

# Circuit Analysis and Design

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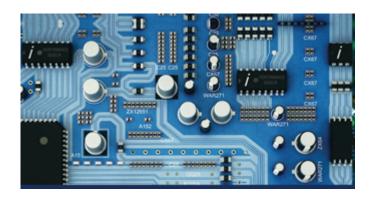
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## **Agenda**

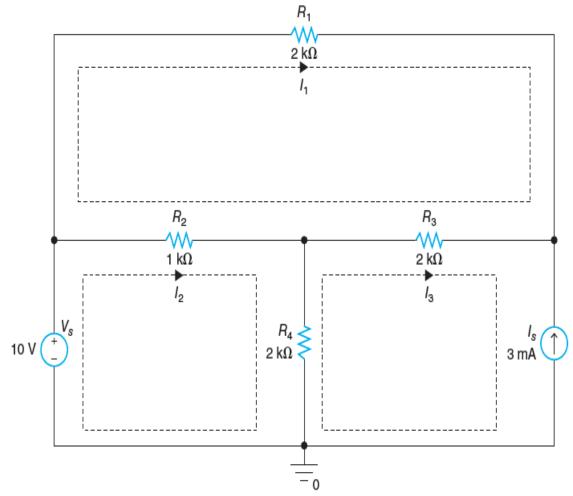
- Review of previous lecture
- Mesh analysis
- Supermesh
- Summary



- A mesh is a loop that does not contain any other loops.
- For each mesh, define a mesh current as the current flowing around the mesh in the clockwise direction.
- If a mesh contains a current source, the mesh current is the same as the current from the current source if they point in the same direction. If the mesh current is negative, the physical current flows in the opposite direction to the mesh current.
- If there is a branch in a mesh that is shared by another mesh, the physical current flowing through the branch is the difference in mesh currents sharing the branch.

- The mesh analysis is based on KVL:
  - The sum of voltage drops around a mesh is zero.
  - For each mesh, sum the voltage drops around the mesh in the clockwise direction and set that equal to zero.
  - The voltage drop across a resistor is the product of the resistance and the net current (physical current) through the resistor.
  - If the resistor is not shared by another mesh, the voltage drop is the product of the resistance and the mesh current.
  - If the resistor is shared by another mesh, the voltage drop is the product of the resistance and the difference in mesh currents.
  - The voltage drop across a voltage source  $V_s$  from positive terminal to negative terminal is  $V_s$ , and  $V_s$  from negative terminal to positive terminal.

- There are three meshes
- The mesh currents are I<sub>1</sub>,
   I<sub>2</sub>, and I<sub>3</sub>.
- Notice that mesh current  $I_1$  flows in the opposite direction to  $I_s$ . Thus,  $I_3 = -I_s = -3$  n
- Since I<sub>3</sub> is known, no need to write a mesh equation from mesh 3.



- Summing the voltage drops around mesh 1 in the clockwise direction starting from the left terminal of R<sub>1</sub>, we obtain
   2000I<sub>1</sub> + 2000(I<sub>1</sub> I<sub>3</sub>) + 1000(I<sub>1</sub> I<sub>2</sub>) = 0
- Divide by  $1k \rightarrow 2I_1 + 2(I_1 I_3) + (I_1 I_2) = 0 \Rightarrow 5I_1 I_2 = -0.006$  (1)

 Summing the voltage drops around mesh 2 in the clockwise direction starting from the negative terminal of V<sub>s</sub>, we obtain

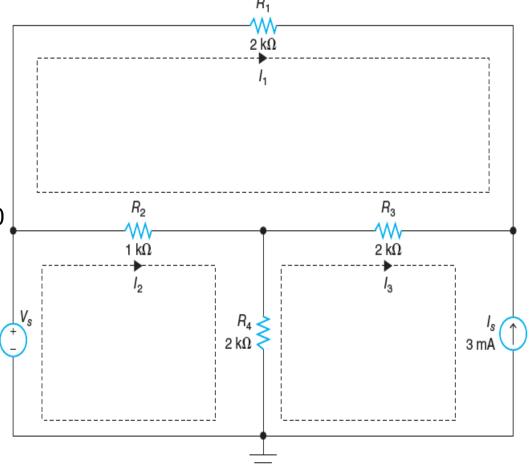
$$-10 + 1000(I_2 - I_1) + 2000(I_2 - I_3) = 0$$

Divide by 1000 →

$$-0.01 + (I_2 - I_1) + 2(I_2 - I_3) = 0 \Rightarrow_{10 \text{ V}} V_s$$

$$-I_1 + 3I_2 = 0.01 - 0.006 \Rightarrow$$

$$-I_1 + 3I_2 = 0.004 \tag{2}$$

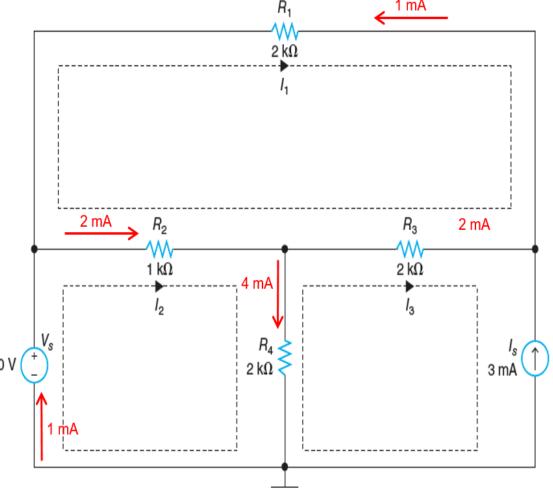


• Multiply (2) by 
$$5 \rightarrow -5I_1 + 15I_2 = 0.02$$
 (3)

• Add 
$$(5I_1 - I_2 = -0.006)(1)$$
 and  $(3) \rightarrow 14I_2 = 0.014 \Rightarrow I_2 = 0.001 \text{ A} = 1 \text{ mA}$ 

• From Equation (2): 
$$I_1 = 3I_2 - 0.004 \Rightarrow I_1 = -0.001 \text{ A} = -1 \text{mA}$$

- Since  $I_1 = -1$  mA, the physical current of 1 mA flows through  $R_1$  from right to left.
- The physical current through R<sub>2</sub> from left to right is given by
   I<sub>2</sub> I<sub>1</sub> = 1 (-1) = 2 mA
- The physical current through R<sub>3</sub> from right to left is
  - $I_1 I_3 = -1 (-3) = 2 \text{ mA}$
- The physical current through  $R_4$  flowing top to bottom is  $I_2 I_3 = 1 (-3) = 4 \text{ mA}$ )
- KCL at a node 2  $\rightarrow$   $I_2 I_1 + I_1 I_3 = I_2 I_3 \Rightarrow 2 + 2 = 4 mA$



 The voltage across R<sub>1</sub> from right to left is

$$V_{R1} = R_1(-I_1) = 2000 \times 0.001 = 2 V.$$

 The voltage across R<sub>2</sub> from left to right is

$$V_{R2} = R_2(I_2 - I_1) = 1000 \times 0.002 = 2 \text{ V}$$

The voltage across R<sub>3</sub> from right <sup>10 V</sup>
to left is

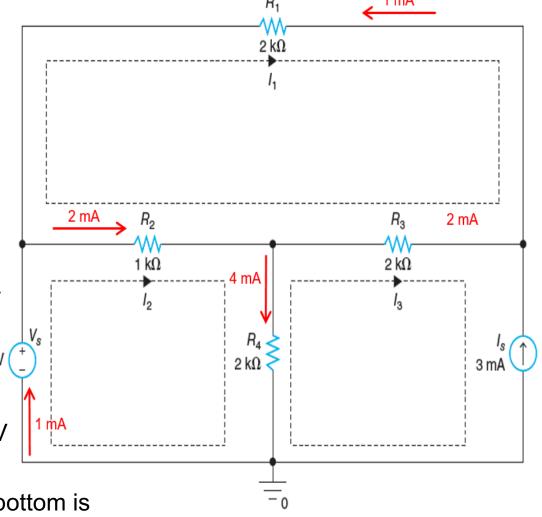
$$V_{R3} = R_3(I_1 - I_3) = 2000 \times 0.002 = 4 \text{ V}$$

The voltage across R<sub>4</sub> from top to bottom is

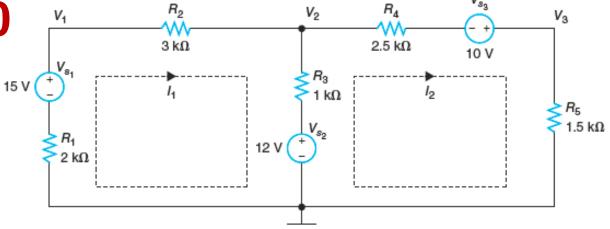
$$V_{R4} = R_4(I_2 - I_3) = 2000 \times 0.004 = 8 \text{ V}$$

The voltage across the current source is

$$V_{R3} + V_{R4} = 4 V + 8 V = 12 V$$

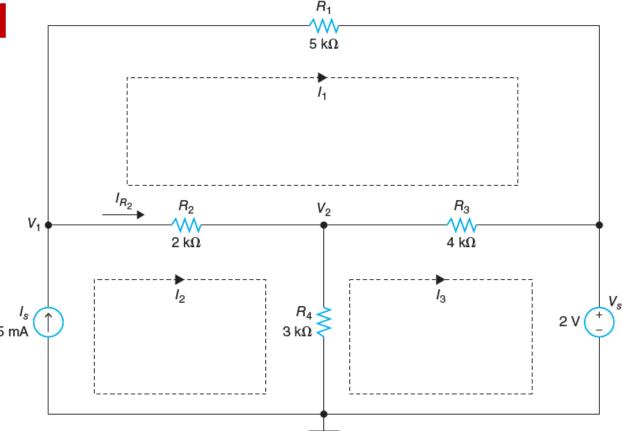


- Find  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ ,  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ ,  $V_3$ .
- Sum the voltage drops around mesh 1:

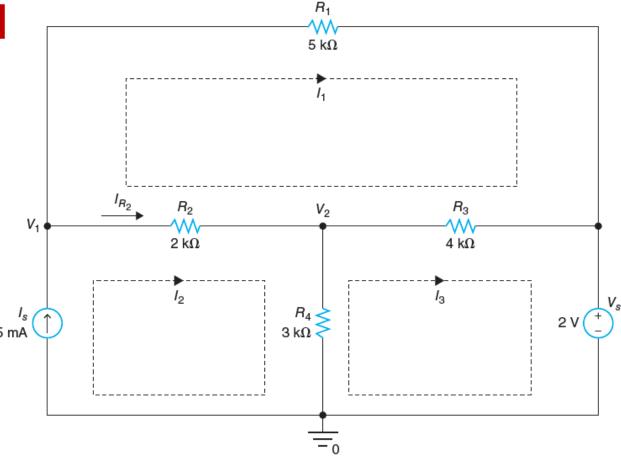


$$2000I_1 - 15 + 3000I_1 + 1000(I_1 - I_2) + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow 6000I_1 - 1000I_2 = 3$$

- Divide by 1000:  $6I_1 I_2 = 0.003$  (1)
- Sum the voltage drops around mesh 2:  $-12 + 1000(I_2 - I_1) + 2500I_2 - 10 + 1500I_2 = 0 \Rightarrow -1000I_1 + 5000I_2 = 22$
- Divide by  $1000 \rightarrow -I_1 + 5I_2 = 0.022$  (2)
- Multiply (1) by  $5 \rightarrow 30I_1 5I_2 = 0.015$  (3)
- (2) + (3):  $29I_1 = 0.037 \rightarrow I_1 = 1.2759 \text{ mA}$
- From (1)  $\rightarrow$   $I_2 = 6I_1 0.003 = 4.6552 mA$



- Find I<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>3</sub>, V<sub>1</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>R2</sub>
- $I_2 = I_s = 5 \text{ mA}$
- Sum the voltage drops around mesh 1:  $5000I_1 + 4000(I_1 I_3) + 2000(I_1 I_2) = 0 \Rightarrow 11000I_1 4000I_3 = 2000I_2$
- Divide by  $1000 \rightarrow 11I_1 4I_3 = 0.01$  (1)
- Sum the voltage drops around mesh  $3 \Rightarrow 3000(I_3 I_2) + 4000(I_3 I_1) + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow -4000I_1 + 7000I_3 = -2 + 15 \Rightarrow -4I_1 + 7I_3 = 0.013$  (2)
- Multiply (1) by  $7 \rightarrow 77I_1 28I_3 = 0.07$  (3)
- Multiply (2) by  $4 \rightarrow -16I_1 + 28I_3 = 0.052$  (4)
- Add (3) and (4)  $\rightarrow$  61I<sub>1</sub> = 0.122  $\Rightarrow$  I<sub>1</sub> = 0.002 A = 2 mA
- From (1)  $\rightarrow$   $I_3 = (11I_1 0.01)/4 = 0.003 A = 3 mA$

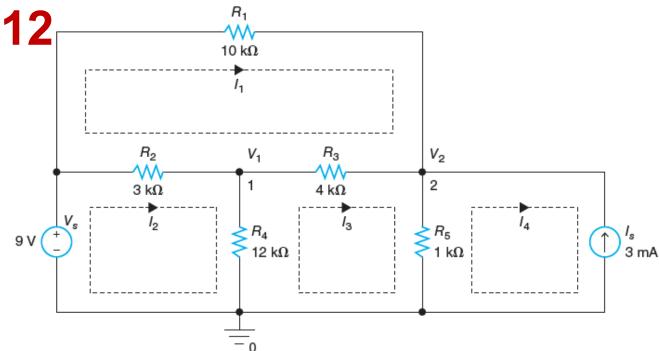


• 
$$V_1 = V_s + R_1 I_1 = 2 + 5000 \times 0.002 = 12 \text{ V}$$

• 
$$V_2 = R_4(I_2 - I_3) = 3000 \times (0.005 - 0.003) = 6$$

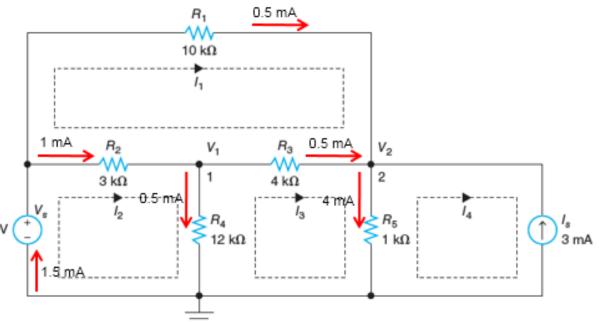
• 
$$I_{R2} = I_2 - I_1 = 5 \text{ mA} - 2 \text{ mA} = 3 \text{ mA}$$

- Find I<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>3</sub>, I<sub>4</sub>, V<sub>1</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>, and currents through branches
- $I_4 = -I_s = -3 \text{ mA}$

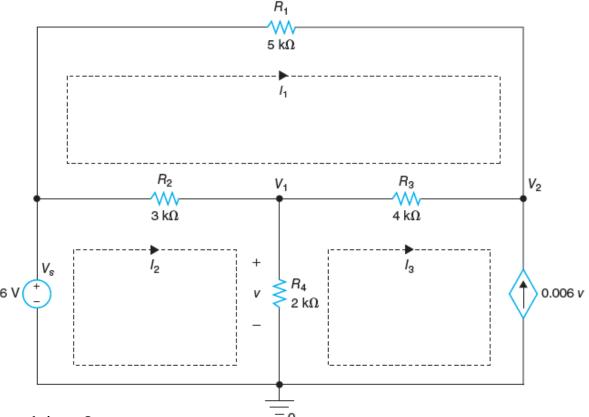


- Sum the voltage drops around mesh 1  $\Rightarrow$  10000I<sub>1</sub> + 4000(I<sub>1</sub> I<sub>3</sub>) + 3000(I<sub>1</sub> I<sub>2</sub>) = 0  $\Rightarrow$  17000I<sub>1</sub> 3000I<sub>2</sub> 4000I<sub>3</sub> = 0  $\Rightarrow$  17I<sub>1</sub> 3I<sub>2</sub> 4I<sub>3</sub> = 0 (1)
- Sum the voltage drops around mesh 2  $\Rightarrow$  -9 + 3000( $I_2 I_1$ ) + 12000( $I_2 I_3$ ) = 0  $\Rightarrow$  -3000 $I_1$  + 15000 $I_2$  12000 $I_3$  = 9  $\Rightarrow$  -3 $I_1$  + 15 $I_2$  12 $I_3$  = 0.009 (2)
- Sum the voltage drops around mesh  $3 \rightarrow 12000(I_3-I_2)+4000(I_3-I_1)+1000(I_3-I_4) = 0$ -  $4000I_1 - 12000I_2 + 17000I_3 = -3 \rightarrow -4I_1 - 12I_2 + 17I_3 = -0.003 (3)$
- Multiply (1) by  $5 \rightarrow 85I_1 15I_2 20I_3 = 0$  (4)
- (2)+(4):  $82I_1 32I_3 = 0.009$  (5)

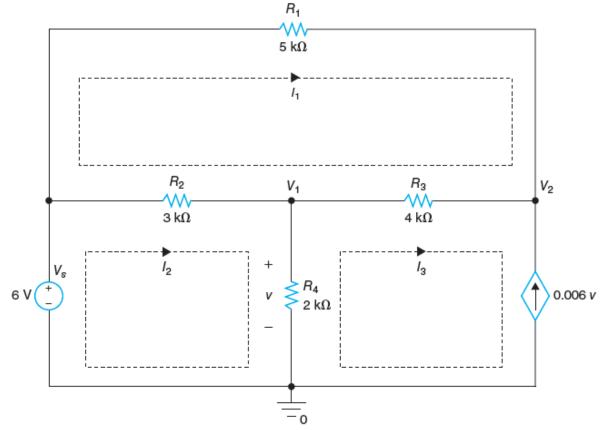
- $17I_1 3I_2 4I_3 = 0$  (1)
- $-3I_1 + 15I_2 12I_3 = 0.009$  (2)
- $-4I_1 12I_2 + 17I_3 = -0.003$  (3)
- $82I_1 32I_3 = 0.009$  (5)
- Multiply (1) by 4  $\Rightarrow$  68 $I_1 12I_2 16I_3 = 0$  (6)
- $(6) (3) \rightarrow 72I_1 33I_3 = 0.003 (7)$
- Multiply (5) by  $33 \rightarrow 2706I_1 1056I_3 = 0.297$  (8)
- Multiply (7) by  $32 \rightarrow 2304I_1 1056I_3 = 0.096$  (7)
- (8) (7):  $402I_1 = 0.201 \Rightarrow I_1 = 0.0005 \text{ A} = 0.5 \text{ mA}$
- From (5)  $\rightarrow$  I<sub>3</sub> = (82I<sub>1</sub> 0.009)/32 = 1 mA
- From (1)  $\rightarrow$   $I_2 = (17I_1 4I_3)/3 = 1.5 mA$
- $V_1 = R_4(I_2 I_3) = 12000 \times 0.0005 = 6 \text{ V}$
- $V_2 = R_5(I_3 I_4) = 1000 \times 0.004 = 4 \text{ V}$
- $I_{R1} (\rightarrow) = I_1 = 0.5 \text{ mA}, I_{R2} (\rightarrow) = I_2 I_1 = 1 \text{ mA}$
- $I_{R3} (\rightarrow) = I_3 I_1 = 0.5 \text{ mA}$
- $I_{R4}(\downarrow) = I_2 I_3 = 0.5 \text{ mA}, I_{R5}(\downarrow) = I_3 I_4 = 4 \text{ mA}$



- Find I<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>3</sub>, V<sub>1</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>, and powers
- $V_1 = 2000(I_2 I_3),$
- $I_3 = -0.006$
- $V_1 = -12(I_2 I_3)$
- $12I_2 = 11I_3 \Rightarrow$  $I_3 = (12/11)I_2 = 1.09091I_2$
- Sum the voltage drops around mesh 1 →



- $5000I_1 + 4000(I_1 I_3) + 3000(I_1 I_2) = 0 \Rightarrow$   $12000I_1 3000I_2 4000I_3 = 0 \Rightarrow 12I_1 3I_2 4I_3 = 0 \Rightarrow 12I_1 3I_2 4(12/11)I_2 = 0 \Rightarrow$   $132I_1 81I_2 = 0 \Rightarrow I_2 = (132/81) I_1 \qquad (1)$
- Sum the voltage drops around mesh 2  $\Rightarrow$  -6 + 3000( $I_2 I_1$ ) + 2000( $I_2 I_3$ ) = 0  $\Rightarrow$  -3 $I_1$  + 5 $I_2$  2 $I_3$  = 0.006  $\Rightarrow$  -33 $I_1$  + 55 $I_2$  24 $I_2$  = 0.066  $\Rightarrow$  -33 $I_1$  + 31 $I_2$  = 0.066 (2)
- Add (1) and (2)  $\rightarrow$  33I<sub>1</sub> + 31(132/81) I<sub>1</sub> = 0.006
- $I_1 = 3.767442 \text{ mA}, I_2 = 6.139535 \text{ mA}$
- $I_3 = 6.69767 \text{mA}$ ,  $V_1 = R_4(I_2 I_3) = -1.11628 \text{ V}$
- $V_2 = V_1 + R_3(I_1 I_3) = -12.83721 \text{ V}$



- $P_{R1} = (I_1)^2 R_1 = 70.9681 \text{ mW}$
- $P_{R2} = (I_1 I_2)^2 R_2 = 16.8805 \text{ mW}$
- $P_{R3} = (I_1 I_3)^2 R_3 = 34.3451 \text{ mW}$
- $P_{R4} = (I_2 I_3)^2 R_4 = 0.6230 \text{ mW}$
- $P_{Vs} = -I_2V_s = -36.83721 \text{ mW}$
- $P_{VCCS} = I_3V_2 = -85.97945 \text{ mW}$
- $P_{R1} + P_{R2} + P_{R3} + P_{R4} + P_{Vs} + P_{VCCS} = 0$

- Find I<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>3</sub>, V<sub>1</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>, V<sub>3</sub>
- $I_2 = -0.6i = -0.6(I_3 I_1)$

• Mesh 1  $\Rightarrow$   $2I_1 + 1.5(I_1 - I_3) + 1.2(I_1 - I_2) = 0$   $4.7I_1 - 1.2I_2 - 1.5I_3 = 0$   $4.7I_1 + 0.72I_3 - 0.72I_1 - 1.5I_3 = 0$   $3.98I_1 - 0.78I_3 = 0 \Rightarrow I_3 = 5.1025641I_1$  $I_2 = -0.6I_3 + 0.6I_1 = -2.46153846I_1$ 

$$-12 + 2500(I_3 - I_2) + 1500(I_3 - I_1)$$

$$+ 0.3 \times 1200(I_1 - I_2) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$-1140I_1 - 2860I_2 + 4000I_3 = 12$$

$$-1.14I_1 - 2.86I_2 + 4I_3 = 0.012$$
  
 $-1.14I_1 - 2.86(-2.46153846I_1) + 4(5.1025641I_1) = 0.012$ 

 $V_1$ 

0.6 i

 $V_3$ 

0.3 v

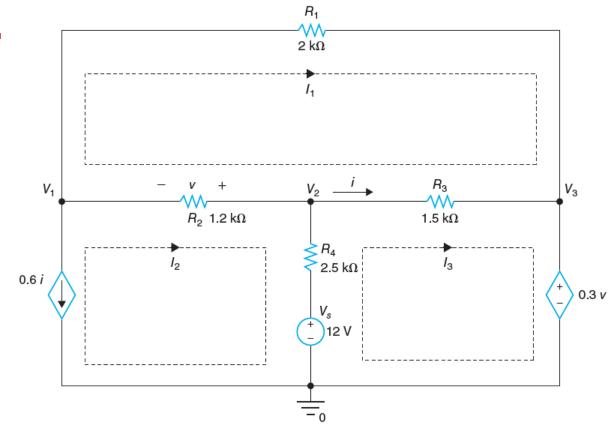
 $1.5 \text{ k}\Omega$ 

 $2 k\Omega$ 

 $2.5 \text{ k}\Omega$ 

12 V

 $R_2$  1.2 k $\Omega$ 



- $I_1 = 456.0959 \mu A$
- $I_2 = -2.46153846I_1 = -1.1227 \text{ mA}$
- $I_3 = 5.1025641I_1 = 2.3273 \text{ mA}$
- $V_2 = V_s R_4(I_3 I_2) = 3.3751 \text{ V}$
- $V_1 = V_2 R_2(I_1 I_2) = 1.4806 \text{ V}$
- $V_3 = V_1 R_1 I_1 = 0.5684 V$

## Supermesh

- If there is a current source that is a common branch between two different meshes, we do not know the voltage drop across the current source.
- Let the unknown voltage across the current source be v.
- Write the mesh equation for each mesh and add the two equations to remove the unknown voltage *v*.
- The voltage v is removed when added because in one equation, the voltage drop across the current source is v and in the other equation, the voltage drop across the current source is -v.

## Supermesh

- Alternatively, the sum of the two equations can be obtained directly by defining a supermesh consisting of the two meshes, excluding the current source.
- When the voltage drops around the supermesh are added, we get the same equation that we obtain by adding the two equations.
- The extra equation needed to find the mesh currents is obtained by representing the current of the current source by the difference of the two mesh currents.
- The current of the current source is obtained by subtracting the mesh current pointing in the opposite direction from the mesh current pointing in the same direction as the current source.

- Find  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ ,  $I_3$ , V
- $I_3 I_2 = I_s = 2 \text{ mA} = 0.002 \text{ A}$  $\Rightarrow I_3 = I_2 + 0.002 \text{ (1)}$

- Sum the voltage drops around supermesh→
- $2000(I_3 I_1) + 1000(I_2 I_1) + 1000I_2 + 750I_3 = 0$ -  $3000I_1 + 2000I_2 + 2750I_3 = 0 \Rightarrow -3I_1 + 2I_2 + 2.75I_3 = 0$  (2)
- (1) to (2)  $\rightarrow$  3I<sub>1</sub> + 4.75I<sub>2</sub> = -0.0055 (3)
- Sum the voltage drops around mesh  $1 \rightarrow -5 + 1000(I_1 I_2) + 2000(I_1 I_3) = 0$   $3000I_1 - 1000I_2 - 2000I_3 = 5$   $3I_1 - I_2 - 2I_3 = 0.005$   $3I_1 - I_2 - 2(I_2 + 0.002) = 0.005$  $3I_1 - 3I_2 = 0.009$  (4)
- $(3) + (4) \rightarrow 1.75I_2 = 0.0035 \Rightarrow I_2 = 2 \text{ mA}$
- $I_1 = (3I_2 + 0.009)/3 = 5 \text{ mA}, I_3 = 4 \text{ mA}$
- $V = R_4I_3 R_3(I_1 I_3) = 1 V$

 $R_2$ 

1 kΩ

 $R_{4}$ 

 $750 \Omega$ 

>1 kΩ

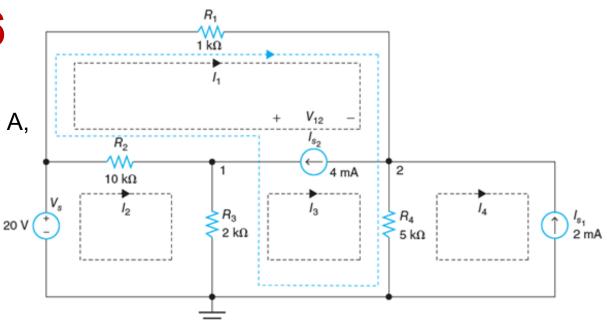
 $R_3$ 

2 kΩ

 $I_s$ 

2 mA

- Find I<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>3</sub>, I<sub>4</sub>.
- $I_4 = -I_{S1} = -2 \text{ mA} = -0.002 \text{ A},$   $I_1 - I_3 = I_{S2} = 0.004 \Rightarrow$  $I_3 = I_1 - 0.004 (1)$

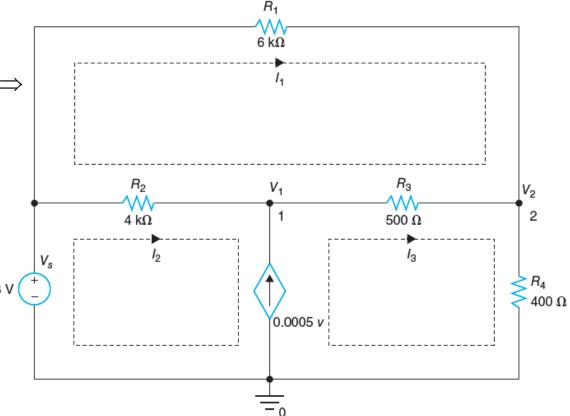


Supermesh→

$$1000I_1 + 5000(I_3 - I_4) + 2000(I_3 - I_2) + 10000(I_1 - I_2) = 0$$
  
 $11000I_1 - 12000I_2 + 7000I_3 = -10 \Rightarrow 18000I_1 - 12000I_2 = 28 - 10 = 18 \Rightarrow 18I_1 - 12I_2 = 0.018 \Rightarrow 3I_1 - 2I_2 = 0.003 (2)$ 

- Mesh 2 →  $-20+10000(I_2-I_1)+2000(I_2-I_3) = 0$  →  $-10000I_1 + 12000I_2 2000I_3 = 20$  $-12000I_1 + 12000I_2 = 20 - 8$  →  $-2I_1 + 2I_2 = 0.002$  (3)
- $(2)+(3) \rightarrow I_1 = 5 \text{ mA}, I_3 = 1 \text{ mA}$
- From (3)  $\rightarrow$   $I_2 = I_1 + 0.001 = 6 \text{ mA}$

- Find  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ ,  $I_3$ ,  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ .
- $I_3 I_2 = 0.0005v = 0.0005 \times 6000I_1 \Rightarrow$   $I_3 = 3I_1 + I_2$  (1)



#### Supermesh →

$$-8 + 4000(I_2 - I_1) + 500(I_3 - I_1) + 400I_3 = 0$$

$$-4500I_1 + 4000I_2 + 900I_3 = 8 \Rightarrow$$

$$-4500I_1 + 4000I_2 + 900(3I_1 + I_2) = 8$$

$$-4500I_1 + 4000I_2 + 900(3I_1 + I_2) = 8$$

$$-1800I_1 + 4900I_2 = 8$$

$$-1.8I_1 + 4.9I_2 = 0.008$$
 (2)

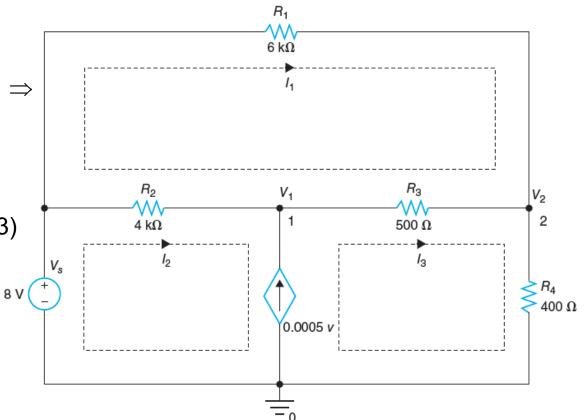
$$6000I_1 + 500(I_1 - I_3) + 4000(I_1 - I_2) = 0$$

$$10500I_1 - 4000I_2 - 500I_3 = 0$$

$$10500I_1 - 4000I_2 - 500(3I_1 + I_2) = 0$$

$$9000I_1 - 4500I_2 = 0 \Rightarrow I_2 = 2I_1(3)$$

- Find I<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>3</sub>, V<sub>1</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>.
- $I_3 I_2 = 0.0005v = 0.0005 \times 6000I_1 \Rightarrow$   $I_3 = 3I_1 + I_2$  (1)
- $-1.8I_1 + 4.9I_2 = 0.008$  (2)
- $9000I_1 4500I_2 = 0 \Rightarrow I_2 = 2I_1(3)$

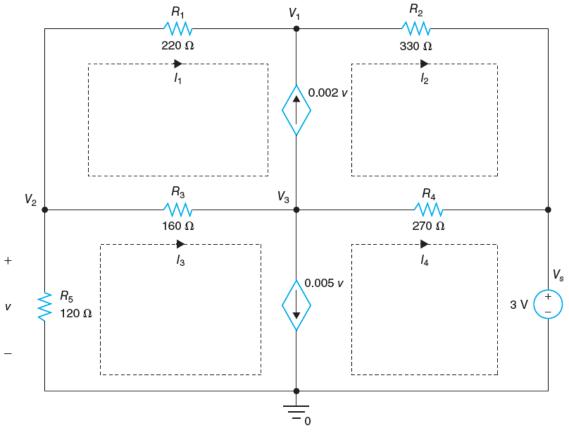


• (3) to (2) 
$$\rightarrow$$
 -1.8 $I_1$  + 9.8 $I_1$  = 0.008  $\Rightarrow$   $I_1$  = 1 mA

• 
$$I_2 = 2 \text{ mA}$$
,  $I_3 = 5 \text{ mA}$ ,  $V_2 = R_4 I_3 = 2 \text{ V}$ 

• 
$$V_1 = V_s - R_2(I_2 - I_1) = 4 V$$

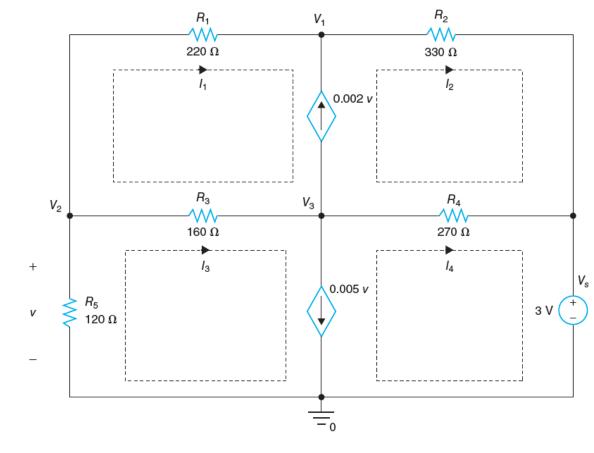
- Find  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ ,  $I_3$ ,  $I_4$ ,  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ ,  $V_3$
- $I_2 I_1 = 0.002(-120I_3) = -0.24I_3$
- $I_3 I_4 = 0.005(-120I_3) \Rightarrow I_4 = 1.6I_3$



#### Supermesh (top):

Supermesh (top): 
$$220I_1+330I_2+270(I_2-I_4)+160(I_1-I_3)=0$$
  $380I_1+600I_2-160I_3-270I_4=0$   $380I_1+600(I_1-0.24I_3)-160I_3-270(1.6I_3)=0$   $980I_1-736I_3=0 \Rightarrow I_3=1.3315I_1$ 

$$120I_3 + 160(I_3 - I_1) + 270(I_4 - I_2) + 3 = 0$$
  
 $-160I_1 - 270I_2 + 280I_3 + 270I_4 = -3$   
 $-160I_1 - 270(I_1 - 0.24I_3) + 280I_3 + 270(1.6I_3) = -3$   
 $-430I_1 + 776.8I_3 = -3$   
 $-430I_1 + 776.8(1.3315I_1) = -3$ 



- $I_1 = -4.9642 \text{ mA}$
- $I_3 = 1.33152174I_1 = -6.60995 \text{ mA}$
- $I_2 = I_1 0.24I_3 = -3.3778 \text{ mA}$
- $I_4 = 1.6I_3 = -10.57592 \text{ mA}$
- $V_1 = V_s + R_2 I_2 = 1.8853 V$
- $V_2 = V_1 + R_1 I_1 = 0.7932 V$
- $V_3 = V_s R_4(I_2 I_4) = 1.0565 V$

### **Summary**

- Nodal analysis is a method of finding all the unknown node voltages of a circuit.
- The method is based on Kirchhoff's current law (KCL): The sum of the currents leaving a node is zero.
- For each node whose voltage is unknown, we can write a node-voltage equation by summing the currents leaving the node.
- This is tantamount to writing KCL at each node. The currents leaving the node through resistors can be found by applying Ohm's law.
- A solution to the node voltages is obtained by solving the set of node-voltage equations.
- Once all the node voltages are computed, the current in each branch can be found using Ohm's law.
- If there is a voltage source in a circuit between two nodes whose voltages are unknown, we do not know the current through the voltage source, and it is not possible to write the node equations for the two nodes that include the voltage source. In this case, combine the two nodes to form a supernode. We can then write the node equation for this supernode.
- One additional equation, commonly referred to as a constraint equation relating the two node voltages, can be obtained by representing the voltage source as a potential drop or as a potential rise between the two nodes.

# **Summary (Continued)**

- A mesh is a loop that does not contain any other loops. For each mesh, define a
  mesh current as the current flowing around the mesh in the clockwise direction.
- The mesh analysis is based on KVL: The sum of voltage drops around a mesh is zero. For each mesh, sum the voltage drops around the mesh in the clockwise direction and set that equal to zero. The voltage drop across a resistor is the product of the resistance and the net current (physical current) through the resistor. If the resistor is not shared by another mesh, the voltage drop is the product of the resistance and the mesh current. If the resistor is shared by another mesh, the voltage drop is the product of the resistance and the difference in mesh currents.
- If there is a current source that is a common branch between two different meshes, we do not know the voltage drop across the current source. Define a supermesh consisting of the two meshes, excluding the current source. When the voltage drops around the supermesh are added, we get the same equation that we obtain by adding the two equations for two meshes.
- The extra equation needed to find the mesh currents is obtained by representing the current of the current source by the difference of the two mesh currents. The current of the current source is obtained by subtracting the mesh current pointing in the opposite direction from the mesh current pointing in the same direction as the current source.
- What we will study next