

Norton & Thevenin Equivalent circuits

Supplemental Problem.

Thevenin

1. Remove resistance (R_L)
2. Find open circuit voltage across the two nodes ($V_{oc} = V_{Th}$)
3. Short voltage sources & open current sources and calculate equivalent resistance across the two nodes
 $R_{eq} = R_{th}$
4. Replace the circuit with Thevenin equivalent.

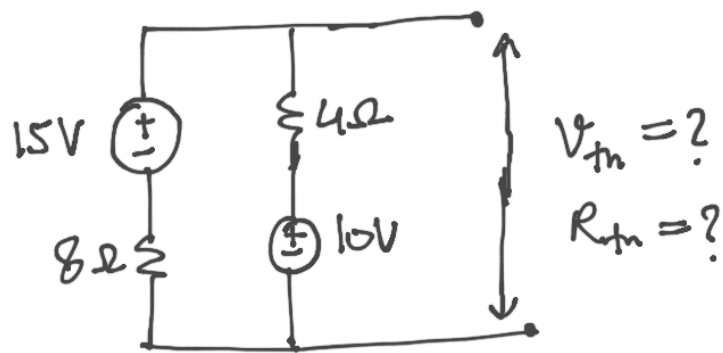
Note (1) V_{oc} has influence of all the sources.

(2) When dependent & independent sources are present, i_{sc} is found between the two nodes.

$$R_{th} = \frac{V_{oc}}{i_{sc}}$$

(3) When dependent source is present, it's best to connect test current source of 1A across the nodes & find voltage across the terminals. $R_{th} = \frac{v_o}{1A}$ ← node voltage
← test current

Example 1



Step 1 find V_{oc} due to the sources

Superposition: (A) $V_{oc1} = \frac{4}{12} \times 15 = 5V$

(B) $V_{oc2} = \frac{28}{3+8} \times 10 = \frac{20}{3}V$

$V_{oc} = 5 + \frac{20}{3} = \frac{35}{3}V = V_{th}$



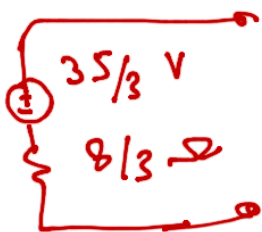
$i = \frac{-10+15}{12} =$

$\text{Drop} = 4 \times \frac{5}{12} + 10 = \frac{35}{3}V = V_{th}$

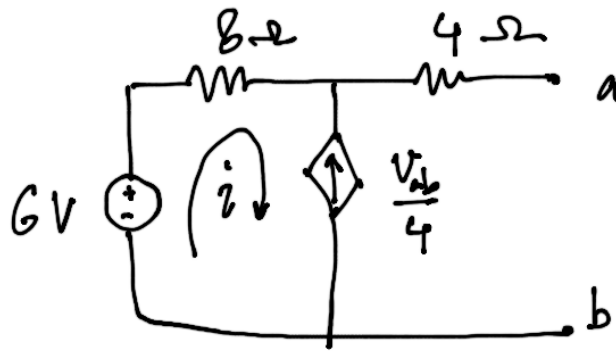
Step 2 find R_{th} .



$R_{th} = \frac{8 \times 4}{12} = \frac{8}{3}\Omega$



Example 2



Step 1

$$V_{ab} = V_{oc}$$

By KVL

$$6 - 8i - V_{ab} = 0$$

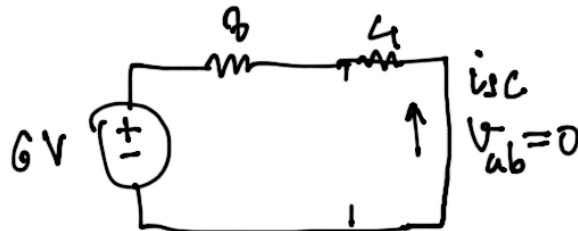
$$i = -\frac{V_{ab}}{4}$$

$$\therefore 6 - 8\left(-\frac{V_{ab}}{4}\right) - V_{ab} = 0$$

$$6 + V_{ab} = 0 \Rightarrow V_{ab} = -6V = V_{oc}$$

Step 2

i_{sc}



$$V_{ab} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{V_{ab}}{4} = 0 \Rightarrow i_{sc} = -\frac{6}{12} = -0.5A$$

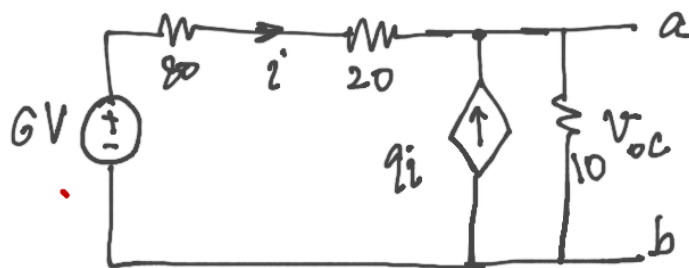
Step 3

$$R_{in} = \frac{-6}{-0.5} = 12\Omega$$



Thevenin eq.

Example 3



$$V_{th} = ?$$

$$R_{th} = ?$$

Step 1

Find V_{oc}

KCL (node a)
$$\frac{(6 - V_{oc})}{100} + 9i - \frac{V_{oc}}{10} = 0$$

$$i = \frac{6 - V_{oc}}{100}$$

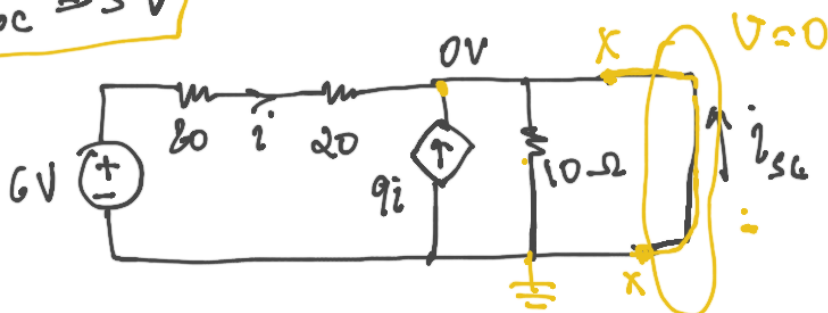
$$\therefore 10 \left(\frac{6 - V_{oc}}{100} \right) - \frac{V_{oc}}{10} = 0 \Rightarrow 6 - 2V_{oc} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{oc} = 3V$$

Step 2

I_{sc} ?

$$(V_{oc} = 0)$$



Method 1

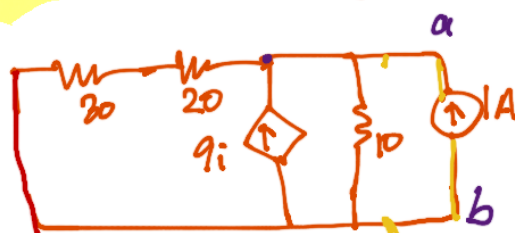
$$i = \frac{6 - 0}{100} = -9i$$

~~Not valid~~ $i_{sc} = -10$

Method 2

Connect 1A current (test)

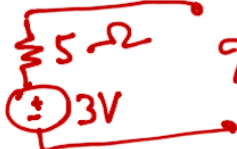
and Remove independent sources



KCL at node a

$$-\frac{V_{ab}}{100} - 9\frac{V_{ab}}{100} - \frac{V_{ab}}{10} + 1 = 0$$

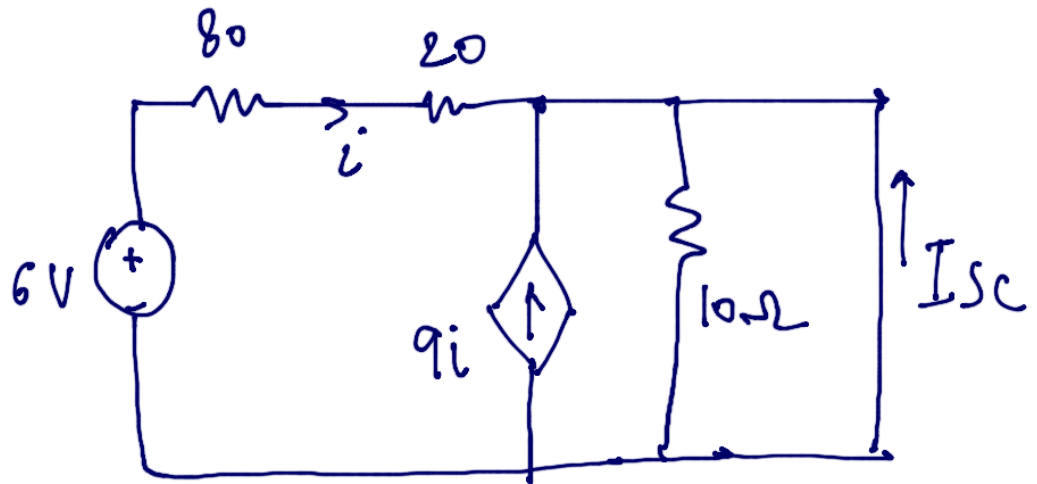
$$V_{ab} = 5V \Rightarrow R_{th} = \frac{5V}{1A} = 5\Omega$$



Thevenin E_t

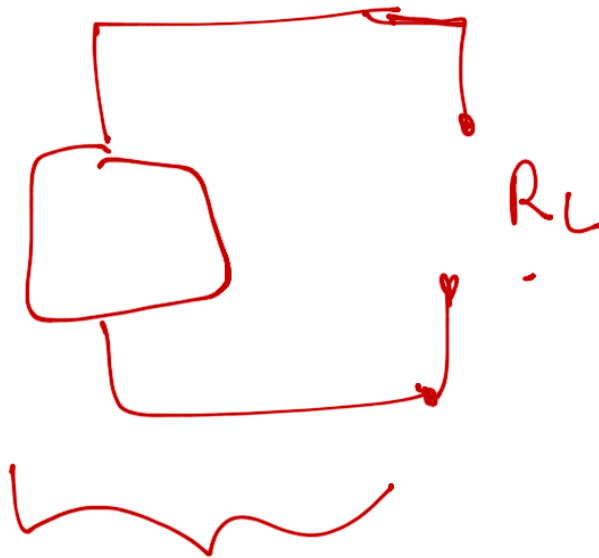
Example 3

i_{sc}



$$\frac{0-6}{100} - 9 \left(\frac{0-6}{100} \right) - I_{sc} = 0$$

$$I_{sc} = 10$$



V_{oc} (open circuit voltage) ; $\underline{\underline{i_{sc}}}$ (short circuit)

~~Superposition~~
 V_1 V_{oc1}

V_2 V_{oc2}

$$V_{oc} = V_{oc1} + V_{oc2}$$

: Superposition..

$$R_{th} = R_L ; R_{th} = \frac{V_{oc}}{i_{sc}} ;$$