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EE1101: Circuits and Network Analysis

Lecture 09: DC Circuit Analysis

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Topics :

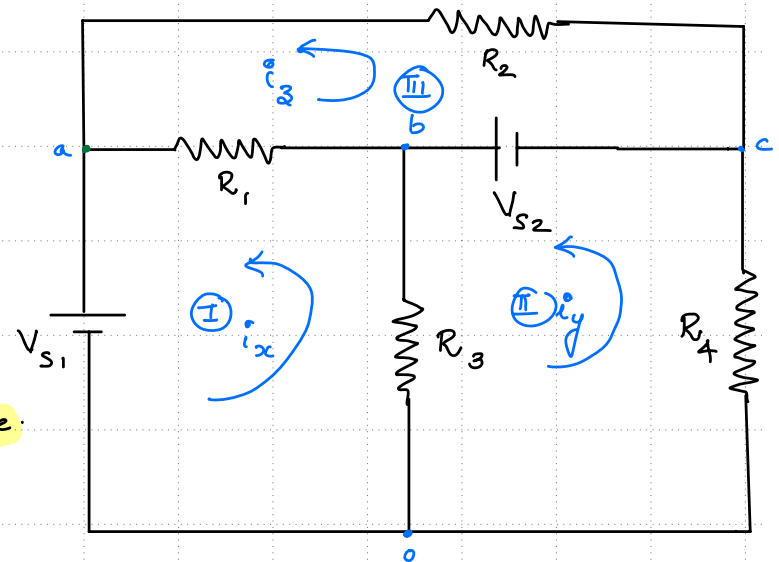
1. Mesh Analysis
2. Concept of Supermesh

Mesh Analysis - A Note on Convention

Variations in set of Equations

- Choice of independent loops.
- Convention \rightarrow direction of mesh currents
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 Prefer choosing current directions to be

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



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{for loop (I): } (R_1 + R_3) i_x - R_3 i_y - R_1 i_z = -V_{S1} \\ \text{for loop (II): } (R_3 + R_4) i_y - R_3 i_x = V_{S2} \\ \text{for loop (III): } (R_1 + R_2) i_z - R_1 i_x = -V_{S2} \end{array} \right\}$$

in matrix form: $[i] = [i_x, i_y, i_z]^T$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} R_1 + R_3 & -R_3 & -R_1 \\ -R_3 & R_3 + R_4 & 0 \\ -R_1 & 0 & R_1 + R_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{[Z]} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} i_x \\ i_y \\ i_z \end{bmatrix}}_{[i]} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -V_{S1} \\ V_{S2} \\ -V_{S2} \end{bmatrix}}_{[V]}$$

$$[Z][i] = [V].$$

Example - Use of Matrices in Mesh Analysis

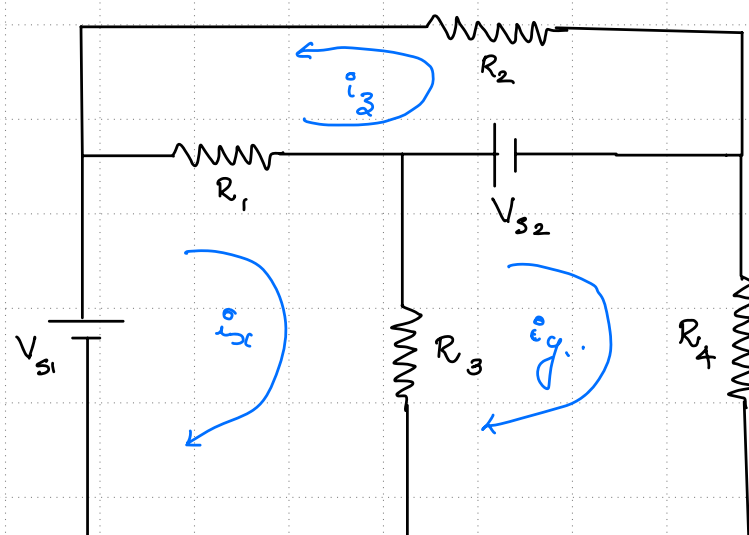
$$\text{Loop (I)}: -V_{S1} + R_1(i_x + i_3) + R_3(i_x - i_y) = 0$$

$$(R_1 + R_3)i_x + R_1 i_3 - R_3 i_y = V_{S1}$$

$$\text{Loop (II)}: (R_3 + R_4)i_y - R_3 i_x = -V_{S2}$$

$$\text{Loop (III)}: (R_1 + R_2)i_3 + R_1 i_x = -V_{S2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 + R_3 & -R_3 & +R_1 \\ -R_3 & R_3 + R_4 & 0 \\ R_1 & 0 & R_1 + R_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_x \\ i_y \\ i_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{S1} \\ -V_{S2} \\ -V_{S2} \end{bmatrix}$$



Mesh Analysis with Current Sources - Supermesh Concept

in the presence of a current source in a loop

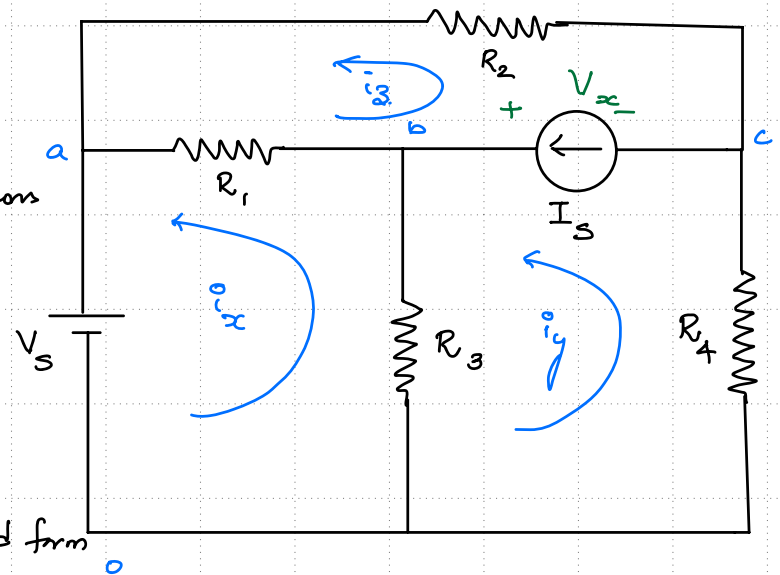
Introduce a new variable
i.e., voltage across the current source.

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apply loop analysis in standard form

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Combine the Eqn's to remove the V across the I source.

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Super mesh.



① ← for loop (I): $(R_1 + R_3)i_x - R_3 i_y - R_3 i_z = -V_s$

② ← for loop (II): $(R_3 + R_4)i_y - R_3 i_x - \underbrace{V_x}_{\text{unknown}} = 0$

③ ← for loop (III): $(R_1 + R_2)i_z - R_1 i_x + V_x = 0$

4 unknowns, 3 Eqn's

④ ← 4th Eqn: $i_y - i_z = I_s$ ← current Eqn of super mesh.

from ② & ③, eliminate $V_x \Rightarrow$ ② + ③ $\Rightarrow - (R_1 + R_3)i_x + (R_3 + R_4)i_y + (R_1 + R_2)i_z = 0$

Voltage Eqn of a super mesh.

Combining loop voltages in loops (II) & (III) but ignoring the drop across I source.

Super mesh: $o - c - a - b - o$