

Exam I two weeks from today!

- How do you study for a Phys 102 exam?
 - Start studying now! (cramming DOES NOT work)
 - Emphasize understanding concepts & problem solving, NOT memorization
 - Review lecture notes, problem solver summary
 - Understand formula sheet (i.e. when to use and when NOT to use an equation) & know what each symbol means
 - Do practice exam problems (time yourself!)
 - Go to office hours & review session

Physics 102: Lecture 06

Kirchhoff's Laws

Last Time

Last Lecture

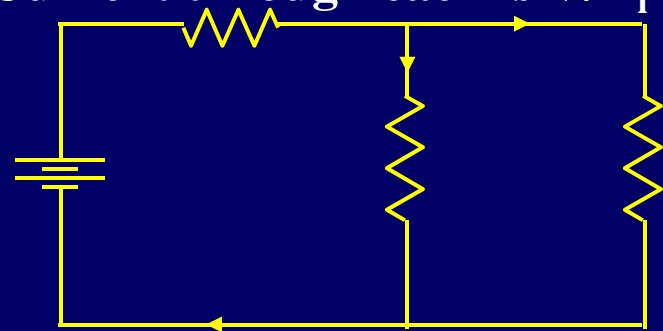
- **Resistors in series:** $R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$

Current through each is same; Voltage drop is IR_i

- **Resistors in parallel:** $\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$

Voltage drop across each is the same; Current through each is V/R_i

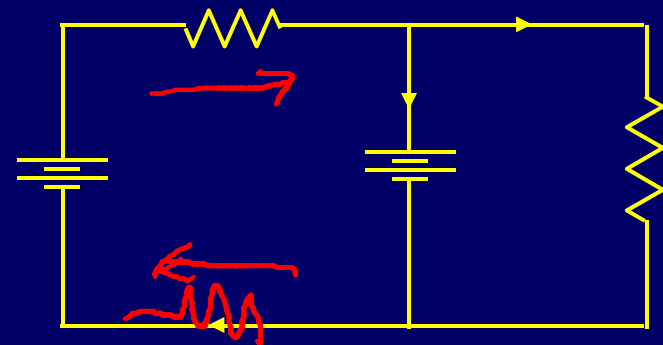
- **Solved Circuits**



branch

Today

- **What about this one?**



Kirchhoff's Rules

- **Kirchhoff's Junction Rule (KJR):**
 - Current going in equals current coming out.

$$\sum I_{in} = \sum I_{out}$$

- **Kirchhoff's Loop Rule (KLR):**
 - Sum of voltage drops around a loop is zero.

$$\sum V_{loop} = 0$$

Kirchhoff's Junction Rule (KJR)

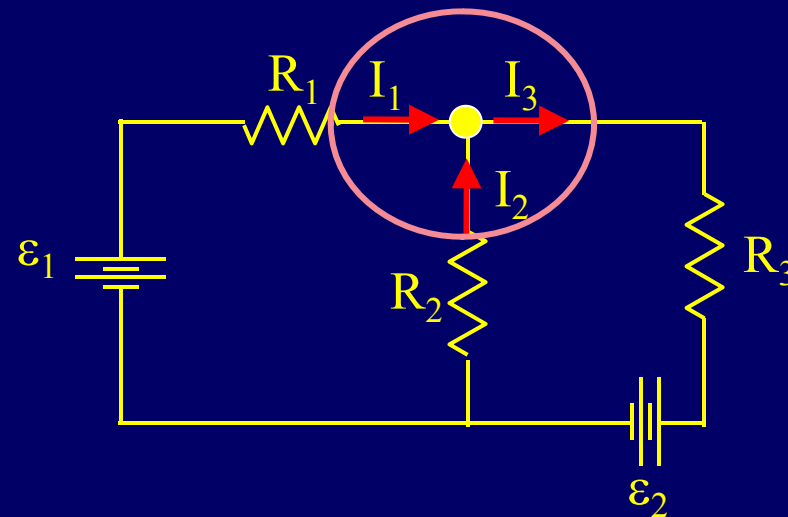
- Conceptual basis: **conservation of charge**
- At any junction in a circuit, the current that enters the junction equals the current that leaves the junction

- Example:

At junction:

$$I_1 + I_2 = I_3$$

$$\sum I_{in} = \sum I_{out}$$



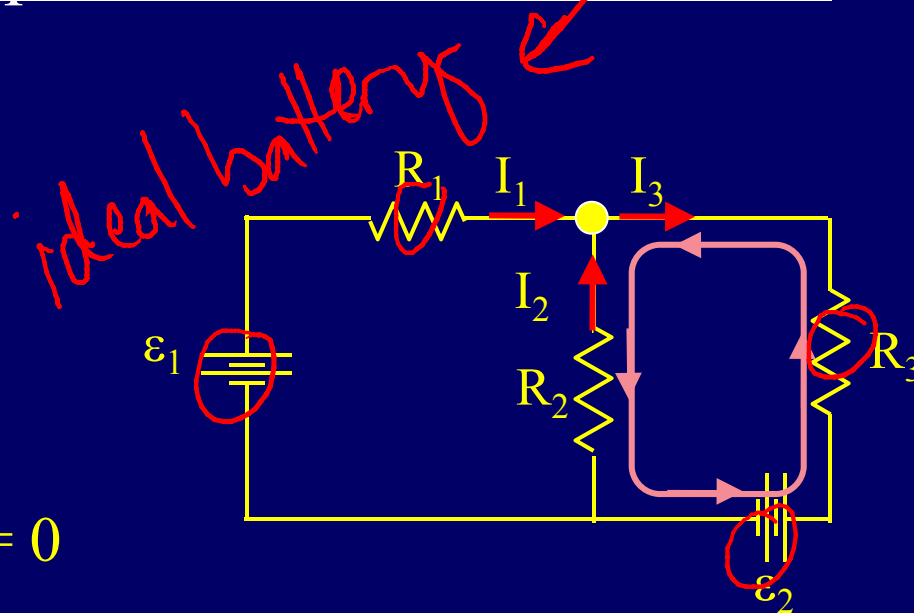
Kirchhoff's Loop Rule (KLR)

- Conceptual basis: **conservation of energy**
- Going around any complete loop in a circuit, the sum total of all the potential differences is zero

- Example:

Around the right loop:

$$\varepsilon_2 + I_3 R_3 + I_2 R_2 = 0$$



Using Kirchhoff's Rules

Strategy

(1) Label all currents

Choose any direction

assign one current per branch

(2) Label +/– for all elements

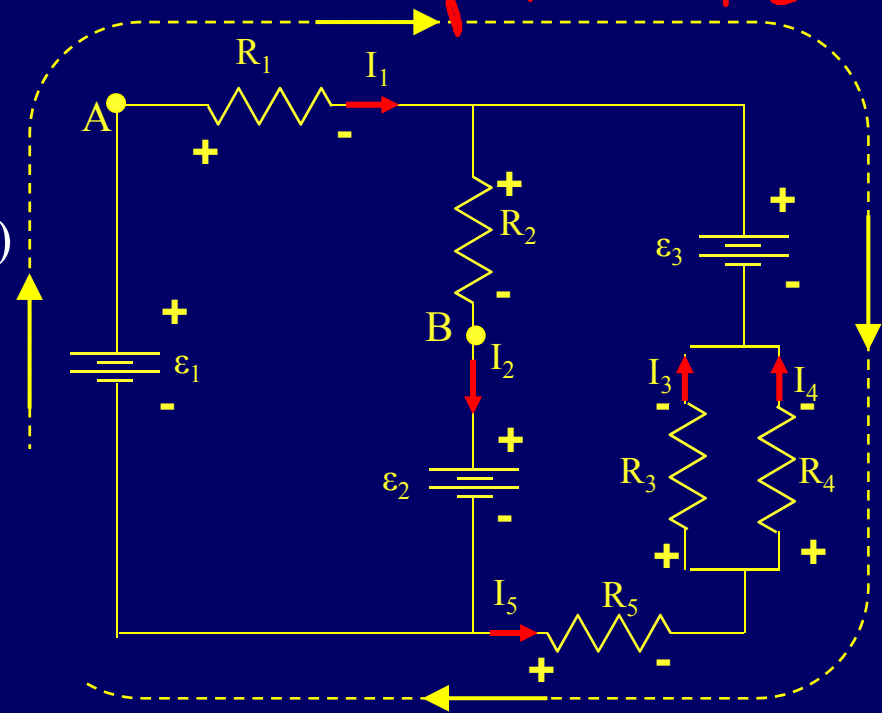
Current goes + \Rightarrow – (for resistors)

voltage drops / rises

(3) Choose loop and direction

(4) Write down voltage drops

Be careful about signs



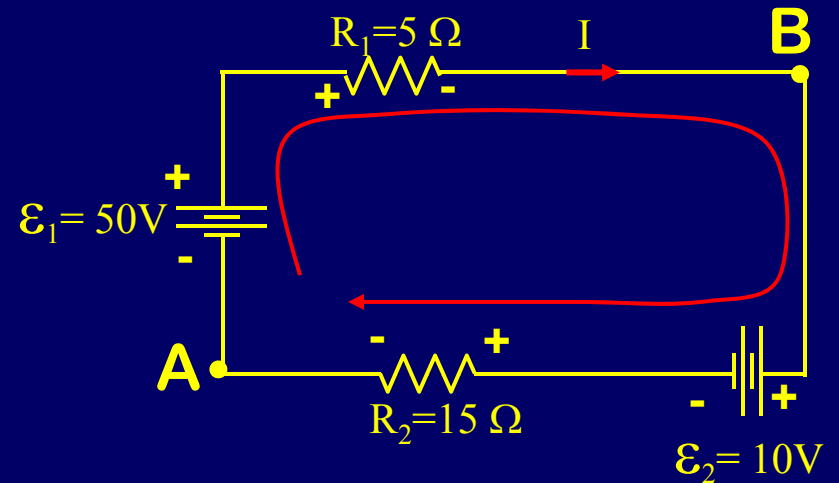
Example

Loop Rule Practice



Find I:

1. Label currents
2. Label elements +/-
3. Choose loop
4. Write KLR



$$+\mathcal{E}_1 - IR_1 - \mathcal{E}_2 - IR_2 = 0$$
$$+50 - 5I - 10 - 15I = 0$$
$$I = +2 \text{ Amps}$$

What is the electric potential at V_B (assume $V_A = 0$):

$$V_A + \mathcal{E}_1 - IR_1 = V_B$$
$$0 + 50 - 2 \times 5 = 40V = V_B$$



ACT: KLR

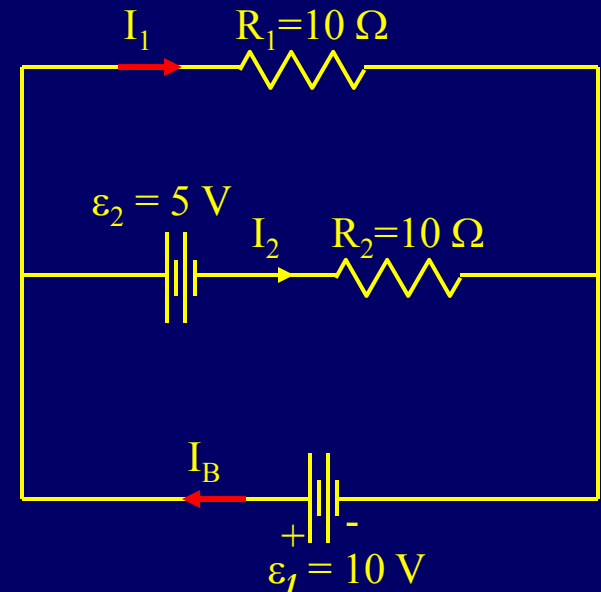
Resistors R_1 and R_2 are

- 1) in parallel 2) in series 3) neither

Definition of parallel:

Two elements are in parallel if (and only if) you can make a loop that contains only those two elements.

Upper loop contains R_1 and R_2 but also ε_2 .

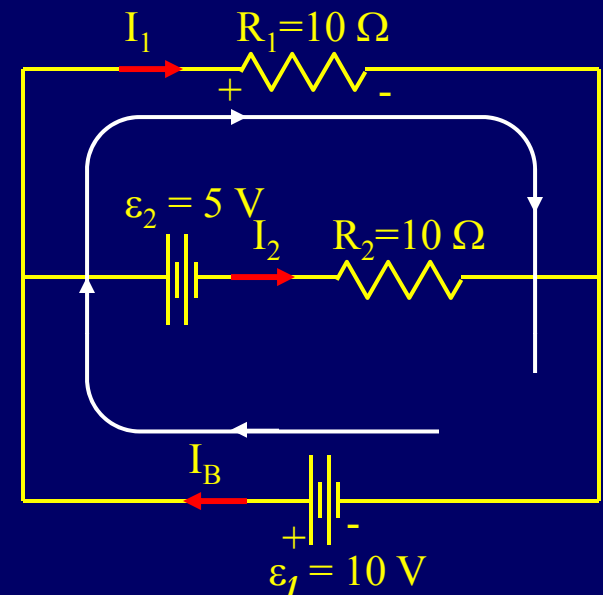


Checkpoint 6.1

Calculate the current through R_1 .

- ~~19%~~ ~~56%~~ ~~19%~~
1) $I_1 = 0.5 \text{ A}$ 2) $I_1 = 1.0 \text{ A}$ 3) $I_1 = 1.5 \text{ A}$

$$\varepsilon_1 - I_1 R_1 = 0 \Rightarrow I_1 = \varepsilon_1 / R_1 = 1 \text{ A}$$



Checkpoint 6.1

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28%

60%

12%

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$$I_1 + I_2 = I_B$$

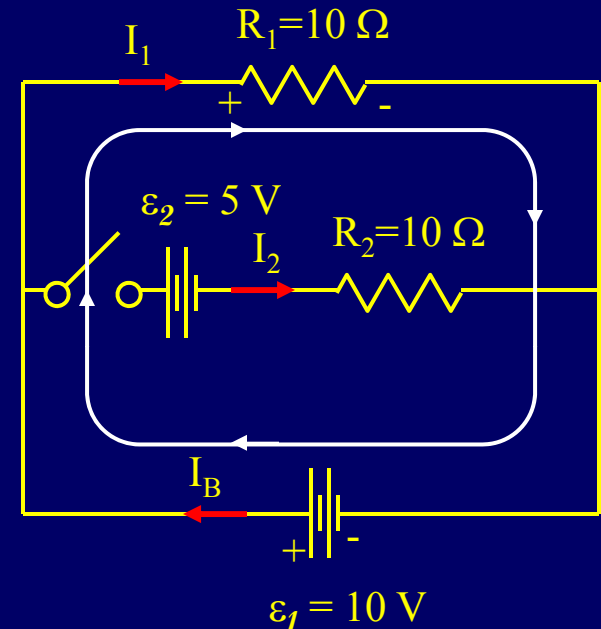
ACT: Voltage Law

How would I_1 change if the switch was opened?

1) Increase

2) No change

3) Decrease



$$I_{B, \text{closed}} < I_{B, \text{open}}$$

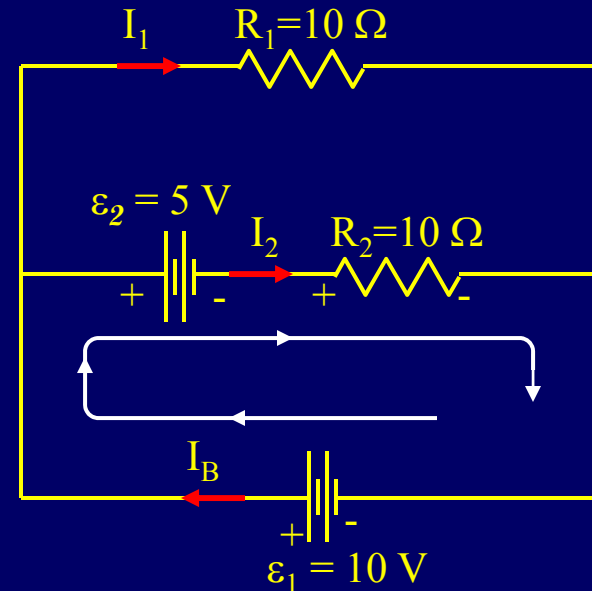
Checkpoint 6.2

Calculate the current through R_2 .

- 54%
28%
18%
- 1) $I_2 = 0.5 \text{ A}$ 2) $I_2 = 1.0 \text{ A}$ 3) $I_2 = 1.5 \text{ A}$

$$\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 - I_2 R_2 = 0$$

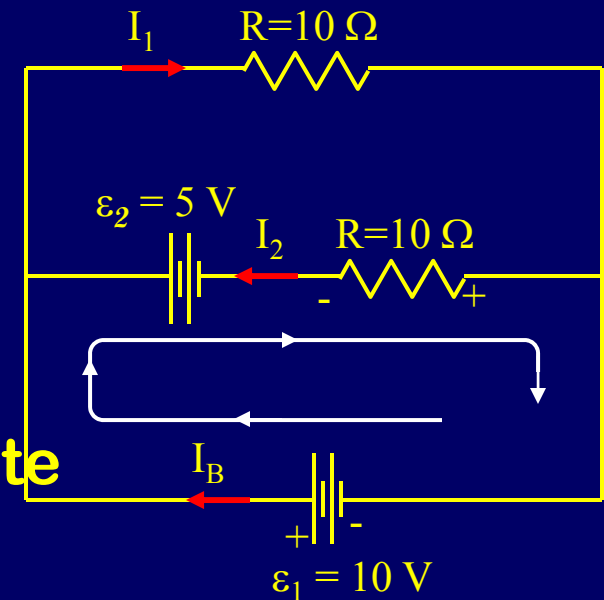
$$\Rightarrow I_2 = 0.5 \text{ A}$$



Checkpoint 6.2

How do I know the direction of I_2 ?

It doesn't matter. Choose whatever direction you like. Then solve the equations to find I_2 . If the result is positive, then your initial guess was correct. If result is negative, then actual direction is opposite to your initial guess.



Work through Checkpoint with opposite sign for I_2 :

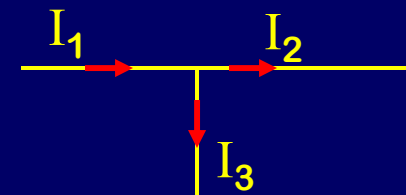
$$+\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 + I_2 R_2 = 0 \quad \text{Note the sign change from last slide}$$

$\Rightarrow I_2 = -0.5\text{A}$ Answer has same magnitude as before but opposite sign. That means current goes to the right, as we found before.

Kirchhoff's Junction Rule

Current Entering = Current Leaving

$$I_1 = I_2 + I_3$$

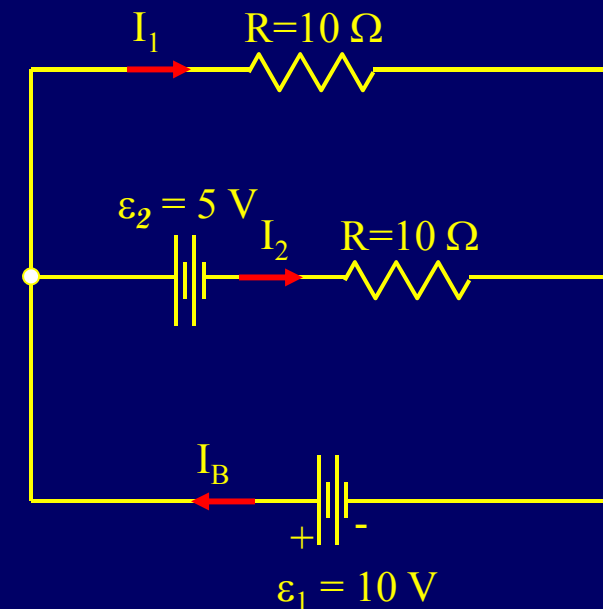


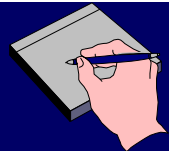
Checkpoint 6.3

Calculate the current through battery.

- 1) ~~10%~~ $I_B = 0.5 \text{ A}$ 2) ~~33%~~ $I_B = 1.0 \text{ A}$ 3) 45% $I_B = 1.5 \text{ A}$

$$I_B = I_1 + I_2 = 1.5 \text{ A}$$





Kirchhoff's Laws

(1) Label all currents

Choose any direction

(2) Label +/– for all elements

Current goes + \Rightarrow – (for resistors)

(3) Choose loop and direction

Your choice!

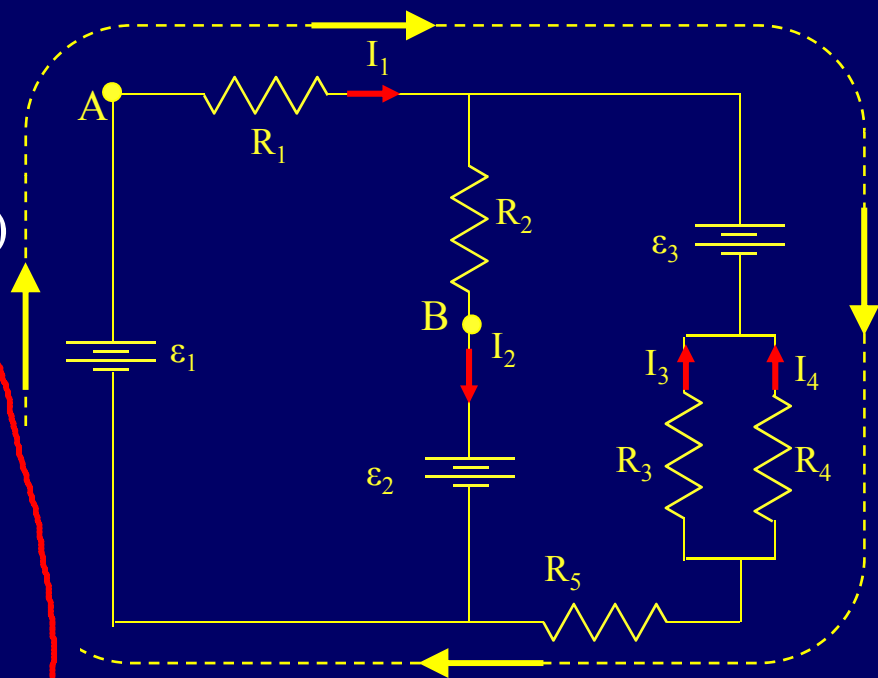
(4) Write down voltage drops

Follow any loops

(5) Write down junction equation

$$\sum I_{in} = \sum I_{out}$$

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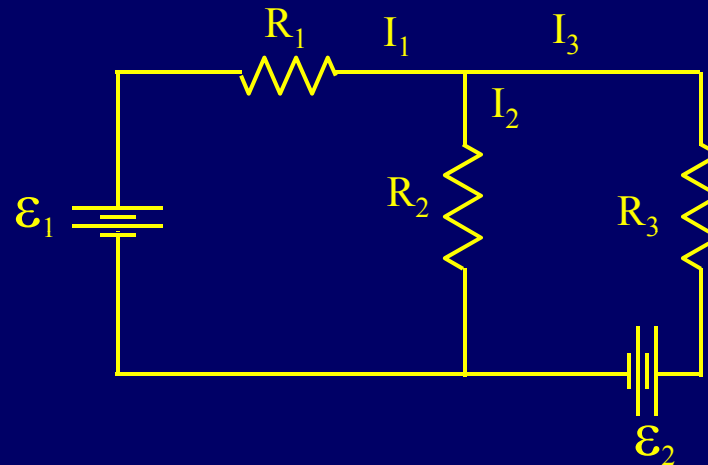


Example

You try it!



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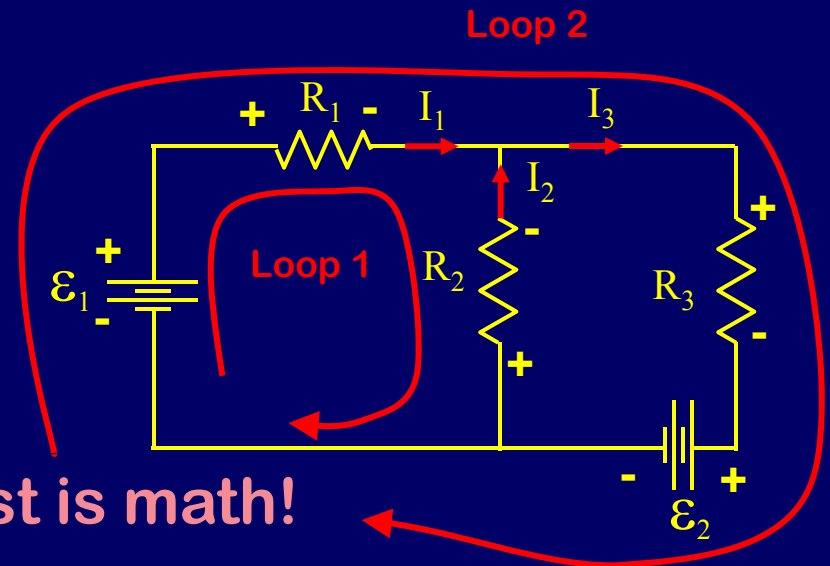
- ✓ 1. Label all currents (Choose any direction)
- ✓ 2. Label +/- for all elements (Current goes + \Rightarrow - for resistor)
- ✓ 3. Choose loop and direction (Your choice!)
- ✓ 4. Write down voltage drops (Potential increases or decreases?)

Loop 1: $+\mathcal{E}_1 - I_1R_1 + I_2R_2 = 0$

Loop 2: $+\mathcal{E}_1 - I_1R_1 - I_3R_3 - \mathcal{E}_2 = 0$

- ✓ 5. Write down junction equation

Node: $I_1 + I_2 = I_3$

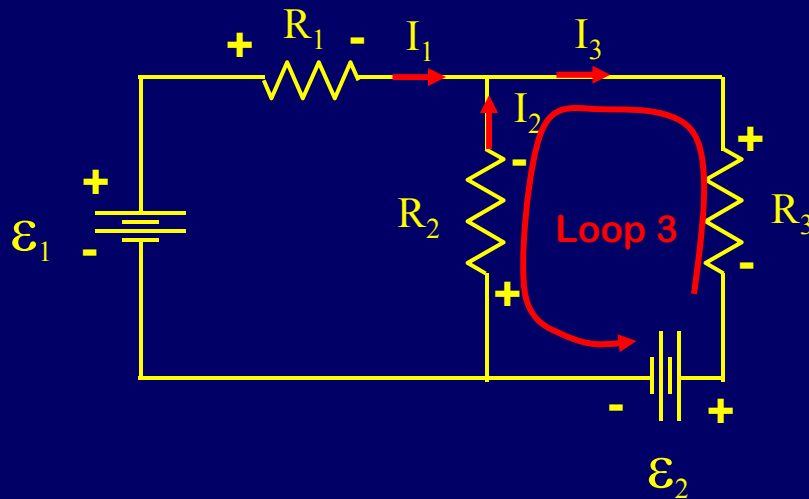


3 Equations, 3 unknowns the rest is math!



ACT: Kirchhoff loop rule

What is the correct expression for “Loop 3” in the circuit below?



1) $+\epsilon_2 - I_3R_3 - I_2R_2 = 0$

2) $+\epsilon_2 - I_3R_3 + I_2R_2 = 0$

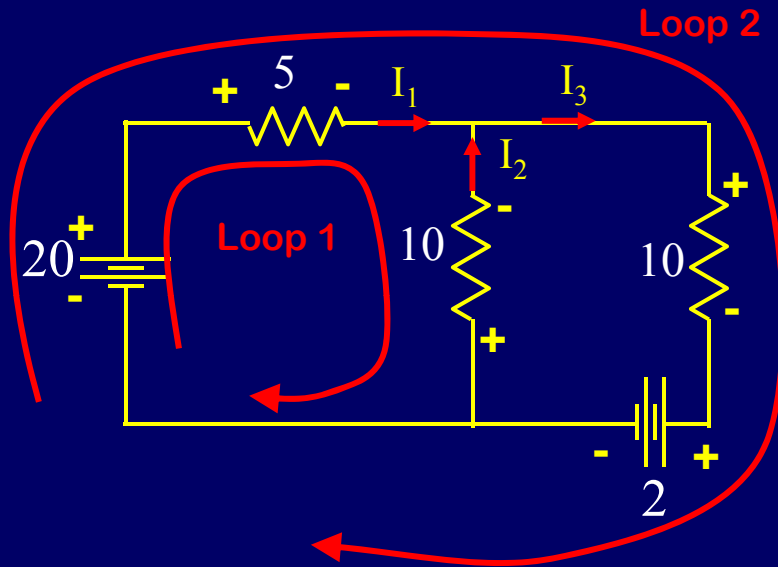
3) $+\epsilon_2 + I_3R_3 + I_2R_2 = 0$

Example

Let's put in real numbers



In the circuit below you are given \mathcal{E}_1 , \mathcal{E}_2 , R_1 , R_2 and R_3 . Find I_1 , I_2 and I_3 .



1. Loop 1: $20 - 5I_1 + 10I_2 = 0$
2. Loop 2: $20 - 5I_1 - 10I_3 - 2 = 0$
3. Junction: $I_3 = I_1 + I_2$

solution: substitute Eq.3 for I_3 in Eq. 2:

$$20 - 5I_1 - 10(I_1 + I_2) - 2 = 0$$

rearrange: $15I_1 + 10I_2 = 18$

rearrange Eq. 1: $5I_1 - 10I_2 = 20$

Now we have 2 eq., 2 unknowns. Continue on next slide

$$15I_1 + 10I_2 = 18$$
$$5I_1 - 10I_2 = 20$$

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Add the equations together:

$$20I_1 = 38 \quad I_1 = 1.90 \text{ A}$$

Plug into bottom equation:

$$5(1.90) - 10I_2 = 20 \quad I_2 = -1.05 \text{ A}$$

note that this means direction of I_2 is opposite to that shown on the previous slide

Use junction equation (eq. 3 from previous page)

$$I_3 = I_1 + I_2 = 1.90 - 1.05$$

$$I_3 = 0.85 \text{ A}$$

We are done!

See you next time...