

Basic Components and Circuit Theory

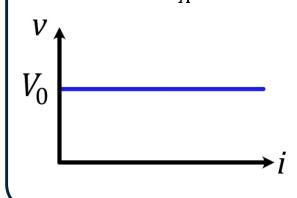
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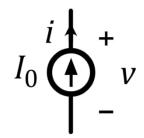
Voltage Source *i* ∤ +

$$V_0 \stackrel{i}{\overset{+}{\leftarrow}} v$$

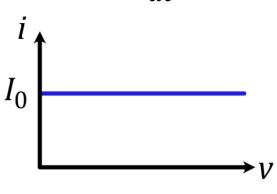
$$v_{BA} = -\int_A^B \!\! ec{E} \cdot \overrightarrow{dl}$$



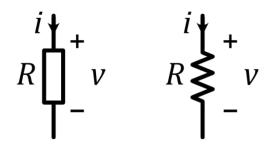
Current Source



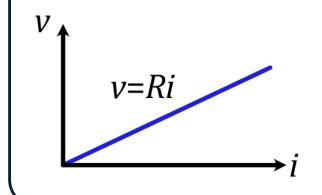
$$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$



Resistor



$$v = Ri$$
 $i = Gv$





Today we learn

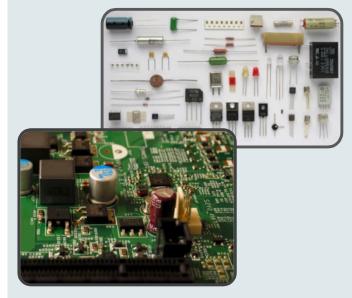
- Resistive circuits
- Kirchhoff's voltage and current laws (KVL and KCL)
- Parallel and Series combination
- Voltage and current division
- Superposition
- Thevenin's and Norton's theorems
- Nodal analysis



Circuit Theory

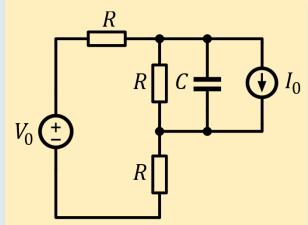
Physical Reality

- Fields
- Flows
- Charges
- Material
- Particles



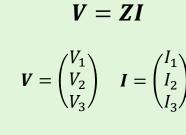
Circuit Models

- Abstracts
- Behavioral models
- Linear/non-linear
- Sources
- Passive/active components



Mathematical Calculations

- Matrices
- Algebraic equations
- Partial differential equations
- System of linear/non-linear equations
- Graphical methods
- Numerical methods



$$\boldsymbol{Z} = \begin{pmatrix} Z_{11} & 0 & Z_{13} \\ 0 & Z_{22} & Z_{23} \\ Z_{31} & Z_{32} & Z_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$



Electric Circuit Essentials

Wire

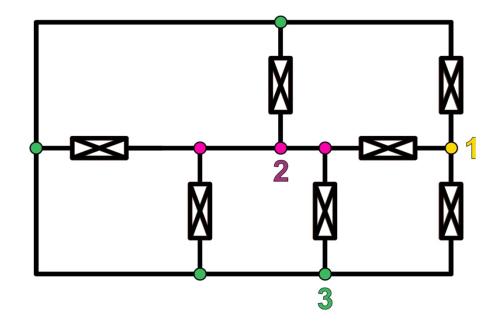
- ideal conductor
- No voltage difference
- Can handle any current level

Circuit element

- Sources
- Passives: Resistors, capacitors, inductors
- Actives: Transistors, diodes, ...

Node

- A junction where two or more branches intersect
- Two nodes must have different voltages (no wire connecting them directly)



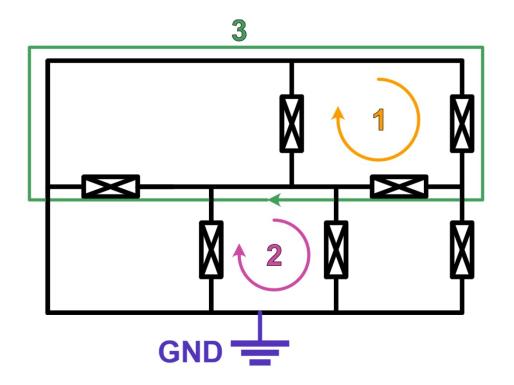
Electric Circuit Essentials

Loop

- A subset of branches forming a closed path
- Might pass by several nodes (at least two)

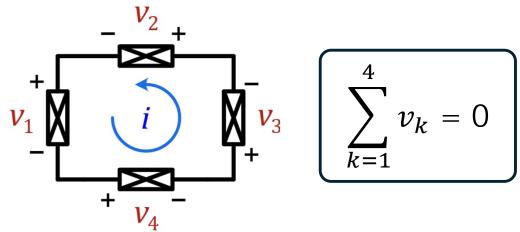
Ground Node

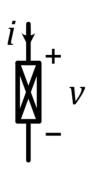
- The node with the maximum connected branches
- Voltage reference for our calculations and measurements
- Denoted by GND
- V(GND)=0 V

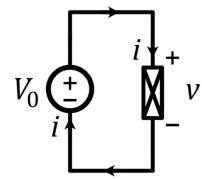


Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL)

- The algebraic sum of the voltage drops or rises around any loop in a circuit is always equal to zero.
- Current-voltage direction
 - current flows across an element from + to -
- Voltage sources (pumps of charge)
 - Follow the polarity of the source in the direction of circulating around the loop





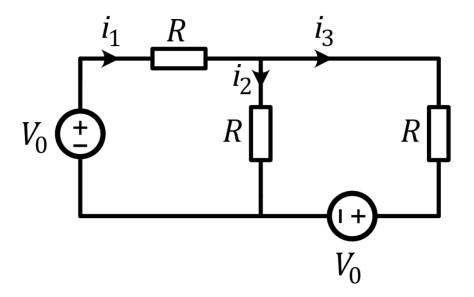


$$| + v - V_0 = 0$$



KVL- Example

• Write all KVLs in terms of i_1 , i_2 and i_3 .



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$$KVL 1: Ri_1 + Ri_2 - V_0 = 0$$

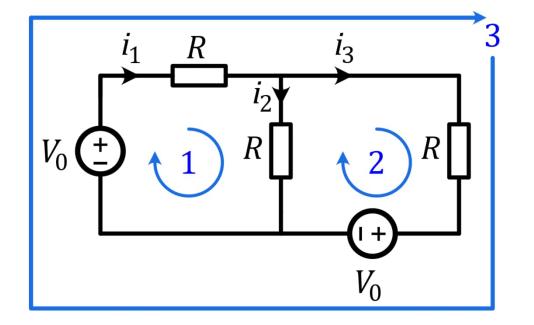
$$KVL 2: Ri_3 + V_0 - Ri_2 = 0$$

KVL 3:
$$Ri_1 + Ri_3 + V_0 - V_0 = 0$$

Therefore:

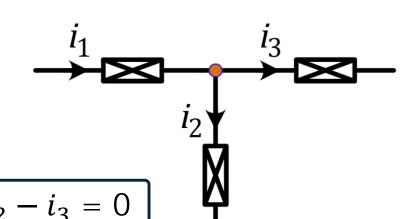
$$i_1 = -i_3$$

$$i_1 + i_2 = \frac{V_0}{R}$$



Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL)

 The algebraic sum of the currents entering/leaving a node is always equal to zero.

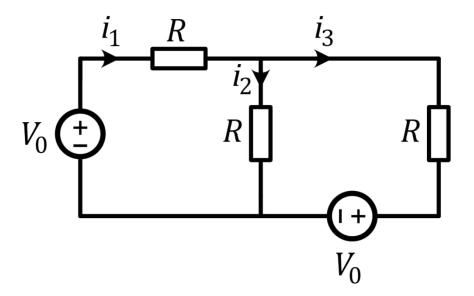


- Current direction
 - Entering → positive
 - Leaving → negative

$$\sum I_{in} = \sum I_{out}$$

KCL- Example

• Write all KCLs in terms of i_1 , i_2 and i_3 .



KCL– Example

• Write all KVLs in terms of i_1 , i_2 and i_3 .

KCL @
$$\mathbf{n_1}$$
: $i_1 - i_2 - i_3 = 0$

KCL @
$$\mathbf{n_2}$$
: $i_3 + i_2 - i_1 = 0$

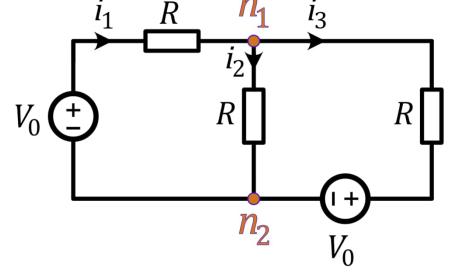
Therefore:

$$i_1 = i_2 + i_3$$

One of KCLs seems redundant!



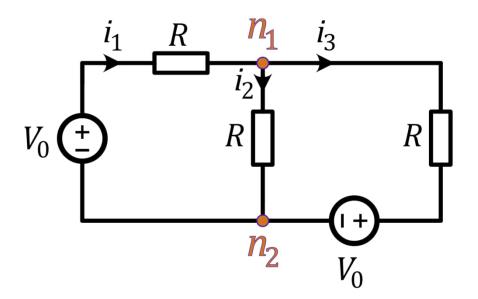




Pause and Ponder 1

• In a circuit with n_t nodes, how many independent KCLs can be written?

$$n = n_t - 1$$



KVL+KCL → System of Equations

• Express i_1 , i_2 and i_3 in terms of V_0 .

From KVL:

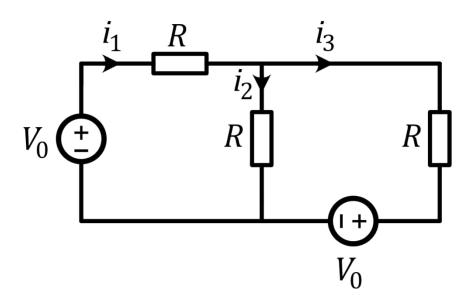
$$i_1 = -i_3$$
 $i_1 + i_2 = \frac{V_0}{R}$



$$i_1 = i_2 + i_3$$



$$i_2 = 2i_1 \Rightarrow i_1 = \frac{V_0}{3R}, \qquad i_2 = \frac{2V_0}{3R}, \qquad i_3 = -\frac{V_0}{3R}$$



KVL+KCL → System of Equations

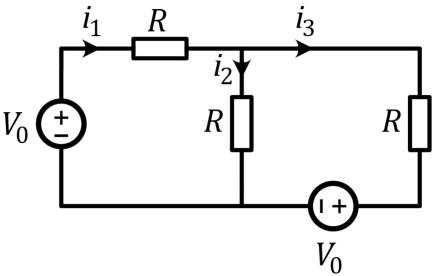
Write a system of equation in matrix format.

KVL:
$$i_1 + i_3 = 0$$

KVL:
$$i_1 + i_2 = \frac{V_0}{R}$$

KCL:
$$i_1 - i_2 - i_3 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \\ i_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{V_0}{R} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

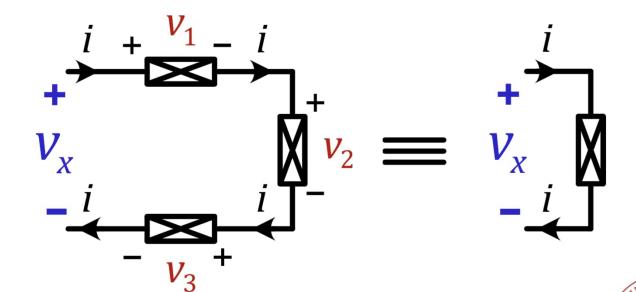


Series Coupling

 Two or more elements are connected in series if the same current flows through them.

$$i_1 = i_2 = i_3 = i$$

$$v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = v_x$$

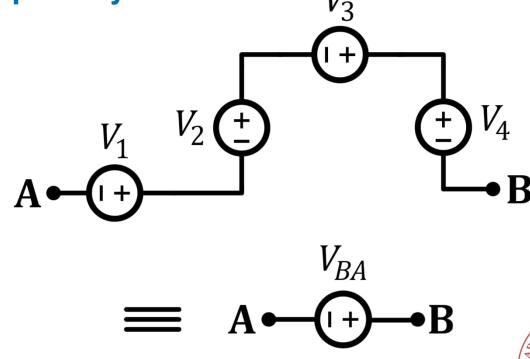


Series Voltage Sources

 The total voltage difference equals the sum of voltage sources according to their polarity.

$$V_{BA} = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 - V_4$$

$$V_{BA} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} V_k$$



Series Resistors

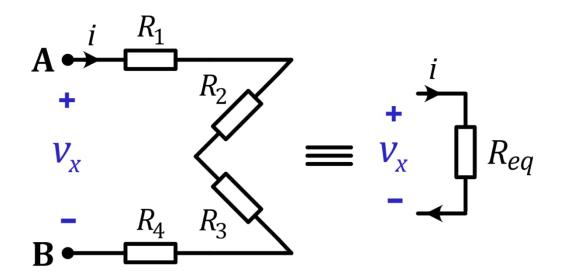
 Series resistors can be replaced by an equivalent resistor whose value is equal to the

sum of their individual resistances.

$$V_{x} = R_{1}i + R_{2}i + R_{3}i + R_{4}i$$

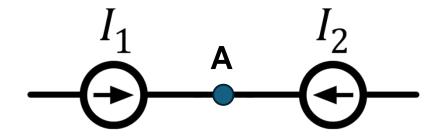
$$V_{\mathcal{X}} = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{4} R_k\right) i$$

$$R_{eq} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} R_k$$



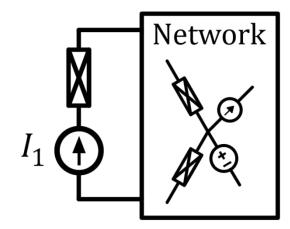
Pause and Ponder 2

 What would happen if a student were to connect two ideal independent current sources in series?



KCL: $I_1 = -I_2$

 Does connecting any circuit element in series with an ideal independent current source make any difference to the rest of the circuit?

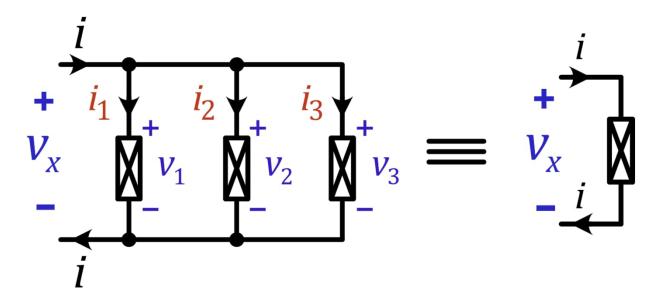


Parallel Coupling

 Two or more components are connected across the same two nodes.

$$v_1 = v_2 = v_3 = v_x$$

$$i_1 + i_2 + i_3 = i$$



Parallel Current Sources

 Parallel current sources can be replaced by an equivalent current source whose value is equal to the sum of their individual currents, according their direction.

$$I_{eq} = I_1 + I_2 - I_3$$

$$I_{eq} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} I_k$$

Parallel Resistors

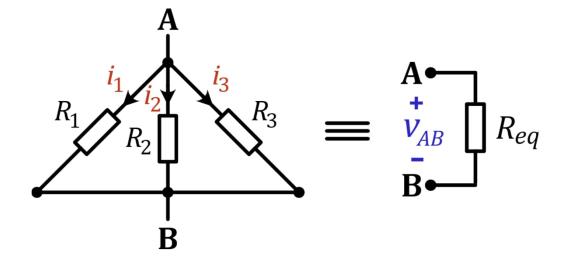
• Parallel resistors can be replaced by an equivalent resistor whose conductance (G_{eq}) is equal to the sum of their individual conductances.

$$i_{x} = \frac{V_{AB}}{R_{1}} + \frac{V_{AB}}{R_{2}} + \frac{V_{AB}}{R_{3}}$$
 & $G_{k} = \frac{1}{R_{k}}$

$$i_{x}=(G_1+G_2+G_3)\cdot V_{AB}$$

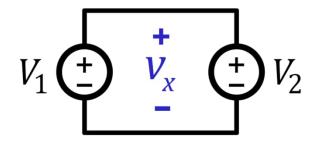
$$G_{eq} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} G_k$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{1}{G_{eq}}$$



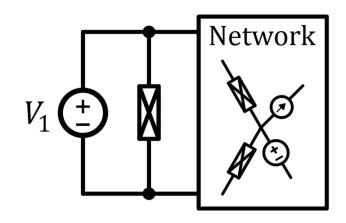
Pause and Ponder 3

 What would happen if a student were to connect two ideal independent voltage sources in parallel?



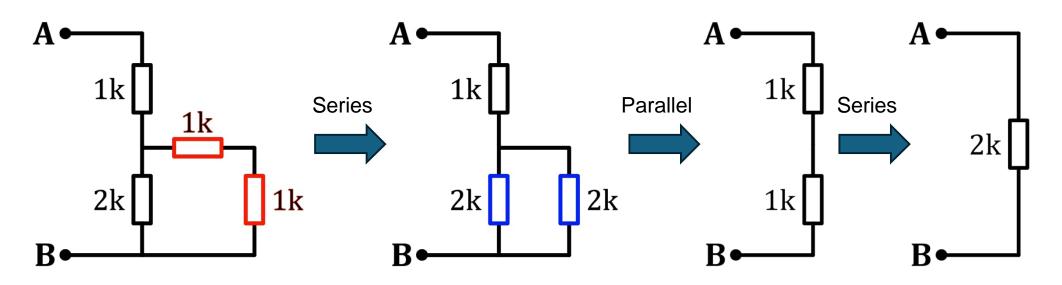
 $KVL: V_1 = V_2$

 Does connecting any circuit element in parallel with an ideal independent voltage source make any difference to the rest of the circuit?



Example of Equivalent Resistance

Find the equivalent resistance.



S: 1k + 1k = 2k

P: $2k \parallel 2k = 1k$ S: 1k + 1k = 2k

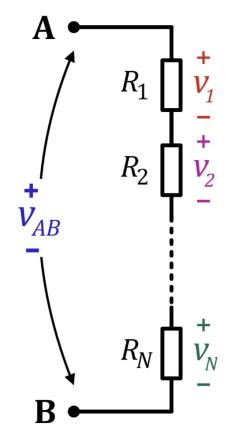
Voltage Division

• Within a series combination, the voltage is distributed among the individual elements according to their respective resistances.

$$v_{AB} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} v_n = i \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{N} R_n = i \cdot R_{tot}$$

$$v_k = R_k i = \frac{R_k}{R_{tot}} v_{AB}$$

$$v_k = \frac{R_k}{\sum_{n=1}^N R_n} v_{AB}$$



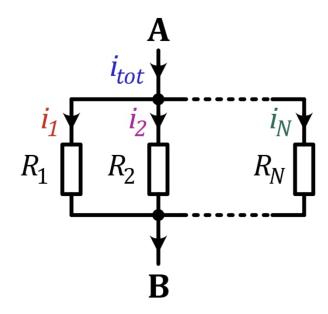
Current Division

 Within a parallel combination, the current is distributed among the individual elements according to their respective conductances.

$$i_{tot} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} G_n \cdot v_{AB}$$

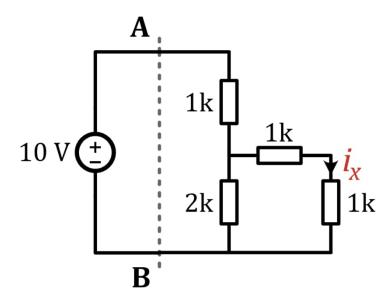
$$i_k = G_k v_{AB}$$

$$i_k = \frac{G_k}{\sum_{n=1}^N G_n} i_{tot}$$



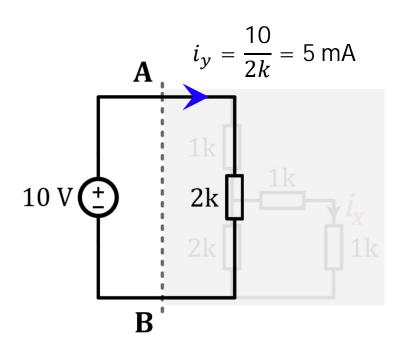
Example

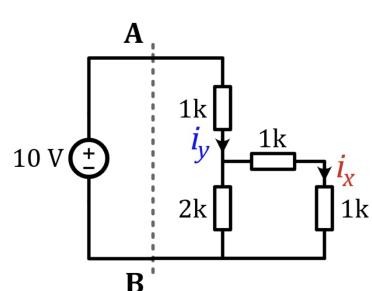
• Find the value of i_{χ} .



Example

• Find the value of i_x .



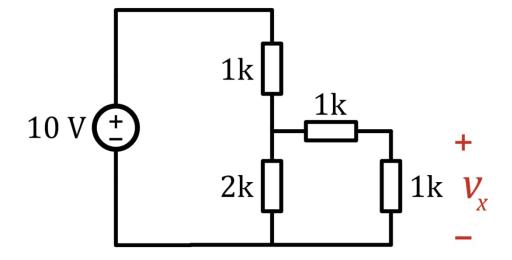


$$i_{x} = \frac{G_{(1k+1k)}}{G_{(1k+1k)} + G_{2k}} i_{y}$$

$$i_x = \frac{\frac{1}{1k+1k}}{\frac{1}{1k+1k} + \frac{1}{2k}} i_y = 2.5 \text{ m/s}$$

Pause and Ponder 4

• In the previous example, find v_x by using voltage division.



Dependent Sources

	Voltage Source	Current Source
Voltage- Controlled	$v = A_v(v_x) \left\langle \begin{array}{c} + \\ + \\ \end{array} \right\rangle$ vcvs	$i = G_m(v_X) $ vccs
Current- Controlled	$v = R_m(i_x) \left\langle \begin{array}{c} + \\ + \\ - \end{array} \right\rangle$ $CCVS$	$i = A_i(i_X) \langle \uparrow \rangle$ $cccs$

Linear Dependent Sources

	Voltage Source	Current Source
Voltage- Controlled	$v = A_v v_x \left\langle \begin{array}{c} + \\ + \\ \end{array} \right\rangle$ vcvs	$i = G_m v_X \left\langle \uparrow \right\rangle$ vccs
Current- Controlled	$v = R_m i_x \left\langle \begin{array}{c} + \\ + \\ \end{array} \right\rangle$ $ccvs$	$i = A_i i_X $ $CCCS$



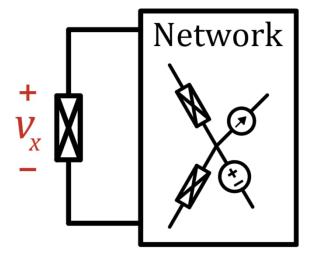
Superposition

In a linear circuit, the response (such as voltage or current)
due to multiple sources can be determined by considering
the effects of each independent source individually and
then summing up these individual responses.

$$v_{\chi} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} A_n V_n + \sum_{m=1}^{M} R_m I_m$$

N: number of independent voltage sources

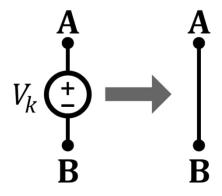
M: number of independent current sources

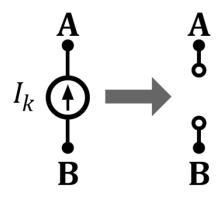


Using Superposition in Circuit Analysis

Step 1: Calculate the contribution of each independent source, one by one.

- Turn off all other independent sources.
 - Voltage sources → Short-circuit (a wire)
 - Current source → Open-circuit (remove it)
- Use nodal analysis, current/voltage division, etc.
- Step 2: Sum up individual responses.





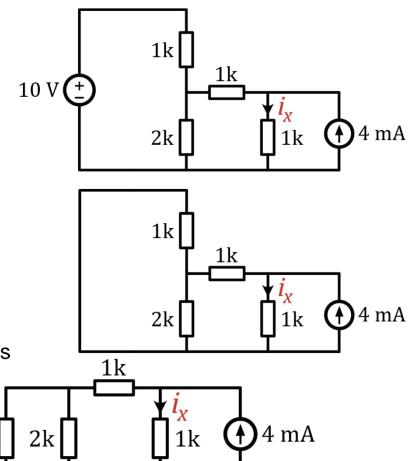
Example of Superposition

- Find the value of i_{χ} .
 - Effect of 10 V source (already calculated):

$$i_{x_{-10V}} = 2.5 \text{ mA}$$

- Effect of 2 mA source:
 - Short-circuit 10 V source
 - Use of current division and parallel/series connections

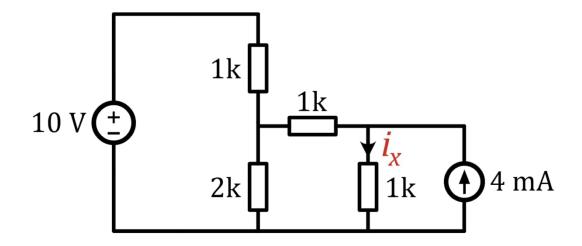
$$i_{x_{-}4mA} = 2.5 \text{ mA}$$



Example of Superposition

- Find the value of i_x .
 - Summing them up:

$$i_x = i_{x_-10V} + i_{x_-4m} = 5 \text{ mA}$$

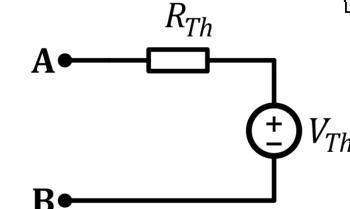


Thevenin's Theorem

- Any linear circuit can be modeled as a voltage source (V_{Th}) in series with a resistor (R_{Th}) .
 - Simplifies circuit analysis.

Linear Network

• Useful in time-constant calculations and circuit with only one nonlinear component (like a diode).

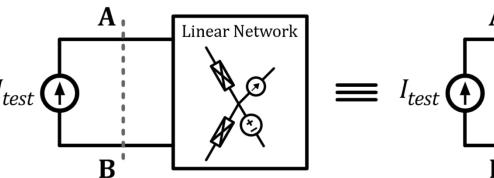




Leon Charles Thévenin (1857-1926)

How to determine V_{Th} and R_{Th} ?

• When applying a **test current**, the response of the model must match the network's response.



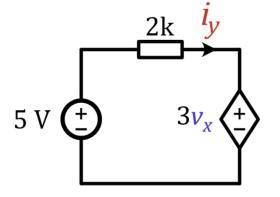
$$V_{AB} = R_{Th}I_{test} + V_{Th}$$

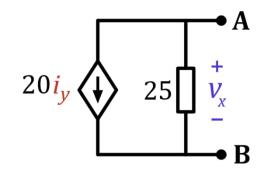
- When $I_{test}=0$, meaning open-circuit: $V_{AB}=V_{Th} \Rightarrow V_{Th}=V_{oc}$
- When all independent sources are off: $V_{AB} = R_{Th}I_{test} \Rightarrow R_{Th} = \frac{V_{AB}}{I_{test}}$

Example of Thevenin's Theorem

- Draw an equivalent circuit seen between A and B.
 - Open circuit voltage: (from KVL in the loops)

$$\begin{cases} v_x = -20i_y \times 25 = -500i_y \\ 2000i_y + 3v_x - 5 = 0 \end{cases}$$





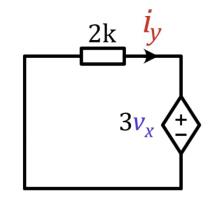
$$i_v = 10 \,\mathrm{mA}$$

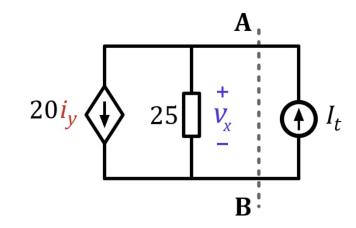
$$V_{OC} = v_x = -5 \text{ V}$$

Example of Thevenin's Theorem

- Draw an equivalent circuit seen between A and B.
 - Equivalent Resistance: (5 V source off)

$$\begin{cases} 20i_y + \frac{v_x}{25} = I_t \\ 2000i_y + 3v_x = 0 \end{cases}$$



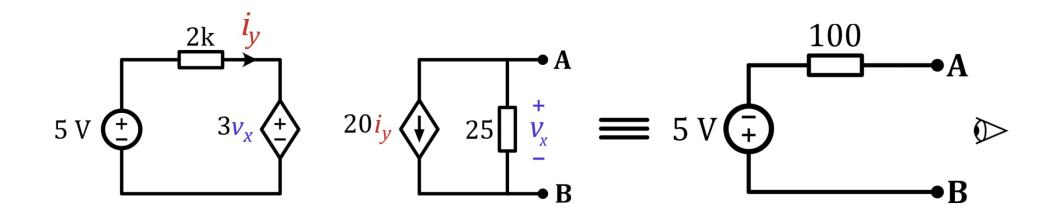


$$v_{AB} = v_x = 100I_t$$

$$v_{AB} = v_x = 100I_t \qquad R_{Th} = \frac{V_{AB}}{I_{test}} = 100 \Omega$$

Example of Thevenin's Theorem

Draw an equivalent circuit seen between A and B.

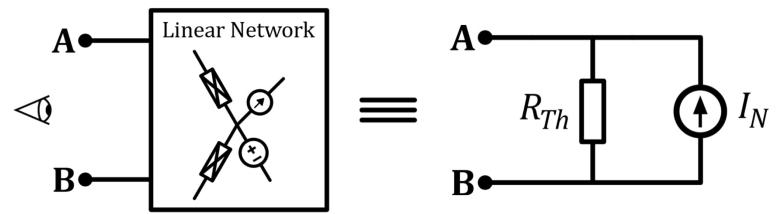


Norton's Equivalent Circuit

• The same concept, but this time we model a linear network with a current source (I_N) in parallel with a resistor (R_{Th}) .



Edward Lawry Norton (1898-1983)

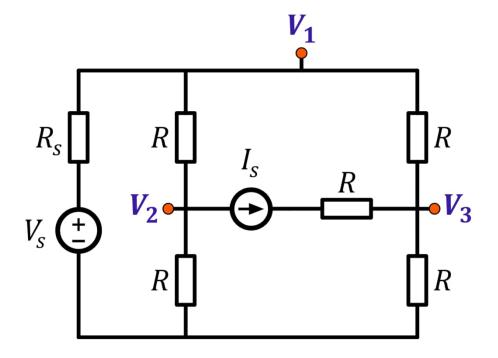


Nodal Analysis

- Systematic approach to derive a system of equations for any circuit.
- Powerful tool for algorithmic simulators.
- Only relies on KCL!



• Find the values of V_1 , V_2 and V_3 .



1- Simplify your circuit.

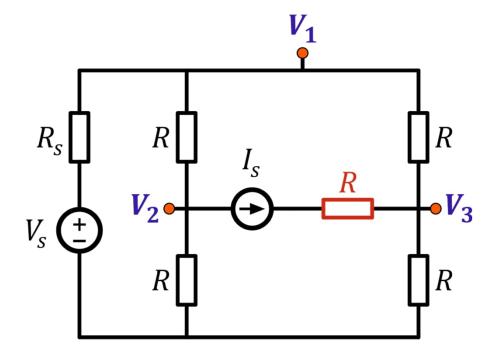
- Remove anything in series with current sources or in parallel with voltage sources.
- Turn all voltage source into their **Norton equivalent**.
- Series/parallel combinations
- Short-circuits -> remove excess wires.

2- Determine the Ground (GND).

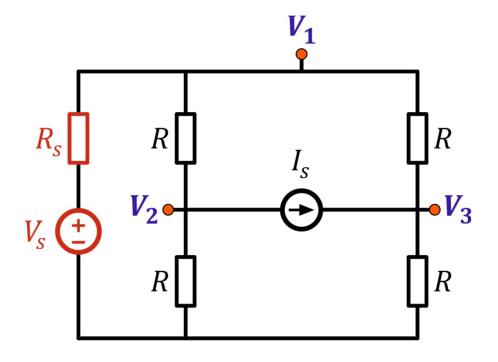
- Node with maximum connected branches



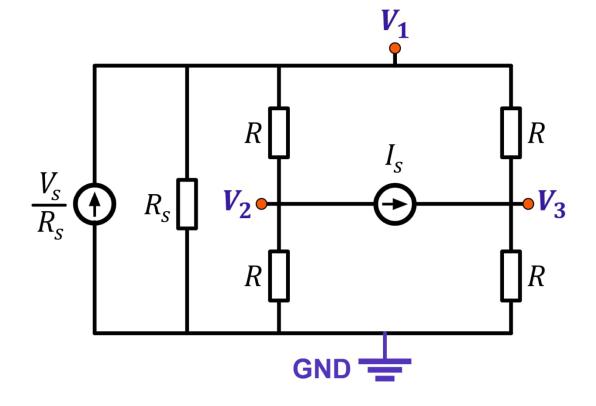
• Remove R in series with I_s .



- Remove R in series with I_s .
- Norton equivalent of V_s



- Remove R in series with I_s .
- Norton equivalent of V_s .
- Ground node



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3- Write a system of equation in matrix form

$$GV = I$$

- In a circuit with N nodes, the number of equations and independent voltages equals $N_t = N 1$. (In our example N = 4, meaning 3 independent voltages)
- Vector of unknown variables (node voltages):
 - Its size: $N_t \times 1$

3- Write a system of equation in matrix format

GV = I

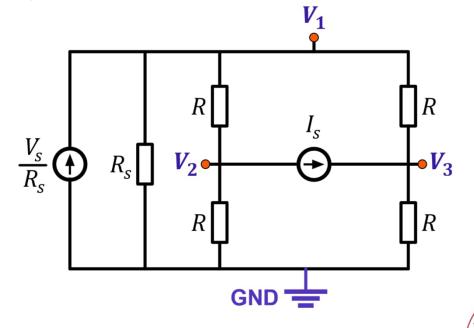
- Coefficient matrix (conductance matrix, G)

KCL@n₁:

$$\frac{V_1}{R_s} + \frac{V_1 - V_2}{R} + \frac{V_1 - V_3}{R} = 0$$

$$G = \frac{1}{R}, G_S = \frac{1}{R_S}$$

$$(G_S + 2G)V_1 - GV_2 - GV_3 = 0$$



3- Write a system of equation in matrix format

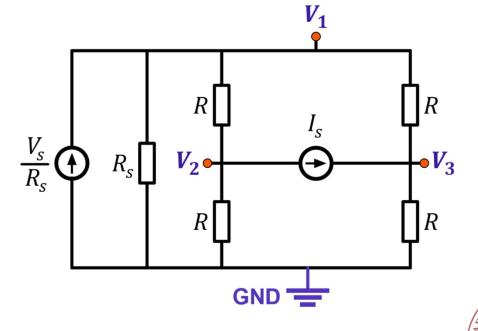
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KCL@n₁:

$$(G_S + 2G)V_1 - GV_2 - GV_3 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} G_S + 2G & -G & -G \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ ? \\ ? \end{pmatrix}$$



3- Write a system of equation in matrix format

$$GV = I$$

- Coefficient matrix (conductance matrix, **G**)

$$\boldsymbol{G} = \begin{pmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} & G_{13} \\ G_{21} & G_{22} & G_{23} \\ G_{31} & G_{32} & G_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G_{kk} = \sum$$
 (all connected conductances to node n_k)

$$G_{jk}$$
 $(j \neq k) = -\sum$ (all connected conductances between nodes n_j and n_k)

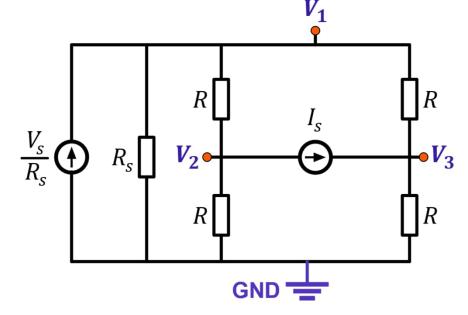
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$$GV = I$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} G_s + 2G & ? & ? \\ ? & 2G & ? \\ ? & ? & 2G \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{V_s}{R_s} \bigoplus \begin{array}{c} V_2 \\ V_2 \\ \end{array}$$

$$G_{kk} = \sum$$
 (all connected conductances to node n_k)



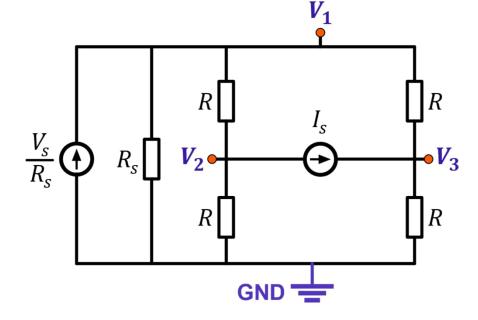
3- Write a system of equation in matrix format

$$GV = I$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} G_S + 2G & -G & -G \\ -G & 2G & 0 \\ -G & 0 & 2G \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{V_s}{R_s} \bigoplus \begin{array}{c} V_2 \\ V_2 \\ \end{array}$$

$$G_{jk}$$
 $(j \neq k) = -\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (all connected conductances between nodes n_j and n_k)$



3- Write a system of equation in matrix format

$$GV = I$$

- Constants matrix (current matrix, *I*)

$$I_k = \sum$$
 (all connected current sources entering node n_k)
$$I = \begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ \vdots \\ I_{N_t} \end{pmatrix}$$

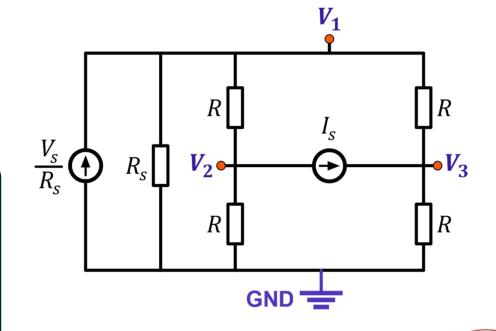
$$I = \begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ \vdots \\ I_{N_t} \end{pmatrix}$$

3- Write a system of equation in matrix format

$$GV = I$$

- Constants matrix (current matrix, I)

$$\begin{pmatrix}
G_S + 2G & -G & -G \\
-G & 2G & 0 \\
-G & 0 & 2G
\end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix}
V_1 \\
V_2 \\
V_3
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
\frac{V_S}{R_S} \\
-I_S \\
I_S
\end{pmatrix}$$



4- Solve the linear system as you wish!

- Multiplication by the inverse of *G*

$$V = G^{-1}I$$

- Cramer's rule

$$V_k = \frac{\det(\boldsymbol{G_k})}{\det(\boldsymbol{G})}$$

 $m{G_k}$: The matrix formed by replacing the k-th column of $m{G}$ by $m{I}$

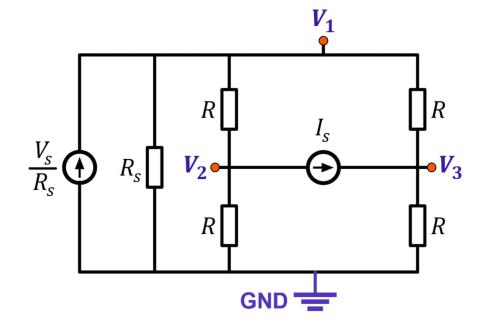
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$$\begin{pmatrix} G_S + 2G & -G & -G \\ -G & 2G & 0 \\ -G & 0 & 2G \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{V_S}{R_S} \\ -I_S \\ I_S \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{R}{R + R_S} V_S$$

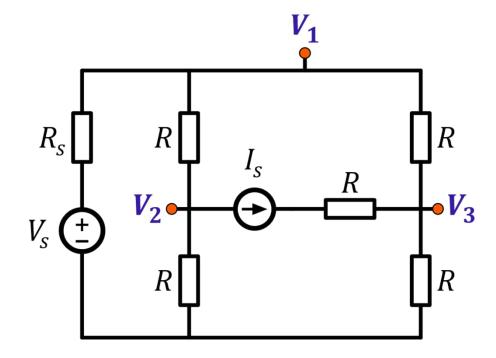
$$V_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{R}{R + R_S} V_S - RI_S \right)$$

$$V_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{R}{R + R_S} V_S + RI_S \right)$$



Pause and Ponder 5

Solve the previous question using the principle of superposition.



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