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## Abstract :

The experiment used to be performed to look at the study of superposition theorem for DC circuit. In this experiment we, investigate the application of the superposition theorem to multiple DC circuits in terms of both voltage and current measurements also examine the power measurement. To complete this experiment some basic instruments like trainer board, digital multimeter, DC source, resistors, connecting wires etc. are used. By observing this experiment, we verify superposition theorem in DC circuit and also learn power measurement.

## Theory and Methodology:

The principle of superposition is applicable only for linear systems. The concept of superposition can be explained mathematically by the response and excitation principle:

$$i_1 \rightarrow v_1$$

$$i_2 \rightarrow v_2$$

$$i_1 + i_2 \rightarrow v_1 + v_2$$

Then, the quantity to the left of the arrow indicates the excitation and to the right, the system response Thus, we can state that a device, if excited by a current  $i_1$  will produce a response  $v_1$ . Similarly, an excitation  $i_2$  will cause a response  $v_2$ . Then if we use an excitation  $i_1 + i_2$ , we will find a response  $v_1 + v_2$ .

Superposition theorem states that in any linear circuit containing multiple independent sources, the current or voltage at any point in the network may be calculated as algebraic sum of the individual contributions of each source acting alone.

When determining the contribution due to a particular independent source, we disable all the remaining independent sources. That is, all the remaining voltage sources are made zero by replacing them with short circuits, and all remaining current sources are made zero by replacing them with open circuits. Also, it is important to note that if a dependent source is present, it must remain active (unaltered) during the process of superposition.

#### Action Plan:

- (i) In a circuit of many independent sources, only one source is allowed to be active in the circuit, the rest are deactivated (turned off).
- (ii) To deactivate a voltage source : Replace it with a short circuit.  
To deactivate a current source : Replace it with an open circuit.

(iii) The response obtained by applying each source, one at a time, are then added algebraically to obtain a solution.

#### Limitations:

Superposition principle applies only to the current and voltage in a linear circuit but it cannot be used to determine power because power is a non-linear function.

#### Apparatus:

1. Trainer board
2. Digital multimeter
3. DC source
4. Resistors
5. Connecting wires

#### Experimental Procedure:

##### Circuit Diagram:

1. The circuit was implemented like figure 6.1.
2. The supply voltage  $E_2$  was removed by short circuit.
3. We have measured the node voltage  $V_A$  and noted the polarity.
4. The power supply voltage  $E_2$  was reconnected.
5. By using short circuit supply voltage  $E_1$  was also removed.

6. Lastly we have calculated the deviation between experimental and theoretical values.

Source	V <sub>A</sub> Theory	V <sub>A</sub> Experimental	Deviation
E <sub>1</sub> only	1.09V	1.522	0.43
E <sub>2</sub> only	2.564V	2.529	0.035
E <sub>1</sub> & E <sub>2</sub>	3.65V	4.05	0.4

Table 6.1

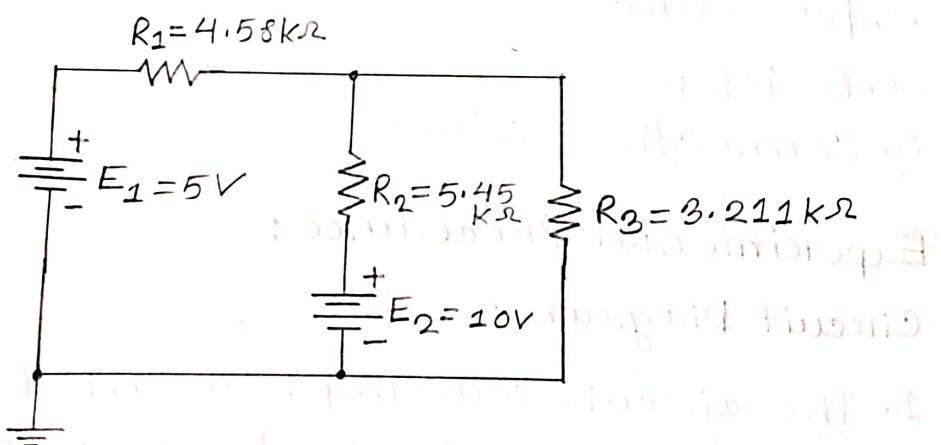


Figure 6.1

7. The circuit was implemented like figure 6.2.  
 8. Procedure 2 to 6 was repeated and measured  $I_{R4}$  current and  $P_{R4}$  power across  $R_4$  resistor and noted the direction of  $I_{R4}$  current flow.

9. Lastly we have calculated the deviation between experimental and theoretical values of table 6.2 and 6.3.

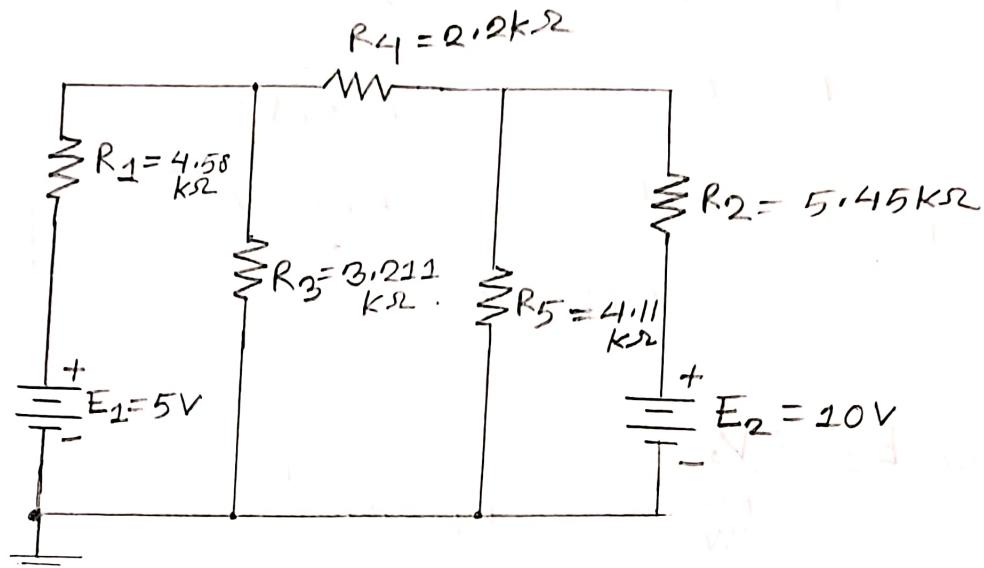


Figure 6.2

### Result and Discussion:

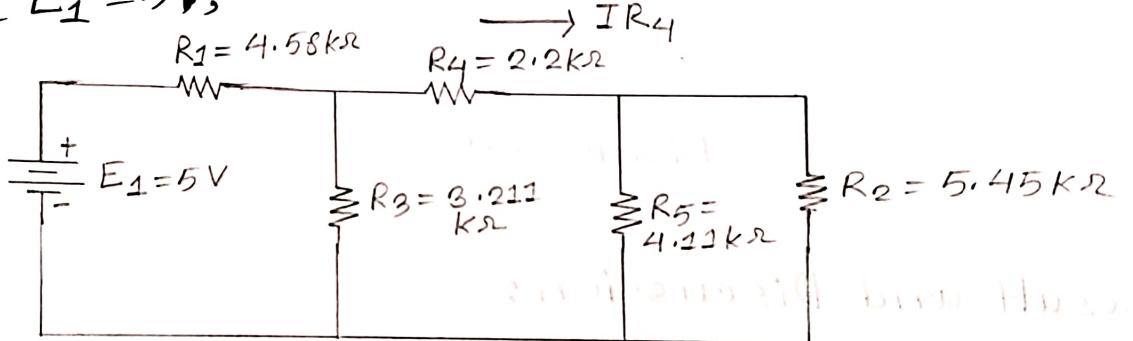
Source	$I_{R4}$ Theory	$I_{R4}$ Experimental	Deviation
$E_1$ only	0.311mA	0.318mA	2.25%
$E_2$ only	0.662mA	0.667mA	0.75%
$E_1$ & $E_2$	0.975mA	0.979mA	0.41%

Table 6.2

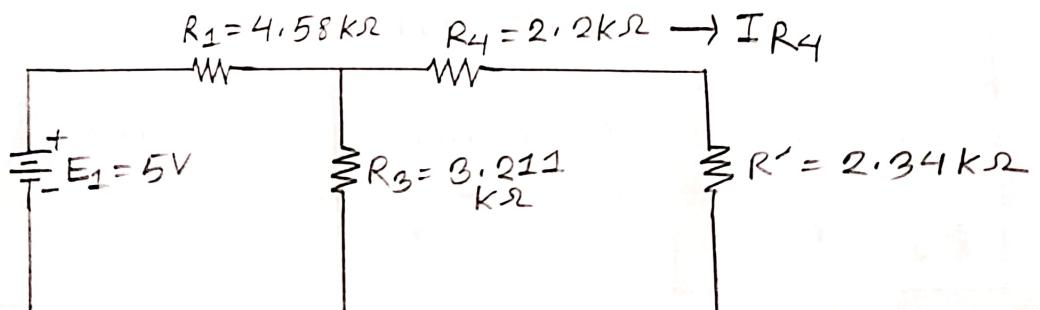
source	$P_{R_4}$
$E_1$ only	1.30 W
$E_2$ only	3.89 W
$E_1 + E_2$	5.19 W
$E_1$ and $E_2$	5.19 W

Table 6.3

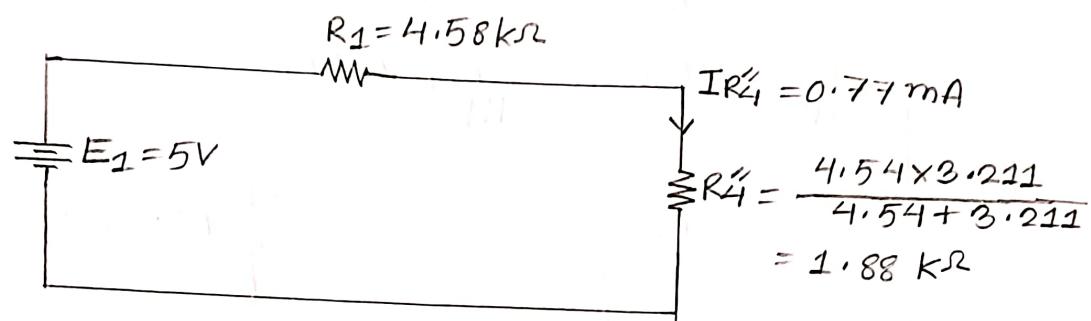
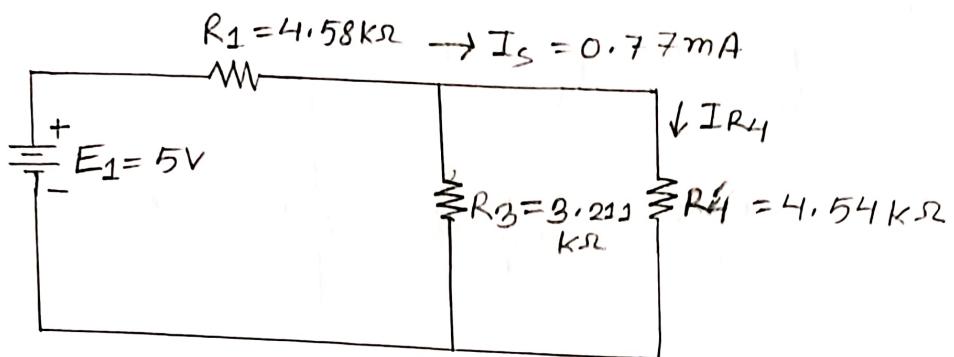
For  $E_1 = 5V$ ,



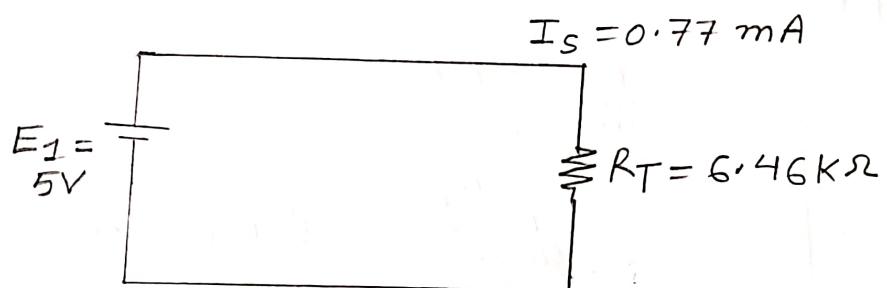
$$R' = R_5 \parallel R_2 = \frac{5.45 \times 4.11}{5.45 + 4.11} = 2.34\text{ k}\Omega$$



$$R'_4 = R_4 + R' = 2.2 + 2.34 = 4.54\text{ k}\Omega$$

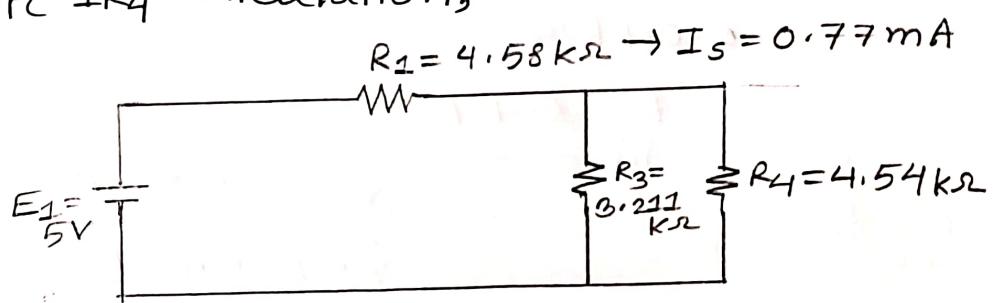


$$R_T = R_4'' + R_1 = 1.88 + 4.58 = 6.46 \text{ k}\Omega$$



$$I_S = \frac{E_1}{R_T} = \frac{5V}{6.46 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.77 \text{ mA}$$

For  $IR_4$  calculation,



$$IR_4 = \frac{R_3}{R_3 + R_4} \times I_S = \frac{3.211}{3.211 + 4.54} \times 0.77 = 0.31 \text{ mA}$$

For  $E_2 = 10V$ ,

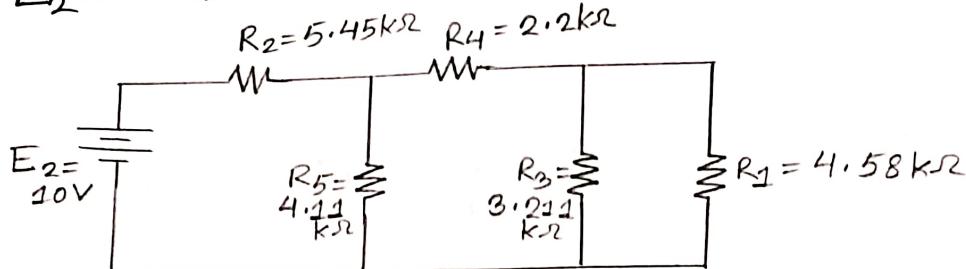


Fig-1

$$R' = R_1 \parallel R_3 = \frac{4.58 \times 3.211}{4.58 + 3.211} = 1.88 \text{ k}\Omega$$

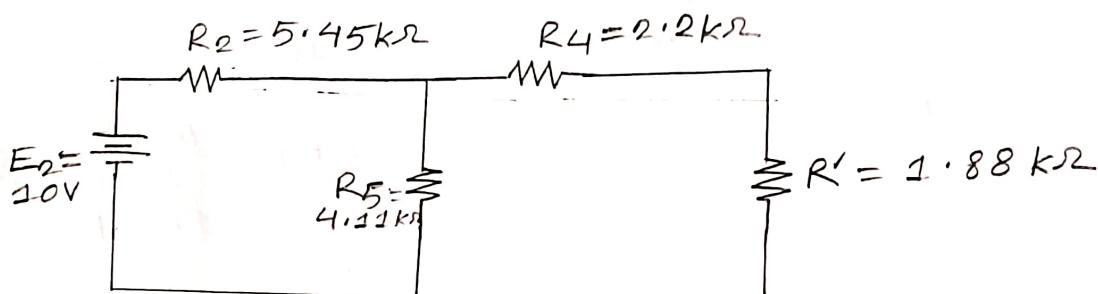


Fig-2

$$R'_4 = R_4 + R' = 2.2 + 1.88 = 4.08 \text{ k}\Omega$$

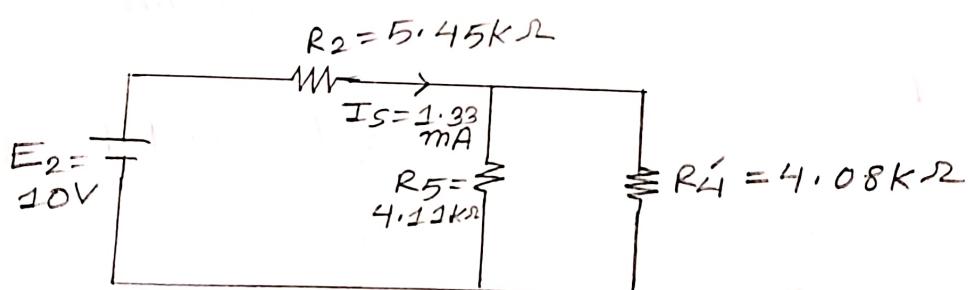


Fig-3

$$R''_4 = R_4 \parallel R_5 = \frac{4.08 \times 4.11}{4.08 + 4.11} = 2.04 \text{ k}\Omega$$

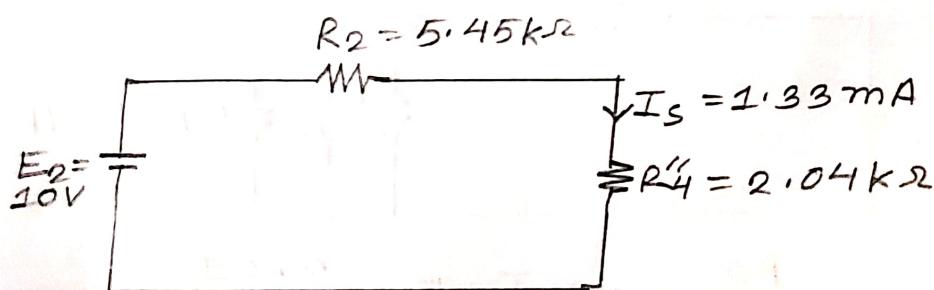


Fig-4

$$R_T = R_{44}' + R_2 = 2.04 + 5.45 = 7.49 \text{ k}\Omega$$

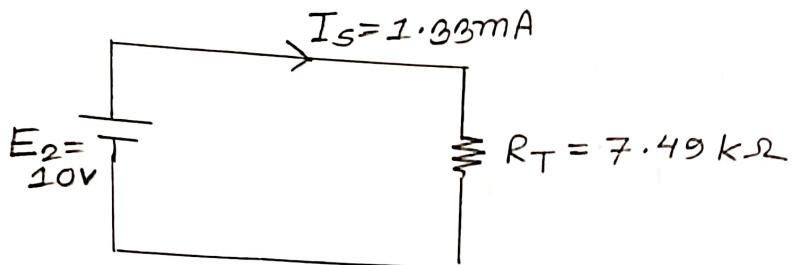
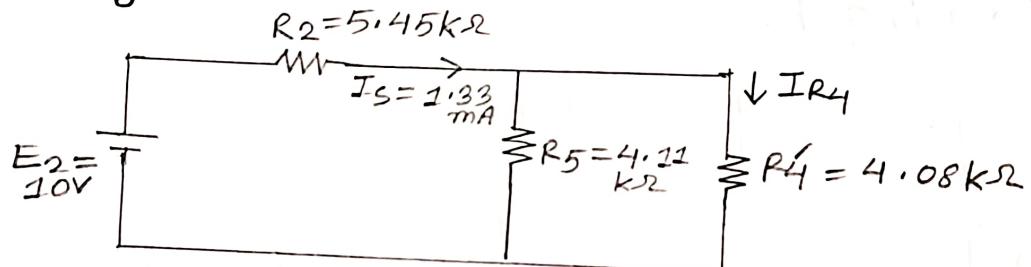


Fig - 5

$$I_S = \frac{10V}{7.49k\Omega} = 1.33mA$$

For IR<sub>4</sub> calculation,

From fig-3,



$$\begin{aligned} I_{R4} &= \frac{R_5}{R_5 + R_4'} \times I_S \\ &= \frac{4.11}{4.08 + 4.11} \times 1.33 \\ &= 0.66mA \end{aligned}$$

$P_{R4}$  calculation:

For  $E_1$ ,

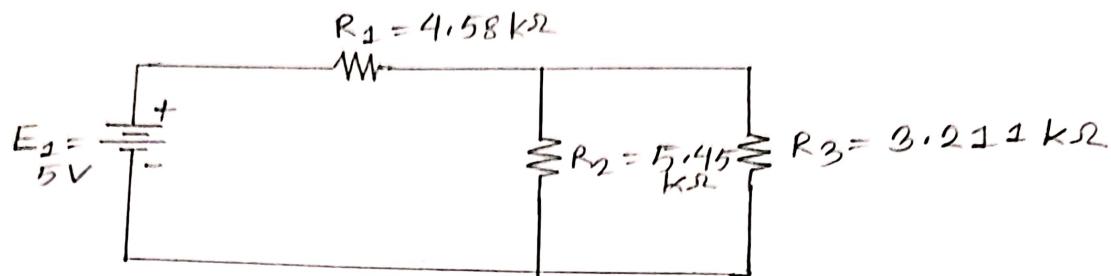
$$P_{R4} = I^2 \times R_4 = 0.77^2 \times 2.2 = 1.30W$$

For  $E_2$ ,

$$P_{R4} = I^2 \times R_4 = 1.33^2 \times 2.2 = 3.89W$$

$V_A$  Calculation:

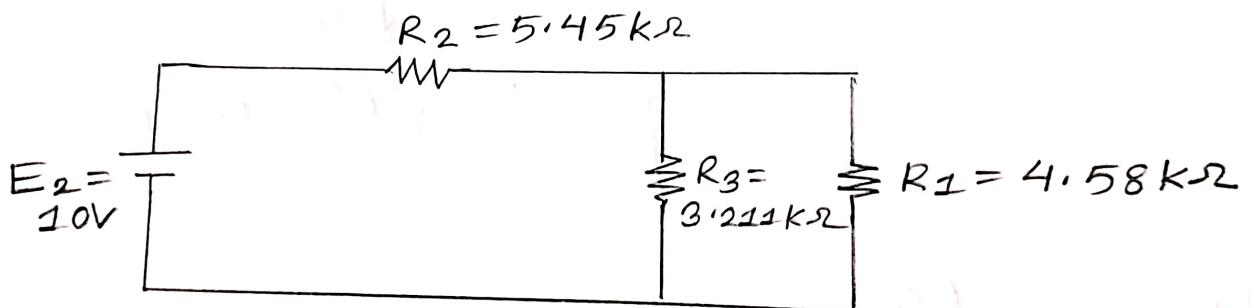
Considering  $E_1 = 5V$ ,



$$R' = R_2 \parallel R_3 = 2.02$$

$$V_{A \text{ or } V_{2.02}} = \frac{2.02}{2.02 + 4.58} \times 5 = 1.09V$$

considering  $E_2 = 10V$ ,



$$R' = R_3 \parallel R_1 = 1.88$$

$$V_A = \frac{1.88}{1.88 + 5.45} \times 10$$

$$= 2.564V$$

### **Discussion :**

In this experiment, we use DC source circuit to show and verify superposition theorem. We have showed the measurement of voltage and current. By this experiment we have got a clear idea about how superposition theorem works both practically and theoretically. We have faced some difficulty while measuring the current  $I_{R4}$  while considering  $E_2$  voltage and hence might have some errors. Otherwise we have done all things quite perfectly.

### **Conclusion :**

In conclusion we can say that our experiment was successful.

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