
EE1101: Circuits and Network Analysis

Lecture 03: Circuit Domain Essentials

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Topics :

1. Power and Energy
 2. Two Terminal Elements in DC Circuits
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Energy and Power in Circuits

from potentials \Rightarrow external energy req to move a unit positive charge can be

W_{ext}

Computed

What is W_{ext} in moving a unit positive charge from b to a? $W_{ext} = V_a - V_b = V_{ab}$.
 $(V_b) (V_a)$

W_{ext} in moving a charge q from b to a? $W_{ext} = q(V_{ab})$
 $(V_b) (V_a)$

Scenario I:- $V_a > V_b$:

$$W_{ext} = q V_{ab} > 0.$$

(from b to a)

$$W_{sys} = -W_{ext} < 0$$

(energy in the elec form)

Scenario II $V_a < V_b$:

$$W_{ext} = q V_{ab} < 0.$$

(from b to a)

$W_{sys} = -W_{ext} > 0 \rightarrow$ System is dissipating energy.
 $($ energy in the elec form $)$

charge moving from lower

Potential to higher potential

$\} \Rightarrow$ system gaining some energy.

charge moving from higher

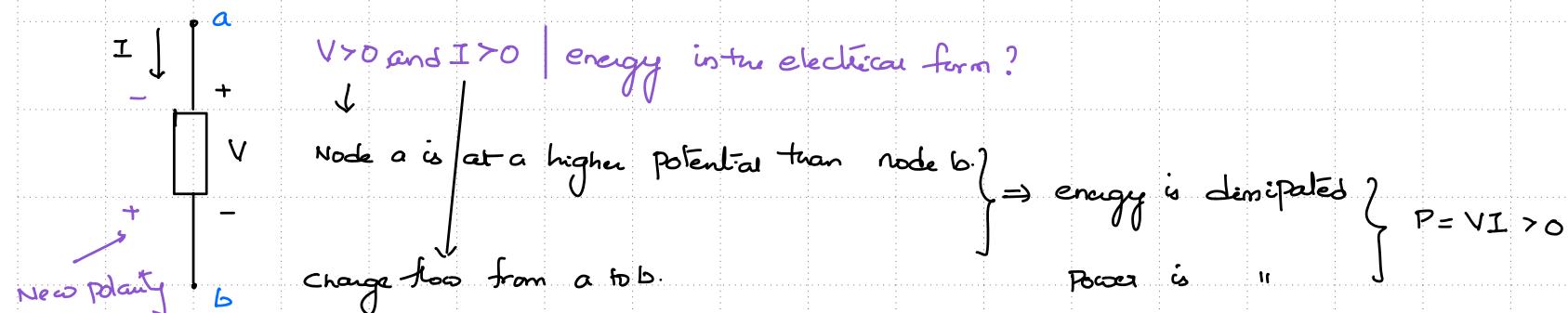
Potential to lower potential

$\} \Rightarrow$ sys dissipates energy.

Energy and Power in Circuits

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Power} &= \text{rate of change of } W \text{ or } \frac{dW}{dt} \\
 &= \frac{dW}{d\phi} \times \frac{d\phi}{dt} \\
 &= V_i
 \end{aligned}$$

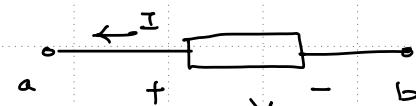
for DC Ckts $P = VI$



Same scenario with a different polarity

Under new polarity $V < 0$, $I > 0$, energy | power is dissipated, $P < 0$

example 3:-

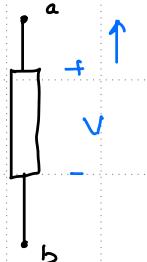


Active and Passive Sign Convention

A systematic way to assign polarity & reference

Should help us in inferring whether energy | power is gen | dissipated from the sign of P .

Active Sign Convention



→ for a chosen polarity for Voltage, Current ref is chosen to be out of the +ve terminal

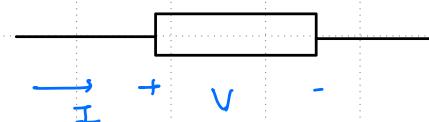
→ for active convention

typically used for Sources

$P > 0 \Rightarrow$ elem is gen energy | power
 \downarrow
 elem is a Source.

$P < 0 \Rightarrow$ elem is dissipating power | energy
 \downarrow
 elem is a sink | load.

Passive Sign Convention

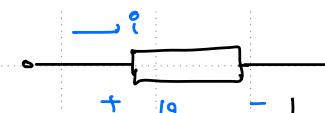


ref for current is into the +ve terminal

$P > 0 \Rightarrow$ Sink and $P < 0 \Rightarrow$ Source.

typically used for sink

Circuit Elements from the Point of View of Terminal Characteristics



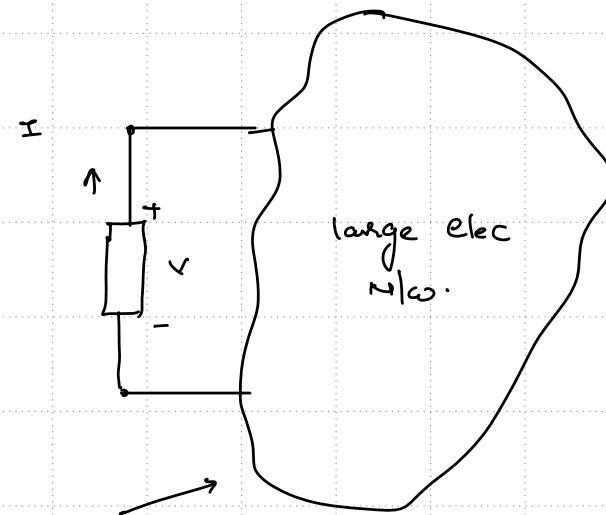
elements are defined based on Voltage across it and the Current through it

} for circuits

in EM → interested in internal behavior as well:

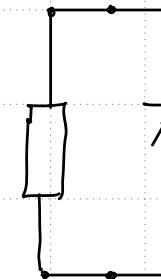


$v-i$ characteristic



(V, I) is one point on the

$v-i$ characteristic



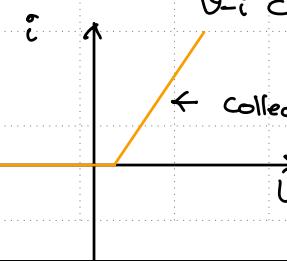
Variable
Voltage v
Current
Source



Variable
Cur. Source.

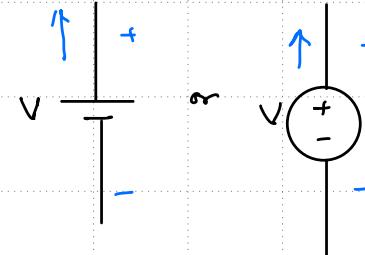
useful to build/determine the

$v-i$ characteristic of the elem.

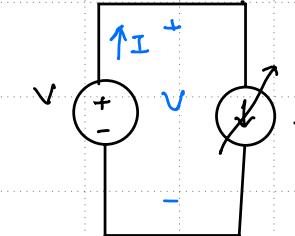


Ideal Voltage Source (DC)

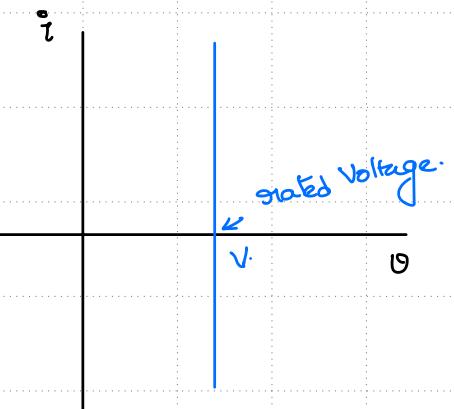
Circuit symbol / representation



Characterizing cut



→ Voltage across the terminals is independent of the current through out of the element



Operating Points lie in Quadrant I and IV.

$$P > 0$$

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Source

$$P < 0$$

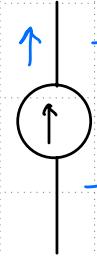
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Sink

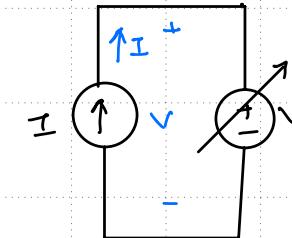
(Charging mode)

Ideal Current Source (DC)

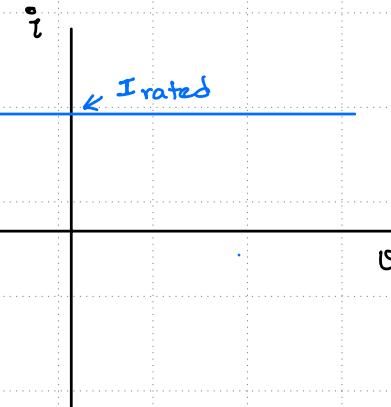
Circuit symbol / representation



Characterizing cut



→ Current is independent of
Vol across the element



operating points lie in Quad I and II.

$$P > 0$$



Source

$$P < 0$$



Sink