

Circuit Theory and Electronics Fundamentals

Lab 1 - Circuit Analysis Methods

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1 Introduction

This report is being made for the subject of Circuit Theory and Electronics Fundamentals and is related to the 1st laboratory.

The objective of this laboratory assignment is to study a circuit containing 7 resistors, 1 voltage source, 1 current source, 1 current controlled voltage source and 1 voltage controlled current source.

The display of this circuit can be seen in Figure 1.

In Section 2 we will analyse theoretically the circuit and present the results obtained by Octave.

Secondly, in Section 3 we will simulate the circuit using ngspice, present the results obtained and compare them with the ones gathered from Section 2.

The conclusions of this study are outlined in Section 4.

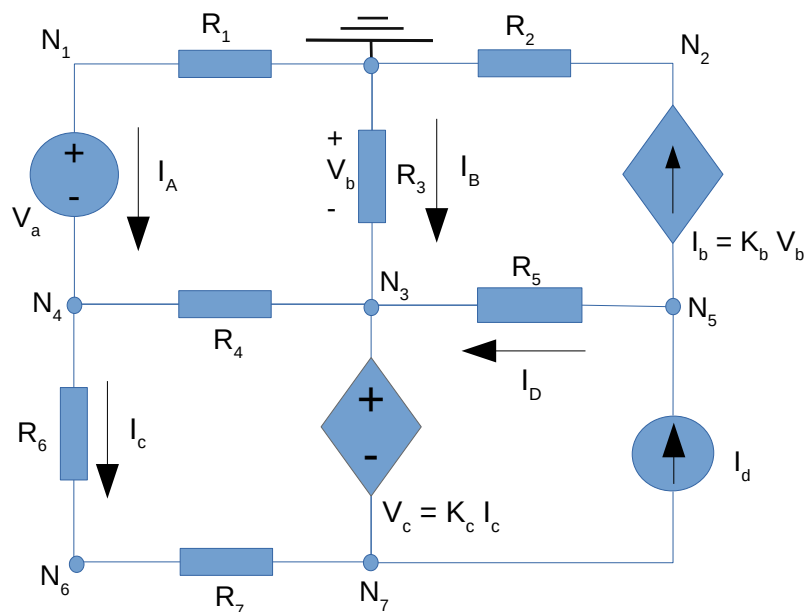


Figure 1: Circuit with the nodes

Where:

$$R_1 = 1.03431507833$$

$$R_2 = 2.02853090731$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_3 &= 3.1462050633 \\
R_4 &= 4.03438547455 \\
R_5 &= 3.12170042214 \\
R_6 &= 2.07116379646 \\
R_7 &= 1.01597753093 \\
V_a &= 5.156959346 \\
I_d &= 1.01455683569 \\
K_b &= 7.1497941196 \\
K_c &= 8.12593642585
\end{aligned}$$

Units for the values: $V, mA, k\Omega$ and mS

2 Theoretical Analysis

In this section, the circuit shown in Figure 1 is analysed theoretically, in terms of its node voltages and mesh currents.

2.1 Mesh Analysis Method

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Starting by numbering the nodes arbitrarily, assigning current names and directions to all branches also arbitrarily and defining one node as ground (GND) a system of equations obtained applying the Kirchhoff Current Law (KCL) to each mesh can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 + R_3 + R_4 & -R_3 & -R_4 \\ -R_4 & 0 & R_4 + R_6 + R_7 - K_C \\ -K_B R_3 & K_B R_3 - 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} I_A \\ I_B \\ I_C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -V_A \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

It was used 3 equations (4 meshes - 1 = 3 linearly independent equations)

It's important to notice that D loop is independent from the restant ones so we don't need to determine the current I_D as it is given on the initial data.

After solving the system with Octave tools we get the table 1 results.

Name	Value [A or V]
IA	-2.4409e-04
IB	-2.5545e-04
IC	9.8044e-04
ID	1.0146e-03
Ib	-2.5545e-04
Ic	9.8044e-04
Vb	-3.5728e-02
Vc	7.9670e+00

Table 1: Operating point. A variable preceded by @ is of type *current* and expressed in Ampere; other variables are of type *voltage* and expressed in Volt.

2.2 Nodal Analysis Method

The Nodal Analysis Method is another general procedure analysing circuits using node voltages as the circuit variables.

To find the nodal voltages we chose 7 equations (8 nodes - 1 = 7 linearly independent equations) that comprise:

- KCL in nodes not connected to voltage sources;
- Additional equations for nodes related by voltage sources.

The system of equations tha will be solved is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ G_1 & G_2 & G_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(K_b + G_1) & 0 & 0 & K_b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -K_b & -G_5 & 0 & K_b + G_5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -G_6 & 0 & G_5 + G_6 & G_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -K_b G_6 & 0 & K_b G_6 & -1 \\ 0 & -K_b & 0 & 0 & K_b + G_3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \\ V_4 \\ V_5 \\ V_6 \\ V_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_a \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ I_d \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

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3 Simulation Analysis

3.1 Operating Point Analysis

Table 2 shows the simulated operating point results for the circuit under analysis. Compared to the theoretical analysis results, one notices the following differences: describe and explain the differences.

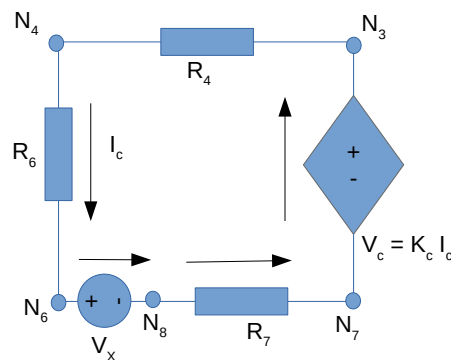


Figure 2: C Mesh with an adicional voltage source

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Name	Value [A or V]
@vx[i]	9.804367e-04
@hc[i]	3.412015e-05
@va[i]	-2.44092e-04
@gb[i]	-2.55448e-04
@id[current]	1.014557e-03
@r1[i]	-2.44092e-04
@r2[i]	-2.55448e-04
@r3[i]	-1.13559e-05
@r4[i]	-1.22453e-03
@r5[i]	-1.27000e-03
@r6[i]	9.804367e-04
@r7[i]	9.804367e-04
n1	2.524677e-01
n2	-5.18183e-01
n3	3.572797e-02
n4	-4.90449e+00
n5	4.000301e+00
n6	-6.93514e+00
n7	-7.93124e+00
n8	-6.93514e+00

Table 2: Operating point. A variable preceded by @ is of type *current* and expressed in Ampere; other variables are of type *voltage* and expressed in Volt.

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4 Conclusion

In this laboratory assignment the objective of analysing an RC circuit has been achieved. Static, time and frequency analyses have been performed both theoretically using the Octave maths tool and by circuit simulation using the Ngspice tool. The simulation results matched the theoretical results precisely. The reason for this perfect match is the fact that this is a straightforward circuit containing only linear components, so the theoretical and simulation models cannot differ. For more complex components, the theoretical and simulation models could differ but this is not the case in this work. A Eva é linda e apredneu a trabalhar com isto.

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