

31. (a) We first find the currents. Let i_1 be the current in R_1 and take it to be positive if it is upward. Let i_2 be the current in R_2 and take it to be positive if it is to the left. Let i_3 be the current in R_3 and take it to be positive if it is to the right. The junction rule produces

$$i_1 + i_2 + i_3 = 0 .$$

The loop rule applied to the left-hand loop produces

$$\mathcal{E}_1 - i_3 R_3 + i_1 R_1 = 0$$

and applied to the right-hand loop produces

$$\mathcal{E}_2 - i_2 R_2 + i_1 R_1 = 0 .$$

We substitute $i_1 = -i_2 - i_3$, from the first equation, into the other two to obtain

$$\mathcal{E}_1 - i_3 R_3 - i_2 R_1 - i_3 R_1 = 0$$

and

$$\mathcal{E}_2 - i_2 R_2 - i_2 R_1 - i_3 R_1 = 0 .$$

The first of these yields

$$i_3 = \frac{\mathcal{E}_1 - i_2 R_1}{R_1 + R_3} .$$

Substituting this into the second equation and solving for i_2 , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} i_2 &= \frac{\mathcal{E}_2(R_1 + R_3) - \mathcal{E}_1 R_1}{R_1 R_2 + R_1 R_3 + R_2 R_3} \\ &= \frac{(1.00 \text{ V})(5.00 \Omega + 4.00 \Omega) - (3.00 \text{ V})(5.00 \Omega)}{(5.00 \Omega)(2.00 \Omega) + (5.00 \Omega)(4.00 \Omega) + (2.00 \Omega)(4.00 \Omega)} = -0.158 \text{ A} . \end{aligned}$$

We substitute into the expression for i_3 to obtain

$$i_3 = \frac{\mathcal{E}_1 - i_2 R_1}{R_1 + R_3} = \frac{3.00 \text{ V} - (-0.158 \text{ A})(5.00 \Omega)}{5.00 \Omega + 4.00 \Omega} = 0.421 \text{ A} .$$

Finally,

$$i_1 = -i_2 - i_3 = -(-0.158 \text{ A}) - (0.421 \text{ A}) = -0.263 \text{ A} .$$

Note that the current in R_1 is actually downward and the current in R_2 is to the right. The current in R_3 is also to the right. The power dissipated in R_1 is $P_1 = i_1^2 R_1 = (-0.263 \text{ A})^2 (5.00 \Omega) = 0.346 \text{ W}$.

- (b) The power dissipated in R_2 is $P_2 = i_2^2 R_2 = (-0.158 \text{ A})^2 (2.00 \Omega) = 0.0499 \text{ W}$.
- (c) The power dissipated in R_3 is $P_3 = i_3^2 R_3 = (0.421 \text{ A})^2 (4.00 \Omega) = 0.709 \text{ W}$.
- (d) The power supplied by \mathcal{E}_1 is $i_3 \mathcal{E}_1 = (0.421 \text{ A})(3.00 \text{ V}) = 1.26 \text{ W}$.
- (e) The power “supplied” by \mathcal{E}_2 is $i_2 \mathcal{E}_2 = (-0.158 \text{ A})(1.00 \text{ V}) = -0.158 \text{ W}$. The negative sign indicates that \mathcal{E}_2 is actually absorbing energy from the circuit.