

# **Network Theorem**

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# Course Outline

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- ▶ Superposition Theorem
- ▶ Thevenin's Theorem
- ▶ Norton's Theorem
- ▶ Maximum Power Transfer Theorem
- ▶ Reciprocity and Millman's Theorem

# Reference Books

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- ▶ **Introductory Circuit Analysis (11th Edition)** 11th Edition by Robert L. Boylestad

# Superposition Theorem

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- ▶ The superposition theorem extends the use of Ohm's Law to circuits with multiple sources.
  
- ▶ In order to apply the superposition theorem to a network, certain conditions must be met:
  1. All the components must be **linear**, meaning that the current is proportional to the applied voltage.
  2. All the components must be **bilateral**, meaning that the current is the same amount for opposite polarities of the source voltage.
  3. **Passive components** may be used. These are components such as resistors, capacitors, and inductors, that do not amplify or rectify.
  4. **Active components** may not be used. Active components include transistors, semiconductor diodes, and electron tubes. Such components are never bilateral and seldom linear.

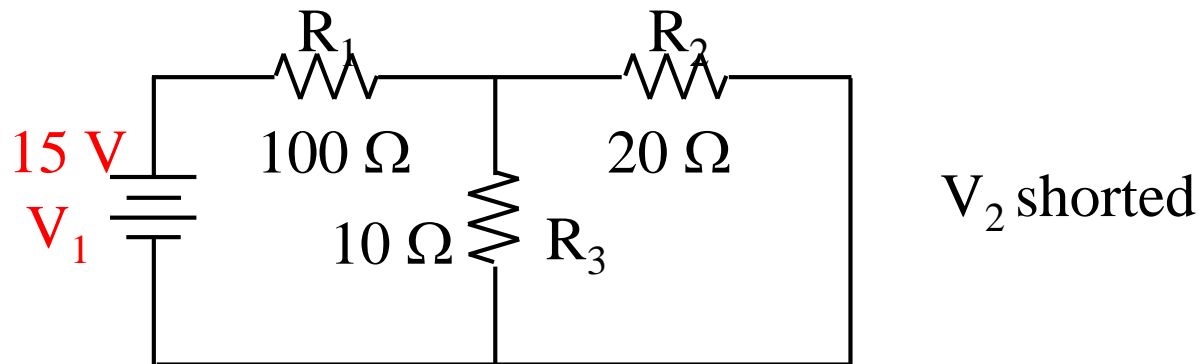
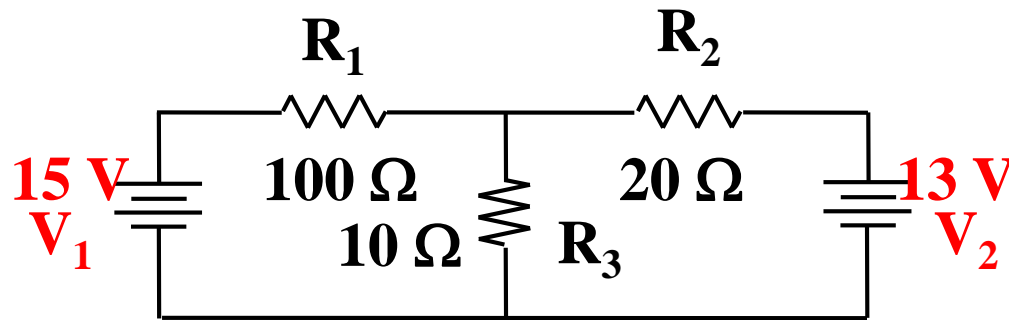
# Superposition Theorem

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- ▶ In a linear, bilateral network that has more than one source, the current or voltage in any part of the network can be found by adding algebraically the effect of each source separately.
- ▶ This analysis is done by:
  - ▶ shorting each voltage source in turn.
  - ▶ opening each current source in turn.

# Superposition Theorem

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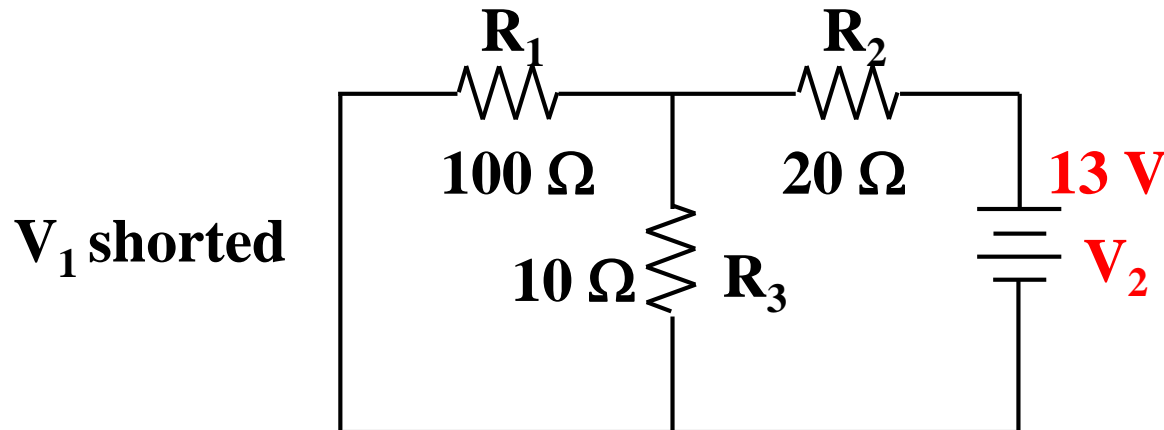
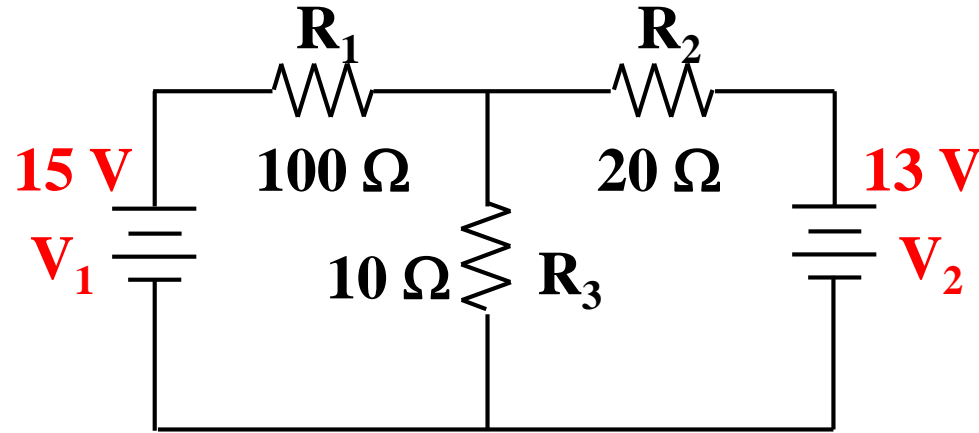


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# Superposition Theorem

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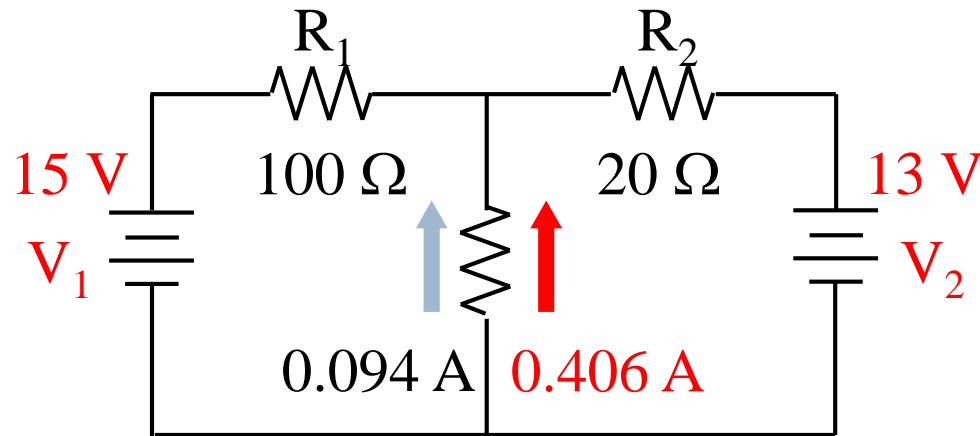
# Superposition Theorem (Applied)



$$R_{EQ} = 29.09\ \Omega, I_T = 0.447\ \text{A} \text{ and } I_{R_3} = 0.406\ \text{A}$$



# Superposition Theorem (Applied)



With  $V_2$  shorted

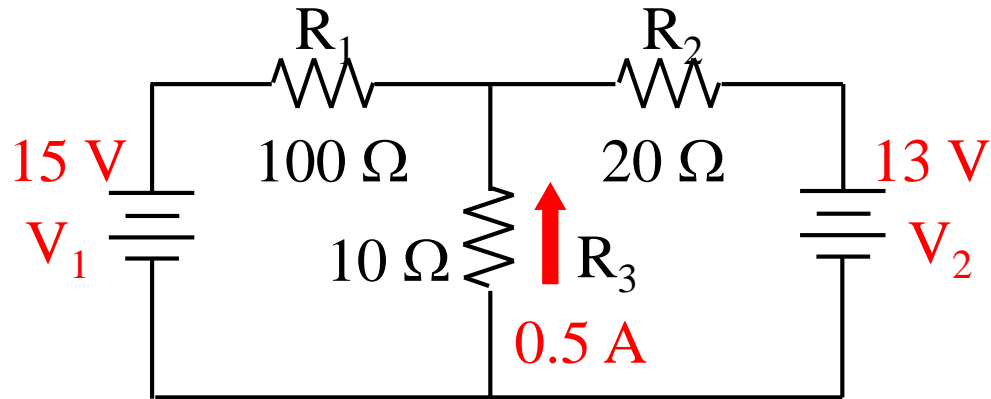
$$R_{EQ} = 106.7 \, \Omega, I_T = 0.141 \, \text{A} \text{ and } I_{R_3} = 0.094 \, \text{A}$$

With  $V_1$  shorted

$$R_{EQ} = 29.09 \, \Omega, I_T = 0.447 \, \text{A} \text{ and } I_{R_3} = 0.406 \, \text{A}$$

Adding the currents gives  $I_{R_3} = 0.5 \, \text{A}$

# Superposition Theorem (Check)

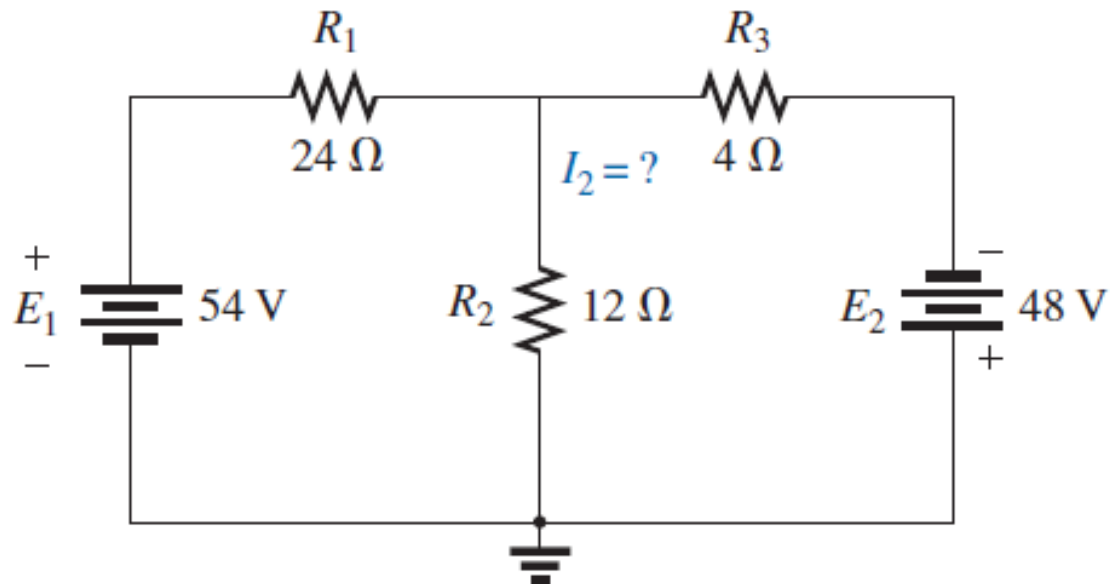


With  $0.5\text{ A}$  flowing in  $R_3$ , the voltage across  $R_3$  must be  $5\text{ V}$  (Ohm's Law). The voltage across  $R_1$  must therefore be  $10\text{ volts}$  (KVL) and the voltage across  $R_2$  must be  $8\text{ volts}$  (KVL). Solving for the currents in  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  will verify that the solution agrees with KCL.

$$I_{R_1} = 0.1\text{ A and } I_{R_2} = 0.4\text{ A}$$

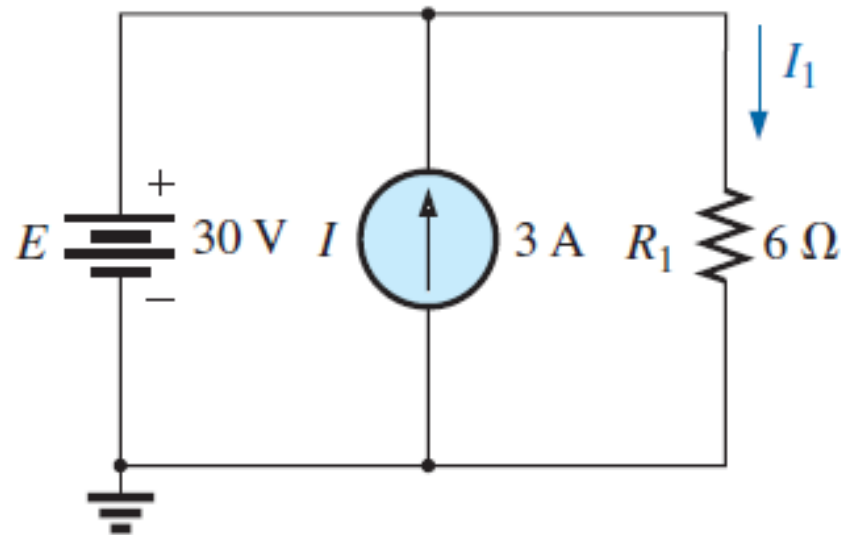
$$I_{R_3} = 0.1\text{ A} + 0.4\text{ A} = 0.5\text{ A}$$

# Superposition Theorem



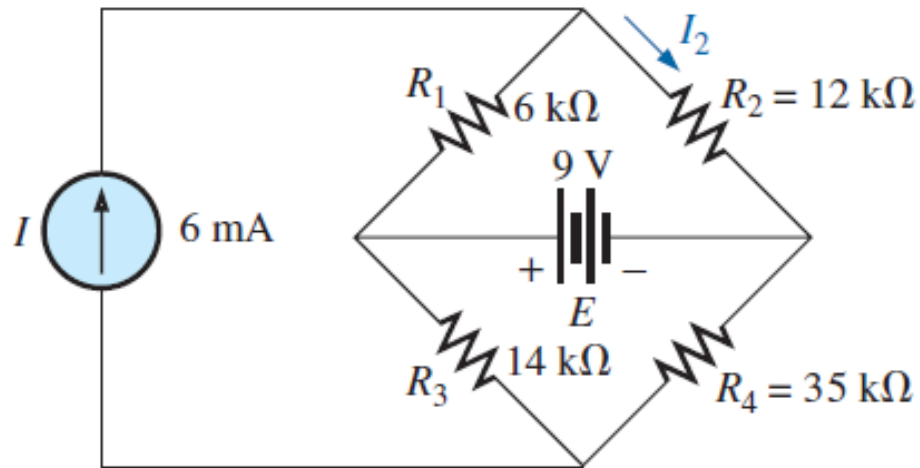
# Superposition Theorem

## Example 3



# Superposition Theorem

## Example 4

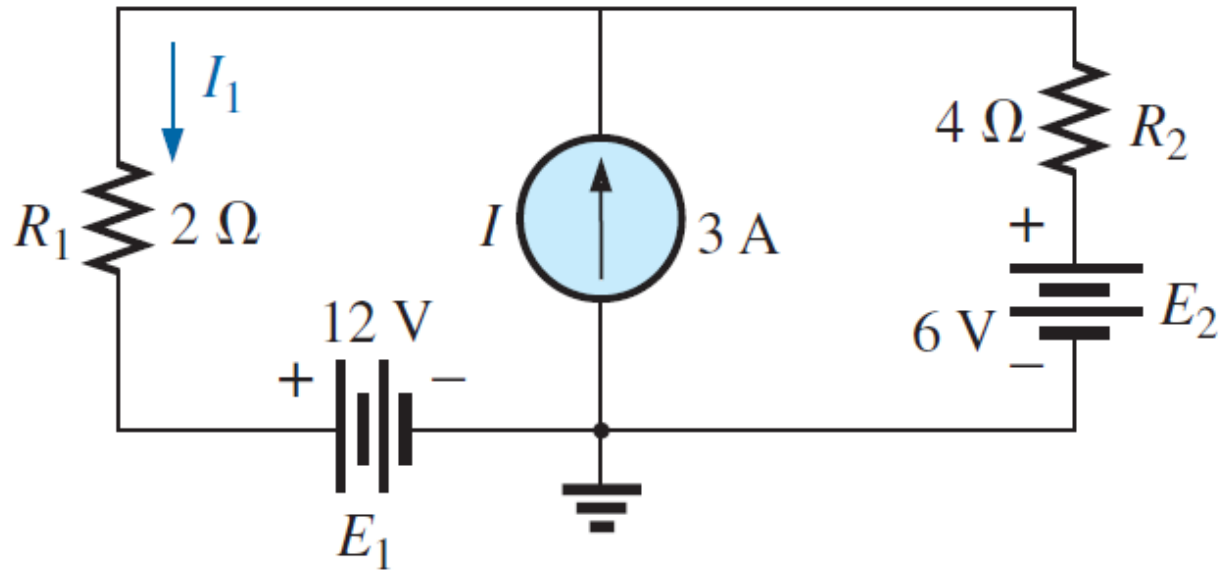


**FIG. 15**

*Example 4.*

# Superposition Theorem

## Example 5



**FIG. 18**  
*Example 5.*

# Thevenin's Theorem

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- ▶ Thevenin's theorem simplifies the process of solving for the unknown values of voltage and current in a network by reducing the network to an equivalent series circuit connected to any pair of network terminals.
- ▶ Any network with two open terminals can be replaced by a **single voltage source ( $V_{TH}$ )** and a **series resistance ( $R_{TH}$ )** connected to the open terminals. A component can be removed to produce the open terminals.

# Thevenin's Theorem

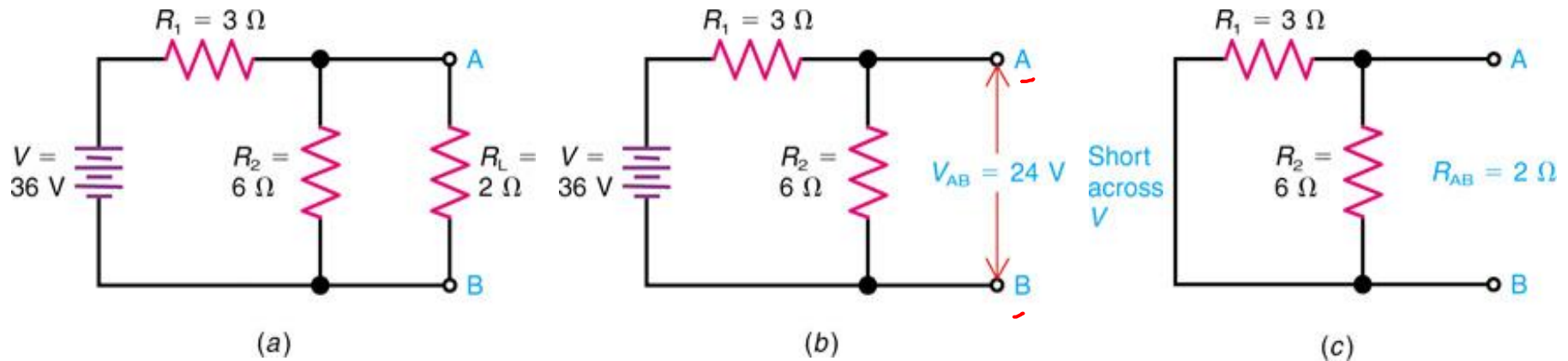
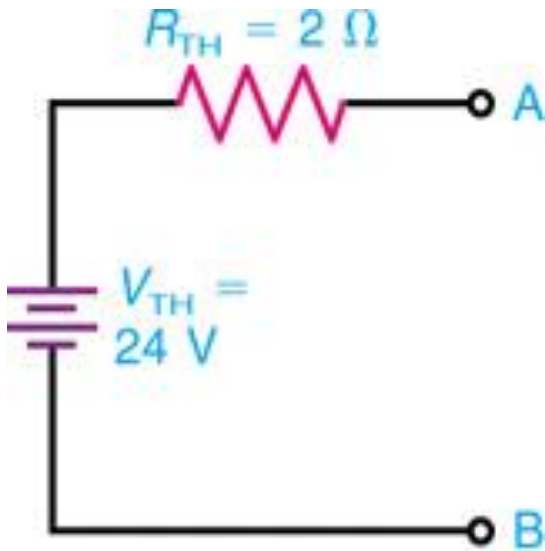


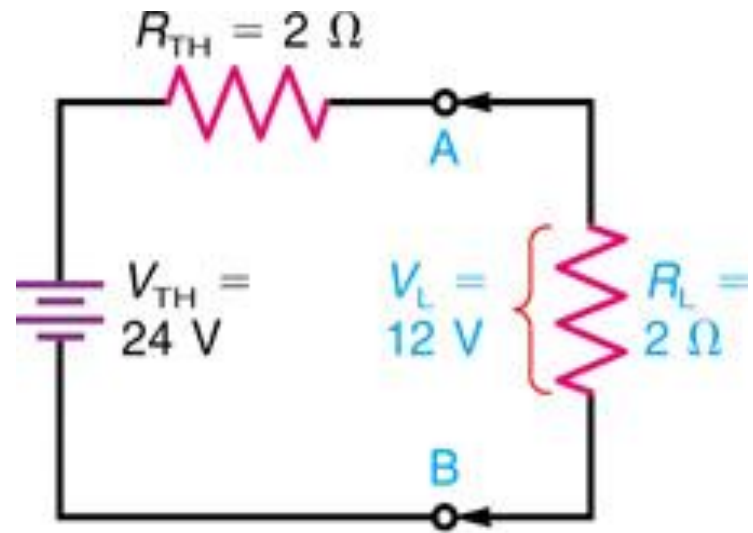
Fig. 10-3: Application of Thevenin's theorem. (a) Actual circuit with terminals A and B across  $R_L$ . (b) Disconnect  $R_L$  to find that  $V_{AB}$  is 24V. (c) Short-circuit  $V$  to find that  $R_{AB}$  is  $2\ \Omega$ .



# Thevenin's Theorem



(d)



(e)

Fig. 10-3 (d) Thevenin equivalent circuit. (e) Reconnect  $R_L$  at terminals A and B to find that  $V_L$  is 12V.

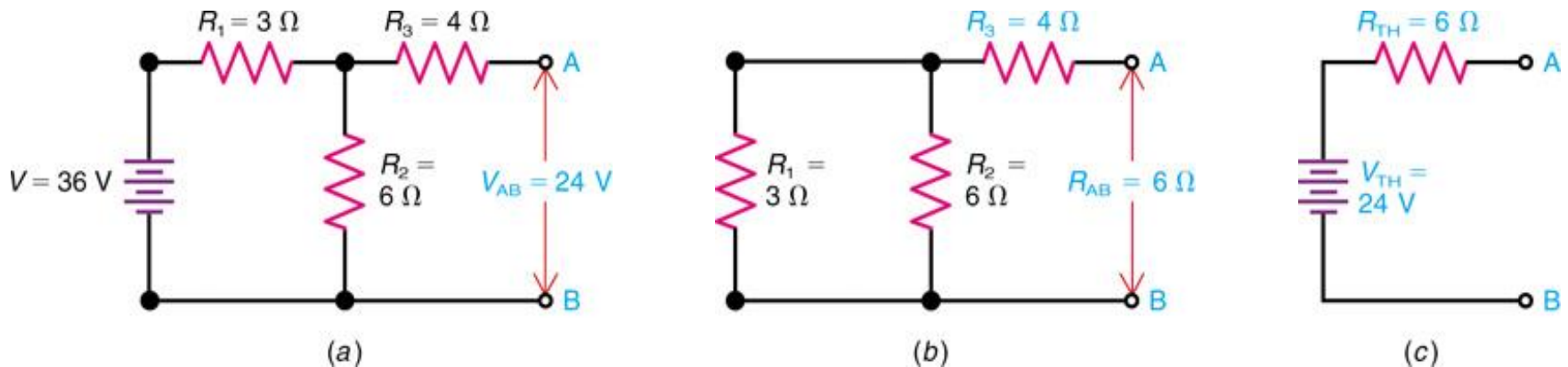
# Thevenin's Theorem

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- ▶ **Determining Thevenin Resistance and Voltage**
  - ▶  $R_{TH}$  is determined by shorting the voltage source and calculating the circuit's total resistance as seen from open terminals **A** and **B**.
  - ▶  $V_{TH}$  is determined by calculating the voltage between open terminals **A** and **B**.

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# Thevenin's Theorem



Note that  $\mathbf{R_3}$  does not change the value of  $\mathbf{V_{AB}}$  produced by the source  $V$ , but  $R_3$  does increase the value of  $\mathbf{R_{TH}}$ .

Fig. 10-4: Thevenizing the circuit of Fig. 10-3 but with a  $4\text{-}\Omega$   $R_3$  in series with the A terminal. (a)  $V_{AB}$  is still 24V. (b) Now the  $R_{AB}$  is  $2 + 4 = 6\ \Omega$ . (c) Thevenin equivalent circuit.

# Thevenizing a Circuit with Two Voltage Sources

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- ▶ The circuit in Figure 10-5 can be solved by Kirchhoff's laws, but **Thevenin's theorem** can be used to find the current  $I_3$  through the middle resistance  $R_3$ .
  - ▶ Mark the terminals A and B across  $R_3$ .
  - ▶ Disconnect  $R_3$ .
  - ▶ To calculate  $V_{TH}$ , find  $V_{AB}$  across the open terminals

# Thevenizing a Circuit with Two Voltage Sources

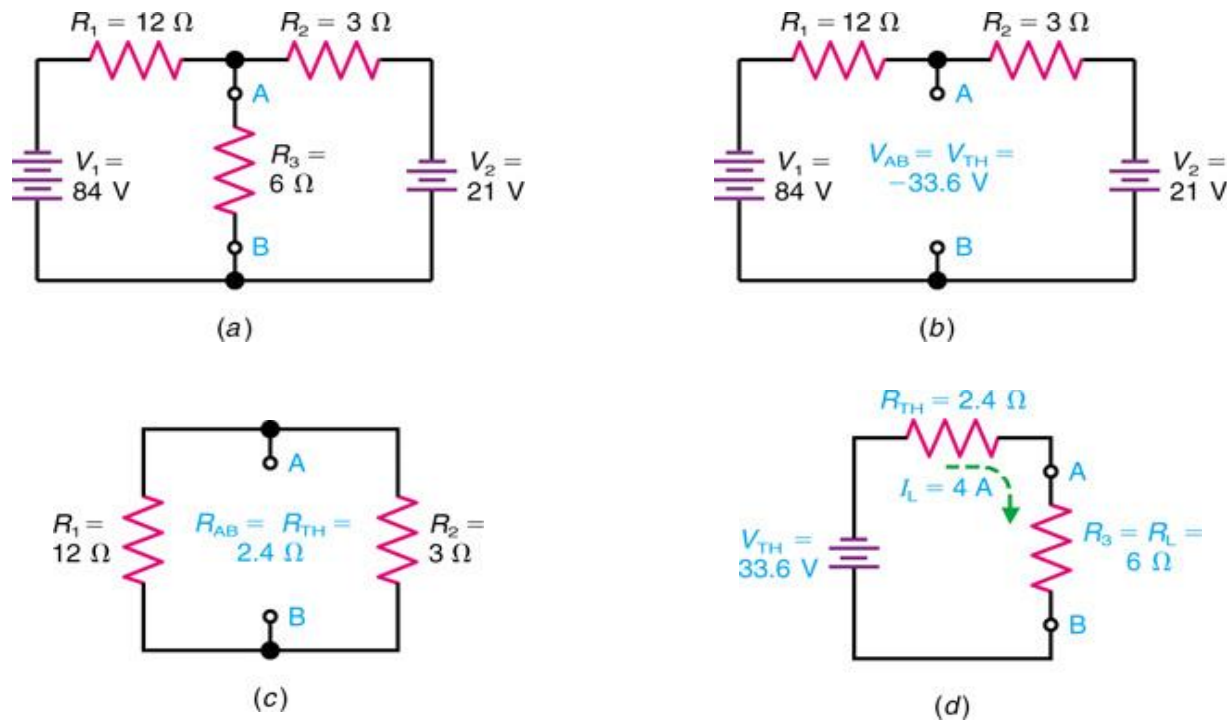


Fig. 10-5: Thevenizing a circuit with two voltage sources  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . (a) Original circuit with terminals A and B across the middle resistor  $R_3$ . (b) Disconnect  $R_3$  to find that  $V_{AB}$  is  $-33.6\text{ V}$ . (c) Short-circuit  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  to find that  $R_{AB}$  is  $2.4\ \Omega$ . (d) Thevenin equivalent with  $R_L$  reconnected to terminals A and B.

# Thevenizing a Bridge Circuit

- ▶ A Wheatstone Bridge Can Be Thevenized.
  - ▶ Problem: Find the voltage drop across  $R_L$ .
  - ▶ The bridge is unbalanced and Thevenin's theorem is a good choice.
  - ▶  $R_L$  will be removed in this procedure making **A** and **B** the Thevenin terminals.

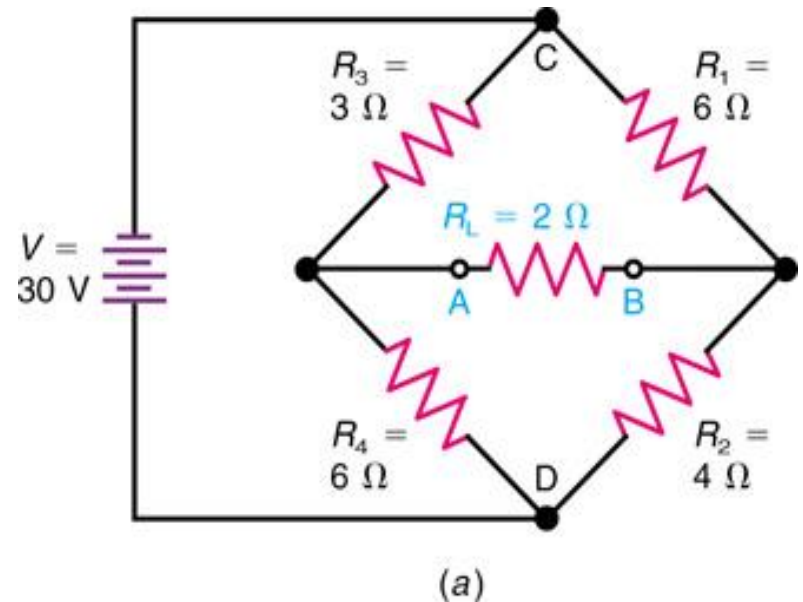
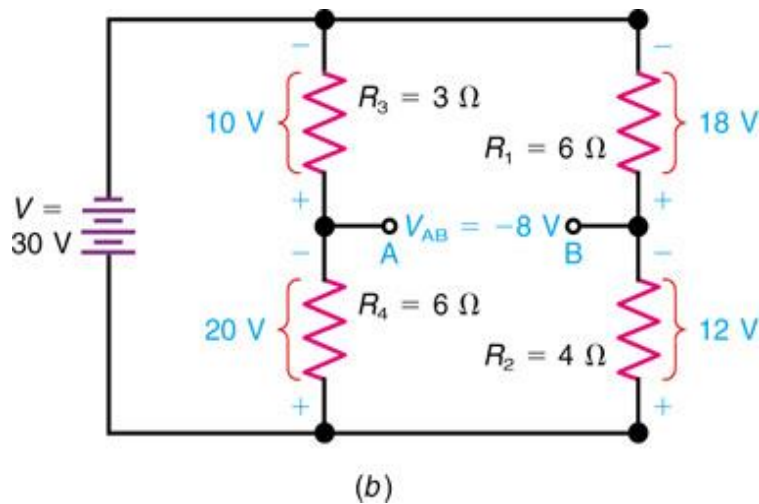
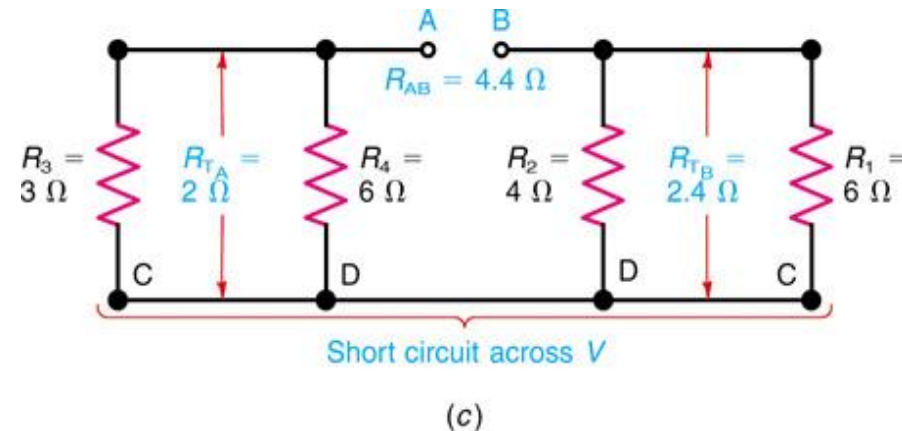


Fig. 10-6: Thevenizing a bridge circuit. (a) Original circuit with terminals A and B across middle resistor  $R_L$ .

# Thevenizing a Bridge Circuit



$$V_{AB} = -20 - (-12) = -8V$$



$$R_{AB} = R_{TA} + R_{TB} = 2 + 2.4 = 4.4 \Omega$$

Fig. 10-6(b) Disconnect  $R_L$  to find  $V_{AB}$  of  $-8V$ . (c) With source  $V$  short-circuited,  $R_{AB}$  is  $2 + 2.4 = 4.4 \Omega$ .

# Thevenizing a Bridge Circuit

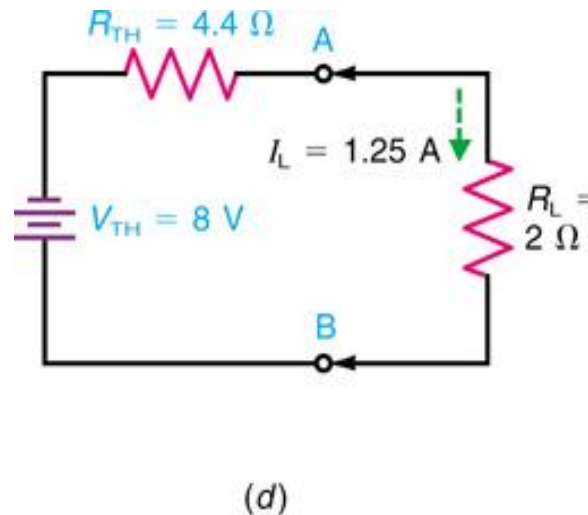


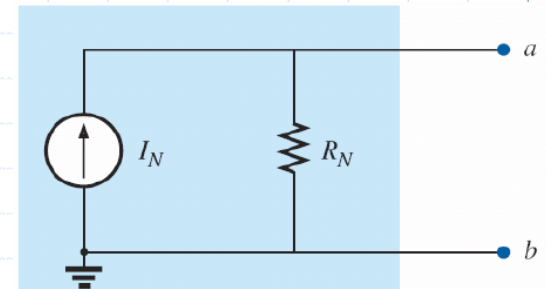
Fig. 10-6(d) Thevenin equivalent with  $R_L$  reconnected to terminals A and B.



# Norton Theorem

## 9.4 NORTON'S THEOREM

- In Section 8.3, we learned that every voltage source with a series internal resistance has a current source equivalent.
- The current source equivalent can be determined by Norton's theorem. It can also be found through the conversions of Section 8.3.
- The theorem states the following:
  - Any two-terminal linear bilateral dc network can be replaced by an equivalent circuit consisting of a current source and a parallel resistor.



**FIG. 9.65** *Norton equivalent circuit.*

# Norton Theorem

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## 9.4 NORTON'S THEOREM

### Norton's Theorem Procedure

#### Preliminary:

1. Remove that portion of the network across which the Norton equivalent circuit is found.
2. Mark the terminals of the remaining two-terminal network.
3. **RN:**

Calculate  $R_N$  by first setting all sources to zero (voltage sources are replaced with short circuits and current sources with open circuits) and then finding the resultant resistance between the two marked terminals. (If the internal resistance of the voltage and/or current sources is included in the original network, it must remain when the sources are set to zero.)

# Norton Theorem

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## 9.4 NORTON'S THEOREM

### Norton's Theorem Procedure

Since  $R_N = R_{Th}$ , the procedure and value obtained using the approach described for Thévenin's theorem will determine the proper value of  $R_N$ .

#### 4. $I_N$ :

Calculate  $I_N$  by first returning all sources to their original position and then finding the short-circuit current between the marked terminals.

It is the same current that would be measured by an ammeter placed between the marked terminals.

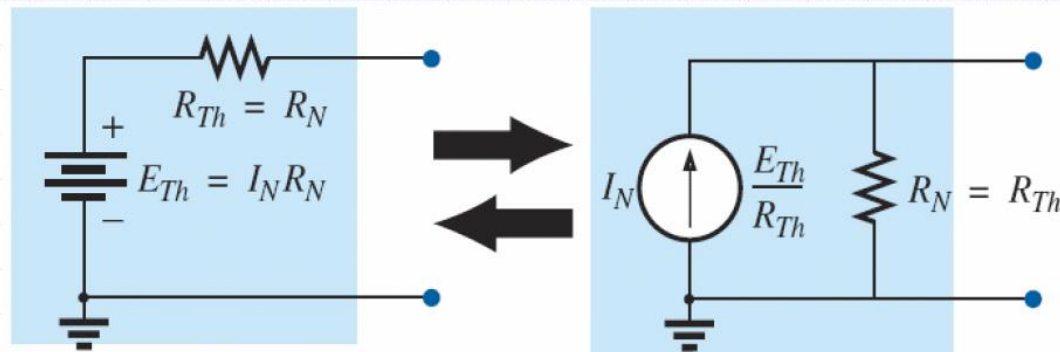
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## 9.4 NORTON'S THEOREM

### Norton's Theorem Procedure

#### 5. Conclusion:

Draw the Norton equivalent circuit with the portion of the circuit previously removed replaced between the terminals of the equivalent circuit.



**FIG. 9.66** *Converting between Thévenin and Norton equivalent circuits.*

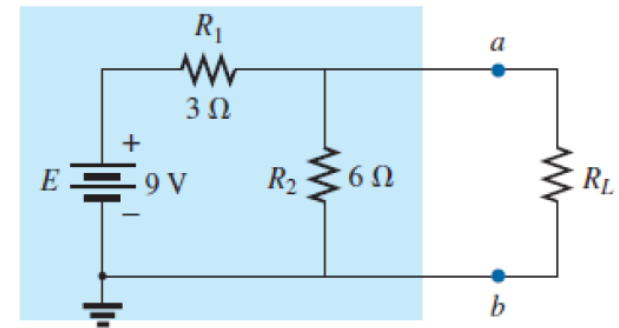
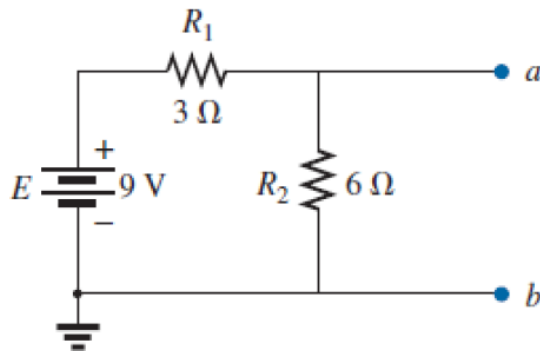
# Norton Theorem

## 9.4 NORTON'S THEOREM

**EXAMPLE 9.12** Find the Norton equivalent circuit for the network in the shaded area in Fig. 9.67.

**Solution:**

**Steps 1 and 2:** See Fig. 9.68.



# Norton Theorem

## 9.4 NORTON'S THEOREM

**Step 3:** See Fig. 9.69, and

$$R_N = R_1 \parallel R_2 = 3 \Omega \parallel 6 \Omega = \frac{(3 \Omega)(6 \Omega)}{3 \Omega + 6 \Omega} = \frac{18 \Omega}{9} = 2 \Omega$$

**Step 4:** See Fig. 9.70, which clearly indicates that the short-circuit connection between terminals a and b is in parallel with  $R_2$  and eliminates its effect.  $I_N$  is therefore the same as through  $R_1$ , and the full battery voltage appears across  $R_1$  since

$$V_2 = I_2 R_2 = (0)6 \Omega = 0 \text{ V}$$

Therefore,

$$I_N = \frac{E}{R_1} = \frac{9 \text{ V}}{3 \Omega} = 3 \text{ A}$$

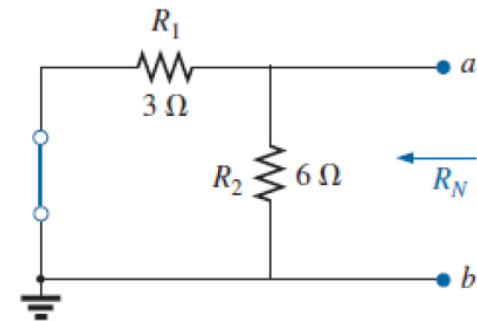


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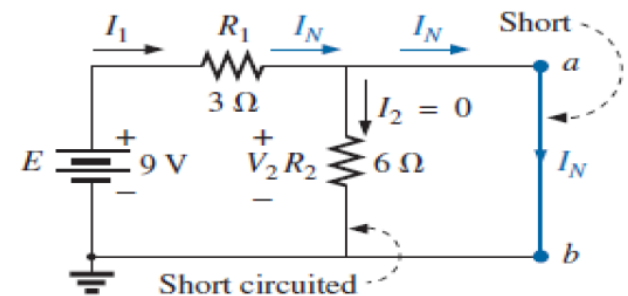


FIG. 9.70



# Norton Theorem

**Step 5:** See Fig. 9.71. This circuit is the same as the first one considered in the development of Thévenin's theorem. A simple conversion indicates that the Thévenin circuits are, in fact, the same (Fig. 9.72).

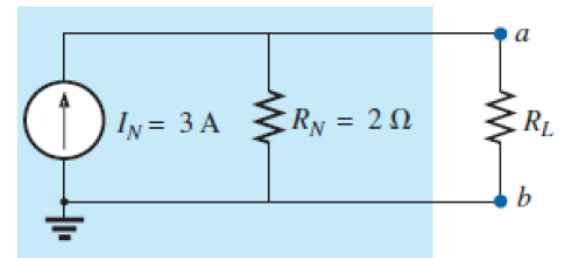


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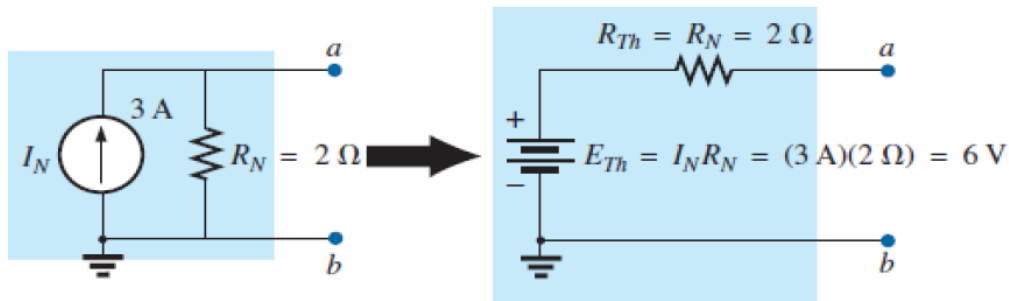


FIG. 9.72

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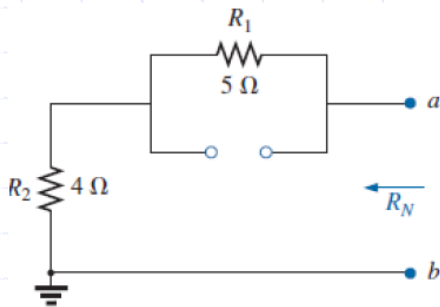
## 9.4 NORTON'S THEOREM

**EXAMPLE 9.13** Find the Norton equivalent circuit for the network external to the  $9\ \Omega$  resistor in Fig. 9.73

**Solution:**

**Steps 1 and 2:** See Fig. 9.74.

**Step 3:** See Fig. 9.75, and



$$R_N = R_1 + R_2 = 5\ \Omega + 4\ \Omega = 9\ \Omega$$

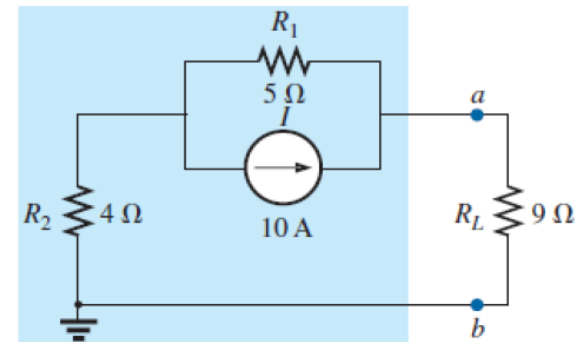
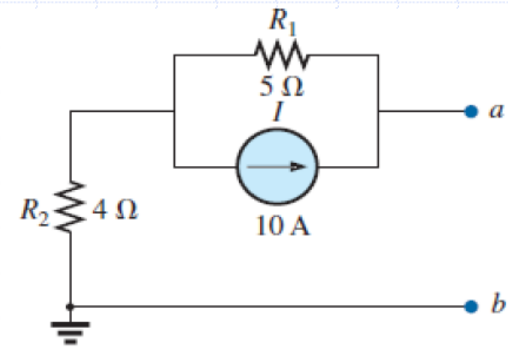


FIG. 9.73





# Norton Theorem

**Step 4:** As shown in Fig. 9.76, the Norton current is the same as the current through the  $4\Omega$  resistor. Applying the current divider rule gives

$$I_N = \frac{R_1 I}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{(5\ \Omega)(10\ \text{A})}{5\ \Omega + 4\ \Omega} = \frac{50\ \text{A}}{9} = 5.56\ \text{A}$$

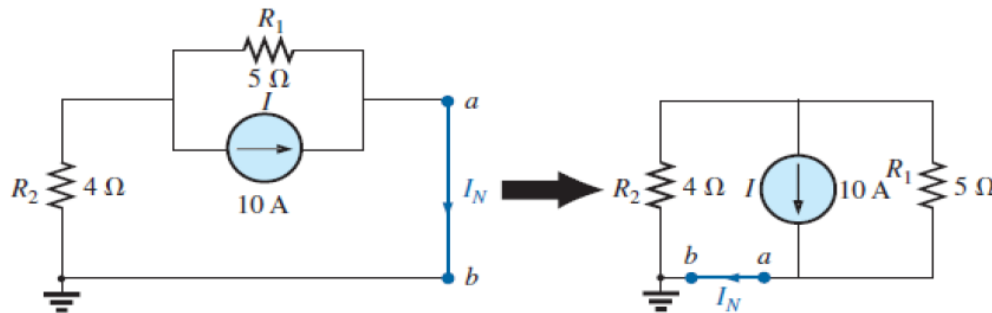


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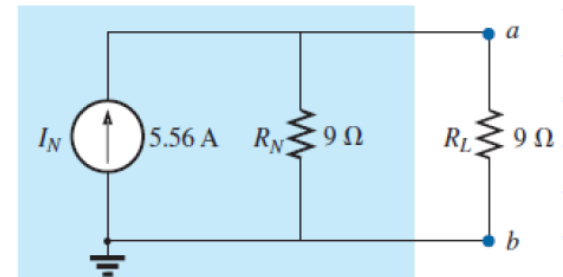


FIG. 9.77

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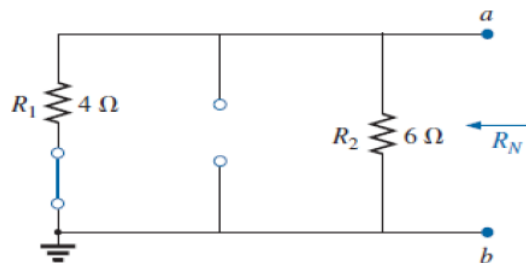
## 9.4 NORTON'S THEOREM

**EXAMPLE 9.14 (Two sources)** Find the Norton equivalent circuit for the portion of the network to the left of a-b in Fig. 9.78.

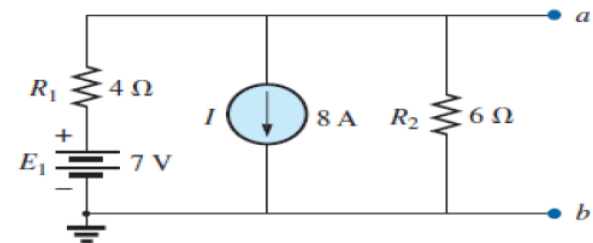
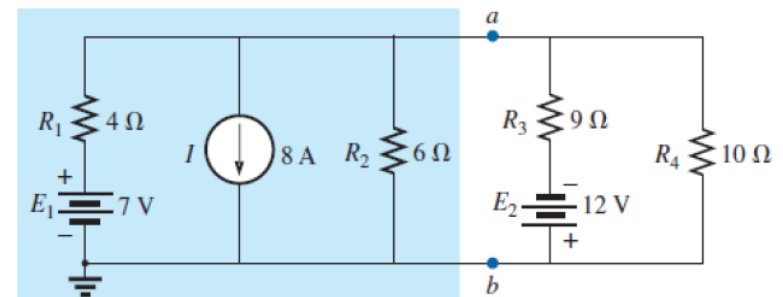
**Solution:**

**Steps 1 and 2:** See Fig. 9.79

**Step 3:** See Fig. 9.80, and



$$R_N = R_1 \parallel R_2 = 4 \Omega \parallel 6 \Omega = \frac{(4 \Omega)(6 \Omega)}{4 \Omega + 6 \Omega} = \frac{24 \Omega}{10} = 2.4 \Omega$$



# Norton Theorem

**Step 4:** (Using superposition) For the 7 V battery (Fig. 9.81),

$$I'_N = \frac{E_1}{R_1} = \frac{7 \text{ V}}{4 \Omega} = 1.75 \text{ A}$$

For the 8 A source (Fig. 9.82), we find that both  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  have been “short circuited” by the direct connection between  $a$  and  $b$ , and

$$I''_N = I = 8 \text{ A}$$

The result is

$$I_N = I''_N - I'_N = 8 \text{ A} - 1.75 \text{ A} = 6.25 \text{ A}$$

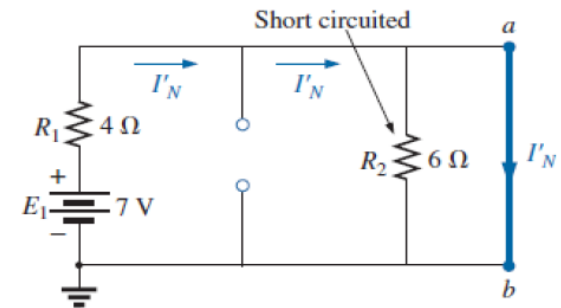


FIG. 9.81

# Norton Theorem

Step 5: See Fig. 9.83

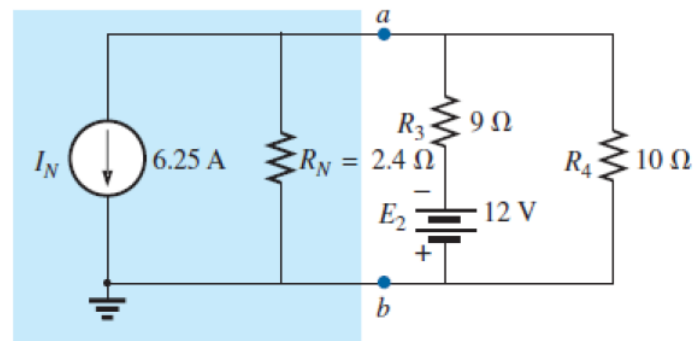
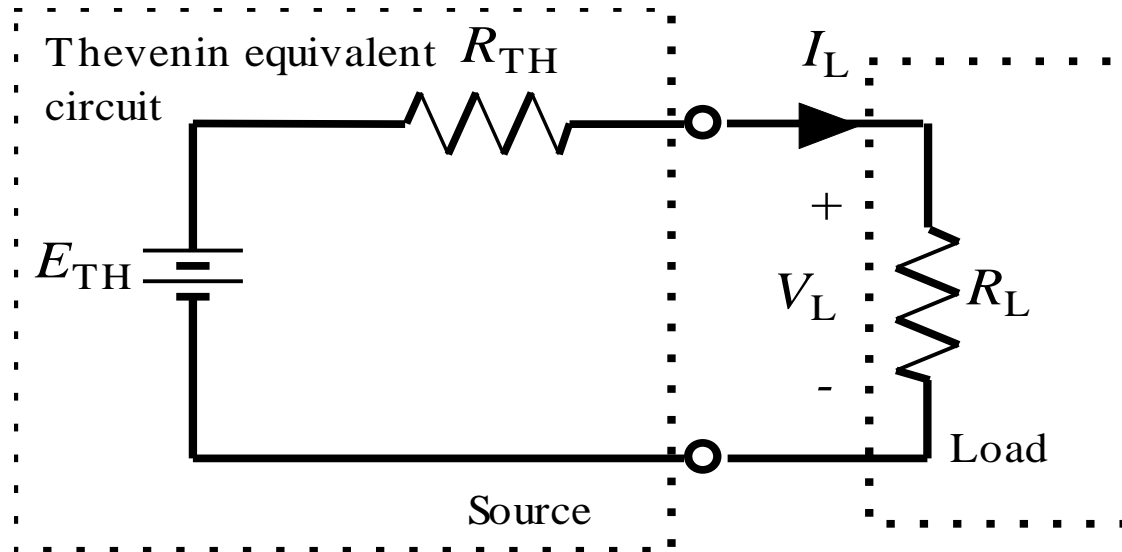


FIG. 9.83

## POWER DELIVERED TO LOAD



$$P_L = V_L I_L = I_L^2 R_L = V_L^2 / R_L$$

- ▶ The source develops a voltage  $V_L$  across the load and enables current  $I_L$  to flow into it
- ▶ The power delivered to the load resistance ( $R_L$ ) depends on the value of  $R_L$

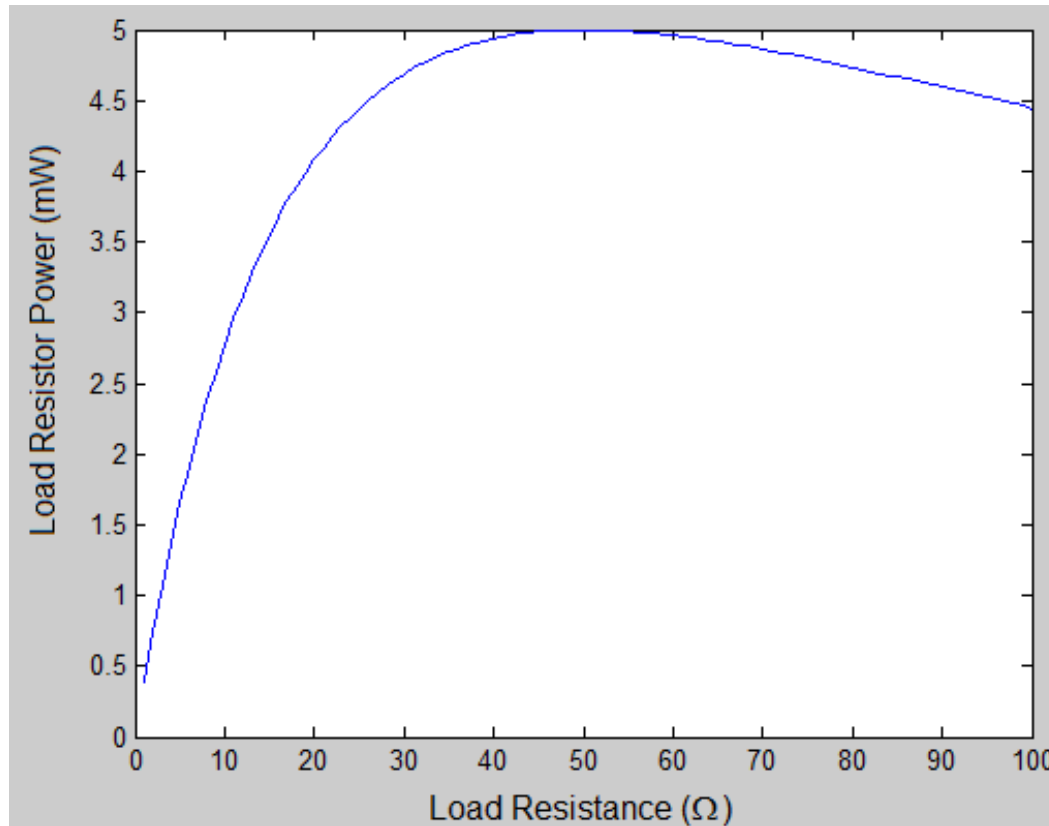
# MAXIMUM POWER, CURRENT AND VOLTAGE CONDITIONS

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- ▶ Maximum current  $I_L$  occurs when  $R_L = 0$  (shorted terminals)
- ▶ The maximum voltage  $V_L$  occurs when  $R_L = \infty$  (open circuited terminals)
- ▶ Yet load power  $P_L = 0$  for both cases
- ▶  $P_L$  is maximum when  $R_L$  equals the Thevenin equivalent resistance of the source, i.e. when  $R_L = R_{TH}$
- ▶ The maximum power transfer theorem is thus:
  - **Maximum power is developed in a load when the load resistance equals the Thevenin resistance of the source to which it is connected**

# MAXIMUM POWER, CURRENT AND VOLTAGE CONDITIONS

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# Consider the General Case

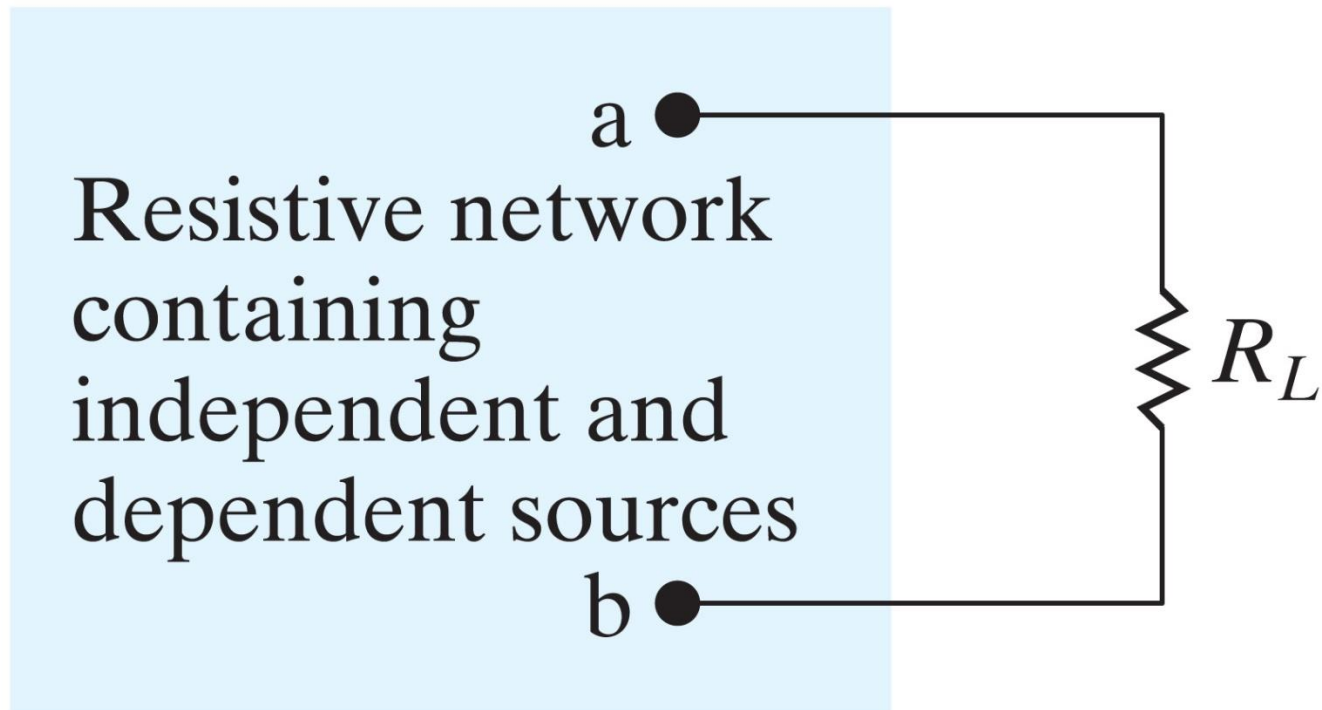
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- ▶ A resistive network contains independent and dependent sources.
- ▶ A load is connected to a pair of terminals labeled a – b.
- ▶ What value of load resistance permits maximum power delivery to the load?



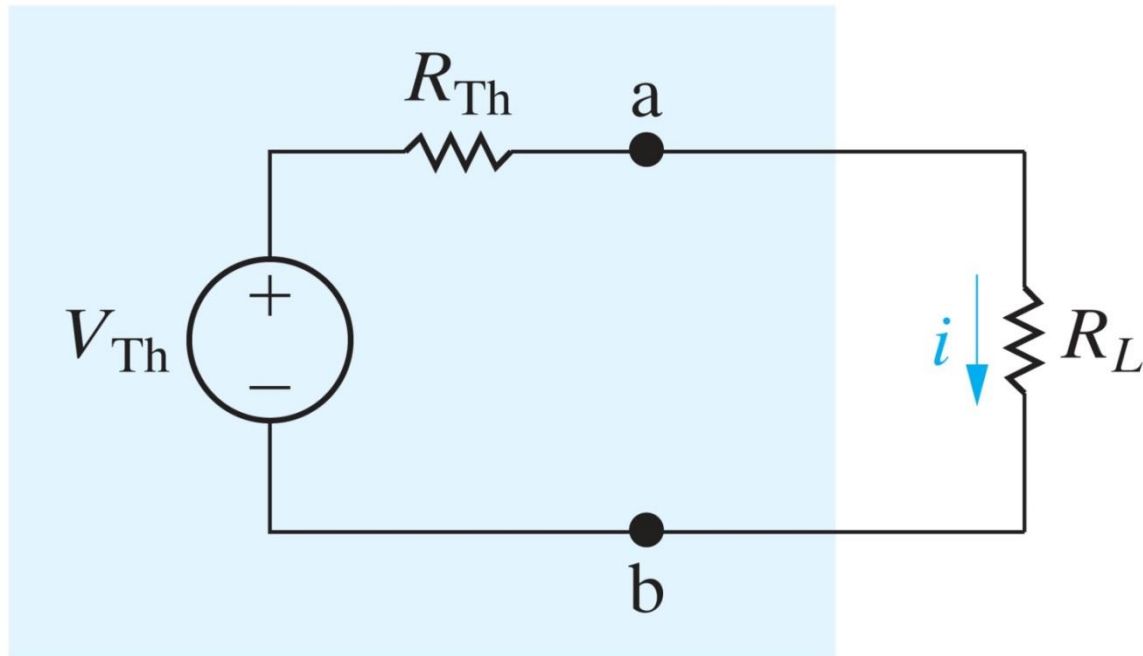
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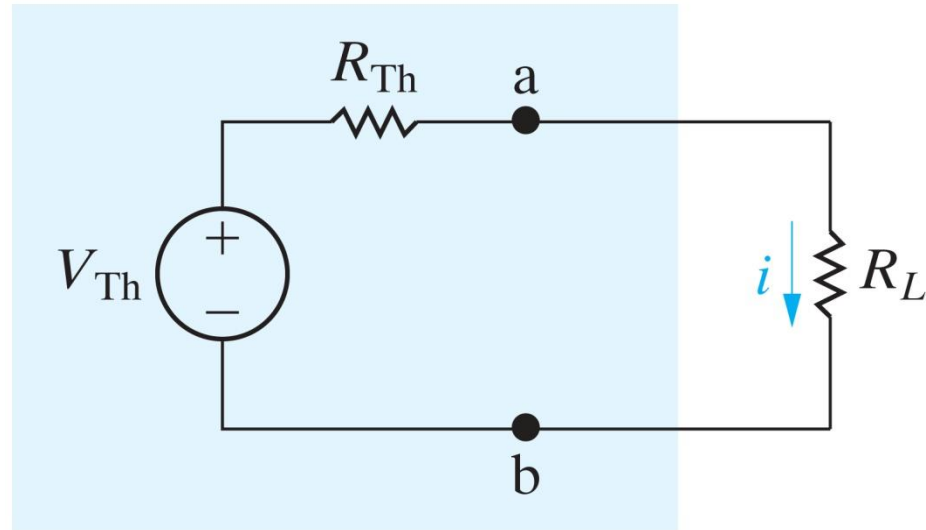
Take the Thevenin equivalent of the circuit

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# Look at the power developed in the load

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$$p = i^2 R_L = \left( \frac{V_{Th}}{R_{Th} + R_L} \right)^2 R_L$$

Find the value of  $R_{\text{load}}$  that maximizes power

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$$\frac{dp}{dR_L} = V_{\text{Th}}^2 \left( \frac{(R_{\text{Th}} + R_L)^2 - 2R_L(R_{\text{Th}} + R_L)}{(R_{\text{Th}} + R_L)^4} \right) = 0$$

$$(R_{\text{Th}} + R_L)^2 = 2R_{\text{load}}(R_{\text{Th}} + R_L)$$

$$\boxed{R_L = R_{\text{Th}}}$$

The maximum power delivered to the load

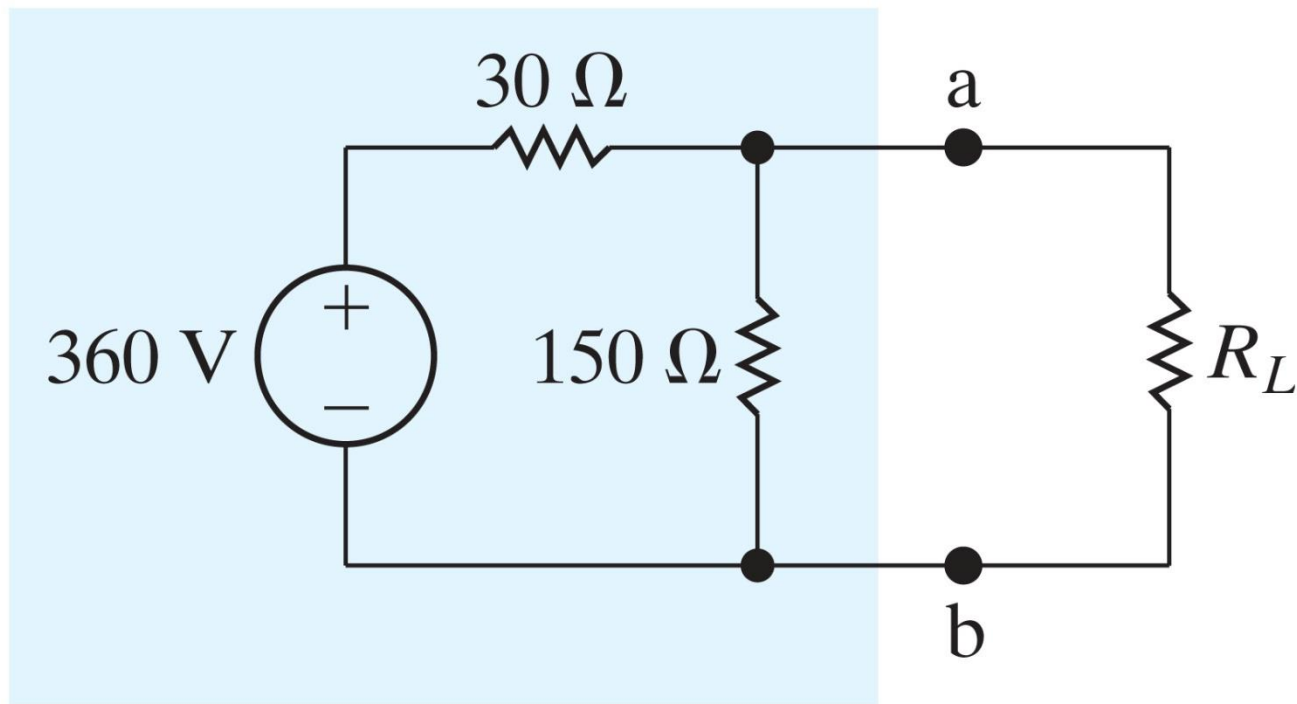
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$$p_{\max} = I^2 R_L = \frac{V_{Th}^2}{(2R_L)^2} R_L$$

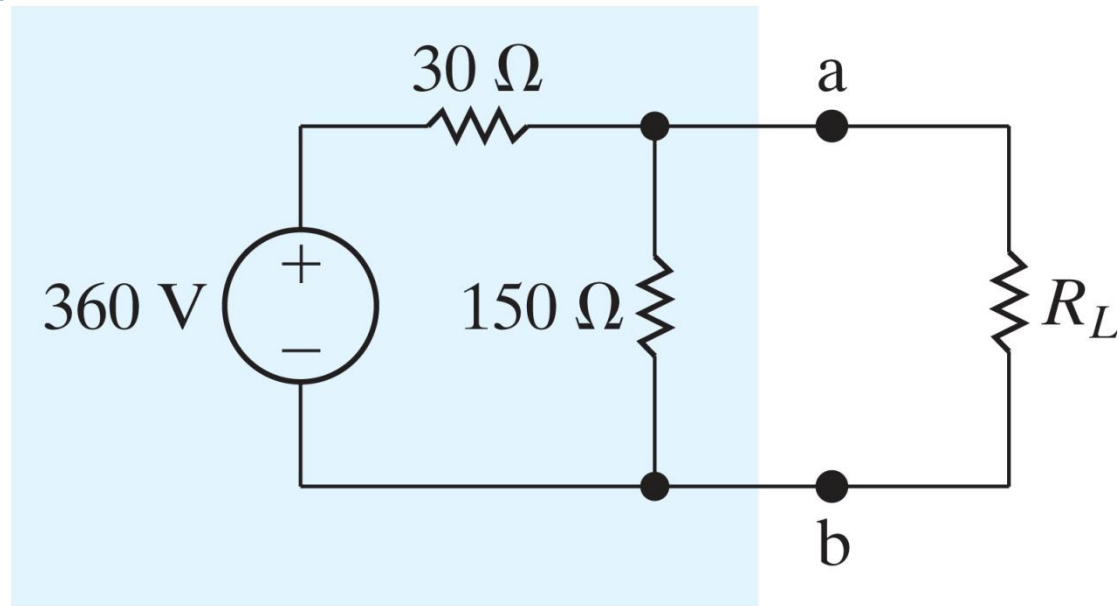
$$p_{\max} = \frac{V_{Th}^2}{4R_L}$$

## Example 4.12

- a) Find the value of  $R_L$  for maximum power transfer to  $R_L$ .

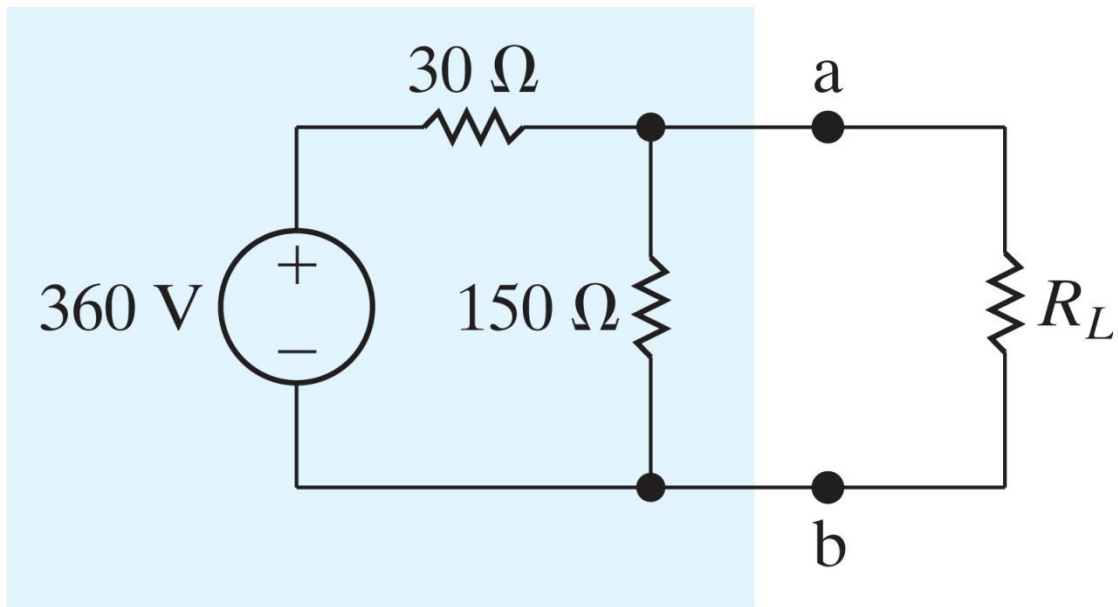


# Determine the Thevenin Equivalent

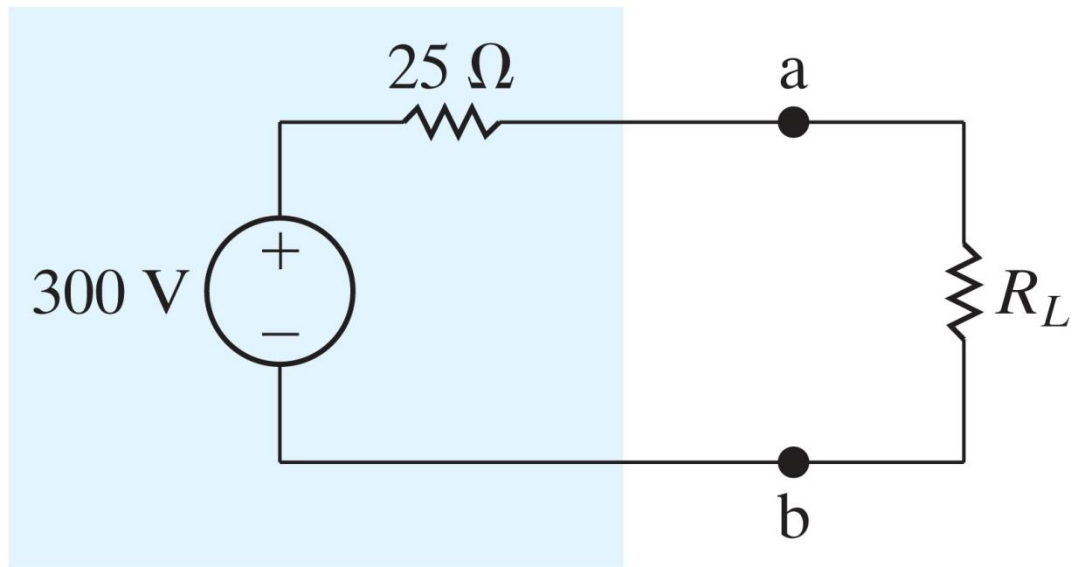


$$V_{Th} = \frac{150}{180} (360) = 300V$$

$$R_{Th} = \frac{(150)(30)}{150 + 30} = 25\Omega$$



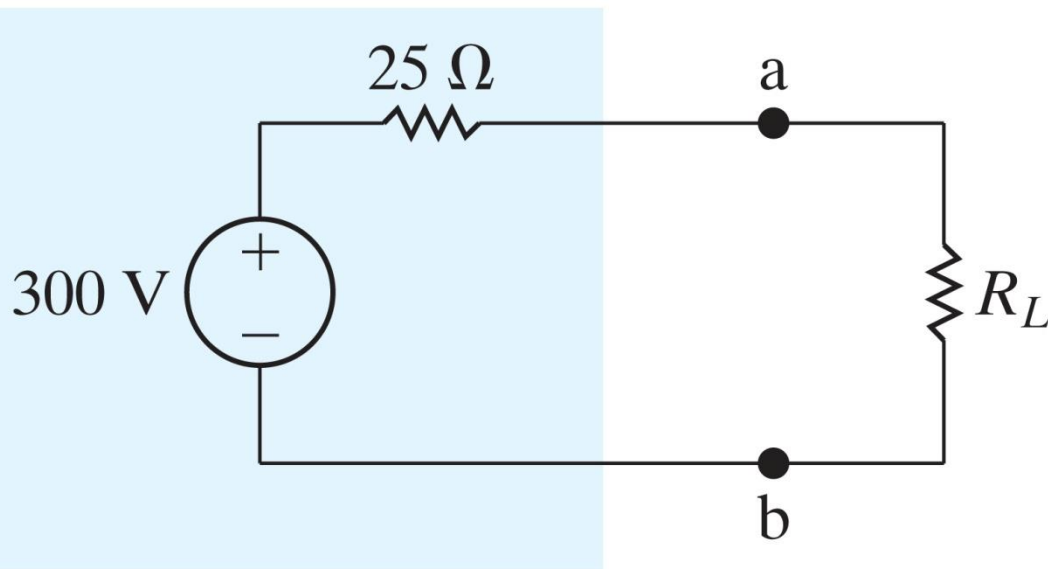
$$R_L = 25\ \Omega$$





## Example 4.12 continued

- b) Calculate the maximum power that can be delivered to  $R_L$ .

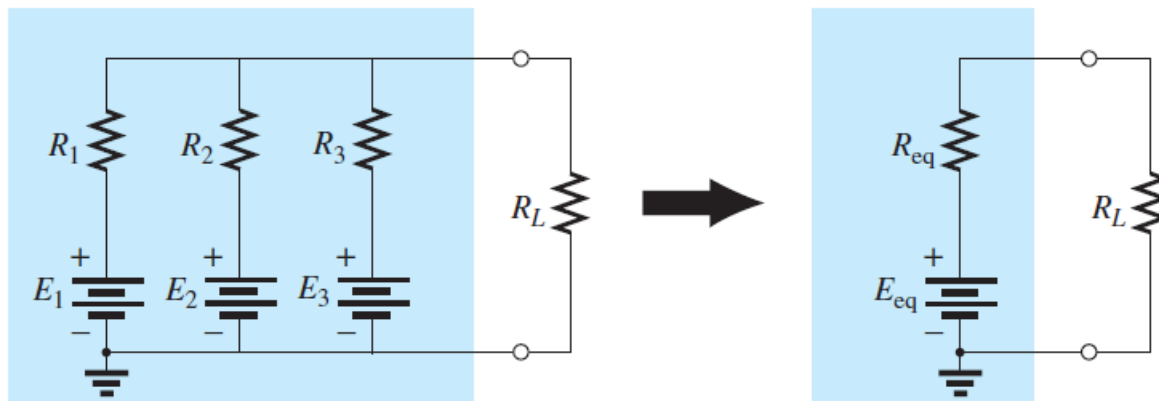


$$p = i^2 R_L = \left( \frac{300}{50} \right)^2 \quad (25)$$

$$p = 900\text{W}$$

# Millman's Theorem

- ▶ Through the application of Millman's theorem, **any number of parallel voltage sources can be reduced to one.**

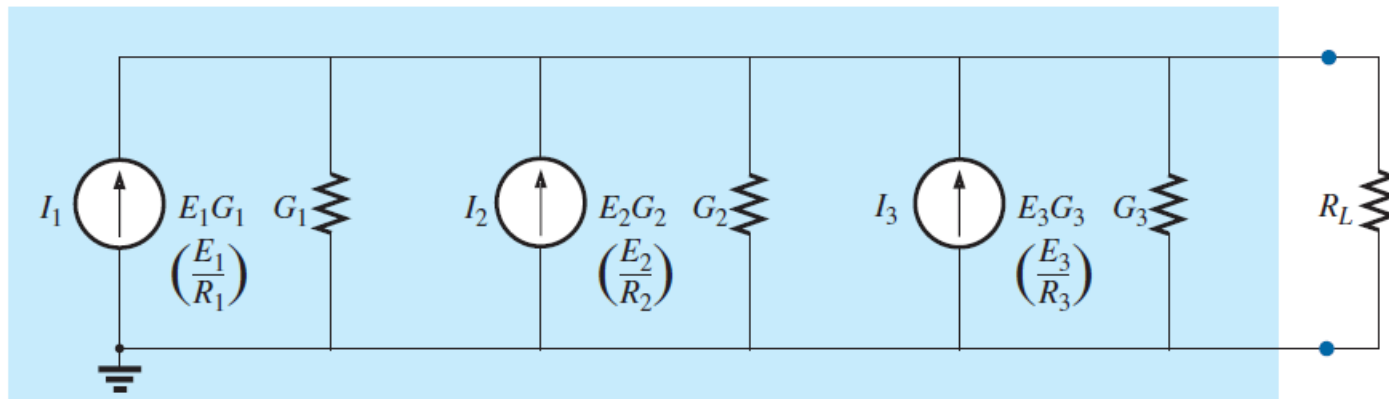


**FIG. 91**

*Demonstrating the effect of applying Millman's theorem.*

# Millman's Theorem

- ▶ Through the application of Millman's theorem, any number of parallel voltage sources can be reduced to one.
- ▶ *Step 1:* Convert all voltage sources to current sources.



**FIG. 92**

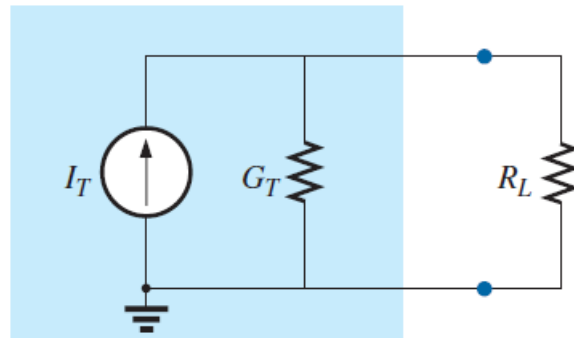
*Converting all the sources in Fig. 91 to current sources.*

# Millman's Theorem

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- *Step 2: Combine parallel current sources.*

$$I_T = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \quad \text{and} \quad G_T = G_1 + G_2 + G_3$$

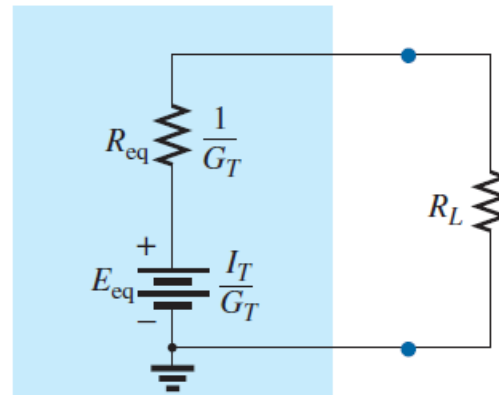


**FIG. 93**

*Reducing all the current sources in Fig. 92 to a single current source.*

# Millman's Theorem

- *Step 3:* Convert the resulting current source to a voltage source, and the desired single-source network is obtained, as shown in Fig. 94.



**FIG. 94**

*Converting the current source in Fig. 93 to a voltage source.*

# Millman's Theorem

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- ▶ In general, Millman's theorem states that for any number of parallel voltage sources

$$E_{\text{eq}} = \frac{I_T}{G_T} = \frac{\pm I_1 \pm I_2 \pm I_3 \pm \dots \pm I_N}{G_1 + G_2 + G_3 + \dots + G_N}$$

or

$$E_{\text{eq}} = \frac{\pm E_1 G_1 \pm E_2 G_2 \pm E_3 G_3 \pm \dots \pm E_N G_N}{G_1 + G_2 + G_3 + \dots + G_N} \quad (8)$$

- ▶ The plus-and-minus signs appear in Eq. (8) to include those cases where the sources may not be supplying energy in the same direction. (Note Example 18.)

# Millman's Theorem

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- ▶ The equivalent resistance is-

$$R_{eq} = \frac{1}{G_T} = \frac{1}{G_1 + G_2 + G_3 + \cdots + G_N} \quad (9)$$

- ▶ In terms of the resistance values,

$$E_{eq} = \frac{\pm \frac{E_1}{R_1} \pm \frac{E_2}{R_2} \pm \frac{E_3}{R_3} \pm \cdots \pm \frac{E_N}{R_N}}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{R_N}} \quad (10)$$

and

$$R_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{R_N}} \quad (11)$$

# Millman's Theorem

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or

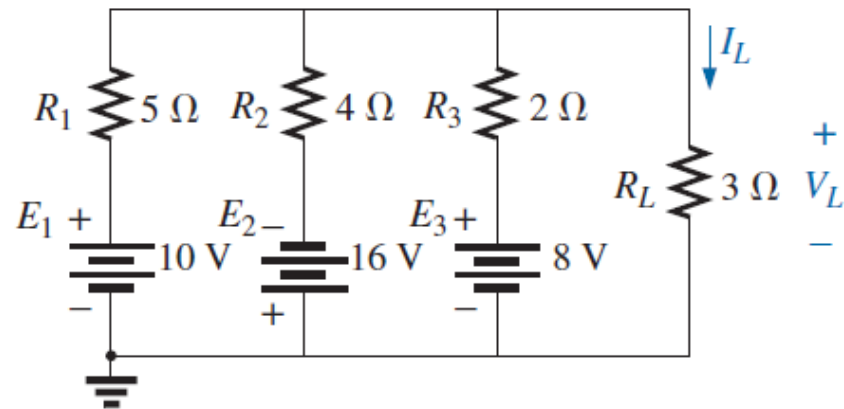
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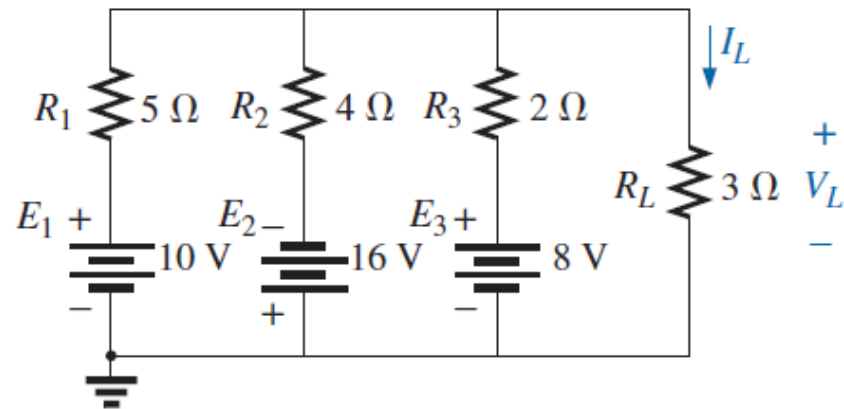
**EXAMPLE 18** Using Millman's theorem, find the current through and voltage across the resistor  $R_L$  in Fig. 95.



**FIG. 95**  
*Example 18.*

# Millman's Theorem

**EXAMPLE 18** Using Millman's theorem, find the current through and voltage across the resistor  $R_L$  in Fig. 95.



**FIG. 95**  
*Example 18.*

# Millman's Theorem

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**Solution:** By Eq. (10),

$$E_{\text{eq}} = \frac{+\frac{E_1}{R_1} - \frac{E_2}{R_2} + \frac{E_3}{R_3}}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}}$$

The minus sign is used for  $E_2/R_2$  because that supply has the opposite polarity of the other two. The chosen reference direction is therefore that of  $E_1$  and  $E_3$ . The total conductance is unaffected by the direction, and

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$$E_{\text{eq}} = \frac{+\frac{10 \text{ V}}{5 \Omega} - \frac{16 \text{ V}}{4 \Omega} + \frac{8 \text{ V}}{2 \Omega}}{\frac{1}{5 \Omega} + \frac{1}{4 \Omega} + \frac{1}{2 \Omega}} = \frac{2 \text{ A} - 4 \text{ A} + 4 \text{ A}}{0.2 \text{ S} + 0.25 \text{ S} + 0.5 \text{ S}}$$
$$= \frac{2 \text{ A}}{0.95 \text{ S}} = \mathbf{2.11 \text{ V}}$$

with  $R_{\text{eq}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{5 \Omega} + \frac{1}{4 \Omega} + \frac{1}{2 \Omega}} = \frac{1}{0.95 \text{ S}} = \mathbf{1.05 \Omega}$

The resultant source is shown in Fig. 96, and

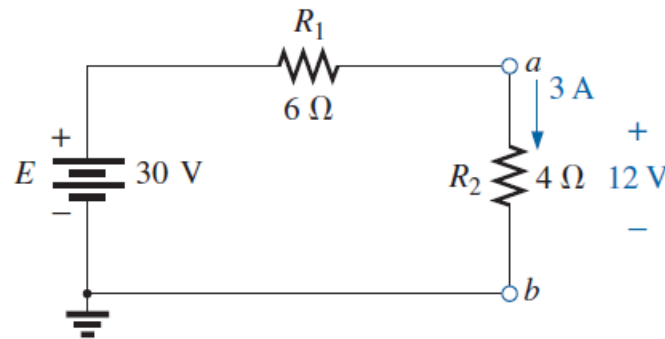
$$I_L = \frac{2.11 \text{ V}}{1.05 \Omega + 3 \Omega} = \frac{2.11 \text{ V}}{4.05 \Omega} = \mathbf{0.52 \text{ A}}$$

with  $V_L = I_L R_L = (0.52 \text{ A})(3 \Omega) = \mathbf{1.56 \text{ V}}$

# Substitution Theorem

## ► Statement:

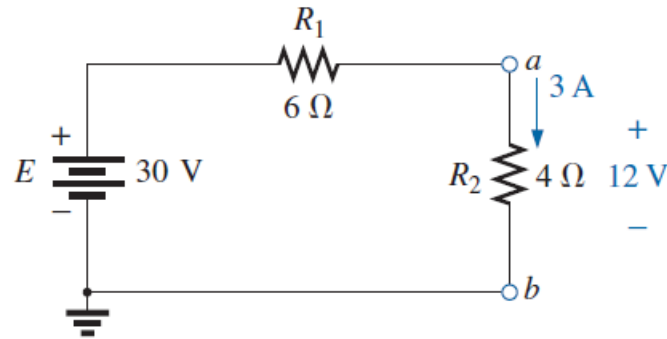
If the voltage across and the current through any branch of a dc bilateral network are known, this branch can be replaced by any combination of elements that will maintain the same voltage across and current through the chosen branch.



**FIG. 102**

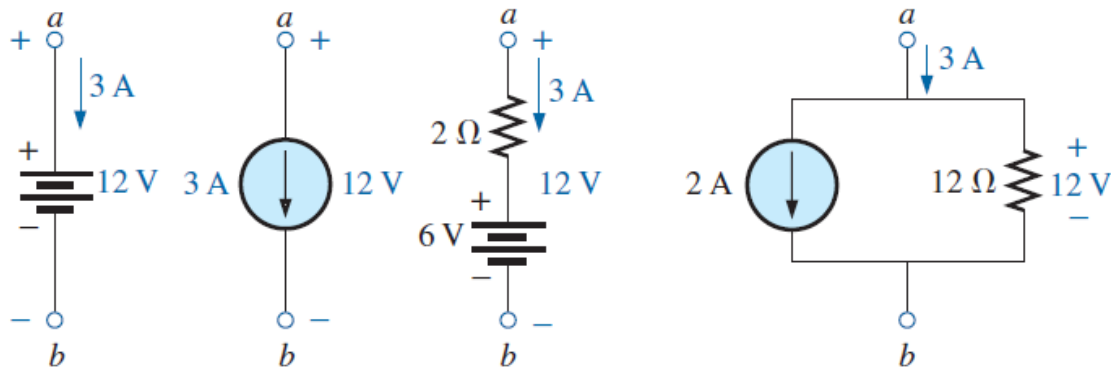
*Demonstrating the effect of the substitution theorem.*

# Substitution Theorem



**FIG. 102**

*Demonstrating the effect of the substitution theorem.*

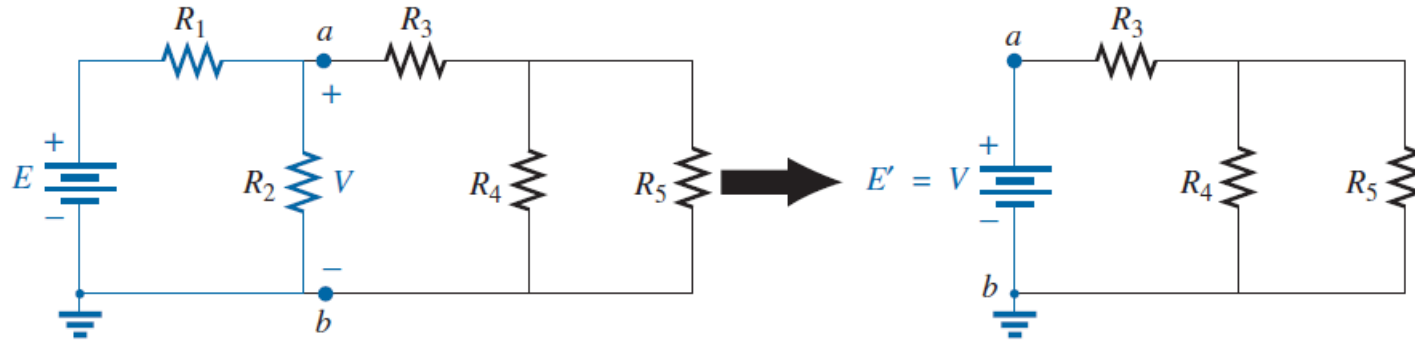


**FIG. 103**

*Equivalent branches for the branch a-b in Fig. 102.*

# Substitution Theorem

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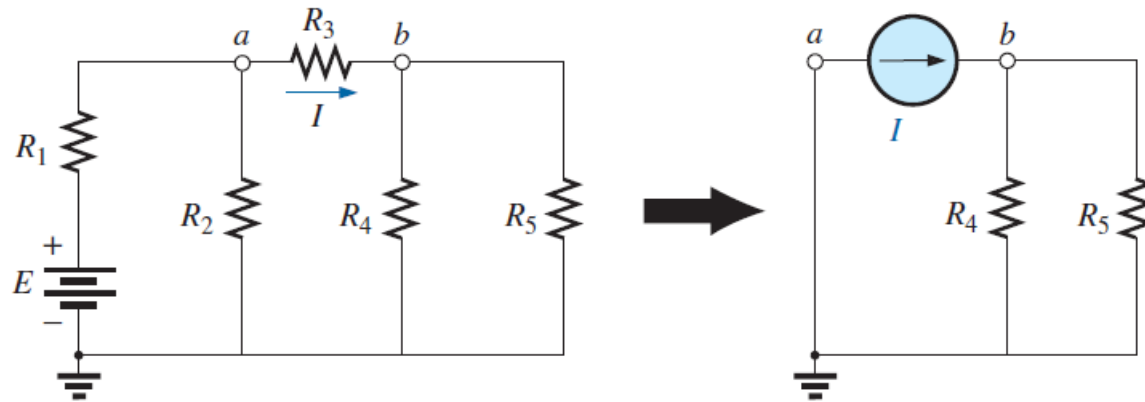


**FIG. 104**

*Demonstrating the effect of knowing a voltage at some point in a complex network.*

# Substitution Theorem

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**FIG. 105**

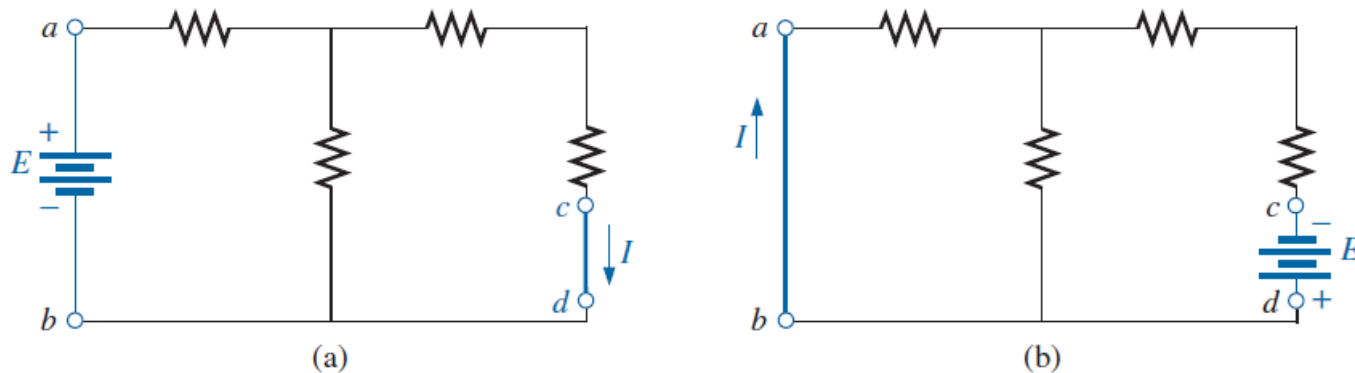
*Demonstrating the effect of knowing a current at some point in a complex network.*



# RECIPROCITY Theorem

## ► Statement:

- The current  $I$  in any branch of a network due to a single voltage source  $E$  anywhere else in the network will equal the current through the branch in which the source was originally located if the source is placed in the branch in which the current  $I$  was originally measured.

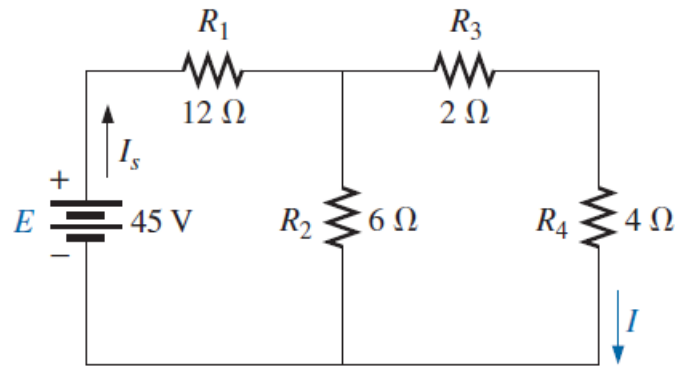


**FIG. 106**

*Demonstrating the impact of the reciprocity theorem.*

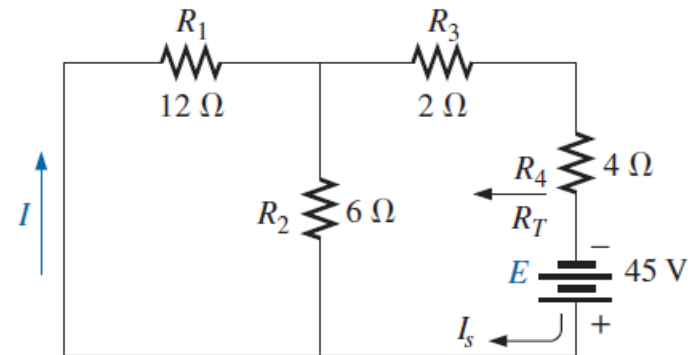
# RECIPROCITY Theorem

- ▶ To demonstrate the validity of this statement and the theorem, consider the network in Fig. 107, in which values for the elements of Fig. 106(a) have been assigned.



**FIG. 107**

*Finding the current  $I$  due to a source  $E$ .*



**FIG. 108**

*Interchanging the location of  $E$  and  $I$  of Fig. 107 to demonstrate the validity of the reciprocity theorem.*

# RECIPROCITY Theorem

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The total resistance is

$$\begin{aligned} R_T &= R_1 + R_2 \parallel (R_3 + R_4) = 12 \, \Omega + 6 \, \Omega \parallel (2 \, \Omega + 4 \, \Omega) \\ &= 12 \, \Omega + 6 \, \Omega \parallel 6 \, \Omega = 12 \, \Omega + 3 \, \Omega = 15 \, \Omega \end{aligned}$$

and 
$$I_s = \frac{E}{R_T} = \frac{45 \, \text{V}}{15 \, \Omega} = 3 \, \text{A}$$

with 
$$I = \frac{3 \, \text{A}}{2} = \mathbf{1.5 \, \text{A}}$$

For the network in Fig. 108, which corresponds to that in Fig. 106(b), we find

$$\begin{aligned} R_T &= R_4 + R_3 + R_1 \parallel R_2 \\ &= 4 \, \Omega + 2 \, \Omega + 12 \, \Omega \parallel 6 \, \Omega = 10 \, \Omega \end{aligned}$$

and 
$$I_s = \frac{E}{R_T} = \frac{45 \, \text{V}}{10 \, \Omega} = 4.5 \, \text{A}$$

so that 
$$I = \frac{(6 \, \Omega)(4.5 \, \text{A})}{12 \, \Omega + 6 \, \Omega} = \frac{4.5 \, \text{A}}{3} = \mathbf{1.5 \, \text{A}}$$

which agrees with the above.