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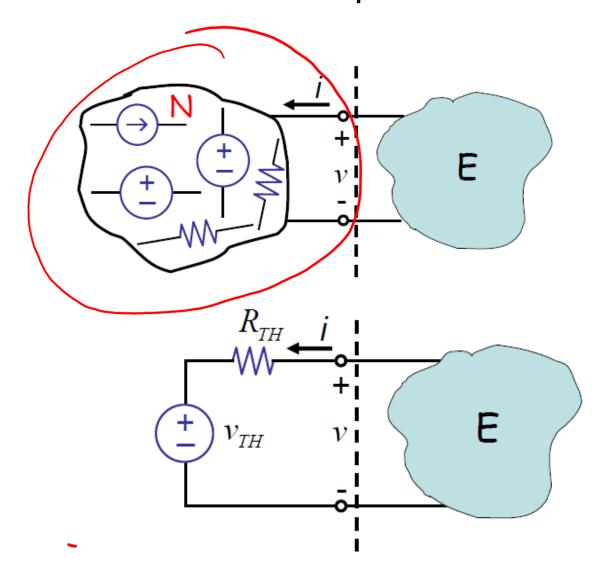


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Thevenin Equivalent of Linear Sub-Circuits



As far as the external world is concerned (for the purpose of IV relationship)

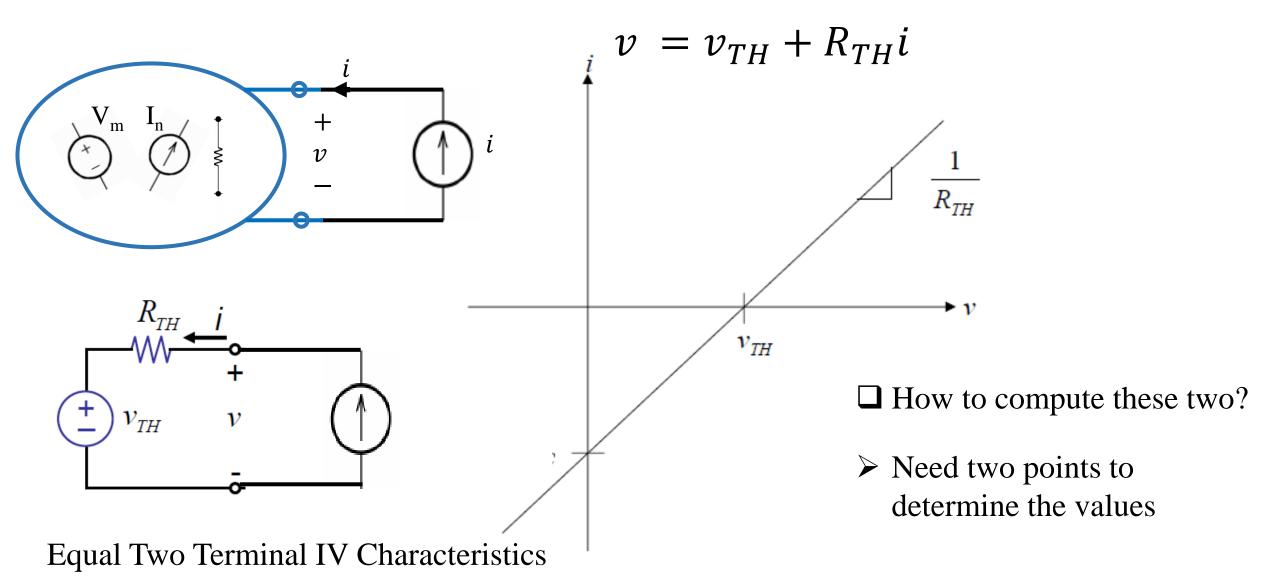
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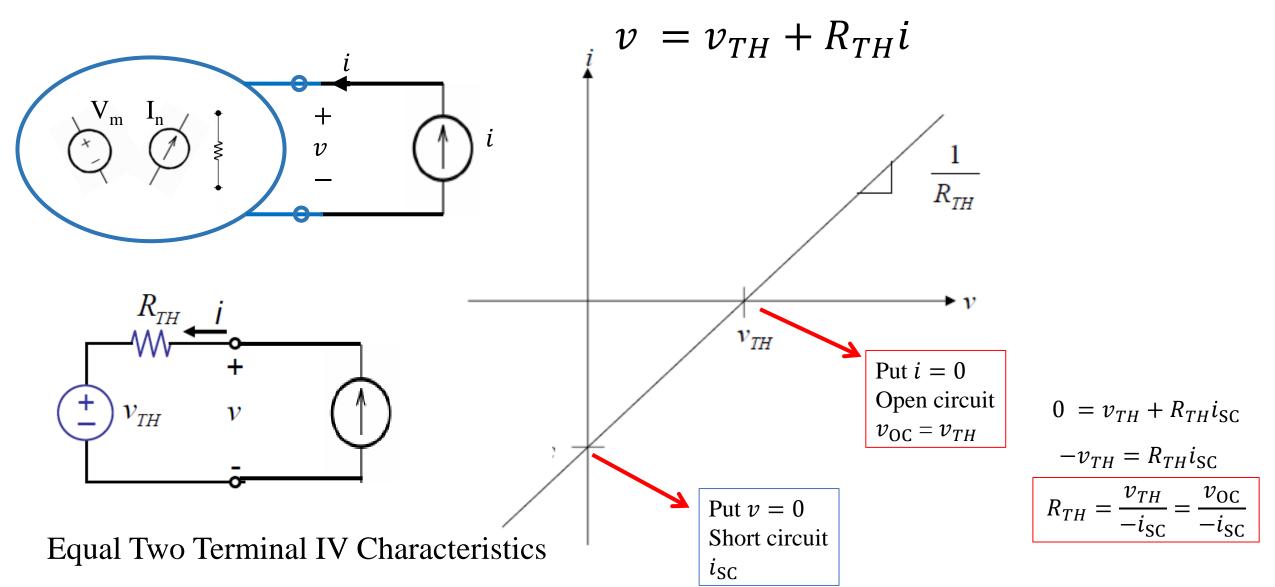
indistinguishable from its

Thevenin equivalent.

I-V Characteristics

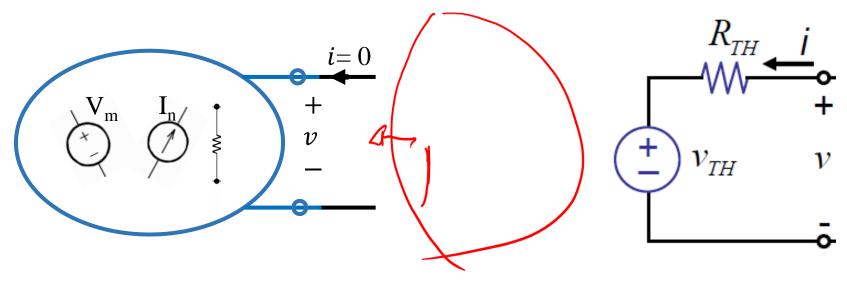


V_{TH} and R_{TH} from I-V Characteristics



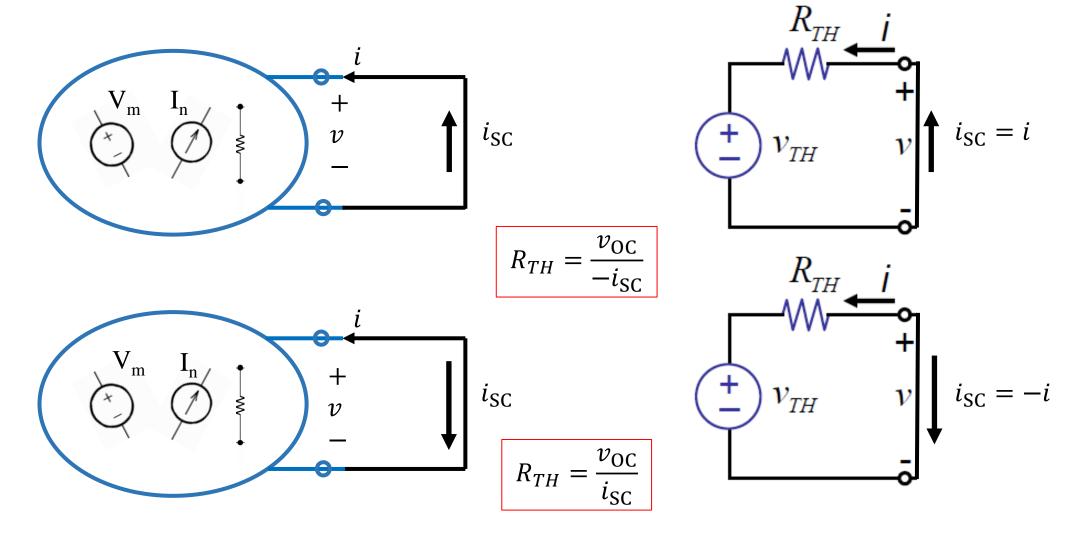
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Open Circuit



> You may use any circuit analysis method to determine the open circuit voltage

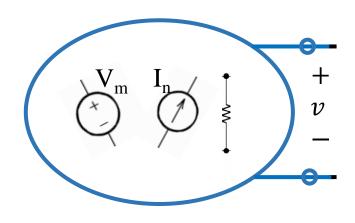
Short Circuit

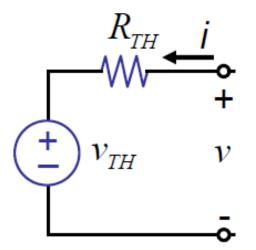


> You may use any circuit analysis method to determine the short circuit current

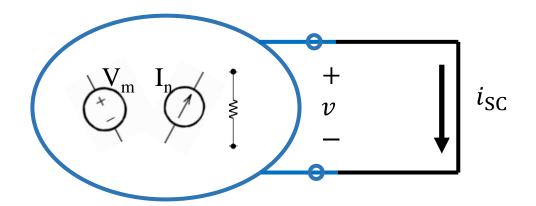
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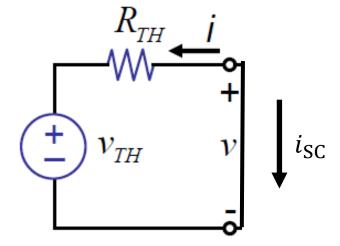
Thevenin Equivalent Computation





 v_{TH} is open circuit voltage v_{OC}

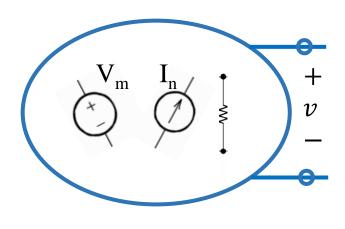


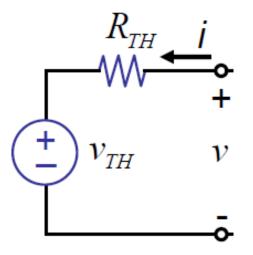


 i_{SC} is short circuit current

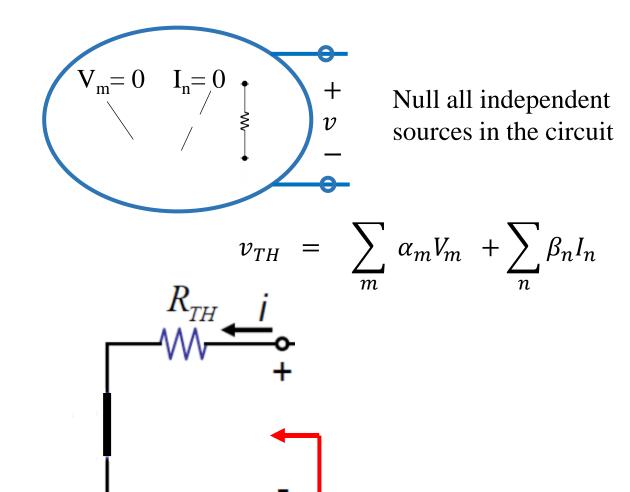
$$R_{TH} = \frac{\nu_{\rm OC}}{i_{\rm SC}}$$

Finding R_{TH} Directly



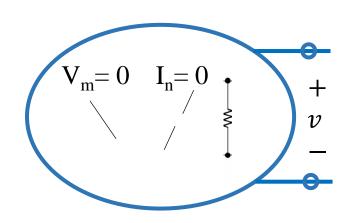


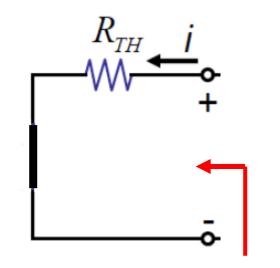
Equal IV Characteristics



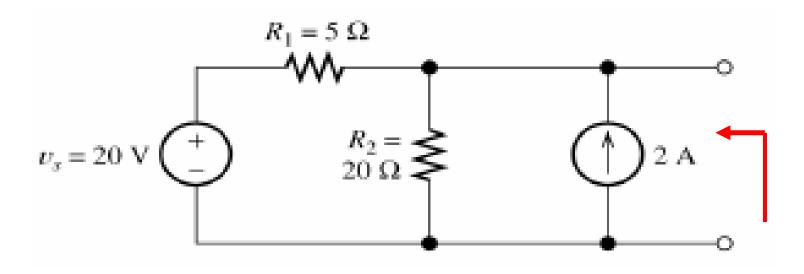
Steps for Finding R_{TH} Directly

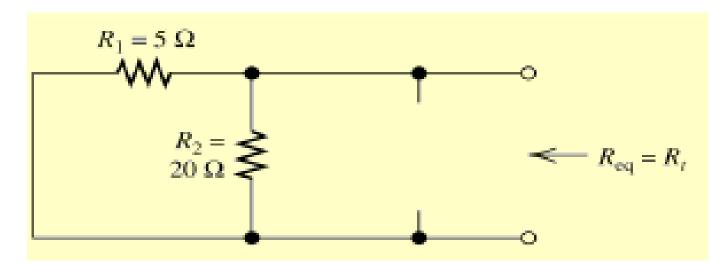
- Null all independent sources in the original network
 - A voltage source becomes a short circuit
 - A current source becomes an open circuit
- Compute the resistance between the terminals
 - ➤ You may use any circuit analysis method to determine the equivalent resistance





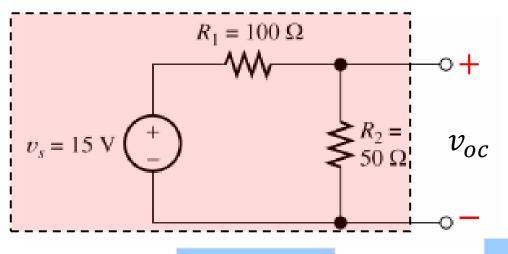
Thevenin Equivalent: Example of R_{TH} Directly

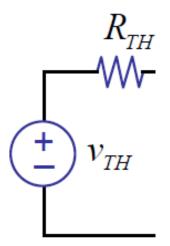




$$R_{eq} = \frac{5 \times 20}{5 + 20} = 4\Omega$$

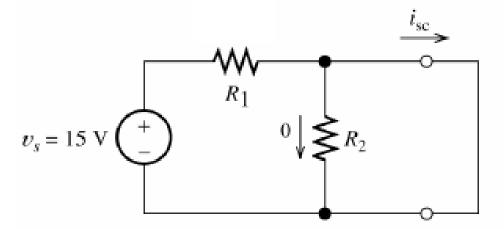
Thevenin Equivalent: Example





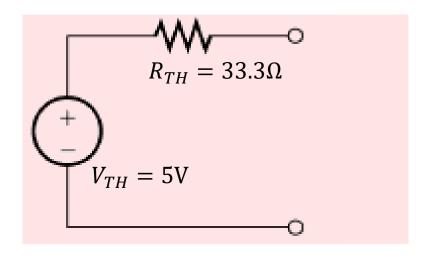
$$V_{TH} = v_{oc}$$

$$V_{TH} = \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_1} \times 15V = 5V$$

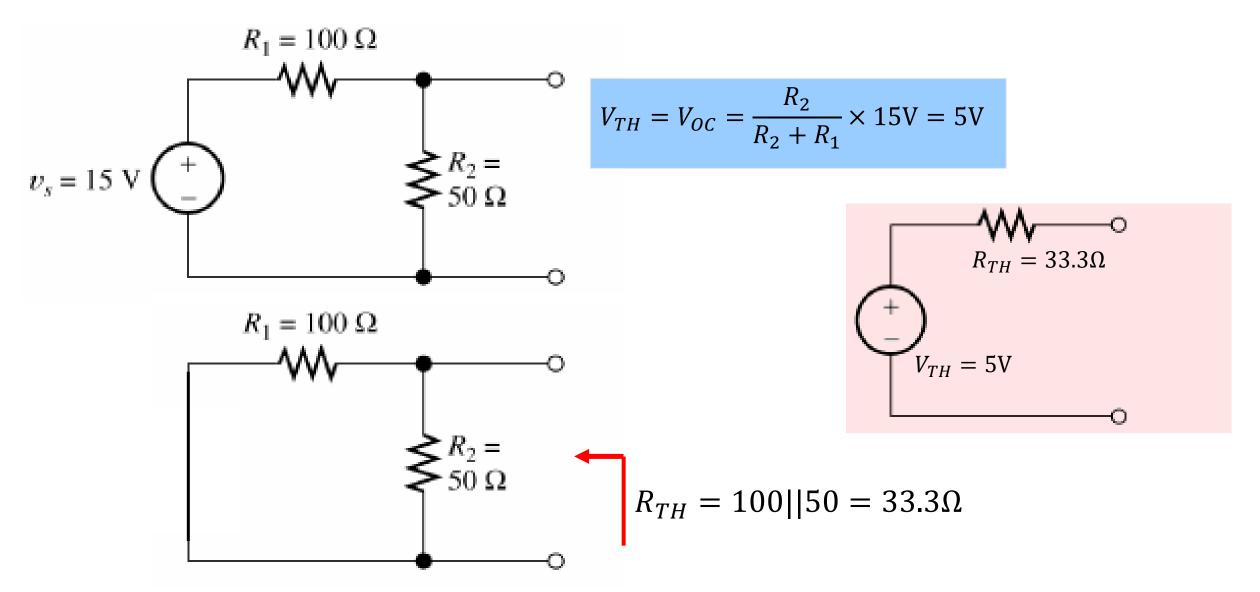


$$i_{sc} = \frac{v_s}{R_1} = 0.15A$$

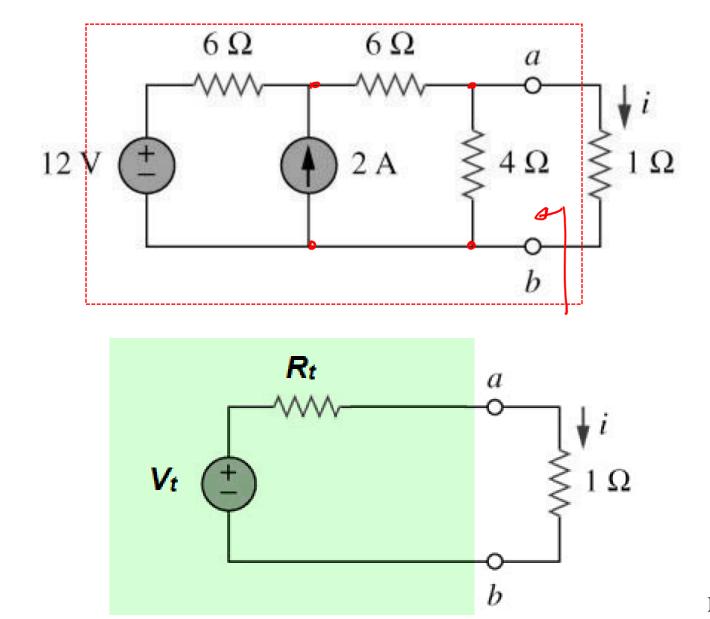
$$R_{TH} = \frac{v_{oc}}{i_{sc}} = 33.3\Omega$$



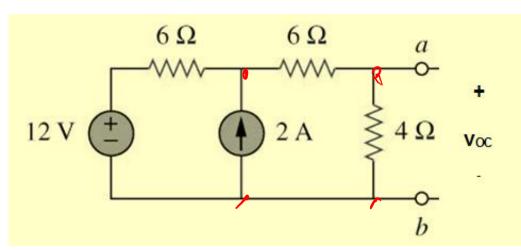
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Thevenin Method: Example



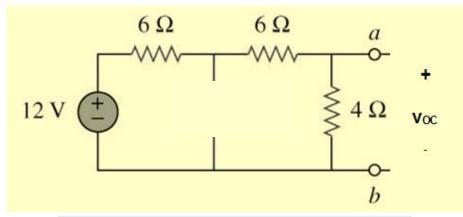
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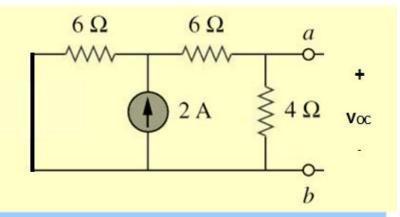
$$V_{oc} = V_{oc1} + V_{oc2} = 6$$

$$v_{oc} = 6V$$

Use Superposition Method

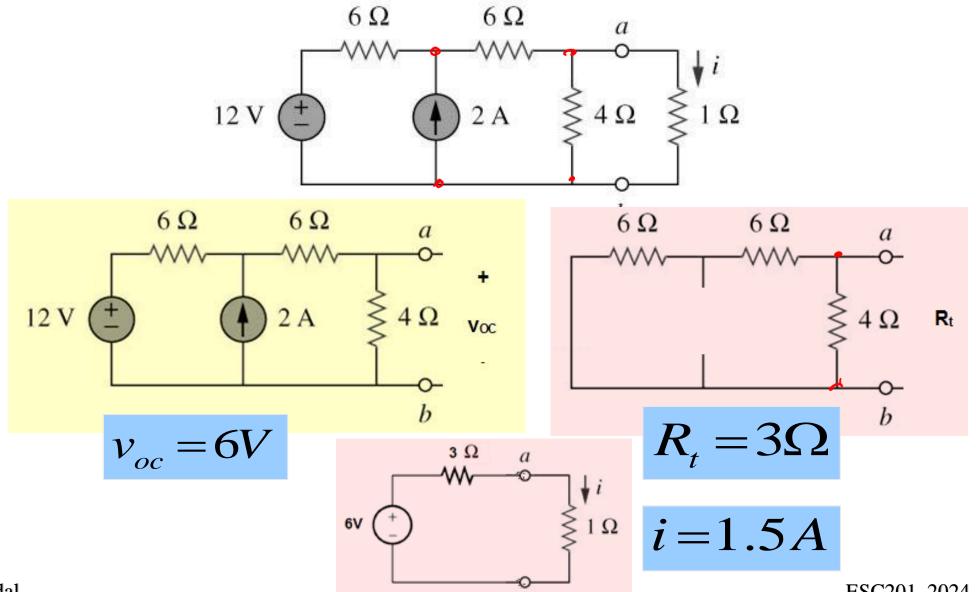


$$V_{oc1} = \frac{4}{4 + 12} \times 12 = 3$$



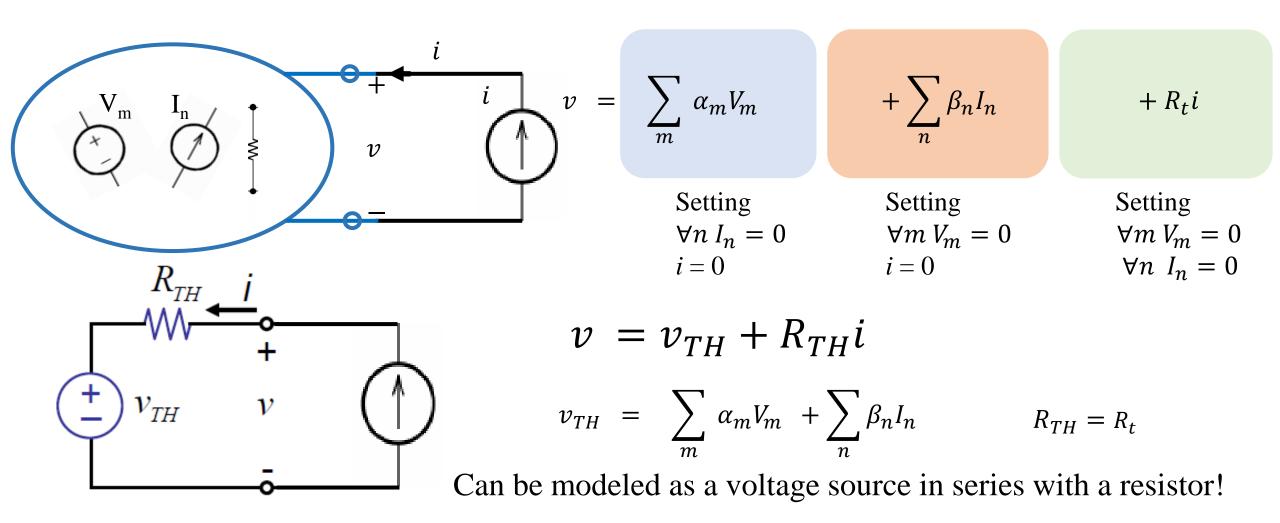
$$V_{oc2} = 4 \times \left(2 \times \frac{6}{6+10}\right) = 3$$

Thevenin Method: Example



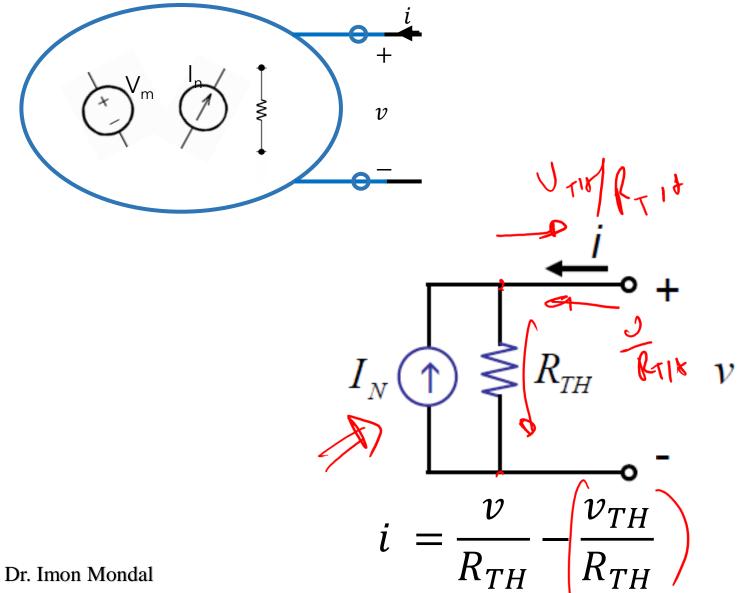
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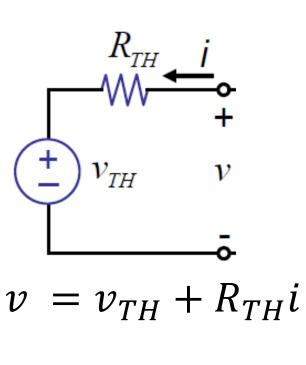
Thevenin Equivalent



Equal Two Terminal IV Characteristics

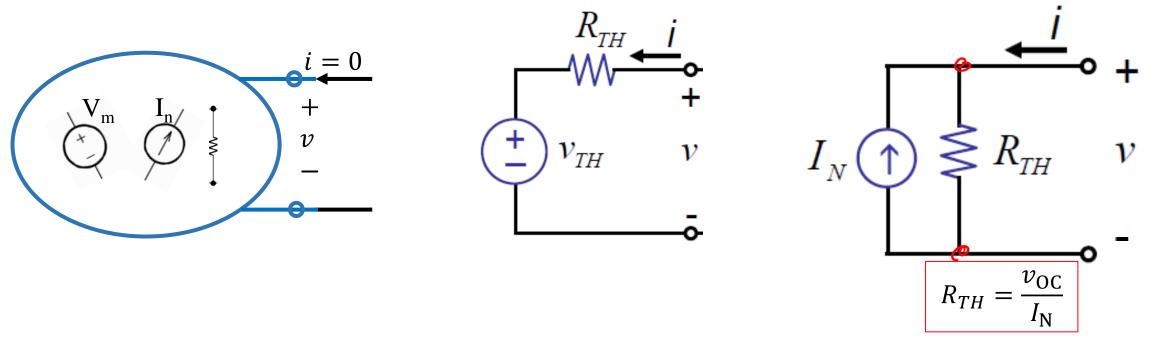
Norton Equivalent





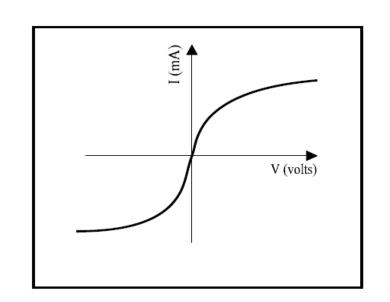
$$I_N = \frac{v_{TH}}{R_{TH}}$$

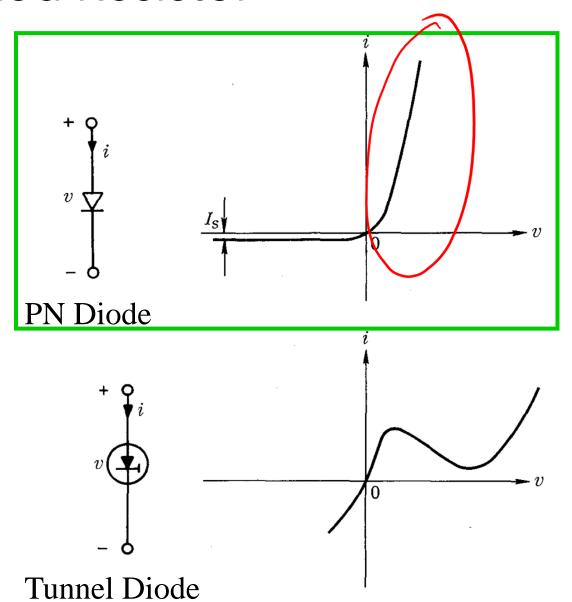
Recall: Open Circuit Voltage



> You may use any circuit analysis method to determine the open circuit voltage

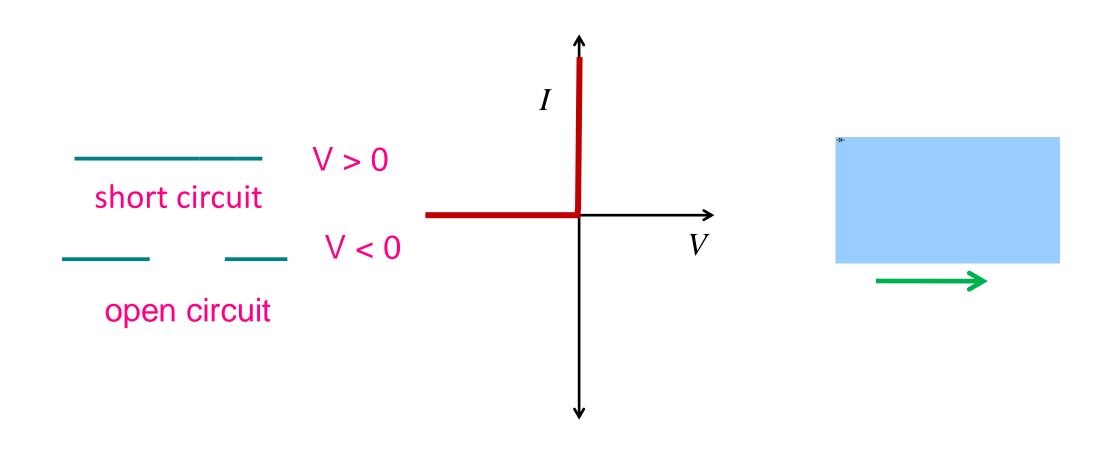
Generalized Resistor





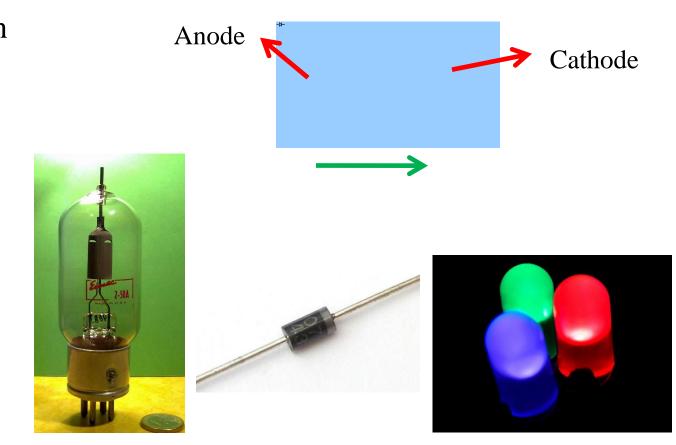
Bulb

Unidirectional Device: Non-linear Time-invariant Resistor



Diodes

- Diodes allows current in only one direction
 - > from anode to cathode terminal
- Non-linear behaviour
- Applications:
 - One way valve
 - AC to DC converter
 - Voltage regulator
 - LED
 - Logic operations
- Passive device: only consumes power

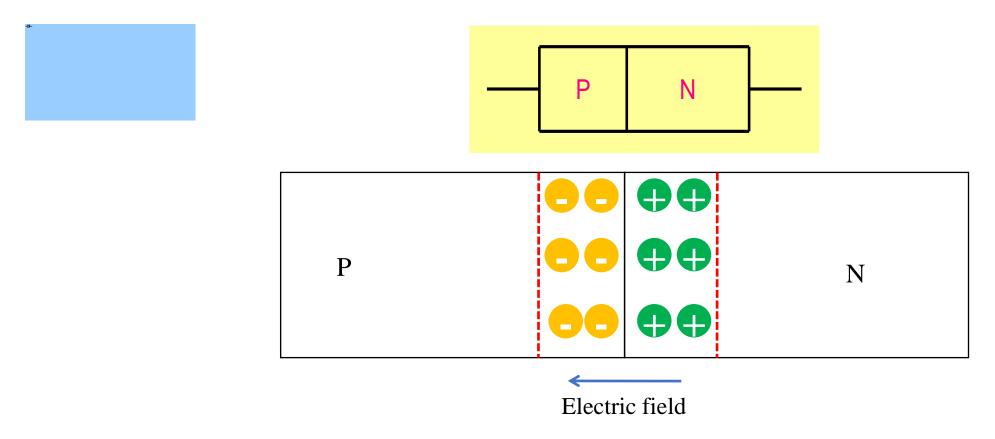


Vacuum diode used in radio as a rectifier

Semiconductor Diode (PN Junction Diode)

Light Emitting Diode (LED)

PN Junction Diode



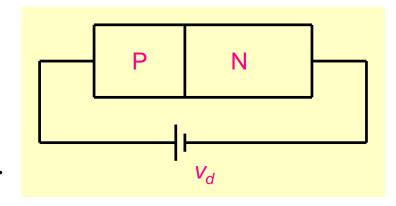
- ➤ Inside a PN junction at equilibrium (zero applied voltage), there is a built-in voltage.
- ➤ N region being positive and P-region negative, electric field from +ve to -ve
- ➤ The built-in voltage (potential barrier) prevents electrons and holes to give rise to current.

Forward and Reverse Bias

Forward Bias: P is biased at a higher voltage compared to N.



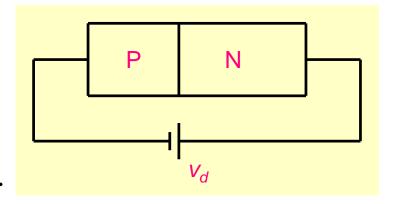
➤ This lowers the built-in potential and allows current to flow.



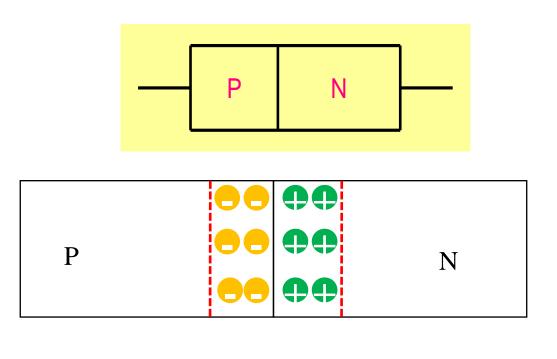
Reverse Bias: N is biased at a higher voltage compared to P.



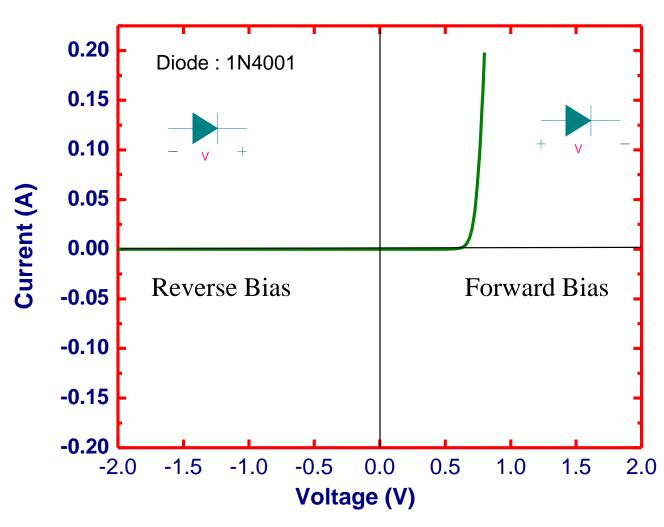
> This increases built-in potential and very little current flows.



PN Junction Diode: IV Characteristic



The p-n junction only conducts significant current in forward-bias.



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I-V Characteristics: Non-linear Behavior

Applied voltage = v_D

Diode current:

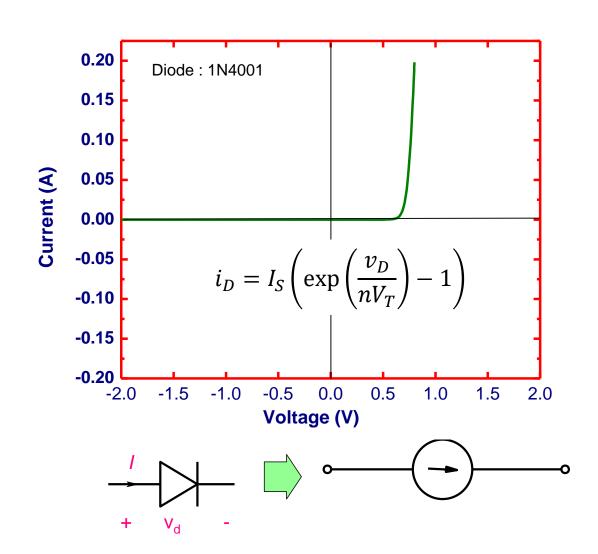
$$i_D = I_S \left(\exp\left(\frac{v_D}{nV_T}\right) - 1 \right)$$

 I_S : Reverse saturation current

n: ideality factor (= 1 for ideal diodes)

$$V_T = \frac{kT}{q} \approx 26m\text{V} \text{ at T} = 300\text{K}$$

☐ How to analyze circuits containing diodes?



Forward and Reverse Bias

$$I_D = I_S \left(\exp\left(\frac{v_D}{V_T}\right) - 1 \right)$$

☐ Forward Bias:

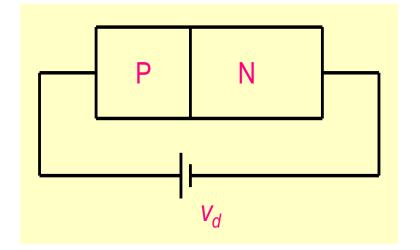
$$v_d >> V_T = 26mV$$

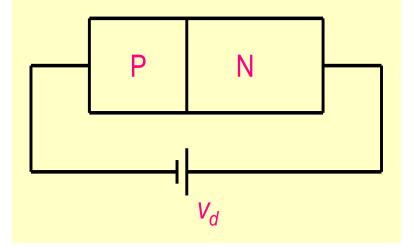
$$i_D \approx I_S \times \exp\left(\frac{v_d}{V_T}\right)$$

☐ Reverse Bias:

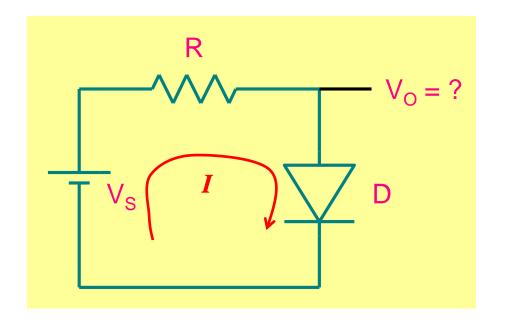
$$v_d = -v_R$$
 $|v_R| >> V_T$

$$i_D = I_S \left(\exp\left(-\frac{v_R}{V_T}\right) - 1 \right) \approx -I_S$$





Circuit Analysis



$$V_S = IR + V_D$$

$$I = I_S \left(\exp\left(\frac{V_D}{V_T}\right) - 1 \right)$$

2 equations, 2 variables

Numerical methods can be used to solve

- Analysis using a non-linear diode model is relatively difficult and time consuming.
- It also does not always give a symbolic expression that can provide insight.
- ➤ Need SIMPLER and LINEAR Device Models.

The Design Style

Simple Models

Design meets Specs.

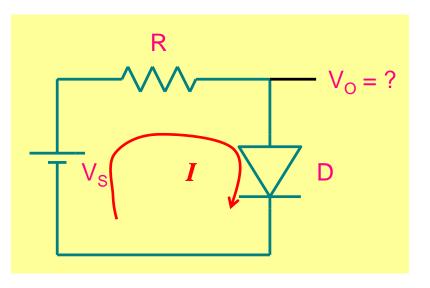
DESIGN

Implement

SIMULATE

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Method of Approximation

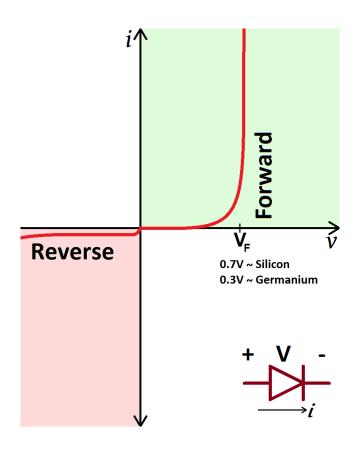


$$V_S = R I + V_D$$
 $I = I_S \left(e^{\frac{V_D}{V_T}} - 1 \right)$

2 equations, 2 variables

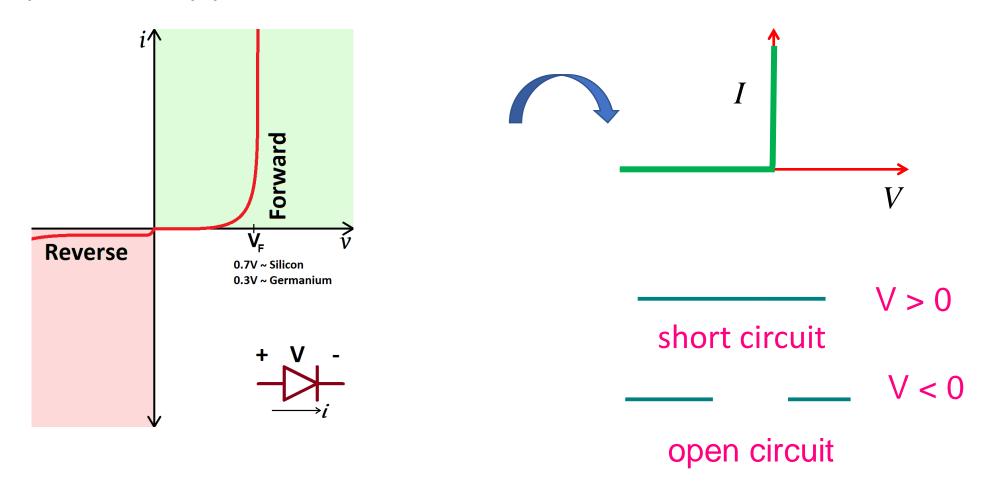
$$V_S = RI_S \left(\frac{V_D}{e^{V_T}} - 1 \right) + V_D$$

- Non-linear equation: How to solve?
 - Numerical methods, graphical method, analytical method, etc.
- We can however approximate its behavior with piecewise linear one
 - I-V graph is approximated by joining two or more straight lines



Model A: Ideal Diode (Unidirectional Device)

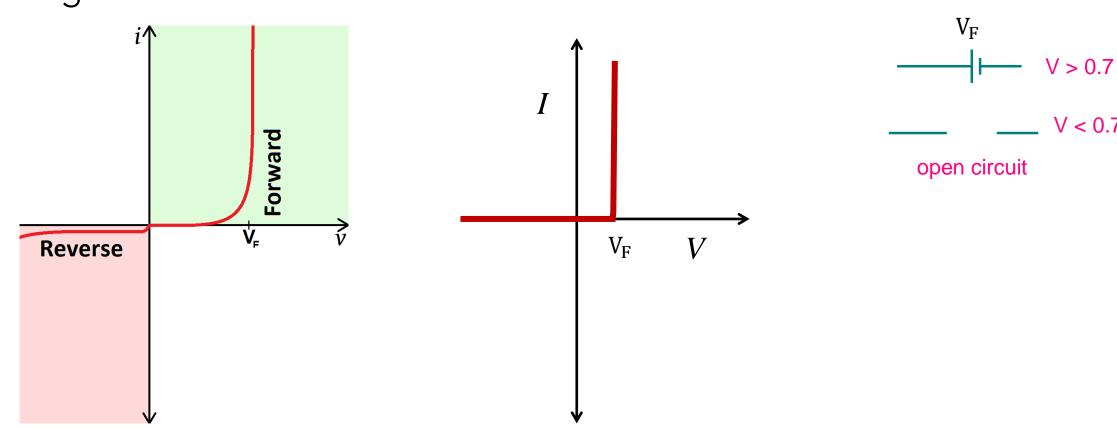
• Simplest possible approximation: acts as an ideal valve



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Model B: Adding a Constant Voltage Drop

• Simplest possible approximation: acts as an ideal valve with a drop in voltage



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Model C: Adding a Series Resistance

$$V = V_{\gamma} + I r_f$$

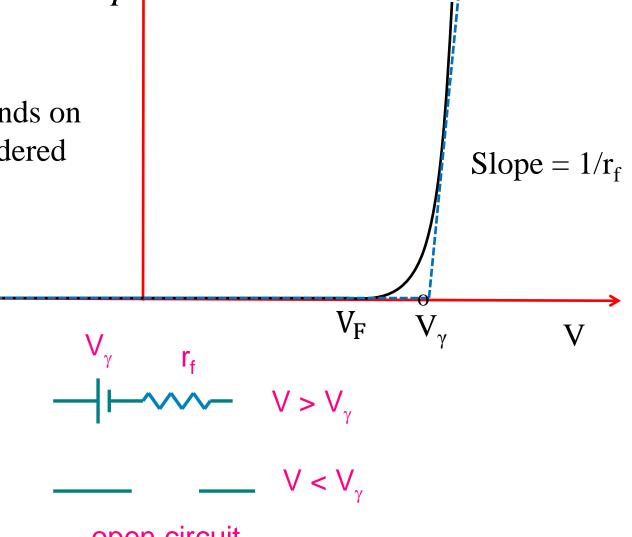
 V_{γ} is called cut-in or turn-in voltage, depends on nature of diode and range of current considered

For example:

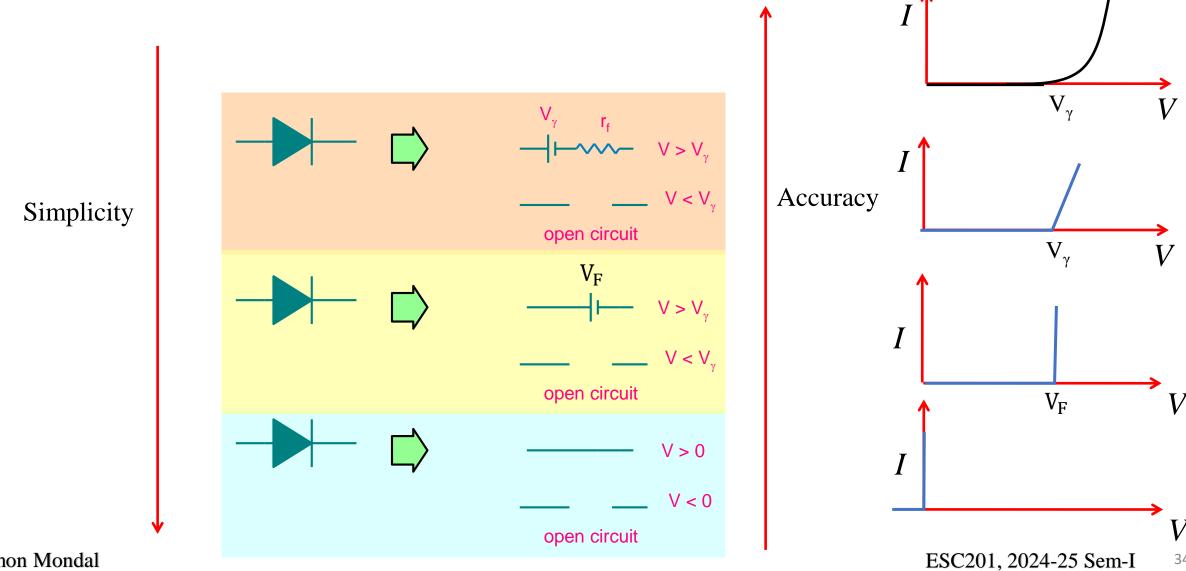
$$V_{\gamma} = 0.7V$$
 and $r_f \sim 10\Omega$







Summary: Approximate Diode Models



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Circuit Analysis: Example 1

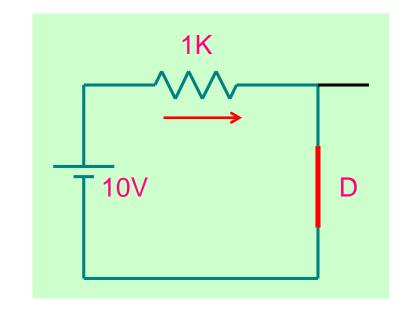
Analysis using ideal diode model







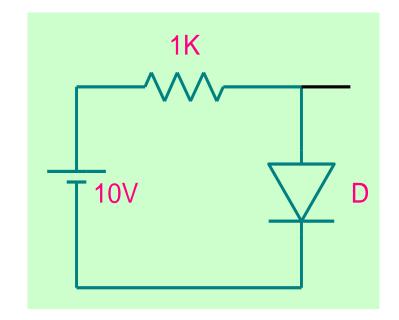
open circuit

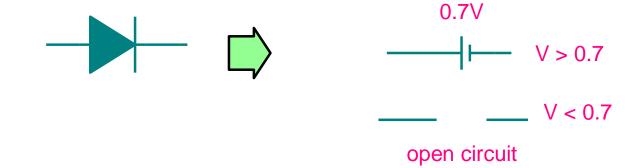


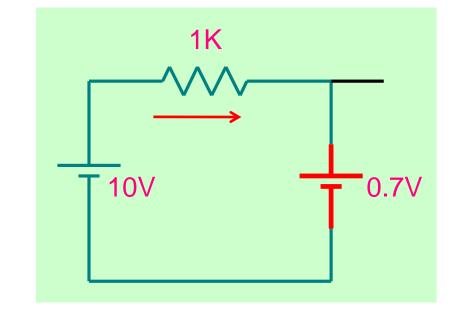
$$I = \frac{10}{1k} = 10mA$$

Circuit Analysis: Example 1

Analysis with a constant voltage diode model







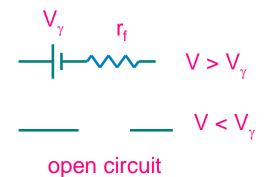
$$I = \frac{10 - 0.7}{1k} = 9.3mA$$

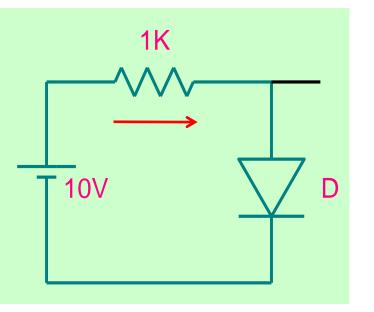
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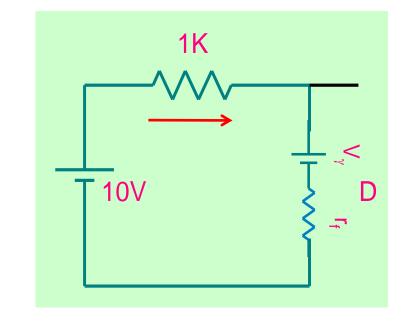
Analysis with a constant voltage plus series resistor diode model









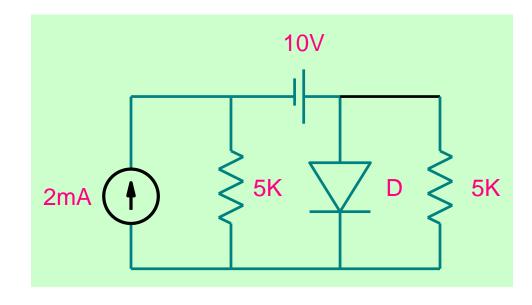


$$I = \frac{10 - 0.7}{1000 + 10} = 9.208 mA$$

Self-Consistent Analysis

- How to know in which state diode is?
 - Easier if the voltage is known.
 - Otherwise
 - Analyze circuit assuming diode is forward biased
 - Check assumption (*l* > 0 ?)
 - Analyze circuit assuming diode is reverse biased
 - Check assumption (V < 0?)
 - Select the consistent one.
- What if 2 diodes: 4 possible circuits, only 1 will be valid
- N diodes => 2^N circuits, only one will be valid

Find the current through the 5k resistor using ideal diode model



Is the diode forward biased? – Not Sure!!

Assume that it is forward biased

Carry out analysis and then check if current through the diode is in appropriate direction.

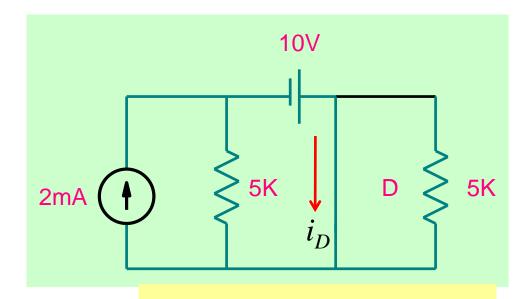
If not, diode is reverse biased and we carry out the analysis again!!

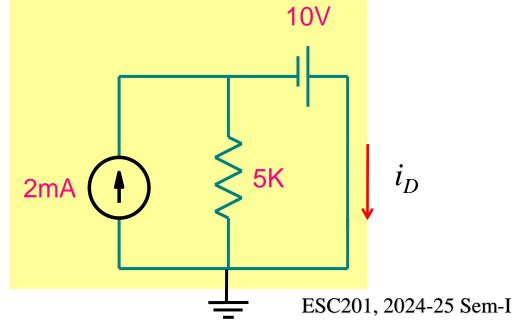
Assume forward bias

$$-2 \text{ mA} + \frac{-10 \text{ V}}{5 k\Omega} + i_D = 0$$

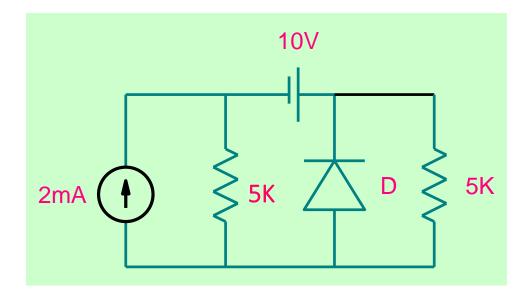
$$i_D = 4 \text{ mA}$$

Current is positive, so our assumption is correct!



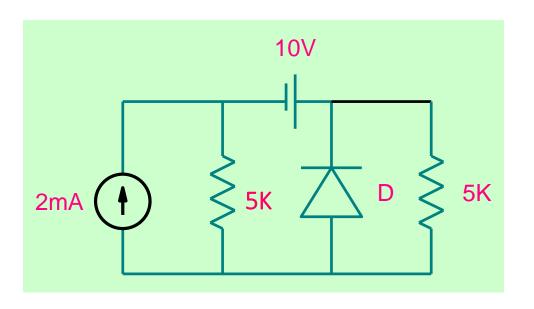


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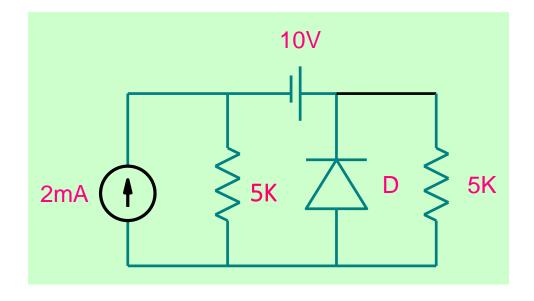




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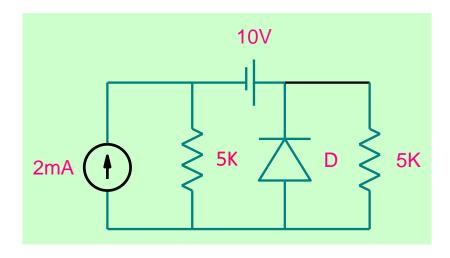


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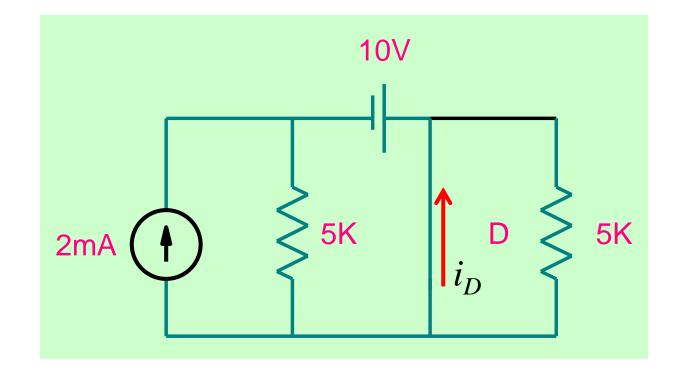
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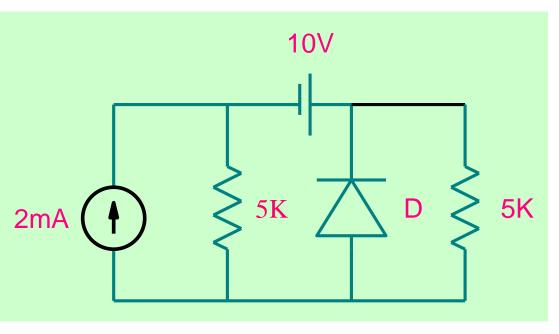
Assume forward bias

$$-2 m + \frac{-10}{5 k} - i_D = 0$$

$$i_D = -4 \text{ mA}$$



Therefore, our assumption is incorrect [©]

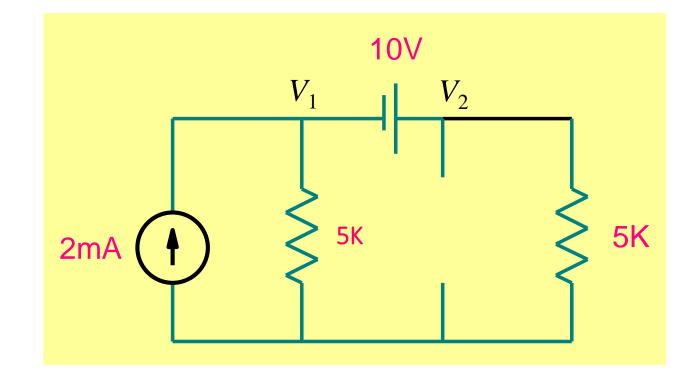


Assume reverse bias

$$-2 m + \frac{V_1}{5 k} + \frac{V_1 + 10}{5 k} = 0$$

$$V_1 = 0$$

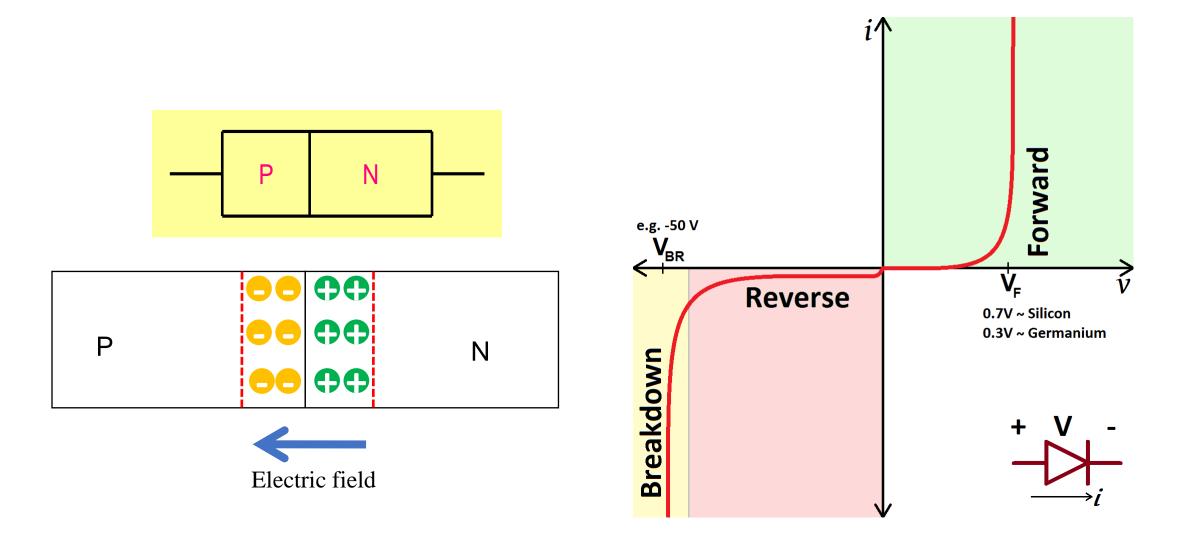
$$V_2 = 10V$$



Therefore, our assumption is correct ©

$$I_{5K} = 2 \text{ mA}$$

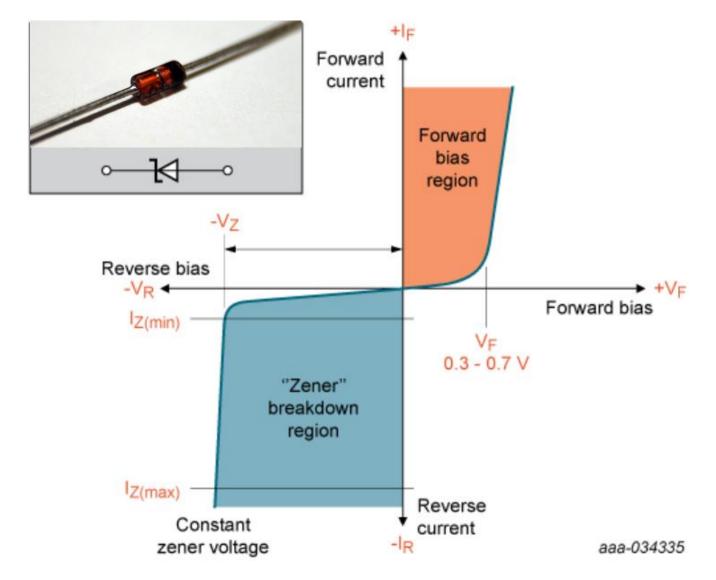
Breakdown



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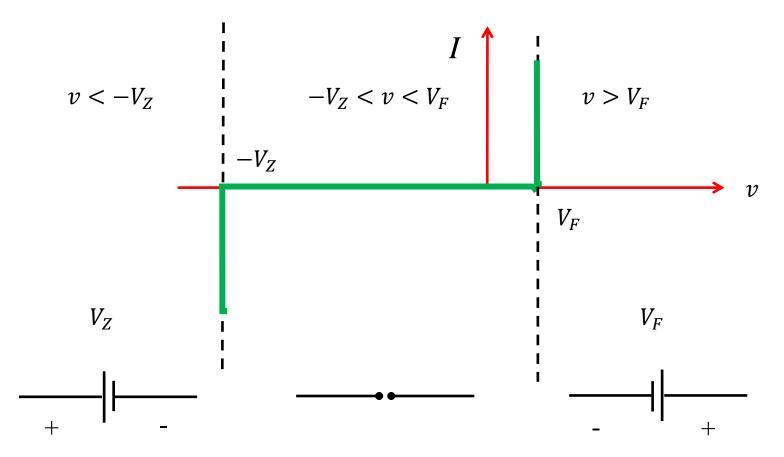
Leveraging Breakdown: Zener Diode



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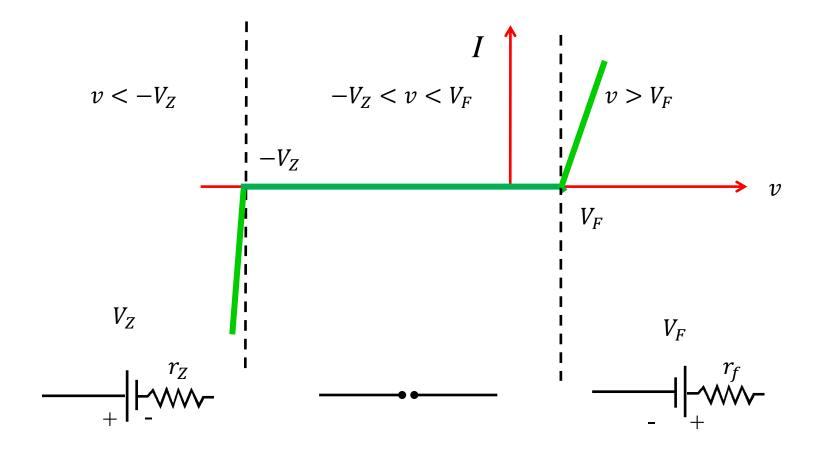
Zener Diode: A Simple Piecewise Linear Model



Zener diode does not allow the voltage across it to go beyond the range $[-V_Z, V_F]$

Method of assumed states: 3 possibilities now

Zener Diode: A Little Complex Piecewise Linear Model

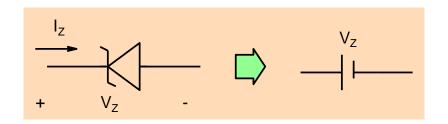


Typically, both forward and breakdown resistances are a few ohms

Zener diodes have limited current carrying capacity: power rating

Find *R* such that current through diode is limited to 3 mA

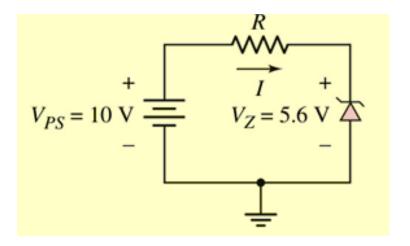
Assume breakdown region

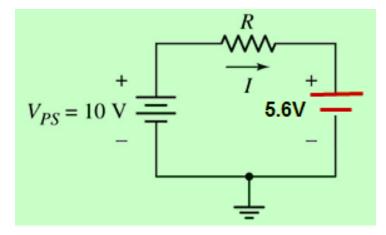


$$RI = V_{PS} - V_{Z}$$

$$R = \frac{V_{PS} - V_{Z}}{I} = \frac{(10 - 5.6)V}{3 \text{ mA}} = 1.47 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$I < 3 \text{ mA} \Rightarrow R > 1.47 \text{k}\Omega$$





Summary: Zener Diode I-V Characteristics

