

Linear Circuits

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Module 2

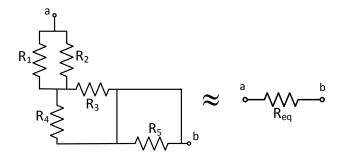
Lesson 4: Equivalent Resistance



Equivalent Resistance

Objective:

• Simplify a combinations of resistors by replacing them with equivalent resistors





Builds Upon

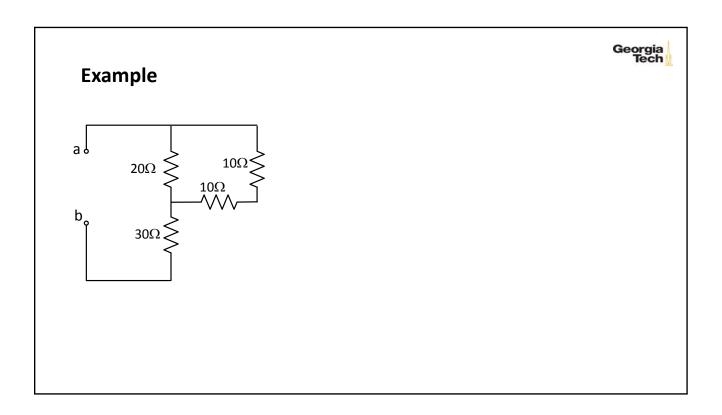
Resistors in Series:

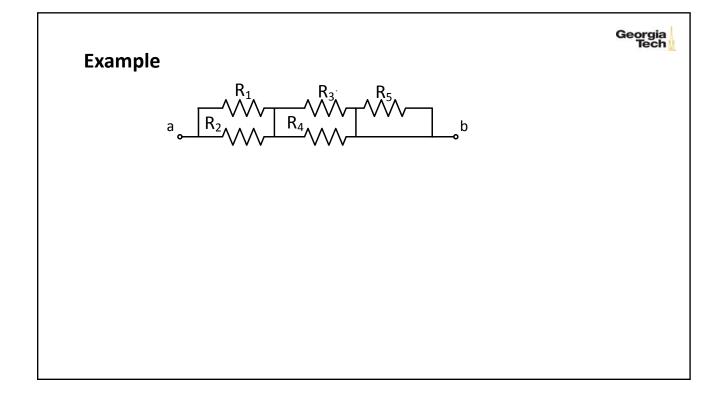
$$\underset{a}{\overset{\bullet}{\longrightarrow}} \underset{R_1}{\overset{\bullet}{\bigvee}} \underset{R_2}{\overset{\bullet}{\longrightarrow}} \underset{b}{\overset{\bullet}{\bigvee}}$$

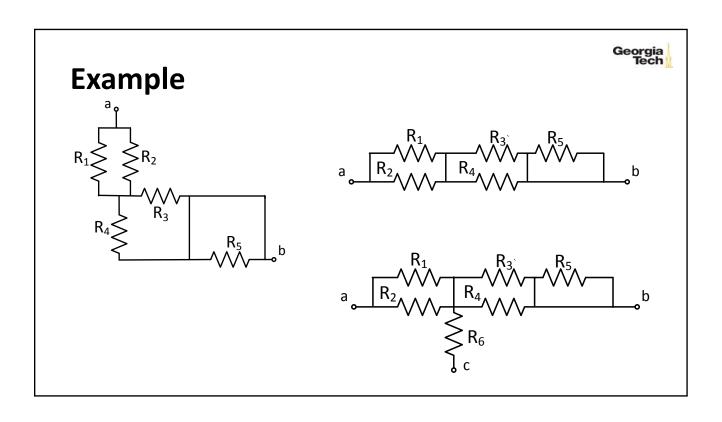
• Resistors in Parallel:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{1}{\sum \frac{1}{R_k}}$$

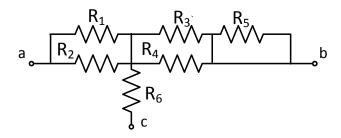






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Key Concept

- Replace series and parallel resistor combinations with their equivalent resistances
- Redraw and reduce again, down to one resistor