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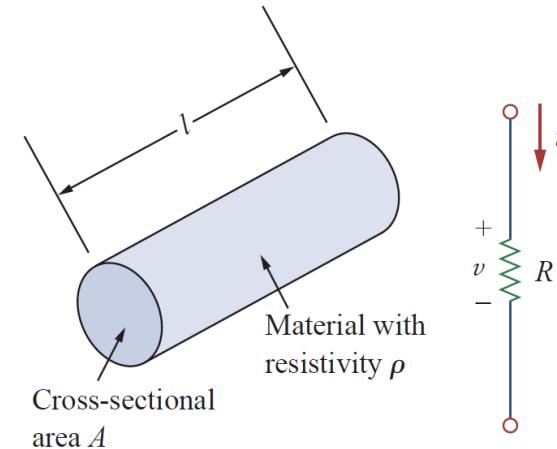
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# Resistance

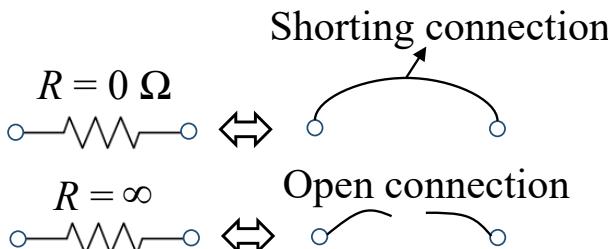
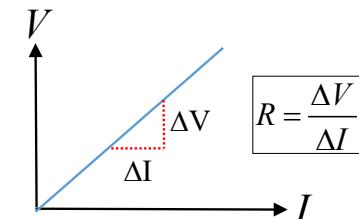
- In general, materials have a characteristic behaviour of resisting the flow of electric charge.
- This physical property, or ability to resist current, is called resistance and is represented by the symbol  $R$ .
- The resistance of any material with a uniform cross-sectional area  $A$  depends on  $A$ , its length  $l$ , and the resistivity  $\rho$  of the material.
- Mathematically, the resistance  $R$  is given by:

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A}$$



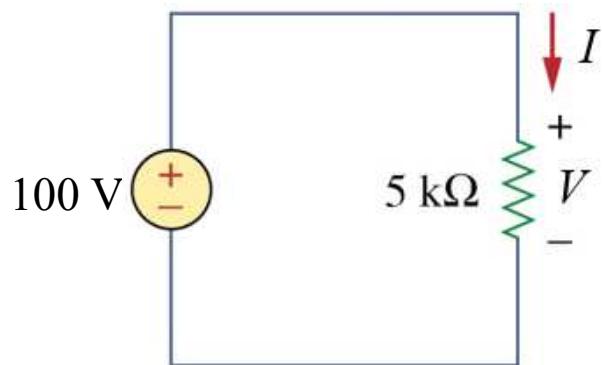
# Ohm's Law

- Ohm's law states that the voltage  $V$  across a resistor  $R$  is directly proportional to the current  $I$  flowing through the resistor  $R$ .
- Mathematically,  $V = IR$ . The unit of  $R$  is ohm ( $\Omega$ ).
- The proportionality constant  $R$  (resistance) denotes the ability to resist the flow of electric current.
- $R = 0 \Omega$  means short circuit.
- $R = \infty$  means open circuit.
- The power dissipated by a resistor  $R$  is:  $P = VI = I^2R = \frac{V^2}{R}$
- Conductance is defined as  $G = \frac{1}{R}$ . The unit of  $G$  is siemens (S).



# Example (1)

(1) Calculate the current  $I$ , the conductance  $G$  and the power  $P$  dissipated by the resistor.



$$(a) I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{100}{5000} = 20 \text{ mA}$$

$$(b) G = \frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{5000} = 0.2 \text{ mS}$$

$$(c) P = VI = 100(0.02) = 2 \text{ W}$$

(2) The DC voltage source is now replaced by an AC voltage source of  $v(t) = 50 \sin \pi t \text{ V}$ . Find the current across the resistor and the power dissipated.

$$(a) i(t) = \frac{v(t)}{R} = \frac{50 \sin \pi t}{5000} = 10 \sin \pi t \text{ mA}$$

$$(b) p(t) = v(t)i(t) = 0.5 \sin^2 \pi t \text{ W}$$

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# Branch, Node and Loop

Definitions:

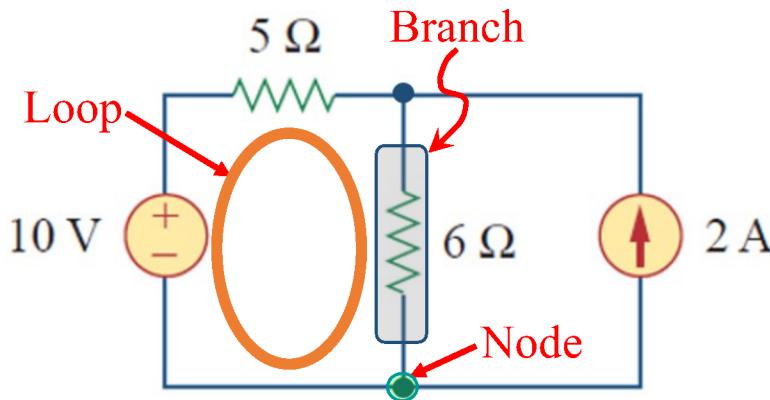
**Branch** – A branch is an element (e.g. source, resistor, inductor, capacitor, etc.).

The number of branches in a circuit is equal to the number of elements.

**Node** – A node is a junction where two or more elements connect.

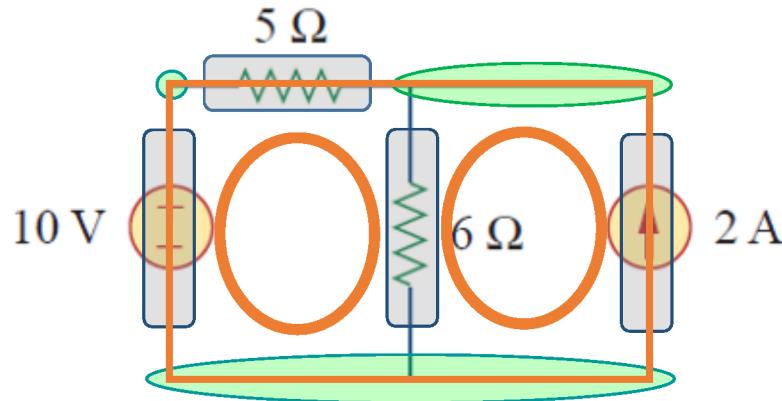
**Loop** – A loop is any closed path going through circuit elements.

In particular, a mesh is a loop that has no other loops inside it.



# Branch, Node and Loop

How many branches, nodes and loops does the following circuit have ?



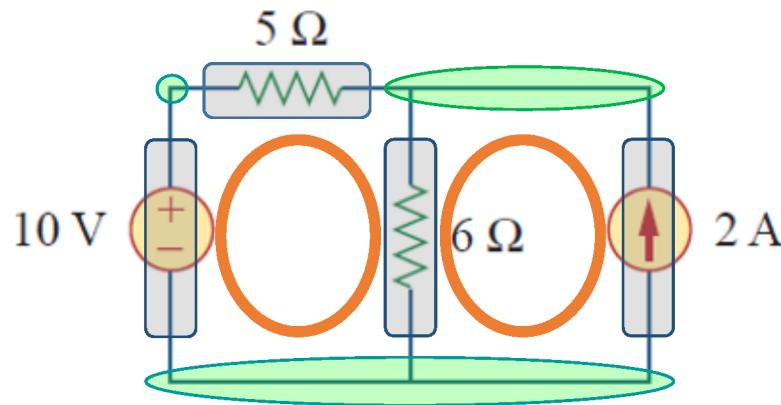
- (a) Since there are 4 elements, there are **4 branches**.
- (b) Since there are 3 junctions, there are **3 nodes**.
- (c) Since there are 3 closed paths, there are **3 loops**.

*Question: How many mesh loops does this circuit have ?*

# Branch, Node and Loop

- A loop is said to be independent if it contains at least one branch which is **not** a part of any other independent loop.
- A network with  $b$  branches,  $n$  nodes and  $l$  independent loops will satisfy the fundamental theory of network topology:

$$b = l + n - 1$$



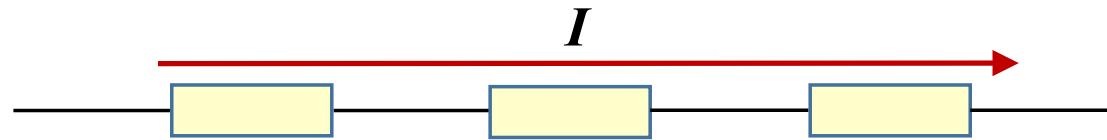
$$b = 4$$

$$n = 3$$

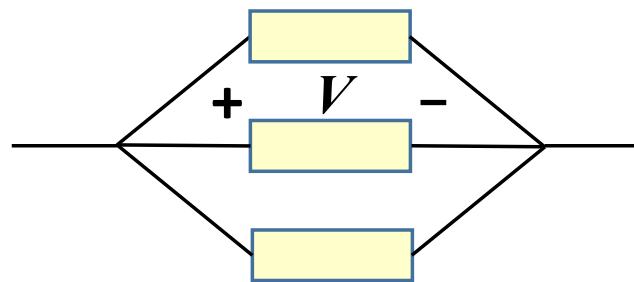
$$l = 2$$

# Series or Parallel Connection

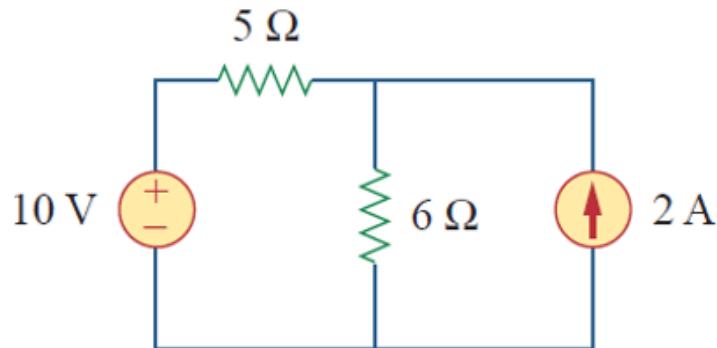
- Two or more elements are in **series** if they are cascaded or connected sequentially and consequently carry the *same current*.



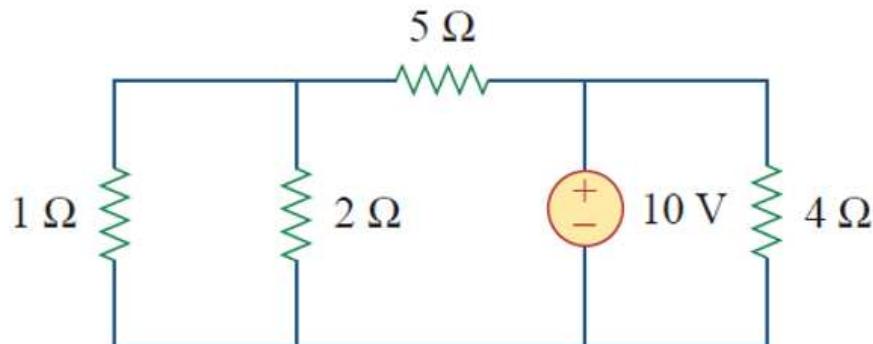
- Two or more elements are in **parallel** if they are connected to the same two nodes and consequently have the *same voltage* across them.



# Examples of Series/Parallel Connection



The 5- $\Omega$  resistor is in **series** with the 10-V voltage source.  
The 6- $\Omega$  resistor is in **parallel** with the 2-A current source.

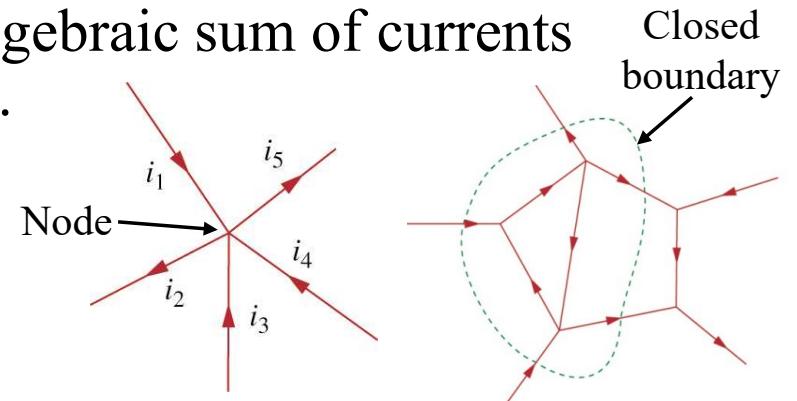


1- $\Omega$  and 2- $\Omega$  resistors are connected in **parallel**.  
The 4- $\Omega$  resistor and 10-V source are also connected in **parallel**.

# Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL)

- Kirchhoff's current law (KCL) states that the algebraic sum of currents entering a **node** (or a **closed boundary**) is zero.

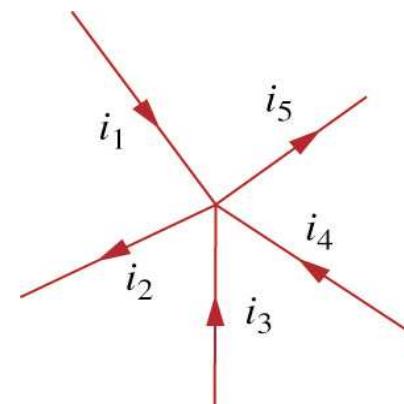
$$\sum_{n=1}^N i_n = 0$$



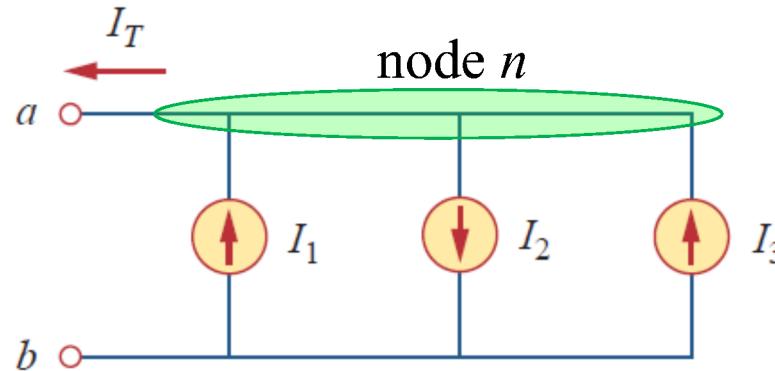
- Alternative form of KCL: The sum of the currents **entering** a node is equal to the sum of the currents **leaving** the node.

$$i_1 + i_3 + i_4 = i_2 + i_5$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^5 i_n = i_1 - i_2 + i_3 + i_4 - i_5 = 0$$



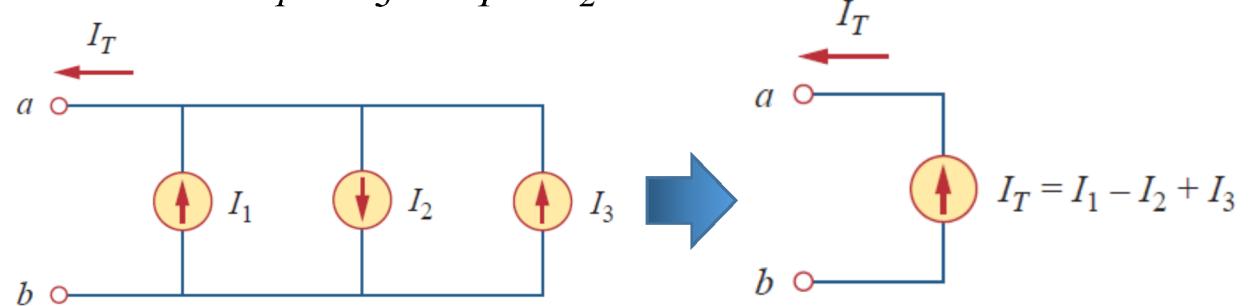
# Simple Application of KCL



The sum of the currents entering node  $n$  is:  $I_1 + I_3$  whereas the sum of the currents leaving node  $n$  is:  $I_T + I_2$ .

By applying KCL to node  $n$ , we can write:  $I_1 + I_3 = I_T + I_2$ .

Hence,  $I_T = I_1 - I_2 + I_3$

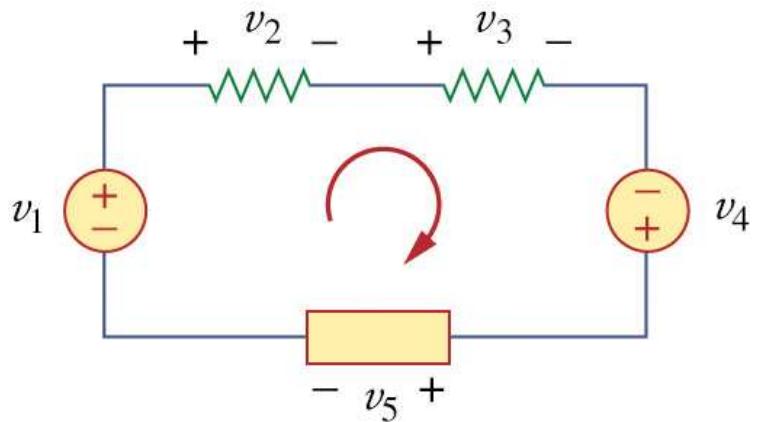


# Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL)

- Kirchhoff's voltage law (KVL) states that the algebraic sum of all voltages around a closed path (or loop) is zero.

$$\sum_{m=1}^M v_m = 0$$

- Alternative form of KVL: Sum of the voltage drops = sum of voltage rises



$$\text{Sum of voltage drops} = v_2 + v_3 + v_5$$

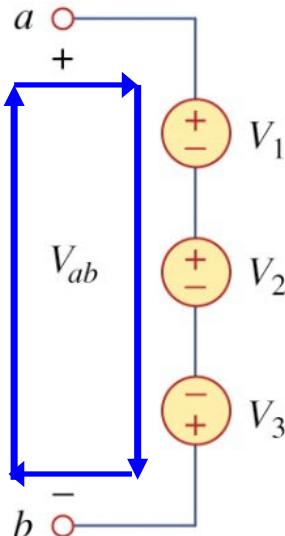
$$\text{Sum of voltage rises} = v_1 + v_4$$

Hence, by applying KVL, we have

$$v_2 + v_3 + v_5 = v_1 + v_4$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^5 v_m = -v_1 + v_2 + v_3 - v_4 + v_5 = 0$$

# Simple Application of KVL



## Rule of Thumb:

Before applying KVL (or KCL), we need to define what is positive and what is negative. Then we stick with the convention for the sake of consistency.

Step 1: Define positive for voltage drop and negative for voltage rise across an element.

Step 2: Choose a consistent direction (either clockwise or counterclockwise) to go around a loop.

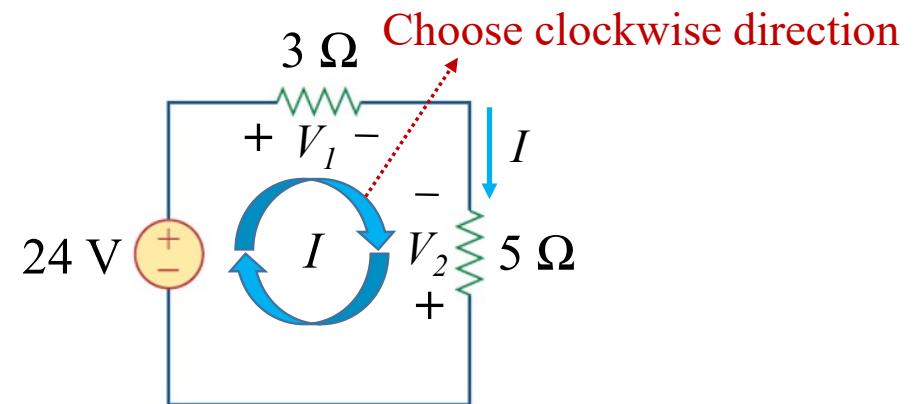
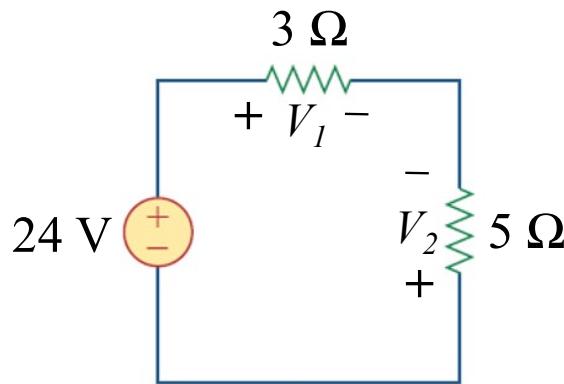
Suppose we choose a clockwise direction around the loop as shown in the above circuit.

By applying KVL, we have  $-V_{ab} + V_1 + V_2 - V_3 = 0$

By re-arranging the terms,  $V_{ab} = V_1 + V_2 - V_3$

# Example (2)

Find the voltages  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  in the following circuit.



1. By applying KVL (in a clockwise direction) around the loop, we have  
 $-24 + V_1 - V_2 = 0$

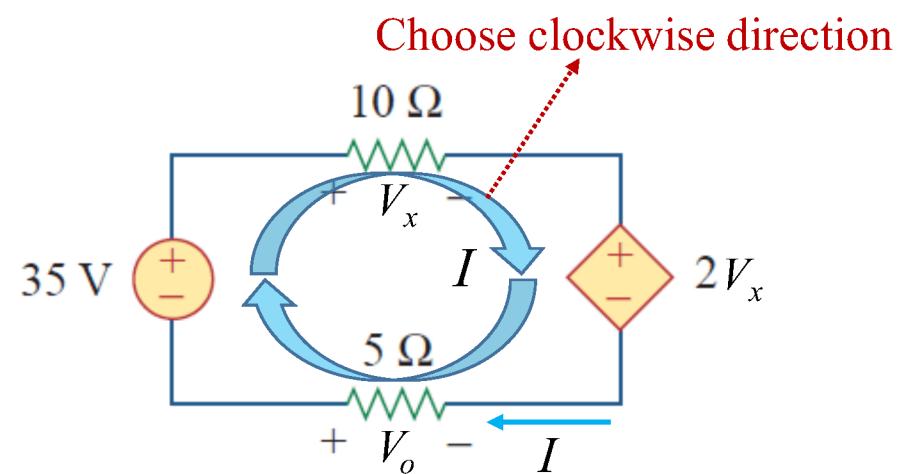
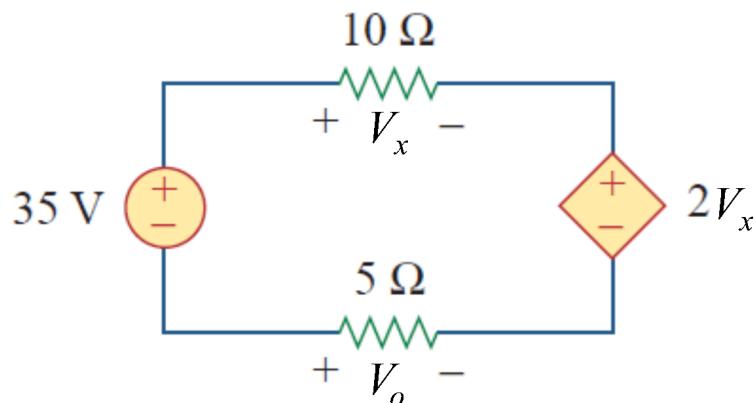
2. By using Ohm's law,  $V_1 = 3I$ ;  $V_2 = -5I$ .

$$-24 + 3I - (-5I) = 0 \Rightarrow I = 3 \text{ A}$$

$$\text{Hence, } V_1 = 9 \text{ V and } V_2 = -15 \text{ V}$$

# Example (3)

Determine  $V_o$  and  $V_x$  in the circuit below.



1. By applying KVL (in a clockwise direction) around the loop, we have

$$-35 + V_x + 2V_x - V_o = 0$$

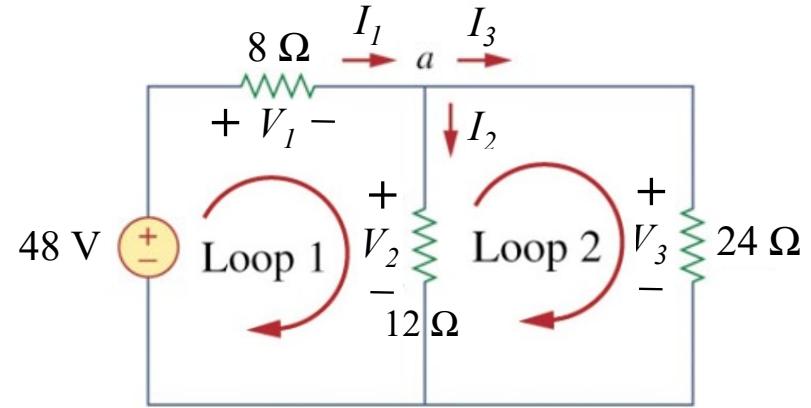
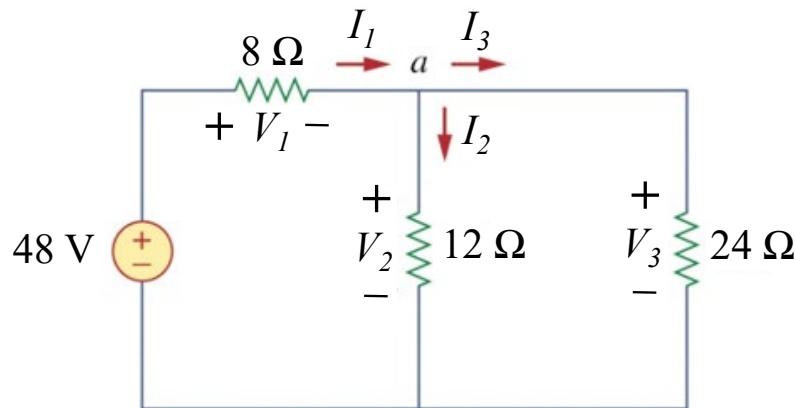
2. By using Ohm's law,  $V_x = 10I$ ;  $V_o = -5I$ .

$$-35 + 10I + 2(10I) - (-5I) = 0 \Rightarrow I = 1 \text{ A}$$

$$\text{Hence, } V_x = 10 \text{ V and } V_o = -5 \text{ V}$$

# Example (4)

Find the currents ( $I_1, I_2, I_3$ ) and voltages ( $V_1, V_2, V_3$ ) in the following circuit.



1. Apply KVL to loop 1:  $-48 + 8I_1 + 12I_2 = 0$  (1)
2. Apply KVL to loop 2:  $-12I_2 + 24I_3 = 0$  (2)
3. Apply KCL to node  $a$ :  $I_1 = I_2 + I_3$  (3)
4. By solving (1)–(3), we have  $I_1 = 3 \text{ A}$ ,  $I_2 = 2 \text{ A}$ , and  $I_3 = 1 \text{ A}$
5. Hence,  $V_1 = 8I_1 = 24 \text{ V}$ ,  $V_2 = 12I_2 = 24 \text{ V}$ , and  $V_3 = 24I_3 = 24 \text{ V}$

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# Series Resistors and Voltage Division

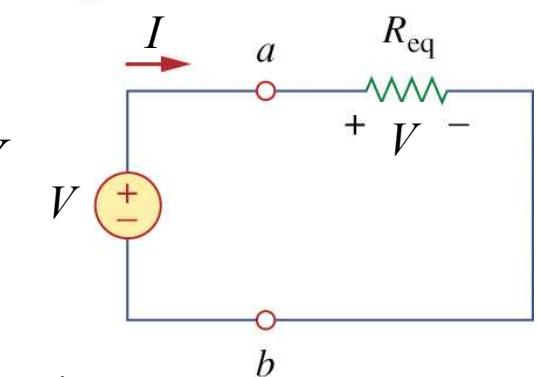
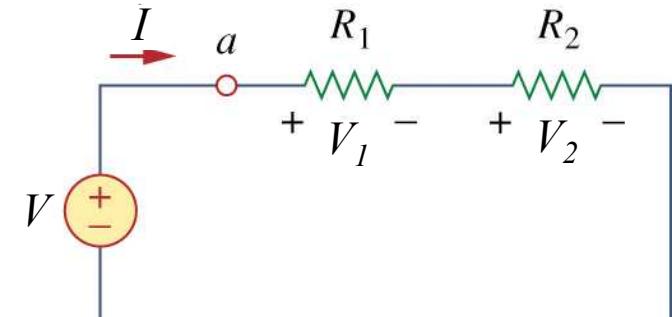
Consider a simple series circuit as shown.

- Apply KVL to the loop, we have  $V = IR_1 + IR_2 = I(R_1 + R_2)$
- Define  $R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2$ . We can write:  $V = IR_{eq}$
- Therefore, the two resistors ( $R_1, R_2$ ) can be replaced by an equivalent resistor ( $R_{eq}$ ).
- Since  $I = \frac{V}{(R_1 + R_2)}$ ,  $V_1 = IR_1 = \left(\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}\right)V; V_2 = IR_2 = \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}\right)V$

This is the voltage division formula!

- In general, for  $N$  resistors in series, the voltage across the  $N^{\text{th}}$  resistor is:

$$V_N = \left(\frac{R_N}{R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N}\right)V, \text{ where } R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N.$$



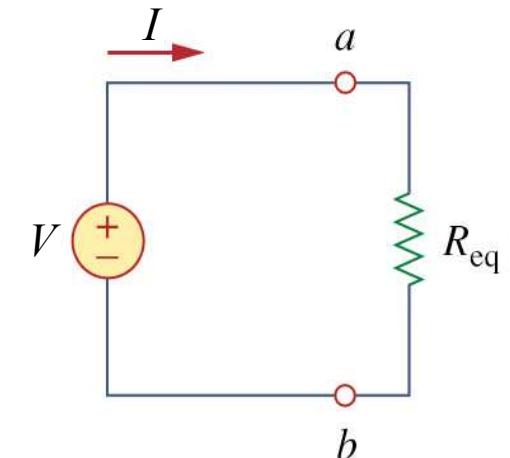
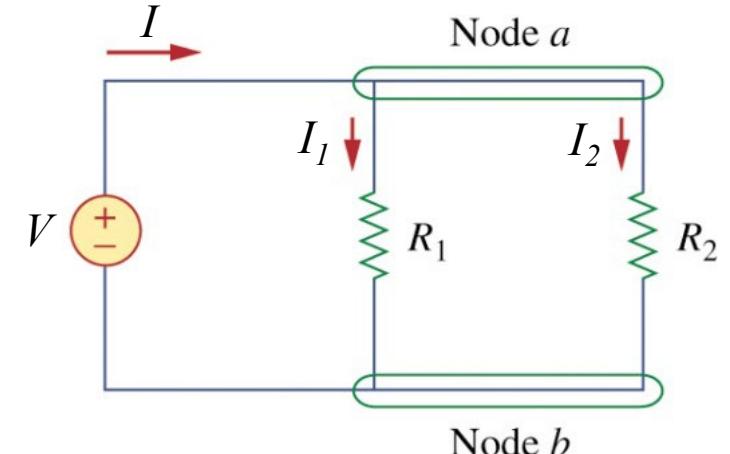
# Parallel Resistors and Current Division

Consider a simple parallel circuit as shown.

- Apply KCL to node  $a$ , we have  $I = \frac{V}{R_1} + \frac{V}{R_2}$
- Hence,  $I = V \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = V \left( \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1 R_2} \right) = \frac{V}{R_{eq}}$
- In general, for  $N$  resistors in parallel, we can write

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_N}$$

- Special case 1: Two resistors in parallel,  $R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$   
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- Special case 2:  $N$  resistors in parallel,  $R_{eq} = \frac{R}{N}$



# Parallel Resistors and Current Division

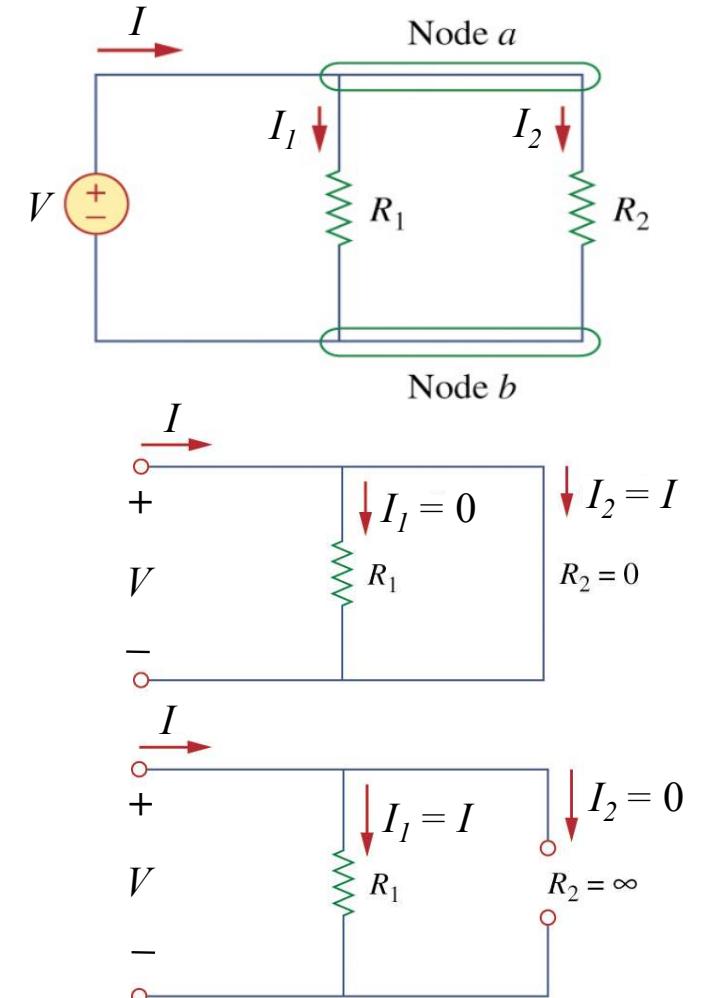
Consider the same circuit from the previous slide,

$$I_1 = \frac{V}{R_1} \text{ and } I_2 = \frac{V}{R_2}$$

- From previous slide, note that  $V = I \left( \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right)$
- Hence, we have  $I_1 = \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) I$  and  $I_2 = \left( \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \right) I$

This is the current division formula!

- Extreme case 1:  $R_2 = 0 \Rightarrow I_1 = 0, I_2 = I$ , and  $R_{eq} = 0$ .
- Extreme case 2:  $R_2 = \infty \Rightarrow I_1 = I, I_2 = 0$ , and  $R_{eq} = R_1$ .



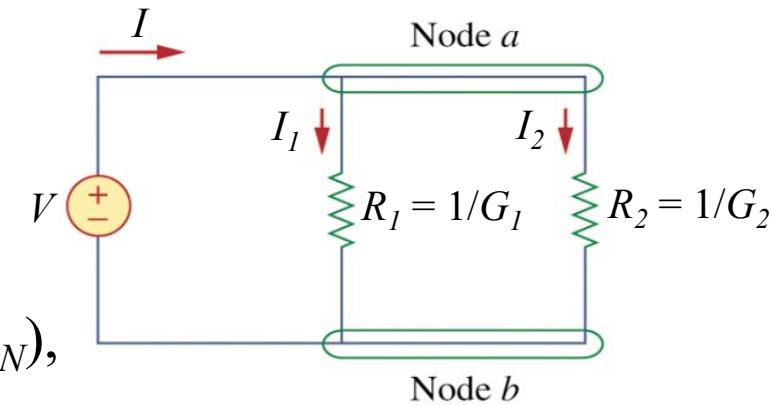
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- It is often more convenient to use conductance ( $G$ ) when dealing with resistors in parallel because  $G$  is the reciprocal of  $R$ .
- Since  $G = 1/R$ , for  $N$  conductors in parallel, we have  $G_{eq} = G_1 + G_2 + \dots + G_N$ .
- For *two* conductors in parallel, we have

$$I_1 = \left( \frac{G_1}{G_1 + G_2} \right) I \quad \text{and} \quad I_2 = \left( \frac{G_2}{G_1 + G_2} \right) I$$

- In general, for  $N$  conductors in parallel ( $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_N$ ), the current across the  $N^{\text{th}}$  conductor is given by:

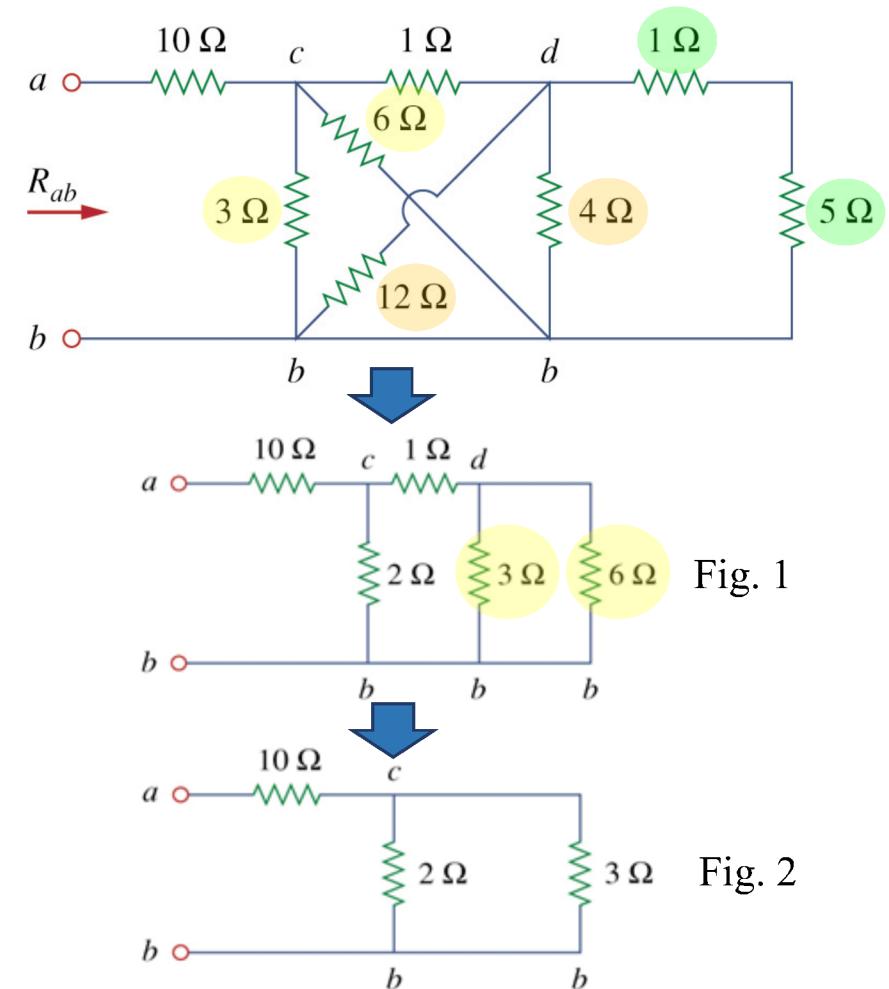
$$I_N = \left( \frac{G_N}{G_1 + G_2 + \dots + G_N} \right) I$$



# Example (5): Equivalent Resistance

Find the equivalent resistance  $R_{ab}$  in this circuit.

- (1) The  $3\ \Omega$  and  $6\ \Omega$  resistors are in parallel.  
=> Equivalent resistance is  $2\ \Omega$ .
- (2) The  $12\ \Omega$  and  $4\ \Omega$  resistors are in parallel.  
=> Equivalent resistance is  $3\ \Omega$ .
- (3) The  $1\ \Omega$  and  $5\ \Omega$  resistors are in series.  
=> Equivalent resistance is  $6\ \Omega$ .
- (4) The original circuit can be reduced to that of Fig. 1.
- (5) Now, the  $3\ \Omega$  and  $6\ \Omega$  resistors are in parallel.  
=> Equivalent resistance is  $2\ \Omega$ .
- (6) The  $1\ \Omega$  and the equivalent  $2\ \Omega$  are in series.  
=> Equivalent resistance is  $3\ \Omega$  (see Fig. 2).
- (7) Finally,  $R_{ab} = 10\ \Omega + (2\ \Omega \parallel 3\ \Omega) = 11.2\ \Omega$ .



# Example (6): Equivalent Conductance

Find the equivalent conductance  $G_{eq}$  in this circuit.

- (1) The 8 S and 12 S are in parallel.

=> Equivalent conductance is:  $8 + 12 = 20$  S.

- (2) Now, the 5 S is in series with the equivalent 20 S (see Fig. 2).

Hence, the combined conductance is:  $(5)(20) / (20 + 5) = 4$  S.

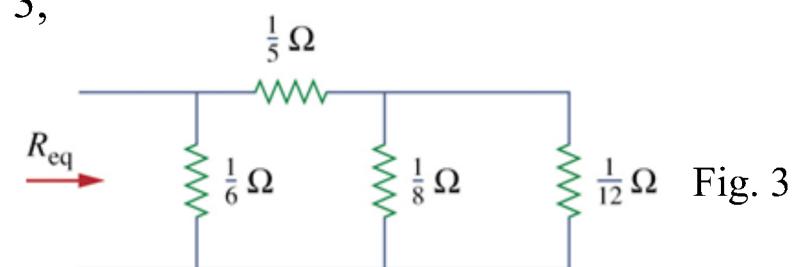
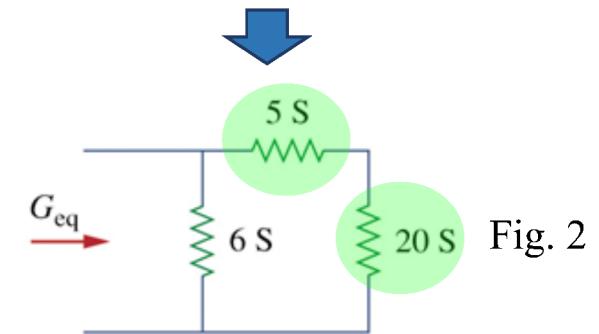
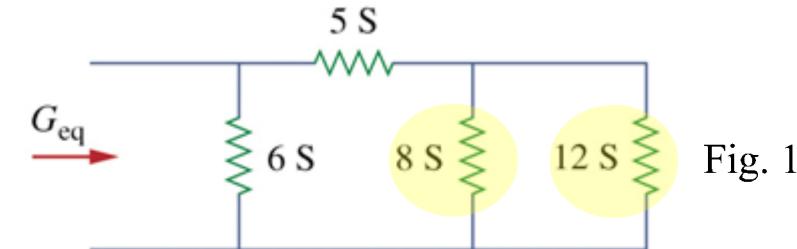
- (3) This 4 S is in parallel with 6 S.

Hence,  $G_{eq} = 4 + 6 = \mathbf{10}$  S.

Note: Since  $G = 1/R$ , the circuit in Fig. 1 is the same as that in Fig. 3, where the conductances are expressed in resistances.

$$R_{eq} = \frac{1}{6} \parallel \left( \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{8} \parallel \frac{1}{12} \right) = \frac{1}{6} \parallel \left( \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{20} \right) = \frac{1}{6} \parallel \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{10} \Omega$$

Therefore,  $G_{eq} = 1/R_{eq} = 10$  S



# Example (7): Voltage and Current Division Formulas

Find  $V_o$ ,  $I_o$ , and the power dissipated in the  $20\ \Omega$  resistor.

- The  $30\ \Omega$  and  $20\ \Omega$  resistors are connected in parallel.  
So, their combined resistance is:  $(30)(20) / (30 + 20) = 12\ \Omega$ .

- The circuit in (a) is reduced to that in (b).

- There are two ways of obtaining  $V_o$ .

$$(a) \text{ Ohm's law: } I = 12 / (24 + 12) = 333.33 \text{ mA} \Rightarrow V_o = 12I = 4 \text{ V}$$

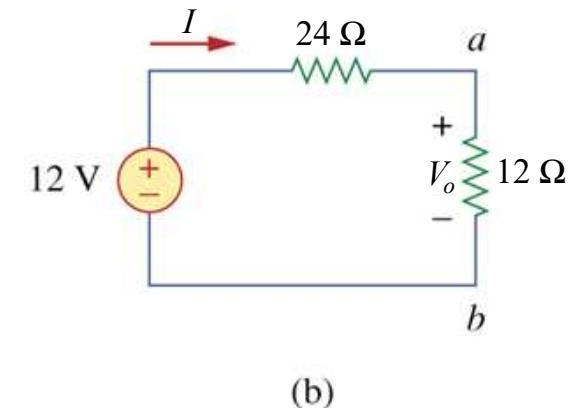
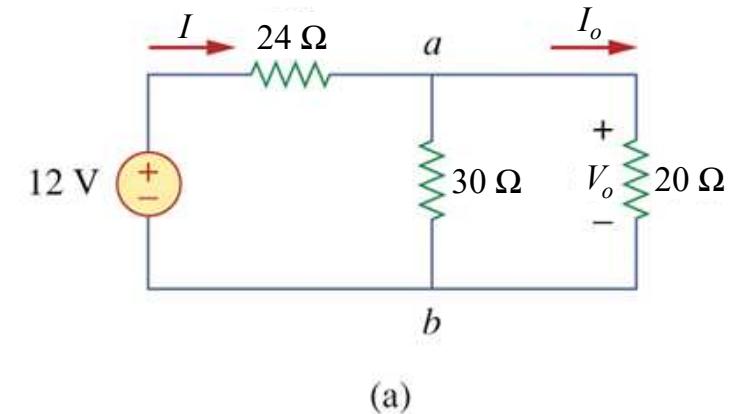
$$(b) \text{ Voltage division formula: } V_o = (12) \left( \frac{12}{24 + 12} \right) = 4 \text{ V}$$

- Likewise, there are two ways of obtaining  $I_o$ .

$$(a) \text{ Ohm's law: } V_o = 20I_o \Rightarrow I_o = V_o / 20 = 4 / 20 = 1/5 \text{ A}$$

$$(b) \text{ Current division formula: } I_o = I \left( \frac{30}{30 + 20} \right) = \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) = \frac{1}{5} \text{ A}$$

- Power dissipated in the  $20\ \Omega$  resistor is:  $P_o = V_o I_o = (4)(1/5) = 0.8 \text{ W}$



# Example (8): Voltage and Current Division Formulas

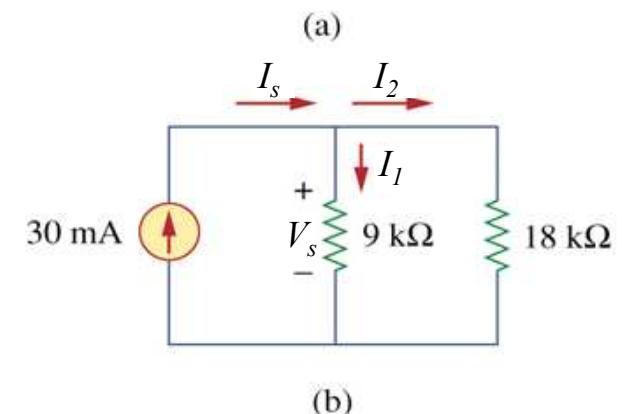
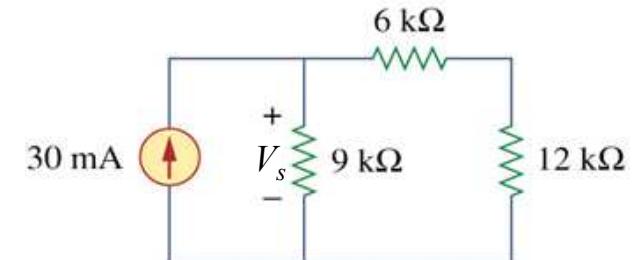
Determine  $V_s$ , the power supplied by the current source, and the power dissipated by each resistor in Fig. (a).

- The 6 k $\Omega$  and 12 k $\Omega$  resistors are connected in series.  
So, their combined resistance is:  $(6 + 12) \text{ k}\Omega = 18 \text{ k}\Omega$ .
- The circuit in (a) is reduced to that in (b).
- Apply the current division, we have

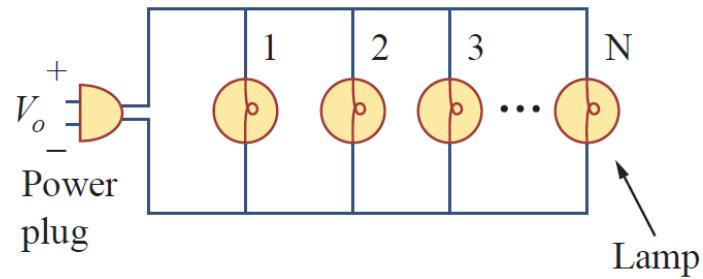
$$I_1 = \left( \frac{18000}{9000 + 18000} \right) (30 \text{ mA}) = 20 \text{ mA} \Rightarrow V_s = I_1(9000) = 180 \text{ V}$$

$$I_2 = \left( \frac{9000}{9000 + 18000} \right) (30 \text{ mA}) = 10 \text{ mA}$$

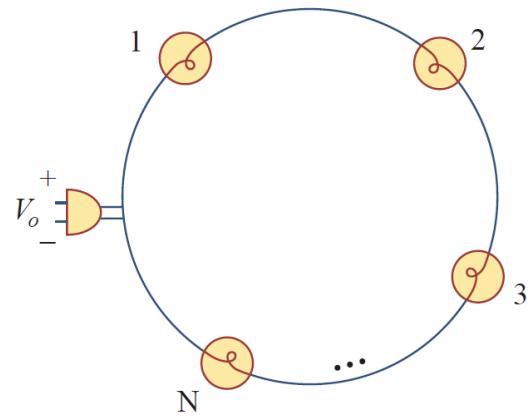
- Power supplied by the 30 mA current source:  $P_s = V_s I_s = (180)(30 \times 10^{-3}) \text{ W} = 5.4 \text{ W}$
- Power dissipated by the 9 k $\Omega$  resistor:  $P = I_1^2 R = (20 \times 10^{-3})^2 (9000) = 3.6 \text{ W}$
- Power dissipated by the 6 k $\Omega$  resistor:  $P = I_2^2 R = (10 \times 10^{-3})^2 (6000) = 0.6 \text{ W}$
- Power dissipated by the 12 k $\Omega$  resistor:  $P = I_2^2 R = (10 \times 10^{-3})^2 (12000) = 1.2 \text{ W}$    Note: Power supplied = Power dissipated



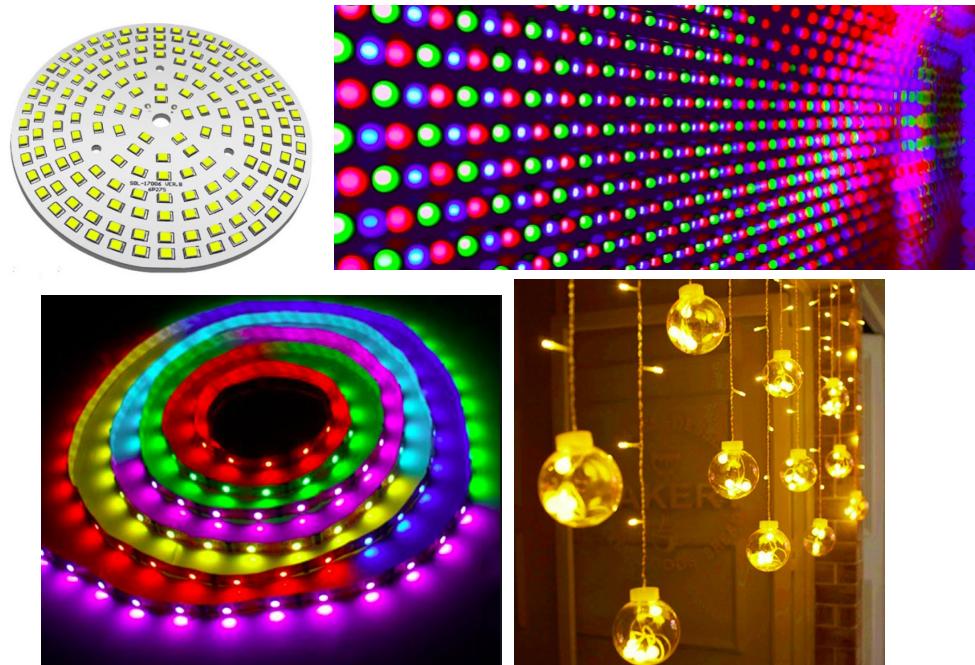
# Application: Lighting Systems



Parallel connection of light bulbs

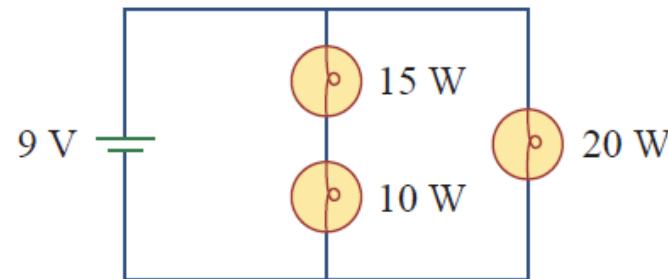


Series connection of light bulbs



# Example (9): Lighting Systems

In the following lighting system, three light bulbs are connected to a 9 V battery.



Calculate (a) the total current supplied by the battery, (b) the current through each bulb, (c) the resistance of each bulb.

(Hint: The total power supplied by the battery is equal to the total power absorbed by all light bulbs.)

# Example (9): Lighting Systems (cont'd)

Ans: (a) Total power absorbed by all light bulbs:

$$P = (15 + 10 + 20) \text{ W} = 45 \text{ W}$$

Since the total power supplied by the battery is the same as that absorbed by all bulbs, **the battery supplies a total power of 45 W.**

Hence, the total current supplied by the battery is:  $I = \frac{P}{V} = \frac{45}{9} = 5 \text{ A}$

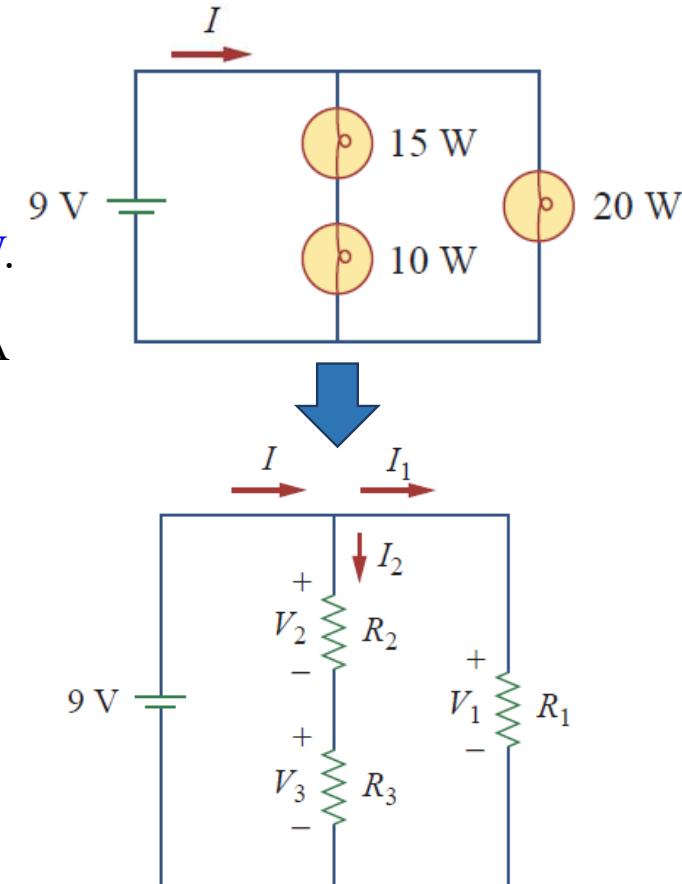
(b) Since  $R_1$  (20-W bulb) is in parallel with the battery,  $V_1 = 9 \text{ V}$ .

$$I_1 = \frac{P_1}{V_1} = \frac{20}{9} = 2.222 \text{ A}$$

$$\text{By KCL, } I = I_1 + I_2 \Rightarrow I_2 = I - I_1 = (5 - 2.222) \text{ A} = 2.778 \text{ A}$$

$$(c) R_1 = \frac{P_1}{I_1^2} = \frac{20}{2.222^2} = 4.051 \Omega \quad R_3 = \frac{P_3}{I_2^2} = \frac{10}{2.778^2} = 1.296 \Omega$$

$$R_2 = \frac{P_2}{I_2^2} = \frac{15}{2.778^2} = 1.944 \Omega$$



I. Ohm's Law

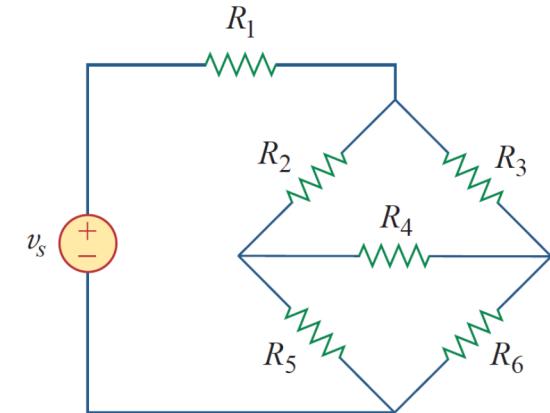
II. Kirchhoff's Laws

III. Voltage and Current Division Formulas

**IV. Wye-Delta Transformations**

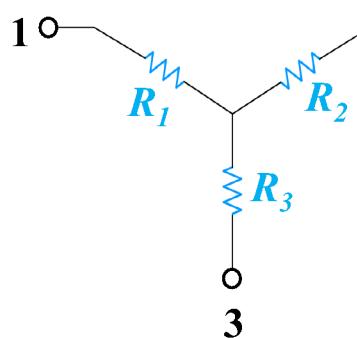
# Wye-Delta Transformations

- In a real circuit, the resistors are neither in parallel nor in series.
- So, how do we combine resistors when they are neither in series nor in parallel ?

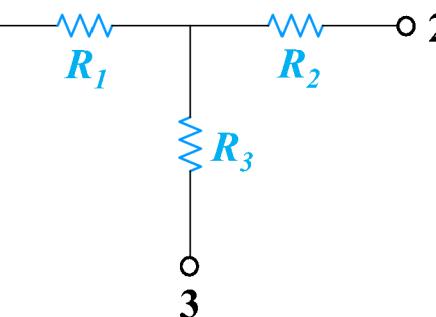


*Three-terminal equivalent networks*

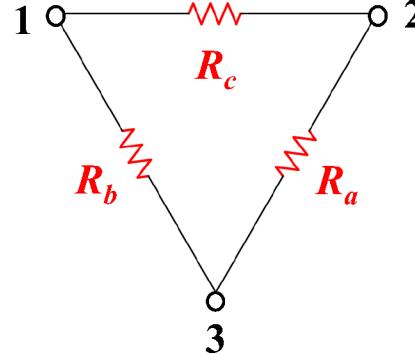
Wye (Y) network



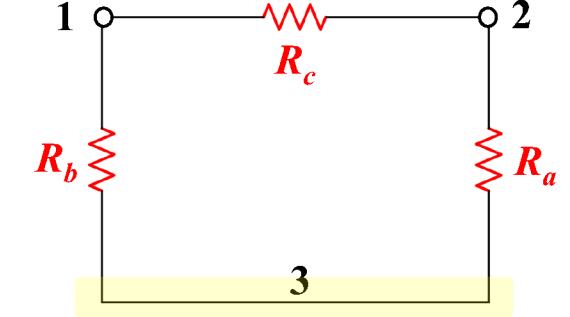
Tee (T) network



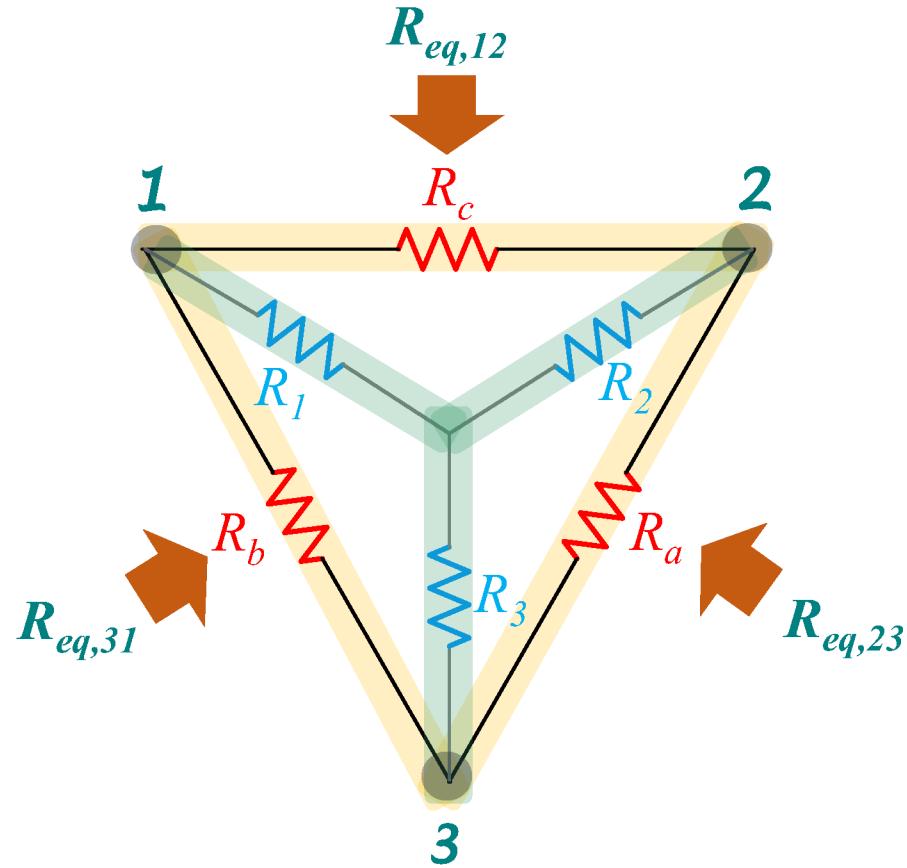
Delta ( $\Delta$ ) network



Pi ( $\pi$ ) network



# Proof of Delta to Wye Conversion



$$R_{eq,12} :$$

$$\frac{R_c(R_a + R_b)}{R_a + R_b + R_c} = R_1 + R_2$$

$$R_{eq,23} :$$

$$\frac{R_a(R_b + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c} = R_2 + R_3$$

$$R_{eq,31} :$$

$$\frac{R_b(R_a + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c} = R_1 + R_3$$

$\Delta$                             Y

# Proof of Delta to Wye Conversion

Y	Δ
(1) $R_I + R_2 = \frac{R_c(R_a + R_b)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$	
(2) $R_2 + R_3 = \frac{R_a(R_b + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$	
(3) $R_I + R_3 = \frac{R_b(R_a + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$	

Solve for  $R_I$ : By adding equation (1) and (3), we have

$$2R_I + R_2 + R_3 = \frac{R_c(R_a + R_b) + R_b(R_a + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$$2R_I + (R_2 + R_3) = \frac{R_c(R_a + R_b) + R_b(R_a + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

Note that  $(R_2 + R_3)$  is given by equation (2). Hence, we can write:

$$2R_I + \frac{R_a(R_b + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c} = \frac{R_c(R_a + R_b) + R_b(R_a + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2R_I = \frac{R_bR_c + R_bR_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_I = \boxed{\frac{R_bR_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c}}$$

# Proof of Delta to Wye Conversion

	Y
(1)	$R_1 + R_2 = \frac{R_c(R_a + R_b)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$
(2)	$R_2 + R_3 = \frac{R_a(R_b + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$
(3)	$R_1 + R_3 = \frac{R_b(R_a + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$

Solve for  $R_2$ : By adding equation (1) and (2), we have

$$2R_2 + R_1 + R_3 = \frac{R_c(R_a + R_b) + R_a(R_b + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$$2R_2 + (R_1 + R_3) = \frac{R_c(R_a + R_b) + R_a(R_b + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

Note that  $(R_1 + R_3)$  is given by equation (3). Hence, we can write:

$$2R_2 + \frac{R_b(R_a + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c} = \frac{R_c(R_a + R_b) + R_a(R_b + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2R_2 = \frac{R_aR_c + R_aR_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R_2 = \frac{R_aR_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c}}$$

# Proof of Delta to Wye Conversion

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Y} & \Delta \\ \hline (1) \quad R_1 + R_2 = \frac{R_c(R_a + R_b)}{R_a + R_b + R_c} \end{array}$$

$$(2) \quad R_2 + R_3 = \frac{R_a(R_b + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$$(3) \quad R_1 + R_3 = \frac{R_b(R_a + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

Solve for  $R_3$ : By adding equation (2) and (3), we have

$$2R_3 + R_1 + R_2 = \frac{R_a(R_b + R_c) + R_b(R_a + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$$2R_3 + (R_1 + R_2) = \frac{R_a(R_b + R_c) + R_b(R_a + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

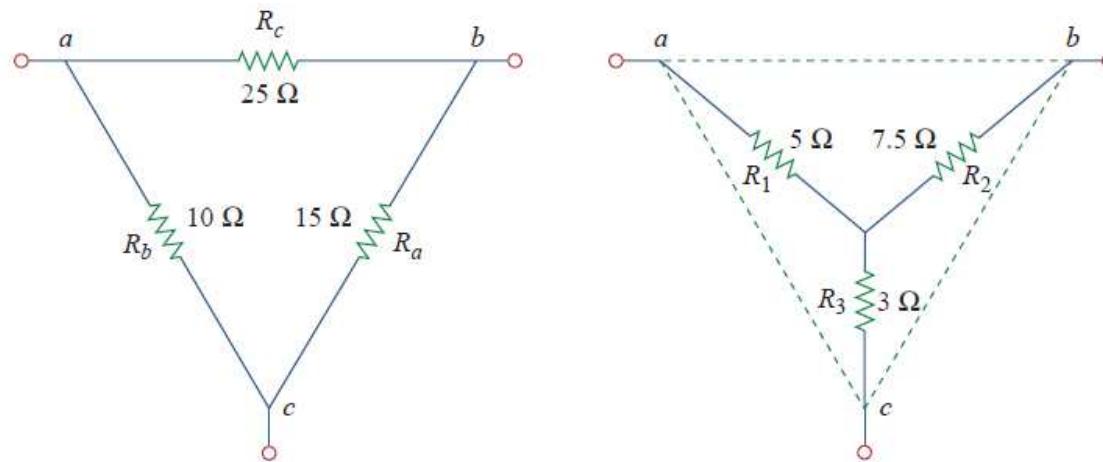
Note that  $(R_1 + R_2)$  is given by equation (1). Hence, we can write:

$$2R_3 + \frac{R_c(R_a + R_b)}{R_a + R_b + R_c} = \frac{R_a(R_b + R_c) + R_b(R_a + R_c)}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b + R_a R_b}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b}{R_a + R_b + R_c}}$$

# Example (10): Delta to Wye Conversion



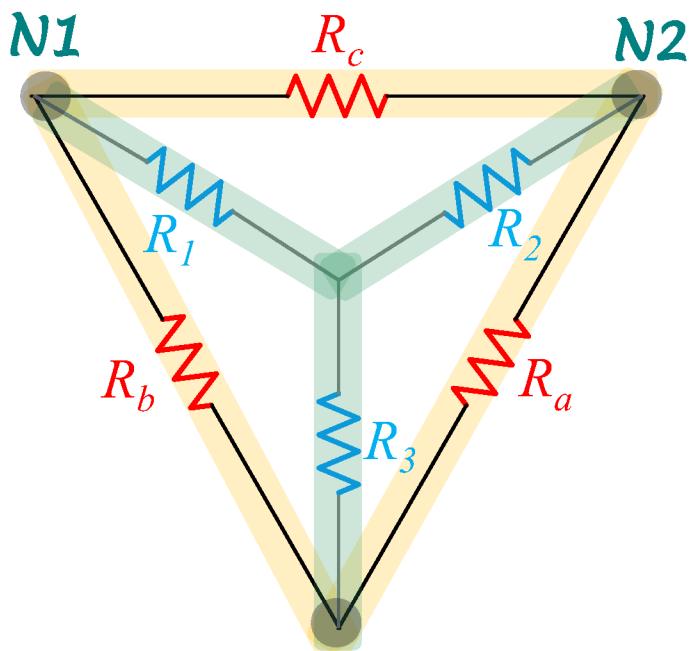
$$R_1 = \frac{R_b R_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c} = \frac{10 \times 25}{15 + 10 + 25} = \frac{250}{50} = 5 \Omega$$

$$R_2 = \frac{R_a R_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c} = \frac{15 \times 25}{15 + 10 + 25} = \frac{375}{50} = 7.5 \Omega$$

$$R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b}{R_a + R_b + R_c} = \frac{15 \times 10}{15 + 10 + 25} = \frac{150}{50} = 3 \Omega$$

# Proof of Wye to Delta Conversion

$$\Delta \rightarrow Y : R_1 = \frac{R_b R_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c} \quad R_2 = \frac{R_a R_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c} \quad R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$



Consider  $R_1 \times R_2$ :

$$R_1 R_2 = \frac{R_a R_b R_c^2}{(R_a + R_b + R_c)^2} \quad (4)$$

Consider  $R_2 \times R_3$ :

$$R_2 R_3 = \frac{R_a^2 R_b R_c}{(R_a + R_b + R_c)^2} \quad (5)$$

Consider  $R_1 \times R_3$ :

$$R_1 R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b^2 R_c}{(R_a + R_b + R_c)^2} \quad (6)$$

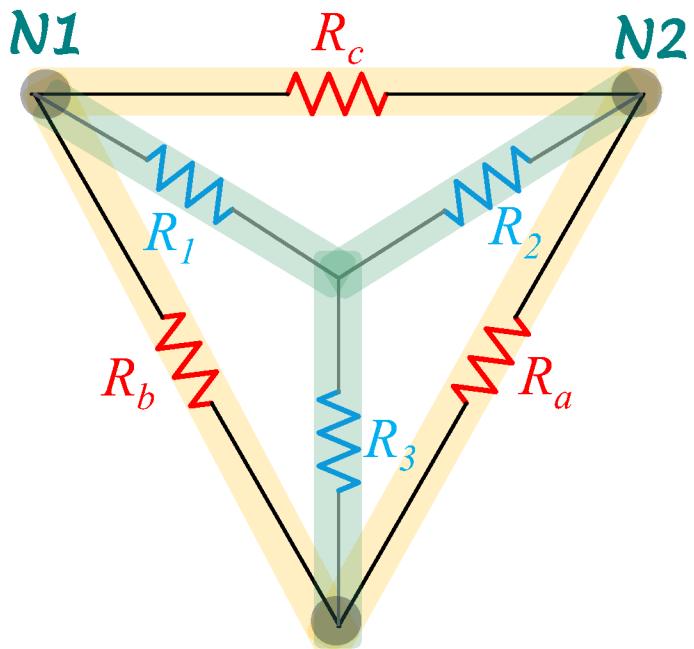
By adding equation (4), (5) & (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_1 R_3 \\ = \frac{R_a R_b R_c^2 + R_a^2 R_b R_c + R_a R_b^2 R_c}{(R_a + R_b + R_c)^2} \\ = \frac{R_a R_b R_c (R_a + R_b + R_c)}{(R_a + R_b + R_c)^2} \\ = \frac{R_a R_b R_c}{(R_a + R_b + R_c)} \end{aligned}$$

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# Proof of Wye to Delta Conversion

$$\Delta \rightarrow Y : R_1 = \frac{R_b R_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c} \quad R_2 = \frac{R_a R_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c} \quad R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$



From previous slide, we have

$$R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_1 R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b R_c}{(R_a + R_b + R_c)} \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Notice that } R_a R_1 = \frac{R_a R_b R_c}{(R_a + R_b + R_c)} \quad (8)$$

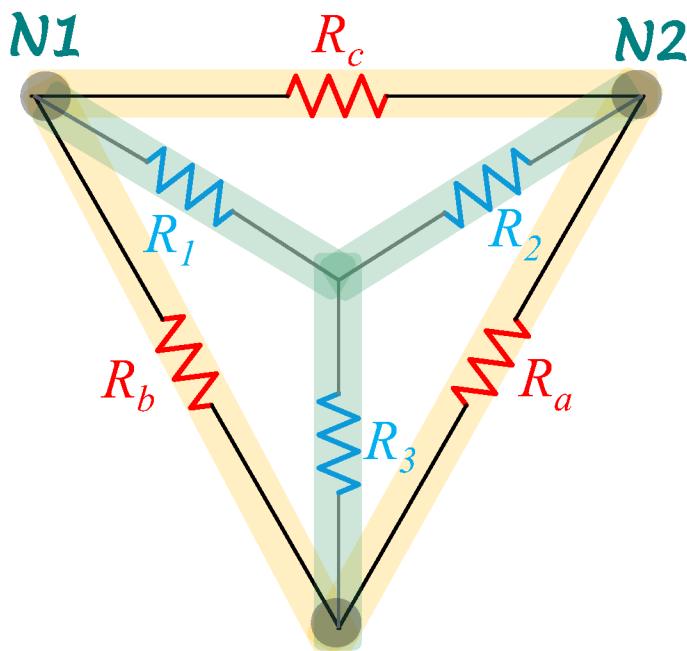
Hence, by combining equation (7) & (8), we have

$$R_a R_1 = R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_1 R_3 \quad (9)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_a = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_1 R_3}{R_1}$$

# Proof of Wye to Delta Conversion

$$\Delta \rightarrow Y : R_1 = \frac{R_b R_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c} \quad R_2 = \frac{R_a R_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c} \quad R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

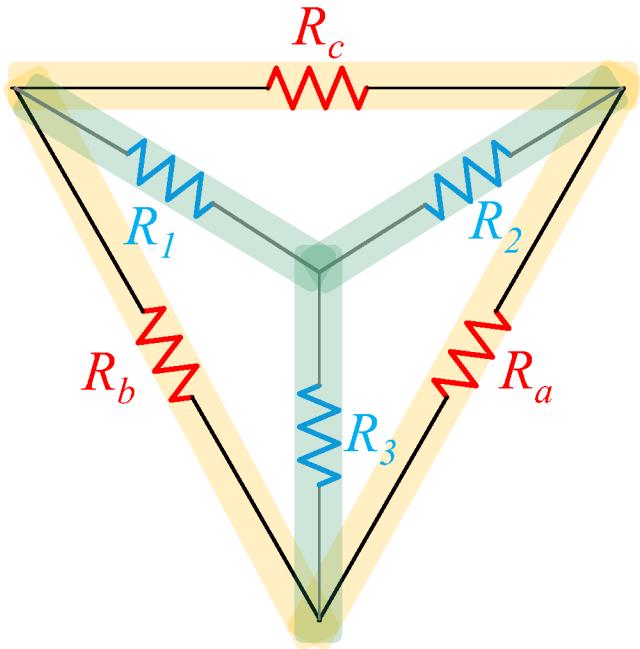


Likewise, we can obtain the expressions for  $R_b$  and  $R_c$  (Leave this as a take-home exercise).

$$R_b = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_1 R_3}{R_2}$$

$$R_c = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_1 R_3}{R_3}$$

# Summary: Delta-to-Wye or Wye-to-Delta Conversion



$\Delta \rightarrow Y$

$$R_1 = \frac{R_b R_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{R_a R_c}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$$R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b}{R_a + R_b + R_c}$$

$Y \rightarrow \Delta$

$$R_a = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_3 R_1}{R_1}$$

$$R_b = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_3 R_1}{R_2}$$

$$R_c = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_3 R_1}{R_3}$$

# Example (11): Equivalent Resistance

Determine the equivalent resistance  $R_{ab}$  for the circuit and use it to find the current  $I$ .

- (1) Convert the Y network comprising the  $5 \Omega$ ,  $10 \Omega$  and  $20 \Omega$  resistors to an equivalent  $\Delta$  network.

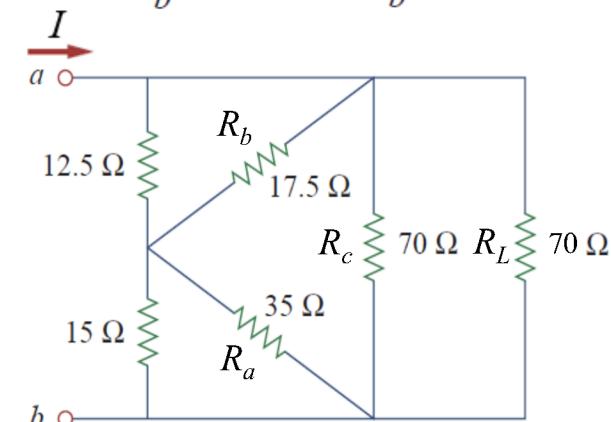
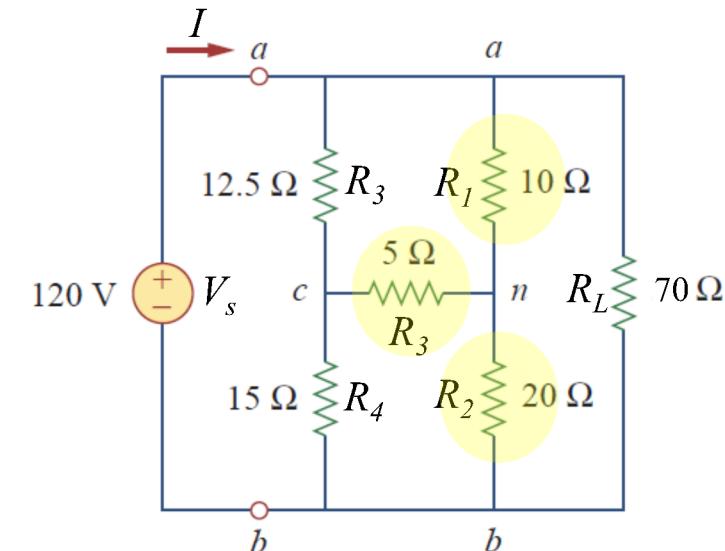
$$R_1 = 10 \Omega, R_2 = 20 \Omega, \text{ and } R_3 = 5 \Omega$$

By using the Y- $\Delta$  conversion equations, we have

$$R_a = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_3 R_1}{R_1} = \frac{350}{10} = 35 \Omega$$

$$R_b = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_3 R_1}{R_2} = \frac{350}{20} = 17.5 \Omega$$

$$R_c = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_3 R_1}{R_3} = \frac{350}{5} = 70 \Omega$$



# Example (11): Equivalent Resistance (cont'd)

(2) Since  $R_C \parallel R_L$ , their equivalent resistance is:

$$R_{e1} = R_c \parallel R_L = \frac{R_c R_L}{(R_c + R_L)} = \frac{70 \times 70}{70 + 70} = 35 \Omega$$

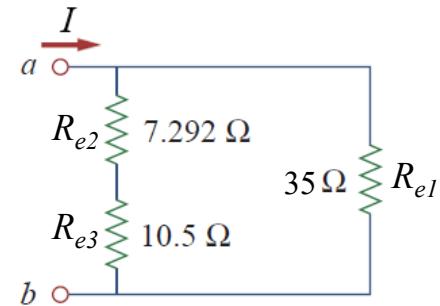
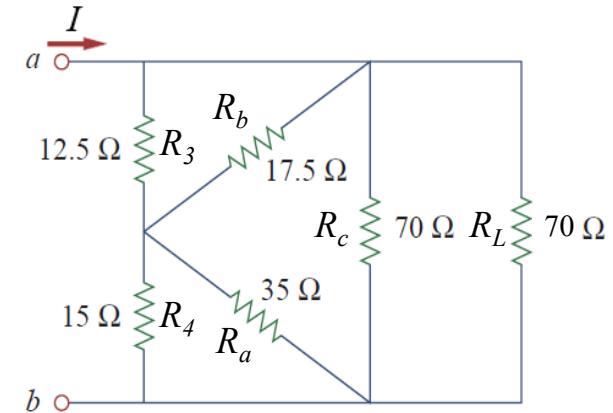
Similarly, since  $R_3 \parallel R_b$  and  $R_4 \parallel R_a$ , their equivalent resistances are:

$$R_{e2} = R_3 \parallel R_b = \frac{R_3 R_b}{(R_3 + R_b)} = \frac{12.5 \times 17.5}{12.5 + 17.5} = 7.292 \Omega$$

$$R_{e3} = R_4 \parallel R_a = \frac{R_4 R_a}{(R_4 + R_a)} = \frac{15 \times 35}{15 + 35} = 10.5 \Omega$$

$$\text{Hence, } R_{ab} = (R_{e2} + R_{e3}) \parallel R_{e1} = (7.292 + 10.5) \parallel 35 = \frac{17.792 \times 35}{17.792 + 35} = 11.796 \Omega$$

$$\text{Finally, } I = \frac{V_s}{R_{ab}} = \frac{120}{11.796} = 10.173 \text{ A}$$



# Summary

## I. Ohm's Law

- ✓  $V = IR$ , where  $V$  is the voltage,  $I$  is the current, and  $R$  is the resistance.
- ✓  $G = 1/R$ , where  $G$  is the conductance.
- ✓ Power dissipated by a resistor is:  $P = VI = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$

## II. Kirchhoff's Laws

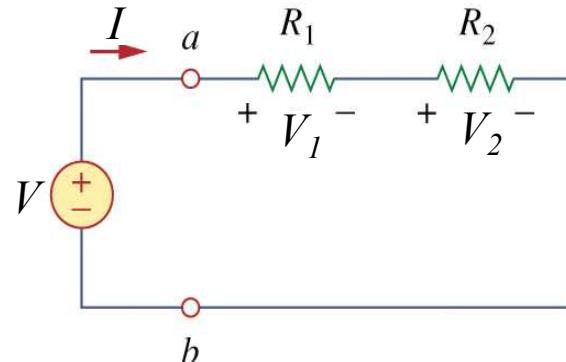
- ✓ KCL:  $\sum_{n=1}^N I_n = 0$     $\Sigma$  currents entering into a node =  $\Sigma$  currents leaving the same node
- ✓ KVL:  $\sum_{m=1}^M V_m = 0$     $\Sigma$  voltage drops around a loop =  $\Sigma$  voltage rises around the same loop

# Summary (cont'd)

## III. Voltage and Current Division Formulas

- ✓ Equivalent resistance for  $N$  resistors in series:  $R_{eq} = \sum_{n=1}^N R_n$
- ✓ Equivalent resistance for  $N$  resistors in parallel:  $\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{R_n}$
- ✓ Equivalent resistance for *two* resistors in parallel:  $R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$

- ✓ Voltage Division:

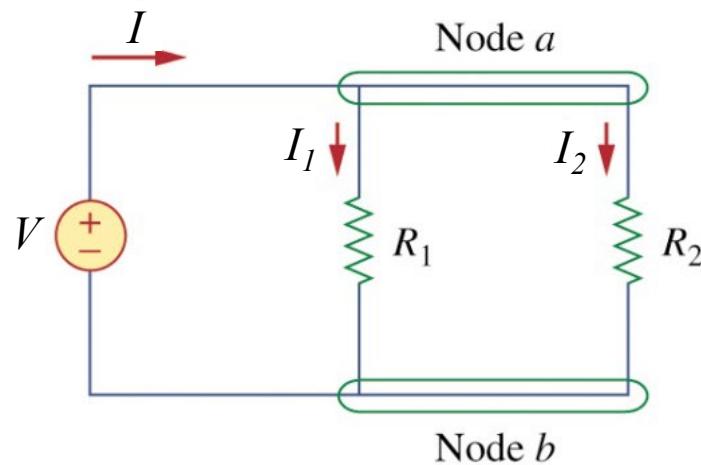


$$V_1 = \left( \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \right) V; V_2 = \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) V$$

# Summary (cont'd)

## III. Voltage and Current Division Formulas

- ✓ Current Division:



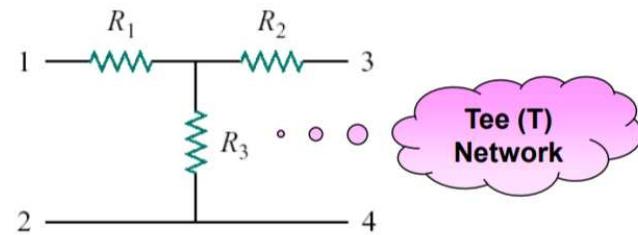
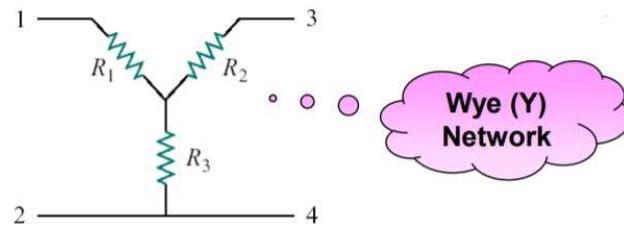
$$I_1 = \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) I$$

$$I_2 = \left( \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \right) I$$

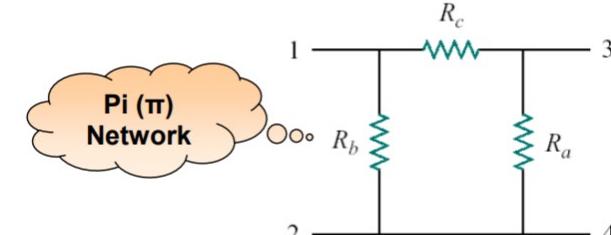
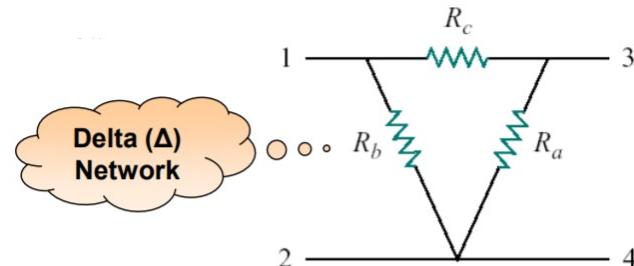
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## IV. Wye-Delta Transformations

Wye or Tee Network



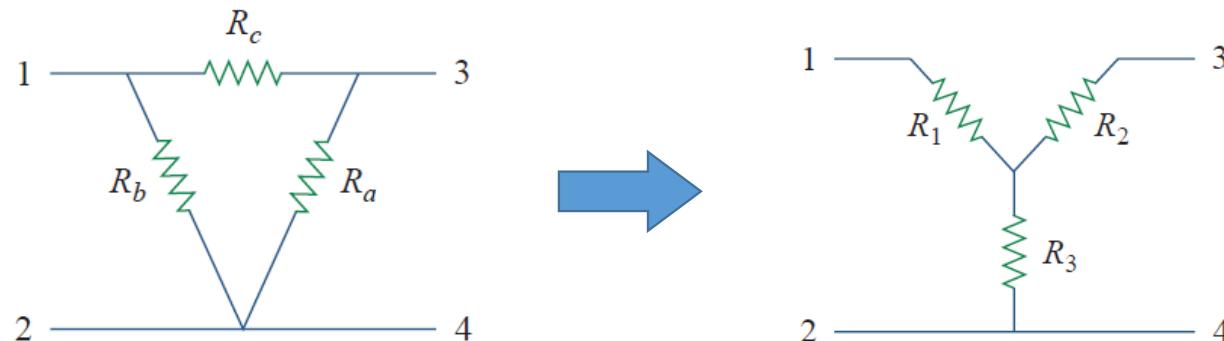
Delta or Pi Network



# Summary (cont'd)

## IV. Wye-Delta Transformations

- ✓ Delta to Wye ( $\Delta$ -Y) Conversion:



$$R_1 = \frac{R_b R_c}{(R_a + R_b + R_c)} \quad R_2 = \frac{R_a R_c}{(R_a + R_b + R_c)} \quad R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b}{(R_a + R_b + R_c)}$$

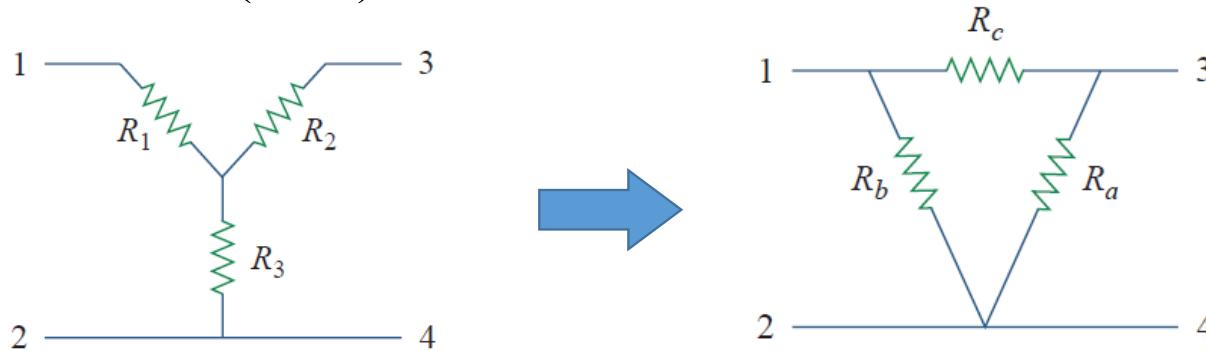
### Rule of Thumb:

Each resistor in the Y network is the *product* of the resistors in the two adjacent  $\Delta$  branches, divided by the sum of the three  $\Delta$  resistors.

# Summary (cont'd)

## IV. Wye-Delta Transformations

- ✓ Wye to Delta (Y-Δ) Conversion:



$$R_a = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_3 R_1}{R_1}$$

$$R_b = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_3 R_1}{R_2}$$

$$R_c = \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_2 R_3 + R_3 R_1}{R_3}$$

### Rule of Thumb:

Each resistor in the  $\Delta$  network is the *sum of all possible products of Y resistors (two at a time), divided by the opposite Y resistor.*