

# CHAPTER | 2

## BASIC LAWS

*The chessboard is the world, the pieces are the phenomena of the universe, the rules of the game are what we call the laws of Nature. The player on the other side is hidden from us, we know that his play is always fair; just, and patient. But also we know, to our cost, that he never overlooks a mistake, or makes the smallest allowance for ignorance.*

Thomas Henry Huxley

### HISTORICAL PROFILES

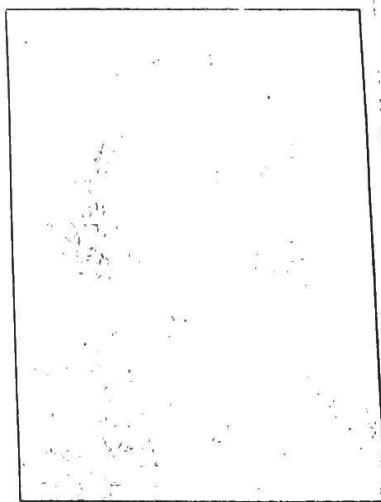
**Georg Simon Ohm** (1787–1854), a German physicist, in 1826 experimentally determined the most basic law relating voltage and current for a resistor. Ohm's work was initially denied by critics.

Born of humble beginnings in Erlangen, Bavaria, Ohm threw himself into electrical research. His efforts resulted in his famous law. He was awarded the Copley Medal in 1841 by the Royal Society of London. In 1849, he was given the Professor of Physics chair by the University of Munich. To honor him, the unit of resistance was named the ohm.



**Gustav Robert Kirchhoff** (1824–1887), a German physicist, stated two basic laws in 1847 concerning the relationship between the currents and voltages in an electrical network. Kirchhoff's laws, along with Ohm's law, form the basis of circuit theory.

Born the son of a lawyer in Konigsberg, East Prussia, Kirchhoff entered the University of Konigsberg at age 18 and later became a lecturer in Berlin. His collaborative work in spectroscopy with German chemist Robert Bunsen led to the discovery of cesium in 1860 and rubidium in 1861. Kirchhoff was also credited with the Kirchhoff law of radiation. Thus Kirchhoff is famous among engineers, chemists, and physicists.



## 2.1 INTRODUCTION

Chapter 1 introduced basic concepts such as current, voltage, and power in an electric circuit. To actually determine the values of these variables in a given circuit requires that we understand some fundamental laws that govern electric circuits. These laws, known as Ohm's law and Kirchhoff's laws, form the foundation upon which electric circuit analysis is built.

In this chapter, in addition to these laws, we shall discuss some techniques commonly applied in circuit design and analysis. These techniques include combining resistors in series or parallel, voltage division, current division, and delta-to-wye and wye-to-delta transformations. The application of these laws and techniques will be restricted to resistive circuits in this chapter. We will finally apply the laws and techniques to real-life problems of electrical lighting and the design of dc meters.

## 2.2 OHM'S LAW

Materials in general have a characteristic behavior of resisting the flow of electric charge. This physical property, or ability to resist current, is known as resistance and is represented by the symbol  $R$ . The resistance of any material with a uniform cross-sectional area  $A$  depends on  $A$  and its length  $\ell$ , as shown in Fig. 2.1(a). In mathematical form,

$$R = \rho \frac{\ell}{A} \quad (2.1) \checkmark$$

where  $\rho$  is known as the *resistivity* of the material in ohm-meters. Good conductors, such as copper and aluminum, have low resistivities, while insulators, such as mica and paper, have high resistivities. Table 2.1 presents the values of  $\rho$  for some common materials and shows which materials are used for conductors, insulators, and semiconductors.

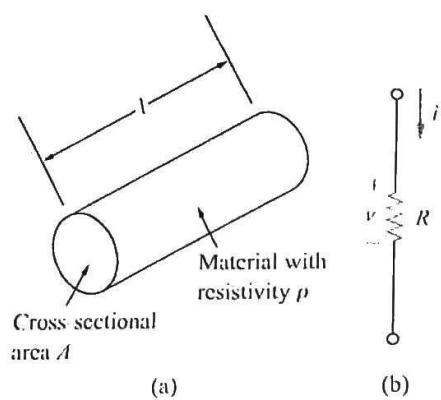


Figure 2.1 (a) Resistor, (b) Circuit symbol for resistance.

TABLE 2.1 Resistivities of common materials.

Material	Resistivity ( $\Omega \cdot m$ )	Usage
Silver	$1.64 \times 10^{-8}$	Conductor
Copper	$1.72 \times 10^{-8}$	Conductor
Aluminum	$2.8 \times 10^{-8}$	Conductor
Gold	$2.45 \times 10^{-8}$	Conductor
Carbon	$4 \times 10^{-5}$	Semiconductor
Germanium	$47 \times 10^{-2}$	Semiconductor
Silicon	$6.4 \times 10^2$	Semiconductor
Paper	$10^{10}$	Insulator
Mica	$5 \times 10^{11}$	Insulator
Glass	$10^{12}$	Insulator
Teflon	$3 \times 10^{12}$	Insulator

The circuit element used to model the current-resisting behavior of a material is the *resistor*. For the purpose of constructing circuits, resistors are usually made from metallic alloys and carbon compounds. The circuit

symbol for the resistor is shown in Fig. 2.1(b), where  $R$  stands for the resistance of the resistor. The resistor is the simplest passive element. Georg Simon Ohm (1787 - 1854), a German physicist, is credited with finding the relationship between current and voltage for a resistor. This relationship is known as *Ohm's law*.

Ohm's law states that the voltage  $v$  across a resistor is directly proportional to the current  $i$  flowing through the resistor.

That is,

$$v \propto i \quad (2.2)$$

Ohm defined the constant of proportionality for a resistor to be the resistance,  $R$ . (The resistance is a material property which can change if the internal or external conditions of the element are altered, e.g., if there are changes in the temperature.) Thus, Eq. (2.2) becomes

$$v = iR \quad (2.3)$$

which is the mathematical form of Ohm's law.  $R$  in Eq. (2.3) is measured in the unit of ohms, designated  $\Omega$ . Thus,

The resistance  $R$  of an element denotes its ability to resist the flow of electric current; it is measured in ohms ( $\Omega$ ).

We may deduce from Eq. (2.3) that

$$R = \frac{v}{i} \quad (2.4)$$

so that

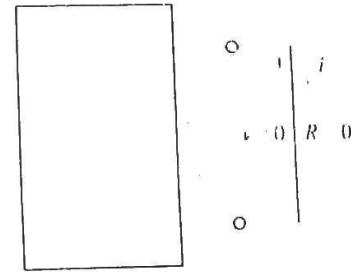
$$1 \Omega = 1 \text{ V/A}$$

To apply Ohm's law as stated in Eq. (2.3), we must pay careful attention to the current direction and voltage polarity. The direction of current  $i$  and the polarity of voltage  $v$  must conform with the passive sign convention, as shown in Fig. 2.1(b). This implies that current flows from a higher potential to a lower potential in order for  $v = iR$ . If current flows from a lower potential to a higher potential,  $v = -iR$ .

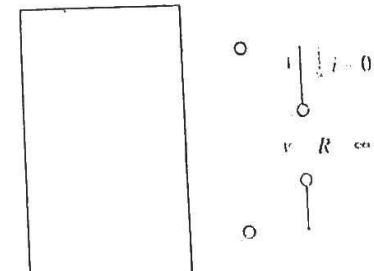
Since the value of  $R$  can range from zero to infinity, it is important that we consider the two extreme possible values of  $R$ . An element with  $R = 0$  is called a *short circuit*, as shown in Fig. 2.2(a). For a short circuit,

$$v = iR = 0 \quad (2.5)$$

showing that the voltage is zero but the current could be anything. In practice, a short circuit is usually a connecting wire assumed to be a perfect conductor. Thus,



(a)



(b)

Figure 2.2 (a) Short circuit ( $R = 0$ ).  
(b) Open circuit ( $R = \infty$ ).

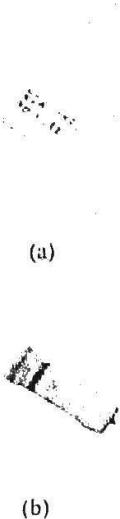


Figure 2.3 Fixed resistors: (a) wire-wound type, (b) carbon film type.  
(Courtesy of Tech America.)

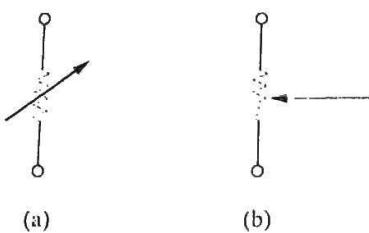


Figure 2.4 Circuit symbol for: (a) a variable resistor in general, (b) a potentiometer.

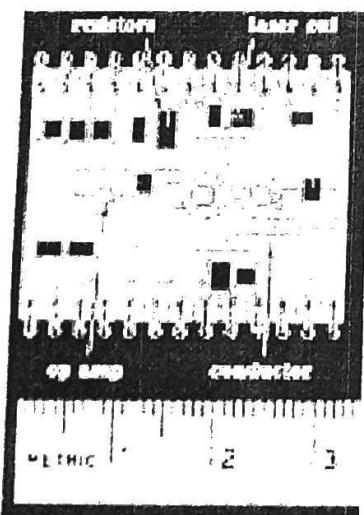


Figure 2.6 Resistors in a thick-film circuit.  
(Source: G. Daryanani, *Principles of Active Network Synthesis and Design* [New York: John Wiley, 1976], p. 461c.)

A short circuit is a circuit element with resistance approaching zero.

Similarly, an element with  $R \rightarrow \infty$  is known as an *open circuit*, as shown in Fig. 2.2(b). For an open circuit,

$$i = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V}{R} = 0 \quad (2.6)$$

indicating that the current is zero though the voltage could be anything. Thus,

An open circuit is a circuit element with resistance approaching infinity.

A resistor is either fixed or variable. Most resistors are of the fixed type, meaning their resistance remains constant. The two common types of fixed resistors (wirewound and composition) are shown in Fig. 2.3. The composition resistors are used when large resistance is needed. The circuit symbol in Fig. 2.1(b) is for a fixed resistor. Variable resistors have adjustable resistance. The symbol for a variable resistor is shown in Fig. 2.4(a). A common variable resistor is known as a *potentiometer* or *pot* for short, with the symbol shown in Fig. 2.4(b). The pot is a three-terminal element with a sliding contact or wiper. By sliding the wiper, the resistances between the wiper terminal and the fixed terminals vary. Like fixed resistors, variable resistors can either be of wirewound or composition type, as shown in Fig. 2.5. Although resistors like those in Figs. 2.3 and 2.5 are used in circuit designs, today most circuit components including resistors are either surface mounted or integrated, as typically shown in Fig. 2.6.

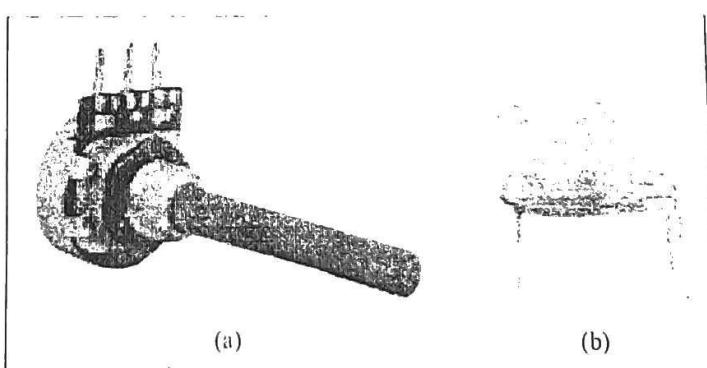


Figure 2.5 Variable resistors: (a) composition type, (b) slider pot.  
(Courtesy of Tech America.)

It should be pointed out that not all resistors obey Ohm's law. A resistor that obeys Ohm's law is known as a *linear* resistor. It has a constant resistance and thus its current-voltage characteristic is as illustrated in Fig. 2.7(a): its  $i$ - $v$  graph is a straight line passing through the origin. A *nonlinear* resistor does not obey Ohm's law. Its resistance varies with current and its  $i$ - $v$  characteristic is typically shown in Fig. 2.7(b).

Examples of devices with nonlinear resistance are the lightbulb and the diode. Although all practical resistors may exhibit nonlinear behavior under certain conditions, we will assume in this book that all elements actually designated as resistors are linear.

A useful quantity in circuit analysis is the reciprocal of resistance  $R$ , known as *conductance* and denoted by  $G$ :

$$G = \frac{1}{R} = \frac{i}{v} \quad (2.7)$$

The conductance is a measure of how well an element will conduct electric current. The unit of conductance is the *mho* (ohm spelled backward) or reciprocal ohm, with symbol  $\Omega$ , the inverted omega. Although engineers often use the mhos, in this book we prefer to use the siemens ( $S$ ), the SI unit of conductance:

$$1 S = 1 \Omega^{-1} = 1 A/V \quad (2.8)$$

Thus,

Conductance is the ability of an element to conduct electric current; it is measured in mhos ( $\Omega$ ) or siemens ( $S$ ).

The same resistance can be expressed in ohms or siemens. For example,  $10 \Omega$  is the same as  $0.1 S$ . From Eq. (2.7), we may write

$$i = Gv \quad (2.9)$$

The power dissipated by a resistor can be expressed in terms of  $R$ . Using Eqs. (1.7) and (2.3),

$$p = vi = i^2 R = \frac{v^2}{R} \quad (2.10)$$

The power dissipated by a resistor may also be expressed in terms of  $G$  as

$$p = vi = v^2 G = \frac{i^2}{G} \quad (2.11)$$

We should note two things from Eqs. (2.10) and (2.11):

1. The power dissipated in a resistor is a nonlinear function of either current or voltage.
2. Since  $R$  and  $G$  are positive quantities, the power dissipated in a resistor is always positive. Thus, a resistor always absorbs power from the circuit. This confirms the idea that a resistor is a passive element, incapable of generating energy.

### EXAMPLE 2.1

An electric iron draws  $2 A$  at  $120 V$ . Find its resistance.

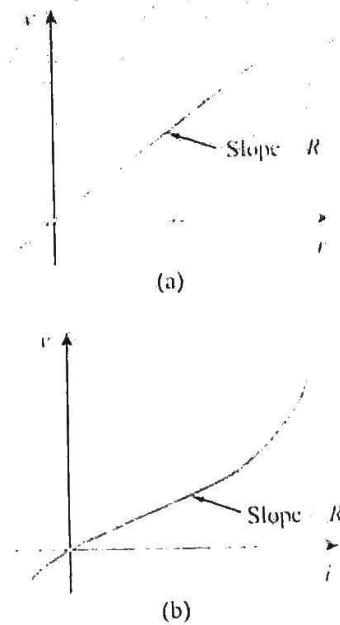


Figure 2.7 The  $i$ - $v$  characteristic of:  
 (a) a linear resistor,  
 (b) a nonlinear resistor.

**Solution:**

From Ohm's law,

$$R = \frac{v}{i} = \frac{120}{2} = 60 \Omega$$

2.1

The essential component of a toaster is an electrical element (a resistor) that converts electrical energy to heat energy. How much current is drawn by a toaster with resistance  $12 \Omega$  at  $110 \text{ V}$ ?

**Answer:**  $9.167 \text{ A}$ .

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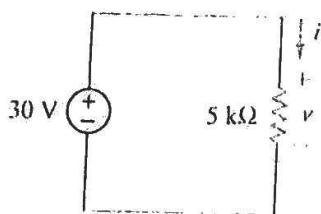


Figure 2.8 For Example 2.2.

In the circuit shown in Fig. 2.8, calculate the current  $i$ , the conductance  $G$ , and the power  $p$ .

**Solution:**

The voltage across the resistor is the same as the source voltage ( $30 \text{ V}$ ) because the resistor and the voltage source are connected to the same pair of terminals. Hence, the current is

$$i = \frac{v}{R} = \frac{30}{5 \times 10^3} = 6 \text{ mA}$$

A voltage source of  $20 \sin \pi t$  V is connected across a  $5\text{-k}\Omega$  resistor. Find the current through the resistor and the power dissipated.

**Solution:**

$$i = \frac{v}{R} = \frac{20 \sin \pi t}{5 \times 10^3} = 4 \sin \pi t \text{ mA}$$

Hence,

$$p = vi = 80 \sin^2 \pi t \text{ mW}$$

### PROBLEM 2.3

A resistor absorbs an instantaneous power of  $20 \cos^2 t$  mW when connected to a voltage source  $v = 10 \cos t$  V. Find  $i$  and  $R$ .

**Answer:**  $2 \cos t$  mA,  $5\text{k}\Omega$ .

## 2.3 NODES, BRANCHES, AND LOOPS

Since the elements of an electric circuit can be interconnected in several ways, we need to understand some basic concepts of network topology. To differentiate between a circuit and a network, we may regard a network as an interconnection of elements or devices, whereas a circuit is a network providing one or more closed paths. The convention, when addressing network topology, is to use the word network rather than circuit. We do this even though the words network and circuit mean the same thing when used in this context. In network topology, we study the properties relating to the placement of elements in the network and the geometric configuration of the network. Such elements include branches, nodes, and loops.

A branch represents a single element such as a voltage source or a resistor.

In other words, a branch represents any two-terminal element. The circuit in Fig. 2.10 has five branches, namely, the 10-V voltage source, the 2-A current source, and the three resistors.

A node is the point of connection between two or more branches.

A node is usually indicated by a dot in a circuit. If a short circuit (a connecting wire) connects two nodes, the two nodes constitute a single node. The circuit in Fig. 2.10 has three nodes  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ . Notice that the three points that form node  $b$  are connected by perfectly conducting wires and therefore constitute a single point. The same is true of the four points forming node  $c$ . We demonstrate that the circuit in Fig. 2.10 has only three nodes by redrawing the circuit in Fig. 2.11. The two circuits in

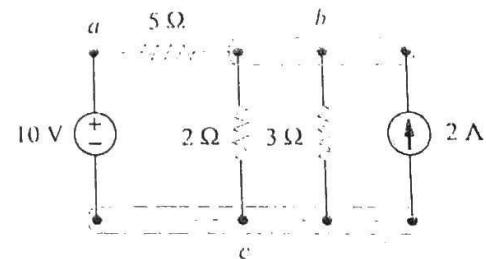


Figure 2.10 Nodes, branches, and loops.

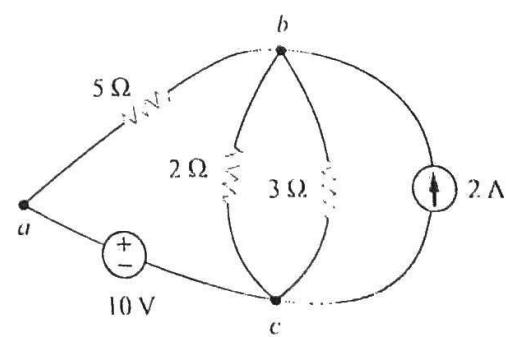


Figure 2.11 The three-node circuit of Fig. 2.10 is redrawn.

Figs. 2.10 and 2.11 are identical. However, for the sake of clarity, nodes *b* and *c* are spread out with perfect conductors as in Fig. 2.10.

A loop is any closed path in a circuit.

A loop is a closed path formed by starting at a node, passing through a set of nodes, and returning to the starting node without passing through any node more than once. A loop is said to be independent if it contains a branch which is not in any other loop. Independent loops or paths result in independent sets of equations.

For example, the closed path *abca* containing the 2- $\Omega$  resistor in Fig. 2.11 is a loop. Another loop is the closed path *bcb* containing the 3- $\Omega$  resistor and the current source. Although one can identify six loops in Fig. 2.11, only three of them are independent.

A network with *b* branches, *n* nodes, and *l* independent loops will satisfy the fundamental theorem of network topology:

$$b - l + n = 1 \quad (2.12)$$

As the next two definitions show, circuit topology is of great value to the study of voltages and currents in an electric circuit.

Two or more elements are in series if they are cascaded or connected sequentially and consequently carry the same current.

Two or more elements are in parallel if they are connected to the same two nodes and consequently have the same voltage across them.

Elements are in series when they are chain-connected or connected sequentially, end to end. For example, two elements are in series if they share one common node and no other element is connected to that common node. Elements in parallel are connected to the same pair of terminals. Elements may be connected in a way that they are neither in series nor in parallel. In the circuit shown in Fig. 2.10, the voltage source and the 5- $\Omega$  resistor are in series because the same current will flow through them. The 2- $\Omega$  resistor, the 3- $\Omega$  resistor, and the current source are in parallel because they are connected to the same two nodes (*b* and *c*) and consequently have the same voltage across them. The 5- $\Omega$  and 2- $\Omega$  resistors are neither in series nor in parallel with each other.

Determine the number of branches and nodes in the circuit shown in Fig. 2.12. Identify which elements are in series and which are in parallel.

**Solution:**

Since there are four elements in the circuit, the circuit has four branches: 10 V, 5  $\Omega$ , 6  $\Omega$ , and 2 A. The circuit has three nodes as identified in

Fig. 2.13. The  $5\text{-}\Omega$  resistor is in series with the 10-V voltage source because the same current would flow in both. The  $6\text{-}\Omega$  resistor is in parallel with the 2-A current source because both are connected to the same nodes 2 and 3.

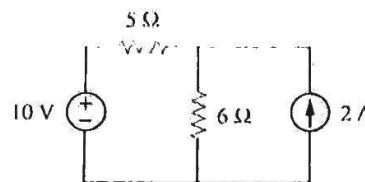


Figure 2.12 For Example 2.4.

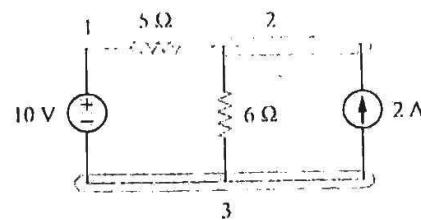


Figure 2.13 The three nodes in the circuit of Fig. 2.12.

### PRACTICE PROBLEM 2.4

How many branches and nodes does the circuit in Fig. 2.14 have? Identify the elements that are in series and in parallel.

**Answer:** Five branches and three nodes are identified in Fig. 2.15. The  $1\text{-}\Omega$  and  $2\text{-}\Omega$  resistors are in parallel. The  $4\text{-}\Omega$  resistor and 10-V source are also in parallel.

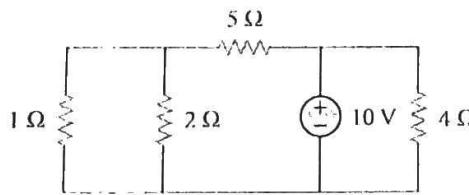


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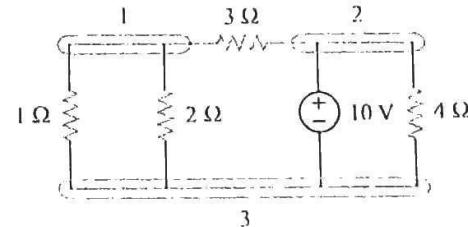


Figure 2.15 Answer for Practice Prob. 2.4.

## 2.4 KIRCHHOFF'S LAWS

Ohm's law by itself is not sufficient to analyze circuits. However, when it is coupled with Kirchhoff's two laws, we have a sufficient, powerful set of tools for analyzing a large variety of electric circuits. Kirchhoff's laws were first introduced in 1847 by the German physicist Gustav Robert Kirchhoff (1824–1887). These laws are formally known as Kirchhoff's current law (KCL) and Kirchhoff's voltage law (KVL).

Kirchhoff's first law is based on the law of conservation of charge, which requires that the algebraic sum of charges within a system cannot change.

Kirchhoff's current law (KCL) states that the algebraic sum of currents entering a node (or a closed boundary) is zero.

Mathematically, KCL implies that

$$\sum_{n=1}^N i_n = 0 \quad (2.13)$$

where  $N$  is the number of branches connected to the node and  $i_n$  is the  $n$ th current entering (or leaving) the node. By this law, currents entering a node may be regarded as positive, while currents leaving the node may be taken as negative or vice versa.

To prove KCL, assume a set of currents  $i_k(t)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , flow into a node. The algebraic sum of currents at the node is

$$i_T(t) = i_1(t) + i_2(t) + i_3(t) + \dots \quad (2.14)$$

Integrating both sides of Eq. (2.14) gives

$$q_T(t) = q_1(t) + q_2(t) + q_3(t) + \dots \quad (2.15)$$

where  $q_k(t) = \int i_k(t) dt$  and  $q_T(t) = \int i_T(t) dt$ . But the law of conservation of electric charge requires that the algebraic sum of electric charges at the node must not change; that is, the node stores no net charge. Thus  $q_T(t) = 0 \rightarrow i_T(t) = 0$ , confirming the validity of KCL.

Consider the node in Fig. 2.16. Applying KCL gives

$$i_1 + (-i_2) + i_3 + i_4 + (-i_5) = 0 \quad (2.16)$$

since currents  $i_1$ ,  $i_3$ , and  $i_4$  are entering the node, while currents  $i_2$  and  $i_5$  are leaving it. By rearranging the terms, we get

$$i_1 + i_3 + i_4 = i_2 + i_5 \quad (2.17)$$

Equation (2.17) is an alternative form of KCL:

The sum of the currents entering a node is equal to the sum of the currents leaving the node.

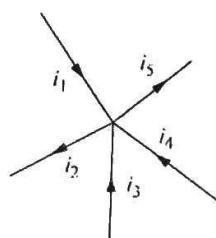


Figure 2.16 Currents at a node illustrating KCL.

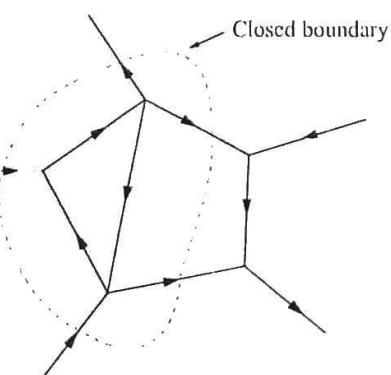


Figure 2.17 Applying KCL to a closed boundary.

Two sources (or circuits in general) are said to be equivalent if they have the same  $i-v$  relationship at a pair of terminals.

Note that KCL also applies to a closed boundary. This may be regarded as a generalized case, because a node may be regarded as a closed surface shrunk to a point. In two dimensions, a closed boundary is the same as a closed path. As typically illustrated in the circuit of Fig. 2.17, the total current entering the closed surface is equal to the total current leaving the surface.

A simple application of KCL is combining current sources in parallel. The combined current is the algebraic sum of the current supplied by the individual sources. For example, the current sources shown in Fig. 2.18(a) can be combined as in Fig. 2.18(b). The combined or equivalent current source can be found by applying KCL to node  $a$ ,

$$I_T + I_2 = I_1 + I_3$$

or

$$I_T = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \quad (2.18)$$

A circuit cannot contain two different currents,  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ , in series, unless  $I_1 = I_2$ ; otherwise KCL will be violated.

Kirchhoff's second law is based on the principle of conservation of energy:

**Kirchhoff's voltage law (KVL) states that the algebraic sum of all voltages around a closed path (or loop) is zero.**

Expressed mathematically, KVL states that

$$\sum_{m=1}^M v_m = 0 \quad (2.19)$$

where  $M$  is the number of voltages in the loop (or the number of branches in the loop) and  $v_m$  is the  $m$ th voltage.

To illustrate KVL, consider the circuit in Fig. 2.19. The sign on each voltage is the polarity of the terminal encountered first as we travel around the loop. We can start with any branch and go around the loop either clockwise or counterclockwise. Suppose we start with the voltage source and go clockwise around the loop as shown; then voltages would be  $-v_1$ ,  $+v_2$ ,  $+v_3$ ,  $-v_4$ , and  $+v_5$ , in that order. For example, as we reach branch 3, the positive terminal is met first; hence we have  $+v_3$ . For branch 4, we reach the negative terminal first; hence,  $-v_4$ . Thus, KVL yields

$$-v_1 + v_2 + v_3 - v_4 + v_5 = 0 \quad (2.20)$$

Rearranging terms gives

$$v_2 + v_3 + v_5 = v_1 + v_4 \quad (2.21)$$

which may be interpreted as

$$\boxed{\text{Sum of voltage drops} = \text{Sum of voltage rises}} \quad (2.22)$$

This is an alternative form of KVL. Notice that if we had traveled counterclockwise, the result would have been  $+v_1$ ,  $-v_5$ ,  $+v_4$ ,  $-v_3$ , and  $-v_2$ , which is the same as before except that the signs are reversed. Hence, Eqs. (2.20) and (2.21) remain the same.

When voltage sources are connected in series, KVL can be applied to obtain the total voltage. The combined voltage is the algebraic sum of the voltages of the individual sources. For example, for the voltage sources shown in Fig. 2.20(a), the combined or equivalent voltage source in Fig. 2.20(b) is obtained by applying KVL.

$$-V_{ab} + V_1 + V_2 - V_3 = 0$$

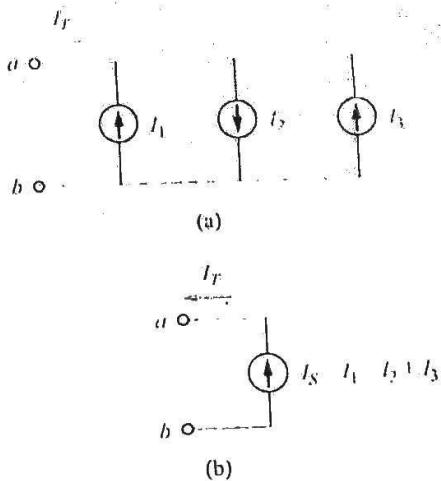


Figure 2.18 Current sources in parallel:  
(a) original circuit, (b) equivalent circuit.

KVL can be applied in two ways, by taking either a clockwise or a counterclockwise trip around the loop. Either way, the algebraic sum of voltages around the loop is zero.

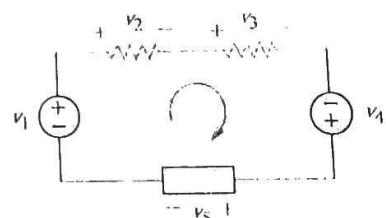


Figure 2.19 A single-loop circuit illustrating KVL.

or

$$V_{ab} = V_1 + V_2 - V_3 \quad (2.23)$$

To avoid violating KVL, a circuit cannot contain two different voltages  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  in parallel unless  $V_1 = V_2$ .

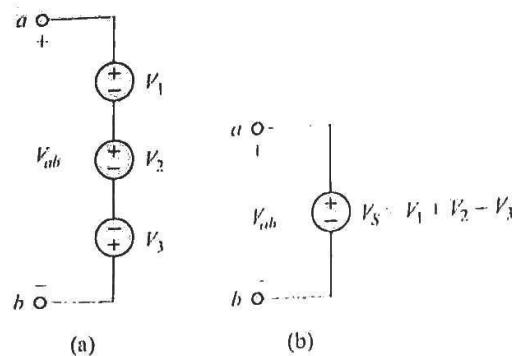


Figure 2.20 Voltage sources in series:  
(a) original circuit, (b) equivalent circuit.

### EXAMPLE 2.5

For the circuit in Fig. 2.21(a), find voltages  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ .

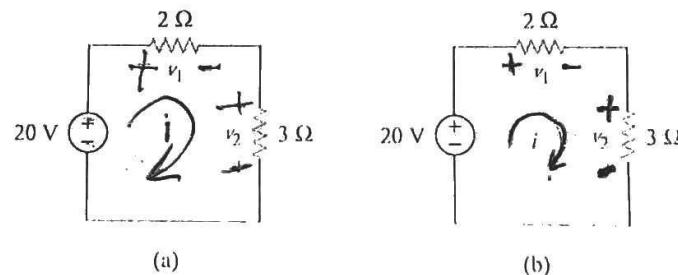


Figure 2.21 For Example 2.5.

#### Solution:

To find  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , we apply Ohm's law and Kirchhoff's voltage law. Assume that current  $i$  flows through the loop as shown in Fig. 2.21(b). From Ohm's law,

$$v_1 = 2i, \quad v_2 = -3i \quad (2.5.1)$$

Applying KVL around the loop gives

$$-20 + v_1 - v_2 = 0 \quad (2.5.2)$$

Substituting Eq. (2.5.1) into Eq. (2.5.2), we obtain

$$-20 + 2i + 3i = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 5i = 20 \quad \Rightarrow \quad i = 4 \text{ A}$$

Substituting  $i$  in Eq. (2.5.1) finally gives

$$v_1 = 8 \text{ V}, \quad v_2 = -12 \text{ V}$$

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Find  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  in the circuit of Fig. 2.22.

**Answer:** 12 V, -6 V.

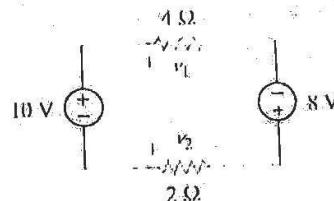
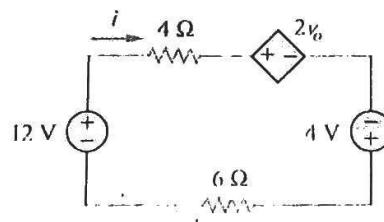


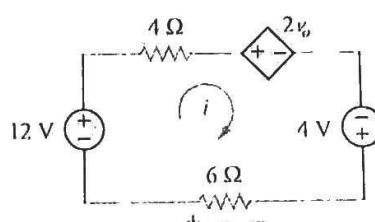
Figure 2.22 For Practice Prob. 2.5

2 . 6

Determine  $v_o$  and  $i$  in the circuit shown in Fig. 2.23(a).



(a)



(b)

Figure 2.23 For Example 2.6.

### Solution:

We apply KVL around the loop as shown in Fig. 2.23(b). The result is

$$-12 + 4i + 2v_o - 4 + 6i = 0 \quad (2.6.1)$$

Applying Ohm's law to the 6-Ω resistor gives

$$v_o = -6i \quad (2.6.2)$$

Substituting Eq. (2.6.2) into Eq. (2.6.1) yields

$$-16 + 10i - 12i = 0 \Rightarrow i = -8 \text{ A}$$

and  $v_o = 48 \text{ V}$ .

PRACTICE PROBLEM 2 . 6

Find  $v_x$  and  $v_o$  in the circuit of Fig. 2.24.

**Answer:** 10 V, -5 V.

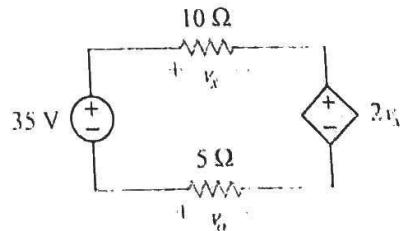


Figure 2.24 For Practice Prob. 2.6.

Find current  $i_o$  and voltage  $v_o$  in the circuit shown in Fig. 2.25.

**Solution:**

Applying KCL to node  $a$ , we obtain

$$3 + 0.5i_o = i_o \Rightarrow i_o = 6 \text{ A}$$

For the  $4\Omega$  resistor, Ohm's law gives

$$v_o = 4i_o = 24 \text{ V}$$

Figure 2.25 For Example 2.7.

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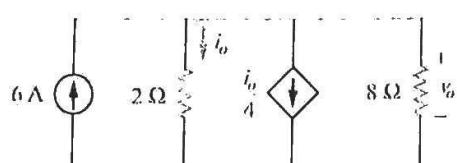


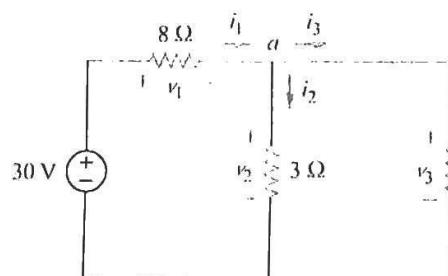
Figure 2.26 For Practice Prob. 2.7.

Find  $v_o$  and  $i_o$  in the circuit of Fig. 2.26.

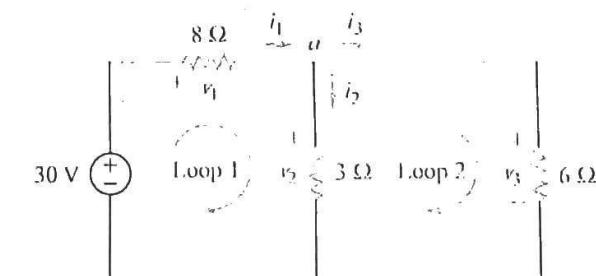
**Answer:** 8 V, 4 A.

2.8

Find the currents and voltages in the circuit shown in Fig. 2.27(a).



(a)



(b)

Figure 2.27 For Example 2.8.

**Solution:**

We apply Ohm's law and Kirchhoff's laws. By Ohm's law,

$$v_1 = 8i_1, \quad v_2 = 3i_2, \quad v_3 = 6i_3 \quad (2.8.1)$$

Since the voltage and current of each resistor are related by Ohm's law as shown, we are really looking for three things:  $(v_1, v_2, v_3)$  or  $(i_1, i_2, i_3)$ . At node  $a$ , KCL gives

$$i_1 + i_2 + i_3 = 0 \quad (2.8.2)$$

Applying KVL to loop 1 as in Fig. 2.27(b),

$$-30 + v_1 + v_2 = 0$$