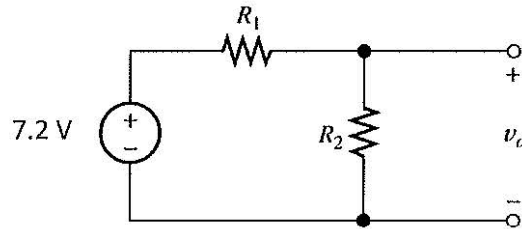


- 1) A robot operated by a 7.2 V battery uses sensors that require a supply voltage ( $v_o$ ) of 4.3 V. You use the "voltage-divider" circuit as shown.
- a) Find  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  in the circuit below if the current drawn from the 7.2 V battery is to be 30 mA.
- b) Now suppose that a 152  $\Omega$  load resistance is connected across the output terminals representing the sensor. Find the new value of  $v_o$ .



$$V_o = V_{R_2} = I R_2$$

$$R_2 = \frac{V_{R_2}}{I} = \frac{4.3(V)}{0.030(A)}$$

$$R_2 = 143.3 \Omega$$

$$V_{R_1} = 7.2(V) - 4.3(V) = 2.9(V)$$

$$R_1 = \frac{V_{R_1}}{I} = \frac{2.9(V)}{0.030(A)} = 96.7 \Omega$$

For parallel Resistors:

$$R_{EQ} = \frac{(143.3)(152)}{143.3 + 152} = 73.8 \Omega$$

- 2) The electronics aboard a certain robot consume 65 W when operated from a 12.0 V source. If a certain fully-charged battery is rated for 12.0 V and 20 ampere-hours, for how many hours can the electronics be operated from the battery without recharging?

$$V_o = V_s \left( \frac{R_{EQ}}{R_1 + R_{EQ}} \right) = 7.2(V) \left( \frac{73.8(\Omega)}{96.7(\Omega) + 73.8(\Omega)} \right) = 3.1(V)$$

$$P = VI$$

$$I = \frac{P}{V} = \frac{65(W)}{12(V)} = 5.42(A)$$

$$\text{Time to discharge} = \frac{20(A \cdot \text{hours})}{5.42(A)} = 3.69(hr)$$

3) A certain resistor absorbs a power of 0.3 W when the applied voltage is 7.2 V.

a) Find the resistance.

b) Suppose that the voltage is reduced by 33% to 4.8 V. By what percentage is the power reduced?

$$a) P = IV = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R} \Rightarrow R = \frac{V^2}{P} = \frac{(7.2^2)(V^2)}{0.3(W)} = 173 \Omega$$

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}, \text{ let } V' = .67V$$

$$P' = \frac{(.67V)^2}{R} = 0.45 \left( \frac{V^2}{R} \right)$$

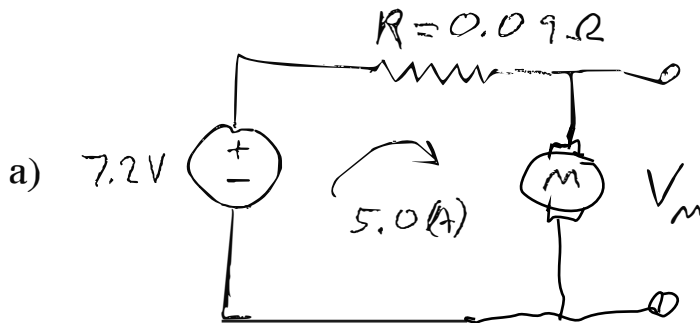
$$b) \boxed{P' = 45\% P \text{ so } 55\% \text{ reduction}}$$

4) A DC motor drives the front wheels of a robot. The motor can draw a maximum current of 5.0 A from its 7.2 V source. In order to sense the motor current, you decided to connect a  $0.09 \Omega$  resistor in series with the motor. (Note: The motor is being constrained to 5.0A, but this is not the stall current)

a) Draw a diagram for the circuit showing the voltage source, the sense resistor and the motor.

b) Calculate how much power the resistor should be able to absorb.

c) Calculate the motor voltage if the current through the resistor is 5.0 A.



$$b) P = I^2 R = (5.0)^2 (A^2) (0.09(\Omega)) = \boxed{2.25(W)}$$

$$c) \text{ From KVL } +7.2(V) - 5.0(A)(.09 \Omega) - V_m = 0$$

$$\boxed{V_m = 6.75(V)}$$