



# About Homework 1

Reopen the prairielearn system again for those who have not done or submitted it.

The time window starts from today to the end of Saturday (10/14)

## For the following homework

You must submit it by the deadline !!!

Don't ask me to offer you second chance if you miss it.



# Lecture 6: Kirchhoff's Laws in Circuits

- Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL) – Conservation of Charge
- Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL) – Conservation of Energy
- Solving Circuits with KCL, KVL, and Ohm's Law
- Power Conservation in Circuits

# Kirchhoff's Current Law

Current in = Current out

Conservation of charge!

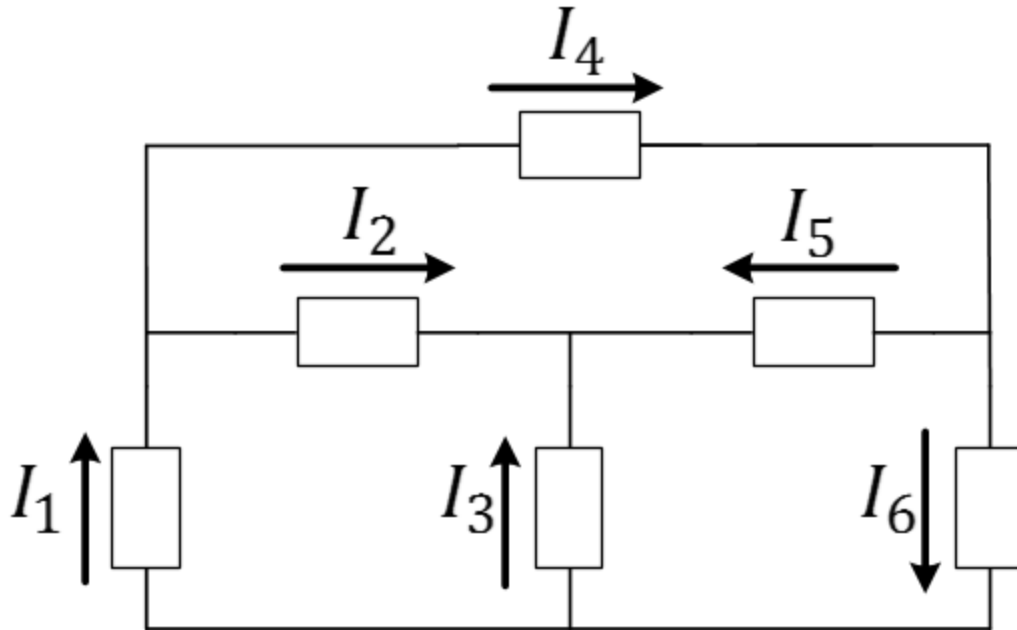
(What goes in must come out, or...  
...the total coming in is zero)



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*Through a closed surface (balloon),  $\sum_{k=1}^N I_k = 0$  where  $I_k$  are the currents flowing in (alt. out) of the balloon.*

KCL equations are often used at *nodes*, but can also be used for a *sub-circuit*



Q: Which of the equations is NOT a correct application of KCL?

- A.  $I_1 = I_2 + I_4$
- B.  $I_4 = I_5 + I_6$
- C.  $I_1 + I_3 = I_6$
- D.  $I_3 + I_5 = I_2$
- E.  $I_6 - I_4 = I_3 + I_2$



# Kirchhoff's Voltage Law

The sum of all voltages around any closed path (loop) in a circuit equals zero

Conservation of Energy!

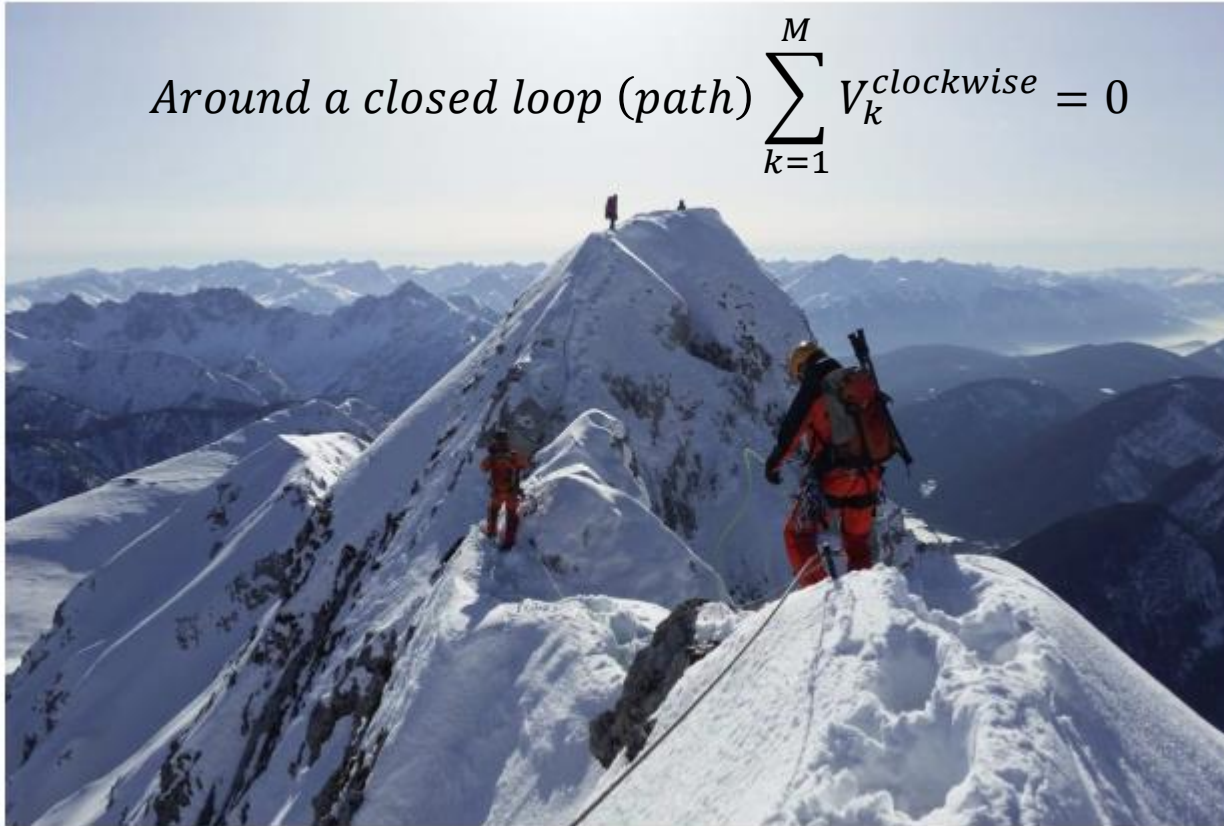
With voltage, what goes up, must come down

*Around a closed loop (path)  $\sum_{k=1}^M V_k = 0$  where  $V_k$  are the voltages measured CW (alt. CCW) in the loop.*



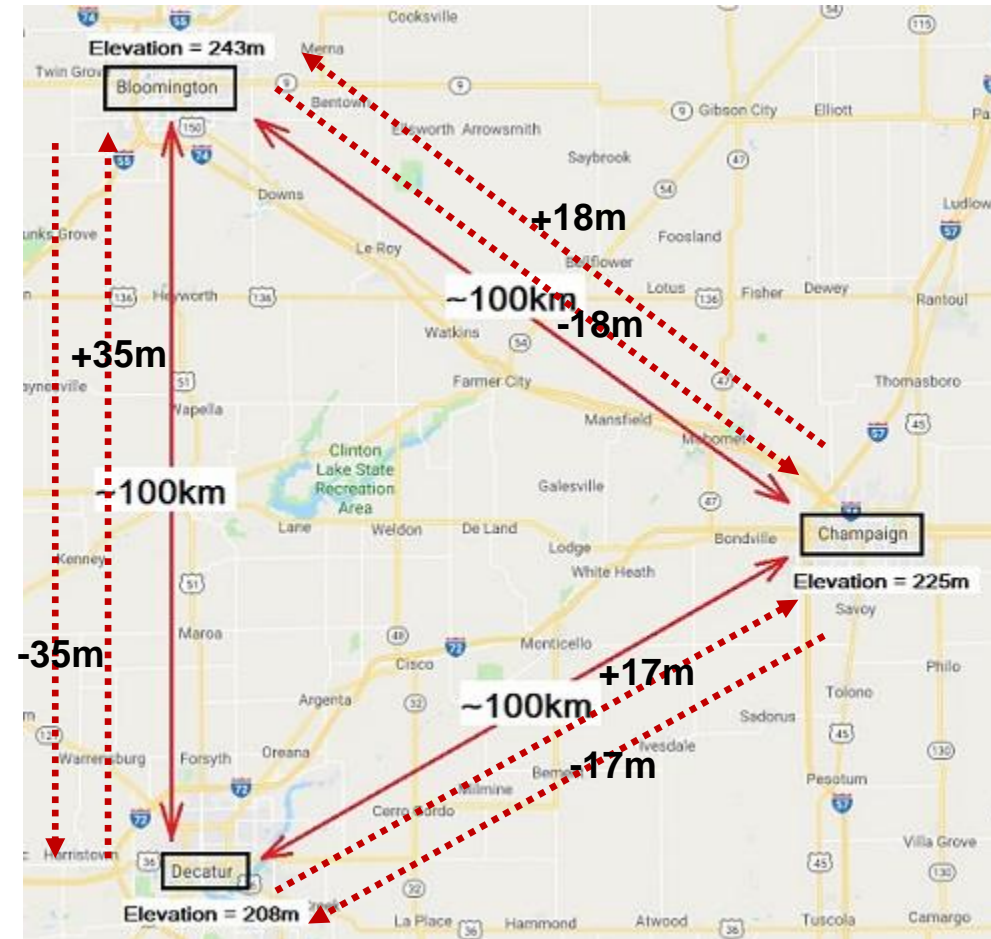
# KVL and Elevation Analogy

Around a closed loop (path)  $\sum_{k=1}^M V_k^{clockwise} = 0$



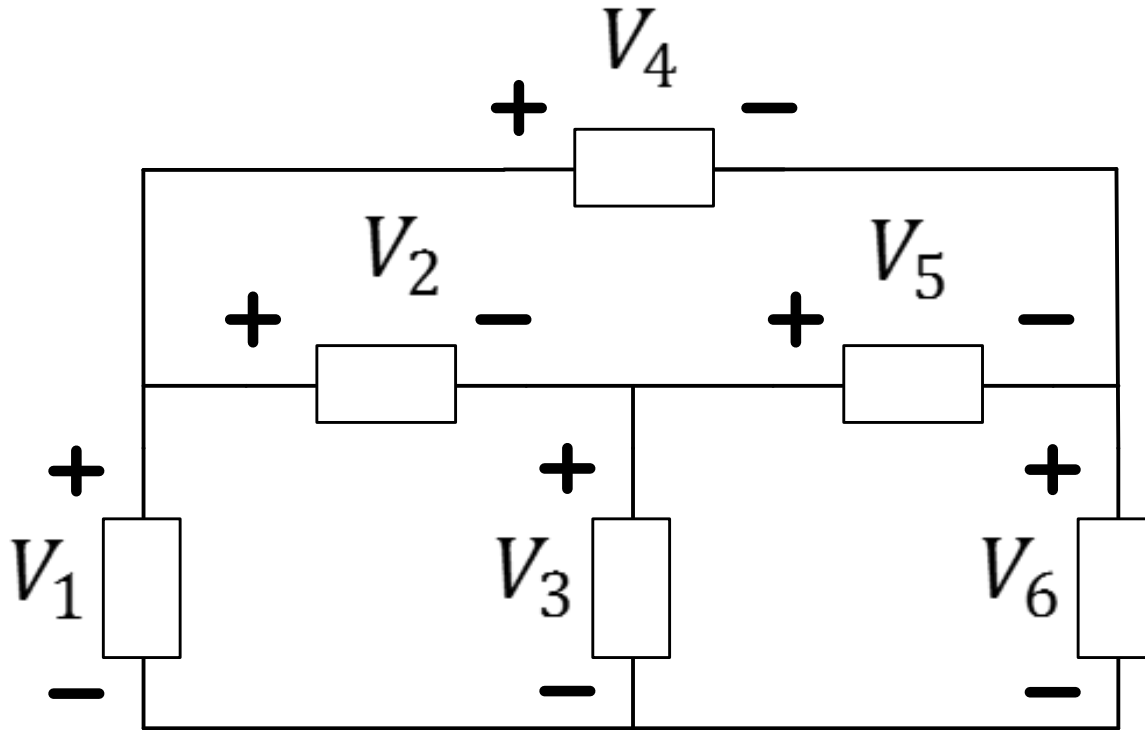
Winter mountaineering in the German/Austrian Alps. Photo: Bernd Eberle.

Picture: <https://www.explore-share.com/blog/what-is-mountaineering/>



One can add up elevation changes as we go in a complete loop from city to city.  
The result should be zero, independent of the path taken.

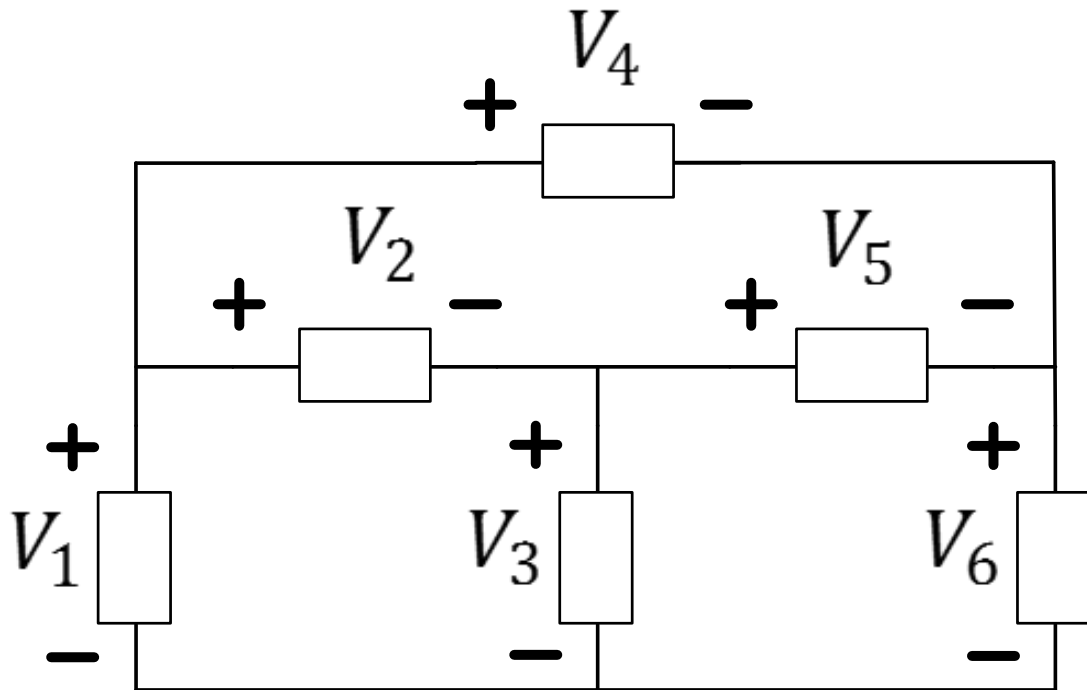
Keeping track of voltage drop *polarity* is important in writing correct KVL equations.



Q: Which of the equations is NOT a correct application of KVL?

- A.  $V_1 - V_2 - V_3 = 0$
- B.  $V_1 = V_2 + V_5 + V_6$
- C.  $V_1 - V_4 = V_6$
- D.  $V_3 + V_2 = V_1$
- E.  $V_3 + V_5 = V_6$

# Missing voltages can be obtained using KVL.



## In History...

The conceptual theories of electricity held by **Georg Ohm** were generalized in **Gustav Kirchhoff's** laws (1845). Later, **James Clerk Maxwell's** equations (1861) generalized the work done by Kirchhoff, Ampere, Faraday, and others.

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## Explore More!

$$\oiint_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \iiint_{\Omega} \rho dV$$

$$\oiint_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0$$

$$\oint_{\partial\Sigma} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = -\frac{d}{dt} \iint_{\Sigma} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$\oint_{\partial\Sigma} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\ell} = \mu_0 \iint_{\Sigma} \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \iint_{\Sigma} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

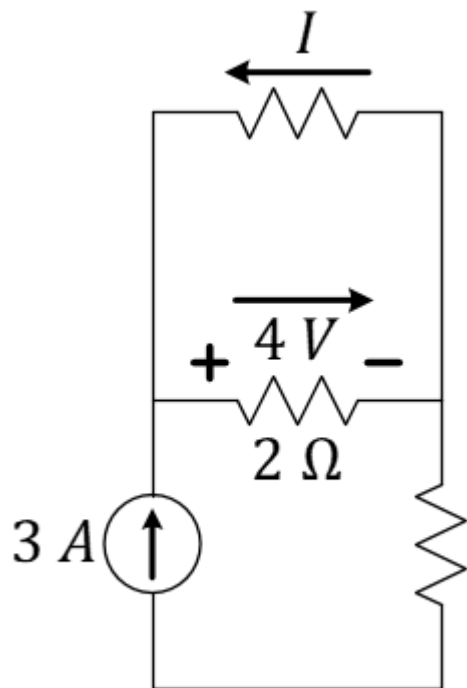
Maxwell's equations in Integral Form  
Image Credit: Wikipedia.org

Q: What are the values of the voltages  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  and  $V_6$  if  $V_3 = 2\text{ V}$ ,  $V_4 = 6\text{ V}$ ,  $V_5 = 1\text{ V}$ ?



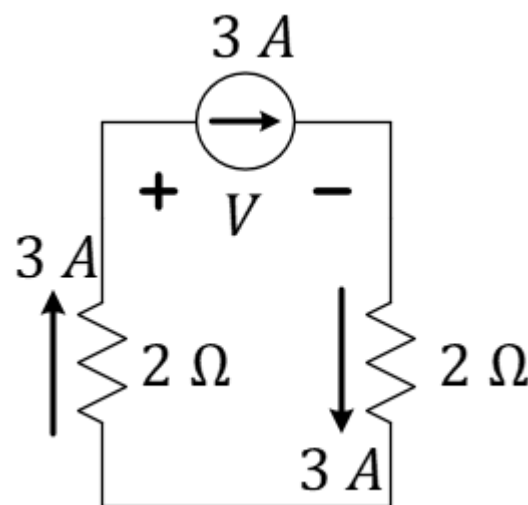
## Examples

Q: Find the value of  $I$ .



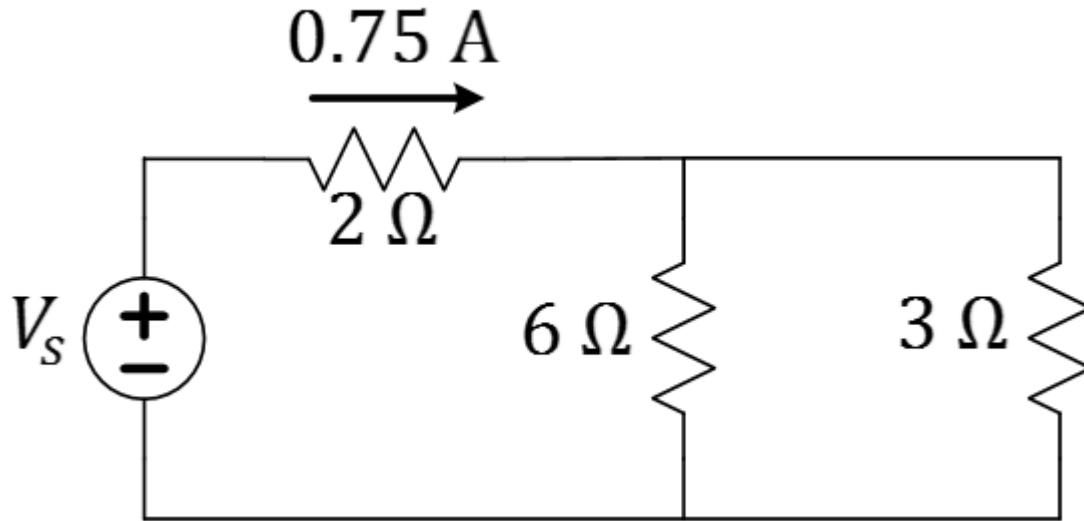
- A.  $-3\text{ A}$
- B.  $-2\text{ A}$
- C.  $-1\text{ A}$
- D.  $1\text{ A}$
- E.  $2\text{ A}$

Q: Find the value of  $V$ .



- A.  $-12\text{ V}$
- B.  $-6\text{ V}$
- C.  $-3\text{ V}$
- D.  $6\text{ V}$
- E.  $12\text{ V}$

# Circuits solved with Ohm's + KCL + KVL



Q: What is the value of the source voltage?

Q: How much power is the source supplying?

Q: How much power is each resistance consuming?



# L6 Learning Objectives

- a. Identify and label circuit nodes; identify circuit loops
- b. Write node equation for currents based on KCL
- c. Write loop equations for voltages based on KVL
- d. Solve simple circuits with KCL, KVL, and Ohm's Law
- e. Calculate power in circuit elements, verify conservation