



① suppose $V_{\text{bottom node}} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} I_x = 4i_x + \frac{(6 - v_1)}{2} \\ \frac{v_1}{4} = i_x \end{cases} \Rightarrow 4i_x = v_1$$

$$\therefore I_x = 4i_x + \frac{v_1}{2} = 2i_x$$

$$\therefore i_x = -3\text{A}$$