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Circuit Analysis Laws

• Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL): The algebraic sum of the currents entering a node is zero (or the current exiting)

$$i_1$$
 i_3 i_3

- If we assume current entering node is positive, then i_1 and i_2 are positive, i_3 is negative, therefore $i_1 + i_2 i_3 = 0 \implies i_3 = i_1 + i_2$
- We can also assume current leaving the node is positive, so $-i_1 i_2 + i_3 = 0$ which gets us the same relation
- Alternatively can be stated as "sum of current entering the node equals sum of current leaving the node"
- Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL): The algebraic sum of the voltages in a loop are zero
 - The dual of the KCL
 - Note the sign changes depending on which direction you're going