

## Basic Circuit Laws

### Nodes, Paths, Loops, Branches

These two networks are equivalent

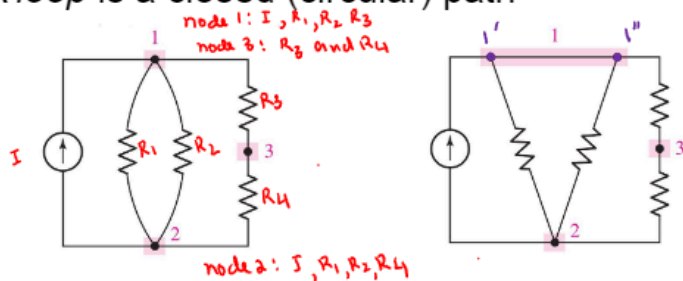
# of elements: 5  
① independent current source  
④ → resistors

There are three *nodes* and five *branches*

A *path* is a sequence of nodes

Node: pt. @ which 2 or more branches (elements) meet.

A *loop* is a closed (circular) path



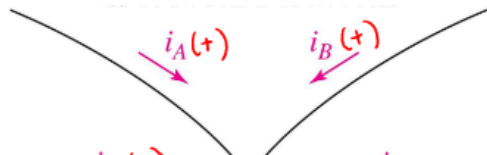
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### Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL)

conservation of charge  
applicable to a node

KCL: Algebraic sum of currents entering any node is zero.

entering → +ve  
leaving → -ve





$$+i_A + i_B + (-i_C) + (-i_D) = 0$$

$i_A + i_B = i_C + i_D$  [Σ of currents entering the node = Σ of currents leaving the node]

## KCL: Alternative Forms

Current *IN* is zero:

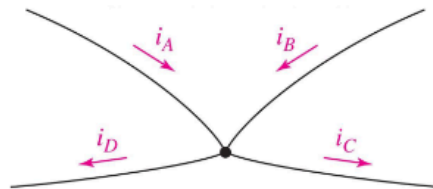
$$i_A + i_B + (-i_C) + (-i_D) = 0$$

Current *OUT* is zero:

$$(-i_A) + (-i_B) + i_C + i_D = 0$$

Current *IN* = *OUT*:

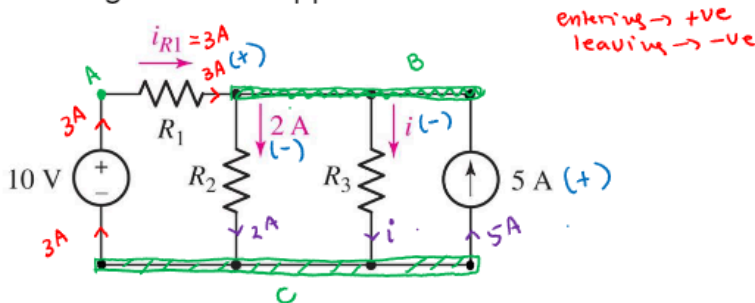
$$i_A + i_B = i_C + i_D$$



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## Example: KCL Application

Find the current through resistor  $R_3$  if it is known that the voltage source supplies a current of 3 A.



KCL @ node B

$$+3A - 2A - i + 5A = 0$$

$$i = 6A$$

$$\text{KCL @ node C} \Rightarrow -3A + 2A + i - 5A = 0 \Rightarrow i = 6A$$

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## Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL)

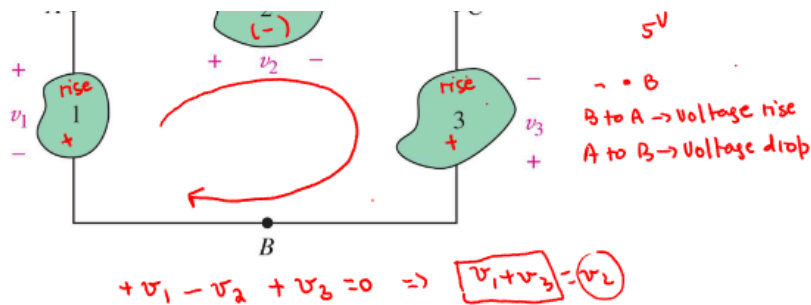
Conservation of Energy

KVL: Algebraic sum of voltages around any closed path is zero.

Voltage rise  $\rightarrow +$   
Voltage drop  $\rightarrow -$



+ = A



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## KVL: Alternative Forms

Sum of *RISES* is zero (clockwise from B):

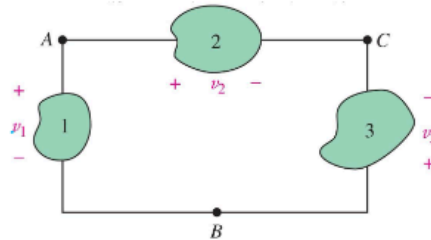
$$v_1 + (-v_2) + v_3 = 0$$

Sum of *DROPS* is zero (clockwise from B):

$$(-v_1) + v_2 + (-v_3) = 0$$

Two paths, same voltage (A to B):

$$v_1 = (-v_3) + v_2$$

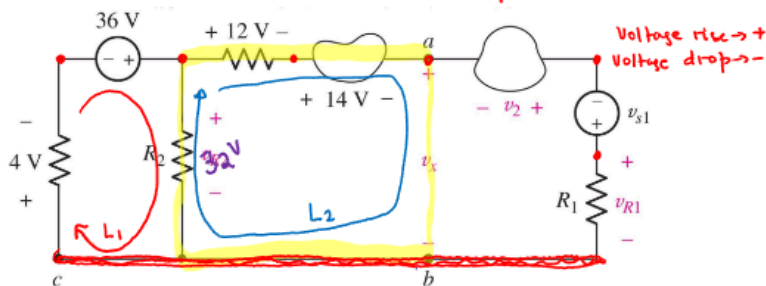


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## Example: Applying KVL

Find  $v_{R2}$  and the voltage  $v_x$ .

# of elements: 8  
# of closed paths: 3



KVL @  $L_1$

$$-4 + 36 - v_{R2} = 0 \Rightarrow v_{R2} = 32V$$

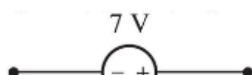
KVL @  $L_2$

$$+32 - 12 - 14 - v_x = 0 \Rightarrow v_x = 6V$$

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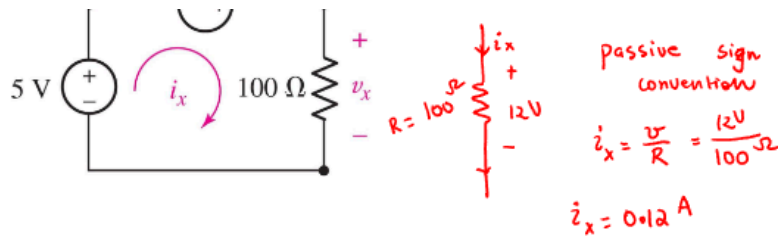
## Applying KCL, KVL, Ohm's Law

Find the current  $i_x$  and the voltage  $v_x$



@ KVL

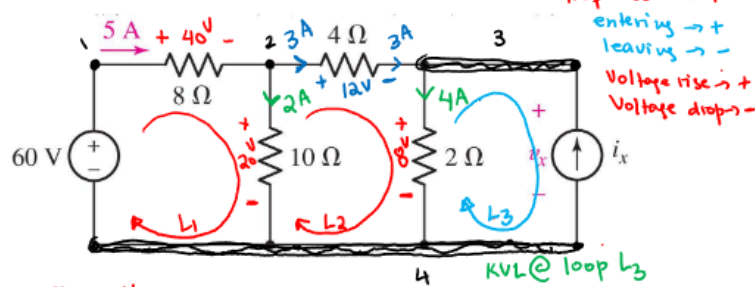
$$+5V + 7V - v_x = 0 \Rightarrow v_x = 12V$$



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## Applying KCL, KVL, Ohm's Law<sub>2</sub>

Solve for the voltage  $v_x$  and the current  $i_x$



$$+60V - 40V - ? = 0$$

$$? = 20V$$

$$KCL @ \text{node } 2 \Rightarrow +5A - 2A - ? = 0 \Rightarrow ? = 3A$$

$$KVL @ \text{loop } L_2 \Rightarrow +20V - 12V - ? = 0 \Rightarrow ? = 8V$$

$$KCL @ \text{node } 3 \Rightarrow +3A - 4A + i_x = 0 \Rightarrow i_x = 1A$$

$$KVL @ \text{loop } L_3$$

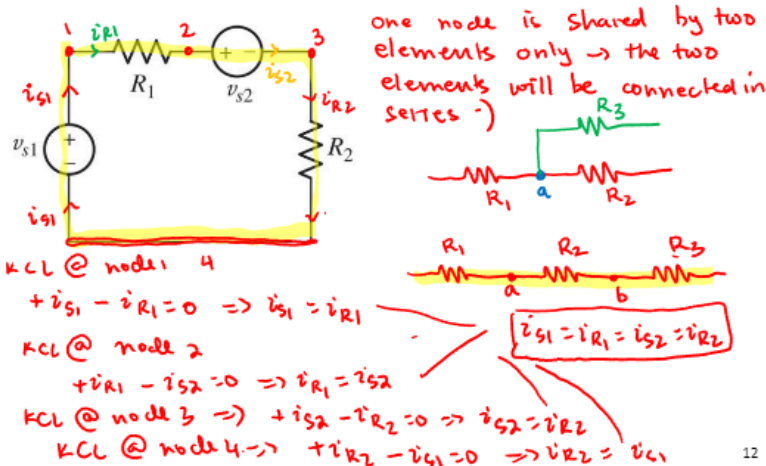
$$+8V - v_x = 0$$

$$v_x = 8V$$

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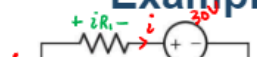
## Circuit Topologies - Series Connections

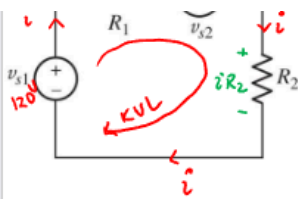
All the elements in a circuit that carry the same current are said to be connected in **series**.



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## Example - Series Connections





### PRACTICE

3.5 In the circuit of Fig. 3.12b,  $v_{s1} = 120\text{ V}$ ,  $v_{s2} = 30\text{ V}$ ,  $R_1 = 30\ \Omega$ , and  $R_2 = 15\ \Omega$ . Compute the power absorbed by each element.

@ KVL

$$+120\text{ V} - (i \times 30) - 30\text{ V} - (i \times 15) = 0$$

$$90 - (i \times 45) = 0 \Rightarrow i = \frac{90}{45} = 2\text{ A}$$

Power for  $v_{s1}$ :  $P = (120 \times 2) = -240\text{ W (s)}$

Power for  $R_1$ :  $p = 60 \times 2 = +120\text{ W (A)}$

Power for  $R_2$ :  $p = (30 \times 2) = 60\text{ W (A)}$

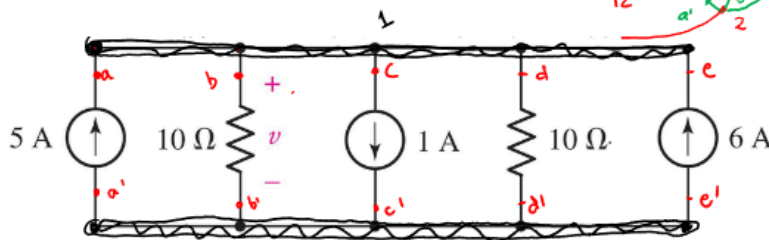
Power for  $v_{s2}$ :  $p = 60\text{ W (A)}$

Sum of powers:  $\Sigma P = -240 + 120 + 60 + 60 = 0$

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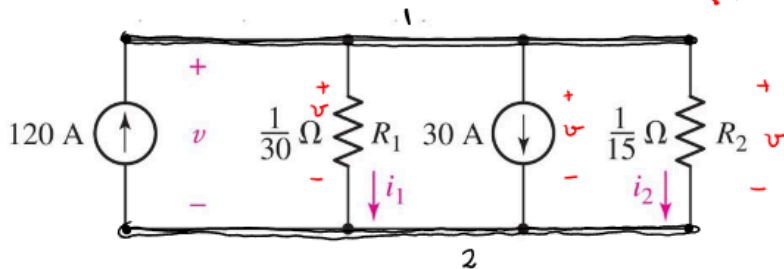
## Circuit Topologies - Parallel Connections

Elements in a circuit having a common voltage across them are said to be connected in **parallel**.



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Find the voltage  $v$  and the currents  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ .   
 entering  $\rightarrow$  +ve   
 leaving  $\rightarrow$  -ve



KCL @ node 1:  $+120\text{ A} - i_1 - 30\text{ A} - i_2 = 0$

$$120 - \left(\frac{v}{R_1}\right) - 30 - \left(\frac{v}{R_2}\right) = 0$$

$$120 - (30v) - 30 - (15v) = 0$$

$$45v = 90$$

$$v = 2\text{ V}$$

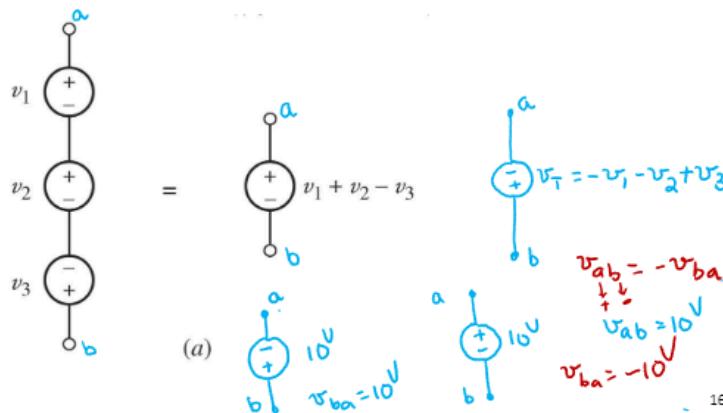
$$i_1 = \frac{2}{(1/30)} = 60\text{ A}$$

$$i_2 = 15 \times v = 30\text{ A}$$

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## Series and Parallel Sources

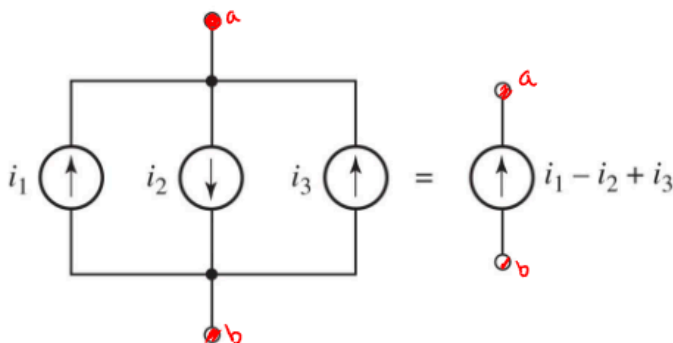
Voltage sources connected in series can be combined into an equivalent voltage source:



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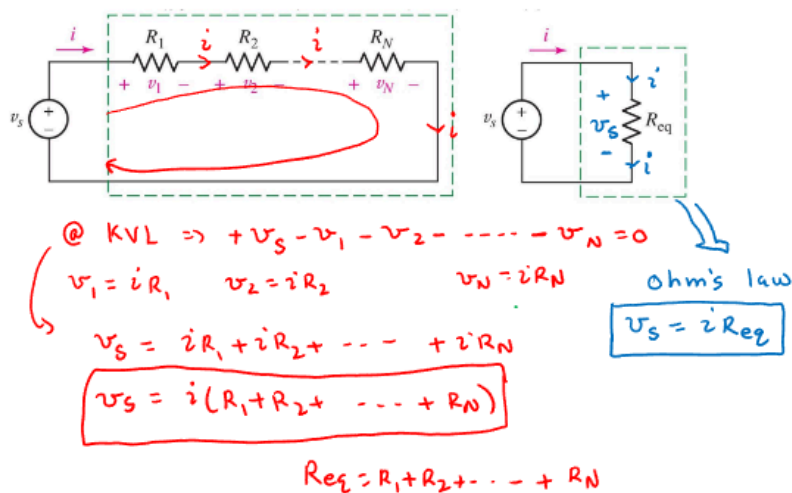
## Series and Parallel Sources

Current sources connected in parallel can be combined into an equivalent current source:



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## Resistors in Series

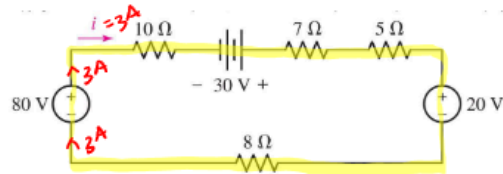


$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N$$

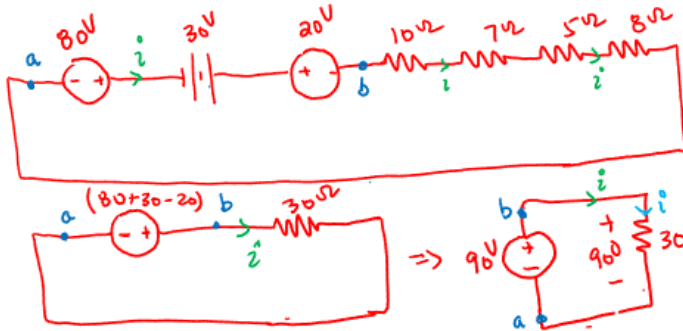
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## Example: Circuit Simplifying

Find  $i$  and the power supplied by the 80 V source.

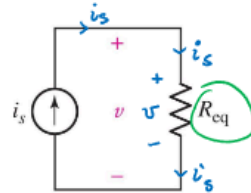
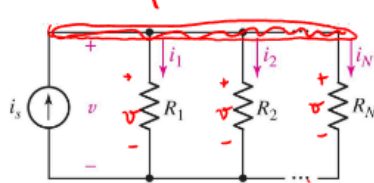


$$P_{80V} = VI = 80V \times 3A = -240W \text{ (supplied)}$$



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## Resistors in Parallel



KCL @ node 1

$$+i_s - i_1 - i_2 - \dots - i_N = 0$$

$$i_s = \frac{v}{R_1} + \frac{v}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{v}{R_N}$$

$$i_s = v \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_N} \right)$$

$$i_s = \frac{v}{R_{eq}} = v \left( \frac{1}{R_{eq}} \right)$$

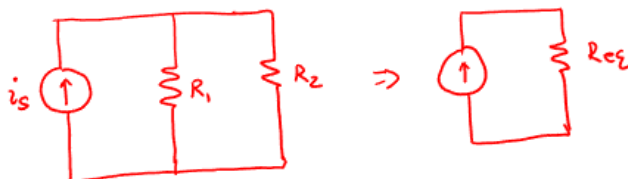
$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_N}$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_N}}$$

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## Special case - Two Resistors in Parallel



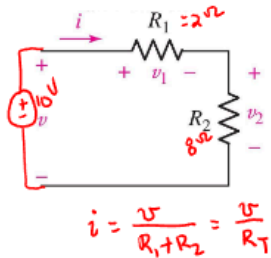
$$R_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}} = \frac{1}{\frac{R_2 + R_1}{R_1 R_2}} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 R_2 R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

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## Voltage Division

Resistors in series “share” the applied voltage.



$$R_T = R_1 + R_2$$

$$v = v_1 + v_2 \quad \leftarrow \text{KVL}$$

$$v_1 = i R_1 \quad v_2 = i R_2$$

$$v_1 = \left( \frac{v}{R_T} \right) R_1 \quad v_2 = \left( \frac{v}{R_T} \right) R_2$$

$$v_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_T} v \quad v_2 = \frac{R_2}{R_T} v$$

$$v_N = \frac{R_1}{(R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N)} v$$

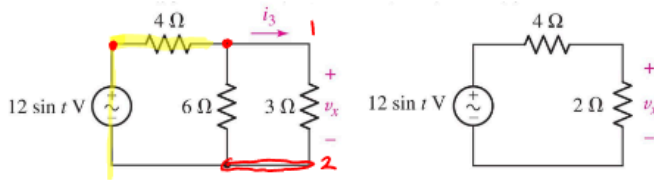
$$v_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} v$$

$$v_2 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} v$$

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## Example: Voltage Division and Circuit Simplification

Find  $v_x$



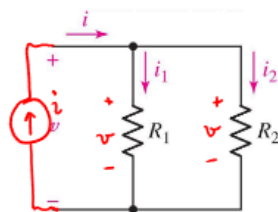
$$6 \parallel 3 \Rightarrow \frac{6 \times 3}{6 + 3} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3}} = 2 \Omega$$

$$v_x = \frac{2}{2 + 4} 12 \sin t = \frac{1}{3} (12 \sin t) \\ v_x = 4 \sin t \text{ V}$$

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## Current Division

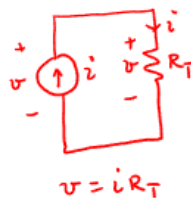
Resistors in parallel “share” current through them.



$$R_T = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$i_1 = \frac{v}{R_1} = \frac{i R_T}{R_1}$$

$$i_1 = \frac{R_T}{R_1} (i)$$



$$v = i R_T$$



$$i_1 = i \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$i_2 = i \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$i_N = \frac{R_T}{R_N} (i)$$

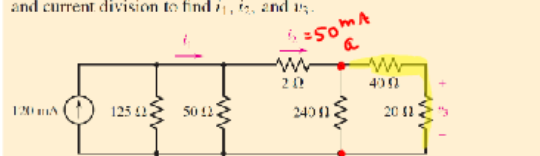
Special case of 2 resistors ONLY  
 $i_1 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} (i)$   
 $i_2 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} (i)$

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## Example: Circuit Simplification and Current Division

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3.16 In the circuit of Fig. 3.39, use resistance combination methods and current division to find  $i_1$ ,  $i_2$ , and  $v_3$ .



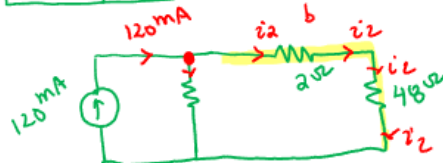
$$125 // 50 = \frac{125 \times 50}{175}$$

$$240 // 60 = \frac{240 \times 60}{300} = 48 \Omega$$



$$i_2 = \frac{35.71}{35.71 + 50} (120)$$

$$i_2 = 50 \text{ mA}$$

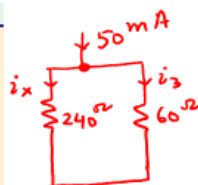
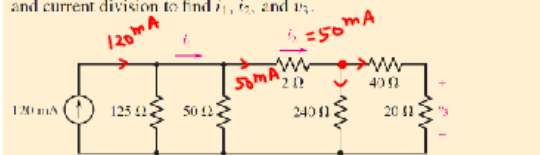


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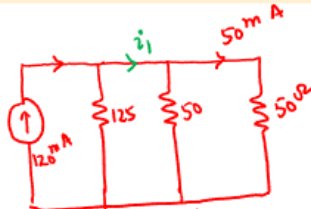


$$i_3 = \frac{240}{240 + 60} (50) \text{ mA}$$

$$i_3 = 40 \text{ mA}$$

$$v_3 = (20 \Omega \times 40 \text{ mA})$$

$$v_3 = 0.8 \text{ V} = 800 \text{ mV}$$



$$i_1 = \frac{125}{125 + 25} \times (120 \text{ mA}) = 100 \text{ mA}$$

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