



# Applying Kirchhoff's Rules

Consider the circuit shown below.

- Junction  $a$ :  $I_1, I_2$  (in);  $I_1 + I_2$  (out)
- Junction  $b$ :  $I_1 + I_2$  (in);  $I_1, I_2$  (out)
- Two independent currents require the use of two loops.
- Loop A (ccw):  $6V - (2\Omega)I_1 - 2V - (2\Omega)I_1 = 0$
- Loop B (ccw):  $(3\Omega)I_2 + 1V + (2\Omega)I_2 - 6V = 0$
- Solution:  $I_1 = 1A$ ,  $I_2 = 1A$

