

Understanding Electric Current

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Electric current

Drude, Lorentz, proposed that conductors like metals contain a large number of free electrons while the positive ions are fixed in their locations. The arrangement of positive ions is called lattice.

Electrons in open circuit (when current is not flowing) Electrons in closed circuit (when current is flowing)

Q is the charge travelling through a cross section t

$I \Rightarrow \frac{Q}{t}$ i.e. Rate of flow of charge

Electric current = $\frac{\text{Electric charge}}{\text{Time Interval}}$

$I = \frac{Q}{t}$

In SI unit 1 Ampere = $\frac{1 \text{ Coulomb}}{1 \text{ Second}}$

Potential Difference:

When the ends of a conducting wire are to the battery, an electric field is setup throughout the conductor.

Let F_e is the force exerted on charge q

As per Coulomb's Law

$$F_e = \frac{Qq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$$

Electric field $E = \frac{F_e}{q} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2}$

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Work done is moving unit +ve charge against direction of motion

$$W_a = -E \Delta s$$

Then work done is moving +ve charge from a to b

$$W_{ab} = \int_a^b W = - \int_a^b F \cdot ds$$

$$= - \int_a^b \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} ds$$

$$= \frac{-Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_a^b \frac{1}{r^2} dr = \frac{-Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{r} \right]_a^b$$

When $q \rightarrow 0$ then amount of work done in moving +ve charge from infinity to b is called electric potential at that point

$$V_B = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} \right]$$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a}$$

Potential Difference at point A is $V_A = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a}$

B is $V_B = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 b}$

Potential Difference = $V_B - V_A$

$$= \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 b} - \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a}$$

This is work done to move a unit charge

$$W_{BA} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 b} \times q - \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 a} \times q$$

$$= q(V_B - V_A)$$

$$V_{BA} = \frac{q}{q} (V_B - V_A) \times t$$

$$= J \times P \times t$$

$$= I \times V \times t = \text{Energy}$$

Energy = $W_{BA} = V \times I \times t$

$W \times t$ is called Power

Electrical energy = $P \times t$

$$= (VI) \times t$$

Work = Force \times Distance

$W = F_e \cdot l$

on Unit charge = $\frac{W}{q} = \frac{F_e l}{q}$

$$V = \frac{W}{q}$$

The Potential Difference is also called Voltage.

SI Potential Difference = Volt

Ohm's Law

$V \propto I$ (temperature is constant & physical contents are constant)

$$\frac{V}{I} = \text{constant}$$

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Resistance (R)

$$\frac{V}{I} = R$$

$$V = I R$$

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SI unit = ohm (Ω)

1 ohm = $\frac{1 \text{ Volt}}{1 \text{ Ampere}}$

$$1 \Omega = \frac{1V}{A}$$

Kirchoff's Law

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① Kirchoff's current Law (KCL)

or Kirchoff's Nodal Law

② Kirchoff's Voltage Law (KVL)

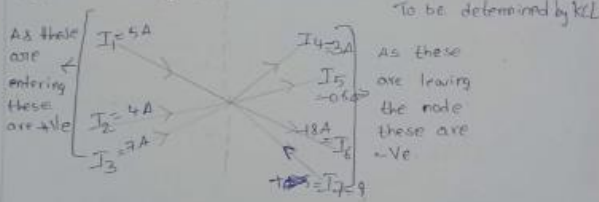
or Kirchoff's circuit Law

KCL

Nodal means Junction

current entering the node is +ve

current leaving the node is -ve



$$I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_7 + I_5 + I_6 + I_4 = 0$$

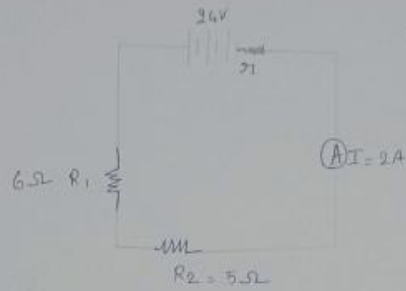
$$5 + 4 + 7 + (-3) + (-0.5) + (-1.8) + I_7 = 0$$

$$16 + (-2.5) + I_7 = 0$$

$$I_7 = 2.5 - 16$$

$$I_7 = -13.5$$

Kirchoff's Voltage Law (KVL)



r1 = Internal resistance of the battery

Find r1?

As per Ohm's Law

$$V = IR$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$2 = \frac{24}{6 + 5 + r_1}$$

$$2 = \frac{24}{11 + r_1}$$

$$2(11 + r_1) = 24$$

$$22 + 2r_1 = 24$$

$$2r_1 = 24 - 22$$

$$2r_1 = 2$$

$$r_1 = 1\Omega$$

As per KVL

$$V + V_1 + V_2 + V_3 = 0$$

$$24 + (-2 \times 6) + (2 \times 5) + (-2 \times r_1) = 0$$

$$24 - 12 - 10 - 2r_1 = 0$$

$$24 - 22 - 2r_1 = 0$$

$$2 - 2r_1 = 0$$

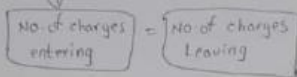
$$2 = 2r_1$$

$$\frac{2}{2} = r_1$$

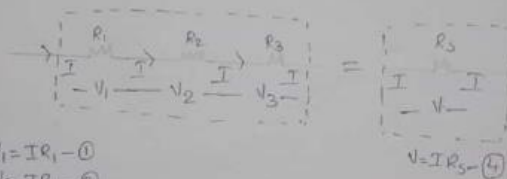
$$r_1 = 1\Omega$$

The value in Ohm's Law & KVL are Same

Any system in nature which is ^{isolated} electrically Neutral is



Series (Equivalent Resistance is Series)



$$V_1 = IR_1 \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$V_2 = IR_2 \text{ --- (2)}$$

$$V_3 = IR_3 \text{ --- (3)}$$

As per KVL $V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$

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$$V = I(R_1 + R_2 + R_3) \text{ --- (5)}$$

Equate (4) & (5)

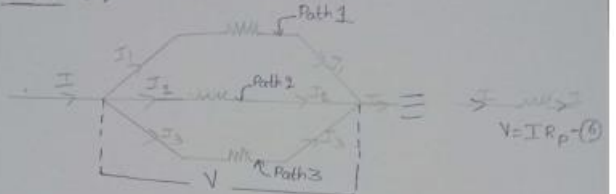
$$IR_5 = I(R_1 + R_2 + R_3)$$

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$$R_5 = \sum R_i$$

Equivalent Resistance of a series combination of resistance is equal to the arithmetic sum of its individual resistance.

Parallel: (Equal resistance in Parallel)



$$\text{Path 1: } V = I_1 \times R_1 = I_1 \times \frac{V}{R_1} \text{ --- (2)}$$

$$\text{Path 2: } V = I_2 \times R_2 = I_2 \times \frac{V}{R_2} \text{ --- (3)}$$

$$\text{Path 3: } V = I_3 \times R_3 = I_3 \times \frac{V}{R_3} \text{ --- (4)}$$

As per KVL,

$$I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \text{ --- (1)}$$

Combine (2) & (3) & (4)

$$I = \frac{V}{R_1} + \frac{V}{R_2} + \frac{V}{R_3}$$

Combine (5) & (6)

$$\frac{V}{R_p} = \frac{V}{R_1} + \frac{V}{R_2} + \frac{V}{R_3}$$

Divide with Equation V

$$\frac{1}{R_p} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$$

$$\frac{1}{R} = \sum \frac{1}{R_i}$$