

1. Experiment number: 02.
2. Experiment name: Verification of Kirchhoff's
Voltage Law (KVL) and Kirchhoff's Current
Law (KCL)
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1. Objectives of the experiment: The purpose of the experiment is to practically understand and verify Kirchhoff's Voltage law (KVL) and Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL). We will measure the voltage and current's in a circuit, compare these values with theoretical calculations, and compare the accuracy of KVL and KCL.

2. List of components and instruments;

- ① Resistors
- ② Connecting wires
- ③ Trainer board
- ④ Avo meter or Multimeter
- ⑤ DC source.

3. Working principle:

Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL): Kirchhoff's voltage law (KVL) states that the algebraic sum of all voltage in a closed loop or mesh in a circuit must equal zero. The principle is grounded in the law of conservation of energy, which asserts that energy can't be created or destroyed in an isolated system. When traversing a closed loop in a circuit, the sum of electromotive forces (emf) and potential drops (voltage drops) across resistors or other components must total zero.

Mathematically, KVL is expressed as:

$$\sum V = 0$$

Consider a simple loop with resistors R_1, R_2, R_3 and power supply with voltage V . The application of KVL would yield:

$$V - V_{R_1} - V_{R_2} - V_{R_3} = 0$$

where $V_{R_1} = I \cdot R_1$, $V_{R_2} = I \cdot R_2$ and $V_{R_3} = I R_3$.

Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL): Kirchhoff's current law states that the algebraic sum of currents entering a junction (or node) in a circuit must equal the sum of currents leaving the junction. The law is based on the principle of conservation of charge, implying that charge cannot accumulate at a node.

Mathematically, KCL is expressed as:

$$\sum I_{in} = \sum I_{out}$$

For example, if three currents I_1 , I_2 and I_3 converge at a node and I_4 and I_5 leave the node, KCL states that:

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

4. Data Table :
Kirchhoff's voltage law:

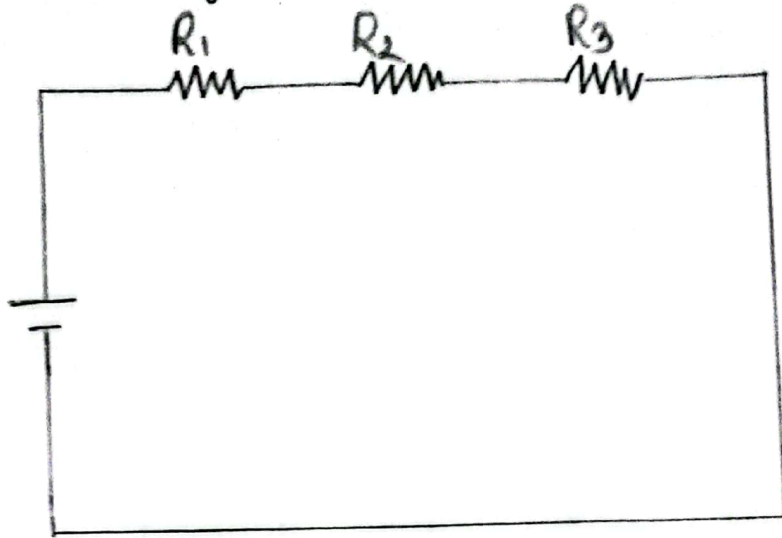


Fig: Series circuit for verification of KVL

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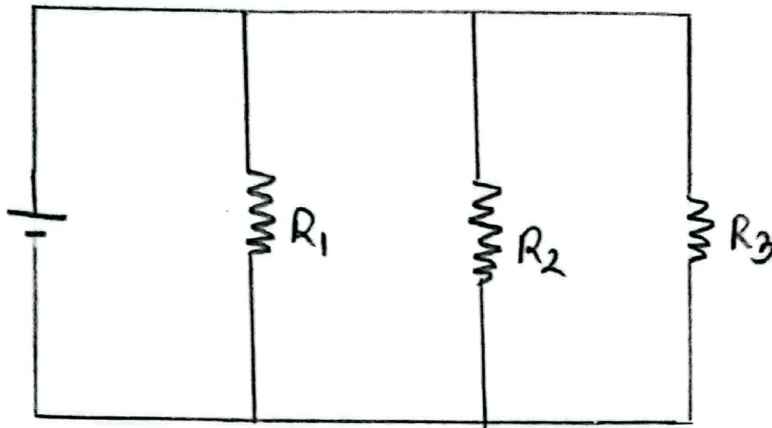


Fig 2: Parallel circuit for verification of KCL

No of obs.	R_1	R_2	R_3	I		I_1		I_2		I_3		$I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$		V. Error = $\frac{(mv - cv)}{+cv}$
	k Ω	k Ω	k Ω	C A	M A	C A	M A	C A	M A	C A	M A	C A	M A	
1	9.9	2.2	1	7.77	7.91	0.5	0.5	2.27	2.27	4.99	5.11	7.76	7.88	2.83
2	9.9	2.2	1	16.4	15.66	1.08	1.02	4.86	4.65	10.69	10.15	16.63	15.82	4.87

Calculation:

Kirchhoff's voltage Law (KVL):

In this series circuit we have used $R_1 = 0.984 \text{ k}\Omega$

$R_2 = 2.2 \text{ k}\Omega$ and $R_3 = 9.9 \text{ k}\Omega$

Source Voltage, $E = 5.09 \text{ V}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Resistance, } R &= R_1 + R_2 + R_3 \\ &= (0.984 + 2.2 + 9.9) \text{ k}\Omega \\ &= 13.084 \text{ k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

In measured voltage, we have found voltage accordingly for R_1 , $V_1 = 0.39 \text{ V}$, R_2 , $V_2 = 0.84 \text{ V}$

$$R_3 \quad V_3 = 3.86 \text{ V}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here total voltage is } &= V_1 + V_2 + V_3 \\ &= (0.39 + 0.84 + 3.86) \text{ V} \\ &= 5.09 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

Here total voltage is equal to source voltage.

Now for calculated value,

$$\text{Total Resistance, } R = 13.084 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$\text{Source voltage, } V = 5.09 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Current, } I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$= \frac{5.09}{13.084 \times 10^3} \text{ A}$$

$$= 3.89 \times 10^{-4} \text{ A}$$

$$\text{Now for } R_1 \text{ voltage, } V_1 = IR_1$$

$$= (3.89 \times 10^{-4} \times 0.984 \times 10^3) \text{ V}$$

$$= 0.38 \text{ V}$$

$$R_2 \text{ voltage, } V_2 = IR_2$$

$$= (3.89 \times 10^{-4} \times 2.2 \times 10^3) \text{ V}$$

$$= 0.85 \text{ V}$$

$$R_3 \text{ voltage, } V_3 = (3.89 \times 10^{-4} \times 9.9 \times 10^3) \text{ V}$$

$$= 3.85 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Total voltage, } V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$$

$$= (0.38 + 0.85 + 3.85) \text{ V}$$

$$= 5.08 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Error} = \frac{(6.09 - 5.08)}{5.08} \cdot 100\%$$

$$= 0.197\%$$

We did this for twice. 2nd time we have used source voltage with 10.13V.

The error was 0.09%.

Kirchhoff's current Law (KCL):

for measured value,

We have used $R_1 = 9.9\text{K}\Omega$, $R_2 = 2.2\text{K}\Omega$ and $R_3 = 1\text{K}\Omega$ as Resistors.

Measured current, $I^0 = 7.91\text{ A}$

For R_1 , $I_1 = 0.5\text{ A}$

R_2 , $I_2 = 2.27\text{ A}$

R_3 , $I_3 = 5.11\text{ A}$

Total current, $I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$
 $= (0.5 + 2.27 + 5.11)\text{ A}$
 $= 7.88\text{ A}$

for calculated value,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Resistance, } R &= (R_1^{-1} + R_2^{-1} + R_3^{-1})^{-1} \text{ k}\Omega \\ &= \left[(9.9)^{-1} + (2.2)^{-1} + (1)^{-1} \right]^{-1} \text{ k}\Omega \\ &= 642.857 \times 10^3 \text{ k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Source Voltage, } V = 5 \text{ V}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Source current, } I^0 &= \frac{V}{R} = \frac{5}{642.857} \text{ A} \\ &= 7.7 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for, } R_1 \quad I_1 &= \frac{R}{R_1} I \\ &= \left(\frac{642.857}{9.9 \times 10^3} \times 7.7 \right) \text{ A} \\ &= 0.5 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_2 \quad I_2 &= \left(\frac{642.857}{2.2 \times 10^3} \times 7.7 \right) \text{ A} \\ &= 2.27 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_3 \quad I_3 &= \left(\frac{642.857}{1 \times 10^3} \times 7.7 \right) \text{ A} \\ &= 4.99 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total current leaving, } I &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \\ &= (0.5 + 2.27 + 4.11) \text{ A} \\ &= 7.76 \text{ A}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Error} &= \frac{7.88 - 7.76}{7.76} \% \\ &= 2.83\%\end{aligned}$$

We did this for twice. The second time source current was 15.66 A. The error was 4.87%.

Result : The result of this experiment is too close with theoretical calculations and measured calculation. There are some minor errors. If it is ignored the verification of these laws will be verified.

6. Discussion: The experiment aimed to verify Kirchhoff's voltage Law (KVL) and Kirchhoff's current Law (KCL) through practical measurements. While the results confirmed the law's applicability, minor discrepancies were observed due to various sources of error. It could be measurement inaccuracies, component tolerances, connecting issues and lastly theoretical assumptions. As we tried to do this experiment with so much care. We had used high-precision instruments, selected tight-tolerance components, ensured secure connections for ignoring the minor errors.

7. Conclusion: The experiment successfully verified Kirchhoff's Voltage Law and Kirchhoff's current Law (KCL). The result confirmed that sum of voltage in a closed loop equals zero.

(KVL) and the sum of current at junction equals the sum of currents leaving (KCL). Minor discrepancies were attributed to measurement inaccuracy component tolerance and connecting issues, highlighting the importance of precise instruments and high quality components in circuit analysis.

8. Remarks: The experiment effectively confirmed Kirchhoff's voltage Law (KVL) and Kirchhoff's current Law (KCL)

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