
EE1101: Circuits and Network Analysis

Lecture 09: DC Circuit Analysis

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Topics :

1. Mesh Analysis
 2. Concept of Supermesh
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Mesh Analysis - A Note on Convention

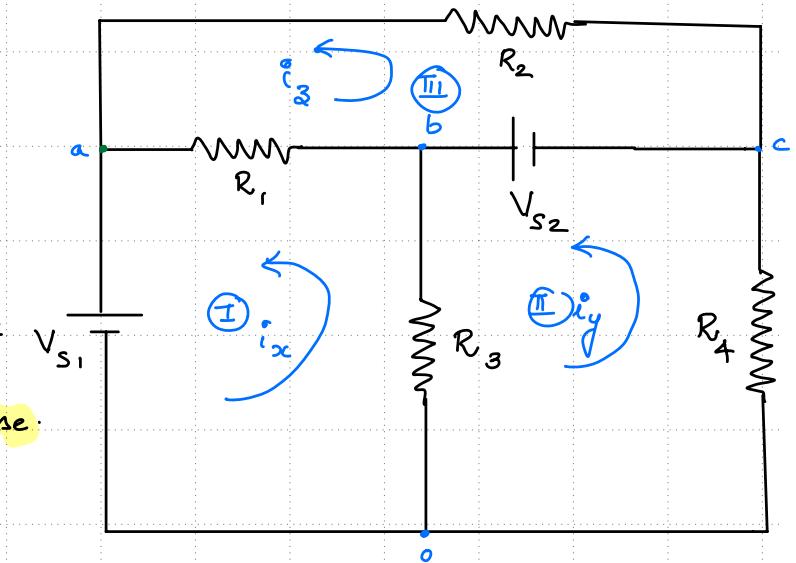
Variations in set of Equations

a) Choice of independent loops.

b) Convention \rightarrow direction of mesh currents

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prefer choosing current directions to be

uniformly $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Counter clockwise} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{clockwise} \end{array} \right.$



$$\text{for loop } \textcircled{I}: (R_1 + R_3) \dot{i}_x - R_3 \dot{i}_y - R_1 \dot{i}_z = -V_{S1}$$

$$\text{for loop } \textcircled{II}: (R_3 + R_4) \dot{i}_y - R_3 \dot{i}_x = V_{S2}$$

$$\text{for loop } \textcircled{III}: (R_1 + R_2) \dot{i}_z - R_1 \dot{i}_x = -V_{S2}$$

in matrix form: $[i] = [\dot{i}_x, \dot{i}_y, \dot{i}_z]^T$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 + R_3 & -R_3 & -R_1 \\ -R_3 & R_3 + R_4 & 0 \\ -R_1 & 0 & R_1 + R_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{i}_x \\ \dot{i}_y \\ \dot{i}_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -V_{S1} \\ V_{S2} \\ -V_{S2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{[Z]}_{[Z]}, \underbrace{[i]}_{[i]}, \underbrace{[v]}_{[v]}$

$$[Z] [i] = [v]$$

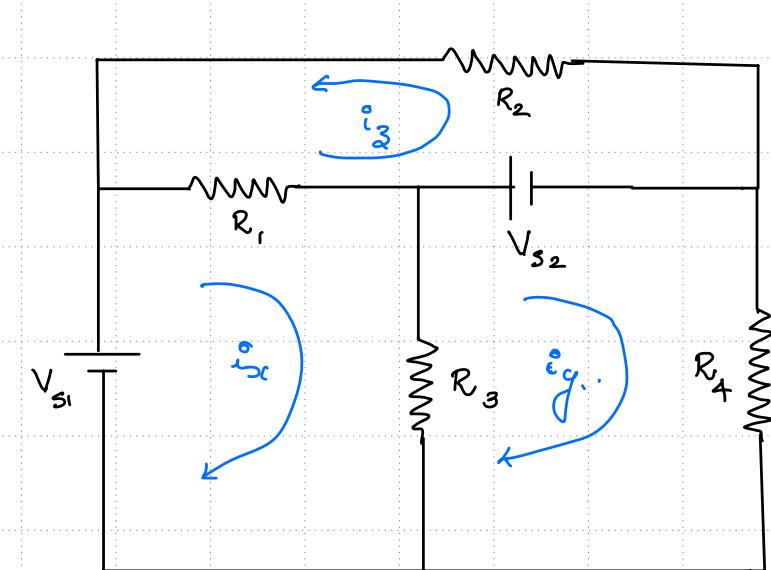
Example - Use of Matrices in Mesh Analysis

$$\text{Loop I: } -V_{S_1} + R_1(i_x + i_3) + R_3(i_x - i_y) = 0$$

$$(R_1 + R_3)i_x + R_1i_3 - R_3i_y = V_{S_1}$$

$$\text{Loop II: } (R_3 + R_4)i_y - R_3i_x = -V_{S_2}$$

$$\text{Loop III: } (R_1 + R_2)i_3 + R_1i_x = -V_{S_2}.$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 + R_3 & -R_3 & +R_1 \\ -R_3 & R_3 + R_4 & 0 \\ R_1 & 0 & R_1 + R_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_x \\ i_y \\ i_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{S_1} \\ -V_{S_2} \\ -V_{S_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Mesh Analysis with Current Sources - Supermesh Concept

in the presence of a Constant Source in
a loop

} Introduce a new
variable

i.e., Voltage across
the Current
Source.

$$\textcircled{1} \leftarrow \text{for loop I: } (R_1 + R_3)i_x - R_1 i_2 - R_3 i_y = -V_s$$

$$\textcircled{2} \leftarrow \text{for loop II: } (R_3 + R_4)i_y - R_3 i_x - V_x = 0$$

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unknown.

$$\textcircled{3} \leftarrow \text{for loop III: } (R_1 + R_2)i_3 - R_1 i_x + V_x = 0$$

4 unknowns, 3 Eqn's

$$\textcircled{4} \leftarrow 4^{\text{th}} \text{ Eqn: } i_y - i_3 = I_s. \leftarrow \text{Current Eqn of Super mesh.}$$

$$\text{from } \textcircled{2} \& \textcircled{3}, \text{ eliminate } V_x \Rightarrow \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow - (R_1 + R_3)i_x + \underbrace{(R_3 + R_4)i_y + (R_1 + R_2)i_3}_{\text{Combining loop voltages in loops II \& III}} = 0$$

Voltage Eqn of
a super mesh.

Combining loop voltages in loops II & III
but ignoring the drop across I Source.

Super mesh: O - C - a - b - O.

