

Module 02:

Circuit element models: Sources

Notes

These notes are drawn from *Alexander and Sadiku*, 2013, *O'Malley*, 2011, and other sources. They are intended to offer a summary of topics to guide you in focused studies. You should augment this handout with notes taken in class, reading textbook(s), and working additional example problems.

Here, we introduce the use of models – mathematical conveniences really – to describe common circuit elements. You should remember that

"All models are wrong, but some are useful". – George Edward Pelham Box FRS (1919 - 2013), British statistician.

This entire course employs simple (ideal) models of circuit elements. Thus, **every result we obtain using these models is incorrect** (*and you'll see this for yourself in the lab*), but hopefully close enough to be useful.

Definition: *Voltage source:* Maintains a constant voltage, no matter what!

Symbols:

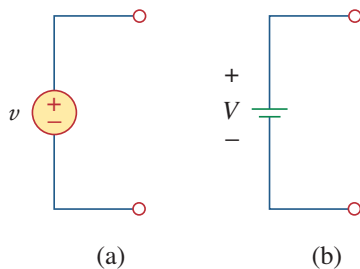


Figure 1.11

Symbols for independent voltage sources:

(a) used for constant or time-varying voltage, (b) used for constant voltage (dc).

... and as if that weren't hard enough to accept ...

Definition: *Current source:* Maintains a constant current, no matter what!

Symbol:

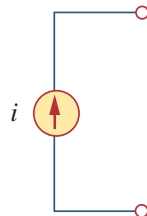


Figure 1.12

Symbol for independent current source.

Note: There's almost always a current through a voltage source and a voltage across a current source, but we'll get to that later.

Series & parallel (topology).

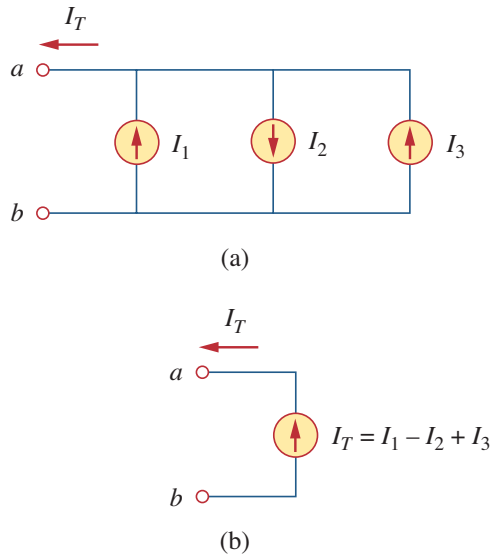


Figure 2.18

Current sources in parallel: (a) original circuit, (b) equivalent circuit.

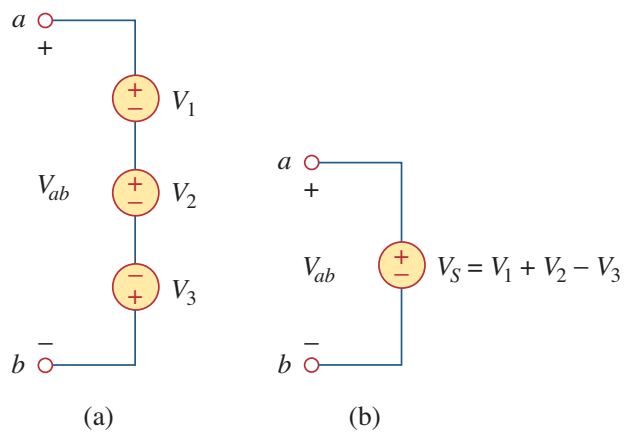


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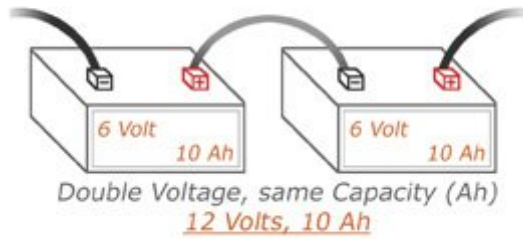
Voltage sources in series: (a) original circuit, (b) equivalent circuit.

Series & parallel topology (continued).

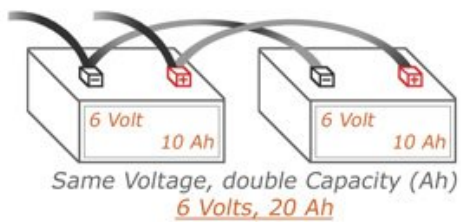


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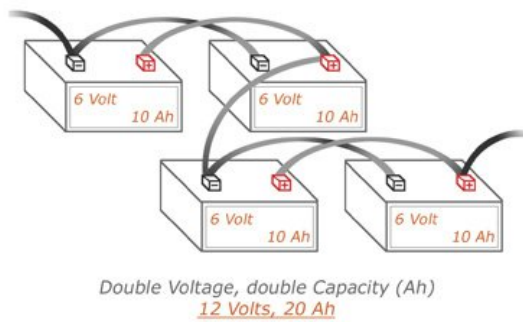
Batteries Joined in a Series



Batteries Joined in Parallel



Batteries Joined in Series and Parallel



Homework 02: Chapter 2 Review # 2.8, 2.9

13. The formulas for a wye-to-delta transformation are

$$R_a = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_3 R_1}{R_1}, \quad R_b = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_3 R_1}{R_2}$$

$$R_c = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_3 R_1}{R_3}$$

14. The basic laws covered in this chapter can be applied to the problems of electrical lighting and design of dc meters.

Review Questions

2.1 The reciprocal of resistance is:

- (a) voltage (b) current
(c) conductance (d) coulombs

2.2 An electric heater draws 10 A from a 120-V line. The resistance of the heater is:

- (a) 1200 Ω (b) 120 Ω
(c) 12 Ω (d) 1.2 Ω

2.3 The voltage drop across a 1.5-kW toaster that draws 12 A of current is:

- (a) 18 kV (b) 125 V
(c) 120 V (d) 10.42 V

2.4 The maximum current that a 2W, 80 k Ω resistor can safely conduct is:

- (a) 160 kA (b) 40 kA
(c) 5 mA (d) 25 μ A

2.5 A network has 12 branches and 8 independent loops. How many nodes are there in the network?

- (a) 19 (b) 17 (c) 5 (d) 4

2.6 The current I in the circuit of Fig. 2.63 is:

- (a) -0.8 A (b) -0.2 A
(c) 0.2 A (d) 0.8 A

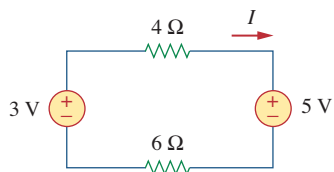


Figure 2.63

For Review Question 2.6.

2.7 The current I_o of Fig. 2.64 is:

- (a) -4 A (b) -2 A (c) 4 A (d) 16 A

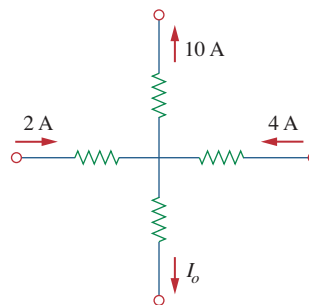


Figure 2.64

For Review Question 2.7.

2.8 In the circuit in Fig. 2.65, V is:

- (a) 30 V (b) 14 V (c) 10 V (d) 6 V

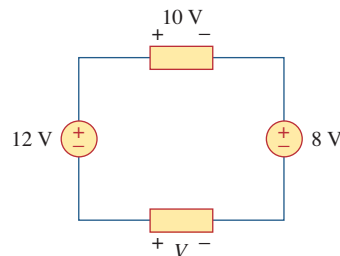


Figure 2.65

For Review Question 2.8.

- 2.9 Which of the circuits in Fig. 2.66 will give you $V_{ab} = 7$ V?

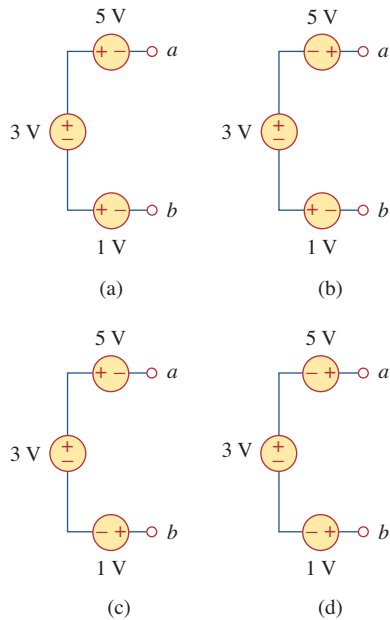


Figure 2.66

For Review Question 2.9.

- 2.10 In the circuit of Fig. 2.67, a decrease in R_3 leads to a decrease of, select all that apply:

- (a) current through R_3
- (b) voltage across R_3
- (c) voltage across R_1
- (d) power dissipated in R_2
- (e) none of the above

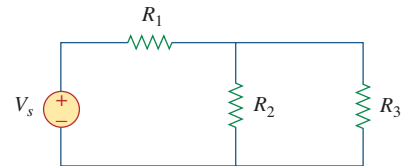


Figure 2.67

For Review Question 2.10.

Answers: 2.1c, 2.2c, 2.3b, 2.4c, 2.5c, 2.6b, 2.7a, 2.8d, 2.9d, 2.10b, d.

Problems

Section 2.2 Ohm's Law

- 2.1 Design a problem, complete with a solution, to help students to better understand Ohm's Law. Use at least two resistors and one voltage source. Hint, you could use both resistors at once or one at a time, it is up to you. Be creative.
- 2.2 Find the hot resistance of a light bulb rated 60 W, 120 V.
- 2.3 A bar of silicon is 4 cm long with a circular cross section. If the resistance of the bar is 240Ω at room temperature, what is the cross-sectional radius of the bar?
- 2.4 (a) Calculate current i in Fig. 2.68 when the switch is in position 1.
(b) Find the current when the switch is in position 2.

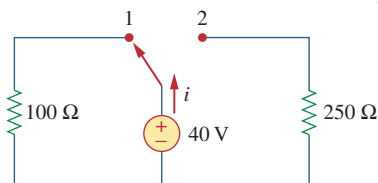


Figure 2.68

For Prob. 2.4.

Section 2.3 Nodes, Branches, and Loops

- 2.5 For the network graph in Fig. 2.69, find the number of nodes, branches, and loops.

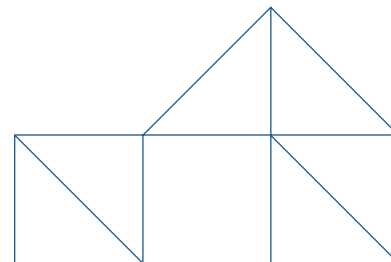


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For Prob. 2.5.

- 2.6 In the network graph shown in Fig. 2.70, determine the number of branches and nodes.

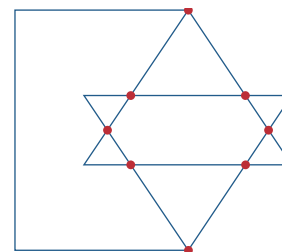


Figure 2.70

For Prob. 2.6.

- 2.7 Determine the number of branches and nodes in the circuit of Fig. 2.71.

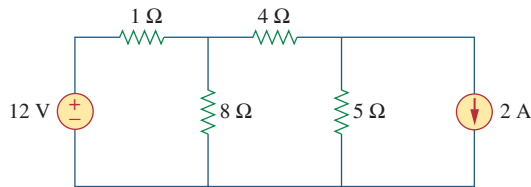


Figure 2.71
For Prob. 2.7.

Section 2.4 Kirchhoff's Laws

- 2.8 Design a problem, complete with a solution, to help other students better understand Kirchhoff's Current Law. Design the problem by specifying values of i_a , i_b , and i_c , shown in Fig. 2.72, and asking them to solve for values of i_1 , i_2 , and i_3 . Be careful to specify realistic currents.

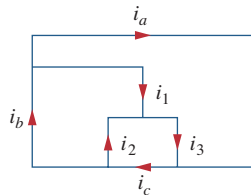


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For Prob. 2.8.

- 2.9 Find i_1 , i_2 , and i_3 in Fig. 2.73.

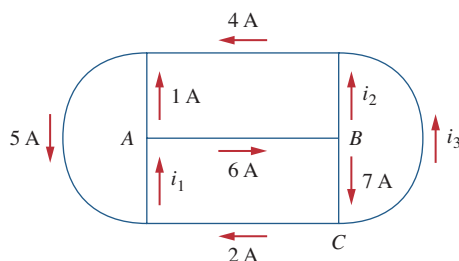


Figure 2.73
For Prob. 2.9.

- 2.10 Determine i_1 and i_2 in the circuit of Fig. 2.74.

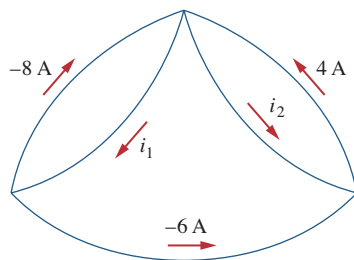


Figure 2.74
For Prob. 2.10.

- 2.11 In the circuit of Fig. 2.75, calculate V_1 and V_2 .

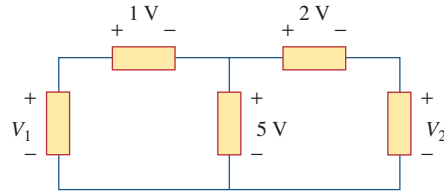


Figure 2.75
For Prob. 2.11.

- 2.12 In the circuit in Fig. 2.76, obtain v_1 , v_2 , and v_3 .

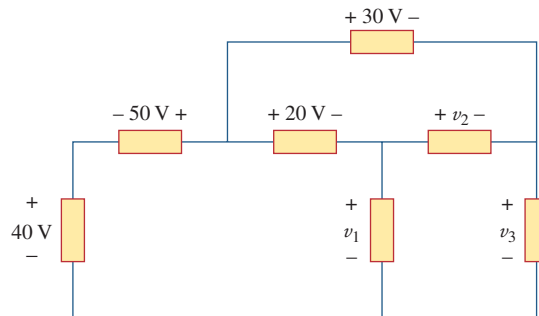


Figure 2.76
For Prob. 2.12.

- 2.13 For the circuit in Fig. 2.77, use KCL to find the branch currents I_1 to I_4 .

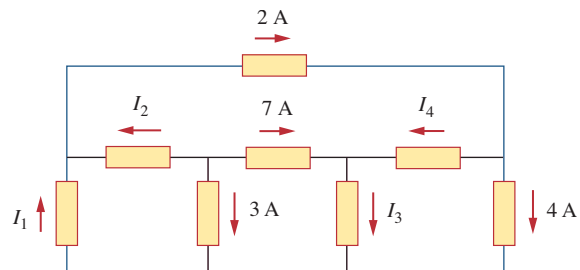


Figure 2.77
For Prob. 2.13.

- 2.14 Given the circuit in Fig. 2.78, use KVL to find the branch voltages V_1 to V_4 .

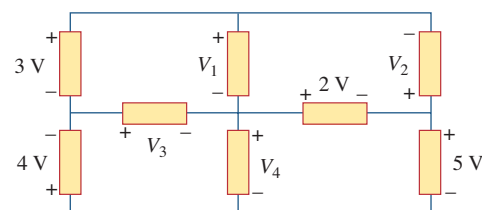


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For Prob. 2.14.

2.15 Calculate v and i_x in the circuit of Fig. 2.79.

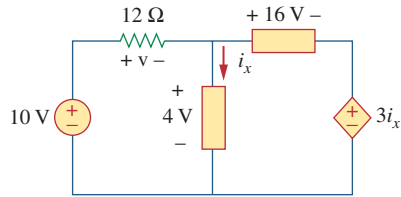


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For Prob. 2.15.

2.16 Determine V_o in the circuit in Fig. 2.80.

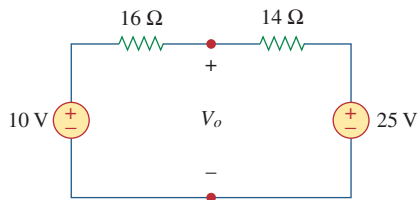


Figure 2.80
For Prob. 2.16.

2.17 Obtain v_1 through v_3 in the circuit of Fig. 2.81.

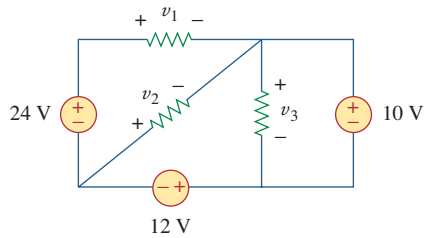


Figure 2.81
For Prob. 2.17.

2.18 Find I and V_{ab} in the circuit of Fig. 2.82.

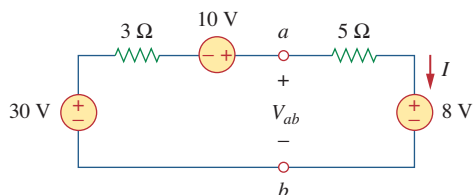


Figure 2.82
For Prob. 2.18.

2.19 From the circuit in Fig. 2.83, find I , the power dissipated by the resistor, and the power supplied by each source.

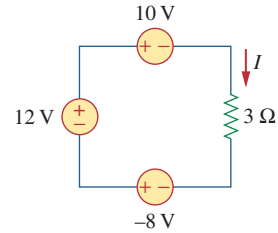


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For Prob. 2.19.

2.20 Determine i_o in the circuit of Fig. 2.84.

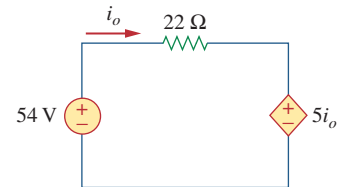


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For Prob. 2.20.

2.21 Find V_x in the circuit of Fig. 2.85.

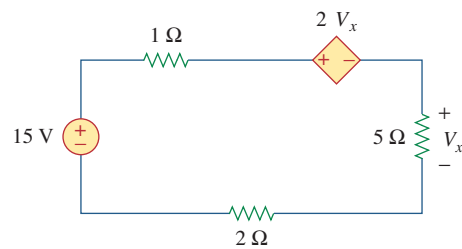


Figure 2.85
For Prob. 2.21.

2.22 Find V_o in the circuit in Fig. 2.86 and the power absorbed by the dependent source.

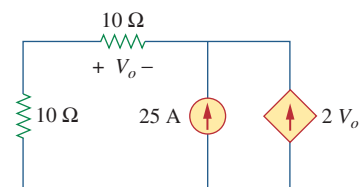


Figure 2.86
For Prob. 2.22.

- 2.23** In the circuit shown in Fig. 2.87, determine v_x and the power absorbed by the $12\text{-}\Omega$ resistor.

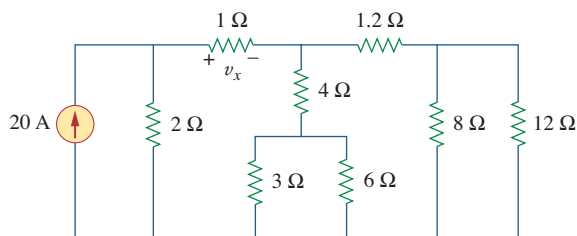


Figure 2.87

For Prob. 2.23.

- 2.24** For the circuit in Fig. 2.88, find V_o/V_s in terms of α , R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 . If $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R_4$, what value of α will produce $|V_o/V_s| = 10$?

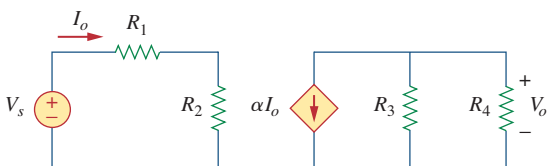


Figure 2.88

For Prob. 2.24.

- 2.25** For the network in Fig. 2.89, find the current, voltage, and power associated with the $20\text{-k}\Omega$ resistor.

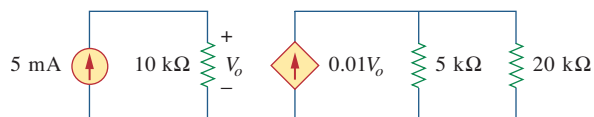


Figure 2.89

For Prob. 2.25.

Sections 2.5 and 2.6 Series and Parallel Resistors

- 2.26** For the circuit in Fig. 2.90, $i_o = 3\text{ A}$. Calculate i_x and the total power absorbed by the entire circuit.

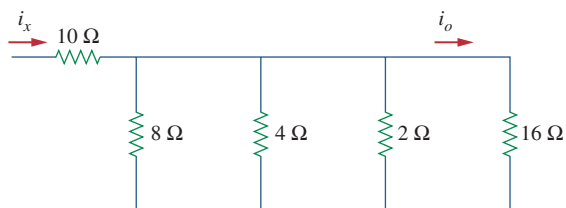


Figure 2.90

For Prob. 2.26.

- 2.27** Calculate I_o in the circuit of Fig. 2.91.

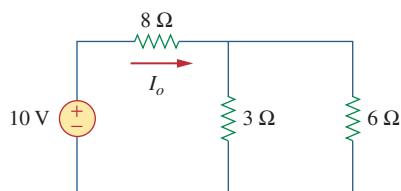


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For Prob. 2.27.

- 2.28** Design a problem, using Fig. 2.92, to help other students better understand series and parallel circuits.

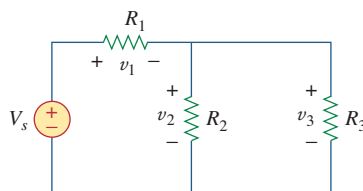


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For Prob. 2.28.

- 2.29** All resistors in Fig. 2.93 are $5\text{ }\Omega$ each. Find R_{eq} .

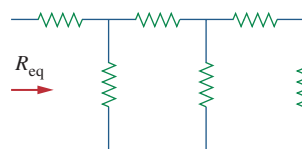


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For Prob. 2.29.

- 2.30** Find R_{eq} for the circuit in Fig. 2.94.

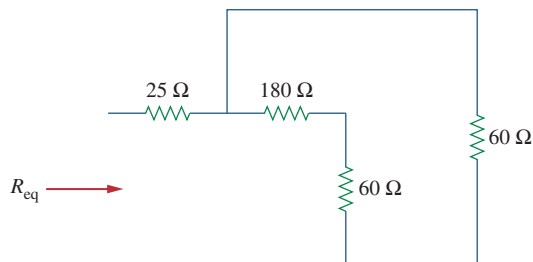


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For Prob. 2.30.

2.31 For the circuit in Fig. 2.95, determine i_1 to i_5 .

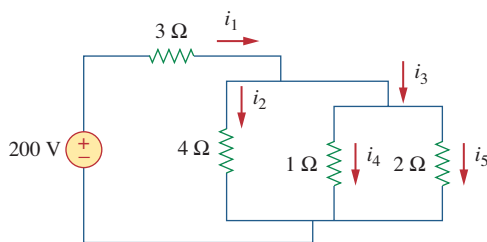


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2.32 Find i_1 through i_4 in the circuit in Fig. 2.96.

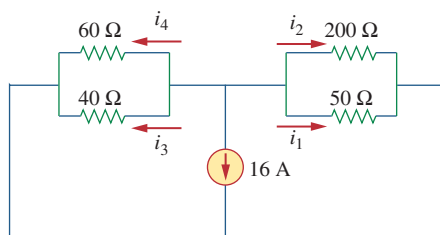


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For Prob. 2.32.

2.33 Obtain v and i in the circuit in Fig. 2.97.

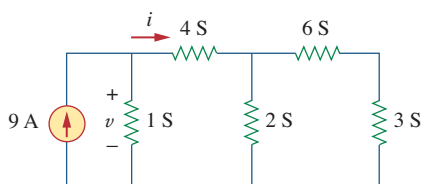


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For Prob. 2.33.

2.34 Using series/parallel resistance combination, find the equivalent resistance seen by the source in the circuit of Fig. 2.98. Find the overall absorbed power by the resistor network.

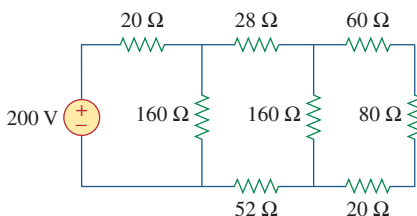


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2.35 Calculate V_o and I_o in the circuit of Fig. 2.99.

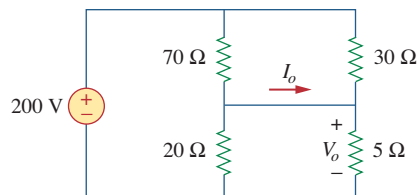


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2.36 Find i and V_o in the circuit of Fig. 2.100.

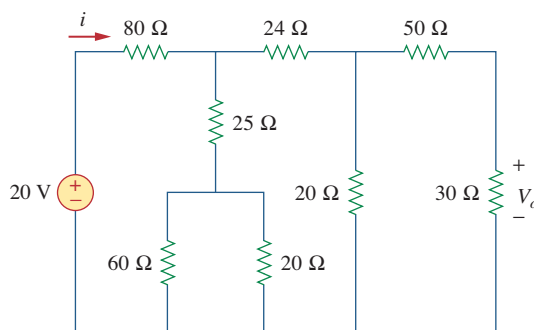


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2.37 Find R for the circuit in Fig. 2.101.

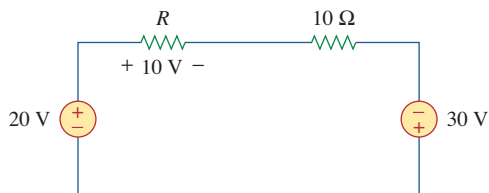


Figure 2.101

For Prob. 2.37.

2.38 Find R_{eq} and i_o in the circuit of Fig. 2.102.

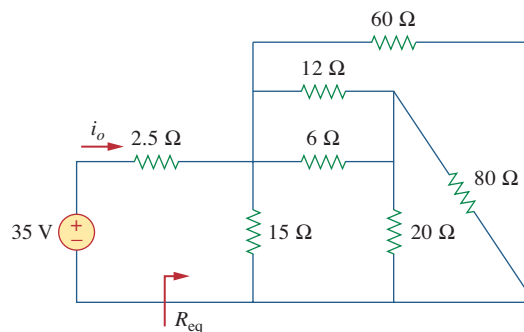


Figure 2.102

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2.39 Evaluate R_{eq} for each of the circuits shown in Fig. 2.103.

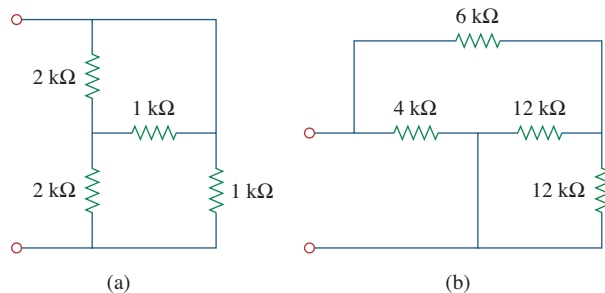


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2.40 For the ladder network in Fig. 2.104, find I and R_{eq} .

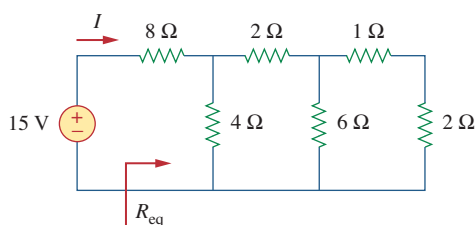


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For Prob. 2.40.

2.41 If $R_{eq} = 50 \Omega$ in the circuit of Fig. 2.105, find R .

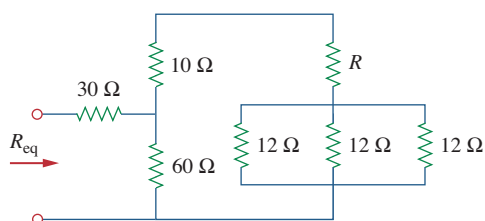


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2.42 Reduce each of the circuits in Fig. 2.106 to a single resistor at terminals a - b .

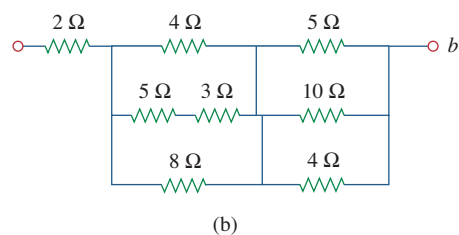
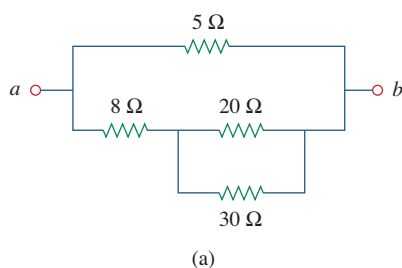


Figure 2.106
For Prob. 2.42.

2.43 Calculate the equivalent resistance R_{ab} at terminals a - b for each of the circuits in Fig. 2.107.

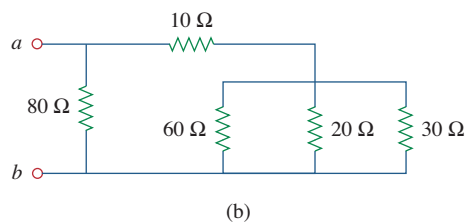
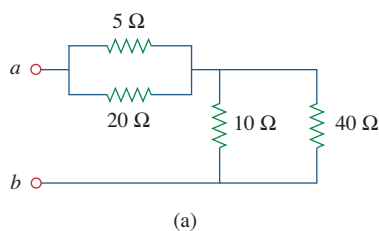


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For Prob. 2.43.

2.44 For the circuits in Fig. 2.108, obtain the equivalent resistance at terminals a - b .

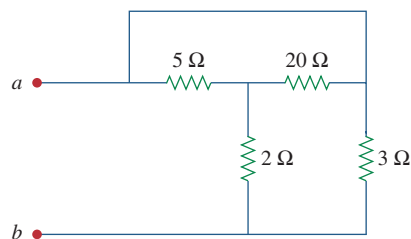


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For Prob. 2.44.

2.45 Find the equivalent resistance at terminals a - b of each circuit in Fig. 2.109.

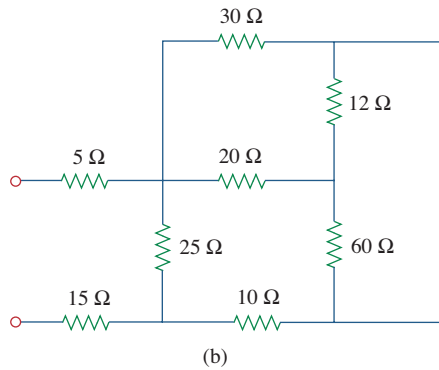
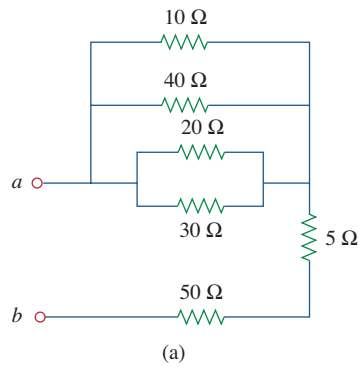


Figure 2.109

For Prob. 2.45.

2.46 Find I in the circuit of Fig. 2.110.

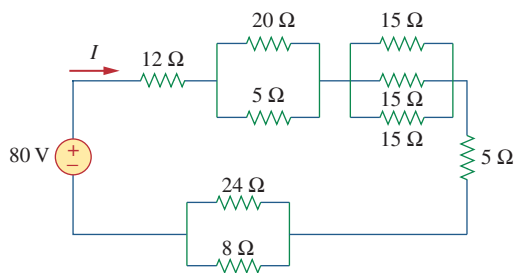


Figure 2.110

For Prob. 2.46.

2.47 Find the equivalent resistance R_{ab} in the circuit of Fig. 2.111.

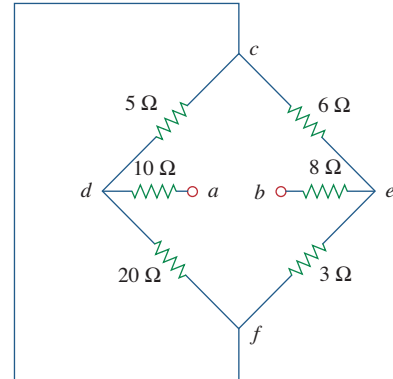


Figure 2.111

For Prob. 2.47.

Section 2.7 Wye-Delta Transformations

2.48 Convert the circuits in Fig. 2.112 from Y to Δ .

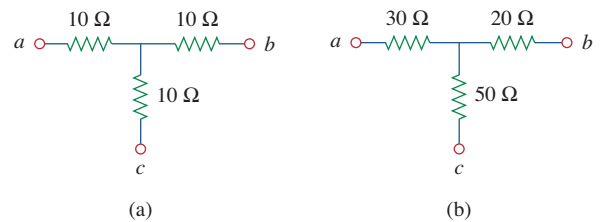


Figure 2.112

For Prob. 2.48.

2.49 Transform the circuits in Fig. 2.113 from Δ to Y.

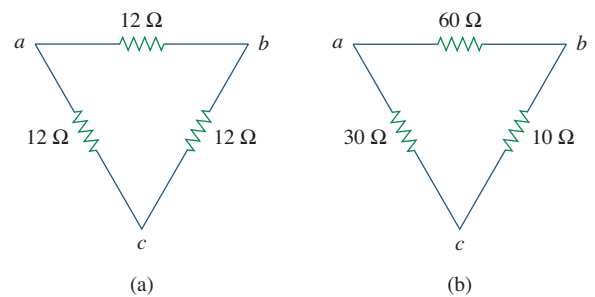


Figure 2.113

For Prob. 2.49.

- 2.50** Design a problem to help other students better understand wye-delta transformations using Fig. 2.114.

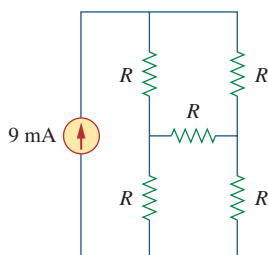
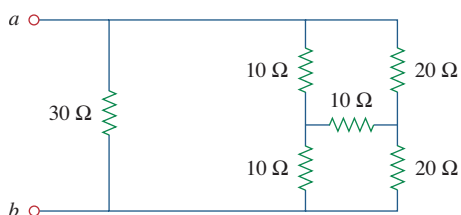


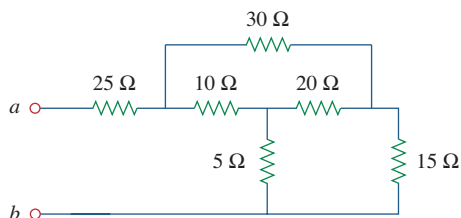
Figure 2.114

For Prob. 2.50.

- 2.51** Obtain the equivalent resistance at the terminals a - b for each of the circuits in Fig. 2.115.



(a)



(b)

Figure 2.115

For Prob. 2.51.

- *2.52** For the circuit shown in Fig. 2.116, find the equivalent resistance. All resistors are $3\ \Omega$.

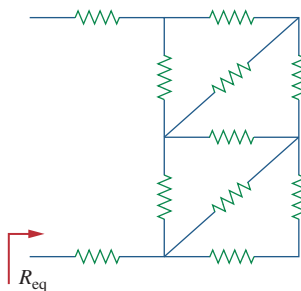
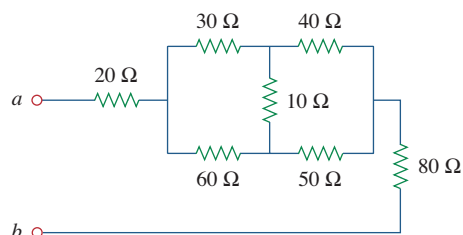


Figure 2.116

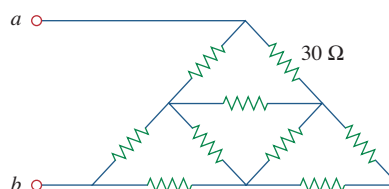
For Prob. 2.52.

* An asterisk indicates a challenging problem.

- *2.53** Obtain the equivalent resistance R_{ab} in each of the circuits of Fig. 2.117. In (b), all resistors have a value of $30\ \Omega$.



(a)



(b)

Figure 2.117

For Prob. 2.53.

- 2.54** Consider the circuit in Fig. 2.118. Find the equivalent resistance at terminals: (a) a - b , (b) c - d .

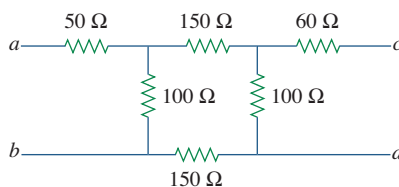


Figure 2.118

For Prob. 2.54.

- 2.55** Calculate I_o in the circuit of Fig. 2.119.

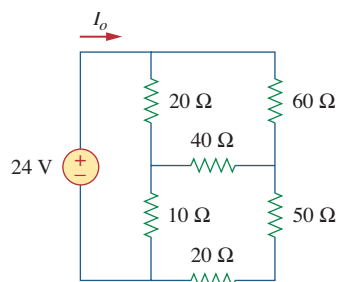


Figure 2.119

For Prob. 2.55.

2.56 Determine V in the circuit of Fig. 2.120.

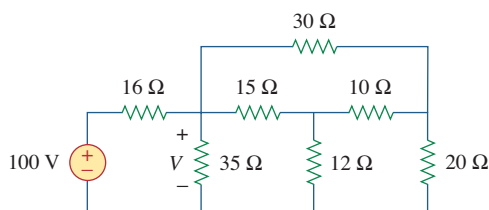


Figure 2.120

For Prob. 2.56.

***2.57** Find R_{eq} and I in the circuit of Fig. 2.121.

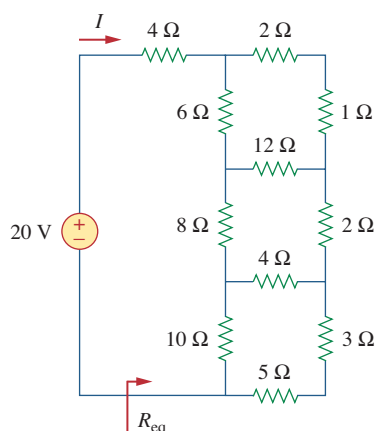


Figure 2.121

For Prob. 2.57.

Section 2.8 Applications

2.58 The 60 W light bulb in Fig. 2.122 is rated at 120 volts. Calculate V_s to make the light bulb operate at the rated conditions.

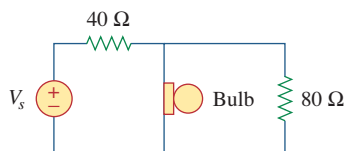


Figure 2.122

For Prob. 2.58.

2.59 Three light bulbs are connected in series to a 120-V source as shown in Fig. 2.123. Find the current I through the bulbs. Each bulb is rated at 120 volts. How much power is each bulb absorbing? Do they generate much light?

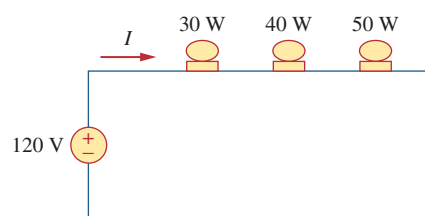


Figure 2.123

For Prob. 2.59.

2.60 If the three bulbs of Prob. 2.59 are connected in parallel to the 120-V source, calculate the current through each bulb.

2.61 As a design engineer, you are asked to design a lighting system consisting of a 70-W power supply and two light bulbs as shown in Fig. 2.124. You must select the two bulbs from the following three available bulbs.

$R_1 = 80 \Omega$, cost = \$0.60 (standard size)

$R_2 = 90 \Omega$, cost = \$0.90 (standard size)

$R_3 = 100 \Omega$, cost = \$0.75 (nonstandard size)

The system should be designed for minimum cost such that lies within the range $I = 1.2 \text{ A} \pm 5$ percent.

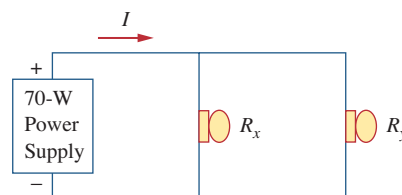


Figure 2.124

For Prob. 2.61.

2.62 A three-wire system supplies two loads A and B as shown in Fig. 2.125. Load A consists of a motor drawing a current of 8 A, while load B is a PC drawing 2 A. Assuming 10 h/day of use for 365 days and 6 cents/kWh, calculate the annual energy cost of the system.

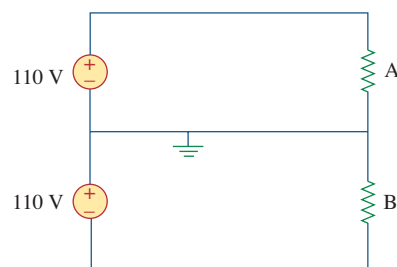


Figure 2.125

For Prob. 2.62.

2.63 If an ammeter with an internal resistance of 100Ω and a current capacity of 2 mA is to measure 5 A, determine the value of the resistance needed.

Calculate the power dissipated in the shunt resistor.

- 2.64** The potentiometer (adjustable resistor) R_x in Fig. 2.126 is to be designed to adjust current i_x from 1 A to 10 A. Calculate the values of R and R_x to achieve this.

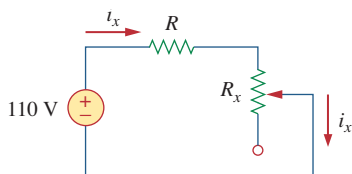


Figure 2.126

For Prob. 2.64.

- 2.65** A d'Arsonval meter with an internal resistance of $1\text{ k}\Omega$ requires 10 mA to produce full-scale deflection. Calculate the value of a series resistance needed to measure 50 V of full scale.
- 2.66** A $20\text{-k}\Omega/\text{V}$ voltmeter reads 10 V full scale.
- What series resistance is required to make the meter read 50 V full scale?
 - What power will the series resistor dissipate when the meter reads full scale?
- 2.67** (a) Obtain the voltage V_o in the circuit of Fig. 2.127(a).
 (b) Determine the voltage V'_o measured when a voltmeter with $6\text{-k}\Omega$ internal resistance is connected as shown in Fig. 2.127(b).
 (c) The finite resistance of the meter introduces an error into the measurement. Calculate the percent error as

$$\left| \frac{V_o - V'_o}{V_o} \right| \times 100\%$$

- (d) Find the percent error if the internal resistance were $36\text{ k}\Omega$.

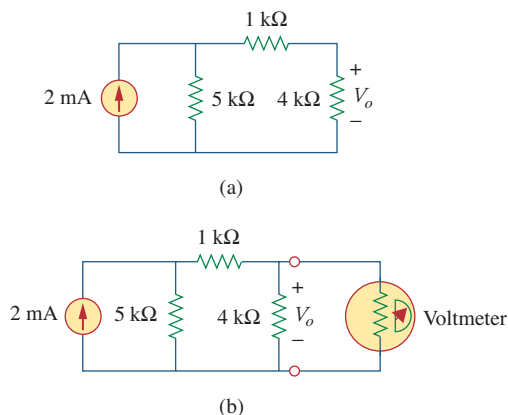


Figure 2.127

For Prob. 2.67.

- 2.68** (a) Find the current I in the circuit of Fig. 2.128(a).
 (b) An ammeter with an internal resistance of $1\text{ }\Omega$ is inserted in the network to measure I' as shown in Fig. 2.128(b). What is I' ?
 (c) Calculate the percent error introduced by the meter as

$$\left| \frac{I - I'}{I} \right| \times 100\%$$

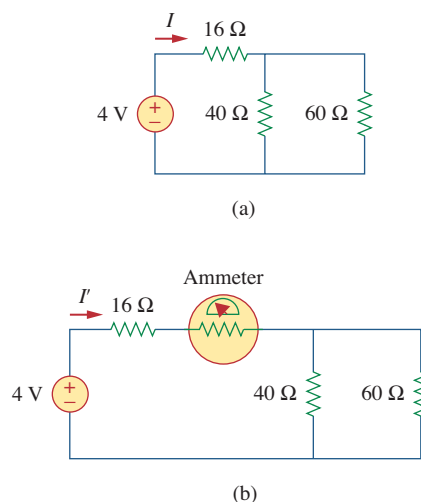


Figure 2.128

For Prob. 2.68.

- 2.69** A voltmeter is used to measure V_o in the circuit in Fig. 2.129. The voltmeter model consists of an ideal voltmeter in parallel with a $100\text{-k}\Omega$ resistor. Let $V_s = 40\text{ V}$, $R_s = 10\text{ k}\Omega$, and $R_1 = 20\text{ k}\Omega$. Calculate V_o with and without the voltmeter when
- $R_2 = 1\text{ k}\Omega$
 - $R_2 = 10\text{ k}\Omega$
 - $R_2 = 100\text{ k}\Omega$

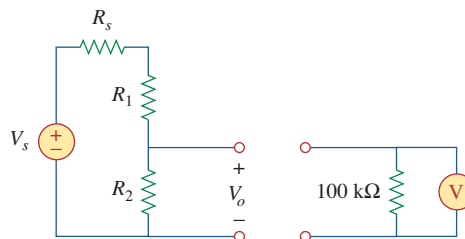


Figure 2.129

For Prob. 2.69.

- 2.70** (a) Consider the Wheatstone bridge shown in Fig. 2.130. Calculate v_a , v_b , and v_{ab} .
 (b) Rework part (a) if the ground is placed at a instead of o .

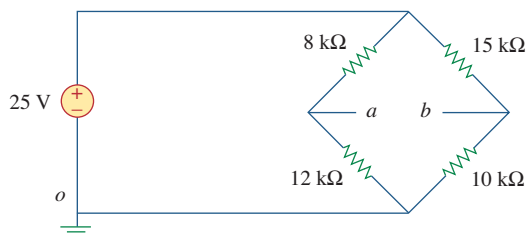


Figure 2.130

For Prob. 2.70.

- 2.71** Figure 2.131 represents a model of a solar photovoltaic panel. Given that $V_s = 30$ V, $R_1 = 20$ Ω, and $i_L = 1$ A, find R_L .

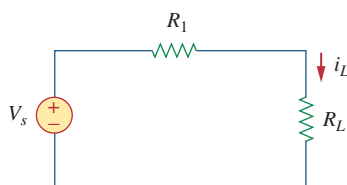


Figure 2.131

For Prob. 2.71.

- 2.72** Find V_o in the two-way power divider circuit in Fig. 2.132.

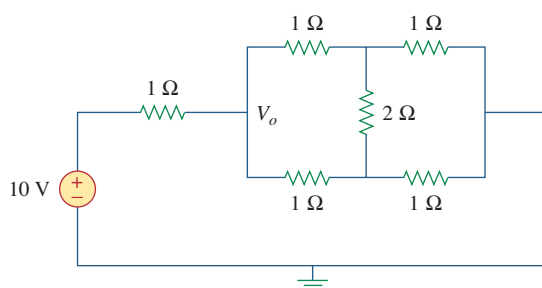


Figure 2.132

For Prob. 2.72.

- 2.73** An ammeter model consists of an ideal ammeter in series with a 20-Ω resistor. It is connected with a current source and an unknown resistor R_x as shown in Fig. 2.133. The ammeter reading is noted. When a potentiometer R is added and adjusted until the ammeter reading drops to one half its previous reading, then $R = 65$ Ω. What is the value of R_x ?

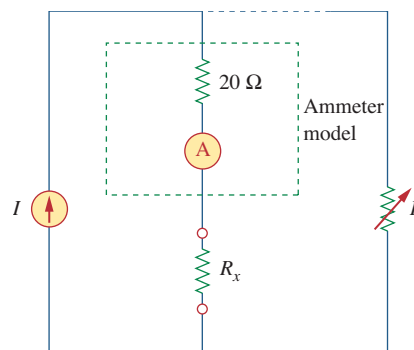


Figure 2.133

For Prob. 2.73.

- 2.74** The circuit in Fig. 2.134 is to control the speed of a motor such that the motor draws currents 5 A, 3 A, and 1 A when the switch is at high, medium, and low positions, respectively. The motor can be modeled as a load resistance of 20 mΩ. Determine the series dropping resistances R_1 , R_2 , and R_3 .

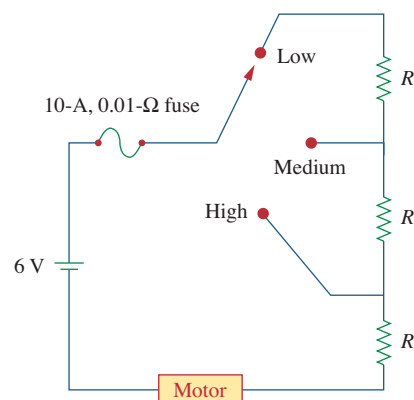


Figure 2.134

For Prob. 2.74.

- 2.75** Find R_{ab} in the four-way power divider circuit in Fig. 2.135. Assume each element is 1 Ω.

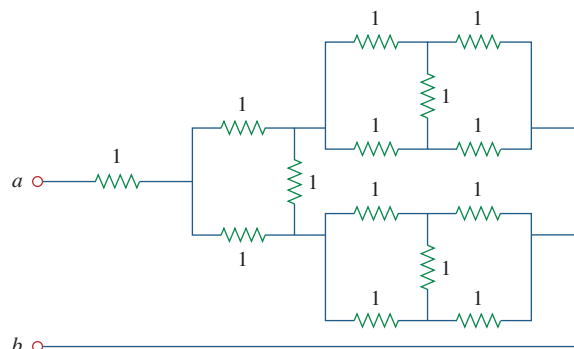


Figure 2.135

For Prob. 2.75.

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2.76 Repeat Prob. 2.75 for the eight-way divider shown in Fig. 2.136.

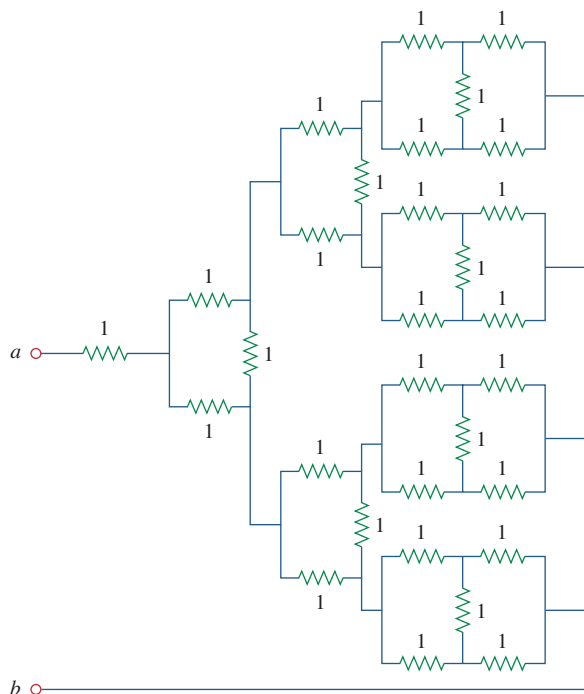


Figure 2.136

For Prob. 2.76.

2.77 Suppose your circuit laboratory has the following standard commercially available resistors in large quantities:

1.8 Ω 20 Ω 300 Ω 24 k Ω 56 k Ω

Using series and parallel combinations and a minimum number of available resistors, how would you obtain the following resistances for an electronic circuit design?

- (a) 5 Ω (b) 311.8 Ω
 (c) 40 k Ω (d) 52.32 k Ω

2.78 In the circuit in Fig. 2.137, the wiper divides the potentiometer resistance between αR and $(1 - \alpha)R$, $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$. Find v_o/v_s .

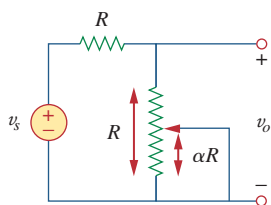


Figure 2.137

For Prob. 2.78.

2.79 An electric pencil sharpener rated 240 mW, 6 V is connected to a 9-V battery as shown in Fig. 2.138. Calculate the value of the series-dropping resistor R_x needed to power the sharpener.

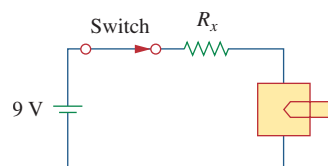


Figure 2.138

For Prob. 2.79.

2.80 A loudspeaker is connected to an amplifier as shown in Fig. 2.139. If a 10- Ω loudspeaker draws the maximum power of 12 W from the amplifier, determine the maximum power a 4- Ω loudspeaker will draw.



Figure 2.139

For Prob. 2.80.

2.81 In a certain application, the circuit in Fig. 2.140 must be designed to meet these two criteria:

- (a) $V_o/V_s = 0.05$ (b) $R_{eq} = 40$ k Ω

If the load resistor 5 k Ω is fixed, find R_1 and R_2 to meet the criteria.

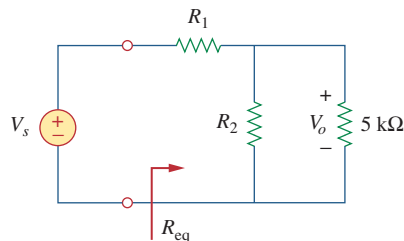


Figure 2.140

For Prob. 2.81.

2.82 The pin diagram of a resistance array is shown in Fig. 2.141. Find the equivalent resistance between the following:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 1 and 4

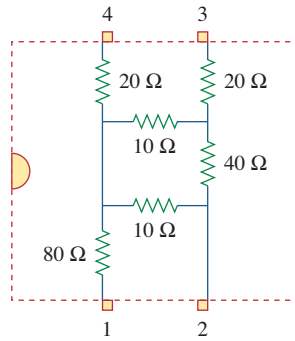


Figure 2.141

For Prob. 2.82.

2.83 Two delicate devices are rated as shown in Fig. 2.142. Find the values of the resistors R_1 and R_2 needed to power the devices using a 24-V battery.

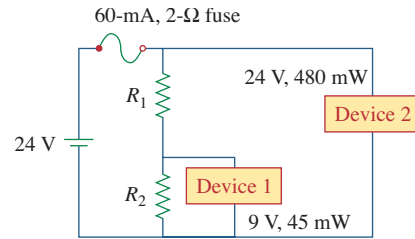


Figure 2.142

For Prob. 2.83.