

UNIT 1: DC CIRCUITS

Lecture 3

Kirchhoff's Law

- Ohm's law by itself **is not sufficient** to analyze circuits.
- However, when it is coupled with Kirchhoff's two laws, we have a sufficient, powerful set of tools for analyzing a large variety of electric circuits.
- These laws are:
 1. Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL)
 2. Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL)

Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL)

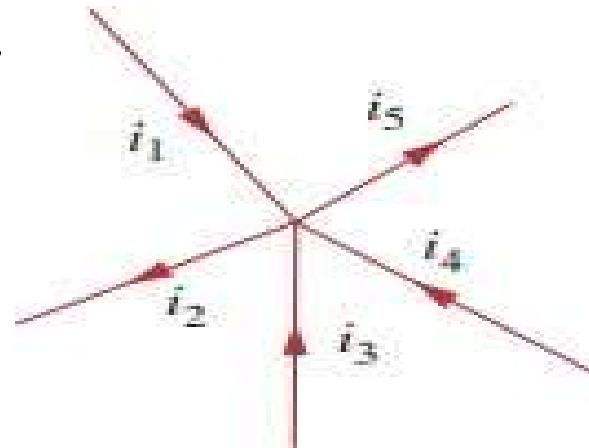
- It states that:

“the algebraic sum of currents entering a node is zero”.

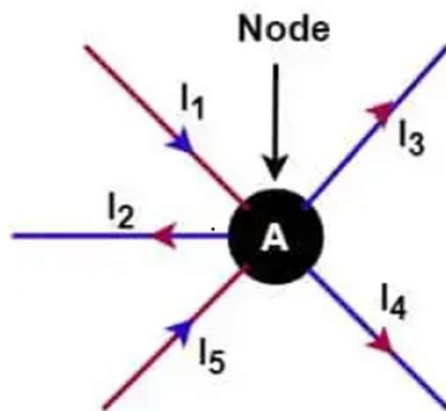
OR

“ Sum of currents entering a node = Sum of currents leaving a node “

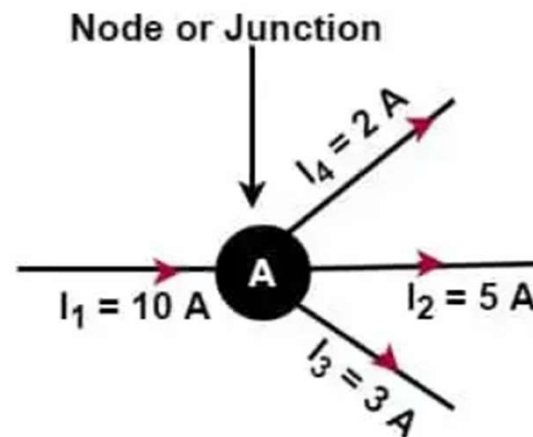
- Based on Law of Conservation of Charge.
- Mathematically, $\sum I = 0$



$$I_1 + I_5 = I_2 + I_3 + I_4$$



Fig(a)



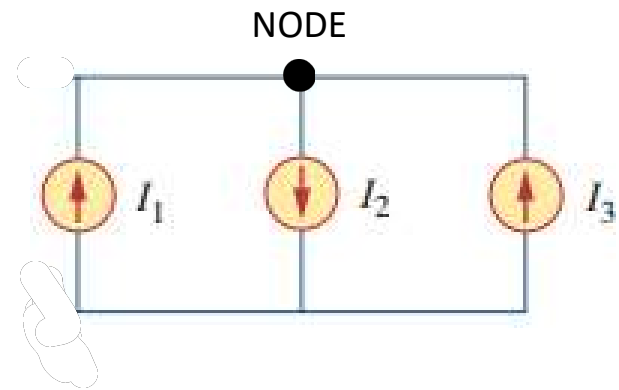
Fig(b)

Current Entering the node is equal to
current leaving the node

QUICK QUIZ (Poll 1)

KCL equation for the given network is:

- A. $I_1 + I_2 + I_3$
- B. $I_1 + I_2 - I_3$
- C. $I_1 - I_2 + I_3$
- D. $-I_1 - I_2 + I_3$



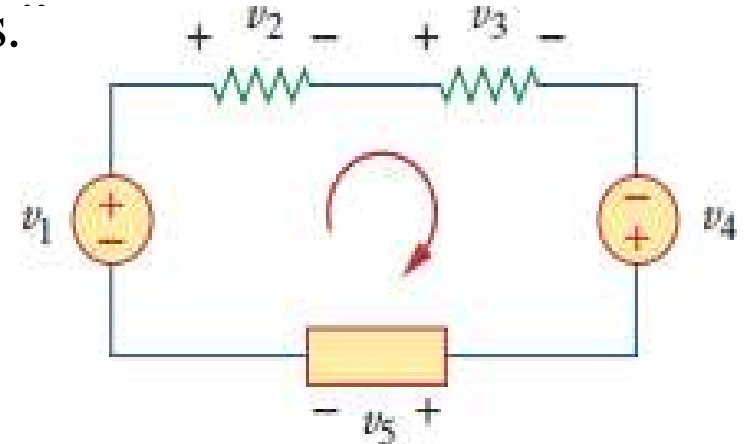
Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL)

- It states that:
“algebraic sum of all voltages around a closed path (or loop) is zero.”

OR

“Sum of voltage drops = Sum of voltage rises.”

- Based on Law of Conservation of Energy
- Mathematically, $\sum V = 0$



Sign Convention for KVL

(a) Sign conventions for emfs

$+\mathcal{E}$: Travel direction from $-$ to $+$:



$-\mathcal{E}$: Travel direction from $+$ to $-$:

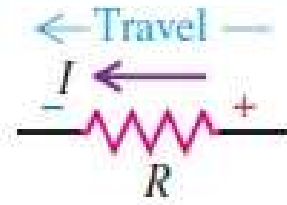


(b) Sign conventions for resistors

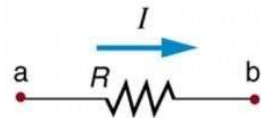
$+IR$: Travel *opposite* to current direction:



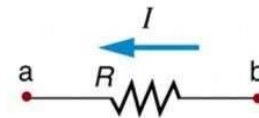
$-IR$: Travel *in* current direction:



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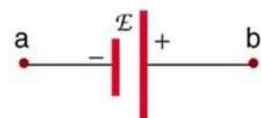


$$\Delta V = V_b - V_a = -IR$$

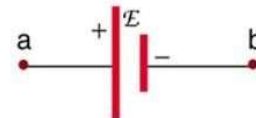


$$\Delta V = V_b - V_a = +IR$$

Direction of traverse a \longrightarrow b Direction of traverse a \longrightarrow b



$$\Delta V = V_b - V_a = +\mathcal{E}$$



$$\Delta V = V_b - V_a = -\mathcal{E}$$

Let us Recall!

- Taking Clockwise direction (Def. 1):

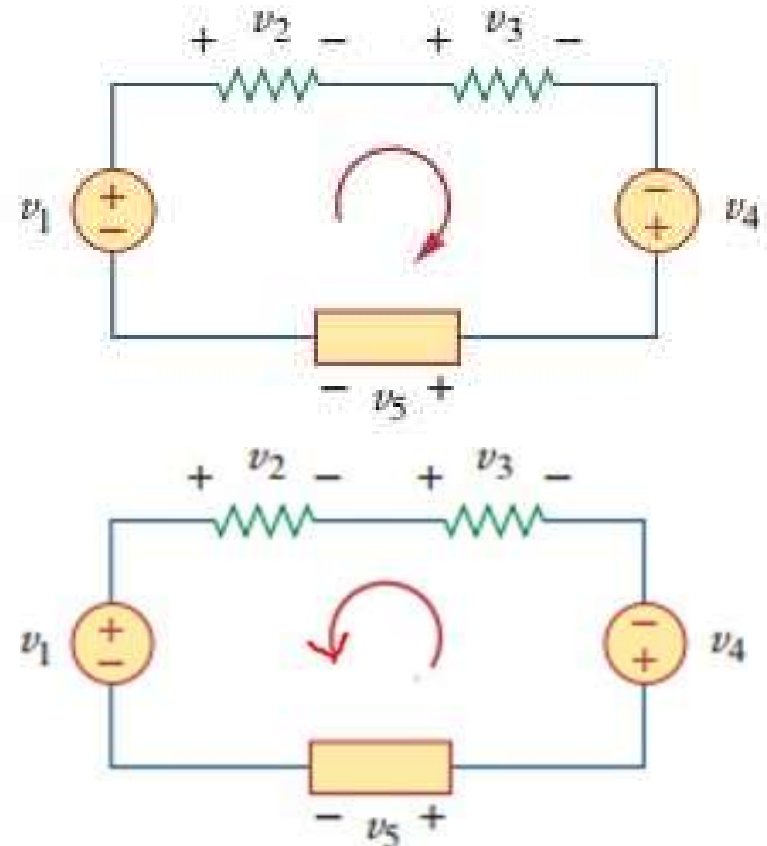
$$+V_1 - V_2 - V_3 + V_4 - V_5 = 0$$

- Taking Anti-clockwise direction (Def. 1):

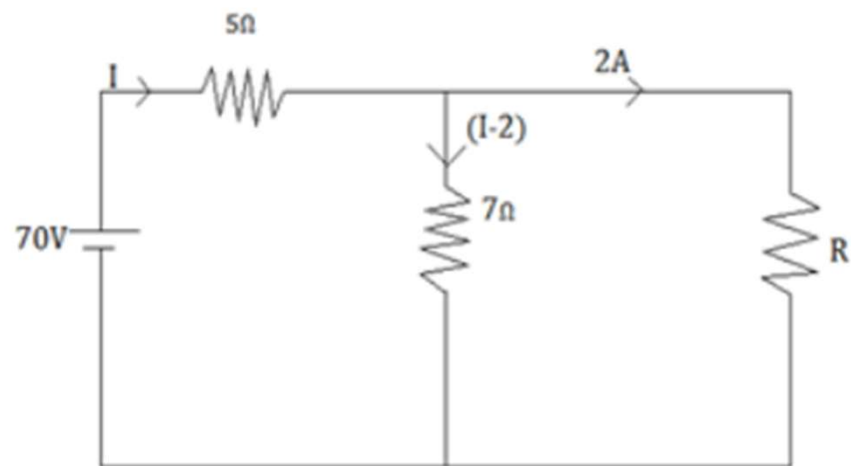
$$-V_4 + V_3 + V_2 - V_1 + V_5 = 0$$

- Voltage rise = Voltage drop

$$+V_1 + V_4 = V_2 + V_3 + V_5$$



Q. Find R-value from the below circuit using KVL.



$$\text{KVL: } 70 - 5I - 7(I - 2) = 0$$

$$I = 7\text{A}$$

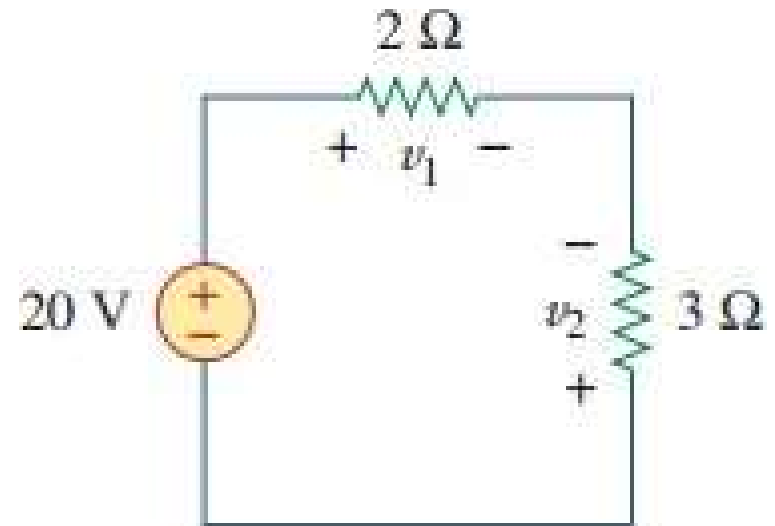
$$\text{KVL to 2nd loop: } 7(I - 2) - 2R = 0$$

$$R = 17.5\Omega$$

QUICK QUIZ (Poll 2)

Find voltages V_1 and V_2 in the given circuit:

- A. $V_1 = 16\text{ V}$ and $V_2 = 12\text{ V}$
- B. $V_1 = 16\text{ V}$ and $V_2 = -8\text{ V}$
- C. $V_1 = 8\text{ V}$ and $V_2 = -12\text{ V}$
- D. $V_1 = -12\text{ V}$ and $V_2 = 8\text{ V}$



$$20V - V_1 + V_2 = 0$$

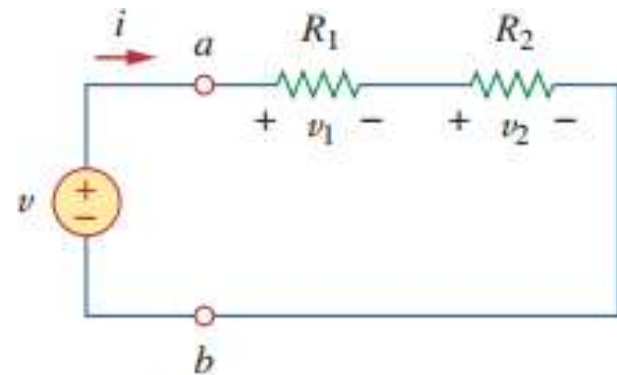
$$20V - (V_1 - V_2) = 0$$

Voltage Division Rule

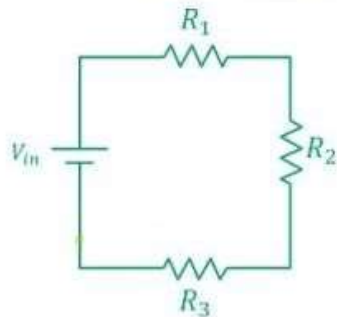
The voltage division rule states that the voltage across any of the series components in a series circuit is equal to the product of value of that resistance and the total supply voltage, divided by the total resistance of the series circuit.

- The important relations are:

$$v_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} v, \quad v_2 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} v$$



VOLTAGE DIVISION RULE FOR 3- RESISTORS



$$V_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} * V_{in}$$

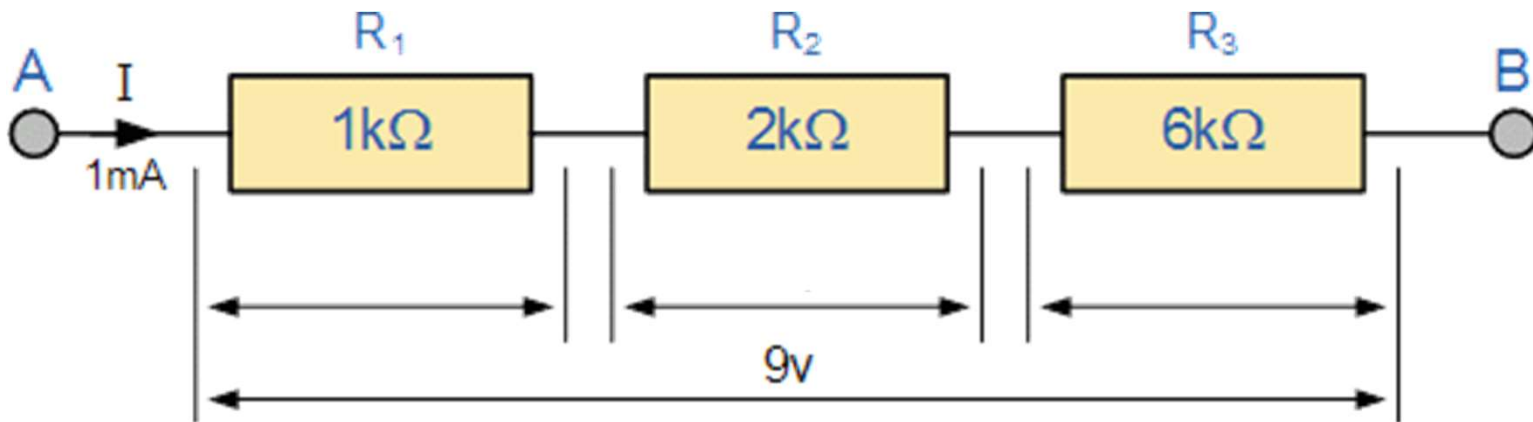
$$V_2 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} * V_{in}$$

$$V_3 = \frac{R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} * V_{in}$$

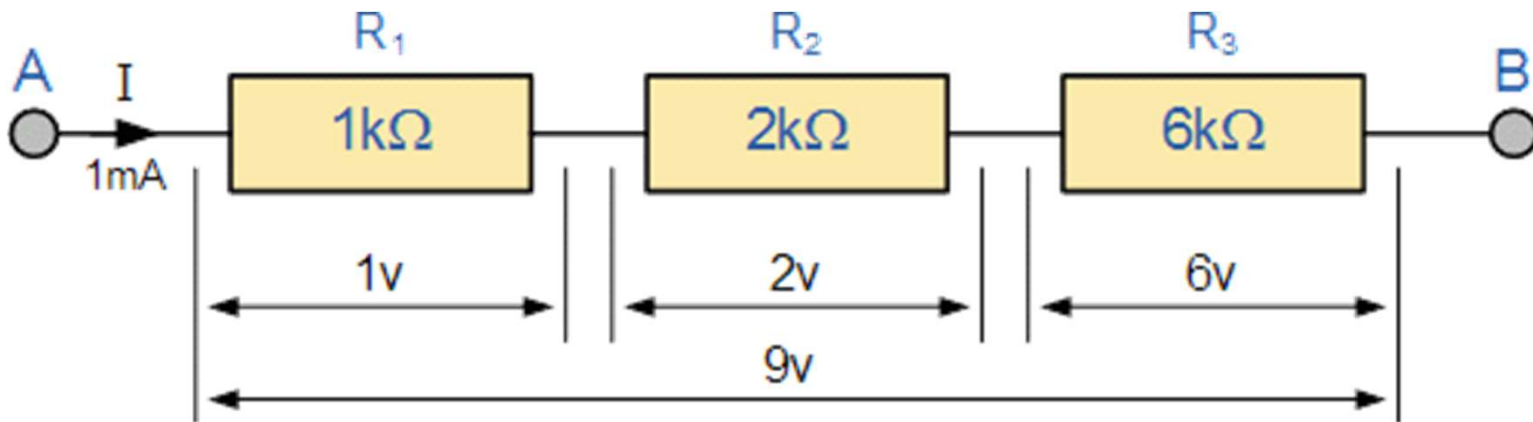
Voltage Division Rule for N-Resistors

$$v_n = \frac{R_n}{R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N} v$$

Example for Voltage Division Rule
Find V_1 , V_2 and V_3 .



Example for Voltage Division Rule



$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= [R_1 / (R_1 + R_2 + R_3)] \times V \\ &= [1 / (1 + 2 + 6)] \cdot 9 \\ &= 1 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_2 &= [R_2 / (R_1 + R_2 + R_3)] \times V \\ &= [2 / (1 + 2 + 6)] \cdot 9 \\ &= 2 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_3 &= [R_3 / (R_1 + R_2 + R_3)] \times V \\ &= [6 / (1 + 2 + 6)] \cdot 9 \\ &= 6 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

Find the voltage across resistors R_1 and R_2 in the circuit shown in Figure-4.

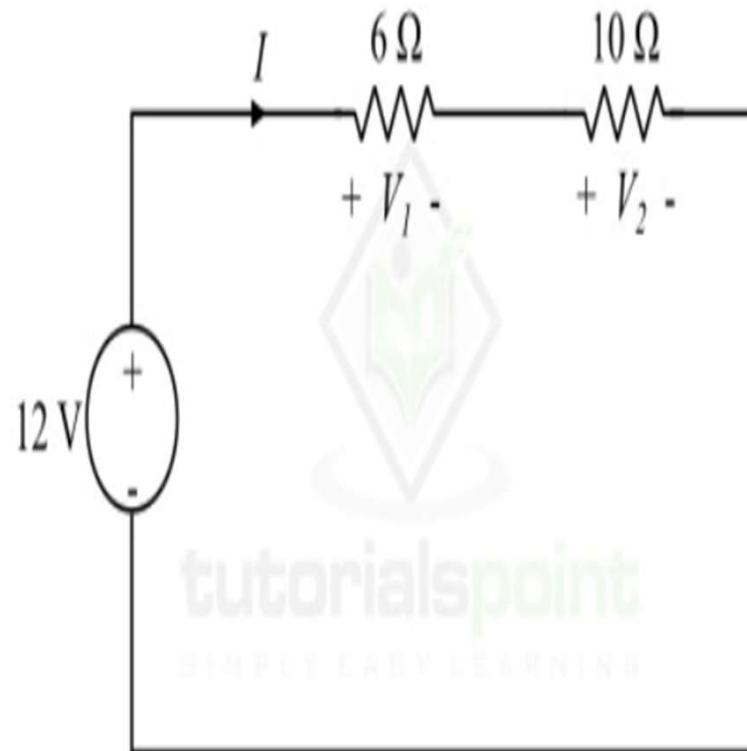


Figure 4

Solution for Figure 4:

$$V_1 = \frac{VR_1}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{12 \times 6}{6 + 10} = 4.5V$$

The voltage across the resistor R_2 will be,

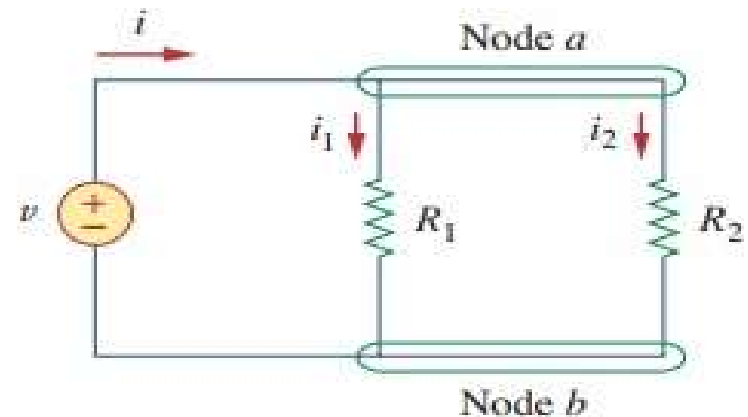
$$V_2 = \frac{VR_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{12 \times 10}{6 + 10} = 7.5V$$

Current Division Rule

The current division rule states that the current in any of the parallel branches of a parallel circuit is equal to the ratio of opposite branch resistance to the sum of all parallel resistances, multiplied by the total current.

- The important relations are:

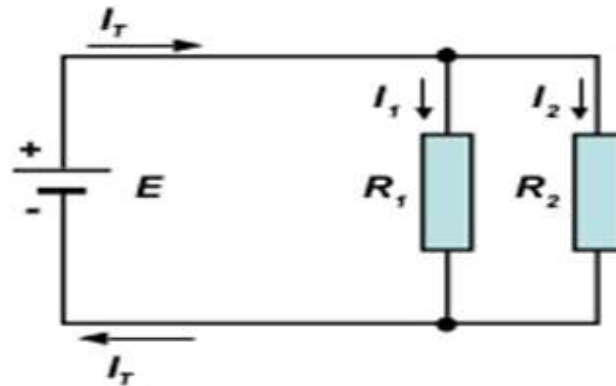
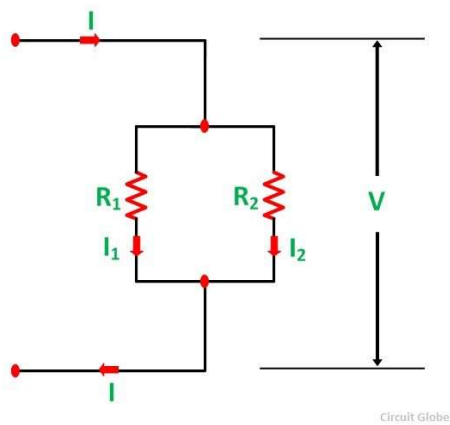
$$i_1 = \frac{R_2 i}{R_1 + R_2}, \quad i_2 = \frac{R_1 i}{R_1 + R_2}$$



CURRENT DIVISION RULE

In parallel circuits the current I_T divides up through the various branch networks, I_1 , I_2 .

The ratio between any two branch currents is the inverse ratio of the branch resistances.



$$I_1 = I_T \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

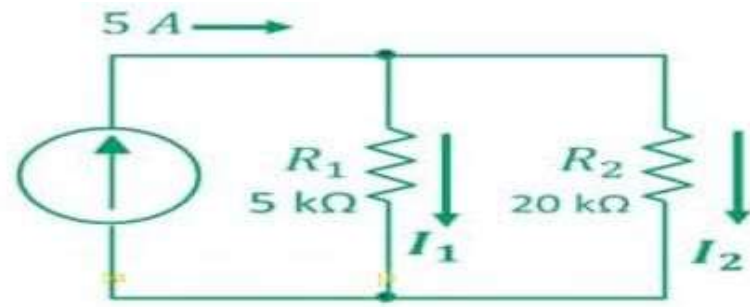
$$I_2 = I_T \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

This procedure is only suitable where there are two parallel branches.

QUICK QUIZ (Poll 3)

Find current across two resistors?

- A. $I_1 = 4\text{ A}$ and $I_2 = 16\text{ A}$
- B. $I_1 = -2\text{ A}$ and $I_2 = 1\text{ A}$
- C. $I_1 = 4\text{ A}$ and $I_2 = 1\text{ A}$
- D. $I_1 = 1\text{ A}$ and $I_2 = 4\text{ A}$



Find the currents I_1 and I_2 in the parallel circuit shown in Figure3

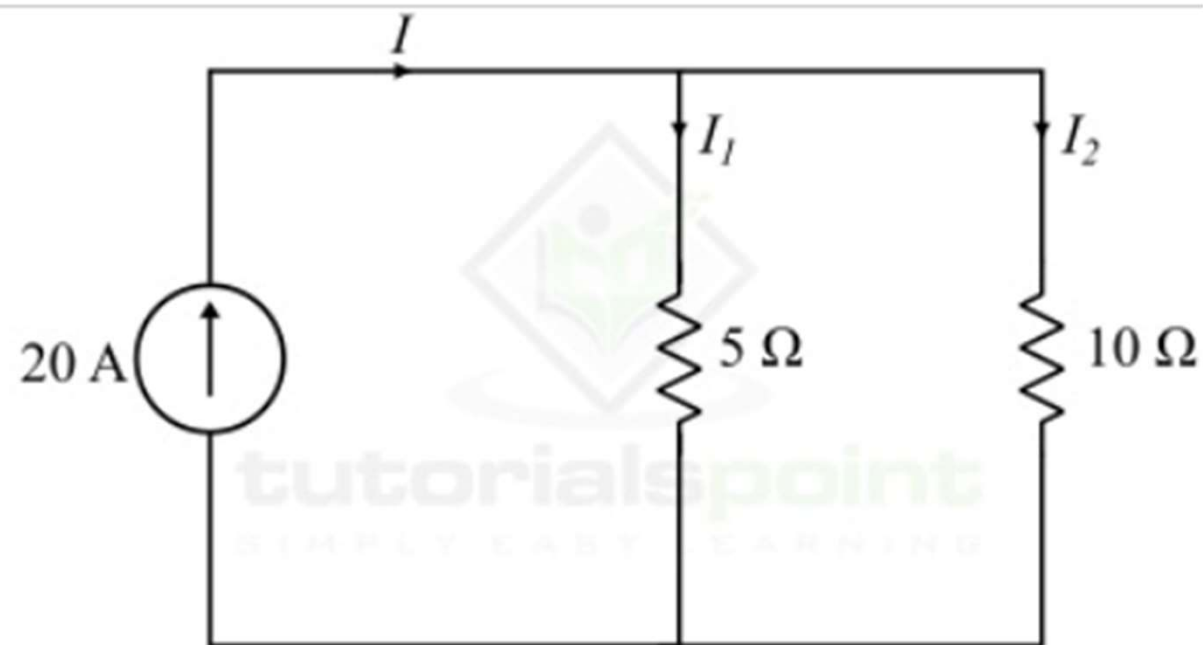


Figure 3

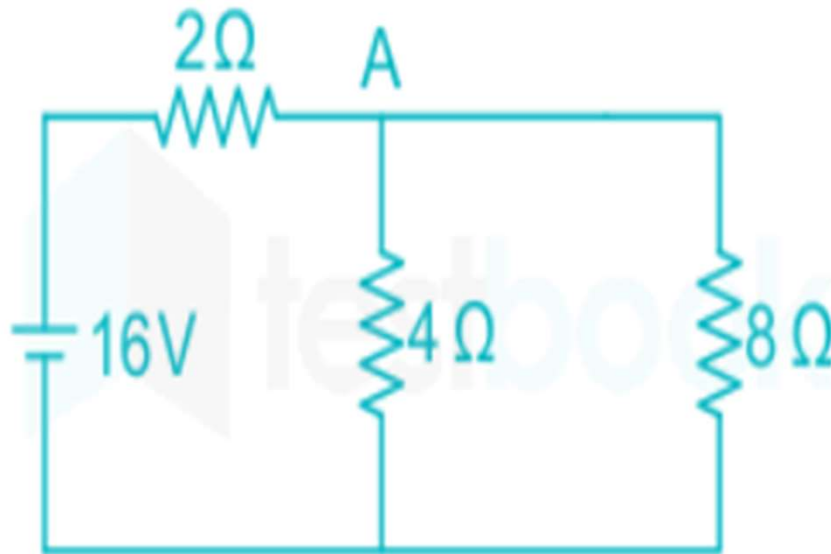
Using the current division rule, the current through resistor R_1 is,

$$I_1 = I \times \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = 20 \times \frac{10}{5 + 10}$$
$$\therefore I_1 = 13.33 \text{ A}$$

The current through resistor R_2 will be,

$$I_2 = I \times \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} = 20 \times \frac{5}{5 + 10}$$
$$\therefore I_2 = 6.67 \text{ A}$$

Find current across 8 ohm resistor in below Figure.



$$R_T = \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \right)^{-1} + 2$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} + 2$$

$$= \frac{14}{3} \Omega$$

The total current

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

$$I = \frac{16}{14} \times 3$$

$$= \frac{24}{7} \text{ A}$$

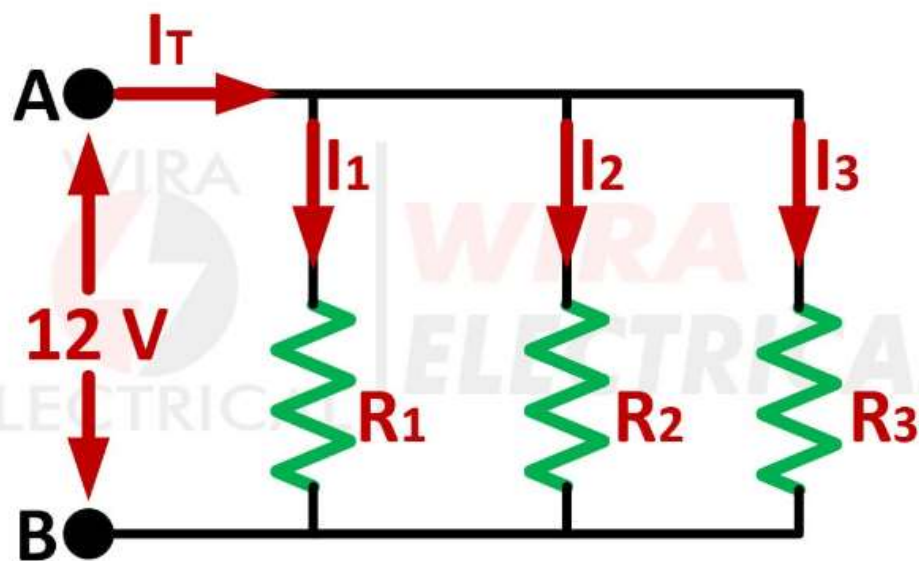
By the current divider rule

The current through 8Ω resistor is

$$I_2 = I \times \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$= \frac{24}{7} \times \frac{4}{(8+4)}$$

$$= \frac{8}{7} \text{ A}$$



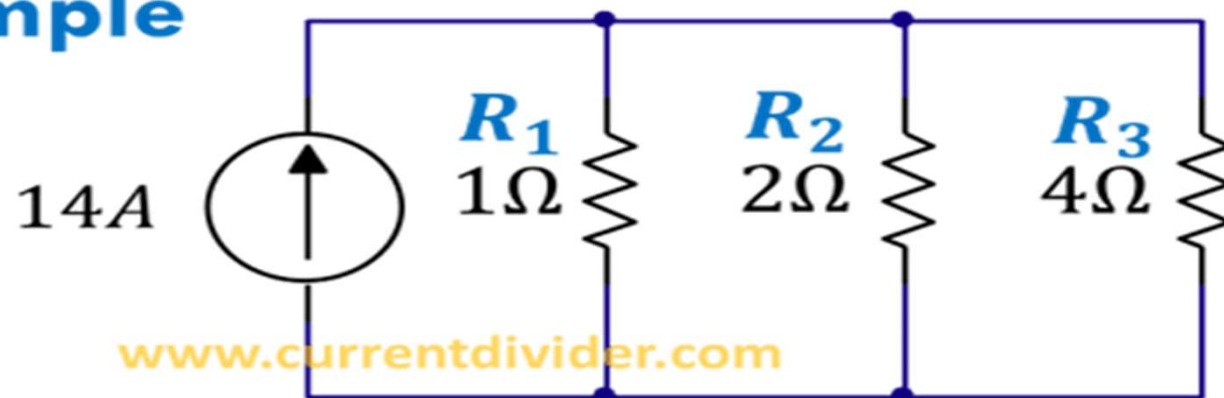
Current division for any number of parallel resistors:

$$I_X = I_T \times \frac{R_T}{R_X}$$

where:

- I_X - branch current.
- I_T - current entering branches.
- R_X - branch resistance.
- R_T - equivalent resistance of parallel circuit.

Example



Where $R_t = R_1 || R_2 || R_3 = 0.5714 \Omega$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_{R_1} = \frac{0.5714 \Omega}{1 \Omega} * 14 A & I_{R_2} = \frac{0.5714 \Omega}{2 \Omega} * 14 A & I_{R_3} = \frac{0.5714 \Omega}{4 \Omega} * 14 A \\ I_{R_1} = 7.99 A & I_{R_2} = 3.99 A & I_{R_3} = 2 A \end{array}$$

Applications of Kirchhoff's Laws

- They can be used to analyze **any electrical circuit**.
- Computation of current and voltage of **complex** circuits.

Limitations of Kirchhoff's Laws

- The limitation of Kirchhoff's both laws is that it works under the assumption that there is **no fluctuating magnetic field** in the closed loop and the current flows **only through conductors and wires**.

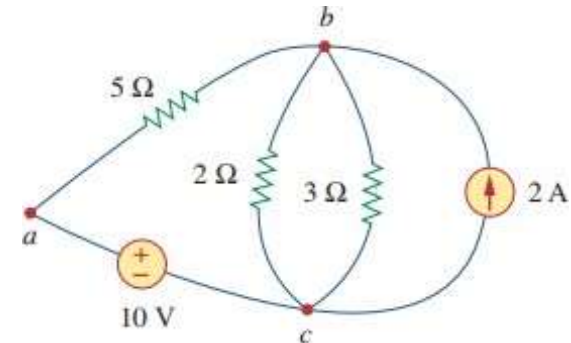
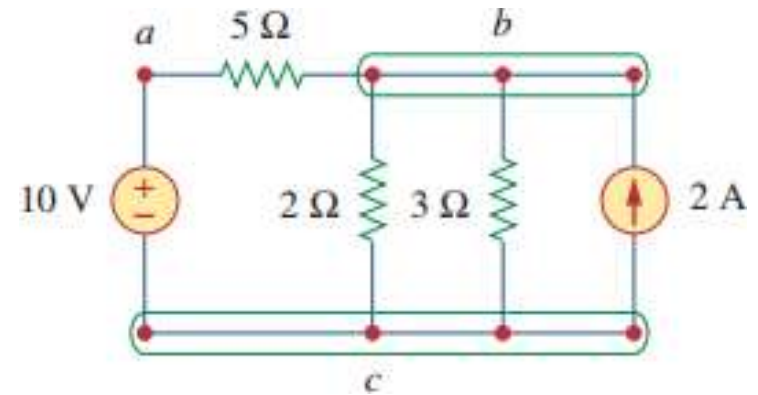
$$\frac{\partial \phi_B}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{Outside elements}$$
$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Inside elements} \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{wires} \quad \text{resistors} \quad \text{sources} \end{array}$$

Nodes, Branches, and Loops

- A **branch** represents a single element such as a voltage source or a resistor.
- A **node** is the point of connection between two or more branches.
- A **loop** is any closed path in a circuit

NOTE:

- Two or more elements are in **series** if they exclusively **share a single node** and consequently carry the same current.
- Two or more elements are in **parallel** if they are connected to the **same two nodes** and consequently have the same voltage across them.



QUICK QUIZ (Poll 4)

How many branches, nodes and independent loops are present in the given circuit?

- A. $b=3, n=5, l=6$
- B. $b=5, n=3, l=6$
- C. $b=5, n=3, l=3$
- D. $b=3, n=5, l=3$

