

Exp 3 : The Superposition principle and Kirchhoff's Laws

- Kirchhoff's Law :

I. Loop theorem : The algebraic sum of the voltage and (emf's) in a closed electric circuit is always zero [energy conservation]

- in other words, The power generated by the sources in a closed circuit is totally consumed by the circuit components.

$$\sum_i V_i = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_k \mathcal{E}_k = \sum_j I_j R_j$$

II. Junction theorem : The algebraic sum of the currents passing through any circuit junction is always zero

$$\sum_j I_j = 0$$

* The currents ~~passing through~~ ^{entering} a junction has opposite signs to those leaving it

* # of equations = # of currents

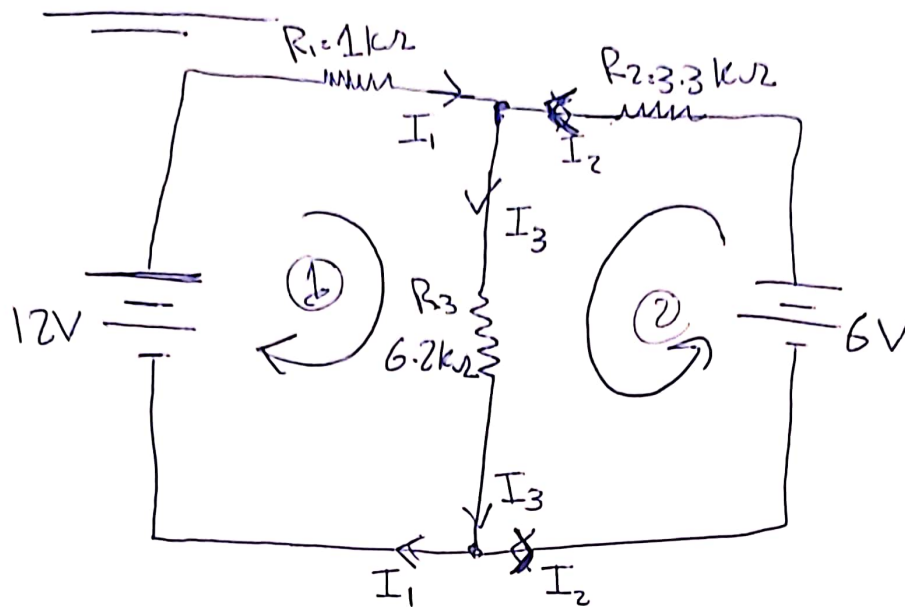
ne Superposition Principle (SPP)

* if circuit eq are linear $\therefore$ the SPP states that :-

The desired "Current or Voltage" at any point in a linear circuit having more than one source can be obtained as the sum of the responses caused by each of the independent sources acting alone is applicable.

* SPP can be applied on a circuit that contain 1. independent linear sources, 2. linear circuit components

Analyse the circuit :-



- Using Kerchhoff's rules

$$I_1 + I_2 - I_3 = 0$$

loop 1

$$\mathcal{E}_1 = I_1 R_1 + I_3 R_3$$

$$\mathcal{E}_2 = -I_2 R_2 + I_3 R_3$$

- we have 2 junction but both give the same eq.

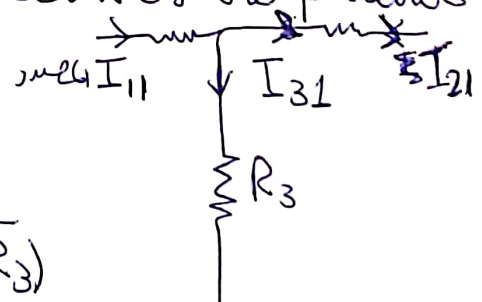
$$I_3 = I_1 + I_2$$

- Using SPP

1. replace $\mathcal{E}_2$ by short.

I passing through R_3 as result of the presence of $\mathcal{E}_1$ alone

$$I_{11} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_1}{R_1 + (R_2 \parallel R_3)}$$



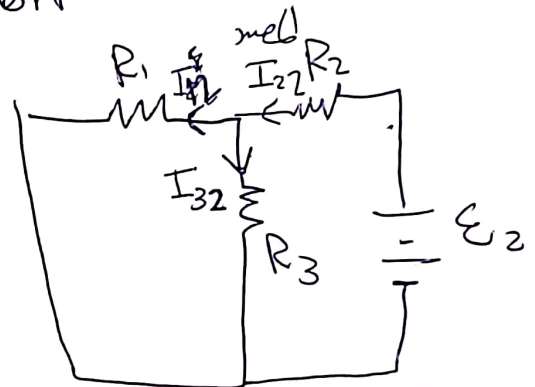
$$I_{31} R_3 = (I_{11} - I_{31}) R_2$$

Thus

$$I_{31} = \frac{\epsilon_1 R_2}{R_1 R_2 + R_1 R_3 + R_2 R_3}$$

2. Keep ϵ_2 , replace ϵ_1 by short

Ohm's law $I_{22} = \frac{\epsilon_2}{R_2 + (R_1 // R_3)} \dots \textcircled{1}$



Voltage in // equals ~~ϵ_1~~

$$V_{R_3} = V_{R_1}$$

$$I_{22} = I_{31} + I_{32}$$

$$I_{32} R_3 = (I_{22} - I_{32}) R_1 \dots \textcircled{2}$$

① and ② gives

$$I_{32} = \frac{\epsilon_2 R_1}{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_1 R_3}$$

Finally

$$I_3 = I_{31} + I_{32}$$

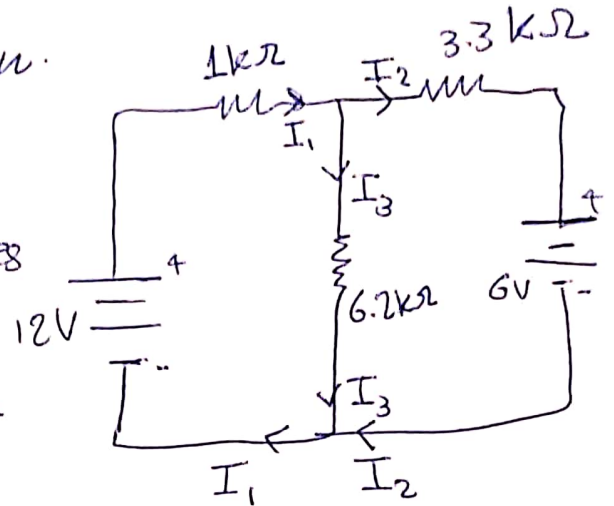
Should equal to that you find it by Kirchhoff's Law ??

procedure: Δ

1. connect the circuit as shown.

Kerchhoffs

2. Measure the voltage differences for the 3 color resistor and the current passing through each of them.



SPP

3. replace $\mathcal{E}_2$ by a short and repeat (2)

4. connect $\mathcal{E}_2$ back, and replace $\mathcal{E}_1$ by a short and repeat (2)

* Analysis of results :- SPP

I. SPP:-

analyze the circuit to find the value of the current passing through $R_3 = 6.2 \text{ k}\Omega$ when each source acting alone.
- compare with exp value.

II. Kerchhoff's Law:

analyze the circuit using Kerchhoff's rules find I in the 3 resistors, compare with exp value

exhausts

Experiment	Calculation.
$I_1(\text{mA})$ 2.55	
$I_2(\text{mA})$ 1.03	
$I_3(\text{mA})$ 1.52	

* SPP

$\underline{E_1}$	exp	calc
I_{11}		
I_{21}		
I_{31}		

$\underline{E_2}$	exp	calc
I_{22}		
I_{12}		
I_{32}		

$$I_1 = I_{11} + I_{12}$$

$$I_2 = I_{21} + I_{22}$$

$$I_3 = I_{31} + I_{32}$$