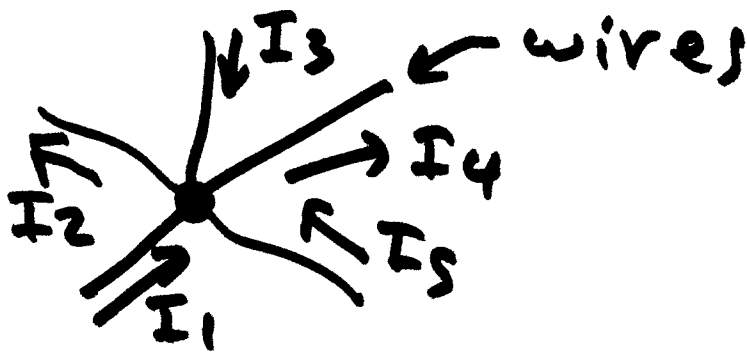


# Kirchhoff's Laws

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## 1) Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL)



The total current entering the node is equal to the total current leaving the node

Assign + for entering current  
" - for leaving "

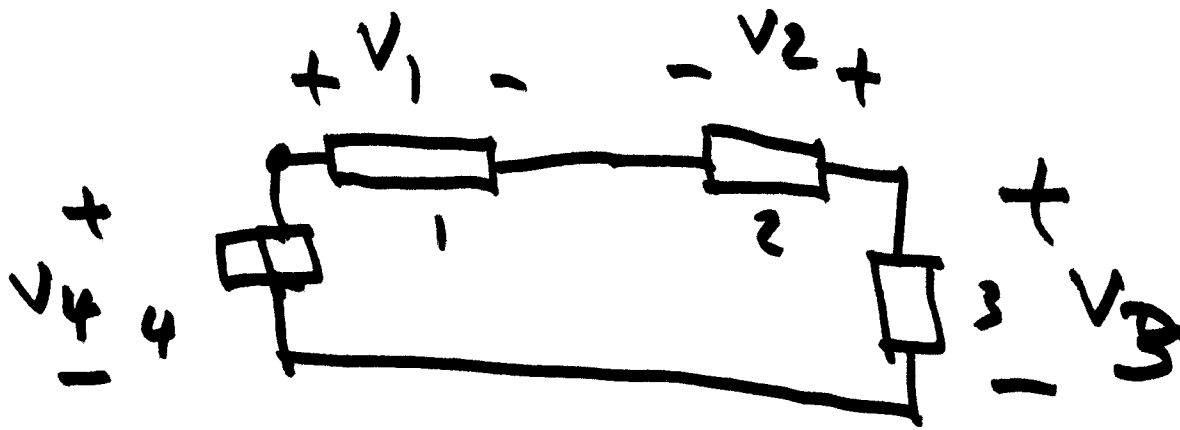
$$\begin{array}{l} +I_1 + I_5 + I_3 \\ -I_2 - I_4 \end{array} \quad \int \begin{array}{l} |I_1 + I_5 + I_3| = \\ |I_2 + I_4| \end{array}$$

$$\sum_{\text{currents}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow I_1 + I_5 + I_3 - I_2 - I_4 = 0$$
$$I_1 + I_5 + I_3 = I_2 + I_4$$

$$\sum_{k \in L} \dot{e}_k = 0 \quad \text{At a node} \quad (7)$$

2) Kirchhoff's voltage law (KVL)  
closed path.



KVL: Algebraic summation  
of voltages around  
a closed path is zero

$$+V_1 - V_2 + V_3 - V_4 = 0$$

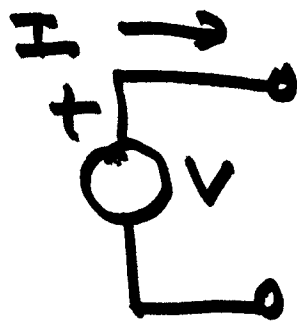
generalize

$$\text{KVL: } \sum_{\text{all } k} V_k = 0 \quad \text{around a closed path}$$

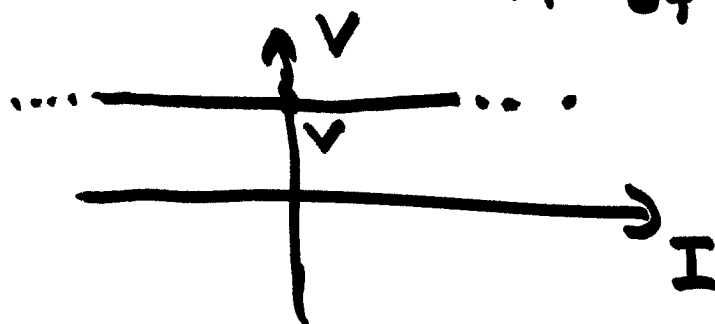
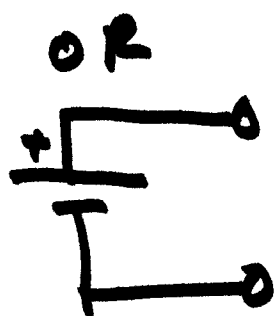
## other circuit elements

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### Ideal voltage source



maintains voltage  $V$   
across its terminals  
independent of  $I$

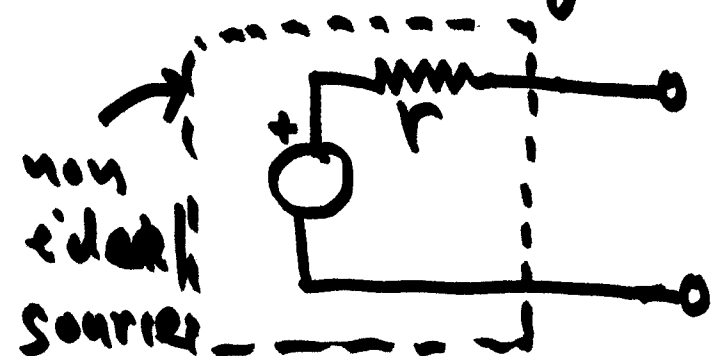


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Ideal voltage sources are  
useful in:-

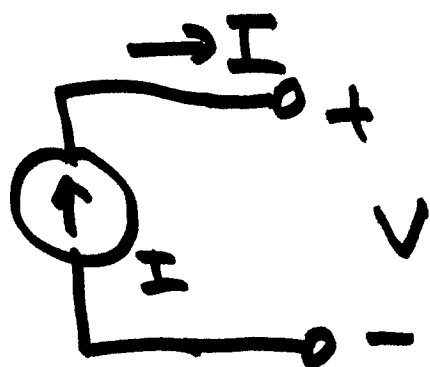
- 1) College and Engineering Theory
- 2) Modeling non-ideal (practical) voltage sources

$r_i$ : internal  
Resistance

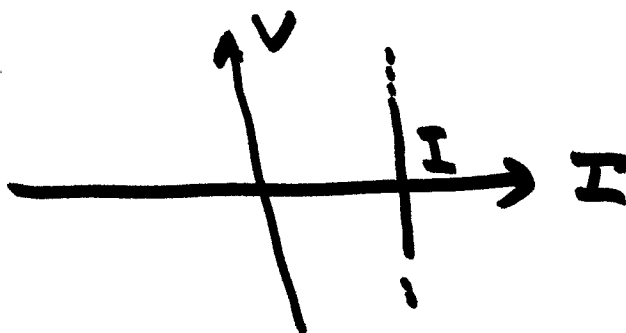


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# Ideal current source



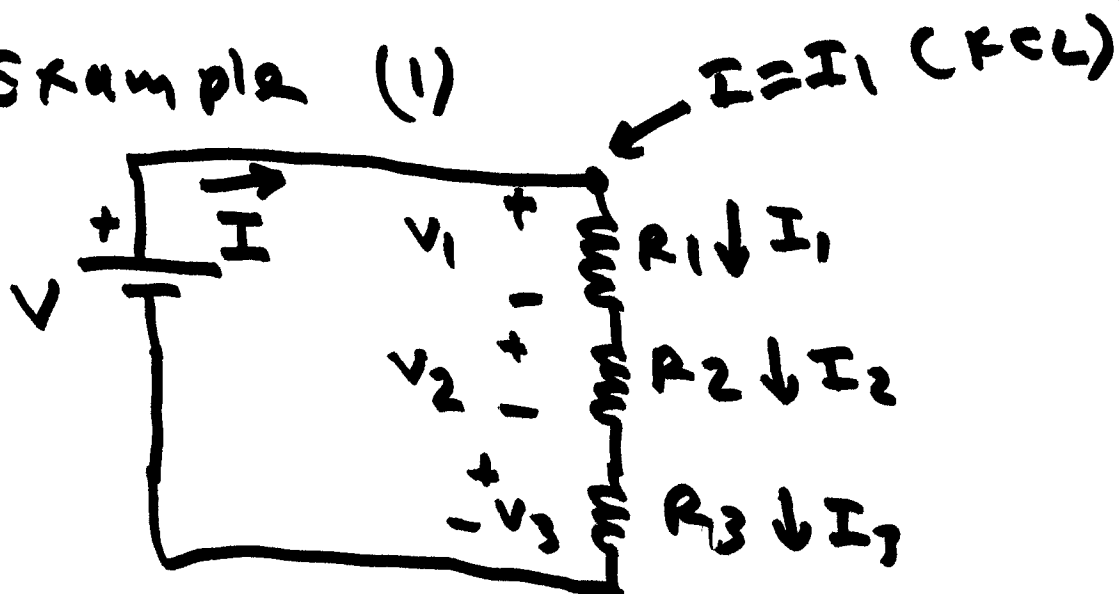
main thing current  
 $I$ , independent  
of voltage



useful in: 1) college  
2) TBA

Back to circuits using  
Resistors. and DC sources

Example (1)



## Circuit analysis:

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compute voltage and current of each component in the circuit

In the example:

KCL.  $I_1 = I_2 = I_3 = I$  (A)

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

$$\Rightarrow V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 \quad (B)$$

By ohm's Law  $V_1 = I_1 R_1$

$$V_2 = I_2 R_2$$

$$V_3 = I_3 R_3$$

$$(B) \Rightarrow V = \underbrace{I_1 R_1}_{V_1} + \underbrace{I_2 R_2}_{V_2} + \underbrace{I_3 R_3}_{V_3}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = I (R_1 + R_2 + R_3) \quad (C)$$

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

(1)  $I = I_1 = I_2 = I_3$  (Resistor current)

Find Resistor Voltages

From ohm's Law

$$V_1 = I_1 R_1 = V \cdot \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$V_2 = V \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$V_3 = V \cdot \frac{R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

Numerical example

$$V = 12V \quad R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 4\Omega$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{12}{4+4+4} = 1A$$

$$V_1 = 4V$$

$$V_2 = 4V$$

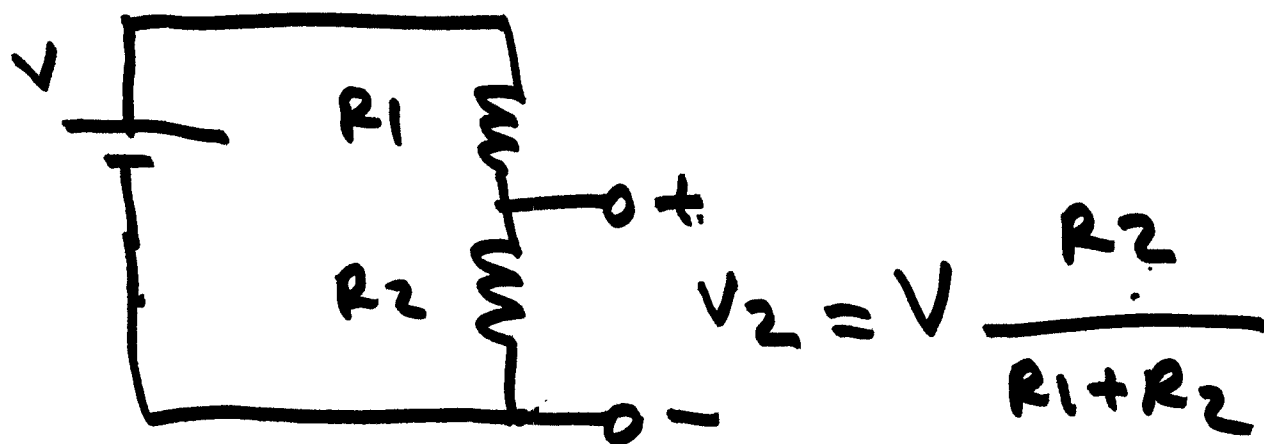
$$V_3 = 4V$$

## Special case

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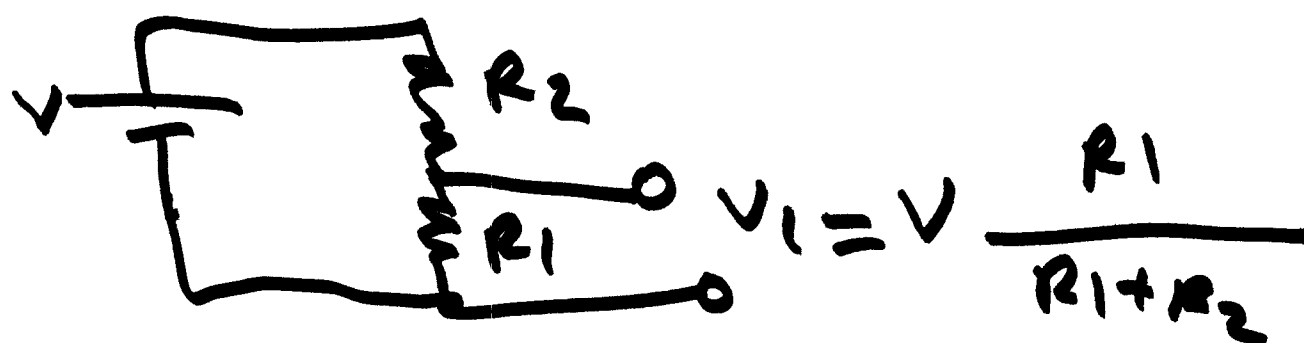
Same circuit as in example  
with only 2 resistors  
(make  $R_3 = 0 \Omega$ )

$$I = \frac{V}{R_1 + R_2}, \quad V_1 = V \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}, \quad V_2 = V \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



Voltage divider  
Rule

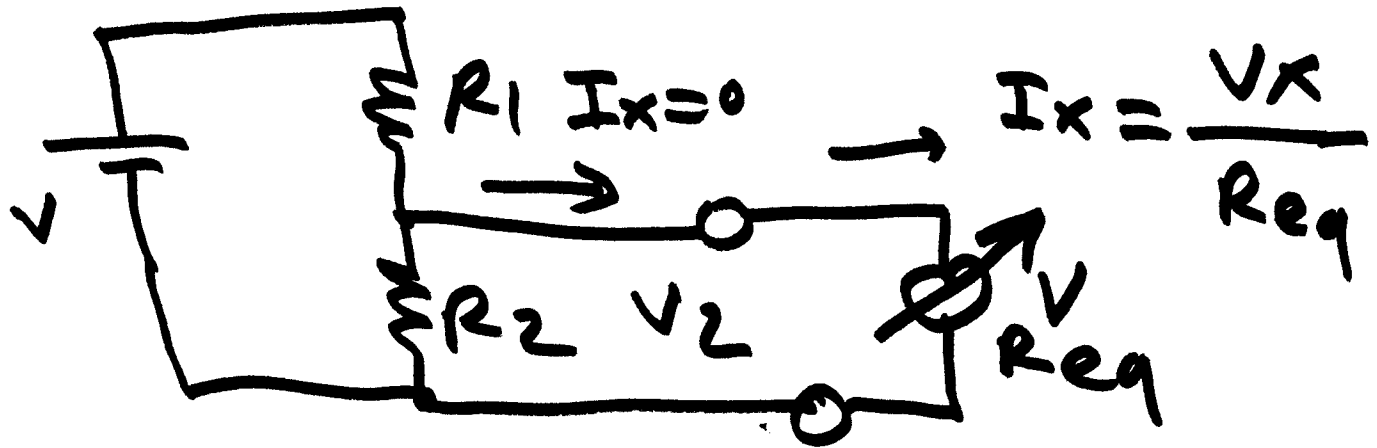
How about  $V_1$



# measurements

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measure voltage



$$V_2 = V \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

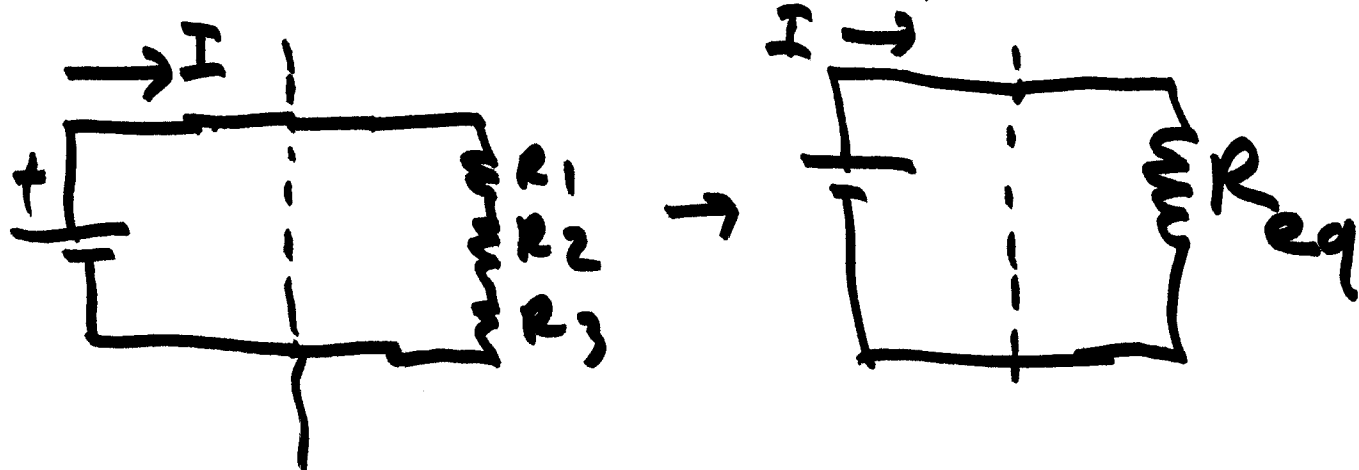
$$\Rightarrow R_{eq} \rightarrow \infty$$



# connections of resistors

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## 1) Series connection



$R_{eq}$  has the same effect  
as  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  current  
??

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

actual circuit

$$I = \frac{V}{R_{eq}}$$

equivalent

$$\Rightarrow R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

Generalize: -  $N$  resistors in series

$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N = \sum_{k=1}^N R_k$$