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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

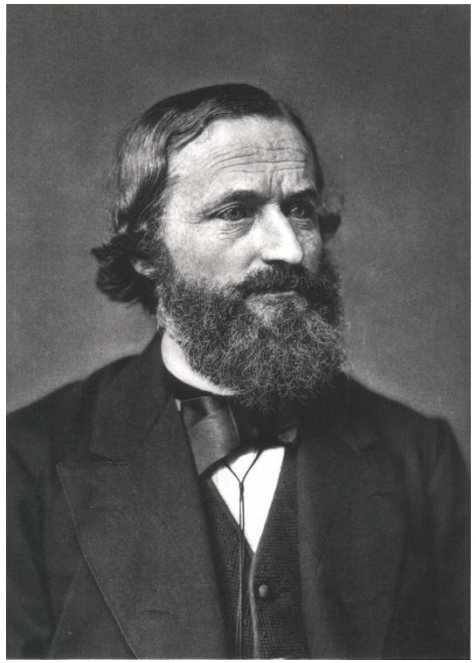
COURSE NAME : BASIC ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

Unit 1: Electrical Circuits & Measurements

Topic 4: Kirchhoff's Law

KIRCHHOFF'S LAW

In 1845, a German physicist, **Gustav Kirchhoff** developed a pair or set of rules or laws which deal with the conservation of current and energy within electrical circuits.

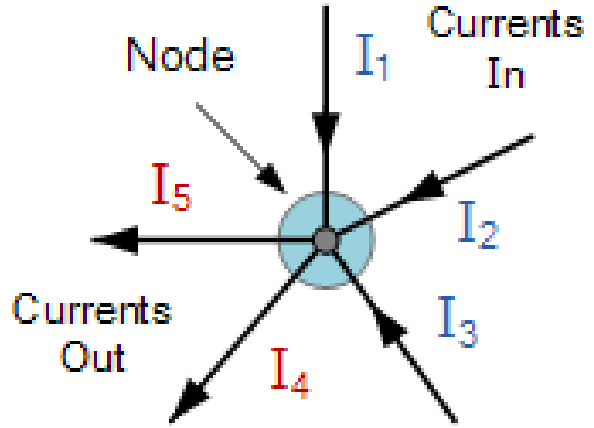


These two rules are commonly known as: Kirchhoffs Circuit Laws with one of Kirchhoffs laws dealing with the current flowing around a closed circuit, **Kirchhoffs Current Law, (KCL)** while the other law deals with the voltage sources present in a closed circuit, **Kirchhoffs Voltage Law, (KVL)**.

KIRCHHOFF'S CURRENT LAW

The algebraic sum of ALL the currents entering and leaving a node must be equal to zero, $I_{(exiting)} + I_{(entering)} = 0$.

Currents Entering the Node
Equals
Currents Leaving the Node

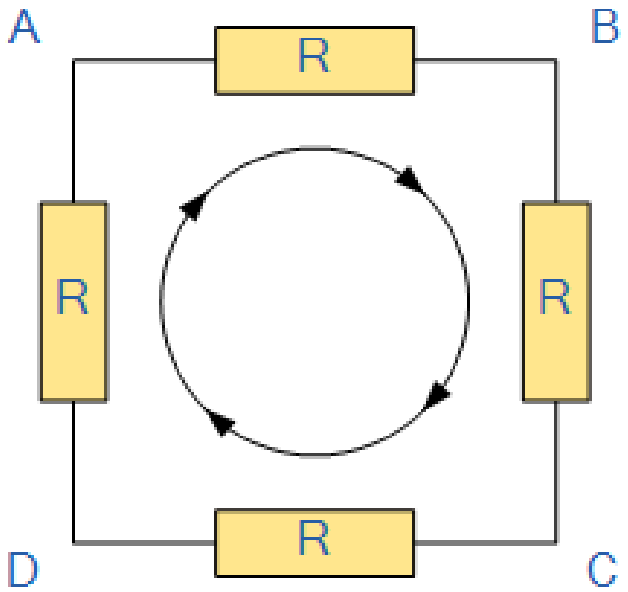


$$I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + (-I_4 + -I_5) = 0$$

KIRCHHOFF'S VOLTAGE LAW

"In any closed loop network, the total voltage around the loop is equal to the sum of all the voltage drops within the same loop"

The sum of all the Voltage Drops around the loop is equal to Zero

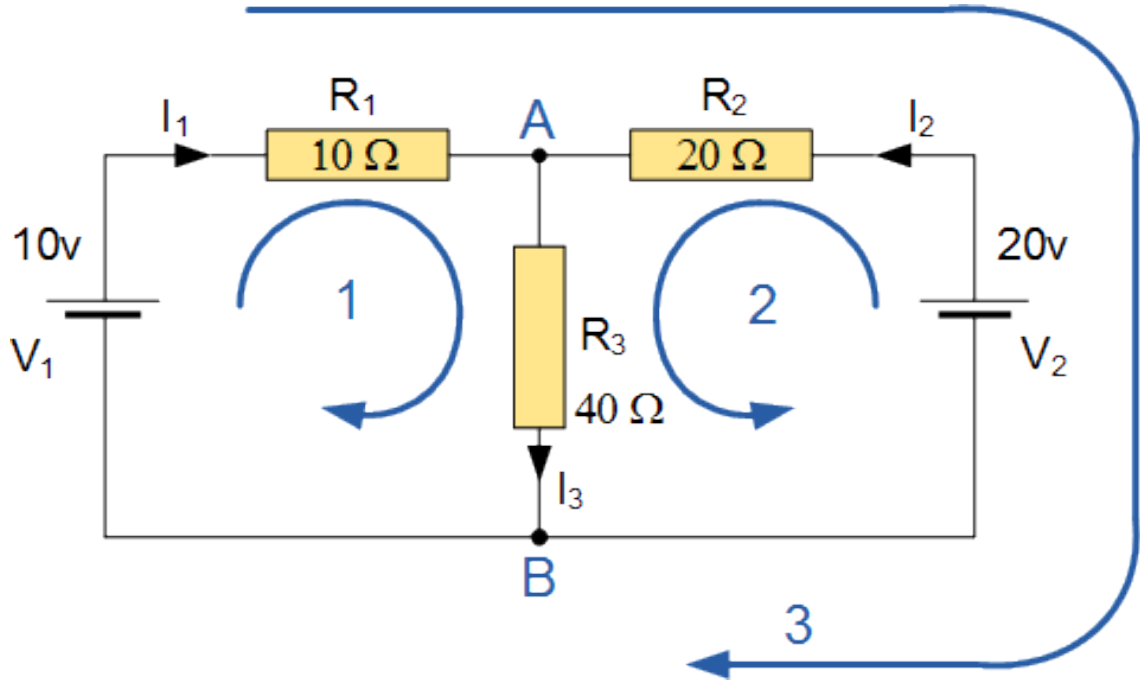


$$V_{AB} + V_{BC} + V_{CD} + V_{DA} = 0$$

CHALLENGE

Find the current flowing in the 40Ω Resistor, R_3

Mesh Loop Method

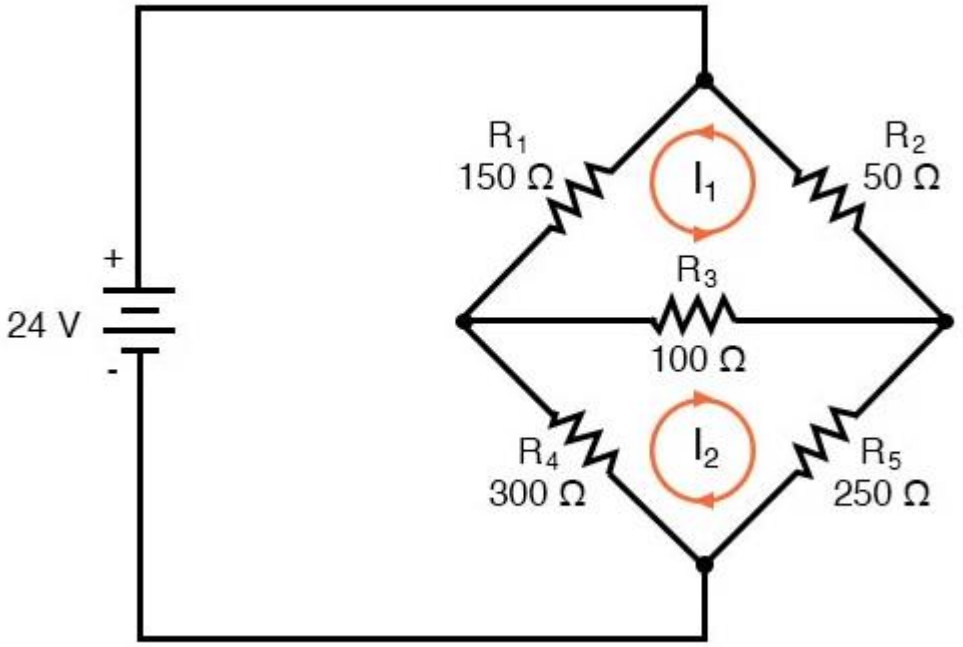


The current flowing in resistor R_3 is given as : -0.143 + 0.429 = 0.286 Amps

voltage across the resistor R_3 is given as : 0.286 x 40 = 11.44 volts

YOUR CHALLENGE

Find the current flowing through 150 ohm Resistor R1



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