The box contains a linear circuit.
When $R = R_1$, we measure $i = I_1$.
When $R = R_2$, we measure $i = I_2$.

What value of $R = R_3$ results in $i = I_3$?

What is the maximum value of $i = i_{max}$ that can be achieved (assuming of $R \geq 0$)?

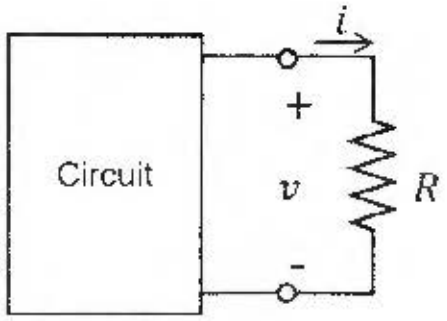
R1 = 5 ohm

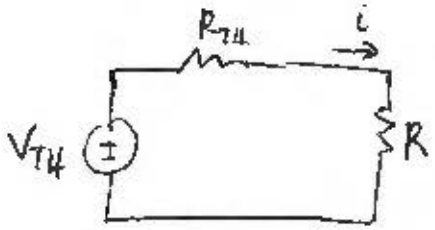
R2 = 8 ohm

I1 = 4 A

I2 = 3 A

I3 = 2 A





① $4 = \frac{V_{TH}}{R_{TH}+5} \Rightarrow 4R_{TH} + 20 = V_{TH}$

② $3 = \frac{V_{TH}}{R_{TH}+8} \Rightarrow 3R_{TH} + 24 = V_{TH}$

(1)-(2)
$\Rightarrow$ $R_{TH} = 4\,\Omega$

$V_{TH} = 36\,V$

(a) $I_3 = 2 = \frac{V_{TH}}{R_{TH}+R} = \frac{36}{4+R} \Rightarrow R + R_{TH} = 18 \Rightarrow \boxed{R = 14\,\Omega}$

(b) i_{MAX} WHEN $R = 0 \Rightarrow i_{MAX} = \frac{V_{TH}}{R_{TH}} = \frac{36}{4} = 9$

$\boxed{i_{MAX} = 9\,A}$