

# Week 7 Cribsheet

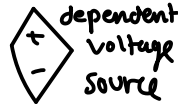
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## SUPERPOSITION

when useful: Circuits with multiple independent sources

independent: value of source does not rely on another element

dependent is opposite. can tell by drawing: (circle vs rhombus)



how to do: for each indep. source: *important!*

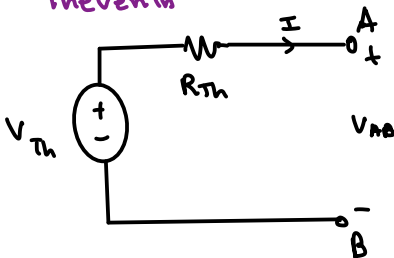
- zero out all other indep. sources
- find circuit quantity for zeroed out circuit

sum up all circuit quantities found

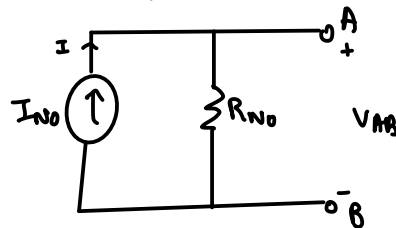
zero out: voltage source  $\rightarrow$  0V or wire / short  
current source  $\rightarrow$  0A or open circuit

## EQUIVALENCE

*Thévenin*



*Norton*



How to find both Thevenin + Norton:

1. measure voltage across terminals. This is  $V_{Th}$
2. draw a wire between terminals. current through it is  $I_{No}$
3. zero out indep. sources and erase wire from step 2
4. apply  $V_{test}$  or  $I_{test}$  and measure  $I_{test}$  or  $V_{test}$  (the other)
5.  $R_{Th} = R_{No} = \frac{V_{test}}{I_{test}}$

## CAPACITORS

capacitance  $C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\text{charge on plate}}{\text{voltage across}}$  unit = Farad (F)

$C = \epsilon \frac{A}{d} = \epsilon \frac{\text{x section area}}{\text{distance}}$   $\epsilon = \text{permittivity constant}$

Some important formulas (making use of  $I = \frac{dQ}{dt}$ )

$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt} = C \frac{dV}{dt} \quad \star \text{ super important!}$$

capacitor voltage with initial time 0:  $V_C(t) = \frac{I}{C}t + V_C(0)$

general capacitor voltage eqn:  $V_C(t) = \frac{I}{C}(t-t_0) + V_C(t_0)$

energy:  $E = \frac{1}{2} QV = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C}$

Series:  $C = C_1 || C_2 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}} = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$  } opposite of resistors!

parallel:  $C = C_1 + C_2$

$||$  (parallel operator) is commutative.  $a || b = b || a$

associative:  $(a || b) || c = a || (b || c)$