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# Loop and cut set Analysis

- Loop and cut set are more flexible than node and mesh analyses and are useful for writing the state equations of the circuit commonly used for circuit analysis with computers.
- The loop matrix **B** and the cutset matrix **Q** will be introduced.

## Fundamental Theorem of Graph Theory

A tree of a graph is a connected subgraph that contains all nodes of the graph and it has no loop. Tree is very important for loop and cutset analyses. A Tree of a graph is generally not unique. Branches that are not in the tree are called links.

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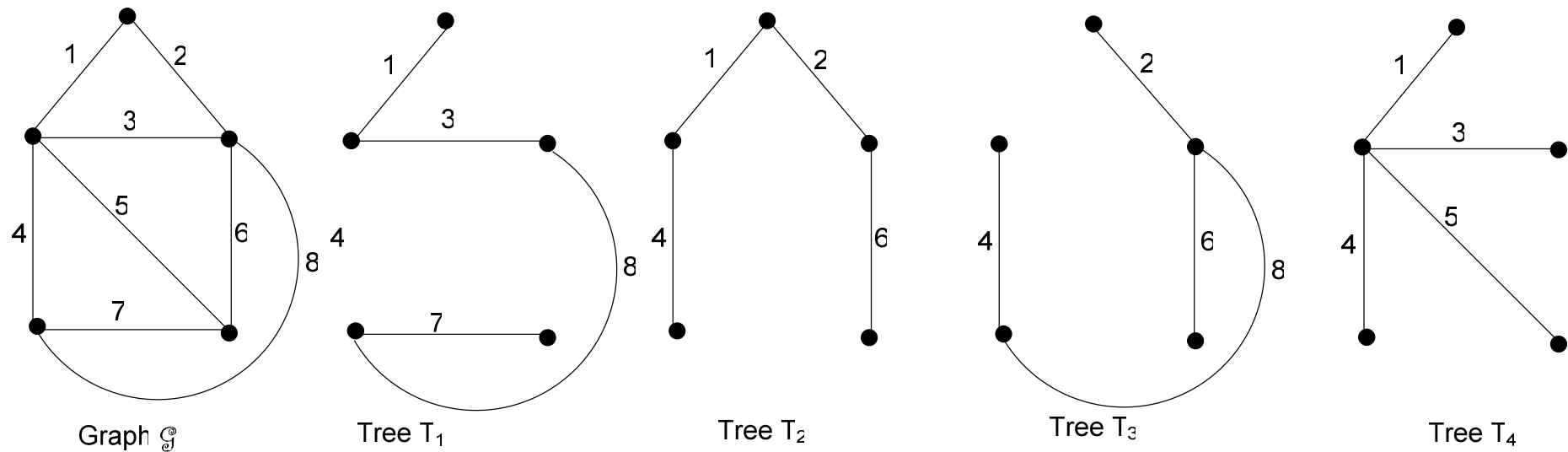


Fig.1 Examples of Tree

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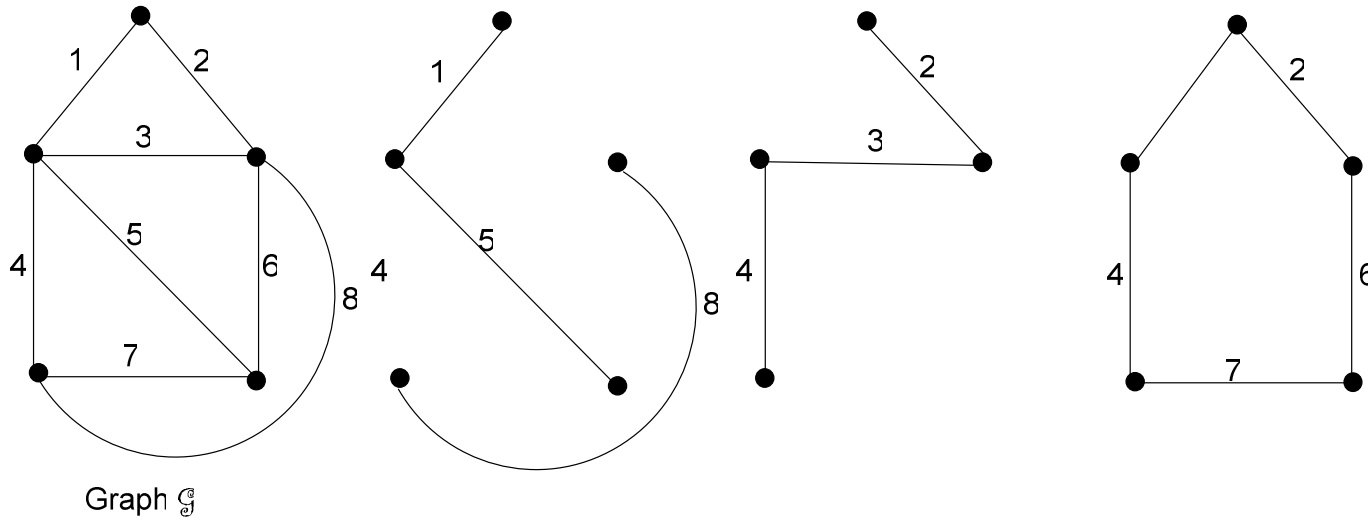


Fig.2 Not a Tree

# Loop and cut set Analysis

## Properties of loop and cut set

Give a connected graph  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $n_t$  nodes and  $b$  branches and a tree  $T$  of  $\mathcal{G}$

- There is a unique path along the tree between any two nodes
- There are  $n_t - 1$  tree branches  $b - n_t + 1$  links.
- Every link of  $T$  and the unique tree path between its nodes constitutes a unique loop called “fundamental loop”.
- Every Tree branch of  $T$  together with some links defines a unique cut set of  $\mathcal{G}$ . This cut set is called a fundamental cut set.

If  $\mathcal{G}$  has  $n_t$  nodes,  $b$  branches and  $s$  separate parts. Let  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_s$  be trees of each separate part. The set  $\{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_s\}$  is called the forest of  $\mathcal{G}$

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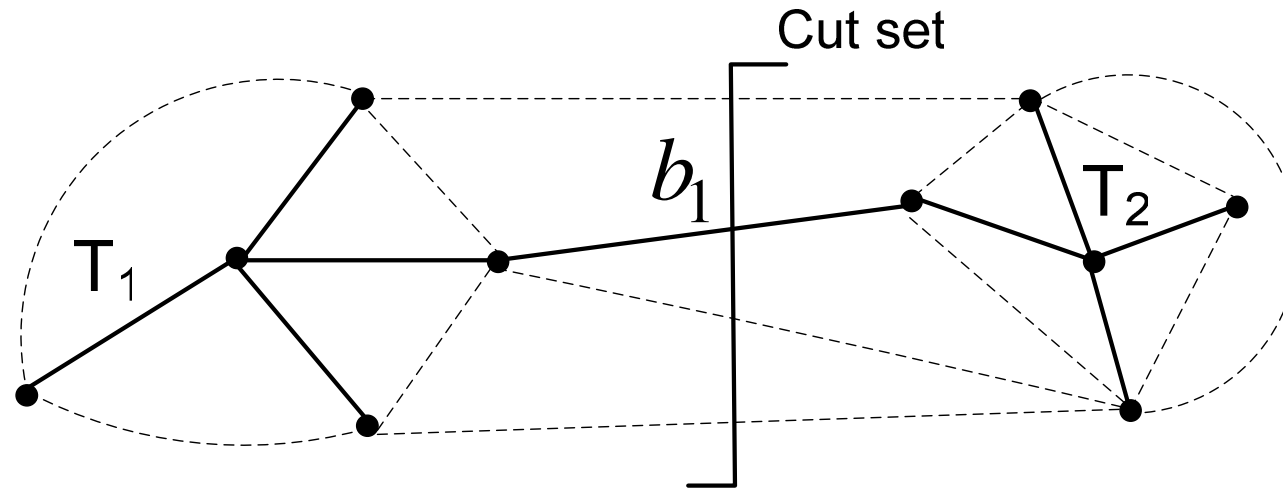


Fig.3 Fundamental cut set

# Loop Analysis

Consider a connected graph with  $b$  branches and  $n_t$  nodes. Pick a tree  $T$ . There are  $n = n_t - 1$  tree branches and  $\ell = b - n_t$  links. Number the links first to be  $1, 2, \dots, \ell$  and number the tree from  $\ell + 1$  to  $b$ . Every link and a unique path of tree branches defines a fundamental loop.

The graph of Fig. 4 illustrates fundamental loop for the chosen Tree

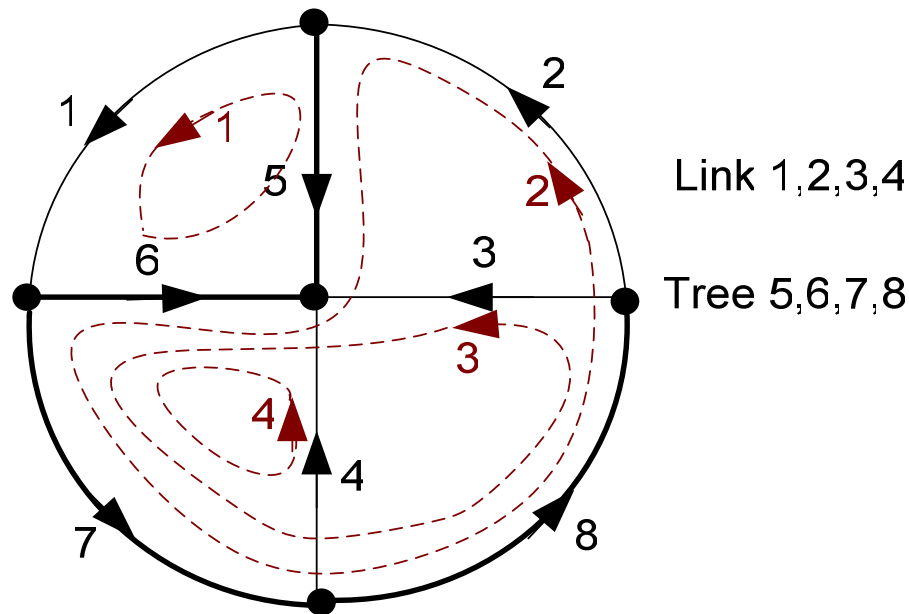


Fig.4 Fundamental loop

# Loop Analysis

Assign the direction of loop current to the same as the direction of the link the KVL for each fundamental loop are.

$$\text{loop 1: } v_1 - v_5 + v_6 = 0$$

$$\text{loop 2: } v_2 + v_5 - v_6 + v_7 + v_8 = 0$$

$$\text{loop 3: } v_3 - v_6 + v_7 + v_8 = 0$$

$$\text{loop 4: } v_4 - v_6 + v_7 = 0$$

In matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \\ v_6 \\ v_7 \\ v_8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$l = b - n$  links
 $n = n_t - 1$   
tree branches



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# Loop Analysis

The  $\ell$  linear homogeneous algebraic equations in  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_b$  obtained by applying KVL to each fundamental loop constitute a set of  $\ell$  linearly independent equations

If the reference direction of the loop agrees with that of the link which defines it, the KVL is of the form.

$$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

$\mathbf{B}$  is  $\ell \times b$  matrix called the fundamental loop matrix

$$b_{ik} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{If branch } k \text{ is in loop } i \text{ and reference direction agree} \\ -1 & \text{If branch } k \text{ is in loop } i \text{ and reference direction opposite} \\ 0 & \text{If branch } k \text{ is not in loop } i \end{cases}$$

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# Loop Analysis

The fundamental loop matrix can be partitioned in to

$$\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{1}_1 \vdots \mathbf{F}]$$

The KCL can be written in the form

$$\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{i} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}_1 \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ \mathbf{F}^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{i}$$

The KCL for Fig.4 is

$$j_1 = i_1$$

$$j_2 = i_2$$

$$j_3 = i_3$$

$$j_4 = i_4$$

$$j_5 = -i_1 + i_2$$

$$j_6 = i_1 - i_2 - i_3 - i_4$$

$$j_7 = i_2 + i_3 + i_4$$

$$j_8 = i_2 + i_3$$

# Loop Analysis

In the matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ j_2 \\ j_3 \\ j_4 \\ j_5 \\ j_6 \\ j_7 \\ j_8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \\ i_3 \\ i_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

## *Loop analysis of linear time invariant networks*

In a resistive circuit, the branch equations are of the form

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{v}_s - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{i}_s$$

Premultiply by  $\mathbf{B}$  and apply KCL and KVL yields

$$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{B}^T = -\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}_s + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{J}_s$$

or

$$\mathbf{Z}_1 \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{e}_s$$

where

$$\mathbf{Z}_1 @ \mathbf{B}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{B}^T \quad \mathbf{e}_s = -\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}_s + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{J}_s$$

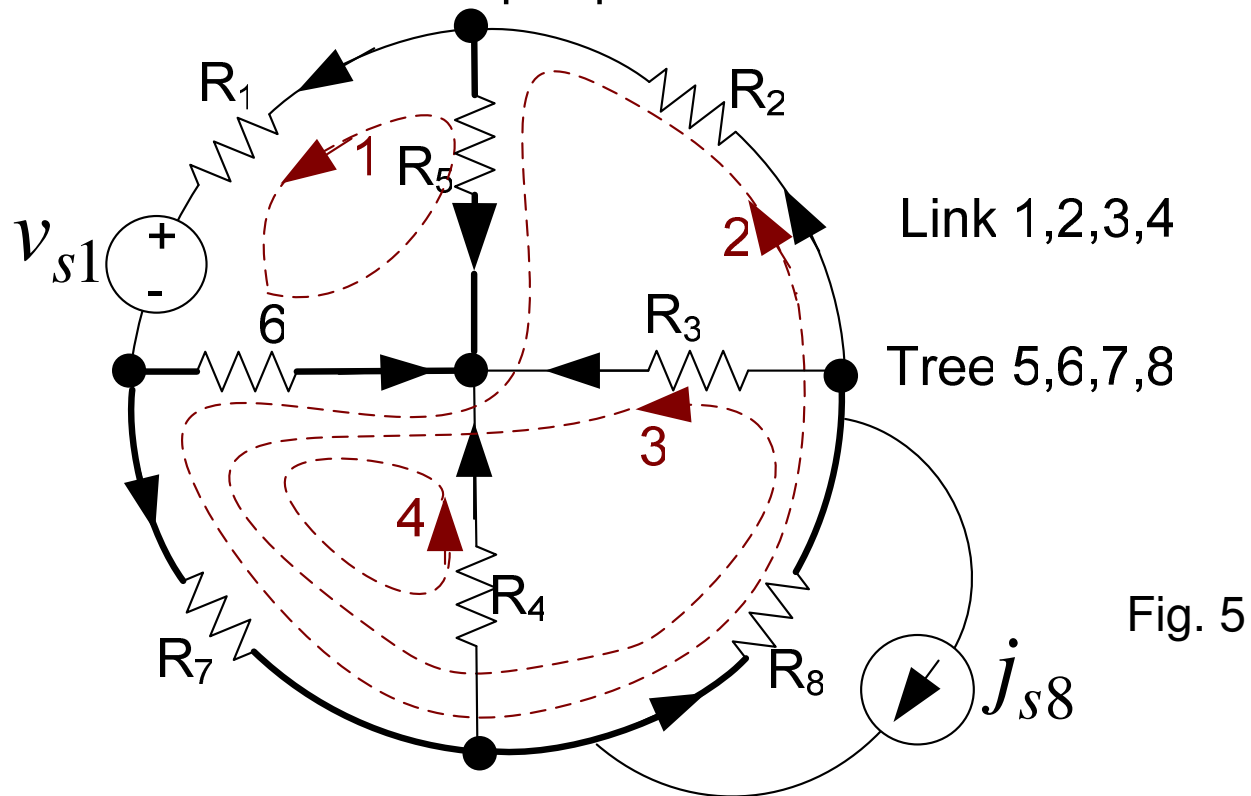
$\mathbf{Z}_1$  is called the loop impedance matrix and

$\mathbf{e}_s$  is the loop voltage source vector

# *Loop analysis of linear time invariant networks*

## Example 1

Write the fundamental loop equation for the circuit shown in Fig.5.



# *Loop analysis of linear time invariant networks*

The branch equations are

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \\ v_6 \\ v_7 \\ v_8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & & & & & & & \\ & R_2 & & & & & & \\ & & R_3 & & & & & \\ & & & R_4 & & & & \\ & & & & R_5 & & & \\ & & & & & 0 & & \\ & & & & & & R_6 & \\ & & & & & & & R_7 \\ & & & & & & & & R_8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ j_2 \\ j_3 \\ j_4 \\ j_5 \\ j_6 \\ j_7 \\ j_8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_{s1} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ R_8 j_{s8} \end{bmatrix}$$

## *Loop analysis of linear time invariant networks*

$$= \begin{bmatrix} R_1 + R_5 + R_6 & -R_5 - R_6 & -R_6 & -R_6 \\ -R_5 - R_6 & R_2 + R_5 + R_6 + R_7 + R_8 & R_6 + R_7 + R_8 & R_6 + R_7 \\ -R_6 & R_6 + R_7 + R_8 & R_3 + R_6 + R_7 + R_8 & R_6 + R_7 \\ -R_6 & R_6 + R_7 & R_6 + R_7 & R_4 + R_6 + R_7 \end{bmatrix}$$

And the loop equations are

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 + R_5 + R_6 & -R_5 - R_6 & -R_6 & -R_6 \\ -R_5 - R_6 & R_2 + R_5 + R_6 + R_7 + R_8 & R_6 + R_7 + R_8 & R_6 + R_7 \\ -R_6 & R_6 + R_7 + R_8 & R_3 + R_6 + R_7 + R_8 & R_6 + R_7 \\ -R_6 & R_6 + R_7 & R_6 + R_7 & R_4 + R_6 + R_7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \\ i_3 \\ i_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -v_{s1} \\ -R_8 j_{s8} \\ -R_8 j_{s8} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# *Loop analysis of linear time invariant networks*

## Properties of the loop impedance matrix

For a RLC networks in sinusoid steady state the loop impedance matrix

$\mathbf{Z}_l(j\omega) = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}_b(j\omega)\mathbf{B}^T$  and has the following properties

- If there is no coupling element the matrix  $\mathbf{Z}_b(j\omega)$  is diagonal and the loop impedance matrix is symmetric.
- If there is no coupling element the matrix  $\mathbf{Z}_b(j\omega)$  can be written by inspection  
 $Z_{ii}(j\omega)$  is the sum of impedance in the loop  $i$  and  
 $Z_{ik}(j\omega)$  is the sum or negative sum of impedance of branch  $k$   
impedance common to loop  $i$  the plus sign applied  
if the branch  $k$  direction agree with the loop direction.
- If all current sources are converted to Thevenin voltage sources, then  $e_{sk}$  is the sum of voltage sources forcing the current flow in the loop .



## *Cut set Analysis*

- Cut set analysis is a dual of loop analysis
- Every tree branch defines a unique cut set

The fundamental cut set of the circuit of Fig.4 is shown in Fig.6

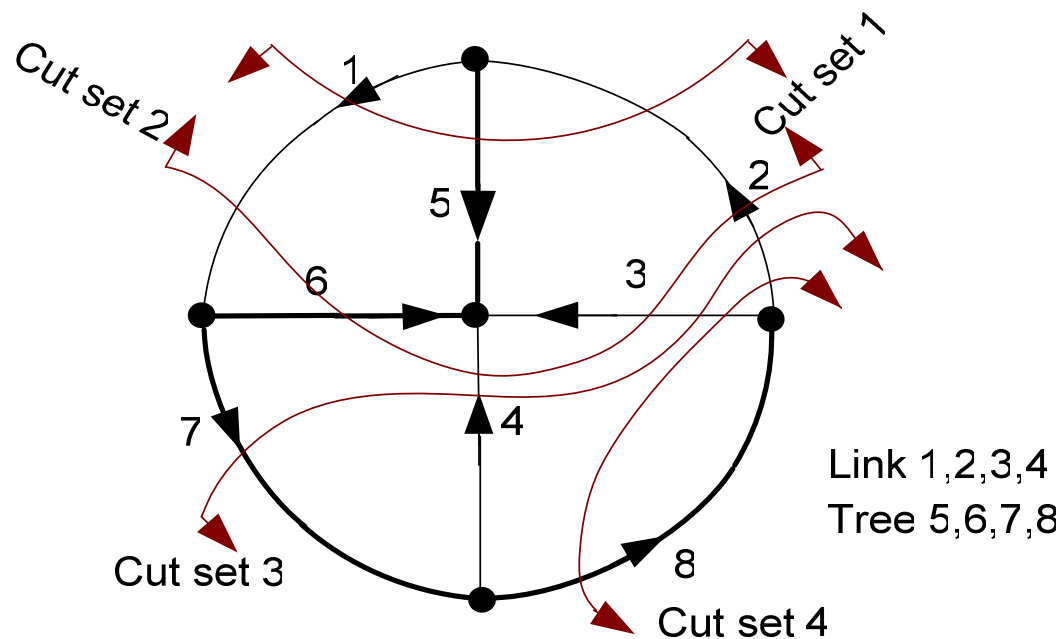


Fig. 6

# Cut set Analysis

KCL can be written for each cut set as shown

$$\text{Cut set 1: } j_1 - j_2 + j_5 = 0$$

$$\text{Cut set 2: } -j_1 + j_2 + j_3 + j_4 + j_5 = 0$$

$$\text{Cut set 3: } -j_2 - j_3 - j_4 + j_7 = 0$$

$$\text{Cut set 4: } -j_2 - j_3 + j_8 = 0$$

In matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} j_1 \\ j_2 \\ j_3 \\ j_4 \\ j_5 \\ j_6 \\ j_7 \\ j_8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Or

$$\mathbf{Qj} = \mathbf{0}$$

## Cut set Analysis

- The  $n$  linear homogeneous algebraic equations in  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_b$  obtained by applying KCL to each fundamental cut set constitute a set of  $n$  linearly independent equations.

The fundamental cut set matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  is defined by

$$q_{ik} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{If branch } k \text{ belongs to cut set } i \text{ and reference direction agree} \\ -1 & \text{If branch } k \text{ belongs to cut set } i \text{ but reference direction opposite} \\ 0 & \text{If branch } k \text{ does not belong to cut set } i \end{cases}$$

The cut set matrix can be partitioned by

$$\mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{E} \vdots \mathbf{1}_n] \quad \ell \text{ link } n \text{ cut set}$$

Since the voltage of each branch is a linear combination of tree branch voltages and if tree branch voltages are  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  then for Fig.6

# Cut set Analysis

KVL  $v_1 = v_5 - v_6 = e_1 - e_2$

$$v_2 = -v_5 + v_6 - v_7 - v_8 = -e_1 + e_2 - e_3 - e_4$$

$$v_3 = v_6 - v_7 - v_8 = e_2 - e_3 - e_4$$

$$v_4 = v_6 - v_7 = e_2 - e_3$$

$$v_5 = e_1$$

$$v_6 = e_2$$

$$v_7 = e_3$$

$$v_8 = e_4$$

or

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \\ e_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

or

KVL

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{e}$$

## *Cut-set analysis of linear time invariant networks*

In Cut set analysis Kirchhoff's laws are

$$\text{KCL: } \mathbf{Qj} = \mathbf{0} \qquad \text{KVL: } \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{e}$$

And the branch equations

$$\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{Gv} + \mathbf{j}_s - \mathbf{Gv}_s$$

Combine KCL KVL and branch equations to obtain

$$\mathbf{QGQ}^T \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{QGv}_s - \mathbf{Qj}_s$$

$$\text{or } \mathbf{Y}_q \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{i}_s$$

where

$$\mathbf{Y}_q @ \mathbf{QGQ}^T \qquad \mathbf{i}_s @ \mathbf{QGv}_s - \mathbf{Qj}_s$$

$\mathbf{Y}_q$  is the cut set admittance matrix and  $\mathbf{i}_s$  is the current source vector

# *Cut-set analysis of linear time invariant networks*

## Properties of cut set matrix

For RLC circuit with sinusoid sources in steady state the properties of the Cut set admittance matrix  $\mathbf{Y}_q$  are

$$\mathbf{Y}_q(j\omega) = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Y}_b(j\omega)\mathbf{Q}^T$$

- If the network has no coupling element the branch admittance is diagonal and the cut set admittance matrix  $\mathbf{Y}_q$  is symmetric
- If there are no coupling  $\mathbf{Y}_q$  can be written by inspection
$$Y_{ii}(j\omega)$$
 is the sum of admittance in the cut set  $i$  and
$$Y_{ik}(j\omega)$$
 is the sum or negative sum of branch admittance common to cut set  $i$  and cut set  $k$  the plus sign applied if the branch  $i$  and branch  $k$  has the same direction.
- If all voltage sources are converted to Norton sources, then  $i_{sk}$  is the algebraic sum of those currents in opposite to the direction of the cut set.

# *Cut-set analysis of linear time invariant networks*

## Example2

Write the cut set equation of Fig. 7 by inspection.

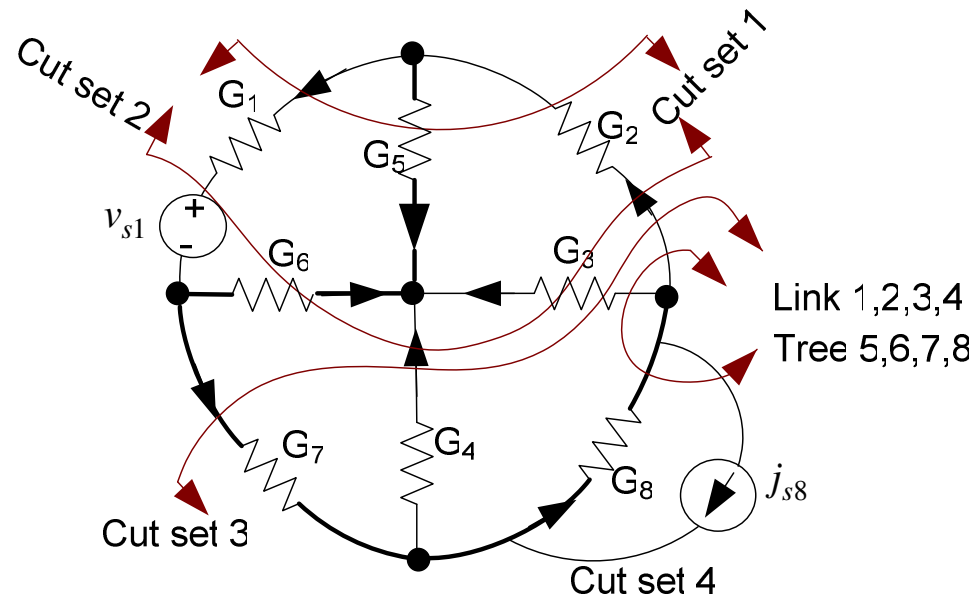


Fig. 7

## *Cut-set analysis of linear time invariant networks*

$$\begin{bmatrix} G_1 + G_2 + G_5 & -G_1 - G_2 & G_2 & G_2 \\ -G_1 - G_2 & G_1 + G_2 + G_3 + G_4 + G_6 & -G_2 - G_3 - G_4 & -G_2 - G_3 \\ G_2 & -G_2 - G_3 - G_4 & G_2 + G_3 + G_4 + G_7 & G_2 + G_3 \\ G_2 & -G_2 - G_3 & G_2 + G_3 & G_2 + G_3 + G_8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \\ e_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G_1 v_{s1} \\ -G_1 v_{s1} \\ 0 \\ j_{s8} \end{bmatrix}$$

### Comments on loop and cut set analysis

Loop and cut set analysis are more general than node and mesh analysis since Tree can be selected in many ways . With certain Tree the loop analysis Becomes the mesh analysis and Cut set analysis becomes the node analysis.

Relation between **B** and **Q**

$$\mathbf{BQ}^T = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{QB}^T = \mathbf{0}$$