

Circuit Analysis and Design

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AGENDA

MESH ANALYSIS

USUPERMESH

□SUMMARY



MESH ANALYSIS

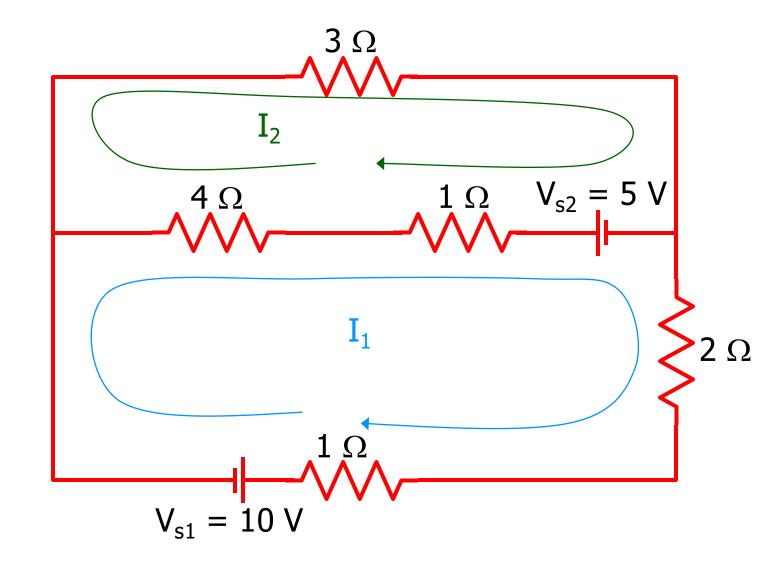
☐ Another useful method to calculate circuit parameters, Defined as:

The method in which the current flowing through a mesh in a circuit is calculated.

- ☐ It is based on
 - Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL)
 - Ohm's law to calculate the voltage drops
- ☐ Knowing mesh currents, all other currents, all voltages and power can be computed

MESH

☐ A mesh is a closed loop, which does not contain further loop inside it



There are two Meshes.

Mesh 1.

Mesh 2.

COMPARE: MESH ANALYSIS VS NODAL ANALYSIS

Nodal Analysis	Mesh Analysis
Find: Unknown Nodal Voltages	Find: Unknown Mesh Currents
Based on Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL) > Sum of currents leaving a node = 0	Based on Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL) -> Sum of voltage drops in a Mesh = 0
Use Ohm's Law to find Branch Current	Use Ohm's Law to find Branch Voltages
No. of Nodal Equations = No. of Unknown Nodal Voltages	No. of Mesh Equations = No. of Unknown Mesh Currents
Known Voltage Node: Voltage Source Connected to the Node and ground	Known Mesh Current: Current Source connect to a branch of that Mesh only
Supernode: Voltage source connect between to Unknown Voltage Nodes	Supermesh: Current Source connected between two Unknown Current Meshes

MESH ANALYSIS

- ☐ A mesh is a loop that does not contain any other loops.

 ☐ For each mesh, define a mesh current as the current flowing around the
- ☐ For each mesh, define a mesh current as the current flowing around the mesh in the clockwise direction.
- ☐ If a mesh contains a current source, the mesh current is the same as the current from the current source if they point in the same direction. If the mesh current is negative, the physical current flows in the opposite direction to the mesh current.
- ☐ If there is a branch in a mesh that is shared by another mesh, the physical current flowing through the branch is the difference in mesh currents sharing the branch.

MESH ANALYSIS (cont..)

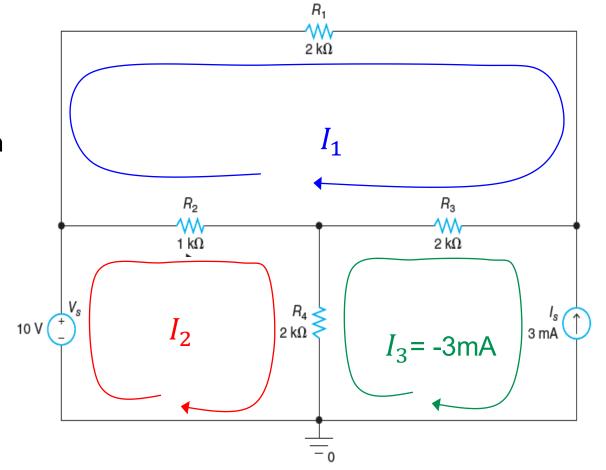
- ☐ The mesh analysis is based on KVL:
 - The sum of voltage drops around a mesh is zero.
 - For each mesh, sum the voltage drops around the mesh in the clockwise direction and set that equal to zero.
 - The voltage drop across a resistor is the product of the resistance and the net current (physical current) through the resistor. i.e. Ohm's Law
 - If the resistor is not shared by another mesh, the voltage drop is the product of the resistance and the mesh current.
 - If the resistor is shared by another mesh, the voltage drop is the product of the resistance and the difference in mesh currents.
 - The voltage drop across a voltage source V_s from positive terminal to negative terminal is V_s , and $-V_s$ from negative terminal to positive terminal.

STEPS TO APPLY MESH ANALYSIS

- ☐ Step 1: Identification of the Meshes in the Circuit
- ☐ Step 2: Label the Meshes with respective Currents
 - Assign a current to each mesh flowing in clockwise direction
 - If a mesh contains a current source connected to its branch only, the mesh current = the current source, but direction could be opposite.
 - Label voltage drops across all the resistors in a mesh, voltage across a source is known and follow the sign convention.
- ☐ Step 3: Applying KVL on Meshes with Unknown Current
 - KVL: Sum of voltage drop = 0
 - Apply the Ohm's Law to find voltage drop across resistors i.e. : $V_R = IR$
 - Get Equations in terms of unknown Mesh Currents as variable (No. of equation = No. of Unknown mesh currents)
- □ Step 4: Solve the Equations to find Unknown Mesh currents

EXAMPLE: MESH ANALYSIS

- ☐ Step1: Identify Meshes and assign currents to each
 - There are three meshes
- □ Step 2: Assign currents to each mesh are I_1 , I_2 , and I_3 flowing in clockwise direction
- Notice that mesh current I_3 flows in the opposite direction to I_s . Thus, $I_3 = -I_s = -3$ mA



- \square Therefore, only two unknowns I_1 and I_2 :
 - Two KVLs around Mesh 1 and Mesh 2 respectively to find I₁ and I₂

☐ Step 3: KVL around Mesh 1:

 Sum of voltage drops around mesh 1 in the clockwise is 0

$$V_{R1} + V_{R3} + V_{R2} = 0$$

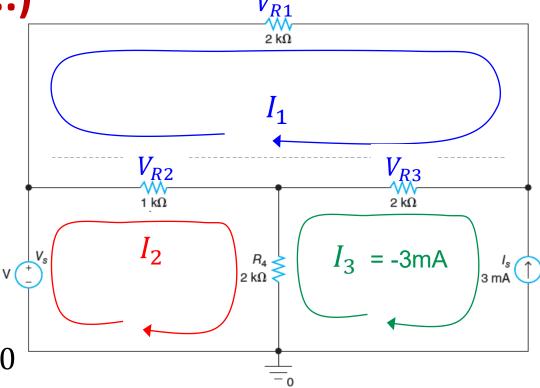
○ Substitute values → Ohm's law

$$2000I_1 + 2000(I_1 - I_3) + 1000(I_1 - I_2) = 0$$

o Divide by 1000

$$2I_1 + 2(I_1 - I_3) + (I_1 - I_2) = 0$$

$$2I_1 + 2(I_1 - (-3 \times 10^{-3})) + 1(I_1 - I_2)) = 0$$



$$5I_1 - I_2 = -0.006$$
 (1)

☐ Step 3: Applying KVL around Mesh 2

 Sum of voltage drops around Mesh 2 in clockwise direction = 0

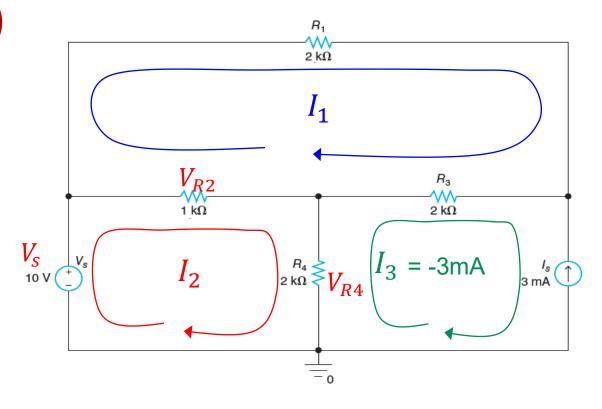
$$-V_S + V_{R2} + V_{R4} = 0$$

Substitute values → Ohm's law

$$-10 + 1000(I_2 - I_1) + 2000(I_2 - I_3) = 0$$

o Divide by 1000

$$-0.01 + (I_2 - I_1) + 2(I_2 - (-3 \times 10^{-3})) = 0$$
$$-I_1 + 3I_2 - 0.01 + 0.006 = 0$$



$$-I_1 + 3I_2 = 0.004 \qquad (2)$$

□ Step 4: Solve the two equations to get the unknown current I₁ and I₂

$$5I_1 - I_2 = -0.006$$
 (1)

$$-I_1 + 3I_2 = 0.004$$
 (2)

O Multiply (2) by 5 - $5I_1 + 15I_2 = 0.02$ (3)

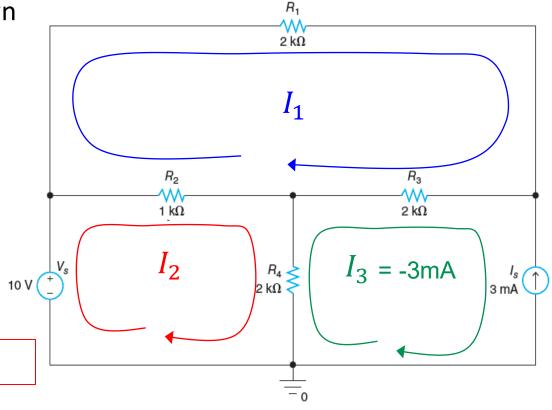
Add (1) and (3)

$$14I_2 = 0.014 \Rightarrow I_2 = 0.001 A = 1 mA$$

From Equation (2):

$$I_1 = 3I_2 - 0.004 \Rightarrow I_1 = -0.001 A = -1mA$$

 \square Note: I_1 is negative \rightarrow Actually it is flowing in the opposite direction to our initial assumption



☐ Actual Branch Currents

- Since $I_1 = -1$ mA, the physical current of 1 mA flows through R_1 from right to left : (←)
- The physical current through R_2 from left to right (\rightarrow) is given by

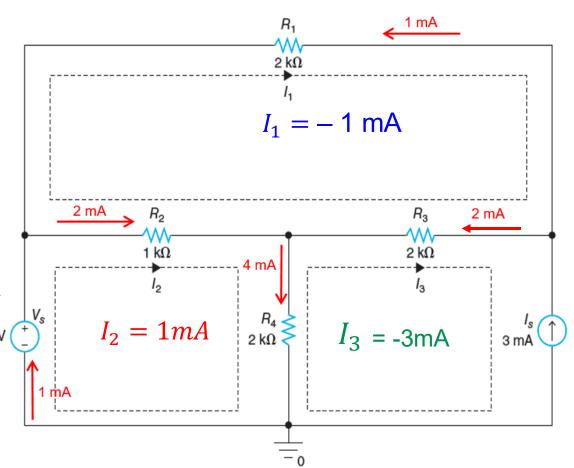
$$I_2 - I_1 = 1 - (-1) = 2 \text{ mA}$$

The physical current through R_3 from right to left (\leftarrow) is

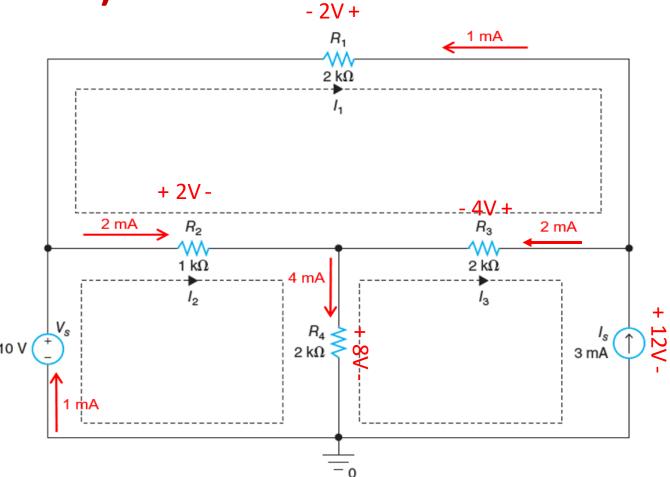
$$I_1 - I_3 = -1 - (-3) = 2 \text{ mA}$$

 \circ The physical current through R_4 flowing top to bottom (\downarrow)is

$$I_2 - I_3 = 1 - (-3) = 4 \text{ mA}$$

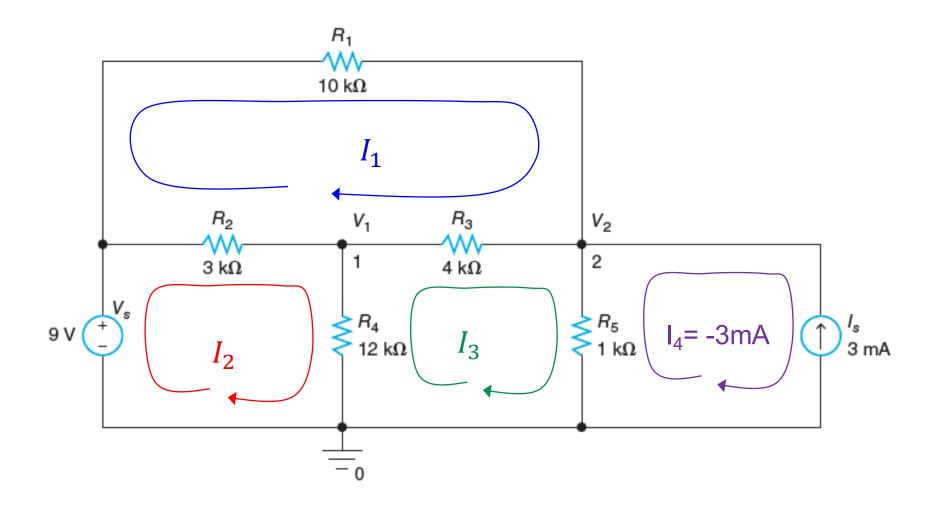


- ☐ Actual Voltages across elements
- O The voltage across R_1 from right to left is $V_{R1} = R_1(-I_1) = 2000 \times 0.001 = 2 \text{ V}.$
- O The voltage across R_2 from left to right is $V_{R2} = R_2(I_2 I_1) = 1000 \times 0.002 = 2 \text{ V}$
- O The voltage across R_3 from right to left is $V_{R3} = R_3(I_1 I_3) = 2000 \times 0.002 = 4 \text{ V}$
- The voltage across R_4 from top to bottom is $V_{R4} = R_4(I_2 I_3) = 2000 \times 0.004 = 8 \text{ V}$
- The voltage across the current source is $V_{R3} + V_{R4} = 4 V + 8 V = 12 V$



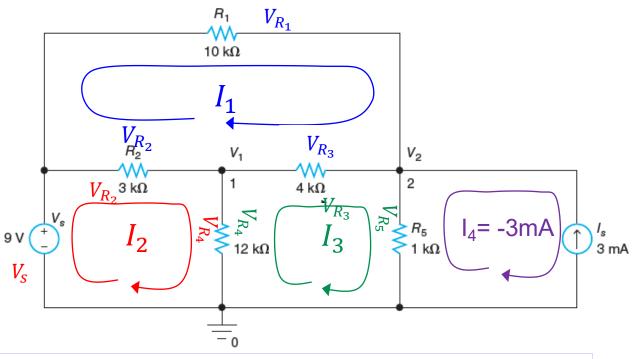
EXAMPLE 3.12

 \Box Find I_1 , I_2 , I_3 , I_4 , V_1 , V_2 , and currents through branches



EXAMPLE 3.12 (cont..)

o $I_4 = -3$ mA, Therefore for apply 3 KVLs on Meshes 1, 2 and 3 to find 3 Unknown Mesh Currents I_1 , I_2 , and I_3



- Sum of voltage drop around Mesh 1 → $V_{R_1} + V_{R_3} + V_{R_2} = 0$ → 10000 $I_1 + 4000(I_1 I_3) + 3000(I_1 I_2) = 0$
- ⇒ $17000I_1 3000I_2 4000I_3 = 0$ ⇒ $17I_1 3I_2 4I_3 = 0$ (1)
- Sum the voltage drops around Mesh 2 → $V_S + V_{R_2} + V_{R_4} \Rightarrow -9 + 3000(I_2 I_1) + 12000(I_2 I_3) = 0$
- \rightarrow -3000 I_1 + 15000 I_2 12000 I_3 = 9 \rightarrow -3 I_1 + 15 I_2 12 I_3 = 0.009 (2)
- Sum the voltage drops around Mesh 3 \Rightarrow $V_{R_4} + V_{R_3} + V_{R_5} \Rightarrow$ 12000($I_3 I_2$)+4000($I_3 I_1$)+1000($I_3 I_4$) = 0 \Rightarrow -4000 I_1 12000 I_2 + 17000 I_3 = -3 \Rightarrow -4 I_1 12 I_2 + 17 I_3 = -0.003 (3)
- o Multiply (1) by $5 \rightarrow 85l_1 15l_2 20l_3 = 0$ (4)
- Add (2) and (4) \rightarrow 82 $\frac{1}{1}$ 32 $\frac{1}{3}$ = 0.009 (5)

EXAMPLE 3.12 (cont..)

$$0 17I_1 - 3I_2 - 4I_3 = 0 (1)$$

$$\circ$$
 - $3I_1$ + $15I_2$ - $12I_3$ = 0.009 (2)

$$\circ$$
 - 4I₁ - 12I₂ + 17I₃ = -0.003 (3)

$$\circ 82I_1 - 32I_3 = 0.009$$
 (5)

o Multiply (1) by
$$4 \rightarrow 68I_1 - 12I_2 - 16I_3 = 0$$

$$\circ$$
 (6) – (3) \rightarrow 72 I_1 – 33 I_3 = 0.003

o Multiply (5) by 33
$$\rightarrow$$
 2706 I_1 – 1056 I_3 = 0.297

$$\circ$$
 Multiply (7) by 32 \rightarrow 2304 $I_1 - 1056I_3 = 0.096$

$$\circ$$
 (8) – (7): $402I_1 = 0.201 \Rightarrow I_1 = 0.0005 A = 0.5 mA$

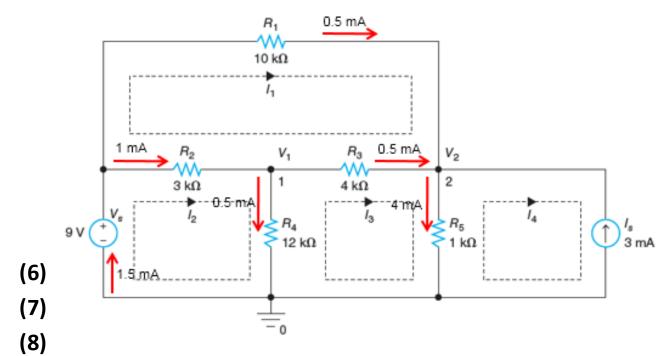
o From (5)
$$\rightarrow$$
 $I_3 = (82I_1 - 0.009)/32 = 1 mA$

○ From (1)
$$\rightarrow$$
 $I_2 = (17I_1 - 4I_3)/3 = 1.5 \text{ mA}$

V1 and V2 can be computed as

$$V_1 = R_4(I_2 - I_3) = 12000 \times 0.0005 = 6 V$$

 $V_2 = R_5(I_3 - I_4) = 1000 \times 0.004 = 4 V$



And the currents through R₁,R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅ can be calculated as:

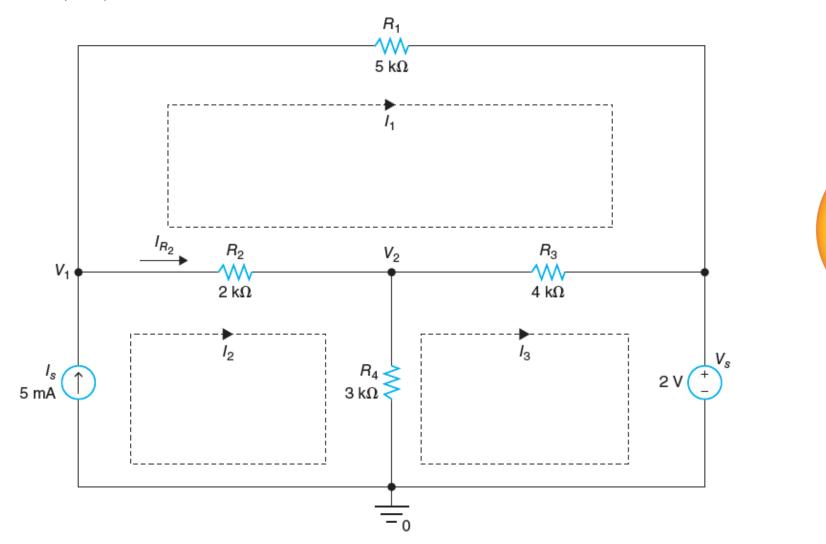
(9)

$$I_{R1} (\rightarrow) = I_1 = 0.5 \text{ mA}, I_{R2} (\rightarrow) = I_2 - I_1 = 1 \text{ mA}$$
 $I_{R3} (\rightarrow) = I_3 - I_1 = 0.5 \text{ mA}$
 $I_{R4} (\downarrow) = I_2 - I_3 = 0.5 \text{ mA}, I_{R5} (\downarrow) = I_3 - I_4 = 4 \text{ mA}$

CLASS TASK

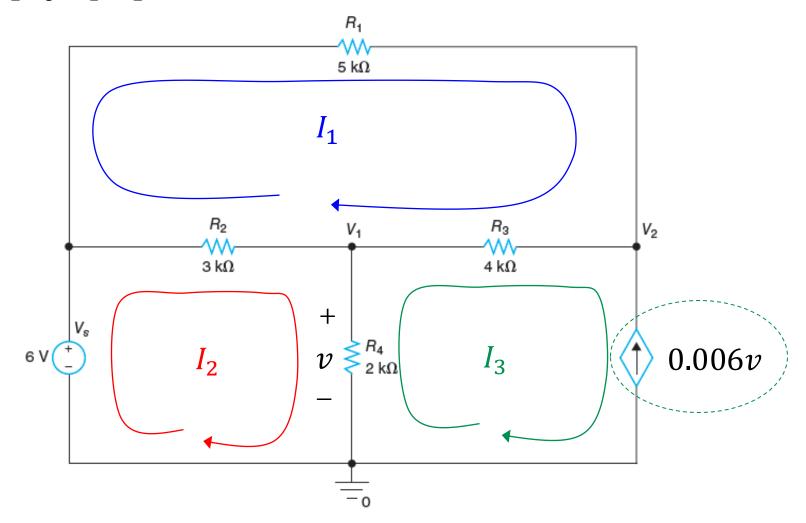
 \square Find I_1 , I_2 , I_3 , V_1 , V_2 Use Mesh Analysis

Solutions will be Provided in class



EXAMPLE 3.13: VOLTAGE CONTROL CURRENT SOURCE EXAMPLE

 \square Find I_1 , I_2 , I_3 , V_1 , V_2 , and powers

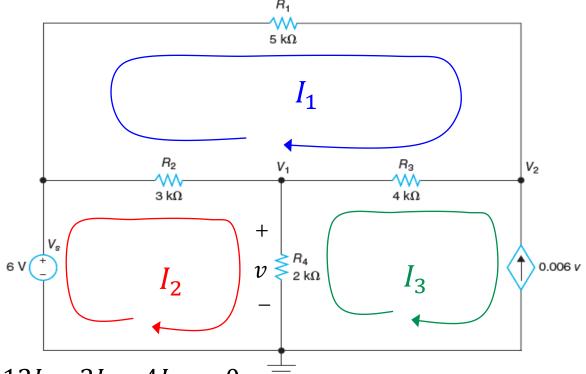


EXAMPLE 3.13 (cont..)

- O Get equation from Dependent source \rightarrow
 - $V_1 = v = 2000(I_2 I_3)$ And we know $I_2 = -0.0$
- O And we know, $I_3 = -0.006V_1$, Substitute I_3 in V_1
 - $V_1 = v = -12(I_2 I_3) \rightarrow 12I_2 = 11I_3$ $\rightarrow I_3 = (12/11)I_2 = 1.09091I_2$ (1)
- KVL around Mesh 1: Sum the voltage drops around mesh 1
 - → $5000I_1 + 4000(I_1 I_3) + 3000(I_1 I_2) = 0$
- \circ Substitute values \rightarrow 12000 I_1 3000 I_2 4000 I_3 = 0 \Rightarrow 12 I_1 3 I_2 4 I_3 = 0 $\stackrel{\pm}{=}$
- o From (1): $I_3 = (12/11)I_2 = 1.09091I_2 \rightarrow 12I_1 3I_2 4(12/11)I_2 = 0 \rightarrow 132I_1 81I_2 = 0$
- KVL around Mesh 2: Sum the voltage drops around mesh 2

$$-6 + 3000(I2 - I1) + 2000(I2 - I3) = 0 \rightarrow 3I1 + 5I2 - 2I3 = 0.006 \rightarrow 3I1 + (31/11)I2 = 0.006 (3)$$

- Substitute (2) \rightarrow (3) \rightarrow 33 I_1 + 31(132/81) I_1 = 0.006
- $I_1 = 3.767442 \text{ mA} \rightarrow I_2 = 6.139535 \text{ mA} \text{ and } I_3 = 6.69767 \text{mA}$
- $V_1 = R_4(I_2 I_3) = -1.11628 \text{ V } V_2 = V_1 + R_3(I_1 I_3) = -12.83721 \text{ V}$



EXAMPLE 3.13 (cont..)

The three mesh currents are

$$I_1 = 3.767442 \text{ mA}$$
 $I_2 = 6.139535 \text{ mA}$ $I_3 = 6.69767 \text{mA}$

○ Voltages V₁ and V₂ are

$$V_1 = -1.11628 V and$$

$$V_2 = -12.83721 \text{ V}$$

$$\circ$$
 P_{R1} = (I₁)²R₁ = 70.9681 mW

$$P_{R2} = (I_1 - I_2)^2 R_2 = 16.8805 \text{ mW}$$

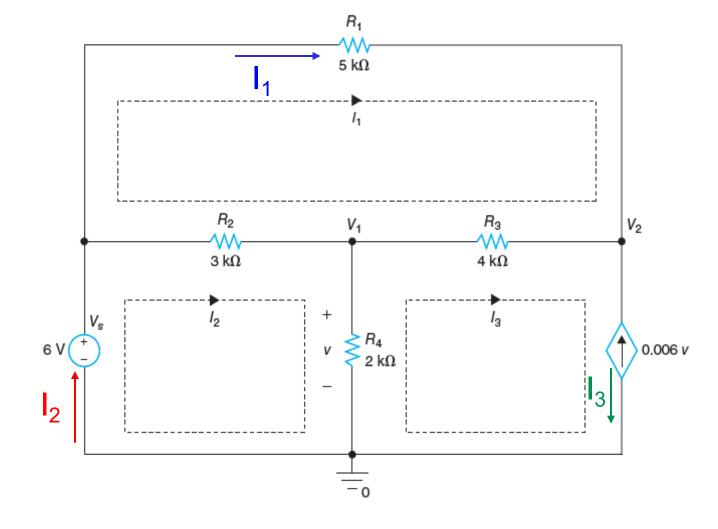
$$P_{R3} = (I_1 - I_3)^2 R_3 = 34.3451 \text{ mW}$$

$$P_{R4} = (I_2 - I_3)^2 R_4 = 0.6230 \text{ mW}$$

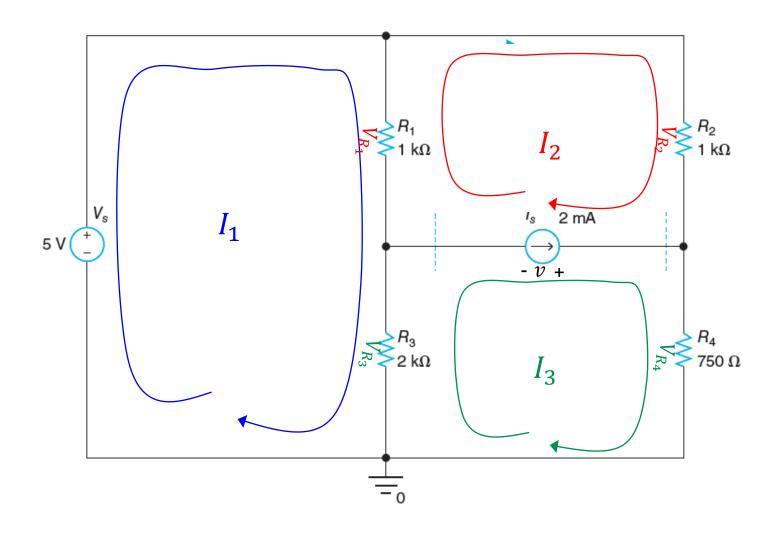
$$P_{V_S} = -I_2V_S = -36.83721 \text{ mW}$$

$$\circ$$
 P_{VCCS} = I₃V₂ = -85.97945 mW

$$P_{R1} + P_{R2} + P_{R3} + P_{R4} + P_{VS} + P_{VCCS} = 0$$

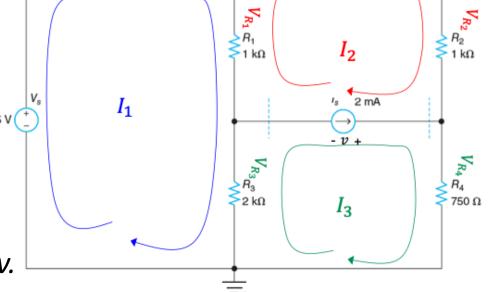


SUPERMESH



SUPERMESH (cont..)

☐ If there is a current source that is a common branch between two different meshes, we do not know the voltage drop across the current source.



- Let the unknown voltage across the current source be v.
- O Write the mesh equation for each mesh: Mesh 2: $v + V_{R_1} + V_{R_2} = 0$, Mesh 2: $-v + V_{R_3} + V_{R_4} = 0$ and add the two equations to remove the unknown voltage v.
- \circ Add Mesh1 and Mesh2: $V_{R_1} + V_{R_2} + V_{R_3} + V_{R_4} = 0 \rightarrow$ this is called SuperMesh Equation
- The voltage v is removed when added because in one equation, the voltage drop across the current source is v and in the other equation, the voltage drop across the current source is -v.

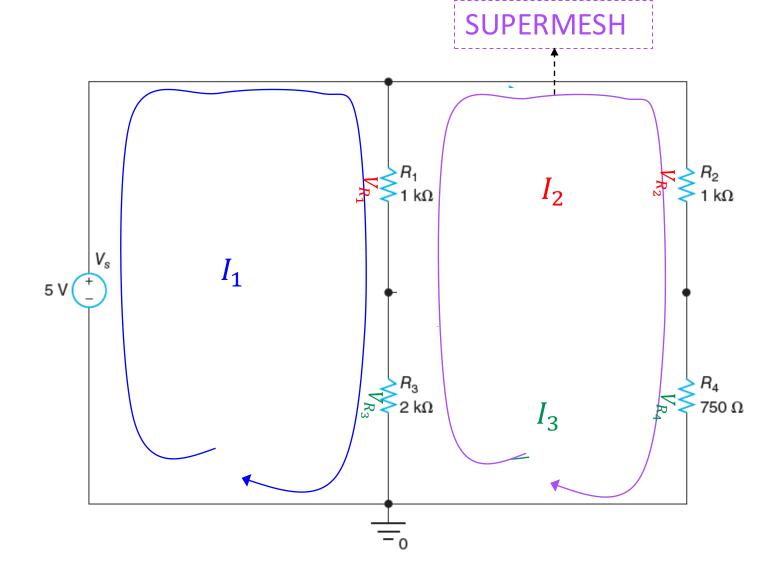
SUPERMESH (cont..)

- ☐ We get TWO equations from the Supermesh:
- One by applying KVL on the SuperMesh

$$V_{R_1} + V_{R_2} + V_{R_3} + V_{R_4} = 0$$

2. One from the current source

$$I_3 - I_2 = 2mA$$



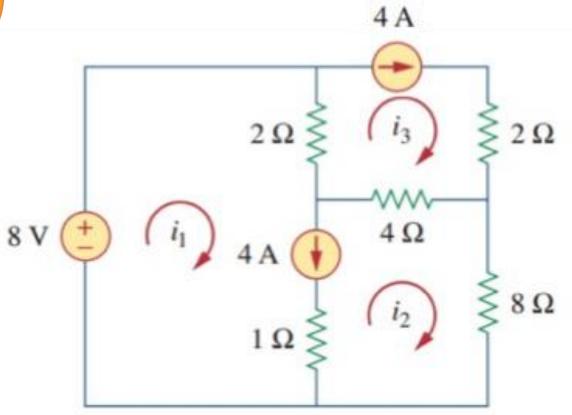
SUPERMESH (cont..)

- \square Alternatively, the sum of the two equations can be obtained directly by defining a supermesh consisting of the two meshes, excluding the current sourc i.e. $V_{R_1} + V_{R_2} + V_{R_3} + V_{R_4} = 0$. One Equation
- ☐ When the voltage drops around the supermesh are added, we get the same equation that we obtain by adding the two equations.
- ☐ The extra equation needed to find the mesh currents is obtained by representing the current of the current source by the difference of the two mesh currents. $I_3 I_2 = 2mA$
- ☐ The current of the current source is obtained by subtracting the mesh current pointing in the opposite direction from the mesh current pointing in the same direction as the current source.

QUIZ



- ☐ Identify the Supermesh in this circuit.
 Which two meshes form a Supermesh?
- A. Mesh 1 & 2
- B. Mesh 2 and 3
- C. Mesh 1 and 3



EXAMPLE 3.15

- \square Find I_1 , I_2 , I_3 , V
- One Equation from Current Source of Supermesh

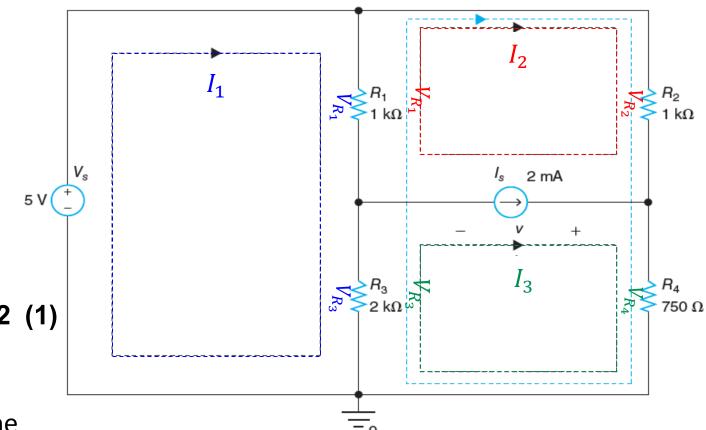
$$I_3 - I_2 = Is = 2 \text{ mA} = 0.002 \text{ A} \Rightarrow I_3 = I_2 + 0.002 \text{ (1)}$$

○ Applying KVL around Super Mesh: Sum the voltage drops around supermesh →

$$V_{R_3} + V_{R_1} + V_{R_2} + V_{R_4} = 0 \Rightarrow 2000(I_3 - I_1) + 1000(I_2 - I_1) + 1000I_2 + 750I_3 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

- $3000I_1 + 2000I_2 + 2750I_3 = 0 \Rightarrow -3I_1 + 2I_2 + 2.75I_3 = 0$ (2)

○ Substitute (1) to (2) \rightarrow -3 $\frac{1}{1}$ + 4.75 $\frac{1}{2}$ = -0.0055 (3)



EXAMPLE 3.15 (Cont..)

$$0.03l_1 + 4.75l_2 = -0.0055$$
 (3)

Sum voltage drops around mesh 1→

$$-V_{\rm S} + V_{R_1} + V_{R_3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 -5 + 1000($I_1 - I_2$) + 2000($I_1 - I_3$) = 0

$$\Rightarrow$$
 3000 $I_1 - 1000I_2 - 2000I_3 = 5$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 3I₁ - I₂ - 2I₃ = 0.005

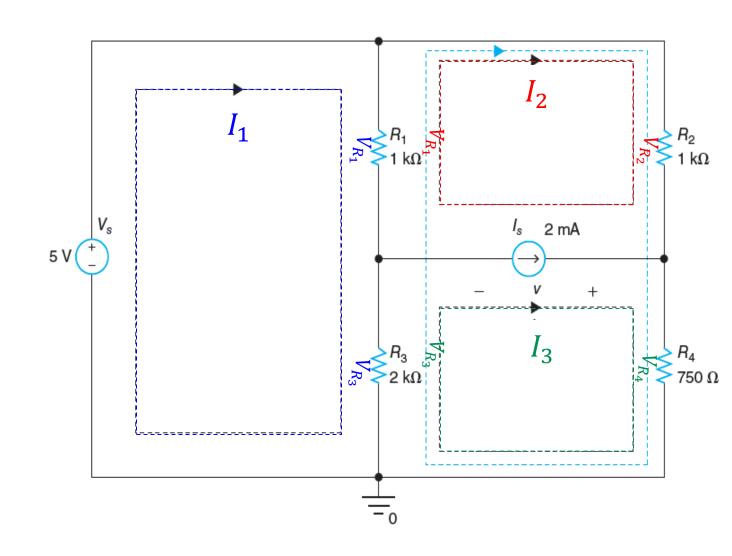
$$\Rightarrow$$
 3I₁ - I₂ - 2(I₂ + 0.002) = 0.005

$$\Rightarrow 3l_1 - 3l_2 = 0.009 \tag{4}$$

$$(3) + (4) \rightarrow 1.75 I_2 = 0.0035 \Rightarrow I_2 = 2 \text{ mA}$$

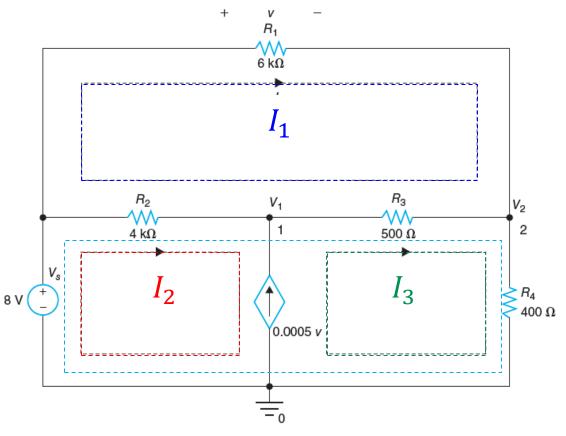
$$I_1 = (3I_2 + 0.009)/3 = 5 \text{ mA}, I_3 = 4 \text{ mA}$$

 $V = R_4I_3 - R_3(I_1 - I_3) = 1 \text{ V}$



EXAMPLE 3.17

- \Box Find I_1 , I_2 , I_3 , V_1 , V_2 .
- ☐ Supermesh is Mesh 2 & Mesh 3
- Equation from Supermesh
- $0 I_3 I_2 = 0.0005v = 0.0005 \times 6000I_1 \Rightarrow I_3 = 3I_1 + I_2$ (1) 8V
- ☐ Lets apply KVL on Supermesh and the Mesh 1
- Supermesh → $-V_s + V_{R_2} + V_{R_3} + V_{R_4}$ → $-8 + 4000(I_2 - I_1) + 500(I_3 - I_1) + 400I_3 = 0$ → $-4500I_1 + 4000I_2 + 900I_3 = 8$ (2a) → (1) int (2a) → $-4500I_1 + 4000I_2 + 900(3I_1 + I_2) = 8$ → $-4500I_1 + 4000I_2 + 900(3I_1 + I_2) = 8$ → $-1800I_1 + 4900I_2 = 8$ → $-1.8I_1 + 4.9I_2 = 0.008$ (2)



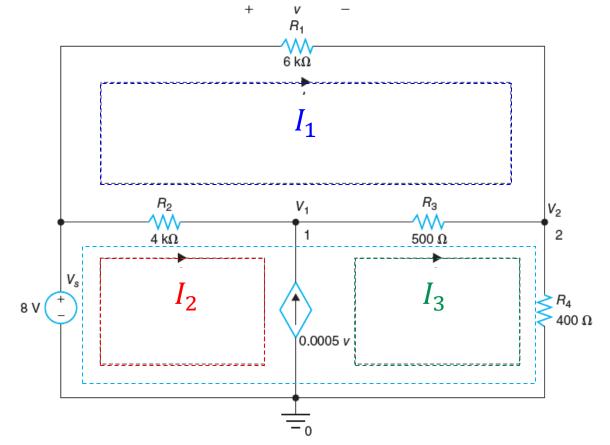
- KVL on Mesh 1 \rightarrow V_{R_1} + V_{R_3} + V_{R_2}
- \rightarrow 6000 I_1 + 500(I_1 I_3) + 4000(I_1 I_2) = 0
- \rightarrow 10500 $I_1 4000I_2 500I_3 = 0$
- \rightarrow 10500 $I_1 4000I_2 500(3I_1 + I_2) = 0$
- \rightarrow 9000 $I_1 4500I_2 = 0 \Rightarrow I_2 = 2I_1(3)$

EXAMPLE 3.17 (Cont..)

$$|_{3} = 3|_{1} + |_{2} \tag{1}$$

$$-1.8l_1 + 4.9l_2 = 0.008 \tag{2}$$

$$I_2 = 2I_1 \tag{3}$$



- Substitute (3) into (2) \rightarrow -1.8 $\frac{1}{1}$ + 4.9(2 $\frac{1}{1}$) = 0.008 \Rightarrow 8 $\frac{1}{1}$ = 0.008 \Rightarrow $\frac{1}{1}$ = 1 mA
- Substitute I_1 into (3) $\rightarrow I_2 = 2$ mA,
- Substitute I_1 and I_2 into (1) $\rightarrow I_3 = 5$ mA,
- Then we can compute: $V_2 = R_4 I_3 = 2 V$

$$\circ V_1 = V_s - R_2(I_2 - I_1) = 4 V$$

Summary

A mesh is a loop that does not contain any other loops. For each mesh, define a mesh current as the current flowing around the mesh in the clockwise direction. The mesh analysis is based on KVL: The sum of voltage drops around a mesh is zero. For each mesh, sum the voltage drops around the mesh in the clockwise direction and set that equal to zero. The voltage drop across a resistor is the product of the resistance and the net current (physical current) through the resistor. If the resistor is not shared by another mesh, the voltage drop is the product of the resistance and the mesh current. If the resistor is shared by another mesh, the voltage drop is the product of the resistance and the difference in mesh currents. If there is a current source that is a common branch between two different meshes, we do not know the voltage drop across the current source. Define a supermesh consisting of the two meshes, excluding the current source. When the voltage drops around the supermesh are added, we get the same equation that we obtain by adding the two equations for two meshes. The extra equation needed to find the mesh currents is obtained by representing the current of the current source by the difference of the two mesh currents. The current of the current source is obtained by subtracting the mesh current pointing in the opposite direction from the mesh current pointing in the same direction as the current source. ☐ What we will study next