

# SOLVING CIRCUITS.

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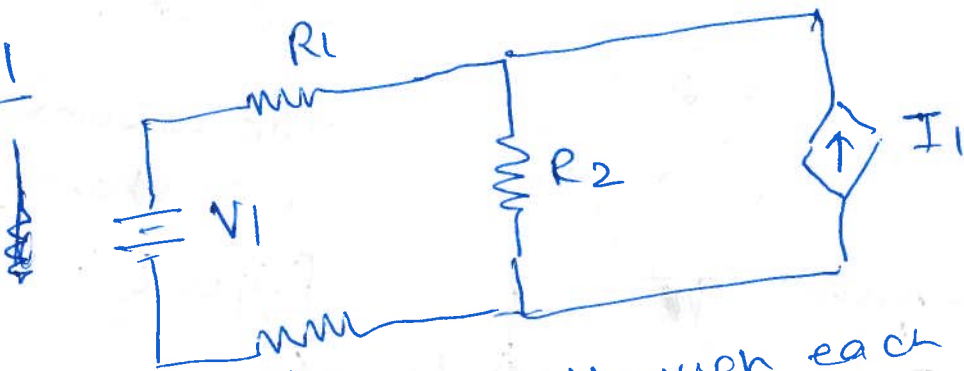
① principle of superposition - The ~~total~~ principle states that the total effect of multiple contributing sources on a linear circuit is equal to the sum of the individual effects of the sources, taken one at a time.

Step-1 - turn off all but one source, and compute any circuit parameter. Repeat for all sources.

Turn off voltage source by short-circuit  
" " current " " open "

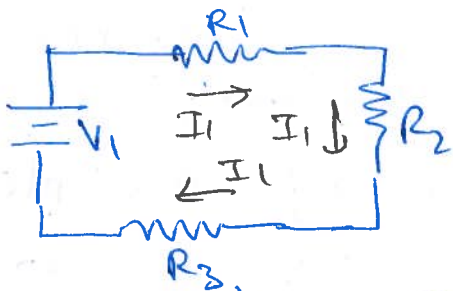
Step-2 To get the total resultant parameter, add the parameter obtained from each source.

Examp-1

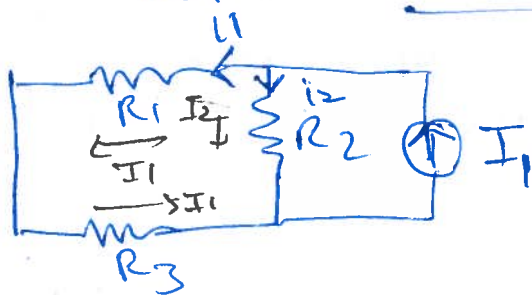


find current flowing through each circuit element.

Solution. principle of superposition.



$$i_1 = i_2 = i_3 = \frac{V_1}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$



$$i_2 = \frac{(R_1 + R_2) I_1}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$i_1 = i_3 = \frac{R_2 I_1}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

So, using superposition

$$i_{1 \text{ total}} = \frac{V_1}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} - \frac{I_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

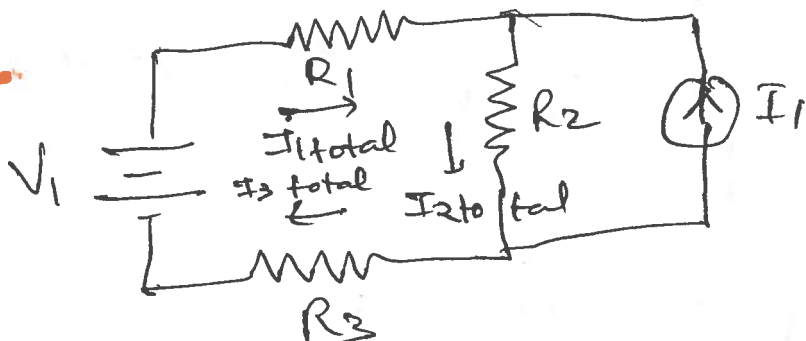
Note, direction matters.

Be careful.

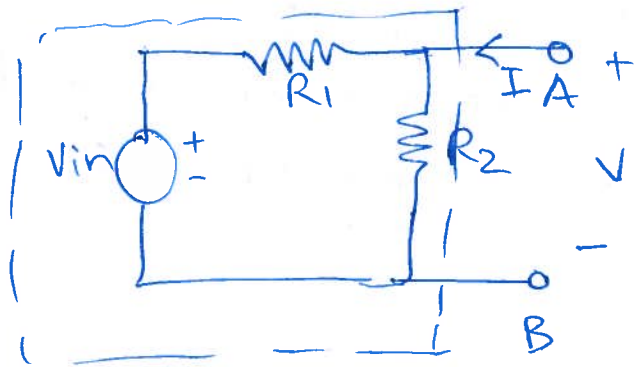
$$i_{2 \text{ total}} = \frac{V_1 + (R_1 + R_2) I_1}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$i_{3 \text{ total}} = \frac{V_1 - I_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

the assumed directions are shown in figure



# Thevenin Equivalent Circuit

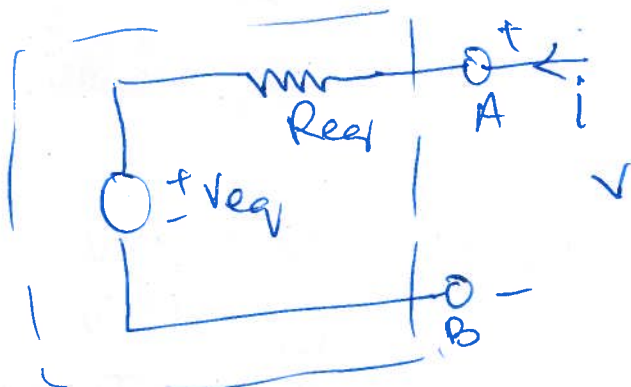


To establish a V-I relationship between for the boxed circuit element, we can use principle of superposition.

'Voltage across  $R_2$ ' =  $V$  when  $V_{in}=0$  +  $V$   $i=0$   
 (short circuit the voltage source) (Keep the output terminal open),

$$V = \cancel{V_{in}} i [R_1 || R_2] + \frac{V_{in} R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$V = R_{eq} i + V_{eq}$$

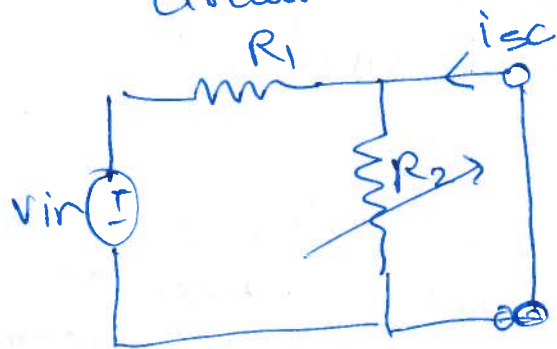


Steps 1: ' $V_{eq}$ ' or output voltage is computed by assuming an 'open circuit'.

Step 2 - ' $R_{eq}$ ' is calculated by setting each independent voltage source to short circuit and each independent current source as open circuit, and then calculate resistance looking inward from the terminal

Step-2 can also be replaced with a more practical (experiment) step.

Step-2 (alternate) - Short circuit the <sup>output</sup> terminal and measure the current going in the circuit



$$i_{sc} = -\frac{V_{in}}{R_1}$$

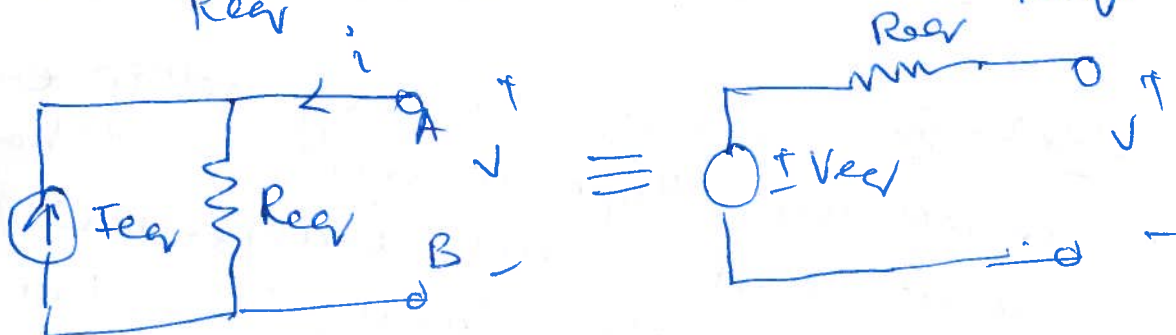
$$\text{then, } R_{eq} = -\frac{V_{eq} \text{ (or } V_{oc})}{i_{sc}}$$

$$= \frac{V_{in} R_2 R_1}{(R_1 + R_2) V_{in}} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = R_1 || R_2$$

## Mayer-Norton Equivalent

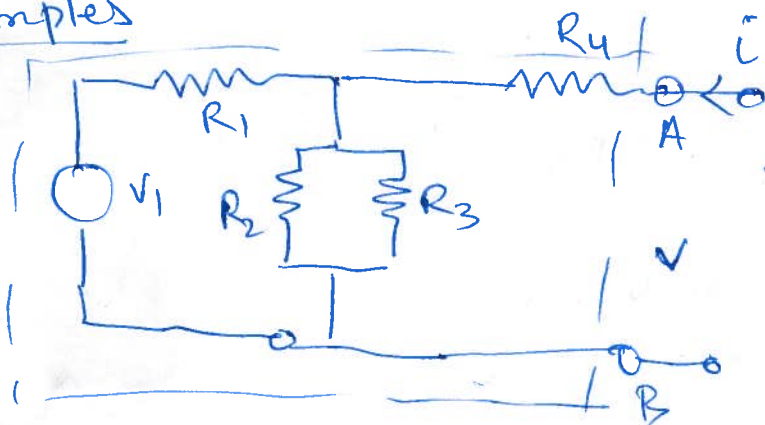
$$V = R_{eq} i + V_{eq}$$

$$i = \frac{V}{R_{eq}} - i_{eq} ; \text{ where } i_{eq} = \frac{V_{eq}}{R_{eq}}$$



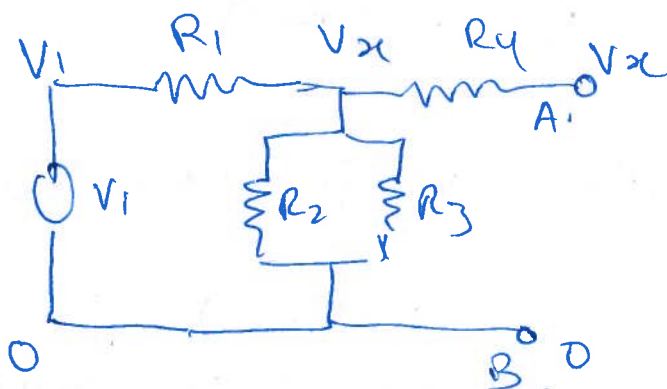


# Examples



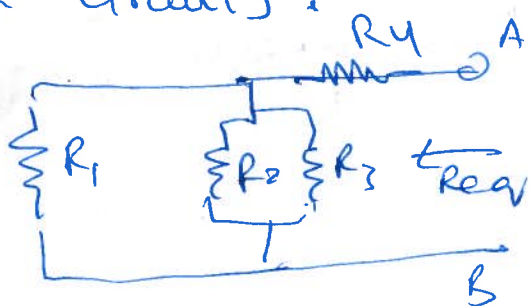
find,  $V_{eq}$ ,  $R_{eq}$  and  $i_{eq}$   
 thus, ~~draw~~ find the  
 thevenin and norton  
 equivalent.

Step-1 · Open circuit ( $i=0$ )



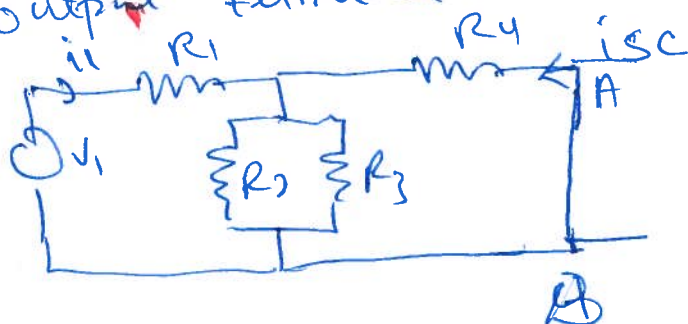
$$V_x = \frac{(R_2 || R_3) V_1}{R_1 + R_2 || R_3}$$

Step-2 · Compute  $R_{eq}$  by setting all independent voltage  
 source to short circuit (and current source to  
 open circuit).



$$R_{eq} = R_1 || R_2 || R_3 + R_4$$

Step 2 (alternative) / practical - short circuit the  
 output terminal.



$$i_1 = \frac{V_1}{R_1 + R_2 || R_3 || R_4}$$

$$i_{sc} = \frac{-i_1 (R_2 || R_3)}{R_4 + R_2 || R_3}$$

then,  $i_{sc} = -V_1 \frac{(R_2 \parallel R_3)}{(R_1 + R_2 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_4)(R_4 + R_2 \parallel R_3)}$

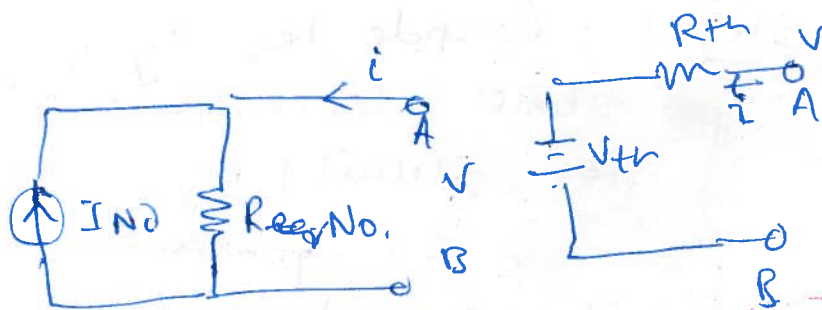
$R_{eq} = \frac{-V_{eq} \text{ (or } V_{oc})}{-I_{sc}}$

$= \frac{\cancel{V_1}(\cancel{R_2 \parallel R_3})}{\cancel{R_1 + R_2 \parallel R_3}} \left[ \frac{(R_1 + R_2 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_4)(R_4 + \cancel{R_2 \parallel R_3})}{\cancel{V_1}(\cancel{R_2 \parallel R_3})} \right]$

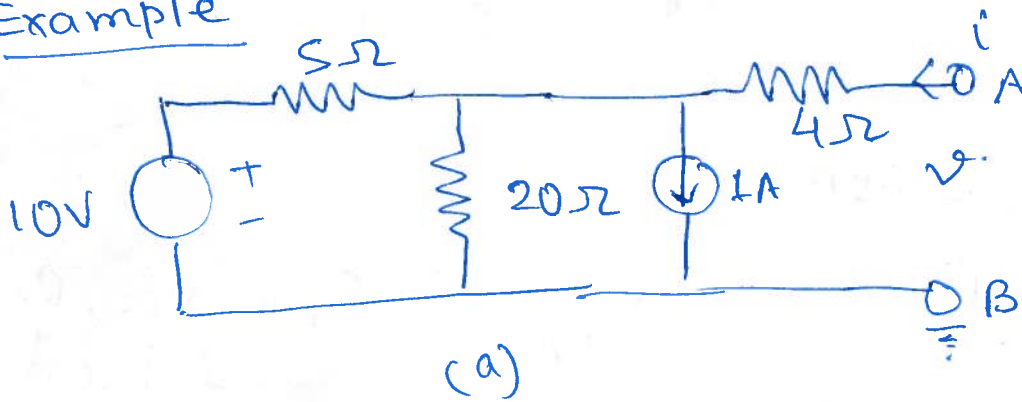
$= R_1 + R_2 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_4 \text{ (verified as well)}$

~~Also~~  
 (3)  $I_{eq} = -i_{sc} = \frac{V_1 (R_2 \parallel R_3)}{(R_1 + R_2 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_4)(R_4 + R_2 \parallel R_3)}$

$R_{th} = R_{No} = R_{eq}$   
 $V_{th} = V_{eq} = V_{oc}$   
 $I_{No} = i_{eq} = -I_{sc}$

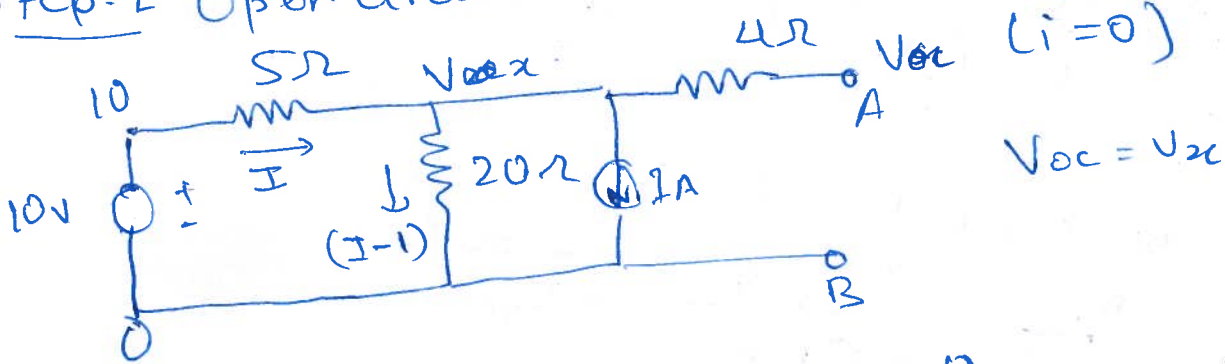


Example



find,  $V_{eq}$  ( $v_{oc}$ ),  
 $R_{eq}$  and  
 $I_{eq} = (-I_{sc})$

Step-1 Open circuit ( $i=0$ )



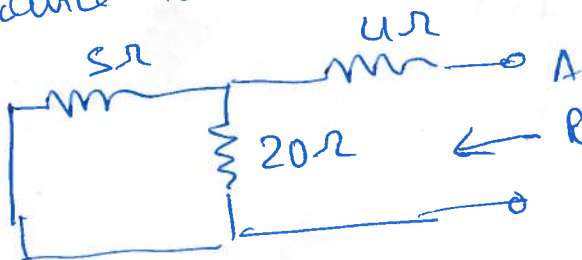
$$10 - 5I - (I-1) \times 20 = 0$$

$$10 - 25I + 20 = 0$$

$$I = \frac{30}{25} = \frac{6}{5} = 1.2 \text{ A}$$

$$V_x = 10 - 5 \times 1.2 = 4 \text{ V} = V_{oc} = V_{eq}$$

Step-2 Compute  $R_{eq}$  by setting independent voltage source to short circuit, current source to open circuit.



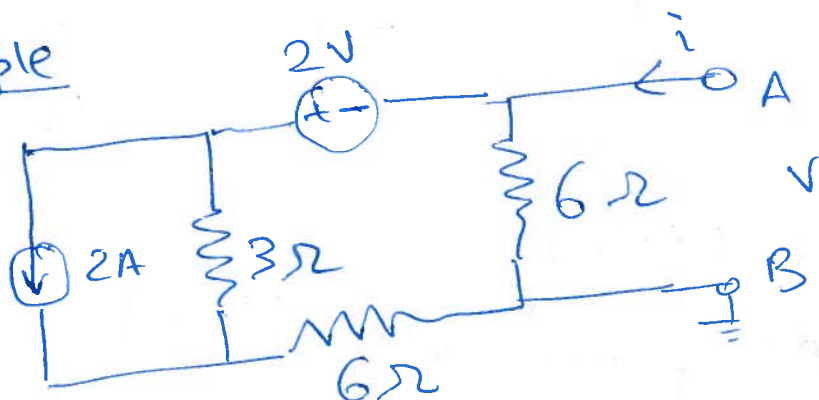
$$R_{eq} = 4 + 5 \parallel 20$$

$$= 4 + \frac{8 \times 20}{28} = 8 \Omega$$

Step 3  $i_{eq} = \frac{V_{eq}}{R_{eq}} = \frac{4V}{8\Omega} = 0.5A$

$i_{sc} = -I_{eq} = -0.5A$

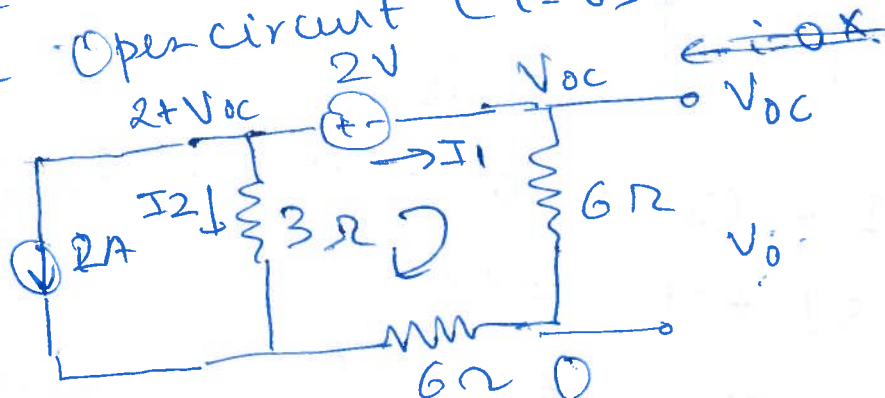
Example



find  $V_{oc}$ ,  $R_{eq}$   
and  $i_{sc}$ .

Solution

Step - 1 Open circuit ( $i=0$ )



$I_1 + I_2 = 2A$  (KCL)

$-2 - I_1 \cdot 6 - I_1 \cdot 6 + 3I_2 = 0$

$12I_1 - 3I_2 = -2$

$12I_1 - 3(-2 - I_1) = -2$

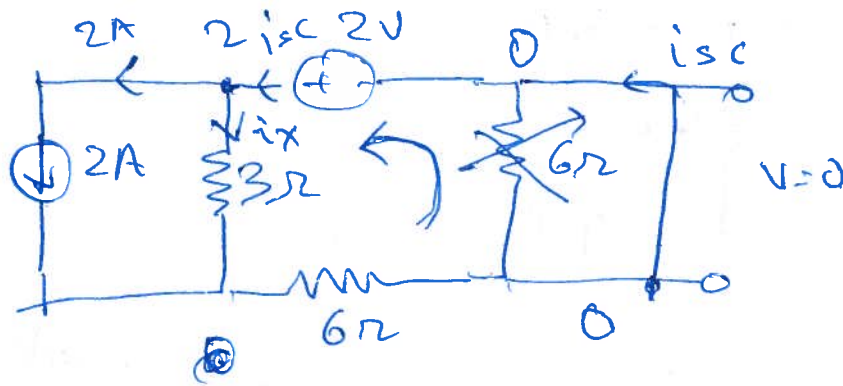
$15I_1 = -8$

$I_1 = \frac{-8}{15}$

$V_{oc} = 2V \times \left( \frac{-8}{15} \right) = -3.2V$



Step 2 (alternative) Short circuit ( $V=0$ ),



$$i_{sc} = 2 + i_x \quad (\text{KCL})$$

$$i_x = (i_{sc} - 2)$$

$$(\text{KVL}) - +2 - 3(i_{sc} - 2) - i_{sc}(6) = 0$$

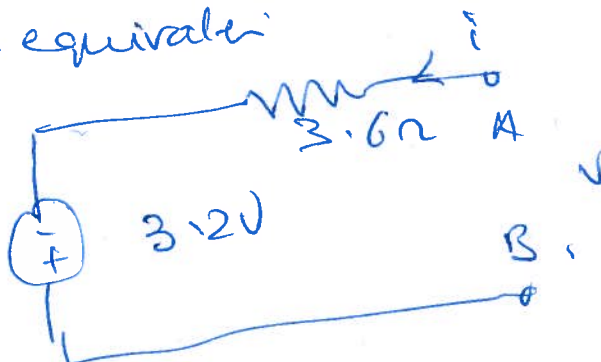
$$8 - 9i_{sc} = 0$$

$$I_{sc} = 8/9 \text{ A.}$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{-V_{OC}}{I_{sc}} = \frac{8 \times 9 \times 3}{18 + 8 \times 5}$$

$$= \frac{-1(+3 \times 2) \text{ V} \times 9}{8 + 10} = 3.6 \Omega = R_{eq}$$

thevenin equivalent



Alternative method (Rethink!)

