

# Circuit Theory I Solved Problems

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# 1 Chapter 1 - Circuit Variables

## 1.1 Electrical Engineering - An Overview

This section is primarily a vocabulary only based section so there are no example problems.

## 1.2 Units

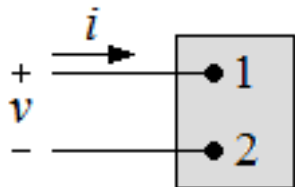
Assume a telephone travels through a cable at two-thirds the speed of light. How long does it take the signal to get from New York City to Miami if the distance is approximately 1100 miles?

We know

- The speed of light is  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s
- There are 1.6 km in a mile
- There are 1,000 meters in a kilometer

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \frac{\text{second}}{\frac{2}{3} \times 3 \times 10^8 \text{meters}} \right) \times \left( \frac{1.6 \text{km}}{\text{mile}} \right) \times \left( \frac{1000 \text{m}}{\text{km}} \right) \times 1100 \text{miles} \\ &= \left( \frac{\text{second}}{\frac{2}{3} \times 3 \times 10^8 \cancel{\text{meters}}} \right) \times \left( \frac{1.6 \cancel{\text{km}}}{\cancel{\text{mile}}} \right) \times \left( \frac{1000 \cancel{\text{meters}}}{\cancel{\text{km}}} \right) \times 1100 \cancel{\text{miles}} \\ &= \frac{1.6 \times 1000 \times 1100 \times \text{seconds}}{\frac{2}{3} \times 3 \times 10^8} \\ &= \frac{1760000}{2e8} \\ &= 0.0088 \text{seconds} \\ &= 8.8 \text{ms} \end{aligned}$$

### 1.3 Voltage, Current, Power, and Energy



The current at the terminals of the element in the above diagram is:

- $i = 0, t < 0$
- $i = 20e^{-5000t}, t \geq 0$

Calculate the total charge (in microcoulombs) entering the element at its upper terminal.

We know the equation for current is:

$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$  Therefore the equation for total charge is:

$$q(t) = \int_0^t i(x) dx$$

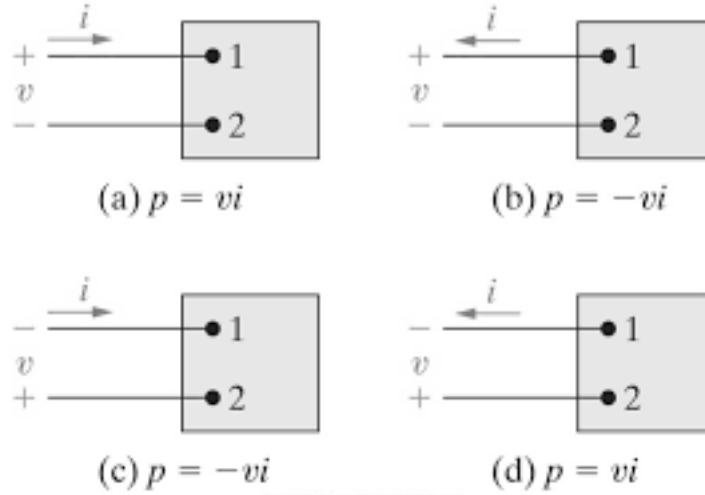
To find the total charge we need to find the current from 0, to  $\infty$ . Substituting our equation for  $i$  and we get:

$$q_{total} = \int_0^{\infty} 20e^{(-5000t)} dx$$

The solving we get:

$$\begin{aligned} q_{total} &= \frac{20}{-5000} e^{-5000x} \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ q_{total} &= \frac{20}{-5000} (e^{-\infty} - e^0) \\ q_{total} &= \frac{20}{-5000} (0 - 1) \\ q_{total} &= \frac{20}{-5000} \\ q_{total} &= 0.004C \\ q_{total} &= 4000\mu C \end{aligned}$$

## 1.4 Voltage, Current, Power, and Energy



Assume that a 20 V voltage drop occurs across an element from terminal 2 to terminal 1 and that a current of 4 A enters terminal 2.

1. Specify the values of  $v$  and  $i$  for the polarity references shown in the figure above.
2. State whether the circuit inside the box is absorbing or delivering power.
3. How much power is the circuit absorbing?

1) We are told the positive terminal is connected to terminal 2, and the negative terminal is connected to terminal 1. We are also told that a current of 4 A enters terminal 2. a) The positive terminal is connected to terminal 2 which means the voltage is negatively referenced. The current is referenced entering terminal 1, but our current is entering terminal 2. Therefore the current is negatively referenced.  $v = -20V$ ,  $i = -4A$

b) The positive terminal is connected to terminal 2 which means the voltage is negatively referenced. The current is referenced leaving terminal 1, and our current is referenced entering terminal 2, which means the current is positively referenced.  $v = -20V$ ,  $i = 4A$

c) The positive terminal is connected to terminal 2, which is also the positive reference. Therefore voltage will be positive. The current is referenced as entering terminal 1, but our current is entering terminal 2. Therefore the current is negatively referenced.  $v = 20V$ ,  $i = -4A$

d) The positive terminal is connected to the positive reference point. The current is flowing in the appropriate direction. Therefore both the voltage and the current are positively referenced.  $v = 20V$ ,  $i = 4A$

2) We will use the reference shown in Figure (a). Using the passive sign convention we can see that the voltage and the current will be negative. Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}p &= v \times i \\p &= (-20) \times (-4) \\p &= 80W\end{aligned}$$

Because the power is greater than 0, the box is absorbing power.

3) We can see from the calculation above that the box is absorbing 80 W

## 1.5 Voltage, Current, Power, and Energy

Find the current drawn from a 115-V line by a dc electric motor that delivers 1 hp. Assume 100% efficiency.

$$P = VI$$

$$I = \frac{P}{V}$$

$$1hp = 745.7W$$

$$I = \left( \frac{1hp}{115V} \right) \times \left( \frac{745.7W}{1hp} \right)$$

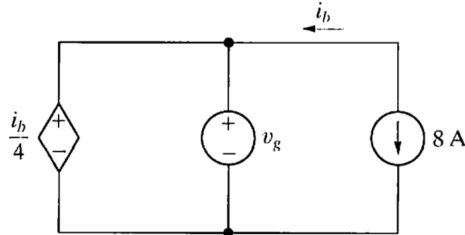
$$I = \left( \frac{1\cancel{hp}}{115V} \right) \times \left( \frac{745.7W}{1\cancel{hp}} \right)$$

$$I = 6.48 \frac{W}{V}$$

$$I = 6.48A$$

## 2 Circuit Elements

### 2.1 Voltage and Current Sources



For the above circuit:

1. What value of  $v_g$  is required in order for the interconnection to be valid?
2. For this value of  $v_g$  find the power associated with the 8 A source.

1) Notice that the current  $i_b$  is in the same circuit branch as the 8 A source, but is defined in the opposite direction. Therefore we can say that.

$$i_b = -8\text{A}$$

Next, we can see that the dependent and independent voltage source are in parallel with the same polarity. Therefore, we know that they must be equal. So if the dependent source is:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{dependent}} &= \frac{i_b}{4} \\ V_{\text{dependent}} &= V_g \\ V_g &= \frac{i_b}{4} \\ V_g &= \frac{-8}{4} \\ V_g &= -2\text{V} \end{aligned}$$

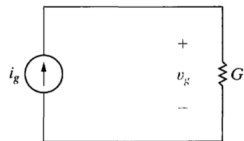
Therefore the answer to part 1 is -2 V.

2) To find the power that corresponds to the 8 A source, we find the voltage drop across the source which is  $V_i$ . This will also need to be equal to  $V_g$ . Therefore,  $V_i$  will also equal -2 V. Using passive sign convention we get:

$$\begin{aligned} p_s &= (8\text{A})(V_i) \\ p_s &= (8\text{A})(-2\text{V}) \\ p_s &= -16\text{W} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the current source generates 16 W of power.

## 2.2 Ohm's Law



For the above circuit

1. If  $i_g = 0.5 \text{ A}$  and  $G = 50 \text{ mS}$ , find  $v_g$  and the power delivered by the current source
2. If  $v_g = 15 \text{ V}$  and the power delivered to the conductor is  $9 \text{ W}$ , find the conductance  $G$  and the source current  $i_g$ .
3. If  $G = 200 \mu\text{S}$  and the power delivered to the conductance is  $8 \text{ W}$ , find  $i_g$  and  $v_g$

1) You can see in the circuit that since  $G$  and  $i_g$  are in the same branch, they must have the same current. The voltage drop across the current source and  $G$  must also be equal, because they are in parallel. Therefore, using Ohm's law we can solve for the voltage:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= iR \\
 V &= \frac{i}{\text{conductance}} \\
 v_g &= \frac{i_g}{G} \\
 v_g &= \frac{0.5A}{50mS} \\
 v_g &= 10V
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we know the voltage we can solve for the power.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= Vi \\
 p_{\text{source}} &= -v_i i_g \\
 p_{\text{source}} &= -(10V)(0.5A) \\
 p_{\text{source}} &= -5W
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the current source delivers  $5 \text{ W}$  to the circuit.

- 2) First, we find the value of the conductance using the power and voltage.



$$P = VI$$

$$V = IR$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$I = V \times G$$

$$P = V^2 G$$

$$p_g = G v_g^2$$

$$G = \frac{p_g}{v_g^2}$$

$$G = \frac{9}{15^2}$$

$$G = 0.04S$$

$$G = 40mS$$

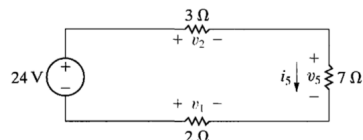
Then we can solve for the current:

$$i_g = G v_g$$

$$i_g = (40mS)(15V)$$

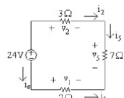
$$i_g = 0.6A$$

## 2.3 Kirchhoff's Law



For the problem above, calculate:

1.  $i_5$
2.  $v_1$
3.  $v_2$
4.  $v_5$
5. The power delivered by the 24 V source



1) First redraw the circuit as shown above, adding in the new labels. Then, write a KVL equation clockwise around the circuit.

$$-24V + v_2 + v_5 - v_1 = 0$$

Next, we can use Ohm's law to calculate the three unknown voltages.

$$v_2 = 3i_2$$

$$v_5 = 7i_5$$

$$v_1 = 2i_1$$

Using KCL in the upper right corner we can see that  $i_2 = i_5$ . In the bottom right corner we see that  $i_5 = -i_1$ . In the upper left corner we can see that  $i_s = -i_2$ . We can then substitute these into the previous three equations to get.

$$v_2 = 3i_2 = 3i_5$$

$$v_5 = 7i_5$$

$$v_1 = 2i_1 = -2i_5$$

Then we can substitute these equations into the first equation to get:

$$24 = v_2 + v_5 - v_1$$

$$24 = 3i_5 + 7i_5 - (-2i_5)$$

$$24 = 12i_5$$

$$2A = i_5$$

We can then use this information to solve for the remaining variables. 2)

$$\begin{aligned}v_1 &= -2i_5 \\v_1 &= -2(2) \\v_1 &= -4V\end{aligned}$$

3)

$$\begin{aligned}v_2 &= 3i_5 \\v_2 &= 3(2) \\v_2 &= 6V\end{aligned}$$

4)

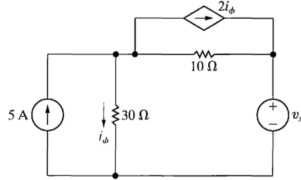
$$\begin{aligned}v_5 &= 7i_5 \\v_5 &= 7(2) \\v_5 &= 14V\end{aligned}$$

5) A KCL equation at the lower left node gives  $i_s = i_1$  and since we know that  $i_1 = -i_5$ , then  $i_s = -2A$ . Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}p_{24} &= (24)i_s \\p_{24} &= (24)(-2) \\p_{24} &= -48W\end{aligned}$$

So we can see the source is delivering 48 W.

## 2.4 Analysis of Circuit Containing Dependent Sources

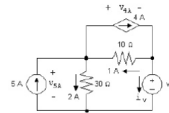


For the above circuit. The current  $i_\phi$  is 2 A. Calculate:

1.  $v_s$
2. The power absorbed by the independent voltage source,
3. The power delivered by the independent current source,
4. the power delivered by the controlled current source,
5. the total power dissipated in the two resistors

The problem tells us that  $i_\phi$  is 2A, so we know that the current in the dependent source is  $2i_\phi = 2(2) = 4A$ . We can then write a KCL equation in the left node to find the current in the  $10\Omega$  resistor.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -5A + 2A + 4A + i_{10\Omega} \\ i_{10\Omega} &= 5A - 2A - 4A \\ i_{10\Omega} &= -1A \end{aligned}$$



We can then redraw the circuit as shown below.

1) To find  $v_s$ , we can write a KVL equation that sums the voltages counter-clockwise around the lower right loop.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -v_s + (1A)(10\Omega) + (2A)(30\Omega) \\ v_s &= 10V + 60V \\ v_s &= 70V \end{aligned}$$

2) The current in the voltage source can be found by writing a KCL equation at the right-hand node.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -4A + 1A + i_v \\ i_v &= 4A - 1A \\ i_v &= 3A \end{aligned}$$

Therefore power is:

$$\begin{aligned}p &= vi \\p &= (70V)(3A) \\p &= 210W\end{aligned}$$

Thus the voltage source absorbs 210 W.

3) The voltage drop across the independent current source can be found through a KVL equation around the left loop.

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= -v_{5a} + (2A)(30\Omega) \\v_{5a} &= 60V \\p &= -v_{5a}i \\p &= -(60V)(5A) \\p &= -300W\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the source delivers 300 W to the circuit.

4) The voltage across the controlled current source can be found by writing a KVL equation around the upper right loop in a clockwise direction:

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= v_{4A} + (10\Omega)(1A) \\v_{4A} &= -10V \\p &= v_{4A}i \\p &= (-10V)(4A) \\p &= -40W\end{aligned}$$

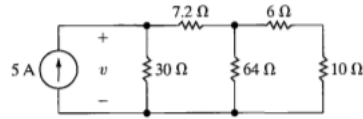
Thus the source delivers 40 W of power to the circuit.

5) The total power dissipated by the resistors is:

$$\begin{aligned}&= (i_{30\Omega})^2(30\Omega) + (i_{10\Omega})^2(10\Omega) \\&= (2)^2(30\Omega) + (1)^2(10\Omega) \\&= 120 + 10 \\&= 130W\end{aligned}$$

### 3 Resistive Circuits

#### 3.1 Resistors in Series and Parallel

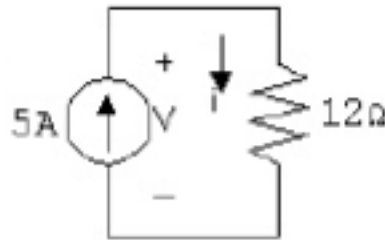


For the circuit shown above, find:

1. The voltage  $v$
2. The power delivered to the circuit by the current source
3. The power dissipated in the  $10\Omega$  resistor

We begin by starting from the farthest right side of the circuit. Then, by alternating combining series and parallel resistor we can reduce down to one resistor.

1. First combine the  $6\Omega$  and  $10\Omega$  in series to get  $16\Omega$
2. Now combine that in parallel with the  $64\Omega$   $\frac{(16)(64)}{16+64} = 12.8\Omega$
3. Now combine that in series with the  $7.2\Omega$  resistor to get  $20\Omega$
4. Then combine that in parallel with the  $30\Omega$   $\frac{(20)(30)}{20+30} = 12\Omega$



This gives us the below circuit:

With the simplified circuit the problem becomes easier. 1) Using Ohm's Law we can see that:

$$V = IR = (5A)(12\Omega) = 60V$$

2) Now that we know the value of the voltage drop across the current source we can find the power:

$$p = -(V)(I) = -(60V)(5A) = -300W$$

Therefore 300 W is delivered to the circuit. 3) Now we know that the voltage drop across the current source is 60 V. This is also the voltage drop across the  $30\Omega$  resistor. Therefore the current through this resistor is:

$$i_A = \frac{60V}{30\Omega} = 2A$$

Using KCL in the upper left node, we can solve for  $i_B$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -5A + i_A + i_B \\ i_B &= 5A - i_A \\ i_B &= 5A - 2A \\ i_B &= 3A \end{aligned}$$

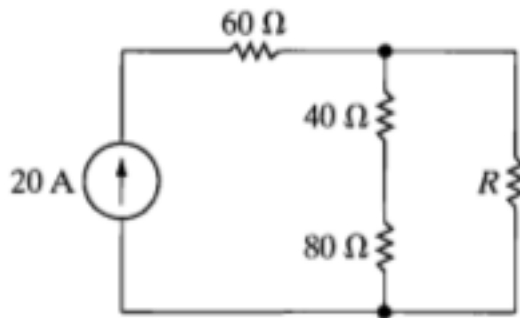
Next, we can create a KVL equation of the outer loop of the circuit. and solve for  $i_C$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -v + 7.2i_B + 6i_C \\ 16i_C &= v - 7.2i_B \\ 16i_C &= 60V - (7.2)(3) \\ i_c &= \frac{38.4}{16} \\ i_c &= 2.4A \end{aligned}$$

Now that we know the current through the  $10\Omega$  resistor, we can use that to find the power:

$$p_{10\Omega} = (10)(2.4)^2 = 57.6W$$

### 3.2 The Voltage-Divider and Current-Divider Circuits



In the above Circuit:

1. Find the value of  $R$  that will cause 4A of current to flow through the  $80\Omega$  resistor in the circuit shown.
2. How much power will the resistor  $R$  from part 1 need to dissipate?

3. How much power will the current source generate for the value of  $R$  from part 1?

1) The current will be divided between the branch with  $R$  and the branch with the  $40\Omega$  and  $80\Omega$  resistors. Therefore:

$$i_{80\Omega} = \frac{R}{R + 40\Omega + 80\Omega} \times (20A)$$

$$i_{80\Omega} = 4A$$

$$4A = \frac{R}{R + 40\Omega + 80\Omega} \times (20A)$$

$$20R = 4(R + 120)$$

$$16R = 480$$

$$R = \frac{480}{16}$$

$$R = 30\Omega$$

2) With  $R = 30\Omega$  we can then calculate the current through  $R$  using current division, then solve for the power.

$$i_R = \frac{40 + 80}{40 + 80 + 30}(20A)$$

$$i_R = 16A$$

$$p_R = (30)(16)^2$$

$$p_R = 7680W$$

3) Finally, we can make a KVL equation around the outer loop to solve for the voltage  $v$ , then solve for power:

$$0 = -v + (60\Omega)(20A) + (30\Omega)(16A)$$

$$v = 1200 + 480$$

$$v = 1680V$$

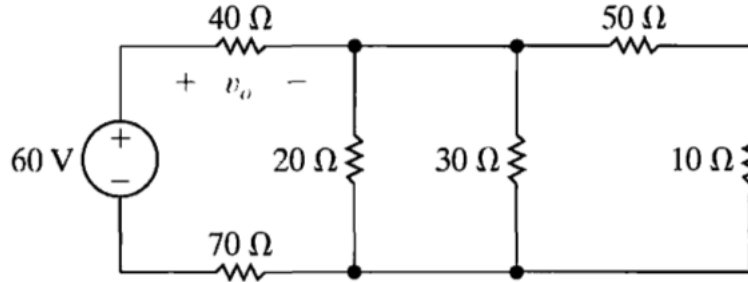
$$p_{source} = -vi$$

$$p_{source} = -(1680V)(20A)$$

$$p_{source} = -33,600W$$



### 3.3 Voltage and Current Divisions



Using the above circuit, answer the following questions:

1. Use voltage division to determine the voltage  $v_o$  across the  $40\Omega$  resistor.
2. Use  $v_o$  from part 1 to determine the current through the  $40\Omega$  resistor. Use this current and current division to calculate the current in the  $30\Omega$  resistor.
3. How much power is absorbed by the  $50\Omega$  resistor?

1) First we need to find the equivalent resistance of all the resistors to the right of the  $40\Omega$  and  $70\Omega$  Resistors.

$$R_{eq} = 20\Omega \parallel 30\Omega \parallel (50\Omega + 10\Omega)$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{60} = \frac{1}{10}$$

Therefore  $R_{eq} = 10\Omega$  and the voltage is:

$$v_o = \frac{40}{40+10+70}(60V) = 20V$$

2) First we can find the current through the  $40\Omega$  resistor:

$$i_{40\Omega} = \frac{v_o}{40} = \frac{20V}{40\Omega} = 0.5A$$

Then we will need to find the equivalent circuit of the two parallel branches in order to use current division.

$$20\Omega \parallel (50\Omega + 10\Omega) = \frac{(20)(60)}{(20+60)} = 15\Omega$$

$$i_{30\Omega} = \frac{15}{15+30} \times 0.5A = 0.16667A = 166.67mA$$

3) We can find the power dissipated by the  $50\Omega$  resistor by finding the current through it. We use current division to find the current in the  $40\Omega$  resistor, but first the equivalent resistance of the  $20\Omega$  and  $30\Omega$  branches must be calculated:

$$20\Omega \parallel 30\Omega = \frac{(20)(30)}{20+30} = 12\Omega$$

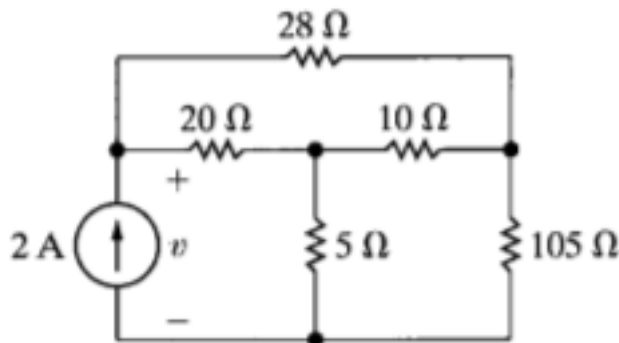
Then current division gives:

$$i_{50\Omega} = \frac{12}{12+50+10} \times 0.5A = 0.08333A$$

Thus:

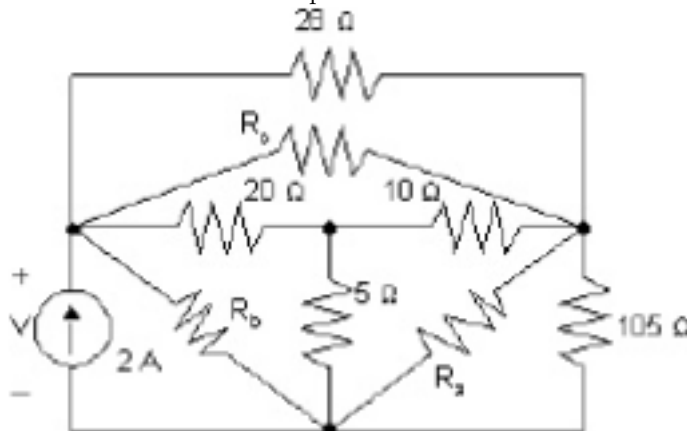
$$p_{50\Omega} = (50)(0.083333)^2 = 0.34722W = 347.22mW$$

### 3.4 Delta-Wye Equivalent Circuits



Use a Y to  $\Delta$  transformation to find the voltage  $v$  in the circuit shown.

First we can convert the three Y-connected resistors ( $20\ \Omega$ ,  $10\ \Omega$ , and  $5\ \Omega$ ) to three  $\Delta$ -connected resistors as shown below. Note that this diagram shows the old and new resistors to help with visualization.



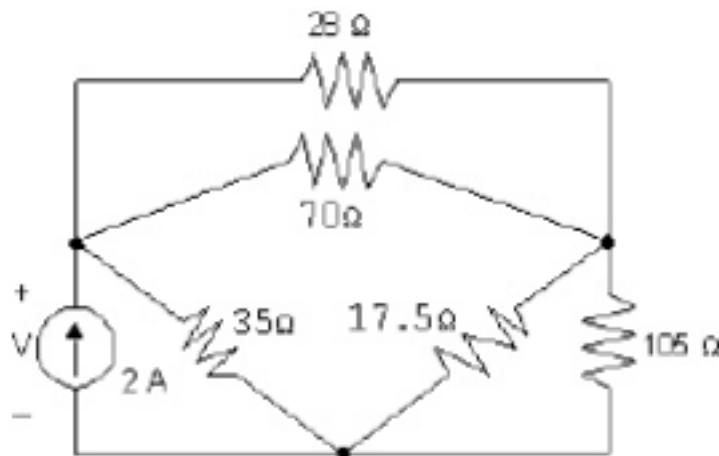
Then we can solve for the new resistors:

$$R_a = \frac{(5)(10) + (5)(20) + (10)(20)}{20} = 17.5\Omega$$

$$R_b = \frac{(5)(10) + (5)(20) + (10)(20)}{10} = 35\Omega$$

$$R_c = \frac{(5)(10) + (5)(20) + (10)(20)}{5} = 70\Omega$$

This gives us the following circuit:



From this circuit we can see the  $70\Omega$  resistor is in parallel with the  $28\Omega$  Resistor and that the  $17.5\Omega$  resistor is in parallel with the  $105\Omega$  resistor.

$$70\Omega \parallel 28\Omega = \frac{(70)(28)}{70+28} = 20\Omega$$

$$17.5\Omega \parallel 105\Omega = \frac{(17.5)(105)}{17.5+105} = 15\Omega$$

Now we can see that the equivalent  $20\Omega$  resistor is in series with the equivalent  $15\Omega$  resistor, giving a  $35\Omega$  equivalent resistance. Putting this resistor in parallel with the other  $35\Omega$  resistor means:

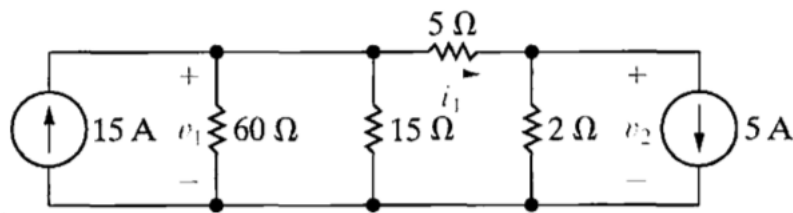
$$35\Omega \parallel 35\Omega = \frac{(35)(35)}{35+35} = 17.5\Omega$$

This means the resistance seen by the  $2\text{ A}$  source is  $17.5\Omega$ . Therefore:

$$v = ir = (17.5\Omega)(2\text{A}) = 35\text{V}$$

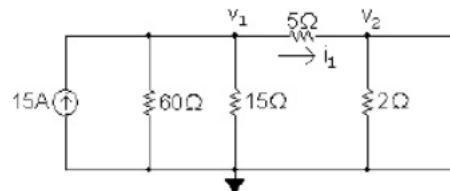
## 4 Techniques of Circuit Analysis

### 4.1 The Node-Voltage Method



1. For the circuit shown, use the node-voltage method to find  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ , and  $i_1$
2. How much power is delivered to the circuit by the  $15\text{ A}$  Source?

3. Repeat 2 for the 5 A source.



First we can redraw the circuit labeling the node-voltages as follows.

The two node voltage equations are:

$$\begin{aligned} -15 + \frac{v_1}{60} + \frac{v_1}{15} + \frac{v_1 - v_2}{5} &= 0 \\ 5 + \frac{v_2}{2} + \frac{v_2 - v_1}{5} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We can then put them into standard form and solve the simultaneous equations:

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 \left( \frac{1}{60} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{5} \right) + v_2 \left( \frac{-1}{5} \right) &= 15 \\ v_1 \left( \frac{-1}{5} \right) + v_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} \right) &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Solving gives us  $v_1 = 60V$  and  $v_2 = 10V$  Which means that:

$$\begin{aligned} i_1 &= \frac{v_1 - v_2}{5} \\ i_1 &= 10A \end{aligned}$$

Next we can solve for the power of the 15 A source as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} p_{15A} &= -(15A)v_1 \\ p_{15A} &= -(15A)(60V) \\ p_{15A} &= -900W \end{aligned}$$

Which means the source delivers 900 W.

Finally we can solve for the 5 A source as follows:

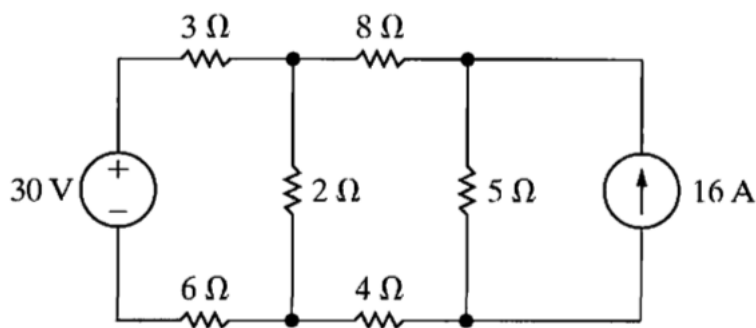
$$p_{5A} = (5A)v_2$$

$$p_{5A} = (5A)(10V)$$

$$p_{5A} = 50W$$

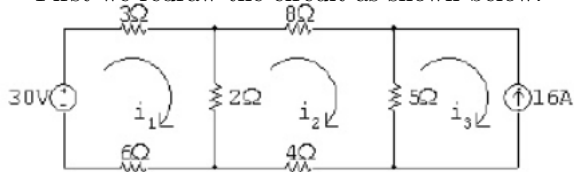
Which means -50 W is delivered.

## 4.2 The Mesh-Current Method



For the circuit shown, use the mesh-current method to find the power dissipated in the  $2\Omega$  resistor.

First we redraw the circuit as shown below.



Since there is a current source on the far right, we know that  $i_3$  is equal to -16A. The remaining two mesh equations are:

$$-30 + 3i_1 + 2(i_1 - i_2) + 6i_1 = 0$$

$$8i_2 + 5(i_2 + 16) + 4(i_2) + 2(i_2 - i_1) = 0$$

Simplifying gives us:

$$11i_1 - 2i_2 = 30$$

$$-2i_1 + 19i_2 = -80$$

Solving gives us:

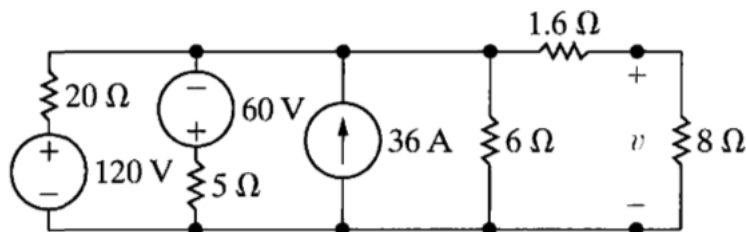
$$\begin{aligned}i_1 &= 2A \\i_2 &= -4A \\i_3 &= -16A\end{aligned}$$

The current in the  $2\Omega$  resistor is therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}i_1 - i_2 &= 6A \\p_{2\Omega} &= (6)^2(2) = 72W\end{aligned}$$

Thus the  $2\Omega$  resistor dissipates 72 W.

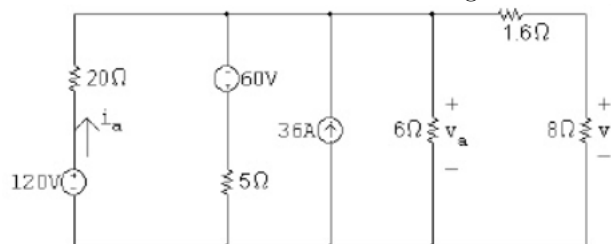
### 4.3 Source Transformations



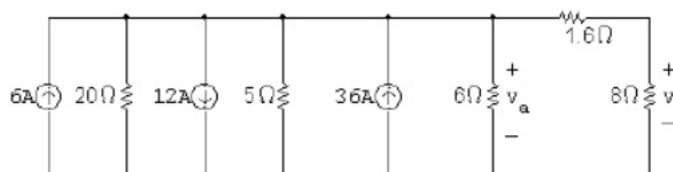
Using the above circuit:

1. Use a series of source transformations to find the voltage  $v$  in the circuit shown.
2. How much power does the 120 V source deliver to the circuit?

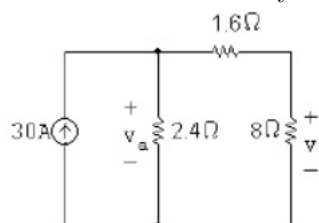
First let's redraw the circuit with voltages and currents labeled:



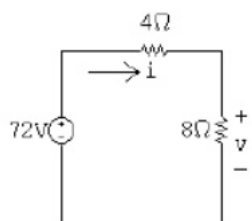
Now we can transform the 120 V source in series with the  $20\Omega$  resistor into a 6 A source in parallel with the  $20\Omega$  resistor. Then, transform the -60 V source in series with the  $5\Omega$  resistor into a -12 A source in parallel with the  $5\Omega$  resistor:



Because they are in parallel, we can use KCL to combine the  $20\Omega$ ,  $5\Omega$ , and  $6\Omega$  resistors. We can similarly combine the 3 current sources. This is shown below:



Next, we can combine the resulting current source with the  $2.4\Omega$  resistor into a  $72\text{ V}$  source in series with a  $2.4\Omega$  resistor, which can then be added to the  $1.6\Omega$  resistor. This is shown below:



Now we can use voltage division to calculate  $v$ :

$$v = \frac{8}{12} \times 72 = 48V$$

We can use the last circuit to calculate  $i$ :

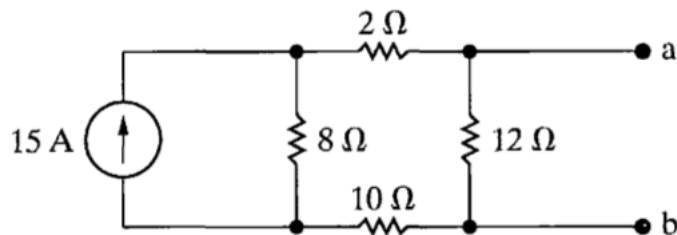
$$i = \frac{v}{8} = \frac{48}{8} = 6A$$

Now we can use  $i$  to calculate  $v_a$  in the circuit on the left:

$$v_a = 6(1.6 + 8) = 57.6V$$

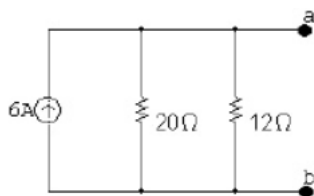
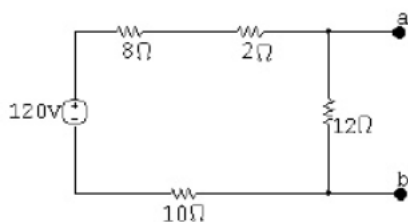
We can see in the original equation that  $v_a$  is also the voltage drop across the series combination of  $120V$  and  $20\Omega$

#### 4.4 Thevenin's and Norton's Equivalents



Find the Norton Equivalent circuit with respect to terminals a and b. To solve the problem follow the below steps:

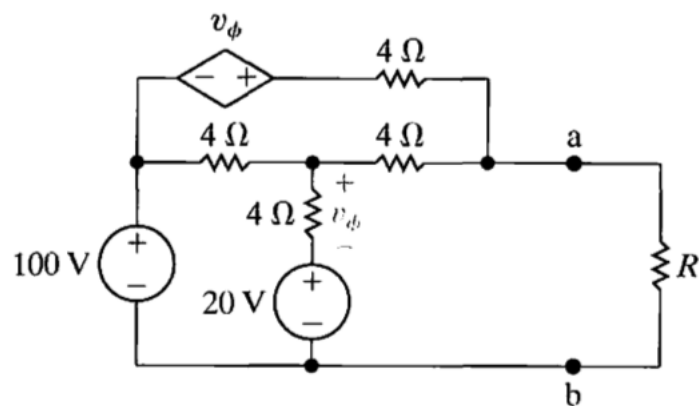
1. Perform a source transformation turning 15 A source and 8 Ω resistor into a series combination of 120 V and 8 Ω resistor. See the first circuit below.
2. Combine the 2 Ω, 8 Ω, and 10 Ω resistors in series to get 20 Ω
3. Combine the 20 Ω resistor and 120 V source into a parallel combination of 6 A source and 20 Ω resistor. This is shown in the second circuit below.
4. Combine the 20 Ω and 12 Ω parallel resistors to give 7.5 Ω.



Thus the Norton equivalent is a 6 A source and a 7.5 Ω Resistor.

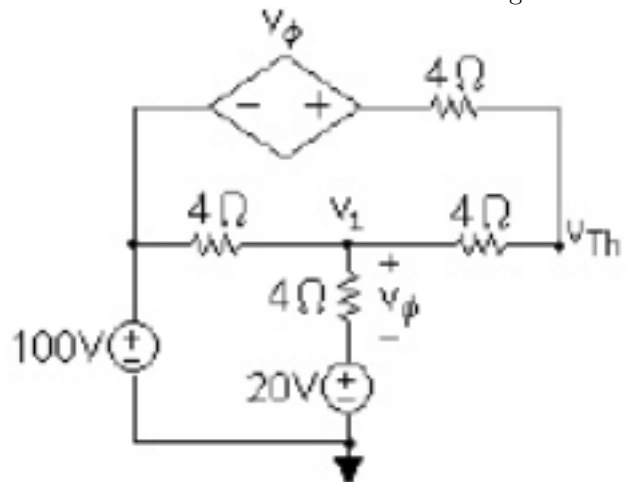


## 4.5 Maximum Power Transfer



1. Find the value of  $R$  that enables the circuit shown to deliver maximum power to the terminals a and b.
2. Find the maximum power delivered to  $R$ .

First we find the Thevenin equivalent circuit. To find  $v_{TH}$  we create an open circuit between a and b and use the node voltage method to solve:



$$0 = \frac{v_{th} - (100 + v_{\phi})}{4} + v_{th} - v_1$$

$$0 = \frac{v_1 - 100}{4} + \frac{v_1 - 20}{4} + \frac{v_1 - v_{th}}{4}$$

The dependent source is:

$$v_\phi = v_1 - 20$$

Putting the three equations together we get:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{th} \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \right) + v_1 \left( \frac{-1}{4} \right) + v_{phi} \left( \frac{-1}{4} \right) &= 25 \\ v_{th} \left( \frac{-1}{4} \right) + v_1 \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \right) + v_\phi(0) &= 30 \\ v_{th}(0) + v_1(1) + v_\phi(-1) &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

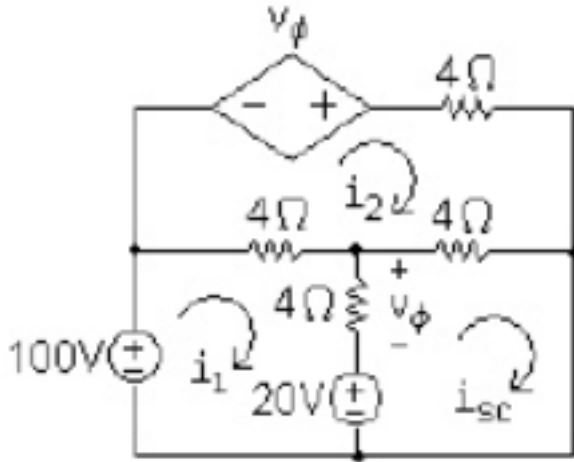
Solving for all three equations gives us:

$$v_{th} = 120V$$

$$v_1 = 80V$$

$$v_\phi = 60V$$

Now we create a short circuit between nodes a and b and use the mesh current method:



The mesh current equations are:

$$0 = -100 + 4(i_1 - i_2) + v_\phi + 20$$

$$0 = -v_\phi + 4i_2 + 4(i_2 - i_{sc}) + 4(i_2 - i_1)$$

$$0 = -20 - v_\phi + 4(i_{sc} - i_2)$$

The dependent source equation is:

$$v_\phi = 4(i_1 - i_{sc})$$

Putting the four equation together gives:

$$\begin{aligned} 4i_1 - 4i_2 + 0i_{sc} + v_\phi &= 80 \\ -4i_1 + 12i_2 - 4i_{sc} + v_\phi &= 0 \\ 0i_1 - 4i_2 + 4i_{sc} - v_\phi &= 20 \\ 4i_1 + 0i_2 - 4i_{sc} - v_\phi &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solving gives:

$$\begin{aligned} i_1 &= 45A \\ i_2 &= 30A \\ i_{sc} &= 40A \\ v_\phi &= 20V \end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$R_{TH} = \frac{v_{TH}}{i_{sc}} = \frac{120}{40} = 3\Omega$$

For maximum power transfer,  $R = R_{TH} = 3\Omega$

The Thevenin voltage,  $v_{TH} = 120V$ , splits equally between the Thevenin resistance and the load resistance so:

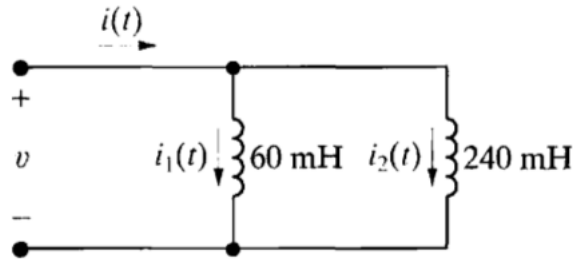
$$v_{load} = \frac{120}{2} = 60V$$

$$p_{max} = \frac{v_{load}^2}{R_{load}} = \frac{60^2}{3} = 1200W$$

## 4.6 Superposition

# 5 Inductors and Capacitors

## 5.1 Inductors in Series and Parallel



The initial value of  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  in the circuit shown are +3 A and -5 A respectively. The voltage at the terminals of the parallel inductors for  $t \geq 0$  is  $-30e^{-5t}$  mV.

1. If the parallel inductors are replaced by a single inductor, what is the inductance?
  2. What is the initial current and its reference direction in the equivalent inductor?
  3. Use the equivalent inductor to find  $i(t)$ .
  4. Find  $i_1(t)$  and  $i_2(t)$ . Verify the solutions for  $i_1(t)$ ,  $i_2(t)$ , and  $i(t)$  satisfy Kirchhoff's current law.
- 1) First we find the equivalent inductance of the two parallel inductors:

$$L_{eq} = \frac{L_1 * L_2}{L_1 + L_2}$$

$$L_{eq} = \frac{60 * 240}{60 + 240}$$

$$L_{eq} = 48mH$$

2) Next we can find the initial current of the combined inductor by adding the values of the current through the two individual inductors.

$$i(0^+) = i_{L1} + i_{L2}$$

$$= 3 + (-5)$$

$$= -2A$$

3) Now we can use the equivalent inductor to find  $i(t)$ . Remember that the voltage when  $t$  is greater than 0 is given in the problem statement. Also notice we just found the current when  $t = 0$ .

$$L_{eq} = \frac{1}{0.06} + \frac{1}{0.240}$$

$$L_{eq} = \frac{125}{6}$$

$$i = \frac{1}{L_{eq}} \int_{t_0}^t v dt + i(t_0)$$

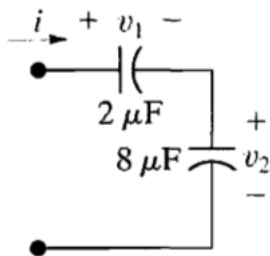
$$i = \left( \frac{125}{6} \right) \int_{0^+} t (-0.03e^{-5x}) dx - 2$$

$$i = 0.125e^{-5t} - 2.125A$$

4) Now we can solve for  $i_1(t)$  and  $i_2(t)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 i_1 &= L_{eq} * \left( \frac{L_1}{L_1 + L_2} \right) \int_{t_0}^t v dt + i(t_0) \\
 i_1 &= \frac{125}{6} * \left( \frac{0.06}{0.06 + 0.24} \right) \int_{0+}^t (-0.03e^{-5x}) dx + 3 \\
 i_1 &= 0.1e^{-5t} + 2.9A \\
 i_2 &= \frac{25}{6} \int_{0+}^t (-0.03e^{-5x}) dx - 5 \\
 i_2 &= 0.025e^{-5t} - 5.025A \\
 i_1 + i_2 &= i
 \end{aligned}$$

## 5.2 Capacitors in series and parallel



The current at the terminals of the two capacitors shown is  $240e^{-10t} \mu A$  for  $t \geq 0$ . The initial values of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are -10V and -5V respectively. Calculate the total energy trapped in the capacitors as  $t$  approaches  $\infty$ .

Using the hint we can see that we should not try to combine the two capacitors and instead should solve for each voltage individually.

$$\begin{aligned}
 v &= \frac{1}{C} \int_{t_0}^t i dx + v(0) \\
 v_1 &= \frac{1}{2\mu F} \int_{0+}^t 240 \times 10^{-6} e^{-10x} dx - 10 \\
 v_1 &= 0.5 \times 10^6 \int_{0+}^t 240 \times 10^{-6} e^{-10x} dx - 10 \\
 v_1 &= -12e^{-10t} + 2V \\
 v_2 &= 0.125 \times 10^6 \int_{0+}^t 240 \times 10^{-6} e^{-10x} dx - 5 \\
 v_2 &= -3e^{-10t} - 2V
 \end{aligned}$$

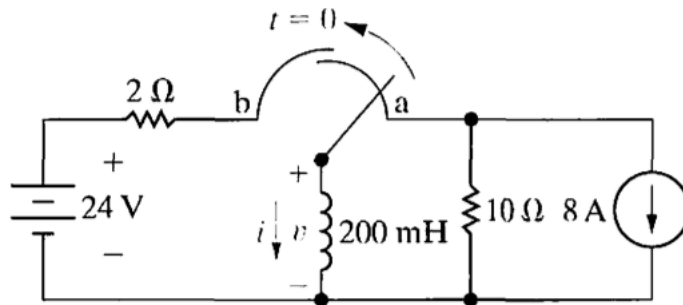
We can see that as time approaches infinity we have:

$$\begin{aligned}v_1(\infty) &= 2V \\v_2(\infty) &= -2V\end{aligned}$$

The total energy trapped is therefore:  
 $W = \left[ \frac{1}{2}(2)(4) + \frac{1}{2}(8)(4) \right] \times 10^{-6} = 20\mu J$

## 6 Response of First Order Circuits

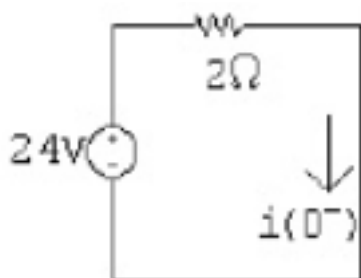
### 6.1 The Step Response of RC and RL Circuits



Assume that the switch in the circuit shown in the figure above has been in position b for a long time, and at  $t = 0$  it moves to position a. Find:

1.  $i(0^+)$
2.  $v(0^+)$
3.  $\tau, t > 0$
4.  $i(t), t \geq 0$
5.  $v(t), t \geq 0^+$

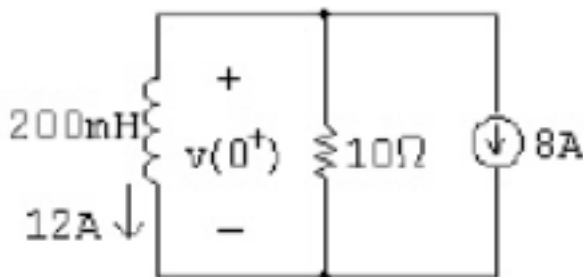
We begin by solving for  $i(0^+)$ :  
 Using the circuit shown below at  $t = 0^-$ , we can calculate the initial current in the inductor.



We can solve for the current at time  $i(0^-)$  because the current in an inductor is continuous.

$$i(0^- = \frac{24}{2} = 12A = i(0^+)$$

Next, using the current at  $t = 0^+$ , as shown below, we can calculate the voltage drop across the inductor at  $0^+$ . Note that this is the same as the voltage drop across the  $10\Omega$  resistor, which has current from two sources, 8A from the current source and 12 A from the initial current through the inductor.

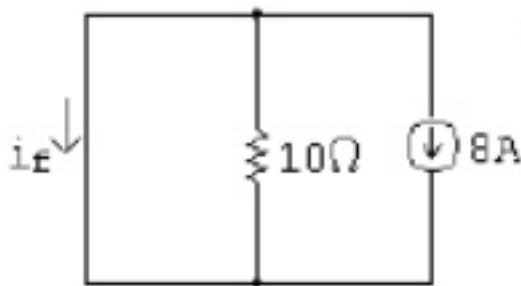


$$v(0^+) = -10(8 + 12) = -200V$$

Now, to calculate the time constant we need the equivalent resistance seen by the inductor for  $t > 0$ . Only the  $10\Omega$  resistor is connected to the inductor for  $t > 0$ . Therefore:

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{200^{-3}}{10} = 20ms$$

Then, to find  $i(t)$  we need to find the final value of the current in the inductor. When the switch has been in position a for a long time, the circuit reduces to the one below:



It's important to notice that the inductor behaves like a short circuit and all of the current from the 8 A source flows through the short circuit. Thus:

$$i_f = -8A$$

Therefore:

$$i(t) = i_f + [i(0^+) - i_f]e^{\frac{-t}{\tau}}$$

$$i(t) = -8 + [12 - (-8)]e^{\frac{-t}{0.02}}$$

$$i(t) = -8 + 20e^{-50t}A, t \geq 0$$

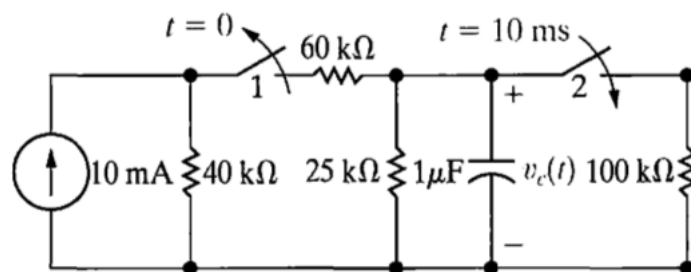
Finally, to find  $v(t)$ , we can use the relationship between voltage and current for an inductor:

$$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$

$$v(t) = (200 \times 10^{-3})(-50)(20e^{-50t})$$

$$v(t) = -200e^{-50t}V, t \geq 0^+$$

## 6.2 Sequential Switching

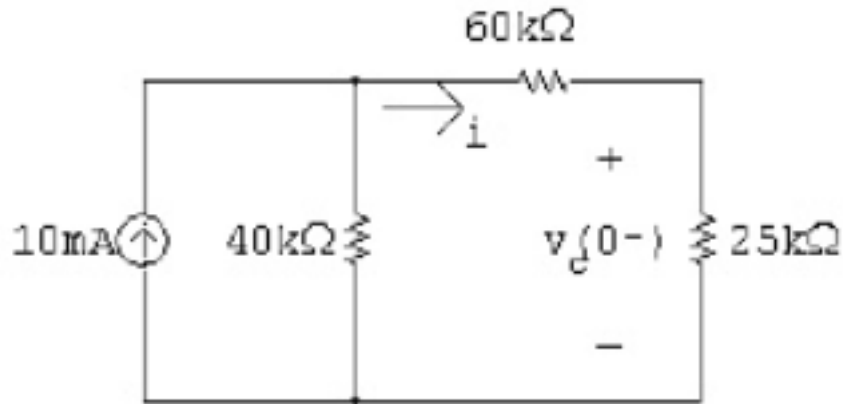


In the circuit shown, switch 1 has been closed and switch 2 has been open for a long time. At  $t=0$ , switch 1 is opened. Then 10 ms later, switch 2 is closed. Find:



1.  $v_c(t)$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 0.01$  s
2.  $v_c(t)$  for  $t \geq 0.01$  s
3. the total energy dissipated in the  $25k\Omega$  resistor
4. the total energy dissipated in the  $100k\Omega$  resistor

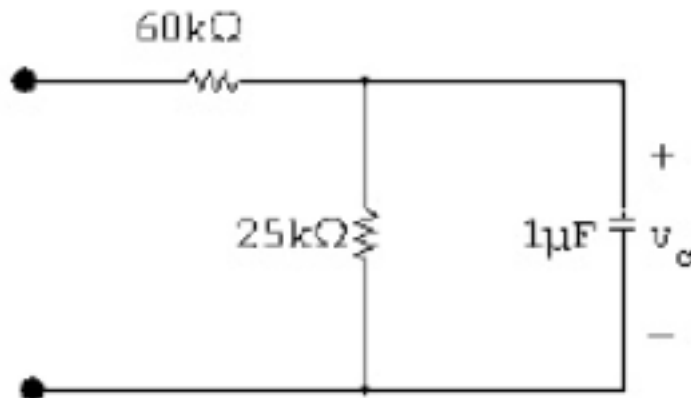
1) Use the circuit shown below, for  $t < 0$ , to calculate the initial voltage drop across the capacitor:



$$i = \left( \frac{40 \times 10^3}{125 \times 10^3} \right) (10 \times 10^{-3}) = 3.2 \text{ mA}$$

$$v_c(0^-) = (3.2 \times 10^{-3})(25 \times 10^3) = 80 \text{ V} = v_c(0^+)$$

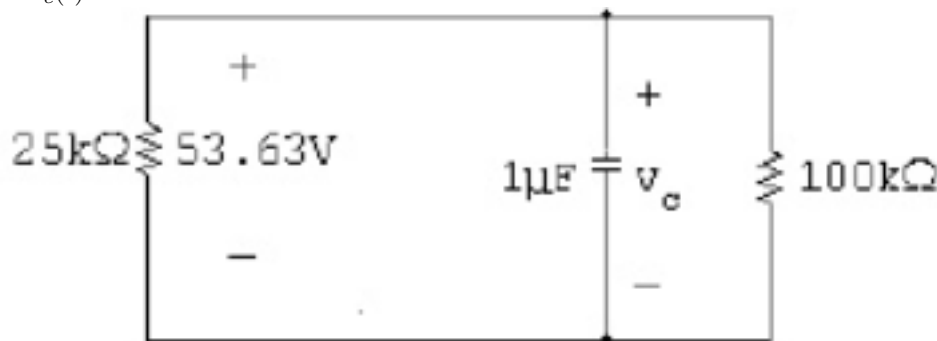
Now we can use the following circuit, valid for  $0 \leq t \leq 10 \text{ ms}$  to calculate  $v_c(t)$  for that interval:



For  $0 \leq t \leq 100ms$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= RC \\ \tau &= (25 \times 10^3)(1 \times 10^{-6}) \\ \tau &= 25ms \\ v_c(t) &= v_c(0^-)e^{\frac{t}{\tau}} \\ &= 80e^{-40t}V, 0 \leq t \leq 10ms\end{aligned}$$

2) Now we can calculate the starting capacitor voltage in the interval  $t \geq 10ms$ , to calculate  $v_c(t)$  for that interval:



For  $t \geq 10ms$ :

$$\begin{aligned}R_{eq} &= 25k\Omega \parallel 100k\Omega = 20k\Omega \\ \tau &= R_{eq}C = (20 \times 10^3)(1 \times 10^{-6}) = 0.02s \\ \text{Therefore:}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}v_c(t) &= v_c(0.01^+)e^{-(t-0.02)/\tau} \\ &= 53.63e^{-50(t-0.01)}V, t \geq 0.01s\end{aligned}$$

3) To calculate the energy disiated in the  $25k\Omega$  resistor, we can integrate the power absorbed by the resistor over all time. Use the expression  $p = v^2/R$  to calculate the power absorbed.

$$\begin{aligned}w_{25k} &= \int_0^{0.01} \frac{[80e^{40t}]^2}{25000} dt + \int_{0.01}^{\infty} \frac{[53.53e^{-50(t-0.01)}]^2}{25000} dt \\ w_{25k} &= 2.91mJ\end{aligned}$$

4) We can repeat the process from (3), but keeping in mind that the voltage

across this resistor is non-zero only for the second interval:

$$w_{100k\Omega} = \int_{0.01}^{\infty} \frac{[53.63e^{-50(t-0.01)}]^2}{100000} dt$$

$$w_{100k\Omega} = 0.29mJ$$