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Topic:KCL

## TOPIC OUTLINE

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## Introduction

## HISTORY OF KIRCHOFF'S LAW



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## HISTORY



## LAWS

- A pair of laws stating general restrictions on the current and voltage in an electric circuit
- The first of these states that at any given instant the sum of the voltages around any closed path, or loop, in the network is zero.
- The second states that at any junction of paths, or node, in a network the sum of the currents arriving at any instant is equal to the sum of the currents flowing away.


## TYPES



## Introduction to KVL

- Kirchhoff's Voltage Law - KVL - is one of two fundamental laws in electrical engineering, the other being Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL)

KVL is a fundamental law, as fundamental as Conservation of Energy in mechanics, for example, because KVL is really conservation of electrical energy

- KVL and KCL are the starting point for analysis of any circuit



## KVL

- Kirchoff's Voltage Law (KVL) states that the algebraic sum of the voltages across any set of branches in a closed loop is zero. i.e.;

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

## KVL

- Below is a single loop circuit. The KVL computation is expressed graphically in that voltages around a loop are summed up by traversing (figuratively walking around) the



## KVL

- The KVL equation is obtained by traversing a circuit loop in either direction and writing down unchanged the voltage of each element whose " + " terminal is entered first and writing down the negative of every element's voltage where the minus sign is first met.
- The loop must start and end at the same point. It does not matter where you
- start on the loop.
- Note that a current direction must have been assumed. The assumed current creates a voltage across each resistor and fixes the position of the " + " and " - " signs so that the passive sign con-vention is obeyed.
- The assumed current direction and polarity of the voltage across each resistor must be in agreement with the passive sign convention for KVL analysis to work.
- The voltages in the loop may be summed in either direction. It makes no difference except to change all the signs in the resulting equation. Mathematically speaking, its as if the KVL equation is multiplied by -1 . See the illustration below.


## KVL



For both summations, the assumed current direction was the same

## KVL

Assuming the current direction fixes the voltage references


For both cases shown, the direction of summation was the same

## RECAP....



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