

# EECS 16A Midterm 2 Review Session

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# Resistors

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# Resistance



- A **resistor** is a circuit element used to:
  - *Dissipate/consume* energy
  - Lowers voltage / forces a *voltage drop* across its terminals
  - Restricts (resists) the *flow of current*
- **Ohm's Law:**  $\Delta V = IR$   $\leftarrow$  voltage-current relationship
- Unit of resistance: **Ohm** ( $\Omega$ )
  - Also (from Ohm's law), we see that  $1\Omega = (1V)/(1A)$ . Why does that make sense?
- Good way to think about them is a “*bumpy road*” that prevents the electrical current from travelling smoothly

# Resistivity ( $\rho$ )

- *How much resistance* a material naturally has.
- For example, metal has a much lower resistivity than plastic.
- **Physical equation** for resistance:

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$$

- **R** is the *resistance*
  - **L** is the material's *length*
  - **A** is the material's *cross-sectional area*
  - $\rho$  is the *constant of resistivity* for that material
- Units of resistivity are in  $\Omega\text{-m}$

## Quick Resistivity Question

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$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A} = 1.68 \times 10^{-8} \Omega\text{m} \cdot \frac{(0.2 \text{ m})}{1^{-9} \text{ m}^2} = 3.36 \Omega$$



## Resistivity: Sanity Check

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*Does this make sense intuitively?*

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*Does this make sense intuitively?*

Yes! As the *length of the resistor increases*, it's **more difficult for electrons to move** across the resistor and vice versa.

For the area, as the *cross sectional area increases* there is a **wider gap for electrons to flow**, so resistance decreases and vice versa.

It's useful to think of the analogy of *water flowing through a pipe*.

## Resistivity: Sanity Check

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What happens when we **double the area** of a resistor?

## Resistivity: Sanity Check [Solution]

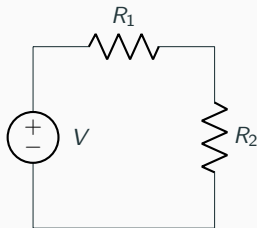
What happens when we double the length of a resistor?

Doubling the length **doubles the resistance**.

What happens when we double the area of a resistor?

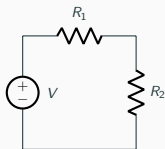
Doubling the area **halves the resistance**.

## Resistors in Series



- **Series:** Every element is on the same path
- **Current** through  $R_1$  is **the same as** the **current** through  $R_2$ .

## Resistors in Series



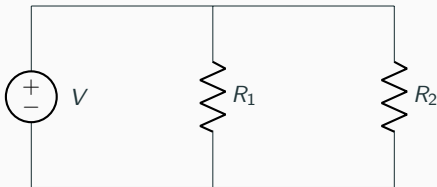
Want to model  $V_{total} = IR_{total}$  (the **equivalent total resistance** in the circuit):

1.  $V_1 = IR_1$
2.  $V_2 = IR_2$
3.  $V_{total} = V_1 + V_2$
4.  $V_{total} = IR_1 + IR_2$
5.  $V_{total} = I(R_1 + R_2)$
6.  $R_{total} = R_1 + R_2$

TLDR: Just add them!

$$R_{total} = \sum_n R_n$$

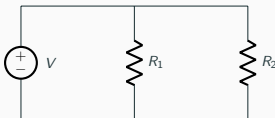
## Resistors in Parallel



- **Parallel:** When you have *multiple paths between two nodes*.
- **Voltage** across  $R_1$  is **the same as** the **voltage** across  $R_2$ .



## Resistors in Parallel



As with series resistors, we want to model  $V_{total} = IR_{total}$ :

1.  $V_1 = V_2 = V_{total}$
2.  $V_{total} = I_1 R_1$
3.  $V_{total} = I_2 R_2$
4.  $I_{total} = I_1 + I_2$
5.  $V_{total}/R_{total} = V_1/R_1 + V_2/R_2$
6.  $1/R_{total} = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2$

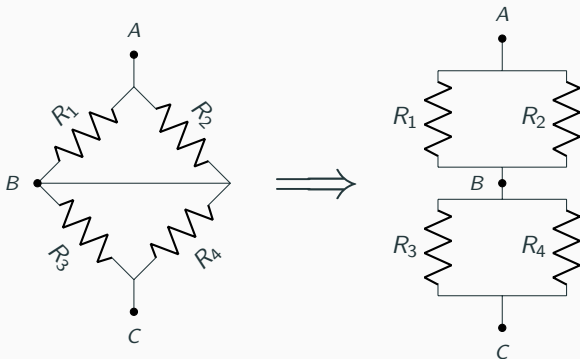
TLDR:

$$1/R_{total} = \sum_n 1/R_n$$

## Equivalent Resistance: Steps to Solve

- **Decide** *what two nodes* you're finding your resistance over—normally, it will be the resistance between the *terminals of a voltage or current source, or between two open terminals*.
- **Break the problem down:** which resistors are in **parallel**?  
Which resistors are in **series**?
- **Use equivalent resistance equations** to *simplify resistors one “group” at a time* until you are left with a single resistor.
- **Redraw, redraw, redraw!** Sometimes, a circuit will be drawn to confuse you; in these cases, *carefully redraw the circuit in a more manageable way*.

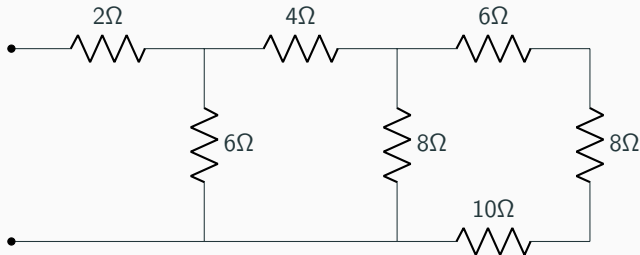
## Equivalent Resistance



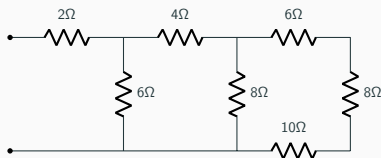
**Careful!** Make sure to *preserve all the nodes*. Remember that a single node consists of *all wires connected to a junction* (for example, node  $B$  in this circuit).

## Problem: Resistor Equivalence

Find the equivalent resistance for this circuit:



## Problem: Resistor Equivalence [Solution]



First, add up the three resistors on the right:

$$R_{right} = (6 + 8 + 10)\Omega = 24\Omega$$

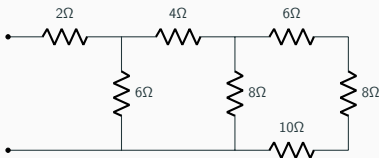
That resistor group is in parallel with the  $8\Omega$  resistor to the left:

$$1/R_{pt2} = 1/8 + 1/24 = 4/24 \Rightarrow R_{pt2} = 6\Omega$$

Now,  $R_{pt2}$  is in series with the  $4\Omega$  resistor:

$$R_{pt3} = 6\Omega + 4\Omega = 10\Omega$$

## Problem: Resistor Equivalence [Solution]



The resistor from the previous part is in parallel with the  $6\Omega$  resistor to its left:

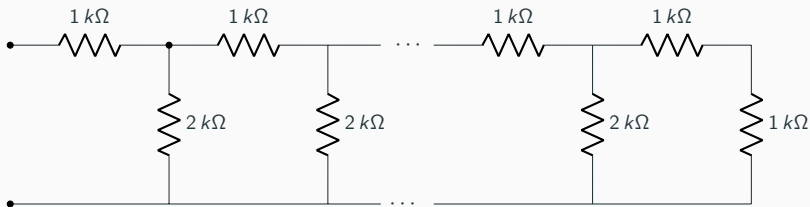
$$1/R_{pt4} = 1/10 + 1/6 = 4/15 \Rightarrow R_{pt4} = 3.75\Omega$$

Finally, the  $2\Omega$  resistor is in series with the rest of the circuit:

$$R_{total} = 2\Omega + 3.75\Omega = 5.75\Omega$$

## Problem: Infinite Series

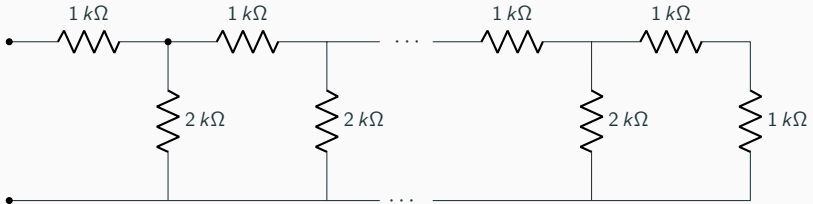
Find the effective resistance between the two nodes (*Hint: start at the end and see if you can find a pattern*)





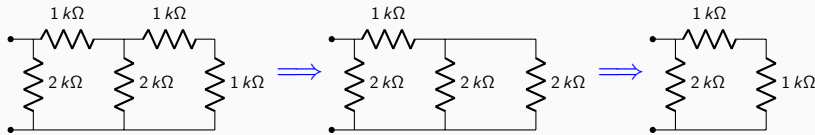
## Problem: Infinite Series [Solution]

Find the effective resistance between the two nodes:  $2\text{ k}\Omega$

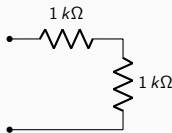


## Problem: Infinite Series [Work]

First, look at the end:



Notice that the equivalent circuit is *the same as the three end resistors in the original circuit*. This pattern continues, until the whole circuit is reduced to:



So, the **equivalent resistance** of the whole circuit is  $2\text{ k}\Omega$ .

# Kirchhoff's Laws

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# Kirchhoff's Current Law

$$\sum I_{node} = 0$$

- Comes from *conservation of charge*.
- Equivalent restatement: the **sum of current entering a node = sum of current leaving a node**
- Use KCL to *write an equation for each node* when solving circuits

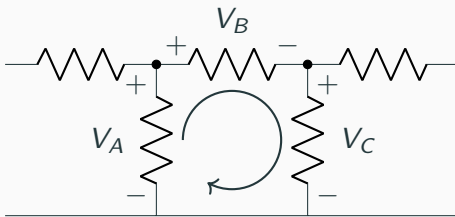
# Kirchhoff's Voltage Law

$$\sum V_{loop} = 0$$

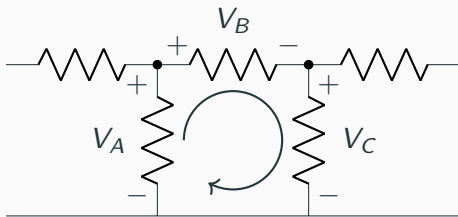
- **Net potential around any loop in a circuit is zero**
- *Careful!*
  - First, **define the + and - ends of each circuit element** in the circuit (use *passive sign convention*)
  - As you traverse the loop and pass by circuit elements, **ADD** the voltage if the loop goes from **the - to the + end**; **SUBTRACT** the voltage otherwise!

## Practice: KVL

Try writing the KVL equation for this loop:



## Practice: KVL [Solution]

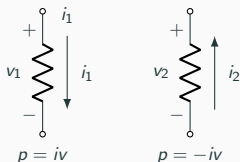


Remember to **add** voltages that go from - to + and **subtract** otherwise! So, the KVL equation for the center loop is:

$$\sum V = V_a = V_b + V_c$$

# Passive Sign Convention

- Used to define **sign of power** in a circuit
- Electrical component *consumes power*  $\rightarrow$  *positive power*
  - Current runs from  $+$  to  $-$  end of component
- Electrical component *produces power*  $\rightarrow$  *negative power*
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- Voltage drop across element with reference to current direction is **voltage at the base of the arrow minus the voltage at the tip of the arrow.**

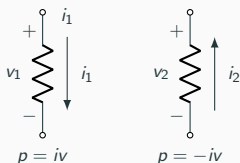


*In the figure, what are  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  in terms of  $V_+$  and  $V_-$  if you use the passive sign convention?*



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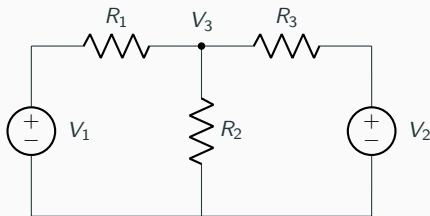


$$V_1 = V_+ - V_- \text{ and } V_2 = V_- - V_+$$

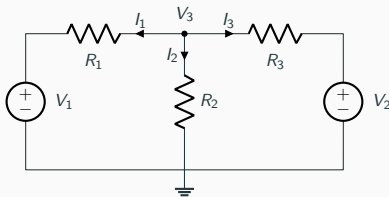
## Practice: Solving for a Node Voltage

Solve for  $V_3$  in terms of  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $V_1$ , and  $V_2$ .

*(Hint: Use KCL to relate each current coming out of node  $V_3$  and Ohm's Law to express these currents in terms of voltages).*



## Practice: Solving for a Node Voltage [Solution]

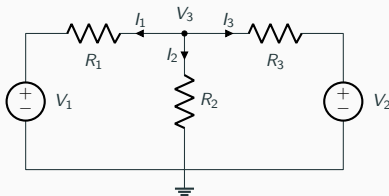


By doing **KCL** at  $V_3$ , we get:  $I_1 + I_2 + I_3 = 0$

We can apply **Ohm's Law** to all three currents to get:

$$I_1 = \frac{V_3 - V_1}{R_1}, \quad I_2 = \frac{V_3}{R_2}, \quad I_3 = \frac{V_3 - V_2}{R_3}$$

## Practice: Solving for a Node Voltage [Solution]



Plugging into the **KCL equation**, we have:

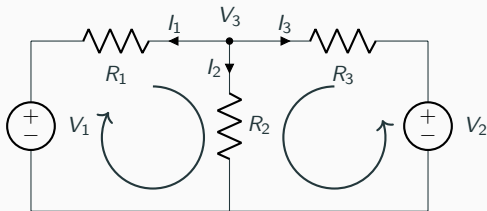
$$\frac{V_3 - V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_3}{R_2} + \frac{V_3 - V_2}{R_3} = 0$$

$$V_3 \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \right) = \frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2}$$

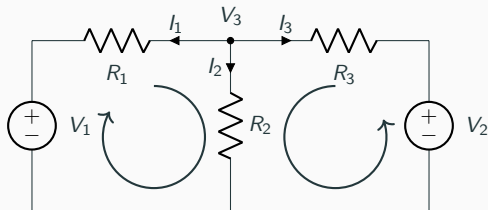
$$V_3 = \frac{\frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2}}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}}$$

## Practice: KVL

Write **KVL equations** around the left loop and the right loop.  
(Remember to label the  $+$  and  $-$  terminals of all circuit elements!)



## Practice: KVL [Solution]

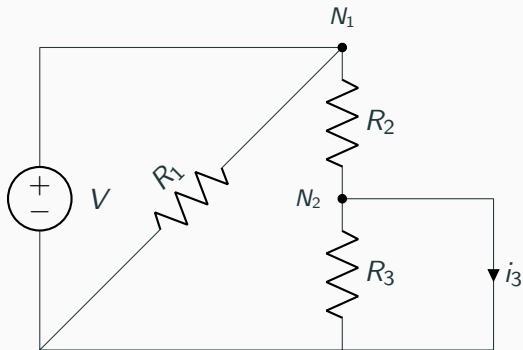


Left Loop:  $\sum V = V_1 + I_1 R_1 - I_2 R_2$

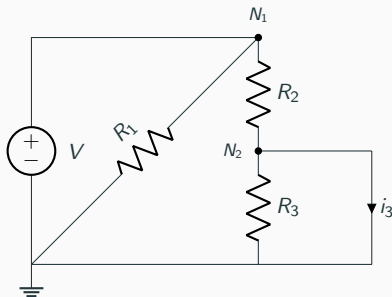
Right Loop:  $\sum V = V_2 + I_3 R_3 - I_2 R_2$

## Practice: Find $i_3$

Find  $i_3$  in the following circuit:



## Practice: Find $i_3$ [Solution]



$$i_3 = V/R_2$$

Notice that  $i_3$  is *equivalent to the current through resistor  $R_2$*  because no current goes through  $R_3$ . And since the voltage at node  $N_1$  is  $V$  and the voltage at  $N_2$  is 0, the current  $i_3 = V/R_2$ .



# Nodal Analysis

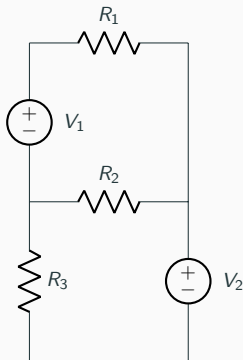
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# Nodal Analysis Procedure

1. Pick a **ground** (reference) node.
2. **Label nodes** with voltage set by voltage sources.
3. Label remaining nodes.
4. Label **element voltages and currents** (*passive sign convention!*)
5. Set up *KCL equations*.
6. Find expressions for *element currents* (in EE16A, just use **Ohm's Law**).
7. Substitute element currents in KCL Equations.
8. Solve the system.

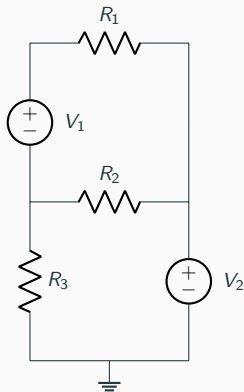
# Nodal Analysis Walkthrough

Let's solve this circuit!



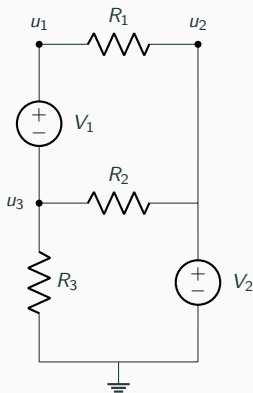
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1. Label a ground



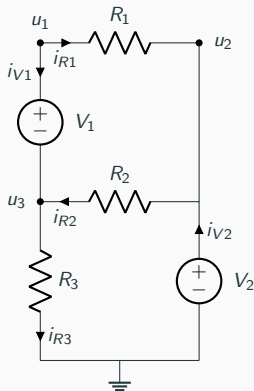
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2. Label all the nodes



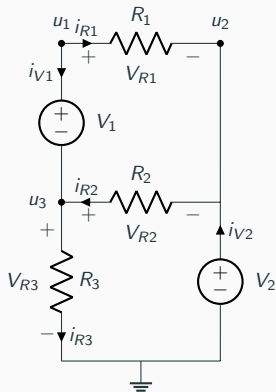
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3. Label all the currents



# Nodal Analysis Walkthrough

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2. Label all the nodes
3. Label all the currents
4. Label all the voltages (passive sign convention!)



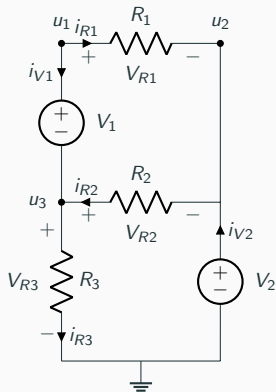
# Nodal Analysis Walkthrough

Write **KCL equations** at each node:

$$\text{At } u_1: i_{V1} + i_{R1} = 0$$

$$\text{At } u_2: i_{R1} + i_{V2} - i_{R2} = 0$$

$$\text{At } u_3: i_{V1} + i_{R2} - i_{R3} = 0$$





# Nodal Analysis Walkthrough

Write **I-V equations** (Ohm's Law):

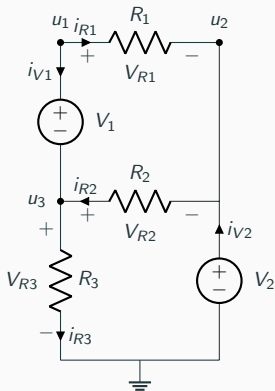
$$V_{R1} = i_{R1}R_1 = u_1 - u_2$$

$$V_{R2} = i_{R2}R_2 = V_2 - u_3$$

$$V_{R3} = i_{R3}R_3 = u_3 - 0$$

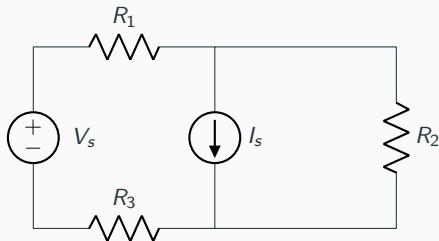
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## Practice: Nodal Analysis

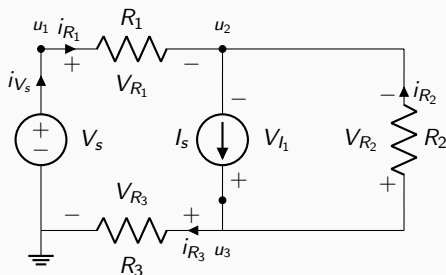
**Solve the circuit!** (find voltages at all nodes, currents through all circuit elements)



Where  $V_s = 6\text{ V}$ ,  $I_s = 2\text{ A}$ ,  $R_1 = 2\text{ }\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 4\text{ }\Omega$ , and  $R_3 = 8\text{ }\Omega$ .

## Practice: Nodal Analysis [Solution]

First, label **nodes**, **voltages**, and **currents**.



## Practice: Nodal Analysis [Solution]

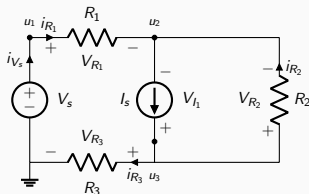
**Long way:** write out a system of equations in terms of currents and node voltages, plug into a matrix, and solve.

KCL equations:

$$\text{At } u_1: i_{V_s} - i_{R_1} = 0$$

$$\text{At } u_2: i_{R_1} + i_{R_2} - I_s = 0$$

$$\text{At } u_3: I_s - i_{R_2} - i_{R_3} = 0$$



I-V Relationships:

$$V_{R_1} = i_{R_1} R_1 = u_1 - u_2$$

$$V_{R_2} = i_{R_2} R_2 = u_3 - u_2$$

$$V_{R_3} = i_{R_3} R_3 = u_3 - 0$$

$$V_s = u_1 - 0$$

$$V_{I_s} = u_3 - u_2$$

Solving for known values:

$$i_{V_s} - i_{R_1} = 0 \quad i_{R_2} R_2 - u_3 + u_2 = 0$$

$$i_{R_1} + i_{R_2} = I_s \quad i_{R_3} R_3 - u_3 = 0$$

$$i_{R_2} + i_{R_3} = I_s \quad u_1 = V_s$$

$$i_{R_1} R_1 - u_1 + u_2 = 0$$

$$V_{I_s} - u_3 + u_2 = 0$$

## Practice: Nodal Analysis [Solution]

You can now *put the equations into a matrix and solve* (Gaussian elimination not shown):

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ R_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_{R_1} \\ i_{R_2} \\ i_{R_3} \\ i_{V_s} \\ V_{I_s} \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_s \\ I_s \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ V_s \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving and *plugging in given values* gives:

$i_{R_1} = 1 \text{ A}$	$i_{R_2} = 1 \text{ A}$	$i_{R_3} = 1 \text{ A}$	$i_{V_s} = 1 \text{ A}$
$V_{I_s} = 4 \text{ V}$	$u_1 = 6 \text{ V}$	$u_2 = 4 \text{ V}$	$u_3 = 8 \text{ V}$

## Practice: Nodal Analysis [Solution]

### Potentially shorter solution:

$V_s$  is between  $u_1$  and ground, so

$$u_1 = V_s = 6V$$

KCL at  $u_2$  gives:  $i_{R_1} + i_{R_2} = I_s$  (1)

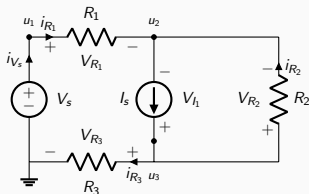
KVL on left loop clockwise gives:

$$V_s - i_{R_1} R_1 + V_{I_s} - i_{R_3} R_3 = 0 \quad (2)$$

Solving (1), (2) for  $i_{R_1}$ , noticing that  $i_{R_3} = i_{R_1}$ :

$$I_s - i_{R_2} = i_{R_1} = \frac{V_s}{R_1 + R_3} + \frac{V_{I_s}}{R_1 + R_3} \text{ but } V_{I_s} = V_{R_2} = i_{R_2} R_2 \text{ (parallel)}$$

$$I_s - \frac{V_{I_s}}{R_2} = \frac{V_s}{R_1 + R_3} + \frac{V_{I_s}}{R_1 + R_3} \Rightarrow V_{I_s} = 4V$$



## Practice: Nodal Analysis [Solution]

### Potentially shorter solution (continued):

Plugging  $V_{I_s}$  into (2) to solve for  $i_{R_1} = i_{R_3}$ :

$$i_{R_1} = \frac{V_s + V_{I_s}}{R_1 + R_2} = 1 \text{ A so } \boxed{i_{R_1} = i_{R_3} = 1 \text{ A}}$$

$$\text{Ohm's Law for } R_3 \text{ gives: } u_3 = i_{R_3} R_3 \Rightarrow \boxed{u_3 = 8 \text{ V}}$$

Looking at the voltage across the current source:  $V_{I_s} = u_3 - u_2$

$$u_2 = u_3 - V_{I_s} = 4 \text{ V} \Rightarrow \boxed{u_2 = 5 \text{ V}}$$

Ohm's Law for  $R_2$ :  $u_3 - u_2 = i_{R_2} R_2$

$$i_{R_2} = \frac{u_3 - u_2}{R_2} = 1 \text{ A} \Rightarrow \boxed{i_{R_2} = 1 \text{ A}}$$

# Voltage and Current Dividers

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# Voltage Divider

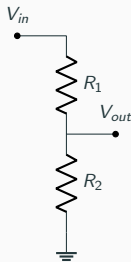
Super useful, a way to *lower the voltage by a desired amount by using resistors*:

$$V_{out} = V_{in} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

*Intuition*: If  $R_1$  is much greater, then most of the voltage is lost across  $R_1$ , so  $V_{out}$  is small.

Voltage across resistor is **proportional to its resistance**

Can also be used to find *voltage across top resistor*.



## Example: Voltage Dividers

If we want to have our output voltage be **half of our input voltage**, how can we use a **voltage divider** to do so?

Remember,  $V_{out}$  of a voltage divider is  $V_{in} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$ .

## Example: Voltage Divider [Solution]

If we want to **halve our input voltage** how can we use a **voltage divider** to do so?

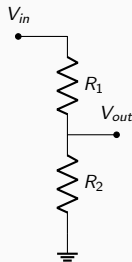
Solution: If we look at the equation

$$V_{out} = V_{in} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

We take  $R_1 = R_2$  and then the fraction

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = 1/2$$

So, we halve our voltage!

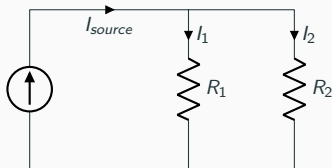


# Current Divider

Similar to the voltage divider, a way to get a **fraction of the input current** based on the resistors of our circuit.

$$I_1 = I_{source} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

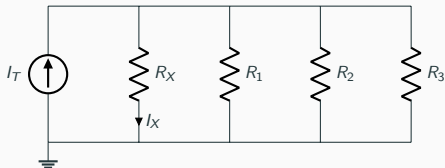
Intuitively: The more resistance in our  $R_2$  value means that there will be **more current going through the first branch** ( $I_1$ ).



# Current Divider

Note in our formula

$$I_X = I_T \frac{R_T}{R_X + R_T}$$



The  $R_T$  corresponds to the **equivalent resistance** of the rest of the circuit. (Not including  $R_X$ )

# Superposition

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# Superposition

If a circuit has linear elements (like resistors), we can analyze voltages and currents through it by **considering only one voltage/current source at a time**.

To do this, we “**zero**” **out** the other independent sources.

Zeroing out:

- **Voltage sources** become **ideal wires** ( $V = 0$ )
- **Current sources** become **open circuits** ( $I = 0$ )

*Note:* Superposition is a \*long\* process, but mostly mechanical.

## Superposition: Steps to Solve

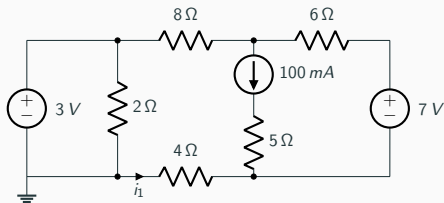
- **Note** what *goal* you want to achieve: are you finding a *voltage across two nodes?* A *current through a resistor?* Keep this in mind.
- **Identify** each **independent** voltage and current source you have in your circuit. You will have *one subproblem to solve per source*.
- **For each subproblem:**
  - For each source, **zero out the other independent sources** and redraw the circuit.
  - **Solve for your subgoal** once per subproblem.
- Once you have each subgoal, **add them all together**. That's your answer!



## Practice: Superposition

*Goal:* Find  $i_1$ .

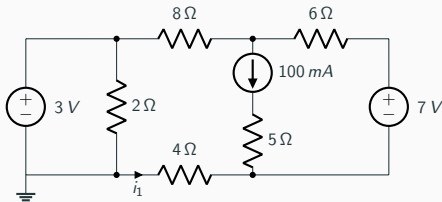
- How many subproblems will you have to solve?
- Draw out your equivalent circuits for each subproblem.



## Practice: Superposition [Solution]

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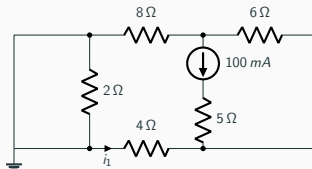
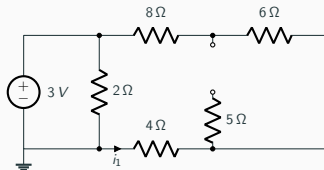
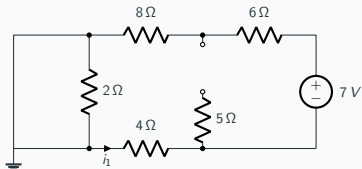
- How many subproblems will you have to solve? 3: one for each independent source!
- Draw out your equivalent circuits for each subproblem.  
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## Practice: Superposition [Solution]

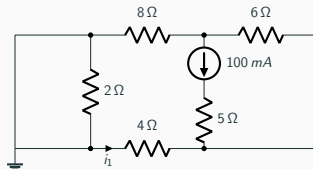
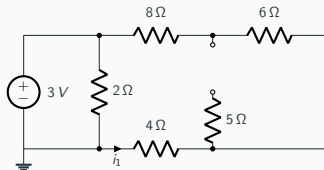
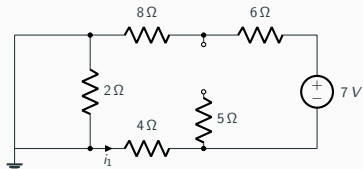
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- Draw out your equivalent circuits for each subproblem  $\rightarrow$



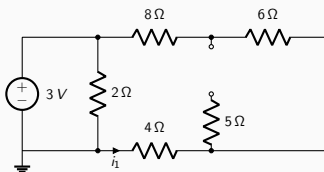
## Practice: Superposition

*Subgoals:* Find  $i_1$  for each subcircuit.



## Practice: Superposition [Solution]

*Subgoal:* Find  $i_{1,\text{part1}}$  for the 3 V circuit.



Let  $V_{eq}$  be the voltage drop across the branch that includes the 4 Ω resistor. *Remember to follow passive sign convention!*  
 $V_{eq} = 0 - 3\text{ V} = -3\text{ V}$

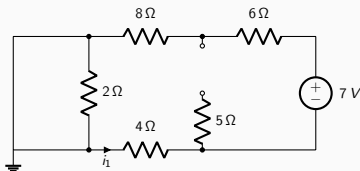
Let  $R_{eq}$  be the series combination of resistors on that branch.

$$R_{eq} = 4\ \Omega + 6\ \Omega + 8\ \Omega = 18\ \Omega$$

$$i_{1,\text{part1}} = \frac{V_{eq}}{R_{eq}} = \frac{-3\text{ V}}{18\ \Omega} = -167\text{ mA}$$

## Practice: Superposition [Solution]

*Subgoal:* Find  $i_{1,part2}$  for the 7 V circuit.



Let  $V_{eq}$  be the voltage drop across the branch that includes the  $4\Omega$  resistor.

$$V_{eq} = 7\text{ V} - 0 = 7\text{ V}$$

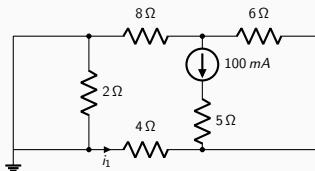
Let  $R_{eq}$  be the series combination of resistors on that branch. Note that the  $2\Omega$  resistor is in parallel with a *short*, so we disregard it.

$$R_{eq} = 6\Omega + 8\Omega + 4\Omega = 18\Omega$$

$$i_{1,part2} = \frac{V_{eq}}{R_{eq}} = \frac{7\text{ V}}{18\Omega} = 389\text{ mA}$$

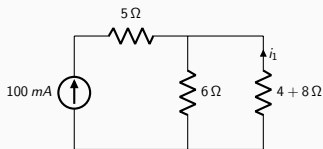
## Practice: Superposition [Solution]

*Subgoal:* Find  $i_{1,part3}$  for the 100 mA circuit.



Use a **current divider** and **equivalent resistances** to redraw the circuit!

Note: disregard the 2 Ω resistor because (in parallel with a short).



Use our *current divider formula* (with a negation because  $i_1$  is going in the opposite direction of the current source).

$$i_{1,part3} = -100 \text{ mA} \frac{6 \Omega}{6 \Omega + 12 \Omega} = -33 \text{ mA}$$

## Practice: Superposition [Solution]

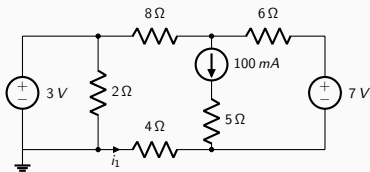
Goal: Find  $i_1$

Add the result of each subpart:

$$i_1 = i_{1,\text{part1}} + i_{1,\text{part2}} + i_{1,\text{part3}}$$

$$i_1 = -167 \text{ mA} - 33 \text{ mA} + 389 \text{ mA}$$

$$i_1 = 189 \text{ mA}$$



Note: you can also add up voltages this way using superposition.



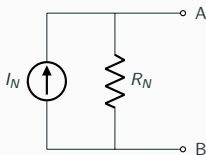
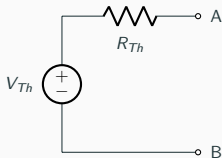
# Thévenin and Norton Equivalent Circuits

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# Equivalent Circuits

Any **linear electrical network** with only voltage sources, current sources, and resistances can be replaced by either of the following:

- **Thévenin Equivalent:** An equivalent voltage source  $V_{Th}$  in series with an equivalent resistance  $R_{Th}$ .
- **Norton Equivalent:** An equivalent current source  $I_N$  in parallel with an equivalent resistance  $R_N$ .



## Equivalent Circuits: Steps to Solve

- Find **Thévenin voltage**,  $V_{Th}$ , by treating the output terminals as an **open circuit** and *finding the voltage across them*.
- Or, find the **Norton current**,  $I_N$ , by treating the output terminals as a **short circuit** and *finding the current through that short*.
  - Note: resistors in parallel with a short can be disregarded.

## Equivalent Circuits: Steps to Solve

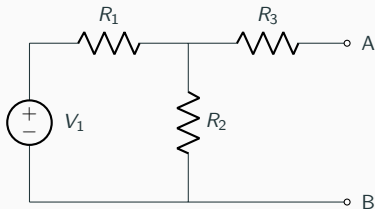
Find  $R_{Th}$  or  $R_N$  by either:

- Connecting a **test voltage source**  $V_{test}$  across the terminals and calculating  $I_{test}$ , the **current out** of the source, or
- Connecting a **test current source**  $I_{test}$  and measuring  $V_{test}$ , the **voltage across** the source.

Also, note that  $R_{Th} = R_N = V_{Th}/I_N$ .

## Practice: Equivalent Circuits

Draw the **Thévenin and Norton equivalent circuits** for the following circuits across terminals A and B, with A as the + terminal and B as the – terminal.



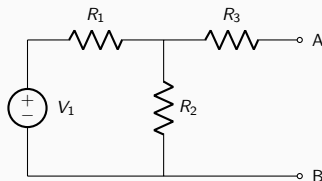
Where  $V_1 = 10\text{ V}$  and  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 200\ \Omega$ .

## Practice: Equivalent Circuits [Solution]

Find  $V_{Th}$ :

Note that  $R_3$  does not affect  $V_{Th}$  because we're looking at the voltage across an open circuit.

So,  $V_{Th}$  is the voltage across  $R_2$

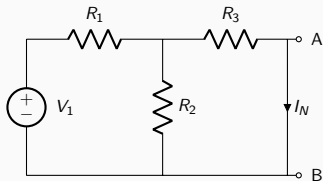


$$V_{Th} = V_1 \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = 10 \text{ V} \cdot \frac{200 \Omega}{400 \Omega} = 5 \text{ V}$$

## Practice: Equivalent Circuits [Solution]

Find  $I_N$ :

We can use our **current divider** formula by finding  $I_{total}$  then using the relationship between  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  to find  $I_N$ .



$$I_{total} = \frac{V_1}{R_1 + (R_2 || R_3)} = \frac{10 \text{ V}}{200(200 || 200) \Omega} = 1/30 \text{ A}$$

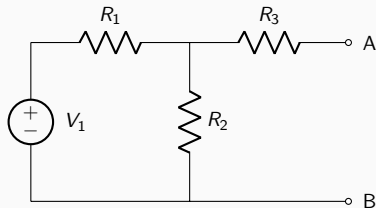
$$I_N = I_{total} \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_3} = (1/30 \text{ A}) \cdot \frac{200 \Omega}{400 \Omega} = 1/60 \text{ A}$$

## Practice: Equivalent Circuits [Solution]

Find  $R_{Th} = R_N = R_{eq}$ :

$$R_{eq} = V_{Th}/I_N$$

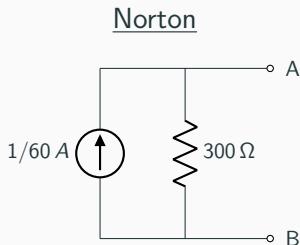
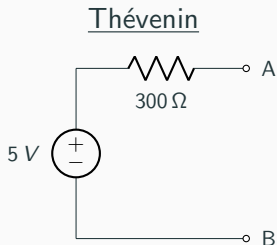
$$R_{eq} = 5\text{ V}/(1/60)\text{ A} = 300\ \Omega$$





## Practice: Equivalent Circuits [Solution]

Finally, redraw the equivalent circuits:



# Capacitors and Capacitance

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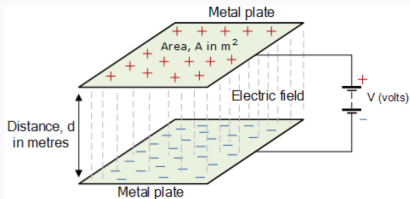
# Introduction to Capacitors

**Capacitor:** generally two surfaces that **store charge**, with non-conductive material between plates.

$$CV = Q$$

$$C = \epsilon A/d$$

- $C$ : capacitance
- $A$ : area of capacitor (one plate)
- $d$ : distance between plates
- $\epsilon$ : “permittivity”, a constant depending on the material in the space between the two plates



## Circuit model of a capacitor

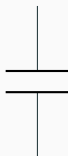
Unit is the **Farad** (F)  $\rightarrow$  Coulombs per volt ( $C/V$ )

$$C = Q/V$$

capacitance = charge/voltage ( $F = C/V$ )

$$E = \frac{1}{2}QV = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$$

energy =  $1/2$  \* capacitance \* voltage squared ( $J = C/V \cdot V^2 = CV$ )



## Sanity Check: Parallel Plate Capacitor

$$C = \epsilon \frac{A}{d}$$

What is the **capacitance** of pair of parallel plates when

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- $d \rightarrow \infty$ ?  $C \rightarrow 0$

*Does this make sense intuitively?*

Yes, since as the area of the capacitor increases, the capacitor can hold more charge and vice versa. As the distance between the plates decreases, the charges escape to the other plate more easily.

## Capacitors in Parallel

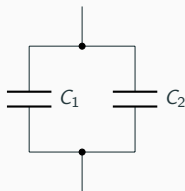
We know that the two capacitors must be at the **same voltage** but *not necessarily have the same charge*. So:

$$C_{eq} = Q/V$$

$$C_{eq} = (Q_1 + Q_2)/V$$

$$C_{eq} = Q_1/V + Q_2/V$$

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2$$



TLDR: Just add them

$$C_{eq} = \sum_n C_n$$



## Capacitors in Series

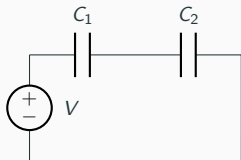
We know that both  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  have the **same charge**  $Q$  stored in them since the *current going through each of the capacitors must leave through the other*. On the other hand, the voltages **sum to the total voltage**.

Knowing this:

$$1/C_{eq} = (V_1 + V_2)/Q$$

$$V_1/Q + V_2/Q$$

$$1/C_{eq} = 1/C_1 + 1/C_2$$



TLDR:

$$1/C_{eq} = \sum_n 1/C_n$$

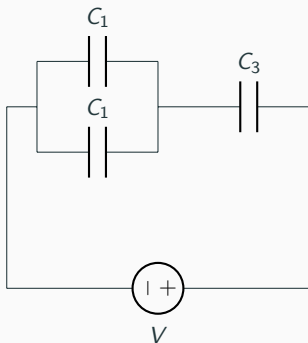
## Equivalent Capacitance: Steps to Solve

- **Decide** what **two nodes** you're finding your capacitance over.
  - Normally, it will be the capacitance between the *terminals of a voltage or current source, or between two open terminals.*
- **Break the problem down:** which capacitors are in **parallel**?  
Which capacitors are in **series**?
- **Use these equivalent capacitance equations** to simplify capacitances one "group" at a time until you are left with a single capacitance.

*Note: Capacitor equations are exactly opposite of resistor equations!*

## Practice: Equivalent Capacitance

Find the **total capacitance** in this circuit.



## Practice: Equivalent Capacitance [Solution]

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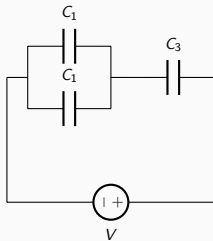
The parallel portion becomes:

$$C_{par} = C_1 + C_2$$

Then we use our series equation:

$$1/C_{eq} = 1/C_{par} + 1/C_3 = \frac{C_{par} + C_3}{C_{par} C_3}$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{C_{par} C_3}{C_{par} + C_3} = \frac{C_1 C_3 + C_2 C_3}{C_1 + C_2 + C_3}$$



## Charging a Capacitor

- When a capacitor is supplied with current, it **charges up**.
- $V = Q/C$ , so the voltage *increases with time*.
- When the capacitor **discharges**, it *loses charge and (therefore) voltage*.

### Working with charges over time:

- Charge on capacitor after  $t$  seconds (constant current):  $I \cdot t$ .
- $Q_{final} = C(V_{final} - V_{init})$
- $I = CdV/dt = C\Delta V/\Delta t$
- $C = I\Delta t/\Delta V$
- $Q_{final} = C\Delta V = I\Delta t = I(T_{final} - t_{init})$

*Note: we'll be working with discrete time in 16A.*

# Power

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## Power (Definition)

**Power** is the amount of energy supplied/dissipated per unit time:

- Units: Watts (Joules / second)
- General equation:  $P = IV$ 
  - For resistors,  $P = IV = V^2/R = I^2R$



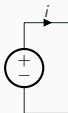
# Power Conventions

We use "passive sign convention"

- Elements **consuming power** have current *entering the higher voltage node*:



- Elements **supplying power** have current *exiting the higher voltage node*:

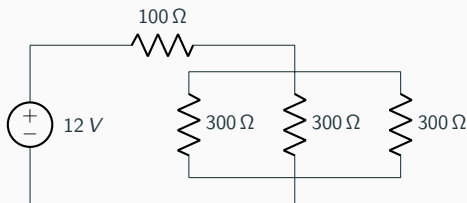


A circuit element either **supplies** or **consumes** power.

- Voltage and current sources **supply power**
- Resistors always **consume power**
  - *Convert electrical energy to heat*
- Capacitors can *either supply or consume* power.
  - Consumes energy when charging the capacitor
  - Supplies energy when discharging the capacitor

## Practice: Power

- A. Find the **total power consumed** by the resistors.
- B. Find the **power supplied** by the battery.



## Practice: Power [Solution]

A: Power dissipated by resistor:

Equivalent Resistance:

- Parallel network:  $1/R_p = 1/300 + 1/300 + 1/300 = 1/100$
- $R_p = 100$ , so  $R_{eq} = 100 + 100 = 200$

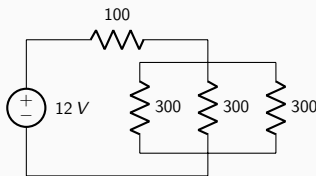
The voltage across the resistors is  $12\text{ V}$ , so

$$P = V^2/R = 12^2/200 = 0.72\text{ W}$$

B: Power supplied by battery:

By *conservation of energy*, **total power = 0**, so power consumed is the equal to power supplied.

$$P = 0.72\text{ W}$$



# Charge Sharing

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Capacitors can be first charged up, then *reconfigured into a different circuit*, usually via switches.

States to Analyze:

1. **Initial state:** after charging up
2. **Final state:** after charges redistribute in new configuration

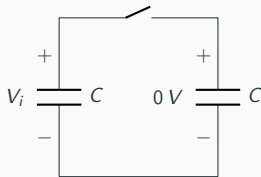
**NOTE!** *Charge is \*always\* conserved from phase 1 to 2.*

## Charge Sharing: Steps to Solve

- **Note how many states** you will have to find charges for, and **draw their equivalent circuits**. Generally, there are two: an *initial state* and a *final state*.
  - Sometimes, there will be intermediate stages – but you *solve those much like you will a two-state problem*.
- Find the **charges on all capacitors in your initial state** in terms of your knowns.
  - Most often, you'll be given an *initial charge on one cap, or a voltage source, and the capacitances of all caps*.
  - For 16A, this is generally taken once the charges stabilize.
- Find the **charges on all capacitors in your second state**, knowing that  $Q_{total,final} = Q_{total,init}$  in your system because **charge is conserved**, in terms of your knowns.

## Practice: Charge Sharing

Suppose the left capacitor has an initial voltage of  $V_i$ .



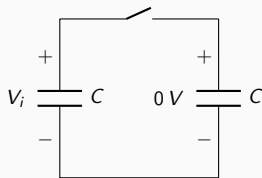
**What happens when we close the switch?**



## Practice: Charge Sharing [Solution]

Assuming ideal switch connection, **total charge must be conserved.**

Phase 1 is when the switch is open and  
Phase 2 is after we *close the switch and reach steady state*. Let  $V_f$  be the voltage across the capacitors in Phase 2.



$$Q_{total,\phi_1} = Q_{1,\phi_1} + Q_{2,\phi_1} = CV_i + C(0) = Q_{1,\phi_1}$$

$$Q_{total,\phi_2} = Q_{1,\phi_2} + Q_{2,\phi_2} = CV_f + CV_f = 2CV_f = 2Q_{1,\phi_2}$$

But,  $Q_{total,\phi_1} = Q_{total,\phi_2}$ . Therefore,  $Q_{1,\phi_2} = Q_{1,\phi_1}/2$

$$E_{\phi_1} = \frac{Q_{1,\phi_1}^2}{2C}$$

$$E_{\phi_2} = \frac{Q_{1,\phi_2}^2}{2C} + \frac{Q_{2,\phi_2}^2}{2C} = 2\frac{Q_{1,\phi_2}^2}{2C} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{Q_{1,\phi_1}^2}{2C}$$

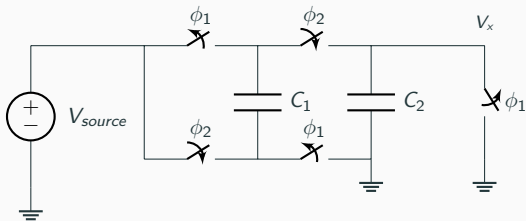
Therefore,  $E_{\phi_2} = E_{\phi_1}/2$ . So energy was dissipated between Phase 1 and Phase 2!

## Challenge Practice: Charge Sharing

Phase 1: all  $\phi_1$  switches are **closed**, and all  $\phi_2$  switches are **open**.

Phase 2: all  $\phi_1$  switches are **open**, and all  $\phi_2$  switches are **closed**.

What is  $V_x$  during phase 2 if  $C_1 = C$  and  $C_2 = 9C$ ?

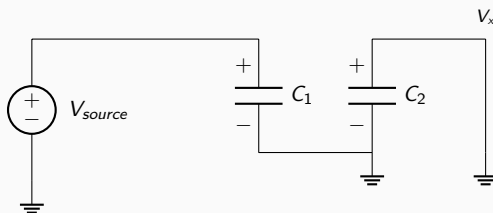


## Challenge Practice: Charge Sharing [Solution]

### Phase 1

$$Q_1 = C_1 V_1 = C_1 (V_S - 0) = C V_S$$

$$Q_2 = C_2 V_2 = (9C)(0 - 0) = 0$$

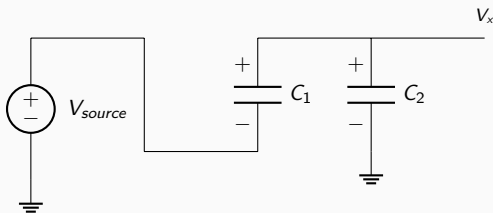


## Challenge Practice: Charge Sharing [Solution]

### Phase 2

$$V_1 = V_x - V_S \rightarrow Q_1 = C_1(V_x - V_S) = C(V_X - V_S)$$

$$V_2 = V_X \rightarrow Q_2 = C_2 V_X = 9CV_X$$



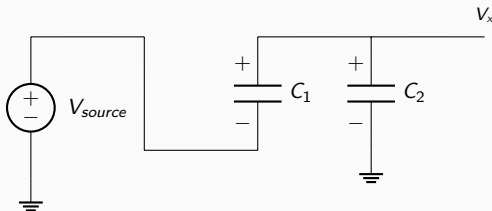
## Challenge Practice: Charge Sharing [Solution]

Total charge in Phase 1 = Total charge in Phase 2

$$Q_{1,\phi_1} + Q_{2,\phi_1} = Q_{1,\phi_2} + Q_{2,\phi_2}$$

$$CV_S + 0 = C(V_X - V_S) + 9CV_X$$

$$2CV_S = 10CV_X \rightarrow V_X = V_S/5$$



# Op-Amps

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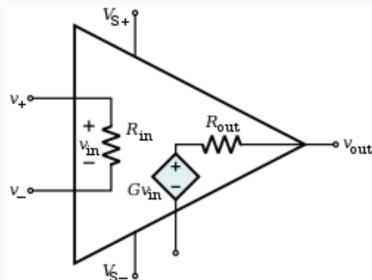
# Op-Amps

Important facts: **always applicable** (in 16A):

$$V_{out} = G(V_+ - V_-)$$

$$V_{S+} \geq V_{out} \geq V_{S-}$$

The last fact says that the output voltage **“clips”** if the input voltage difference is too large.



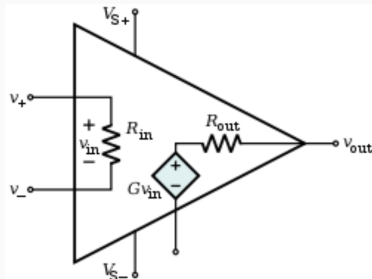
## Op-Amps: Gain

**Gain** can be defined differently depending on the problem.

Sometimes gain is just defined as the **ratio** of  $V_{out}$  to  $V_+ - V_-$ .

Other times, with a *single voltage source*  $V_{in}$ , it can be defined as the ratio of  $V_{out}$  to  $V_{in}$ .

Usually, “gain” refers to **voltage gain**, and will be  $G = V_{out}/V_{in}$ .

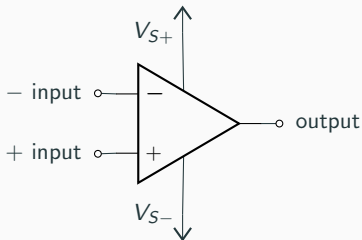




# Comparators

A device that **compares two voltages** and outputs a digital signal indicating which is larger.

An **op-amp** can act as a comparator because, when  $V_+ > V_-$ , it outputs  $V_{S+}$ , and when  $V_+ < V_-$ , it outputs  $V_{S-}$ .



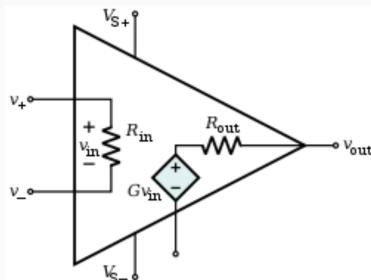
# Golden Rules

For **ideal op-amps**, take

$$G \rightarrow \infty, R_{in} \rightarrow \infty, R_{out} \rightarrow 0$$

For all ideal op-amps, **input terminals draw no current:**

$$I_- = I_+ = 0$$

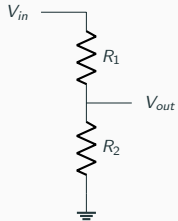


For all ideal op-amps in **negative feedback**, there is **no voltage difference** between the two input terminals:  $V_- = V_+$

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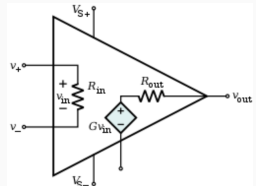
## Load-dependent Circuit: Voltage Divider

$V_{out}$  depends on the **load**, or the *current drawn from the  $V_{out}$  terminal*. The voltage divider formula for  $V_{out}$  can only be used if  $V_{out}$  is not loaded, i.e., no current is drawn from it.



## Load-independent Circuit: Ideal Op-Amp

*Ideal* op-amps:  $V_{out}$  is **INDEPENDENT of the load**. The *internal voltage source* guarantees that  $V_{out}$  is **kept the same**.  
(*But the current produced from the output can be different depending on the load.*)



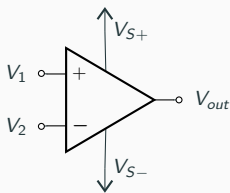
# Op-Amp Configurations

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# Basic Op-Amp Configurations

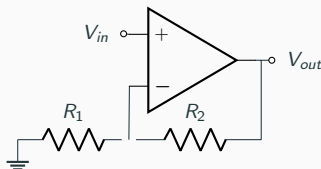
With **ideal op-amps**, you should use op-amp configurations as **building blocks** without regarding the effect of one block's  $R_{eq}$  on another block:

Voltage Comparator



$$V_{out} = \begin{cases} V_{S+} & V_1 > V_2 \\ V_{S-} & V_1 < V_2 \end{cases}$$

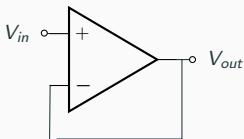
Non-Inverting Amplifier



$$V_{out} = V_{in} \cdot (1 + R_2/R_1)$$

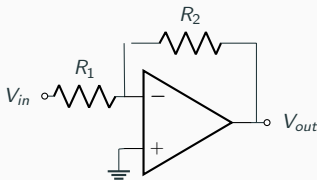
# Basic Op-Amp Configurations

## Unity Gain Buffer



$$V_{out} = V_{in}$$

## Inverting Amplifier



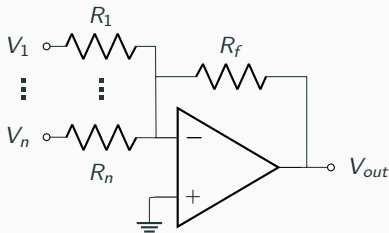
$$V_{out} = -V_{in} \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$

Also, look [here](#) for more useful op-amps configurations!

*These might also show up on the final.*

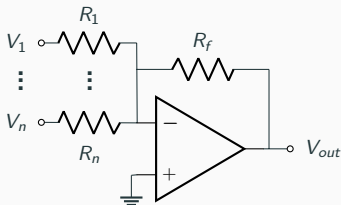
## Practice: Op-Amp Analysis

Compute  $V_{out}$ :



*(Hint: What basic op-amp configuration does this look like?)*

## Practice: Op-Amp Analysis [Solution]



This is similar to the **inverting amplifier**.

**KCL** at the negative terminal gives:

$$V_1/R_1 + \dots + V_n/R_n = -V_{out}/R_f$$

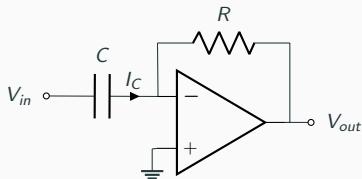
$$V_{out} = -R_f(V_1/R_1 + \dots + V_n/R_n)$$

*Note that you can't use the formula for the inverting amplifier here because there are multiple voltage sources.*



## Practice: Calculus in Op-Amps!

Find  $V_{out}$  as a function of  $V_{in}$ :



## Practice: Calculus in Op-Amps! [Solution]

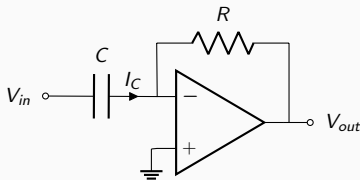
Notice that the circuit is in **negative feedback**:

By the first golden rule,

$$I_C = C \frac{dV_{in}}{dt} - \frac{V_{out}}{R}$$

By the second golden rule,

$$V_{out} = -RC \frac{dV_{in}}{dt}$$

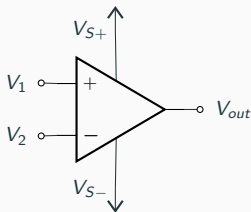


# Deriving Op-Amp Configurations: Comparator

What is  $V_{out}$  when:

$$V_1 > V_2?$$

$$V_2 > V_1?$$

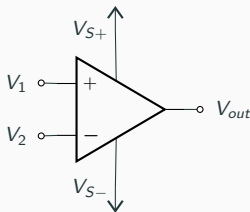


## Deriving Op-Amp Configurations: Comparator [Solution]

What is  $V_{out}$  when:

$$V_1 > V_2? \quad V_{S+}$$

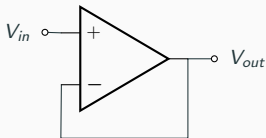
$$V_2 > V_1? \quad V_{S-}$$



Reason: For *ideal op-amps*, the **gain is really large** (infinite). If there is a difference between  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ ,  $V_{out}$  will clip to the power rails.

## Deriving Op-Amp Configurations: Buffer

Use the golden rules to find  $V_{out}$ .



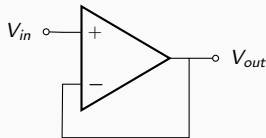
## Deriving Op-Amp Configurations: Buffer [Solution]

Use the golden rules to find  $V_{out}$ .

The op-amp is in **negative feedback**,  
so  $V_+ = V_-$

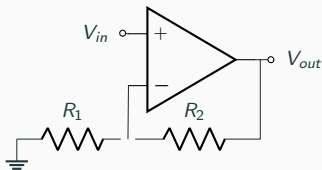
$$V_{in} = V_+ \text{ and } V_{out} = V_-$$

$$\text{So } V_{out} = V_{in}.$$



## Deriving Op-Amp Configurations: Non-Inverting Amplifier

Compute  $V_{out}$ .



## Non-Inverting Amplifier [Solution]

Compute  $V_{out}$ .

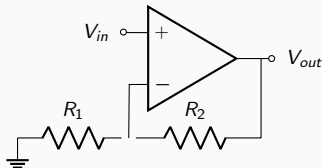
Apply **golden rules**:  $V_{in} = V_+ = V_-$

Use **voltage divider**:

$$V_- = V_{out} \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

Combine and simplify:

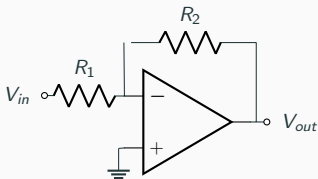
$$V_{out} = V_{in} (1 + R_2/R_1)$$





## Deriving Op-Amp Configurations: Inverting Amplifier

Compute  $V_{out}$ .



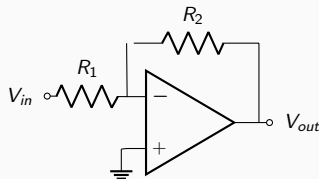
# Inverting Amplifier [Solution]

Compute  $V_{out}$ .

Apply **KCL** at the negative terminal:

$$V_{in}/R_1 + V_{out}/R_2 = 0$$

$$\text{So } V_{out} = V_{in}(-R_2/R_1)$$



# Circuit Cheat Sheet

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# Cheat Sheet: Equations

Here are some *useful equations for solving circuits*:

Ohm's Law:  $V = IR$

Current:  $I = \frac{dQ}{dt}$

Resistance:  $R = \rho L/A$

Capacitance:  $C = \epsilon A/d$

Energy:  $E = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$

Power:  $P = IV = V^2/R = I^2 R$

Charge-Capacitance:  $Q = CV$

Resistors in Series:  $R_{eq} = \sum_n R_n$

Resistors in Parallel:  $1/R_{eq} = \sum_n 1/R_n$

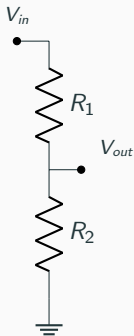
Capacitors in Series:  $1/C_{eq} = \sum_n 1/C_n$

Capacitors in Parallel:  $C_{eq} = \sum_n C_n$

# Cheat Sheet: Common Circuits

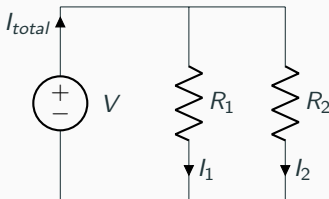
## Voltage Divider

$$V_{out} = V_{in} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



## Current Divider

$$I_1 = I_{total} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



# Cheat Sheet: Circuit Concepts

- **Charge on a capacitor** after  $t$  seconds at constant current:

$$Q_{total} = It$$

- **Conservation of Charge:**

$$Q_{total} = Q_{initial}$$

- **Thevenin/Norton** equivalent circuits:

$$V_{Th} = V_{OC}$$

$$I_N = I_{SC}$$

$$R_{eq} = V_{Th}/I_N = V_{OC}/I_{SC}$$

- **Golden Rules** (apply to ideal op amps):

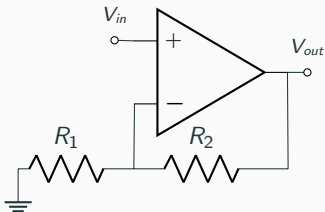
$$I_- = I_+ = 0 \text{ (always)}$$

$$V_- = V_+ \text{ (in negative feedback)}$$

# Cheat Sheet: Op Amp Configurations

## Non-Inverting Amplifier

$$V_{out}/V_{in} = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1}$$



## Inverting Amplifier

$$V_{out}/V_{in} = -R_2/R_1$$

