# Principles of EE I Laboratory Lab 2 Kirchhoff's Current And Voltage Laws

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# I. Objectives

In this laboratory, you will investigate:

- 1. The relationship of Ohm's Law.
- 2. The Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL).
- 3. The Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL).
- 4. The "equivalent resistance" for both series and parallel circuits.

### II. Procedure

\*\*You must provide all <u>calculations</u> in-details in separate sheets OR <u>simulation results</u> as attachments.

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### A. Kirchhoff's Laws

Using the adjustable D.C. power supply and circuit bread board, connect the resistors into a two-node circuit as shown below. Note that all four circuit elements are connected between those two nodes, and the source voltage  $V_s$  is across each of the three resistors. Let  $R_1 = 8.2$   $k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 15$   $k\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 39$   $k\Omega$ .

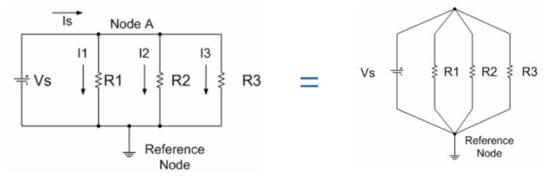


Figure II-1

- 1. Note the color code on each resistor and match it up with its nominal value.
- 1. Measure and record the actual value for each resistor. Fill the table below with nominal value versus the measured value. Are the measured values within the specified tolerance of the resistor values?

- 2. Measure all four currents, (Is,  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ , and  $I_3$ ), in your actual circuit with  $Vs = 16 \ V \ D.C.$  Fill in the table below with nominal value versus the measured value. Are the measured values within the specified tolerance of the nominal values?
- 2. Calculate\*\* and fill in the table below all four currents (Is,  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ , and  $I_3$ ), using the actual resistor values, with  $V_S = 16 \text{ V D.C.}$

Table II-1

	Color code	Nominal Values	Actual Values
$R_{1}$			
$R_2$			
$R_3$			
	Calculated Values	Measured Values	% Differences
$I_{\scriptscriptstyle S}$			
$I_1$			
$I_2$			
$I_3$			

Use your measured current values to determine if KCL is verified. Make a chart to compare measured current values with calculated values. Include the % differences in this chart. Are the differences found using the nominal values for calculations within the tolerance limits of the resistors?

**B.** Using the adjustable D.C. power supply and the circuit bread board, connect the resistors into a circuit as shown in Figure II-2. Note that the three resistors are in series so that the same current (I<sub>s</sub>) flows thru each resistor. Let  $R_1 = 1.5 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 820 \Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 2.2 \text{ k}\Omega$ . Student A and B do the calculations and measurements to fill in the Table II-2 below.

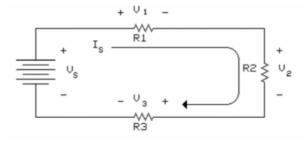


Figure II-2

Table II-2			
	Color code	Nominal Values	Actual Values
$R_{1}$			
$R_2$			
$R_3$			
	Calculated Values	Measured Values	% Differences
$I_{\scriptscriptstyle S}$			
$V_1$			
$V_2$			
$V_3$			

Use your measured voltage values to determine if KVL is verified is verified. Make a chart to compare these calculated voltage values with the measured voltage values. Are all differences within the expected limits of accuracy?

## C. Series-parallel circuit

Build the following circuit.

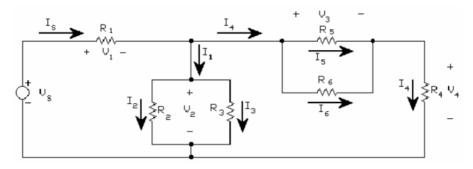


Figure II-3

Calculate\*\*, measure and record all the currents and voltages in Circuit 3 setting V<sub>s</sub>=20 V DC.

Table II-3

			Color code	Nominal Values	Actual Values
	$R_{1}$			1.2kΩ	
	$R_2$			3.3kΩ	
	$R_3$			3.3kΩ	
	$R_4$			$2.7 \mathrm{k}\Omega$	
	$R_5$			5.6kΩ	
	$R_6$			$4.7 \mathrm{k}\Omega$	
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			Calculated Values	Measured Values	% Differences
	$I_{\scriptscriptstyle S}$				
	$V_1$				
	$V_2$				
	$V_3$				
	$V_4$				
	$I_1$				
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	$I_3$				
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	$I_5$				
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Apply KVL or KCL. How closely do the voltages and currents add up to the values predicted? Were Kirchhoff's laws verified? A Comparison chart is required.

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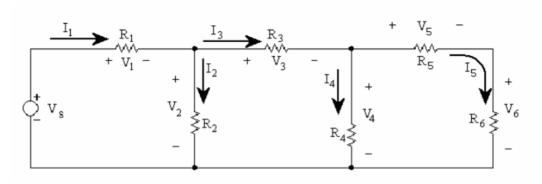


Figure II-4

Calculate\*\*, measure and record all the currents and voltages in Circuit 4 setting  $V_s = 20 \ V \ DC$ 

Table II-4

	Color code	Nominal Values	Actual Values
$R_{_1}$		1.2kΩ	
$R_2$		5.6kΩ	
$R_3$		3.3kΩ	
$R_4$		4.7kΩ	
$R_5$		$2.7\mathrm{k}\Omega$	
$R_{6}$		1.2kΩ	
	Calculated Values	Measured Values	% Differences
$V_{_1}$			
$V_2$			
$V_3$			
$V_4$			
$V_5$			
$V_6$			
$I_1$			
$I_2$			
$I_3$			
$I_4$			
$I_5$			

Apply KVL to each loop and KCL to each node. How closely do the voltages and currents add up to the values predicted? Were Kirchhoff's laws verified? Comparison charts are required.