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Experiment-2

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Name of the Experiment: Verification of KVL.

Objective: This experiment is intended to verify Kirchhoff's voltage law (KVL) with the help of series circuits.

Circuit Drawing: After connecting resistors  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  in series to a DC power supply, we get the circuit as shown below.

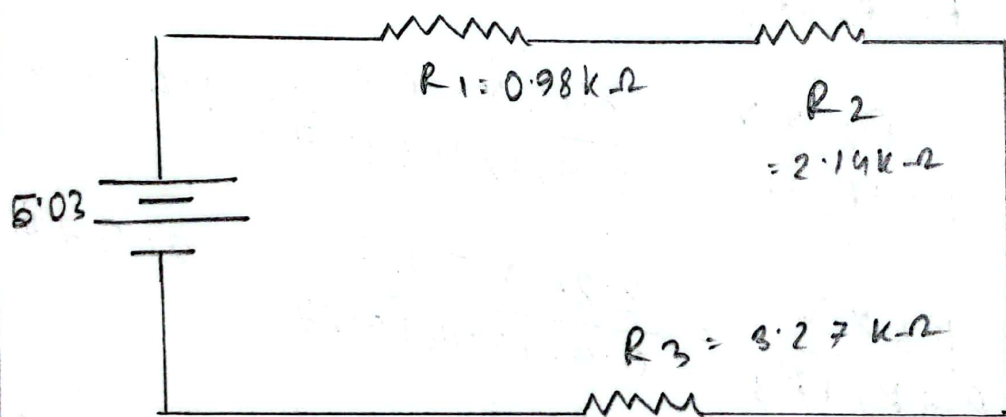


Table:

Observation	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$V$	$V_1$	$V_2$	$V_3$
Experimental	0.98	2.14	3.27	5.03	0.76	1.67	2.57
Theoretical	0.98	2.14	3.27	5.03	0.771	1.684	2.574

### Calculation:

Resistors that were used for this experiment are given below,

$$R_1 = 0.98 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_2 = 2.14 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_3 = 3.27 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Using the voltage divider rule we get,

$$V_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} \times V = \frac{0.98 \times 5.03}{0.98 + 2.14 + 3.27} \text{ V} = 0.771 \text{ V}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{R_2 \times V}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} = \frac{2.14 \times 5.03}{0.98 + 2.14 + 3.27} = 1.684 \text{ V}$$

$$V_3 = \frac{R_3 \times V}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} = \frac{3.27 \times 5.03}{0.98 + 2.14 + 3.27} = 2.574 \text{ V}$$

From the theoretical values of  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  we get,

$$V_{S1} = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 = 0.771 + 1.684 + 2.574 \text{ V} \\ = 5.029 \text{ V}$$

Now, the experimental values of  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  gives us,

$$V_{S2} = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 = 0.76 + 1.67 + 2.57 = 5 \text{ V}$$



**Report :** The execution of this experiment gives us two different resulting values for theoretical calculation and experimental measurement which being very close numerical values show the successability of our experiment. However, in the resulting voltage a difference of  $\Delta V_s = (5.029 - 5) \text{ V} = 0.029 \text{ V}$  show some discrepancies between the experimental and theoretical calculation. It is because we do not consider some minor factors while calculating theoretically that we have to encounter in real life experiments. Below is given the reasons why we lack behind in accuracy while measuring voltage in this experiment :

(1) The jumper wires that we use to connect the resistors with the power source has some resistance itself which consumes ~~and~~ current flowing through the circuit. However, due to slight resistance we take these to have no resistance while calculating.

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(2) The breadboard that we use to construct the circuit has shorted connections both horizontally and vertically. This connection in the breadboard is implemented through wires inside this device that has some slight resistance as well. Even though we do not consider the resistance of the breadboard, it consumes current and gives us less voltage for the resistors.

(3) We connect multimeter parallel to the resistors while measuring the voltage of the resistors. Now, current flow depends on the resistance of the elements in parallel connection. The lower the resistance, the more current will flow from that element. It is ideally assumed that multimeter has a resistance of infinity. So no current should flow through this device. However, it is not possible to have infinite resistance in real life. So a small amount of current flows in the multimeter while measuring  $V_1, V_2, V_3$  which hampers the accuracy of result.



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(4) While measuring the values we couldn't hold the devices properly and steadily to the resistors, so our result was fluctuating. as the manual process involves natural human behavior that hampers the results.

(5) When we use a multimeter to measure values, it gives us voltage upto two decimal points. However, we get more decimal points while calculating theoretically. So the nature of the multimeter gives us less accurate values.

Above was the reasons of the discrepancies between the experimental and theoretical values. This experiment of Kirchhoff's voltage law was successfully carried out by our team with ignorable errors.

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**Experiment No. 2**

**Name of the Experiment:**

**Verification of KCL and KVL**

**KVL**

**OBJECTIVE:**

This experiment is intended to verify Kirchhoff's voltage law (KVL) with the help of series circuits.

**THEORY:**

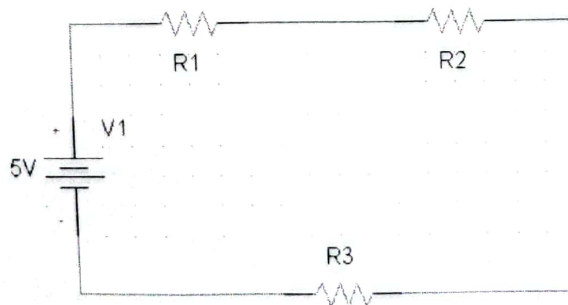
KVL states that around any closed circuit the algebraic sum of the voltage rises equals the algebraic sum of the voltage drops.

**APPARATUS:**

- One DC Ammeter (0 - 1A)
- One multimeter
- Three Resistors
- One DC power supply

**PROCEDURE:**

- Connect the resistors  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  in series to a DC power supply as shown in Fig 1.



**Fig. 1**

- Take readings of  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ ,  $V_3$ ,  $V_s$  using multimeter. Take two sets of reading and enter them in the table shown below

- Verify KVL as  $V_s = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$  for each set of readings.
  - Calculate the theoretical values of  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  &  $V_3$  & note them down in 'Theoretical Observation' row in table
- Use voltage divider rule as stated below to get these values:

$$V_1 = (R_1 / R_e) * V;$$

$$V_2 = (R_2 / R_e) * V;$$

$$V_3 = (R_3 / R_e) * V$$

$$\text{Where, } R_e = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

**TABLE 1: Verification of KVL.**

Observation	R1	R2	R3	V	V1	V2	V3
Experimental	0.98	2.14	3.27	5.03	0.76	1.67	2.57
Theoretical	0.98	2.14	3.27	5.03	0.77	1.68	2.57

### REPORT:

1. State the rules of connecting voltmeter and ammeter in the circuit.
2. Comment on the results obtained and discrepancies (if any).

### KCL

### OBJECTIVE:

This experiment is intended to verify Kirchhoff's current law (KCL) with the help of a simple parallel circuit.

### THEORY:

KCL states that the algebraic sum of the currents entering any node equals the sum of the currents leaving the node.

### APPARATUS:

- One DC Ammeter (0 - 1A)
- Three resistors
- One multimeter
- One DC supply



## PROCEDURE:

- Connect the resistors in parallel across the power supply as shown in figure2

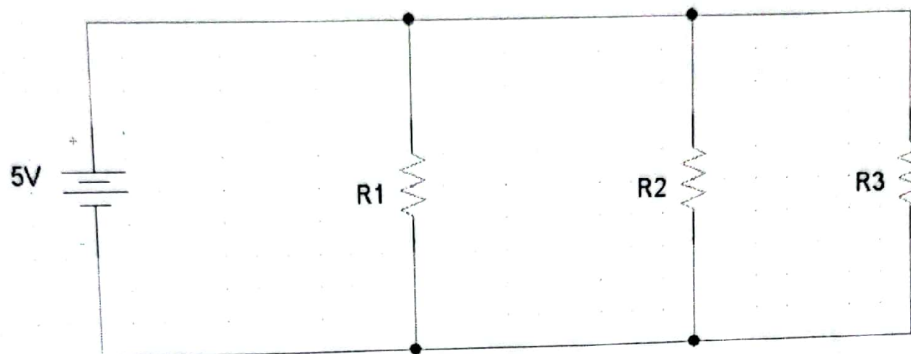


Fig.2

- Measure  $V_s$ ,  $I_o$ ,  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ ,  $I_3$ . Take two sets of reading.
  - Verify KCL as  $I_s = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$  for each set of readings.
  - Calculate the theoretical values of  $I$ ,  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$  &  $I_3$  & note them down in 'theoretical observation' row in table
- Use the following to get these values:

$$I_1 = V/R_1; \quad I_2 = V/R_2; \quad I_3 = V/R_3; \quad I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$$

**TABLE 1:** Verification of KCL.

Observation	R1	R2	R3	V	I	I1	I2	I3
Experimental								
Theoretical								

## REPORT:

1. Comment on the obtained results and discrepancies (if any).