RESISTIVE CIRCUITS

• KIRCHHOFF'S LAWS - THE FUNDAMENTAL CIRCUIT CONSERVATION LAWS- KIRCHHOFF CURRENT (KCL) AND KIRCHHOFF VOLTAGE (KVL) **KIRCHHOFF CURRENT LAW**

ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

"CHARGE CANNOT BE CREATED NOR DESTROYED"





NODE: point where two, or more, elements are joined (e.g., big node 1)

LOOP: A closed path that never goes twice over a node (e.g., the blue line) The red path is NOT a loop

BRANCH: Component connected between two nodes (e.g., component R4)

A NODE CONNECTS SEVERAL COMPONENTS. BUT IT DOES NOT HOLD ANY CHARGE.

TOTAL CURRENT FLOWING INTO THE NODE MUST BE EQUAL TO TOTAL CURRENT OUT OF THE NODE

(A CONSERVATION OF CHARGE PRINCIPLE)



KIRCHHOFF CURRENT LAW (KCL)

SUM OF CURRENTS FLOWING INTO A NODE IS EQUAL TO SUM OF CURRENTS FLOWING OUT OF THE NODE

> 5A = -5AA current flowing into a node is equivalent to the negative flowing out of the node

ALGEBRAIC SUM OF CURRENT (FLOWING) OUT OF A NODE IS ZERO

ALGEBRAIC SUM OF CURRENTS FLOWING INTO A NODE IS ZERO

Write the KCL equation for the following node:



$$i_1(t) - i_2(t) - i_3(t) - i_4(t) + i_5(t) = 0$$

A node is a point of connection of two or more circuit elements. It may be stretched out or compressed for visual purposes… But it is still a node



A GENERALIZED NODE IS ANY PART OF A CIRCUIT WHERE THERE IS NO ACCUMULATION OF CHARGE





... AND PRACTICE NOTATION CONVENTION AT THE SAME TIME...



 $I_{be} + 4A + [-(-3A)] + (-2A) = 0$



FIRST FOUR... IT IS REDUNDANT!!!



KCL DEPENDS ONLY ON THE INTERCONNECTION. THE TYPE OF COMPONENT IS IRRELEVANT

KCL DEPENDS ONLY ON THE TOPOLOGY OF THE CIRCUIT



Here we illustrate the use of a more general idea of node. The shaded surface encloses a section of the circuit and can be considered as a BIG node

SUM OF CURRENTS LEAVING BIG NODE = 0 $I_4 + 40mA - 30mA - 20mA - 60mA = 0$ $I_4 = 70mA$ THE CURRENT 15 BECOMES INTERNAL TO THE NODE AND IT IS NOT NEEDED!!!





KIRCHHOFF VOLTAGE LAW

ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL CONSERVATION LAWS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINERING

THIS IS A CONSERVATION OF ENERGY PRINCIPLE "ENERGY CANNOT BE CREATE NOR DESTROYED"

KIRCHHOFF VOLTAGE LAW (KVL)KVL IS A CONSERVATION OF ENERGY PRINCIPLE

A POSITIVE CHARGE GAINS ENERGY AS IT MOVES TO A POINT WITH HIGHER VOLTAGE AND RELEASES ENERGY IF IT MOVES TO A POINT WITH LOWER VOLTAGE

$$\Delta W = q(V_B - V_A) \overset{B}{\bullet} V_B$$

$$q \bigoplus_{V_A} V_A$$

$$\begin{array}{c} q \\ \bullet \\ a \\ \hline \\ a \\ \hline \\ b \\ \hline \\ b \\ \hline \\ b \\ \hline \\ b \\ \hline \\ c \\ \hline \\ d \\ \hline \\ c \\ \hline \\ d \\ \hline \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} LOSES \ \Delta W = qV_{ab} \\ \Delta W = qV_{cd} \end{array}$$



IF THE CHARGE COMES BACK TO THE SAME INITIAL POINT THE NET ENERGY GAIN MUST BE ZERO (Conservative network)

OTHERWISE THE CHARGE COULD END UP WITH INFINITE ENERGY, OR SUPPLY AN INFINITE AMOUNT OF ENERGY

$$q(V_{AB} + V_{BC} + V_{CD}) = 0$$

KVL: THE ALGEBRAIC SUM OF VOLTAGE DROPS AROUND ANY LOOP MUST BE ZERO

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 O & -V + O \equiv O + (-V) - O \\
 A & B & A & B \\
 A & VOLTAGE RISE IS \\
 A NEGATIVE DROP
 \end{array}$$

Write the KVL equation for the following loop, traveling clockwise:





PROBLEM SOLVING TIP: KVL IS USEFUL TO DETERMINE A VOLTAGE - FIND A LOOP INCLUDING THE UNKNOWN VOLTAGE

THE LOOP DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PHYSICAL



EXAMPLE : V_{R1} , V_{R3} ARE KNOWN DETERMINE THE VOLTAGE V_{be}

$$V_{R_1} + V_{be} + V_{R_3} - 30[V] = 0$$

BACKGROUND: WHEN DISCUSSING KCL WE SAW THAT NOT ALL POSSIBLE KCL EQUATIONS ARE INDEPENDENT. WE SHALL SEE THAT THE SAME SITUATION ARISES WHEN USING KVL



A SNEAK PREVIEW ON THE NUMBER OF LINEARLY INDEPENDENT EQUATIONS

- IN THE CIRCUIT DEFINE
- N NUMBER OF NODES
- **B** NUMBER OF BRANCHES
- *N*−1 LINEARLY INDEPENDENT KCL EQUATIONS
- B (N 1) LINEARLY INDEPENDENT KVL EQUATIONS

EXAMPLE: FOR THE CIRCUIT SHOWN WE HAVE N = 6, B = 7. HENCE THERE ARE ONLY TWO INDEPENDENT KVL EQUATIONS

$$V_{R_1} + V_{R_4} - 16 - 24 = 0$$
$$V_{R_2} + V_{R_3} + 8 + 16 - V_{R_4} = 0$$
$$V_{R_1} + V_{R_2} + V_{R_3} + 8 - 24 = 0$$

THE THIRD EQUATION IS THE SUM OF THE OTHER TWO!!



SAMPLE PROBLEM



We need to find a closed path where only one voltage is unknown

FOR
$$V_X$$

 $V_X + V_2 - V_1 + 4 = 0$
 $V_X + 4 - 12 + 4 = 0$

$$V_X + V_2 + V_{ab} = 0$$
$$V_{ab} = -V_X - V_2$$