Module 1: Circuit Theory

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Basic Concepts

Assumptions

• Lumped Parameter System

In a system that is small enough to make the assumption that Electrical effects happen instantaneously through the system.

Example 1

$$\lambda >> L$$

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 m/s}{60s^{-1}} = 5 \times 10^6 m$$

• Net Charge

The net charge on every component in a system is always zero.

• Magnetic Coupling

There is no magnetic coupling between components in a system.

Charge, Voltage, and Current

• Charge is discrete

$$q = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} C$$

• Charge is Bipolar