ensure the current value stays within this requirement, and **not exceed**. Using KVL concept, analyse and determine a set of values for **I**, **R₁**, **R₂** and **R₃** the designer can use to meet the above design specifications. *Use standard resistor values available in your lab kit in your design.* Record the results of your design analysis in **Table 2.2**.

Using your design values of **R₁**, **R₂** and **R₃** implement and simulate your circuit design on MultiSIM. Measure the current, **I** and the voltages across resistors **R₁** ($=V_{ab}$), **R₂** ($=V_{bc}$) and **R₃** ($=V_{cd}$), and record the results in **Table 2.2**.

- Copy and paste a screenshot showing one MultiSIM readings on the circuit. Include the MultiSIM circuit file (.ms14) in your Pr-Lab submission.
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Pre-Lab workspace

$$5V = \frac{R_{eq}}{R_1} \cdot 15$$

$$\frac{1}{5} = \frac{R_{eq}}{R_1}$$

$$R_1 = R_2 = R_3$$

$$V = IR$$

$$\frac{15V}{5mA} = R$$

$$3k\Omega = R$$

$$R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 1k\Omega$$

(v) Compare your Theory results with the MultiSIM results from **Table 2.2**, comment on your observations and explain any discrepancies in your design outcome.

Pre-Lab workspace

They're the same

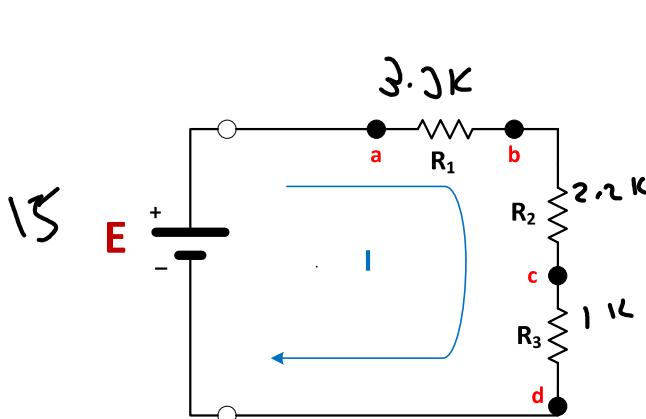


Figure 2.1a: KVL Series Circuit

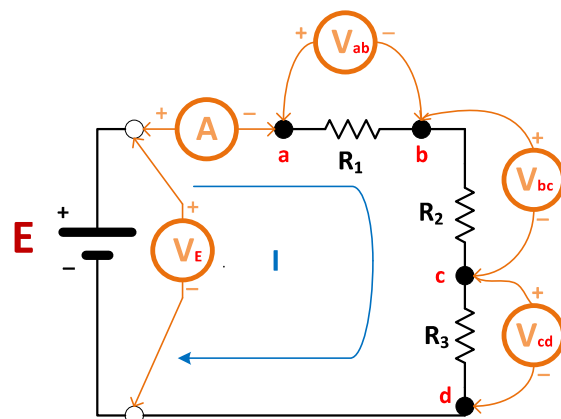


Figure 2.1b: KVL Series Circuit showing
Voltmeter & Ammeter connections

V_E	I (mA)		V_{ab} (Volts)		V_{bc} (Volts)		V_{cd} (Volts)		$\Sigma V = (V_{ab} + V_{bc} + V_{cd})$	
	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result
15V	2.3	2.3	7.62	7.62	5.08	5.08	2.3	2.3	15V	15V

Table 2.1: Theoretical and MultiSIM results of the Series Circuit in Figure 2.1

Design values => $R_1 = 1k\Omega$ $R_2 = 1k\Omega$ $R_3 = 1k\Omega$									
V_E	I (mA)		V_{ab} (Volts)		V_{bc} (Volts)		V_{cd} (Volts)		
	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result	
15V	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	

Table 2.2: Theoretical and MultiSIM results of the *re-designed* Series Circuit in Figure 2.1

(c) Parallel Resistors Circuit - KCL

- (i) For the circuit of **Figure 2.2a**, assume the source-voltage, $E = 15V$, $R_1 = 3.3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 2.2 \text{ k}\Omega$ and $R_3 = 1.0 \text{ k}\Omega$. Determine the expected currents I , I_1 , I_2 and I_3 as shown in **Figure 2.2a**. Record your theoretical results in **Table 2.3**. Determine the sum $\Sigma I = (I_1 + I_2 + I_3)$ to verify the KCL law.

Pre-Lab workspace

$$R_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2.2k} + \frac{1}{1.0k} + \frac{1}{3.3k}}$$

$$= 568.96 \Omega$$

$$I = \frac{15V}{568.96 \Omega}$$

$$= 26.36 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_1 = \frac{0.57k}{3.3k} \cdot 26.36 \text{ mA}$$

$$= 4.55 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{0.57k}{2.2k} \cdot 26.36 \text{ mA}$$

$$= 6.83 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_3 = \frac{0.57k}{1.0k} \cdot 26.36 \text{ mA} = 15.02 \text{ mA}$$

- (ii) On MultiSIM, construct and simulate the circuit of **Figure 2.2a** using a DC source-voltage, $E = 15V$, $R_1 = 3.3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 2.2 \text{ k}\Omega$ and $R_3 = 1.0 \text{ k}\Omega$. The measurement setup for the simulator is depicted in **Figure 2.2b**. Record the measured currents I , I_1 , I_2 and I_3 as shown in **Figure 2.2a**. Record your simulation results in **Table 2.3**. Determine the sum $\Sigma I = (I_1 + I_2 + I_3)$ to verify the KCL law.

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Pre-Lab workspace

(iii) Compare your Theory results with the MultiSIM results from **Table 2.3**, and comment.

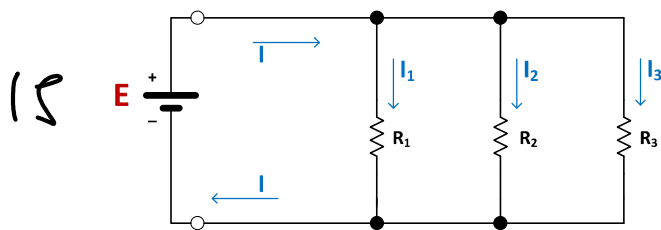
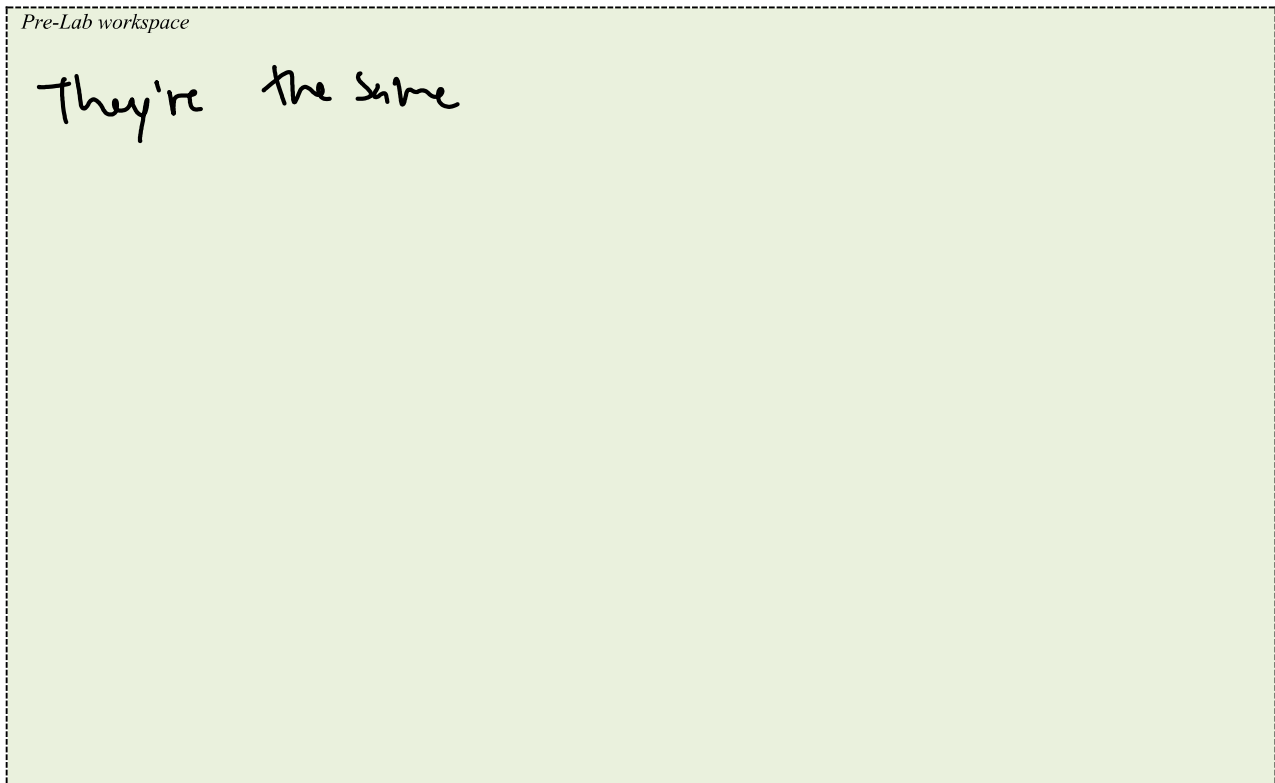


Figure 2.2a: KCL Parallel Circuit

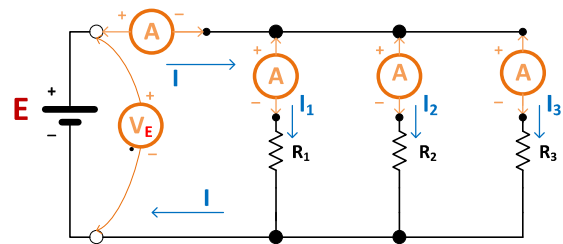
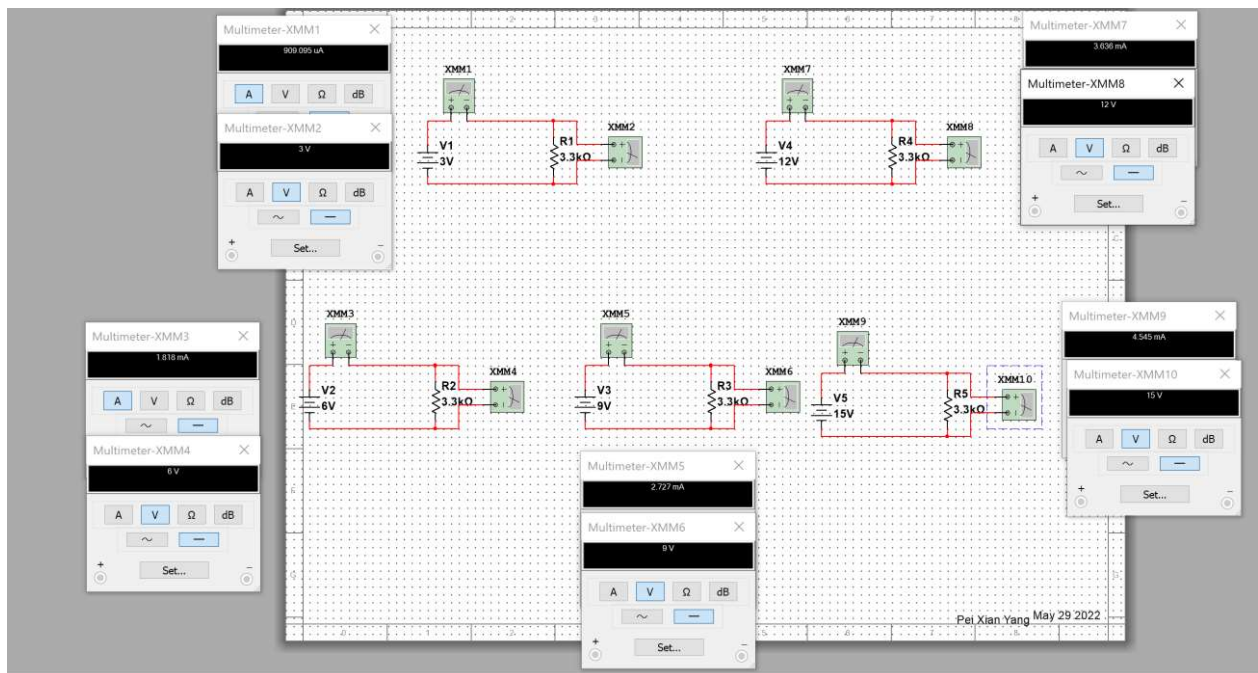
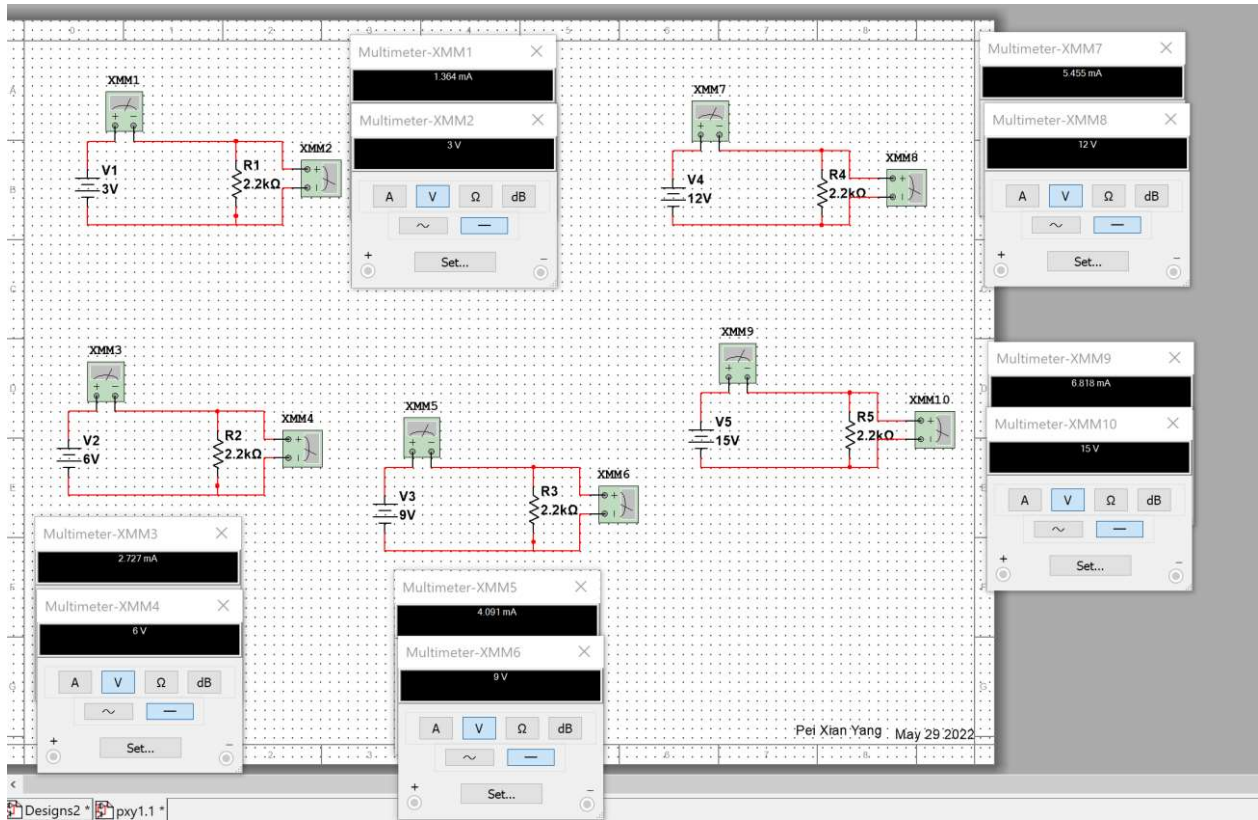


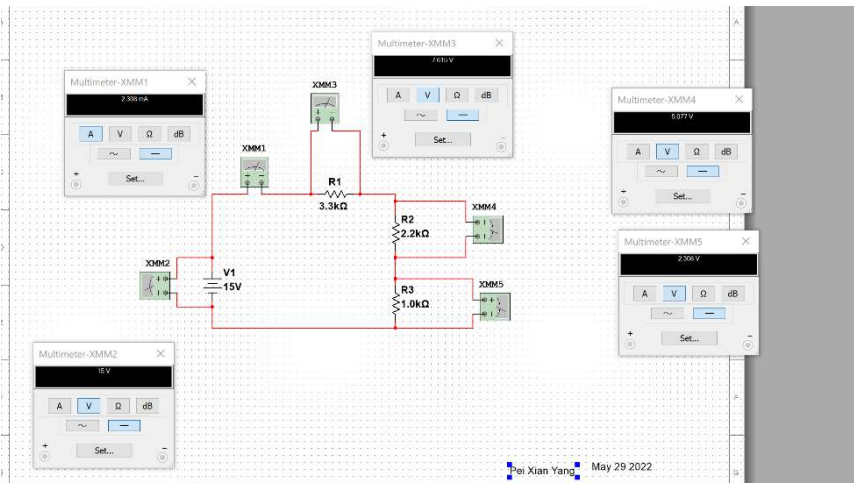
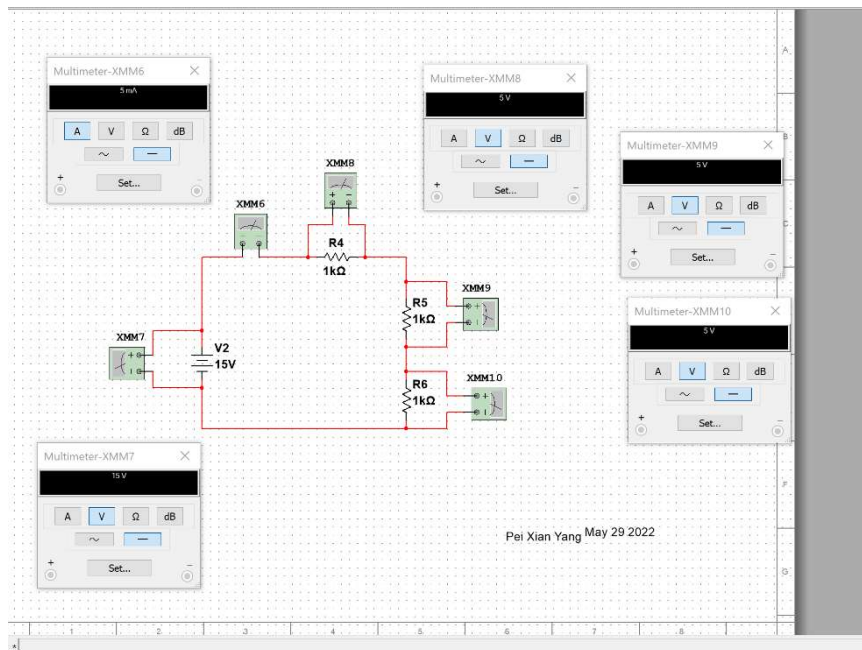
Figure 2.2b: KCL Parallel Circuit with Ammeter & Voltmeter connections

V_E	I (mA)		I_1 (mA)		I_2 (mA)		I_3 (mA)		$\Sigma I = (I_1 + I_2 + I_3)$	
	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result	Theory result	MultiSIM result
15V	26.3	26.3	4.5	4.5	6.8	6.8	15	15.0	26.3	26.3

Table 2.3: Theoretical and MultiSIM results of the Parallel Circuit in Figure 2.2



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