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Assignment 2 Problem Definition

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Idealities and associated Non-idealities

One ideality of a switch is the ability for it to close completely. This means the switch should be able to have an infinite resistance when closed and there is no current from $V_A \rightarrow V_B$. The non-ideality associated with this ideality is that it is not possible to have an infinite resistance, thus there will always be some current I_{off} .

Another ideality of a switch is the ability for it to open completely. This means that the switch should have no resistance and $V_A = V_B$. The non-ideality associated with this ideality is that it is impossible to have no resistance across the two terminals in this type of circuit and a value of R_{on} is used to measure this non-ideality.

Another ideality of an ideal switch is that it should be bidirectional. With the circuits we have been using in RC/RL circuit analysis, there are many times when the current reverses across the switch. However, the non-ideality associated with this ideality is that the switch cannot be perfectly bidirectional. The voltage drop V_{on} in one direction will be different than V_{off} in the other. Furthermore, I_{off} in one direction will be different than I_{off} in the other direction assuming the voltages just switch.

The final ideality of an ideal switch is that it should work for all values of V_A and V_B as we have been assuming in RC/RL analysis. However, the MOSFETs used to create the electrically controlled switch do not allow for this ideality. The non-ideality associated with this switch is that the switch will operate over a certain voltage. So the voltages must be within $V_{min} < V < V_{max}$.