



Electrical Networks

Symbols and Variables:

An electrical source (a battery, for example): 

A resistor (a light bulb, for example): 

E = electrical potential in volts (V) R = resistance in ohms (Ω) I = current in amperes (A)

Laws:

(1) Ohm's Law: $\mathbf{E=IR}$ voltage (rise or drop) = (current)(resistance)

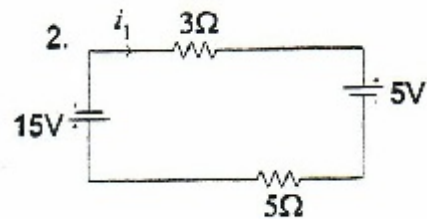
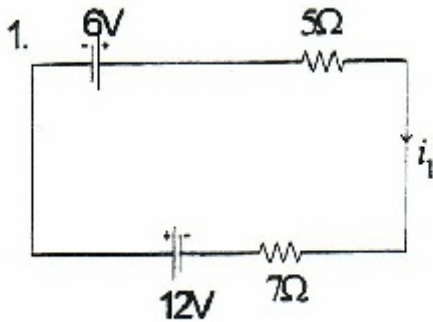
(2) Kirchoff's Current Law: Σ *incoming currents* = Σ *outgoing currents* (at all nodes)

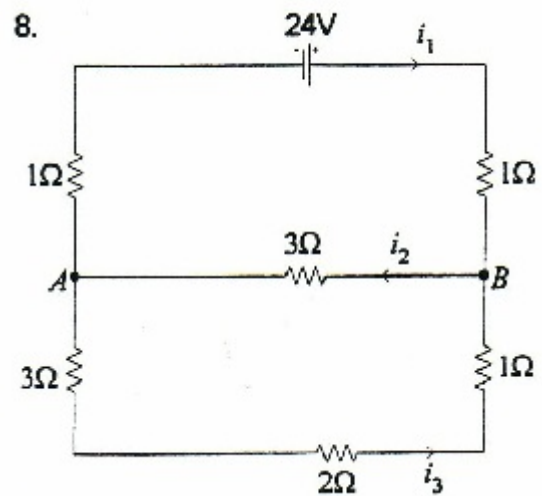
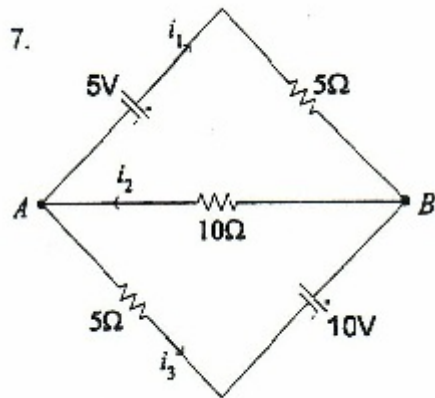
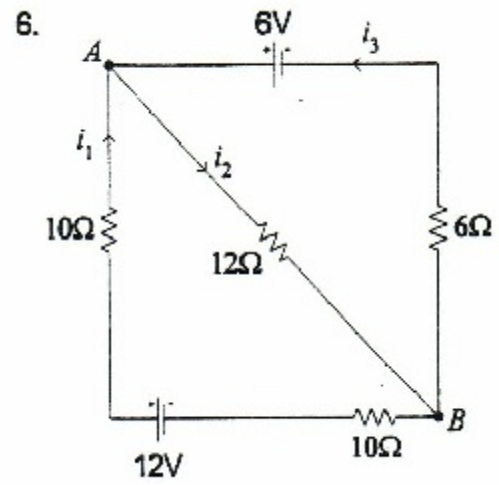
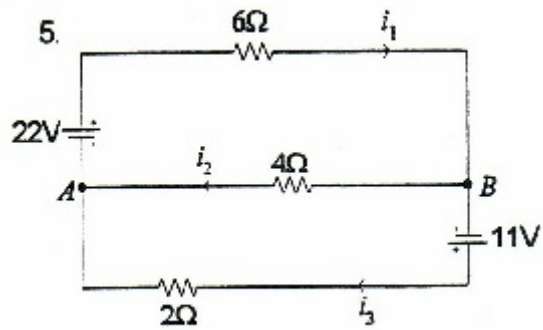
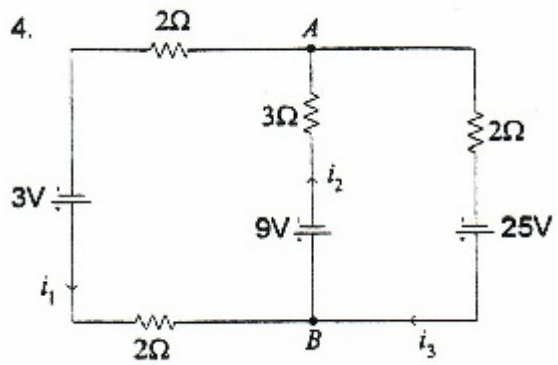
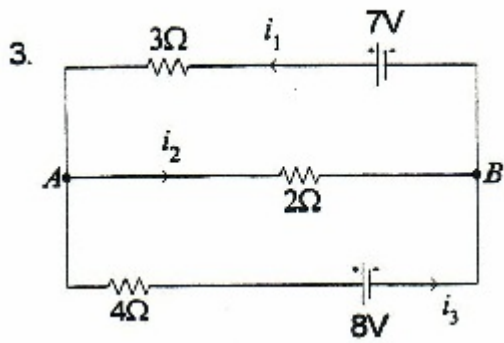
(3) Kirchoff's Voltage Law: Σ $\mathbf{EMF} = \Sigma IR$

Problem Set I

Solve for the currents in each of the following:

- Note (1) Interpret any negative answers
 (2) With the exception of numbers (1) and (2), use an augmented matrix to solve the system of equations. The coefficient matrix should be square and the solution to the system of equations should be unique. The number of equations obtained from the loops is equal to the number of small loops. The number of equations obtained from the nodes is equal to the number of nodes minus 1.





Answers (in amperes): (Interpret all negative signs)

$$1) i_1 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$3) \begin{aligned} i_1 &= 1 \\ i_2 &= 2 \\ i_3 &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$5) \begin{aligned} i_1 &= 4 \\ i_2 &= -\frac{1}{2} \\ i_3 &= \frac{9}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$7) \begin{aligned} i_1 &= -\frac{1}{5} \\ i_2 &= \frac{3}{5} \\ i_3 &= \frac{4}{5} \end{aligned}$$