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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition issued in 1972, and constitutes a technical revision.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
25/261/FDIS	25/266/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2008. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

CONVENTIONS CONCERNING ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC CIRCUITS

1 Scope

This International Standard lays down rules for signs and reference directions and reference polarities for electric currents and voltages in electric networks, as well as for the corresponding quantities in magnetic circuits.

In Clauses 3 to 9, the time dependence is arbitrary. Clause 10 details the rules and recommendations for complex notation.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-121:1998, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 121: Electromagnetism*

IEC 60050-131:2002, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 131: Circuit theory*

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

terminal

point of interconnection of an electric circuit element, an electric circuit or a network (IEC 60050-131:2002, 131-13-03) with other electric circuit elements, electric circuits or networks

[IEV-131-11-11]

NOTE 1 For an electric circuit element, the terminals are the points at which or between which the related integral quantities are defined. At each terminal, there is only one electric current from outside into the element.

NOTE 2 The term "terminal" has a related meaning in IEC 60050-151.

3.2

circuit element

in electromagnetism, mathematical model of a device characterized by one or more relations between integral quantities

[IEV-131-11-03]

3.3**two-terminal element**

electric circuit element having two terminals

[IEV 131-11-16]

3.4***n*-terminal circuit element**

electric circuit element having n terminals with generally $n > 2$

[IEV-131-11-13]

NOTE For an n -terminal electric circuit element:

- 1) the algebraic sum of the electric currents into the element through the terminals is zero at any instant;
- 2) there are $n - 1$ independent relations between integral quantities.

3.5**network**

in network topology, set of ideal circuit elements and their interconnections, considered as a whole

[IEV-131-13-03]

NOTE 1 The term "electric network" is defined in IEC 60050-131-11-07 and in IEC 60050-151.

NOTE 2 In diagrams in this standard, a box, IEC 60617 symbol, represents any network, unless otherwise specified.

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3.6**branch**

subset of a network, considered as a two-terminal circuit, consisting of a circuit element or a combination of circuit elements

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3.7**node, vertex (US)**

end-point of a branch connected or not to one or more other branches

[IEV-131-13-07]

3.8**loop**

closed path passing only once through any node

[IEV-131-13-12]

3.9**tree**

connected set of branches joining all the nodes of a network without forming a loop

[IEV-131-13-13]

3.10**co-tree**

set of the branches of a network not included in a chosen tree

[IEV-131-13-14]