### Node – 1

basic concepts

#### **General Methods to Analyze Circuits**

- What to do first?
  - KVL?
  - KCL?
  - Ohm's Law?



- We need a more direct approach:
  - Nodal analysis (KCL based)
  - Mesh analysis (KVL based, end of semester)
- Review appendix A (also online)

# **Node Analysis**

- Consider a circuit with current sources and resistors only
- Identify nodes
  - Select one as "ground"
  - Label others
  - Write KCL on these other nodes
  - Use Ohm's Law for current in the resistive branches
  - Solve resulting equations



Example (details repeated on next slide)





$$v_{1} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -12 & -4 \\ 144 & 11 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 13 & -4 \\ -8 & 11 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-132 + 576}{143 - 32} = \frac{444}{111} = 4 \text{ volts} \quad \neg \quad A$$
$$v_{2} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 13 & -12 \\ -8 & 144 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 13 & -4 \\ -8 & 11 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{1872 - 96}{111} = \frac{1776}{111} = 16 \text{ volts} \quad = 13$$

Example (same circuit, change ground to top right, details on next slide)  $V_{1}$ :  $V_{1} - V_{2} + V_{1} - V_{2} + V_{1} - V_{2} = 0$ 





$$A = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -12 & -9 \\ -40 & 7 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 13 & -9 \\ -6 & 7 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-84 - 360}{91 - 54} = \frac{-444}{37} = -12 \text{ volts}$$

$$B = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 13 & -12 \\ -6 & -40 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 13 & -9 \\ -6 & 7 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-520 - 72}{35} = \frac{-592}{37} = -16 \text{ volts}$$



## Extension #1 – a V-only branch



 IF connected to ground, it's just one less node voltage to worry about



$$A: \frac{A-60}{15} + \frac{A-B}{10} + \frac{A}{30} = 0$$
  
B: 2 +  $\frac{B-60}{40} + \frac{B-A}{15} = 0$ 





**Example:** recall that we can place ground as needed; put it on the right and solve for left and bottom





$$v_L = 3 V$$
$$v_B = 5 V$$

# **Practice problem:** find the nodes voltages to the left and right of the 8 $\Omega$ resistor



50 *V*, 36 *V* 

**Practice problem:** assuming ground on the bottom, find the nodes voltages to the left and right of the 2  $\Omega$  resistor



70 V, 60 V

**Practice problem:** find the nodes voltages to the left and right of the  $10 k\Omega$  resistor, ground at the bottom

