

ELECTRIC CIRCUITS



KIRCHHOFF'S RULES

Rule:



1. Junctions Rule

→ The sum of the currents entering the junction is equal to the current leaving the junction

Entering the junction Leaving junction

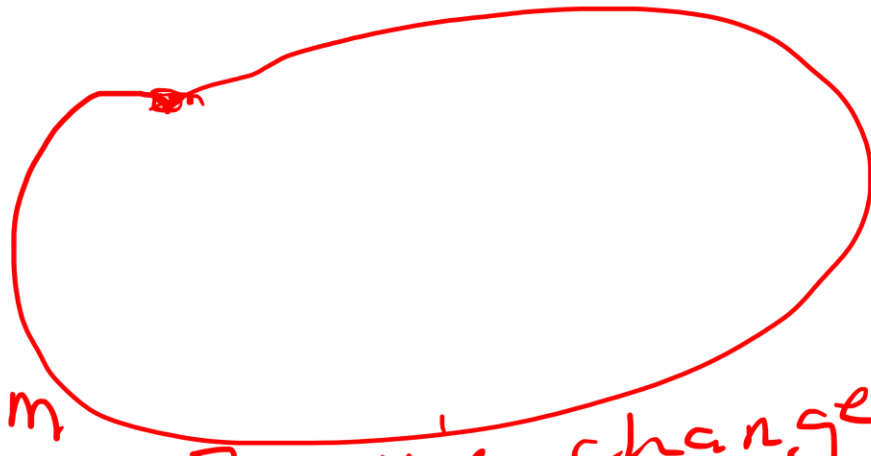
$$I + I_4 = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$$

$$\sum I_{\text{entering junction}} = \sum I_{\text{leaving the junction}}$$

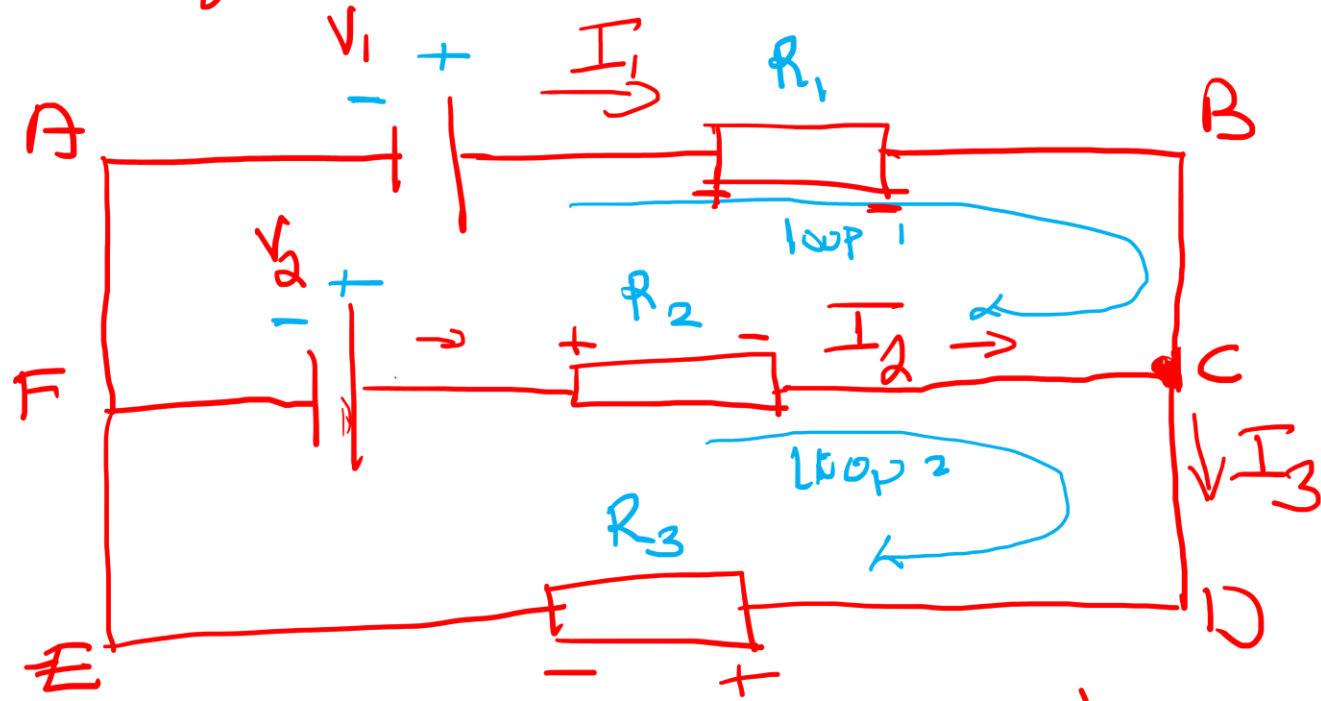
2. Loop Rule

The algebraic sum of the changes in potential (voltage changes) around a loop must be equal to zero

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



Demonstration of Kirchhoff's Rule on a circuit



1. The junction Rule

$$I_1 + I_2 = I_3$$

I_1 I_2 I_3

Entering Leaving

2. Loop Rule

Loop 1

- If a resistor is traversed in the direction of current, then the change in electric potential is negative $-IR$
- If a resistor is traversed in the direction opposite the current, then the electric potential across the resistor is positive $+IR$

A B C D F A $\rightarrow$ loop 1

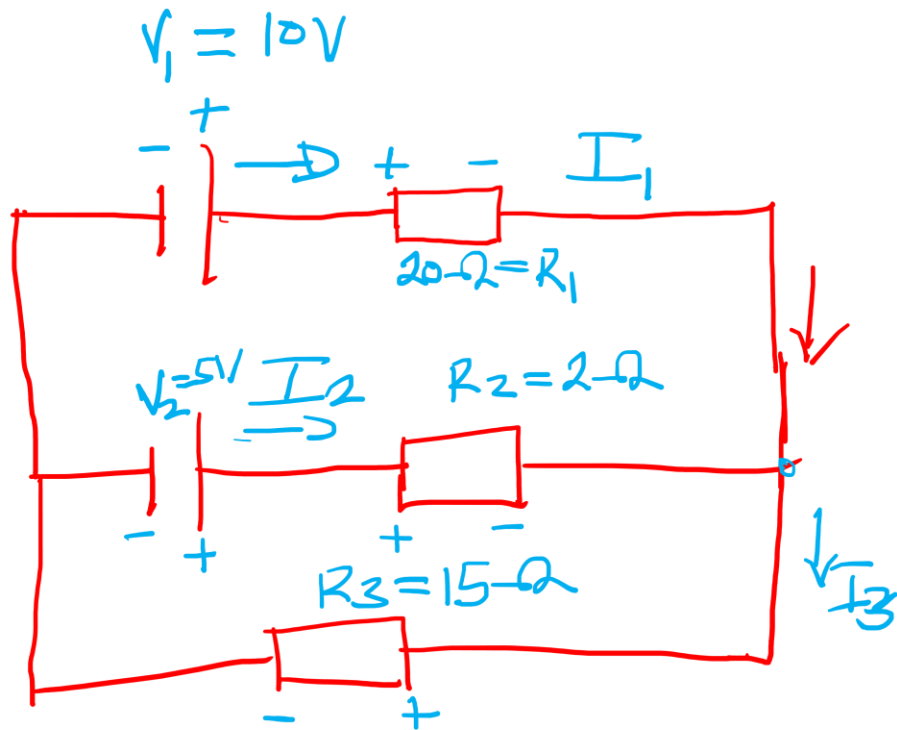
$$V_1 - R_1 I_1 + R_2 I_2 - V_2 = 0$$

Loop 2

$$V_2 - R_2 I_2 - R_3 I_3 = 0$$

$\rightarrow$ If a source of emf is traversed in the direction of emf (from -ve to +ve) on the terminals, then the change in electric potential is $+V$

$\rightarrow$ If a source of emf is traversed in the direction opposite the emf (from +ve to -ve) on the terminal, then the change in electric potential is $-V$



Junction Rule

$$I_1 + I_2 = I_3 \quad (i)$$

Loop 1

$$V_1 - I_1 R_1 + R_2 I_2 - V_2 = 0$$

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

$$20 I_1 + 2 I_2 = -5$$

divide by -1

$$20 I_1 - 2 I_2 = 5 \quad (ii)$$

Loop 2

$$V_2 - R_2 I_2 - R_3 I_3 = 0$$

$$5 - 2 I_2 - 15 I_3 = 0$$

$$-2 I_2 - 15 I_3 = -5$$

divide by -1

$$2 I_2 + 15 I_3 = 5 \quad (iii)$$

$$2I_2 + 15I_3 = 5$$

$$\text{but } I_1 + I_2 = I_3 \quad \text{eqn (i)}$$

$$2I_2 + 15(I_1 + I_2) = 5$$

$$2I_2 + 15I_1 + 15I_2 = 5$$

$$15I_1 + 17I_2 = 5$$

$$20I_1 - 2I_2 = 5$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{rcl} 15I_1 + 17I_2 & = & 5 \\ 20I_1 - 2I_2 & = & 5 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \times 4 \\ \times -3 \end{array}$$

$$60I_1 + 68I_2 = 20$$

$$\underline{-60I_1 + 6I_2 = -15}$$

$$74I_2 = 5$$

$$I_2 = \frac{5}{74} = \underline{\underline{0.0676A}}$$

$$20I_1 - 2I_2 = 5$$

$$20I_1 - 2 \times 0.0676 = 5$$

$$I_1 = \frac{5.1352}{20}$$

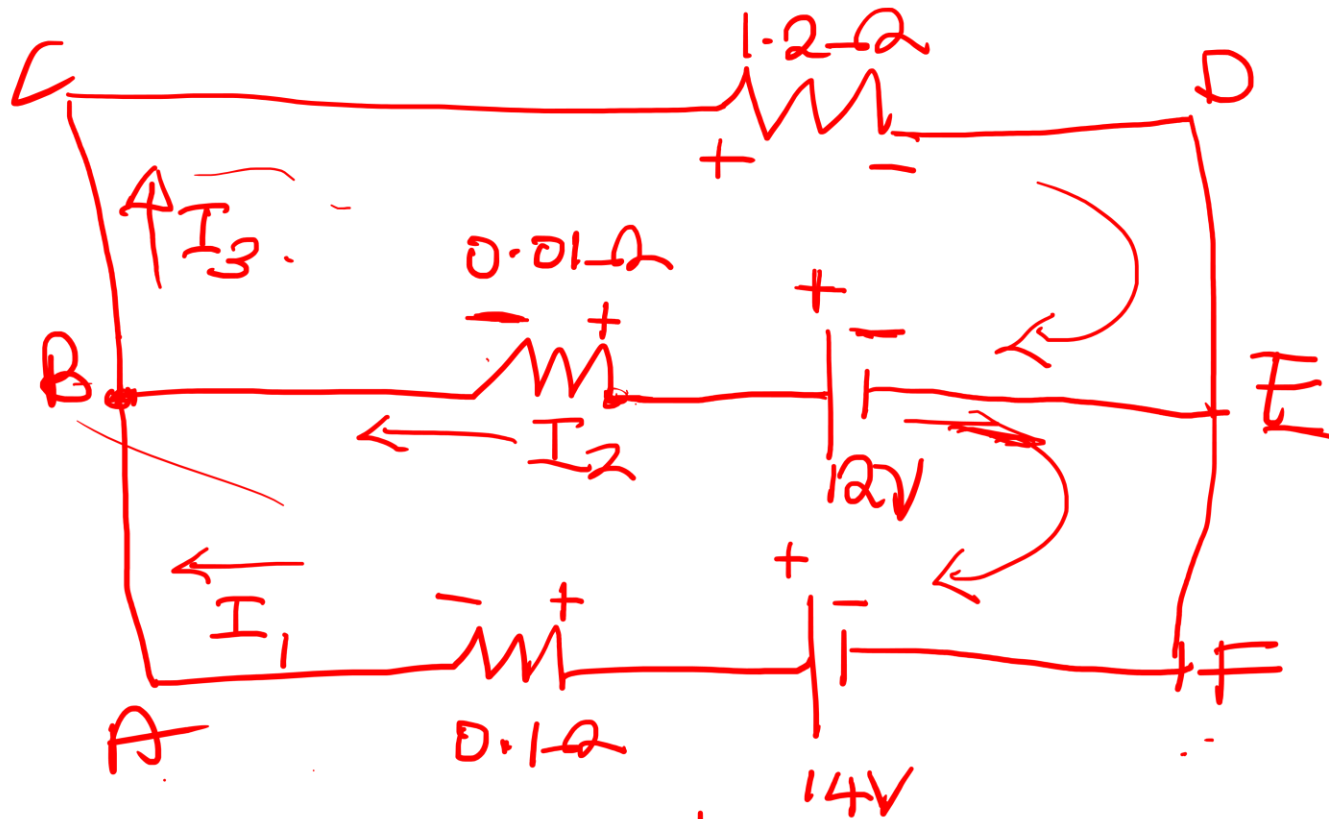
$$I_1 = \underline{\underline{0.25676A}}$$

$$I_1 + I_2 = I_3$$

$$0.25676 + 0.0676 = I_3$$

$$\underline{I_3 = 0.32436A}$$

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Junction Rule

Current into junction = Current out of junction

$$I_1 + I_2 = I_3 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Loop Rule

B E F A

$$0 \cdot 0 I_2 - 12 + 14 - 0 \cdot 1 I_1 = 0$$

$$0 \cdot 0 I_2 - 0 \cdot 1 I_1 = -2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Loop Rule : C D t B

$$-1 \cdot 2 I_3 + 12 - 0 \cdot 0 I_2 = 0$$

$$-1 \cdot 2 I_3 - 0 \cdot 0 I_2 = -12 \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

$$-1 \cdot 2 (I_1 + I_2) - 0 \cdot 0 I_2 = -12$$

$$-1 \cdot 2 I_1 - 1 \cdot 2 I_2 - 0 \cdot 0 I_2 = 12$$

$$-1 \cdot 2 I_1 - 1 \cdot 2 I_2 = -12 \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -1.2I_1 - 1.2I_2 = -12 & | & \times 1 \\ -0.1I_1 + 0.1I_2 = -2 & | & \times -12 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -1.2I_1 - 1.2I_2 = -12 \\ +1.2I_1 - 0.12I_2 = 24 \end{array}$$

$$0 - 1.32I_2 = 12$$

$$I_2 = \frac{12}{-1.32} = \underline{\underline{-9 \text{ A}}}$$

$$-1.2I_1 - 1.2(-9) = -12$$

$$-1.2I_1 + 10.8 = -12$$

$$I_1 = \frac{-12 - 10.8}{-1.2} = \frac{-22.8}{-1.2} = \underline{\underline{19 \text{ A}}}$$

$$I_1 + I_2 = I_3 \quad \text{eqn (i)}$$

$$19.1 - 9 = I_3$$

$$I_3 = \underline{\underline{10.1 \text{ A}}}$$

Note: The negative answer for I_2 indicates that the current through the cell is not directed from right to left as shown, but the 9 A current is directed from left to right.

