

# Hello!!!

- Please check your answers to the homework problems from last night.
- I will do one of them if you would like.

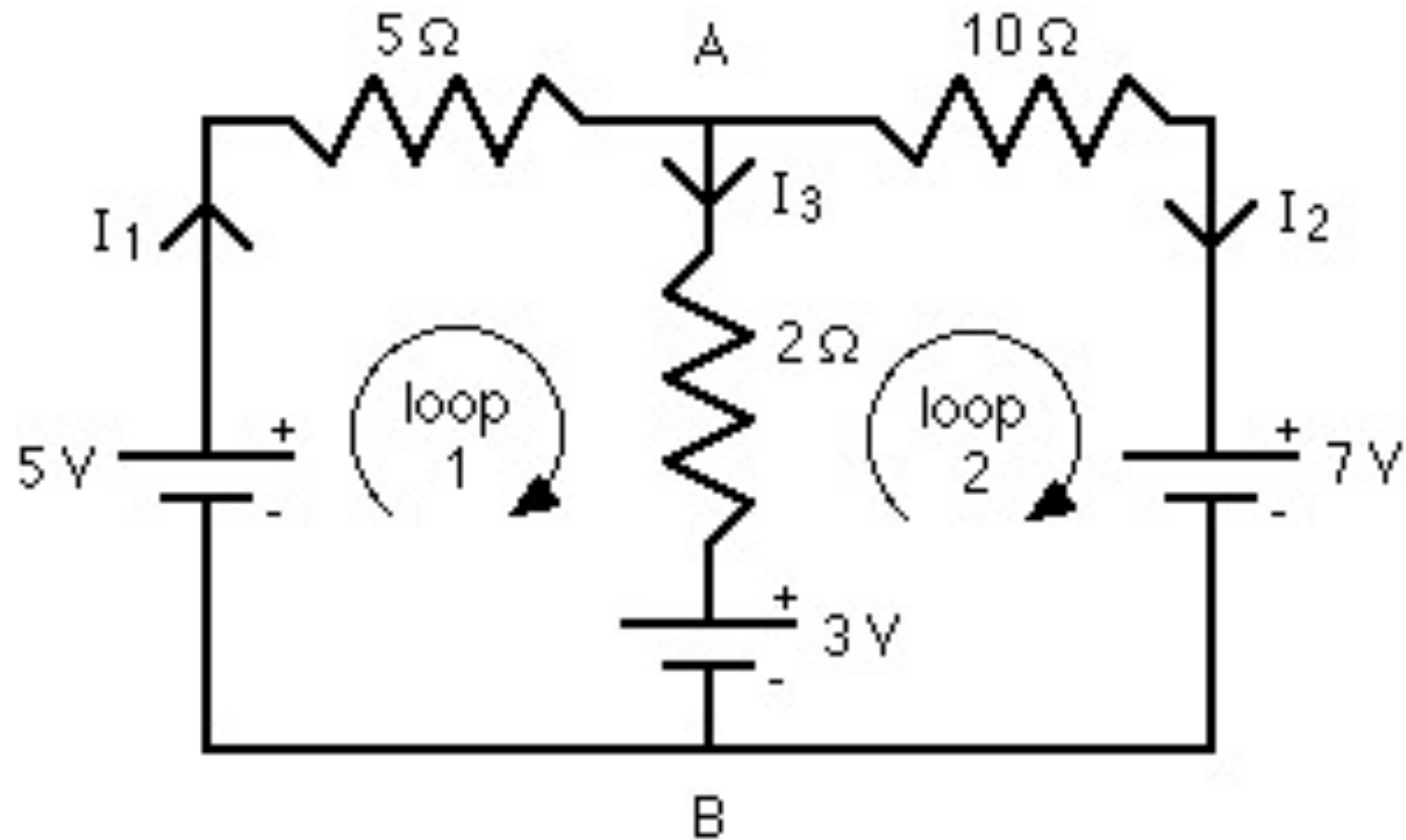
# Requested Homework

# Today

- Kirchhoff's Laws
- Work on research project.

# The Coming Days

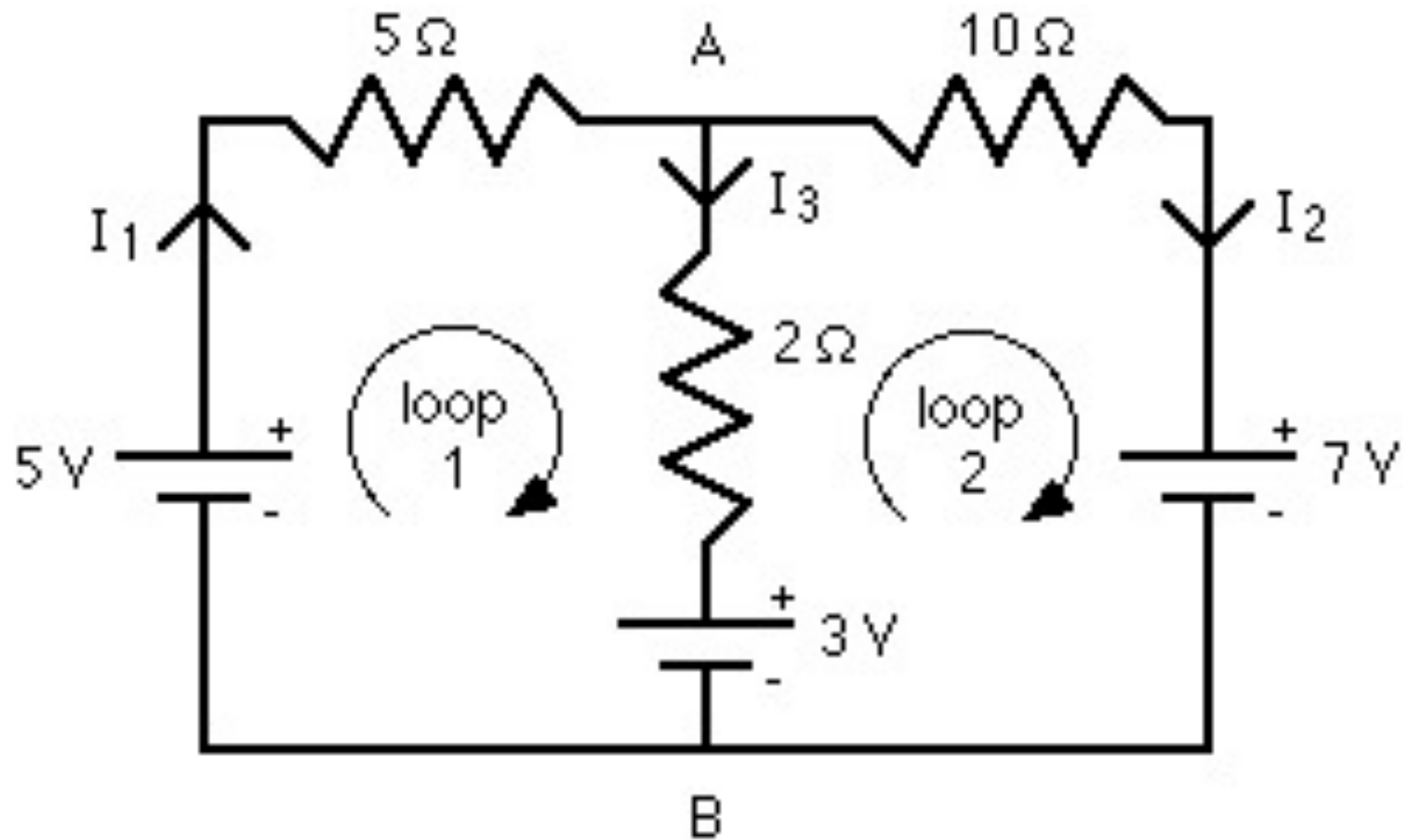
- W: Begin Kirchhoff's Laws
- R: Finish Kirchhoff's Laws
- F: Research Project
- M: Review for Electricity Quiz
- T: Electricity Quiz



# Kirchhoff's Laws

# Junctions

- In a circuit, anywhere that more than two wires meet is a junction.
- Label the junction with capital letters.



# Junctions

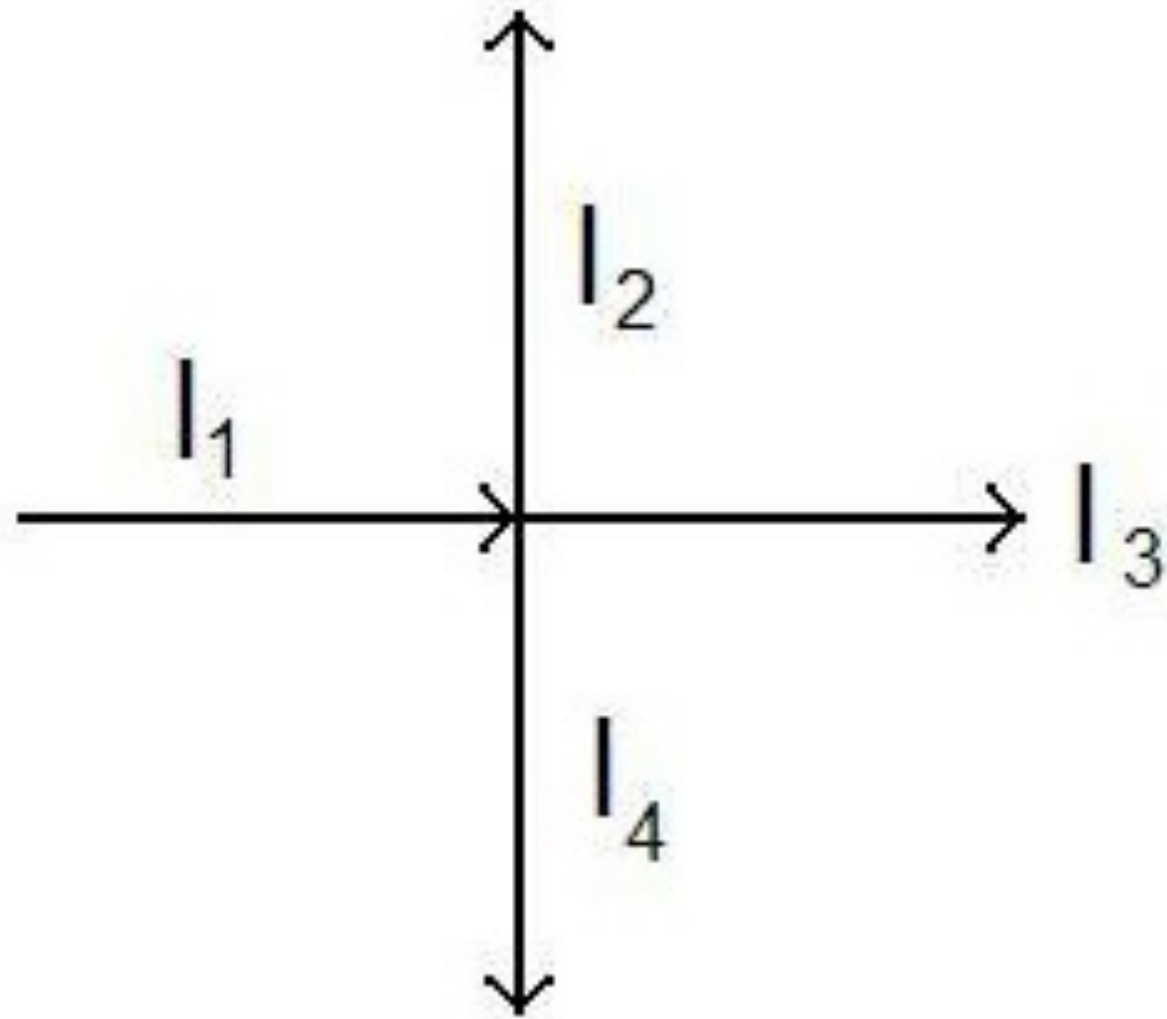
# Junction Rule

- The sum of the currents at a junction is equal to 0 amps.
- A current is greater than 0 amps if it enters a junction.
- A current is less than 0 amps if it exits a junction.
- The sum of the currents is zero amps.
- Conservation of charge!



# Can we have negative current?

- A junction is neither a source nor a sink of current.
- The current entering a junction has to be equal to the current going out of the junction.
- There cannot be any build up of charge (current) at a junction.



$$l_1 = l_2 + l_3 + l_4$$

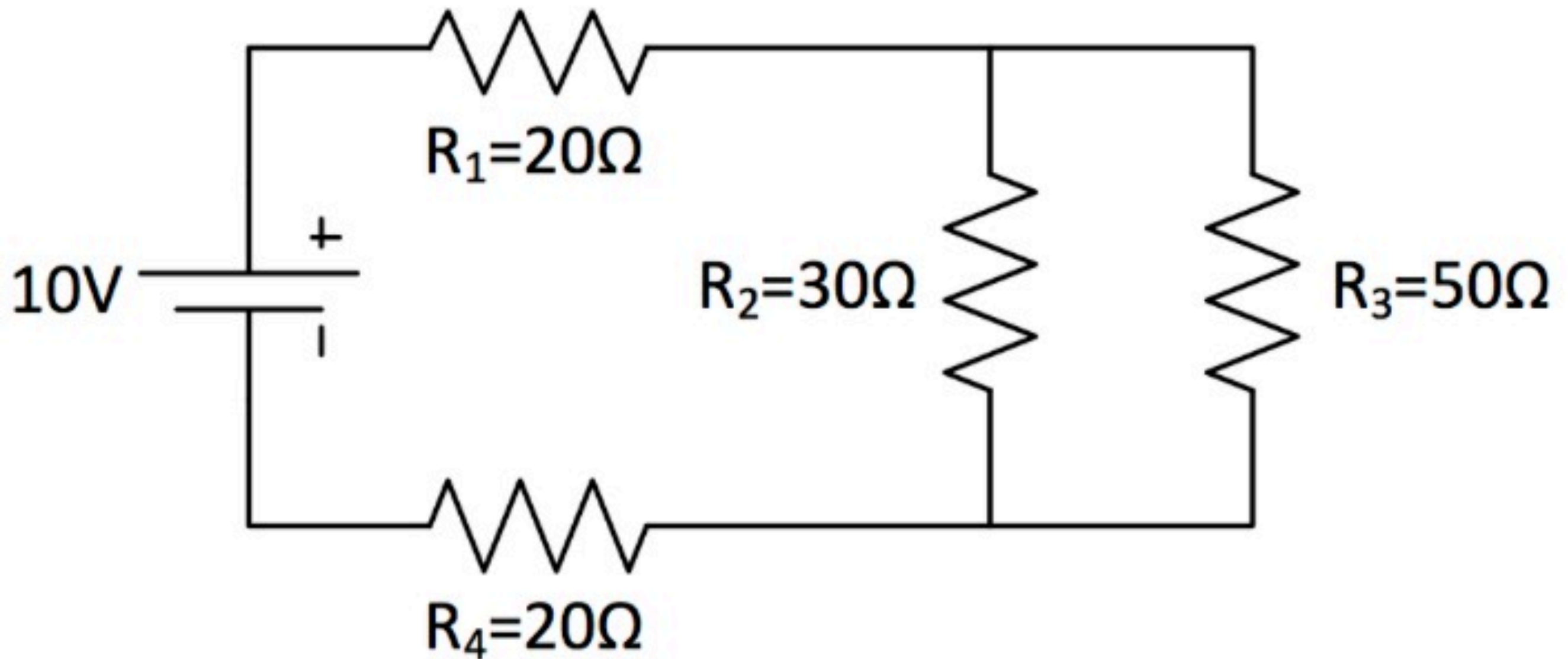
# Example

# Rewrite

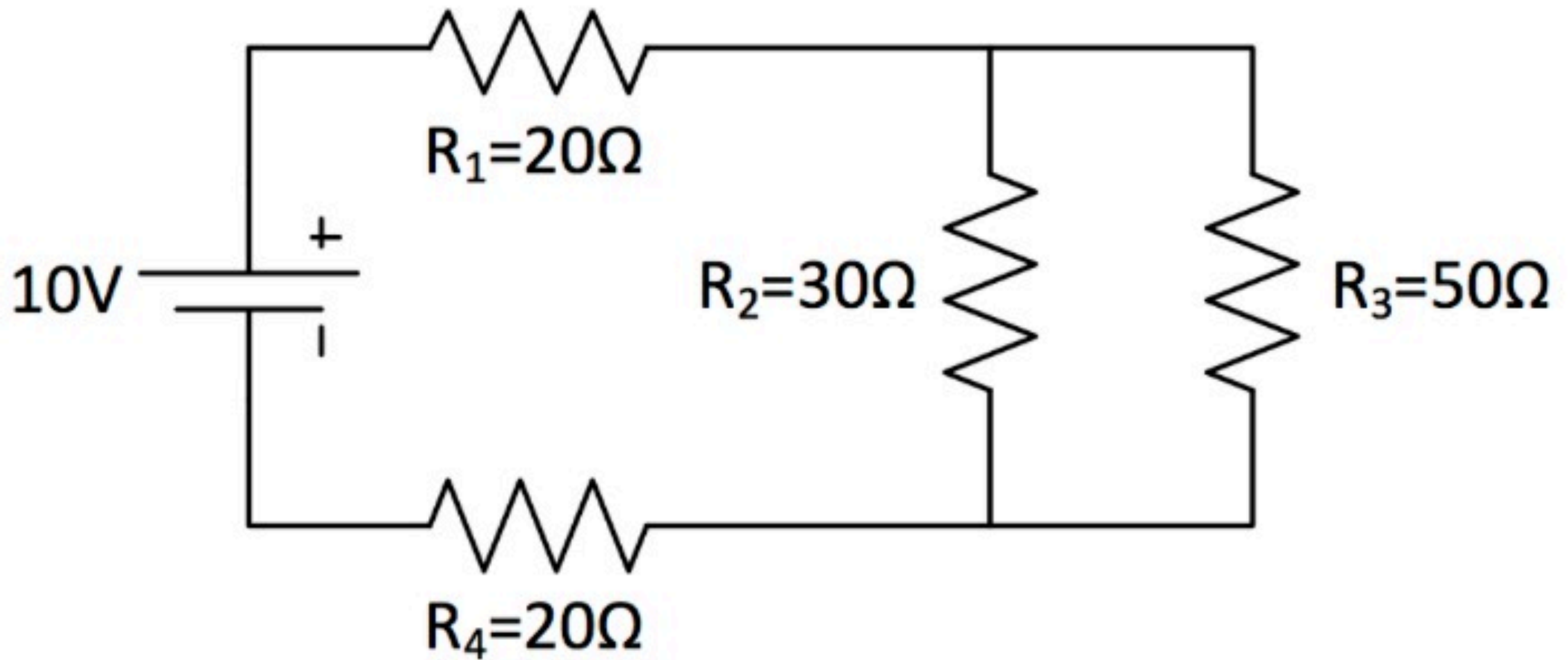
- Set all total currents to 0.
- The example:  $I_1 = I_2 + I_3 + I_4$
- Rewrite:  $I_1 - I_2 - I_3 - I_4 = 0$

# Loop Rule

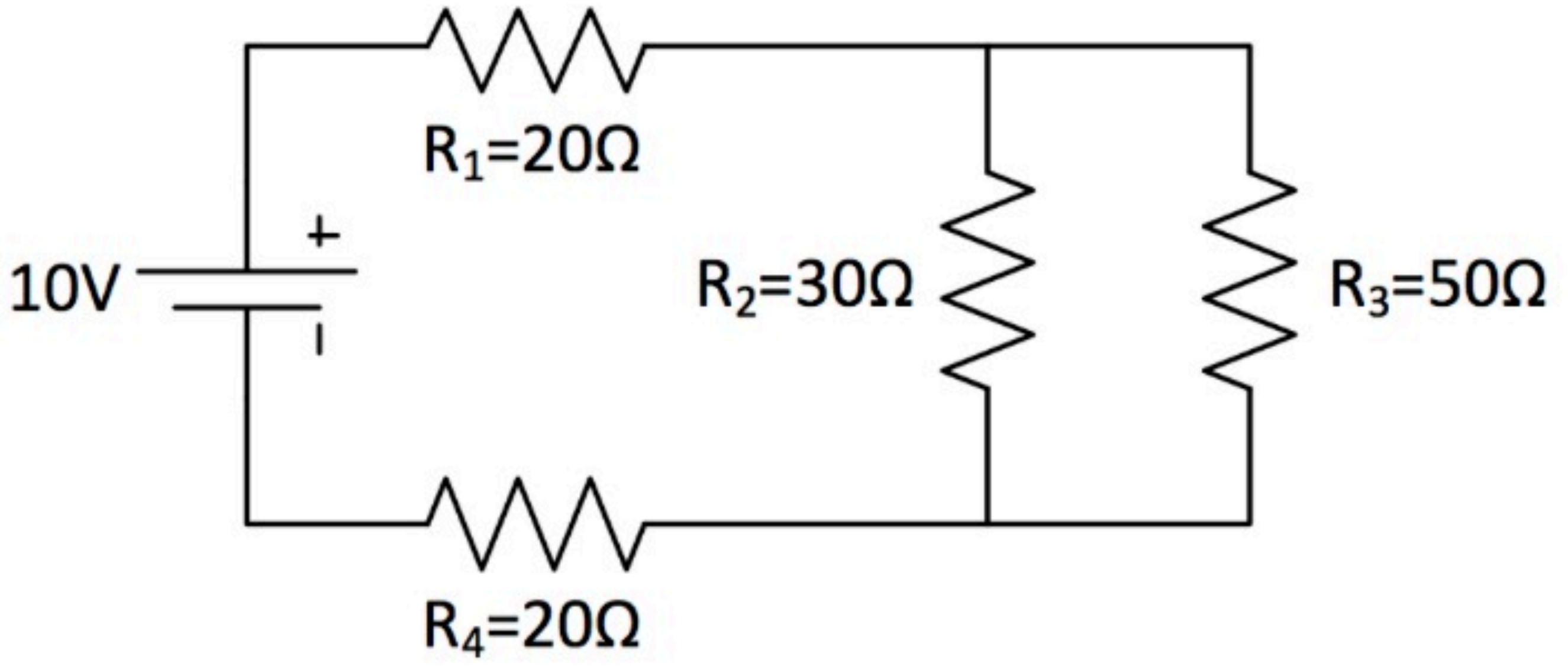
- Sum of the potential (voltage) in any loop is always zero.
- Potential increases across a battery from neg to positive. Decreases in the other direction.
- Potential decreases across a resistor. Increases against the current.
- Conservation of energy!



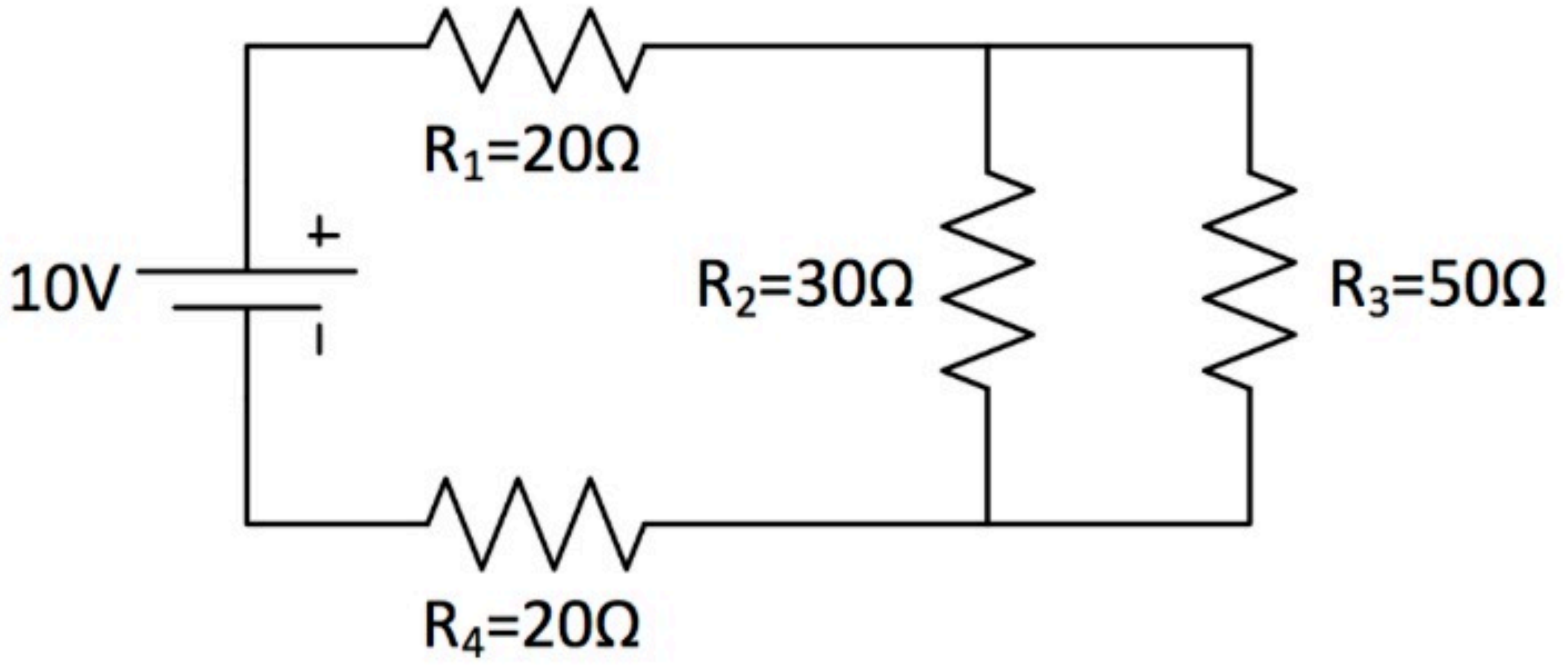
**Find  $V$  and  $I$  on each resistor**



**Define the Loops**

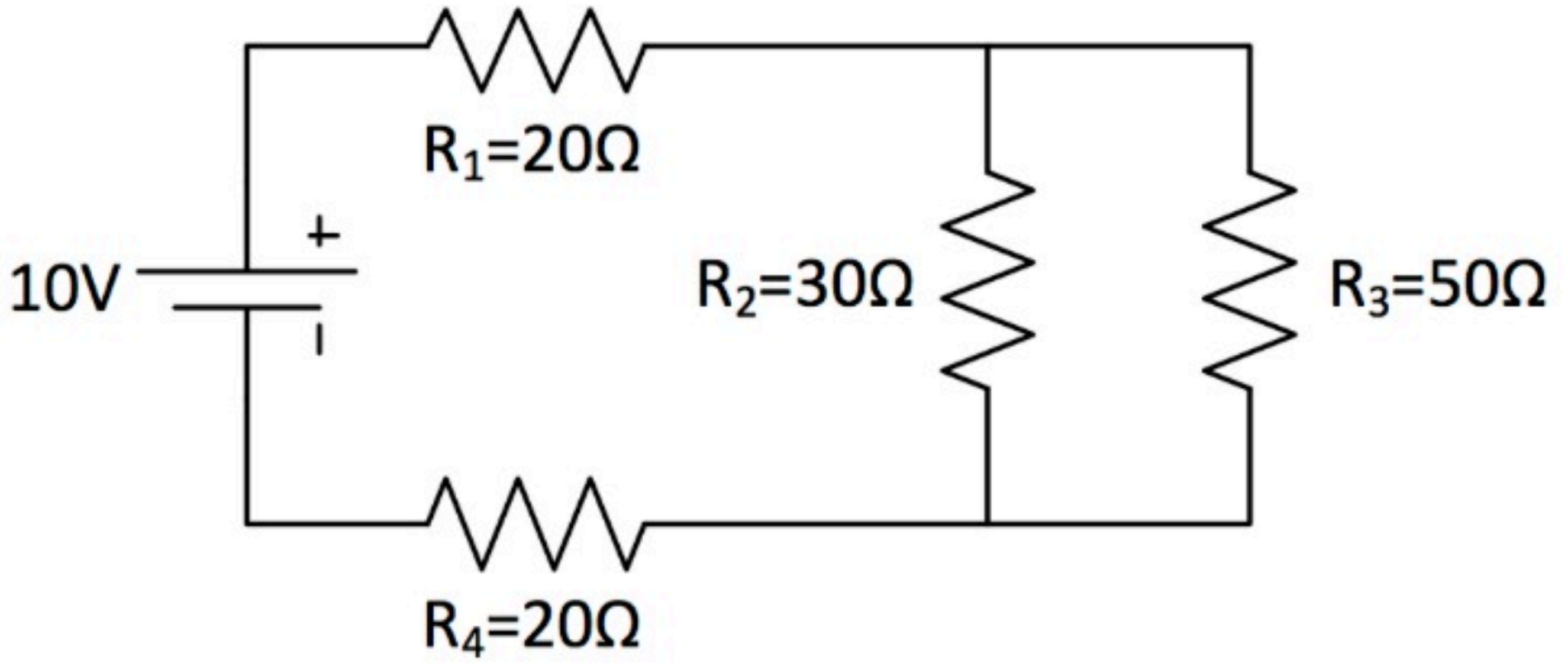


**Loop I**



**Loop 2**

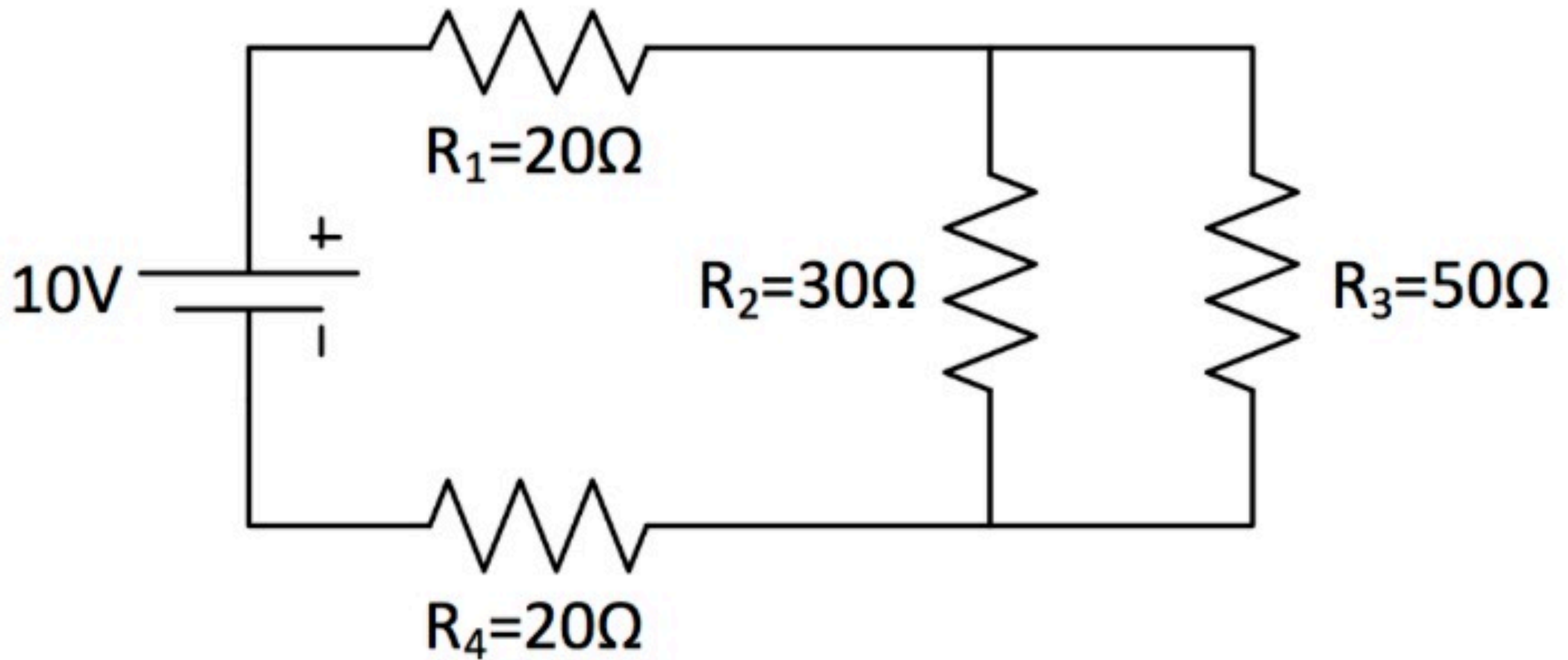




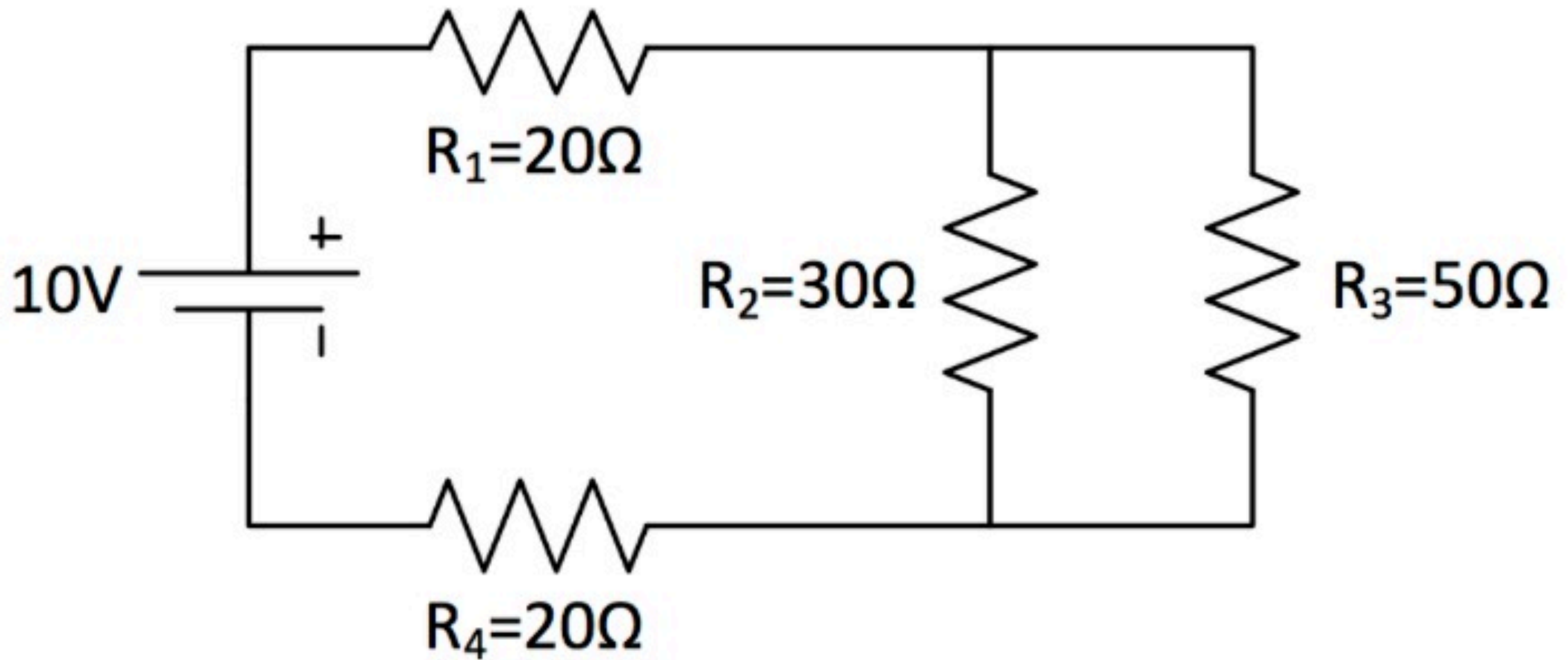
**Loop 3**

# Current Rule

- The sum of the currents at any junction is zero.
- Each branch within a circuit has its own current.
- Write an equation for the currents at each junction.



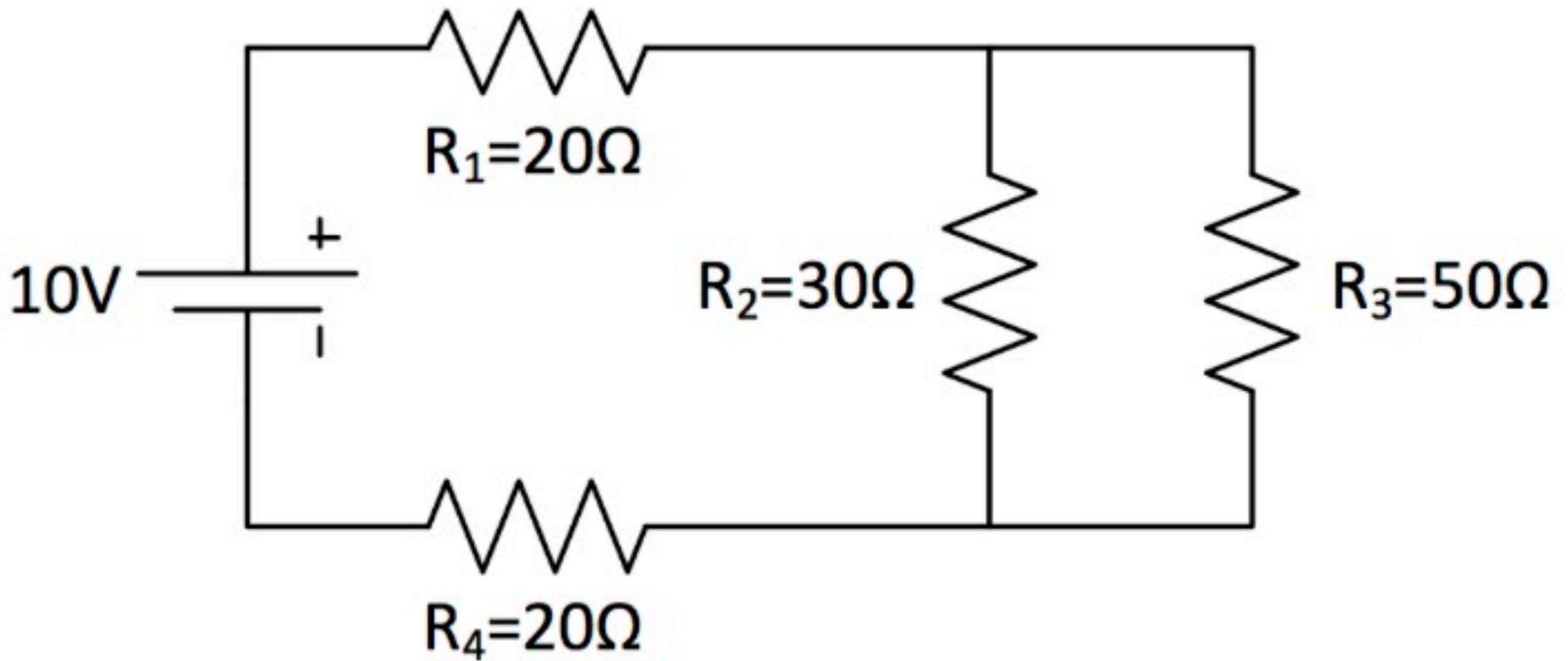
**Identify the branches and junctions**



**Identify the currents (1, 2 & 3)**

# Sum the Voltage

- Go through each loop and write an equation that sums the voltage.
- Batteries: negative to positive is positive voltage. Pos to neg is negative voltage.
- Resistors:  $IR=V$ . Going with the current is a voltage drop. Going against the current is a voltage increase.



# Loop Equations

# Mathemagician

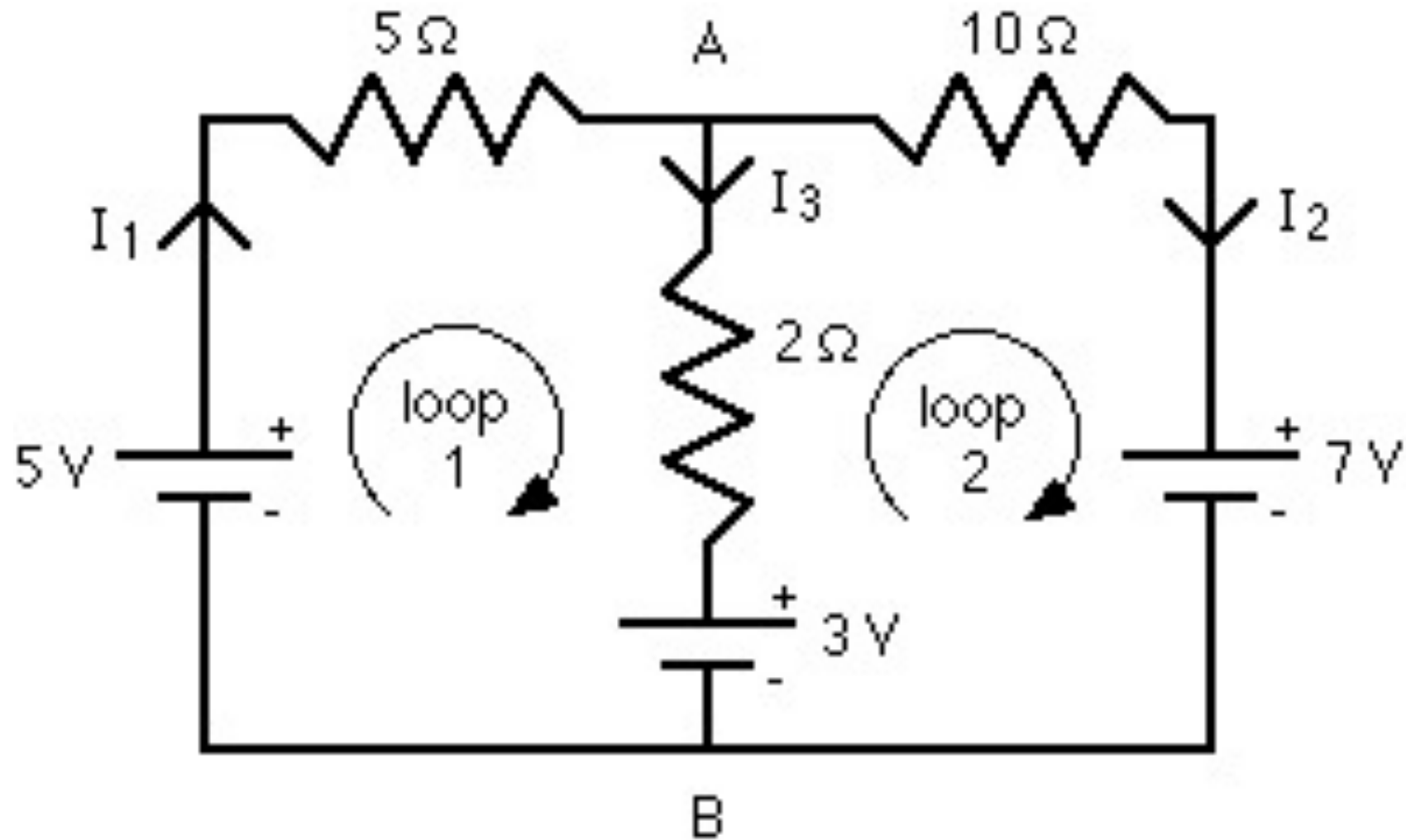
- You will have to isolate the currents in each loop equation.
- Then substitute them into the current equation to yield one current.
- Solve for the unknown variable.

# Algebra



# Final Step

- You have now solved for one of the currents.
- Plug this information into one of the loop equations and solve for another current.
- Do this until all of the currents are found.
- **Note:** If you find a current to be negative, it's flow is in the other direction.



# Multiple Batteries

# Process

- Define and label the junctions.
- Define and give direction to the currents.
- Write the current equations for each junction.
- Write the voltage equation for each loop.
- Isolate the currents and plug into the junction equations.