

Circuits

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Series and parallel equivalences



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Series connection

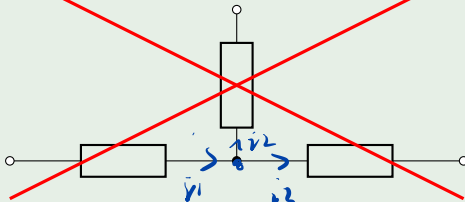
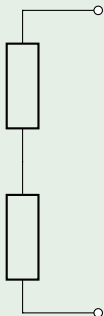


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Definition

Series connection: when elements carry the same current

Examples



$$v_1 = v_2 + v_3$$

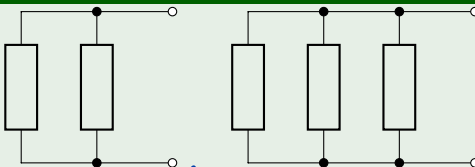
Parallel connection



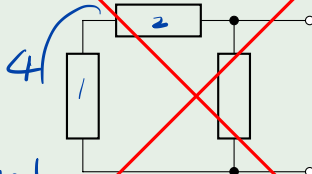
Definition

Parallel connection: when elements have a common voltage across them

Examples



1 & 2 series connected.



3 & 4 parallel connected.

Voltage sources

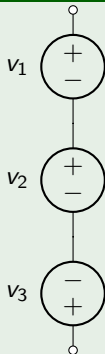
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Voltage sources connected in series

Series-connected voltage sources can be replaced by a **single equivalent voltage** source

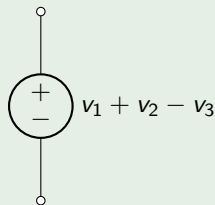
The equivalent voltage is equal to the algebraic sum of individual sources

Example



*We do not have
parallel connected
voltage sources*

equivalent to





Examples

first we need to define the polarity for the equivalent voltage source. **One technique**

Determine the current i in the circuit after first replacing the four sources with a single equivalent source.

equivalent voltage source.

contribute positively

contribute negatively

contribute a negative part of the current in this direction



Only look at voltage sources $-4V - 3V + 1V + 5V$

$$= -1V$$

that satisfies the PSC.

technique 2.

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look at how

$$47i + 7i - 1 = 0$$

does it contribute to the

$$4 + 3 - 5 - 1 = 1V$$

hypothetical current

$$i = \frac{1}{54} A$$

Current sources



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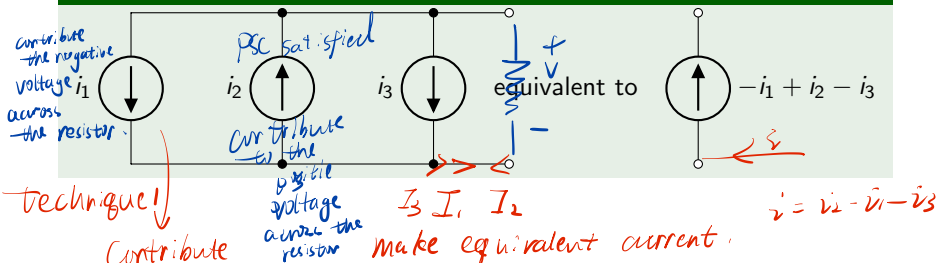
Why don't we consider series current sources?

Current sources connected in parallel

Parallel-connected current sources can be replaced by a **single equivalent current source**

The equivalent current is equal to the algebraic sum of individual sources

Example

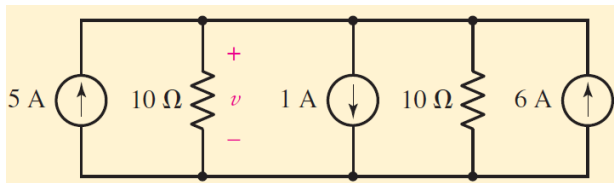


Examples

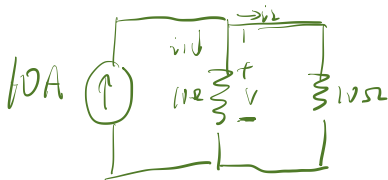


when we are combining, we only look at

Determine the voltage v in the circuit after first replacing the three sources with a single equivalent source.



independent
sources



$$10A = \frac{v}{10\Omega} + \frac{v}{10\Omega}$$

$$i_1 + i_2 = 10A$$

$$\therefore i_1 = i_2 = 5A$$

$$10\Omega i_1 = 10\Omega i_2 \quad v = i_1 \times 10\Omega = 50V$$

Resistors in series



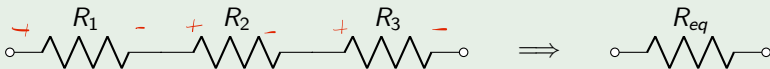
Equivalence

Series-connected resistors can be replaced by a **single resistor**

The equivalent resistance is equal to the **sum** of individual resistances

doesn't have algebraic sum

Formula



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

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

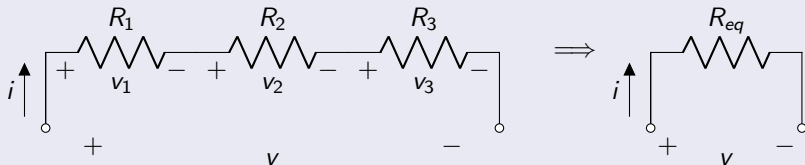
$$= (R_1 + R_2 + R_3)$$

Resistors in series



Demonstration

By applying KVL



$$\begin{aligned} v &= v_1 + v_2 + v_3 \\ &= R_1 \cdot i + R_2 \cdot i + R_3 \cdot i \\ &= (R_1 + R_2 + R_3) \cdot i \\ &= R_{eq} \cdot i \end{aligned}$$

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

Resistors in parallel

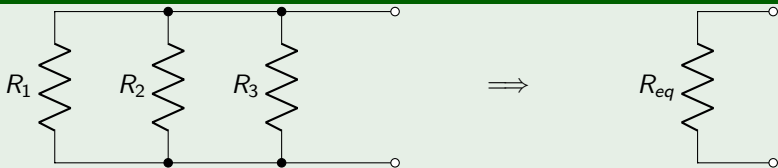


Equivalence

Parallel-connected resistors can be replaced by a **single resistor**

The equivalent inverse of the resistance is equal to the sum of inverse of individual resistances

Formula



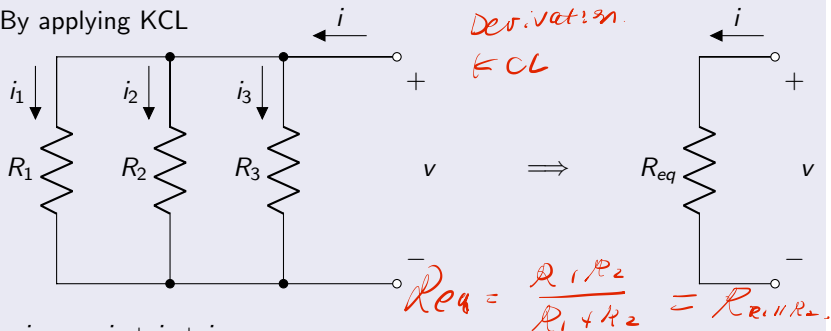
$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \Rightarrow R_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}}$$

Resistors in parallel

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Demonstration

By applying KCL



$$\begin{aligned}
 i &= i_1 + i_2 + i_3 \\
 &= \frac{v}{R_1} + \frac{v}{R_2} + \frac{v}{R_3} \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \right) \cdot v \\
 &= \frac{v}{R_{eq}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similar equation doesn't hold

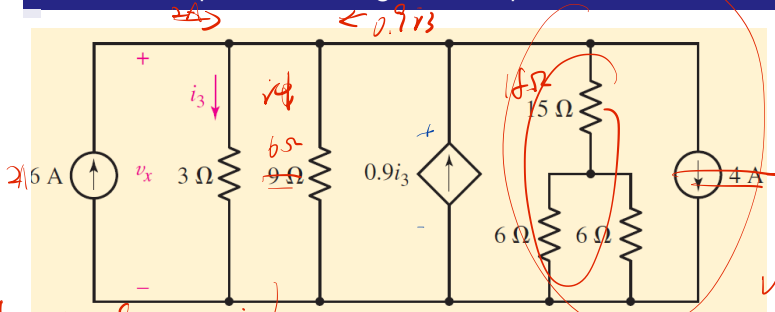
$$\Rightarrow R_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}}$$
 for more parallel resistors.

Examples



$$P_{\text{dep}} = -0.9i_3 \times V_x \text{ Psc.}$$

Determine the power and voltage of the dependent source.



$$i_3 = 3.33\text{A}$$

$$V_x = 10\text{V}$$

KCL

$$2\text{A} + 0.9i_3 = i_3 + i_4$$

Ohm's law

$$i_3 \cdot 3\Omega = i_4 \cdot 6\Omega$$

$$\frac{6 \times 6}{12} = \frac{36}{12} = 3\Omega$$

$$\frac{18 \times 6}{18 + 9} = 6\Omega$$

$$\frac{3}{2}i_3 = 2 + 0.9i_3$$

$$\frac{V_x}{3} + \frac{V_x}{6} = 2 + 0.9i_3$$

$$\frac{V_x}{3} = i_3$$

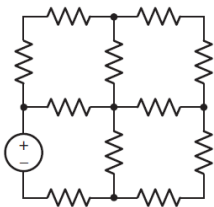
$$\frac{V_x}{6} = \frac{i_3}{2}$$

Planar circuit

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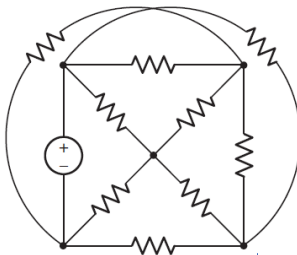
Planar circuit

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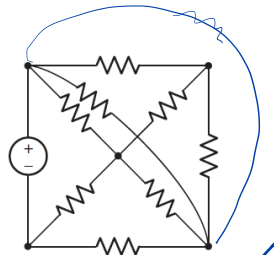
(a)

planar ✓



(b)

not planar ✗



(c)

planar ✓