Spectral Graph Theory – Electric Flow

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1 Introduction

In this notes, we are going to discuss the interesting properties when turning a graph into a network of resistors.

1.1 Electrical Laws

First recall some E&M Laws:

$$I = \frac{U}{R}$$
 Ohm's law $E = I^2 R$ Energy formula $|I_{v,in}| = |I_{v,out}|$ conservation of flow

Note that the last law only holds for nodes that are not source or sink.

1.2 Formation on Graph