

Electrical Engineering

Analysis of Series and Parallel Circuits

Given and Introduction:

This circuit consists of multiple components: resistors and voltage sources, with provided values of current and voltage across some elements. The task involves calculating the unknown values for voltage drops, resistances, and currents in the circuit.

- **Voltage of the battery:** 24 V
- **Voltage across B:** 12 V
- **Voltage across E:** 4.5 V
- **Current through A:** 4 A
- **Resistance of D:** 6 Ω
- **Current through C:** 0.75 A

Step-by-Step Solution:

Step 1: Voltage Drop Across A

Formula: Ohm's Law, $V = I \times R$

Given:

- Current through A (I_A): 4 A
- Voltage of battery: 24 V
- Voltage across B: 12 V
- Voltage across E: 4.5 V

Calculation:

$$V_A = 24 \text{ V} - (12 \text{ V} + 4.5 \text{ V})$$

$$V_A = 24 \text{ V} - 16.5 \text{ V}$$

$$V_A = 7.5 \text{ V}$$

Explanation: The voltage drop across A is the remaining voltage after accounting for the voltage drops across B and E in the circuit.

Supporting Statement: Calculating the voltage drop across A helps determine the individual potential differences at different points in the circuit.

Voltage drop across A: 7.5 V

Step 2: Resistance of A

Given:

- Voltage across A (V_A): 7.5 V
- Current through A (I_A): 4 A

Formula: Ohm's Law, $R = V / I$

Calculation:

$$R_A = 7.5 \text{ V} / 4 \text{ A}$$

$$R_A = 1.875 \Omega$$

Explanation: Using Ohm's Law, the resistance is calculated by dividing the voltage across A by the current through A.

Supporting Statement: The resistance of a component provides insight into how much it opposes the current flow in the circuit.

Resistance of A: $1.875\ \Omega$

Step 3: Resistance of E

Given:

- Voltage across E (V_E): 4.5 V
- The current through the entire circuit (I_{total}): 4 A

Since E is in series with the other components, the current through E is the same as the current through A.

Formula: Ohm's Law, $R = V / I$

Calculation:

$$R_E = 4.5\text{ V} / 4\text{ A}$$

$$R_E = 1.125\ \Omega$$

Explanation: The resistance of E is calculated using the same method as for A, considering the series connection in the circuit.

Supporting Statement: Evaluating the resistance of each component aids in understanding the distribution of resistance throughout the circuit.

Resistance of E: $1.125\ \Omega$

Step 4: Voltage Drop Across C

Given:

- Current through C (I_C): 0.75 A

First, assume that the voltage drop across D is equal to the calculated voltage from B and E, verified from KVL (Kirchhoff's Voltage Law) around the loop including B, C, D.

Formula: $V = I \times R$

Given:

Calculation:

- $R_D = 6\ \Omega$
- $I_D = 0.75\text{ A}$

$$V_D = I_D \times R_D$$

$$V_D = 0.75\text{ A} \times 6\ \Omega$$

$$V_D = 4.5\text{ V}$$

Since the voltage drop across D and C must be the same in parallel:

$$V_C = V_D$$

$$V_C = 4.5\text{ V}$$

Explanation: Voltage drop across parallel components is the same, hence taking the voltage drop across D.

Supporting Statement: Ensuring correct voltage drops in the parallel sections ensures proper analysis of the circuit.

Voltage drop across C: 4.5 V

Step 5: Current through D

Given:

- Resistance of D (R_D): $6\ \Omega$
- Voltage drop across D is known from previous step: 4.5 V

Formula: $I = V / R$

Calculation:

$$I_D = 4.5\text{ V} / 6\ \Omega$$

$$I_D = 0.75\text{ A}$$

Explanation: Calculating the current through D using the voltage drop across it and its resistance.

Supporting Statement: Current through each component helps determine the flow of charge throughout the circuit.

Current through D: 0.75 A

Step 6: Resistance of C

Given:

- Voltage across C (V_C): 4.5 V
- Current through C (I_C): 0.75 A

Formula: Ohm's Law, $R = V / I$

Calculation:

$$R_C = 4.5 \text{ V} / 0.75 \text{ A}$$

$$R_C = 6 \text{ } \Omega$$

Explanation: The resistance of C is derived from its voltage drop and the current passing through it.

Supporting Statement: Determining resistance in the circuit confirms that Ohm's Law is applicable.

Resistance of C: 6 Ω

Step 7: Current through B

Given:

- Voltage across B (V_B): 12 V

The current through B (I_B) corresponds to the total current in the series circuit, which includes the battery and resistor B.

Knowing the elements in series,

The current through A which is $I_A = 4 \text{ A}$

Therefore, Current through B is the same as current through A:

$$I_B = 4 \text{ A}$$

Explanation: As the same current flows through series components, the total current remains consistent.

Supporting Statement: Confirming the current in series elements validates consistent current flow.

Current through B: 4 A

Final Solution Summary

- Voltage drop across A: 7.5 V
- Resistance of A: 1.875 Ω
- Resistance of E: 1.125 Ω
- Voltage drop across C: 4.5 V
- Current through D: 0.75 A
- Resistance of C: 6 Ω
- Current through B: 4 A