Problem Wk.8.1.2: Modeling Resistors

Read the Software Lab 8 Handout before doing these problems.

Part 1: Resistor constraint

If you have an r ohm resistor connected between nodes n1 and n2, and a current i flowing through it (from the n1 to the n2 node), what constraint does that component exert on variables n1 (denoting the voltage at node n1), n2 (denoting the voltage at node n2), and i (denoting the current through the resistor)?

Choose the coefficient for each term. Pick the first non-zero coefficient to be positive; this is an arbitrary choice, but it makes checking easier.

```
1. ?
0
1
-1
r
-r
* n1 + ? * n2 + ? * i = ?
```

Part 2: le.Equation

Express the resistor constraint as an instance of the le.equation class. Assume:

- The resistor value is 1000
- The names of the nodes are the strings: 'n1', 'n2'
- The name of the current is the string: 'i'

Fill in the following Python expression:

e = le.Equation()

Part 3: getEquation

Complete the definition of the Resistor class (using the Component superclass), by finishing the definition of getEquation:

```
class Resistor(Component):
    def __init__(self, r, n1, n2):
        self.current = util.gensym('i_'+n1+'->'+n2) # a string
        self.n1 = n1 # a string
        self.n2 = n2 # a string
        self.r = r # a number
    def getEquation(self):
        # your code here
```

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