

ELEC2104 – Semester 2

Introduction and Review

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i. Course Website

- › <https://cusp.sydney.edu.au/students/view-unit-page/alpha/ELEC2104>

ii. Mixed-mode delivery

	Online (Zoom)	Recording	Face-to-face
Lectures	✓	✓	✗
Tutorials	✓	✗	✓
Labs	✓	✗	✓

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› Zoom link : <https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/j/9750012764>

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iv. Class Materials

› Recommended Textbook

- **Microelectronic Circuit Design** by R. Jaeger and T. Blalock

› Lecture

- Lecture notes available on Canvas
- Lecture pre-recordings will be available
- One 2-hour lecture session (online zoom) on Mondays 11 – 1pm
- Zoom link – available on Canvas (under “**ZOOM**” tab)

› Tutorials/Labs

- Online sessions will run concurrently with face-to-face sessions
- Attendance will be taken for face-to-face sessions for safety measures (ie. contact tracing should this information be required) – not for assessment



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v. Assessment details

	Component	Group/Individual	Weight	Due
1.	Labs		10%	At the end of lab sessions
	- Face-to-face	Group report		
	- Online	Individual report		
2.	Term project	Group	5%	Week 12
3.	Online quizzes	Individual	5%	Midnight Sundays
4.	Assignments	Individual	10%	Week 6, Week 11
5.	Final exam	Individual	70%	End of Semester

Term project – Starts in Week 9

- Duration : Week 9 to Week 12
- 4 weeks lab sessions dedicated for term project
- Group of 2-3 must consist of a mixture of remote and on-campus students
 - Equal opportunity for remote students to learn some hands-on experience
 - Communication is the key
 - Approach lab tutors if you have difficulties finding group members
- Will be assessed based on a group report and demo



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Summary for this Week:

- › Tutorials – starts this week
- › Online quizzes – starts this week, due Sunday midnight
- › Labs – no lab this week, starts in Week 3



COURSE SYLLABUS

Week	Date	Lecture	Lab	Tutorial
Week 1	24/8/2020	Introduction and Circuit Review	No Lab	Tut 1
Week 2	31/8/2020	Basic Semiconductor Physics	No Lab	Tut 2
Week 3	7/9/2020	PN Junctions	Lab 0 – RC Filters	Tut 3
Week 4	14/9/2020	Diode Models and Circuits	Lab 1 - Diodes	Tut 4
Week 5	21/9/2020	Physics of Bipolar Transistors	Lab 2 – Diodes and Rectifiers	Tut 5
Week 6	28/9/2020	BJT Circuits and Analysis	Lab 3 - BJT	Tut 6
COMMON WEEK				
Week 7	12/10/2020	MOSFET Circuits and Analysis	Lab 4 – Optical Link	Tut 7
Week 8	19/10/2020	Operational Amplifiers	Lab 5 - MOSFET	Tut 8
Week 9	26/10/2020	Digital CMOS Circuits	Project starts	Tut 9
Week 10	2/11/2020	Filter designs	Project cont.	Tut 10
Week 11	9/11/2020	Second order systems	Project cont.	Tut 11
Week 12	16/11/2020	Review	Project demo	Tut 12

COVID safety measures for face-to-face sessions

- All students who have cold or flu symptoms should isolate themselves from others.
- If you are unwell with any symptoms, please excuse yourself from this class and get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible. We will support you to continue the work remotely.
- Wash hands before class.
- Use hand sanitisers regularly.
- Use the wipes provided in class to clean bench/equipment that you use at the start and end of lab/tut session.
- It is not mandatory, but you are encouraged to wear masks in lab/tut session.
- BYO PPE for use on campus

Tips for students joining online

- Remember that you are still in a space with other students.
- Mute your microphone when not speaking.
- Use earphones or headphones - the mic is better and you'll disturb others less.
- If you have a webcam and feel comfortable doing so, please switch it on so we can see you!
- Try not to talk over someone else.
- Use the chat function to send messages to the teacher or classmates during class.



Introduction to Microelectronics

› Integrated Circuits (Ics) are in every corner of our lives



Television



Advanced Medical Care



Personal Computer



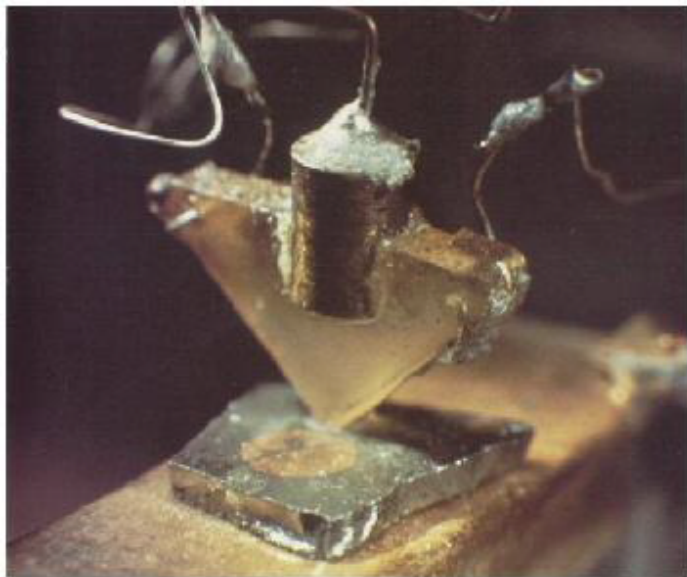
Mobile Phones / Smart Phones



Automobile

› Overview: Invention of the Transistor

- Vacuum tubes ruled in the first half of 20th century – large, expensive, power-hungry
- 1947: first point contact transistor
- John Bardeen and Walter Brattain at Bell Labs



**The heart and soul of
microelectronics –
A device with just
three terminals!**

› Overview: Types of transistors

- **Bipolar Transistors**

- npn or pnp silicon structure
- Small current into very thin base layer controls large currents between emitter and collector
- Base currents limit integration density

- **Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistors (MOSFET)**

- nMOS and pMOS MOSFETS
- -Voltage applied to insulated gate controls current between source and drain
- -Low power allows very high integration

1958: First-integrated circuit

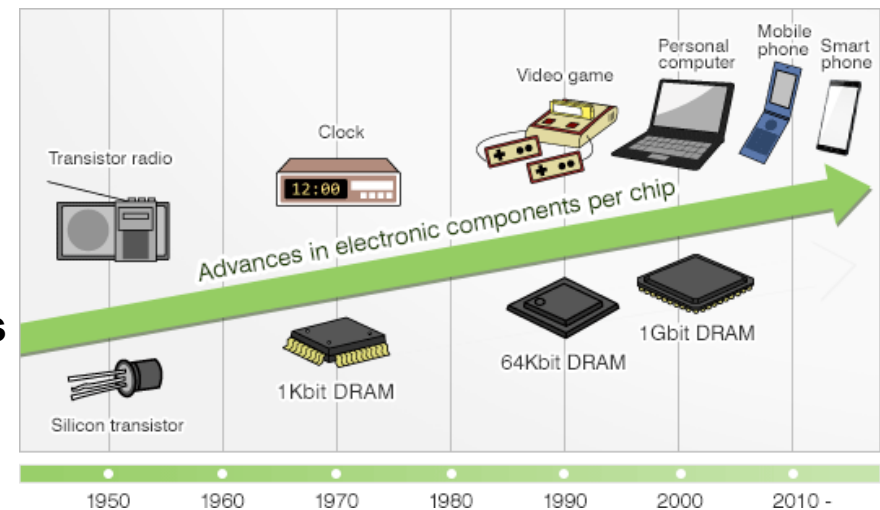
- Flip-flop using two transistors
- Built by Jack Kilby at Texas Instruments

2011: Integrated circuits have billions of transistors

- 10-Core Xeon Westmere-EX (2.6 billion transistors) 45 nm
- NVIDIA GF100 (3 billion transistors) 40 nm
- Altera Stratix V FPGA (3.8 billion transistors) 28 m

53% compound annual growth over 45 years

- No other technology has grown so fast for so long
- Driven by miniaturization of transistors
- Smaller is cheaper, faster, lower in power



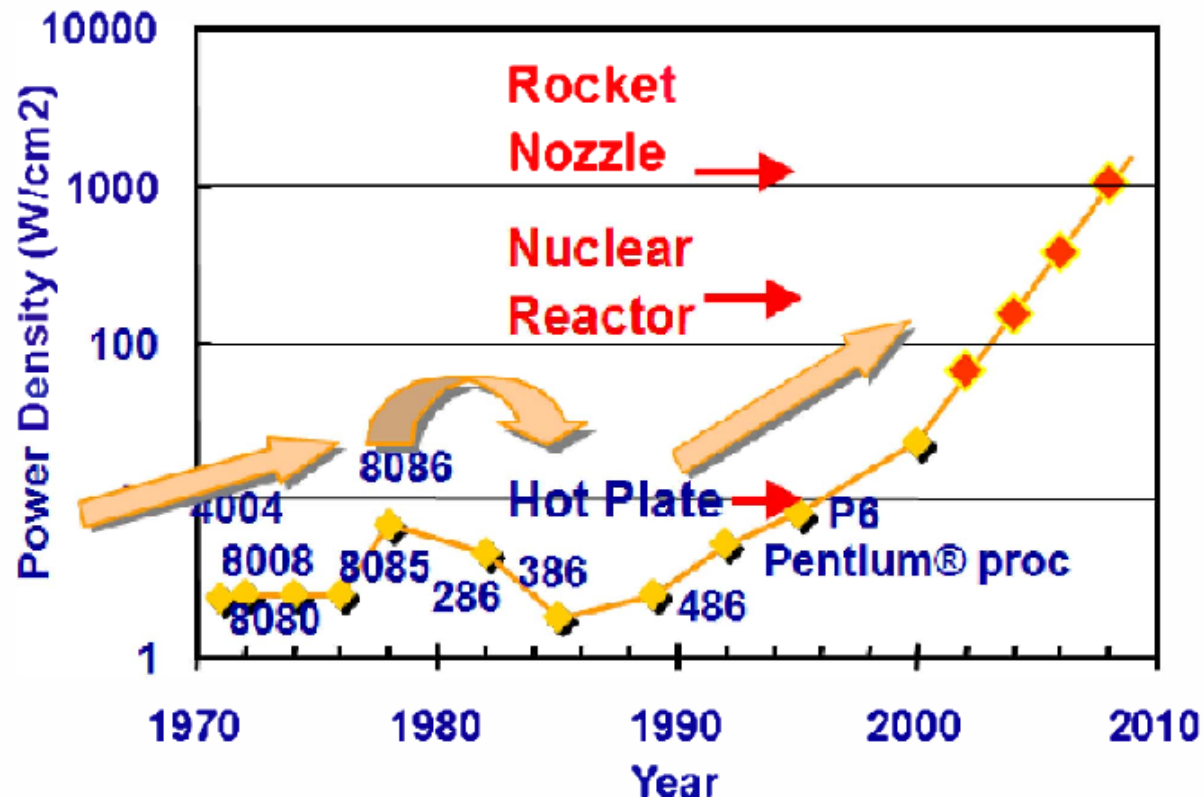
› History

- In 1965, Gordon Moore, noted that the number of transistors on a chip doubled every 18 to 24 months
- He made the now famous prediction that semiconductor technology will double its effectiveness every 18 months.
- In 2005, "It can't continue forever. The nature of exponentials is that you push them out and eventually disaster happens."



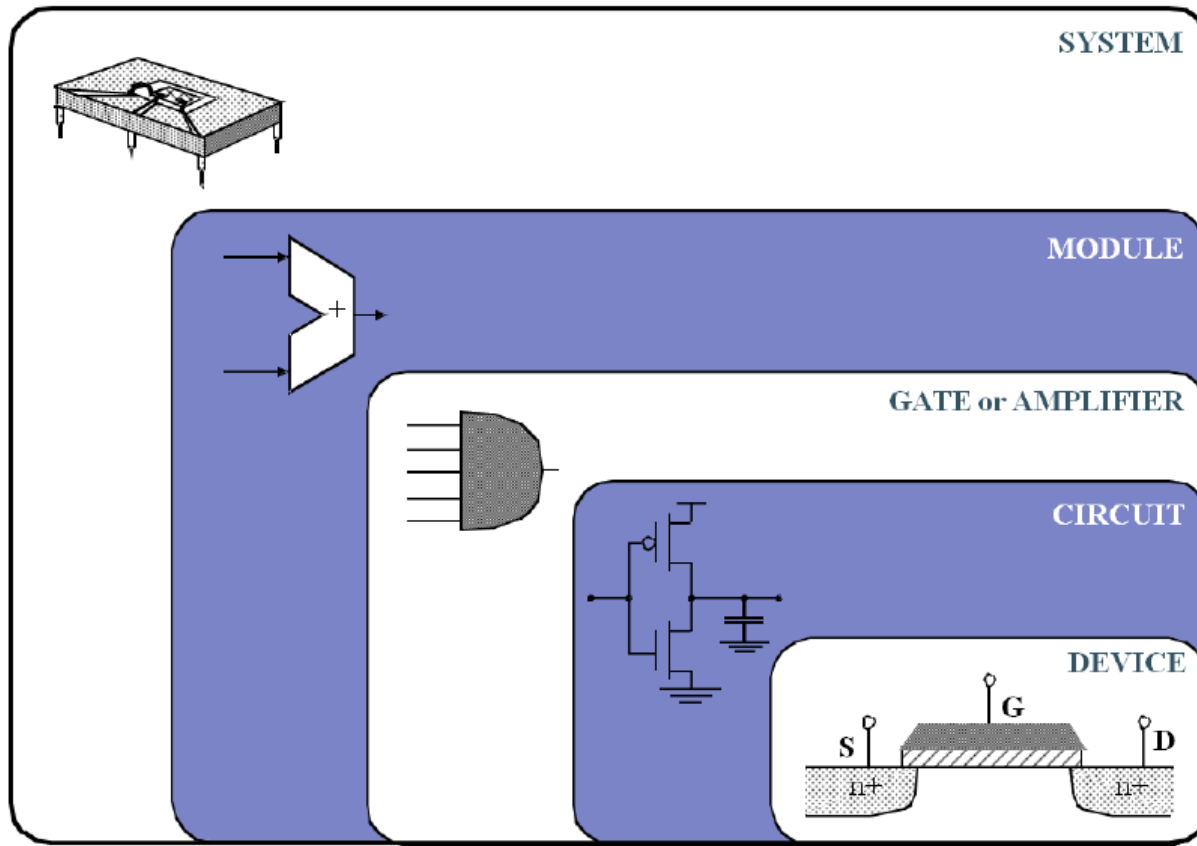
Trend of power dissipation with scaling

› Power Issues





Design abstraction levels





Integration of microelectronics

Increasing scales of integration

Vacuum
Tubes



(a)

Discrete
Transistors



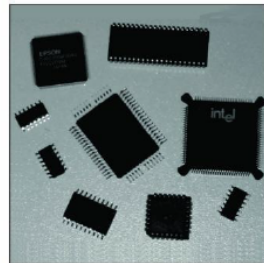
(b)

SSI and MSI
Integrated
Circuits

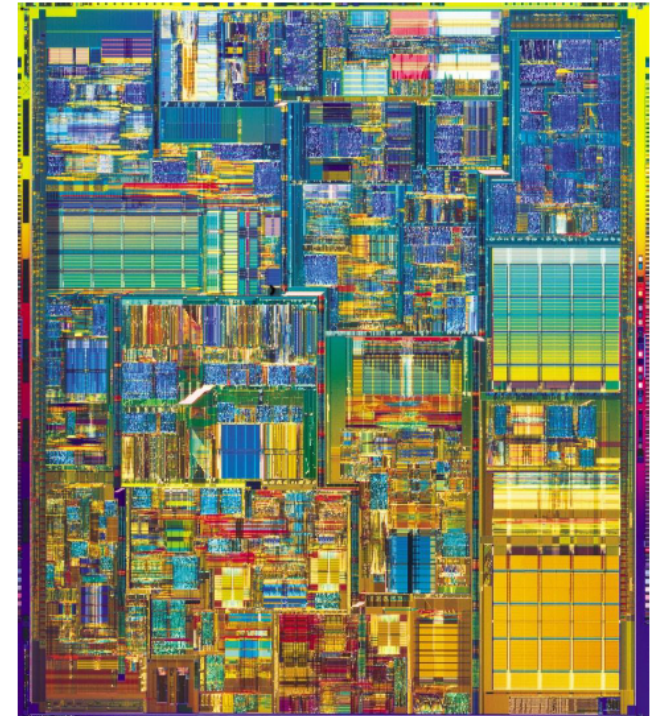


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VLSI
Surface-Mount
Circuits

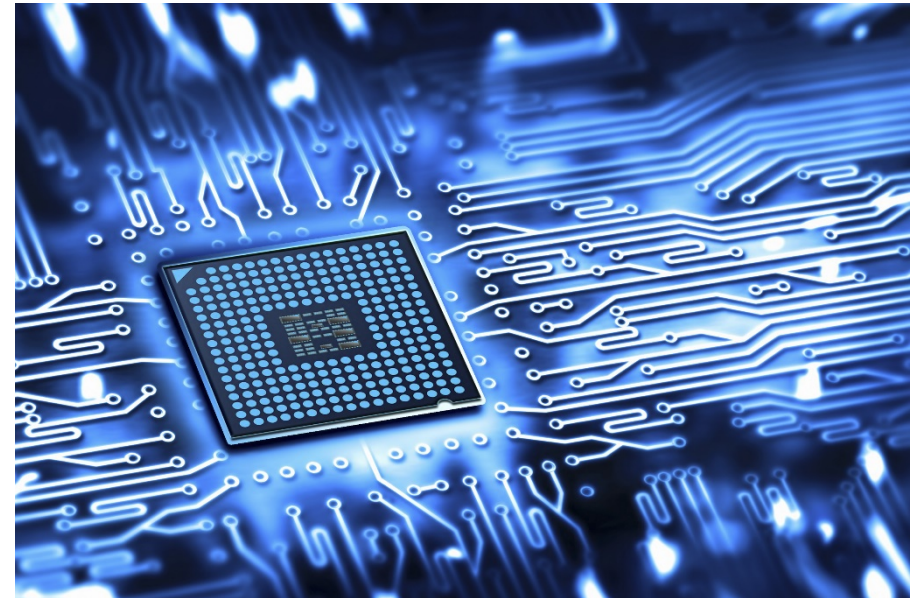
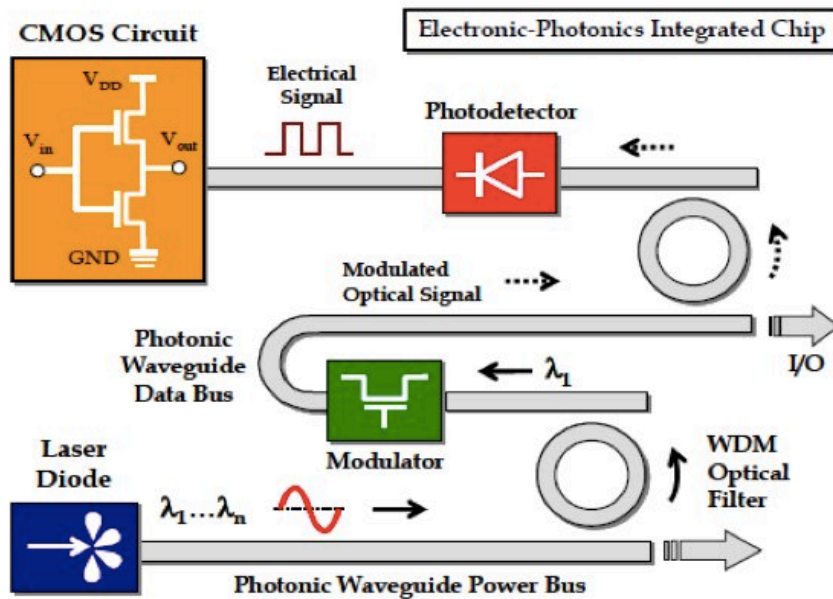


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Pentium 4
180-90 nm process
42-125M transistors

- › Photonic integrated circuits – integrated circuits with optical functions
 - Optical signal processing of electrical signals



Research & Prototype Foundry (RPF)

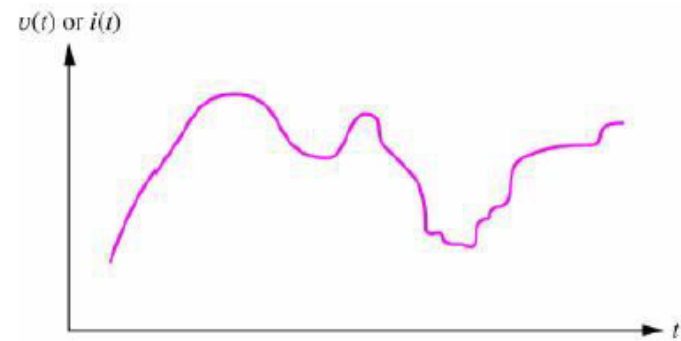
- Our very own fabrication facility on campus (Building A31)
- Development of optical chips, electronic devices and new quantum technology



Domains of Electrical Signal Processing

Processing of Electrical Signals and Information

- › Electrical engineers design and build systems to process information
 - Personal computers, control systems, signal processing, etc
- › In electronic circuits, information is represented in terms of voltages or currents
 - Digital circuits: voltage or current is either ON or OFF
 - Information is represented as 1s and 0s
 - Analog circuits: voltage or current is present at continuous levels



Domains of Electrical Signal Processing

Domains: Signal Amplitude and Time

- › Continuous Amplitude (CA) versus Discrete Amplitude (DA)
- › Continuous Time (CT) versus Discrete Time (DT)
- › Put the two together to obtain a Framework:
 - **DTDA**: Digital signal processors and computers
 - Digitization of amplitude makes circuit insensitive to analogue imperfections such as tolerance, matching, and noise. Requires sampling in the time domain leading to aliasing.
 - **CTCA**: Amplifiers, RF front-end of mobile phone
 - Does not require time sampling and does not suffer from aliasing, but is sensitive to tolerance, matching, and noise.
 - **DTCA**: Digital camera and switched-capacitor filters
 - Can suffer from both aliasing and sensitivity to tolerance, matching and noise
 - **CTDA**: Spike-based signal processing (human brain)
 - Eliminates aliasing and maintains advantages of amplitude quantization
 - Research area for electronic devices

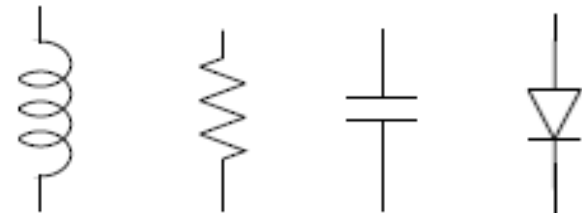
Domains: Current and Voltage Signals

- › The information represented in voltage or current interacts with wires and circuit elements in an electrical circuit.
 - This is how information is processed.
- › Think of voltage and current as variables
- › Think of electrical circuits as mathematical equations
- › Just like mathematical equations are used to manipulate the value of variables, electrical circuits are used to manipulate, or "process", voltage and current.
- › Any electrical circuit can be described using mathematical equations.
 - To design a circuit, choose the equations you need to modify the current and voltage variables to suit your purpose!

Circuit Elements

Passive Elements

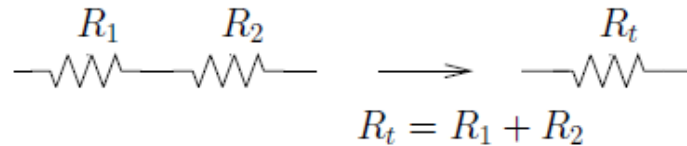
- › You should already understand how passive elements operate in a circuit
- › Passive elements are unable to amplify or generate energy
 - Resistors
 - Resistance (R) is measured in Ohms (Ω)
 - Conductance (G), reciprocal of R , is measured in siemens (S)
 - Capacitors
 - Capacitance (C) is measured in Farads (F)
 - Inductors
 - Inductance (L) is measured in Henries (H)
 - Diodes



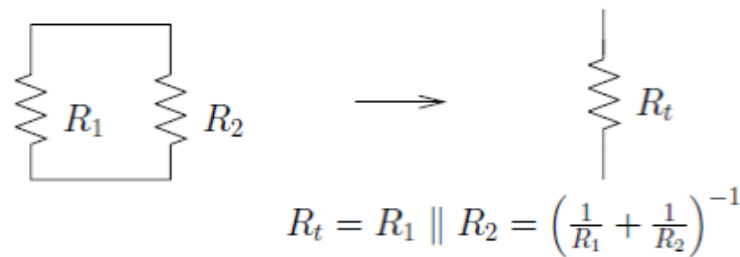
What does a resistor do to an electrical signal?

Ohm's Law

- › $V = IR$
- › Resistors in series



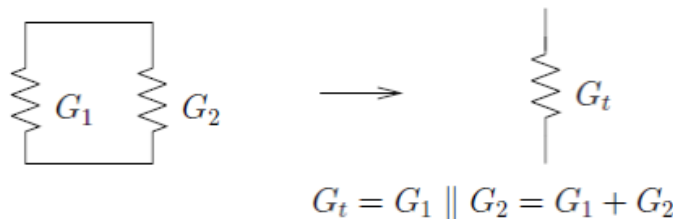
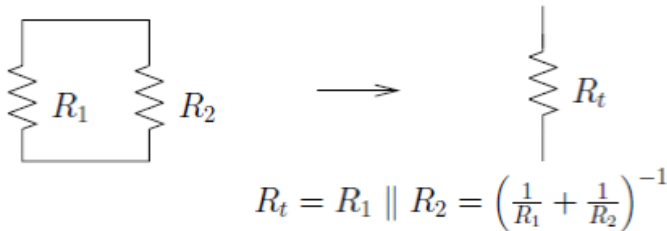
- › Resistors in par



Conductance

- › Inverse of resistance
 - $G = 1/R$
- › Conductance may be used in place of resistance to simplify equations involving multiple parallel elements
- › Resistors in parallel

› Conductance

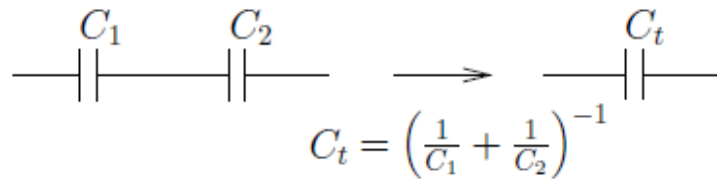


What does a capacitor do to an electrical signal?

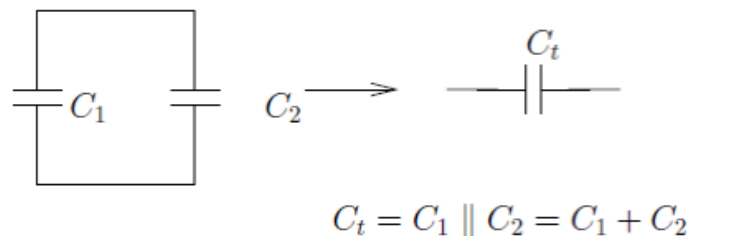
Current and voltage are a function of time

› $i(t) = C \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$

› Capacitors in series



› Capacitors



What does an inductor do to an electrical signal?

Current and voltage are a function of time

- › $v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$
- › Inductors in series
 - Add like resistors in series: $L_t = L_1 + L_2$
- › Inductors in parallel
 - Add like resistors in parallel: $L_t = (L_1 + L_2)^{-1}$

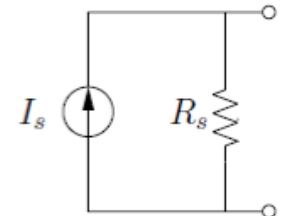
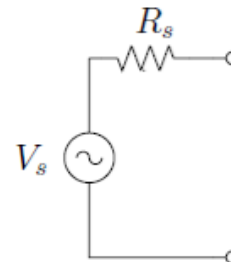
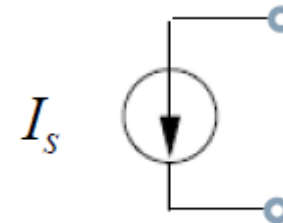
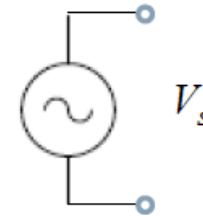
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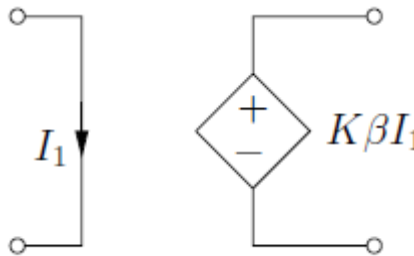
Sources

- › An ideal voltage source maintains a **constant voltage** across its terminals no matter how much current is drawn from it
- › An ideal current source maintains a **constant current** output regardless of the voltage across its terminals
- › Real voltage and current sources have some **output impedance**. This limits the amount of power they can provide.

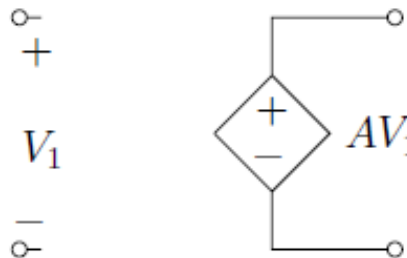


Dependent Sources – four types

- › Dependent voltage sources are voltage sources whose output voltage depends on the value of other parameters in the circuit
 - Current-controlled voltage source. K is a transresistance and β is a current gain.

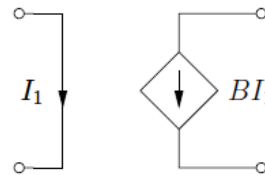


- Voltage-controlled voltage source

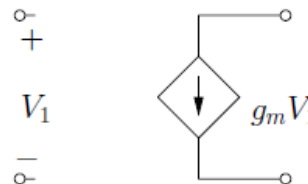


Dependent Sources – four types

- › Dependent current sources are current sources whose output current depends on the value of other parameters in the circuit
 - Current-controlled current source. B is current gain.



- Voltage-controlled current source. g_m is transconductance



- › These four types are linear dependent sources
- Current and voltage are associated with source
- Important when we study transistor models

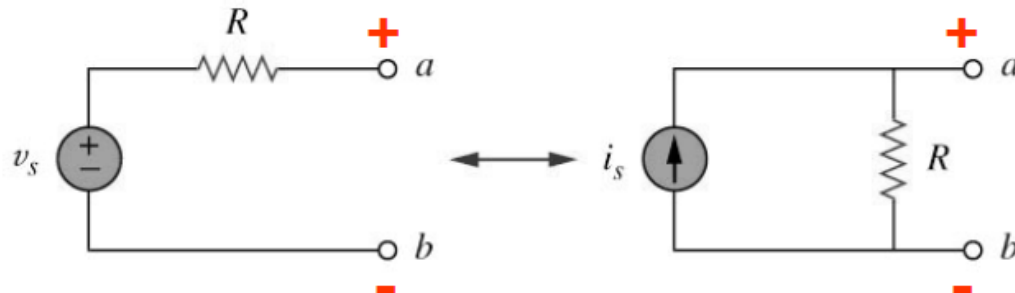
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Source Transformations

- Using the principles of linearity, we can apply source transformations.
- Source transformations are frequently used when considering the current, voltage or power of a single element in a circuit.
- A source transformation is the process of replacing a **voltage source in series with a resistor** by a **current source in parallel with a resistor** (or vice versa).

In order for the two circuits to be equivalent with respect to terminals 'a' and 'b', we must have:

$$v_s = i_s R$$

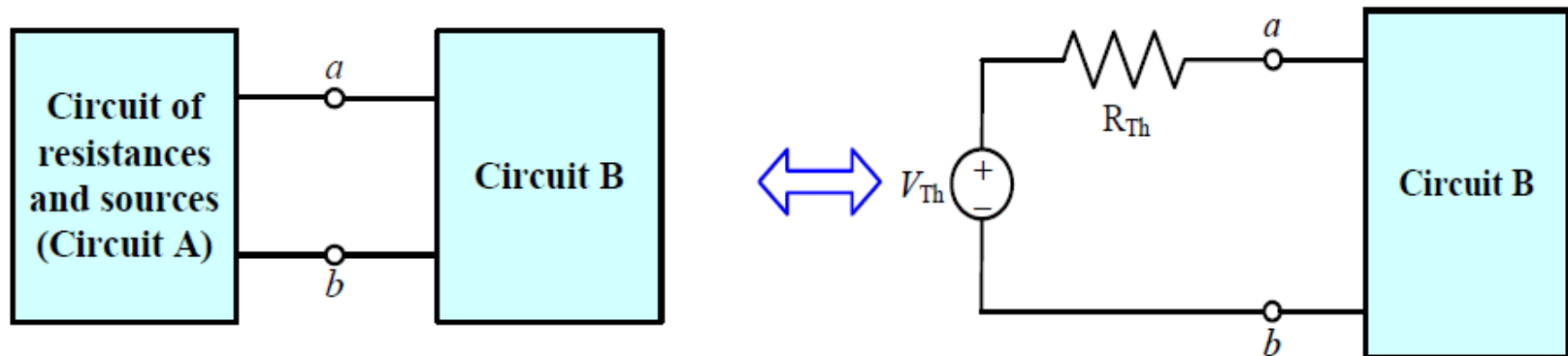


The arrow of the current source is directed toward the positive terminal of the voltage source.

Thevenin and Norton Equivalent Circuits

Thévenin Equivalent Circuit

Any two-terminal circuit containing resistances and sources can be replaced by an equivalent circuit consisting of just an independent voltage source in series with a resistance (without affecting the behaviour of the rest of the circuit).



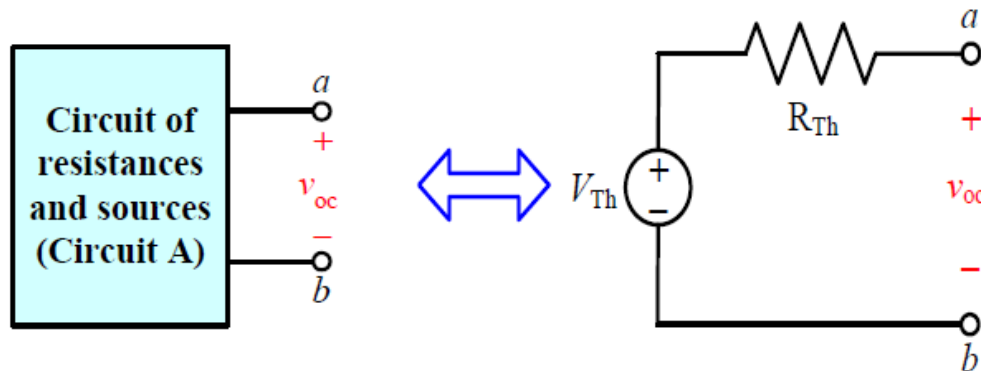
Assumptions:

- This is the only connection between circuits A and B
- If there is a dependent source, then both the dependent source and its controlling variable must be either in circuit A or both parts must be in circuit B (i.e. each dependent source is either totally contained in circuit A or in circuit B)

Thevenin and Norton Equivalent

How do we compute the Thévenin equivalent circuit parameters?

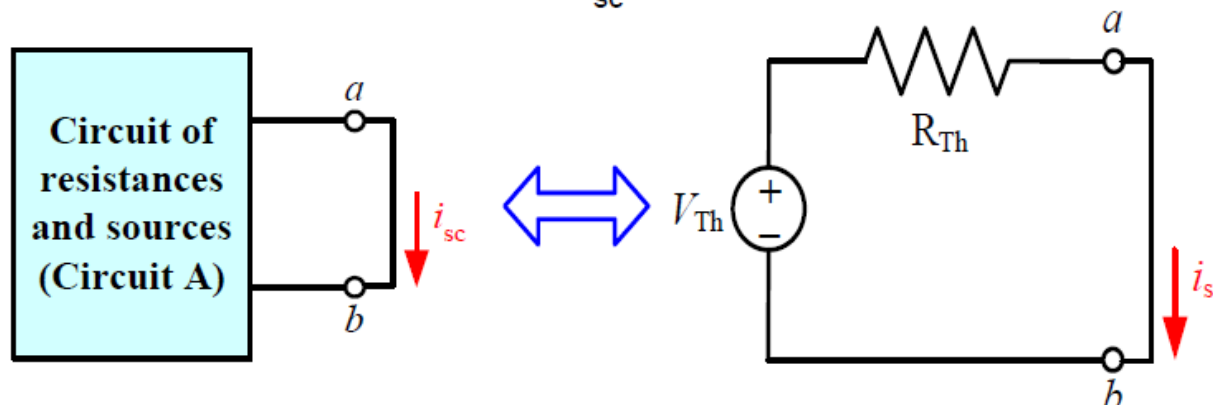
Consider open circuit voltage v_{oc} of circuit A



So we must have

$$V_{Th} = v_{oc}$$

Consider short circuit current i_{sc} of circuit A



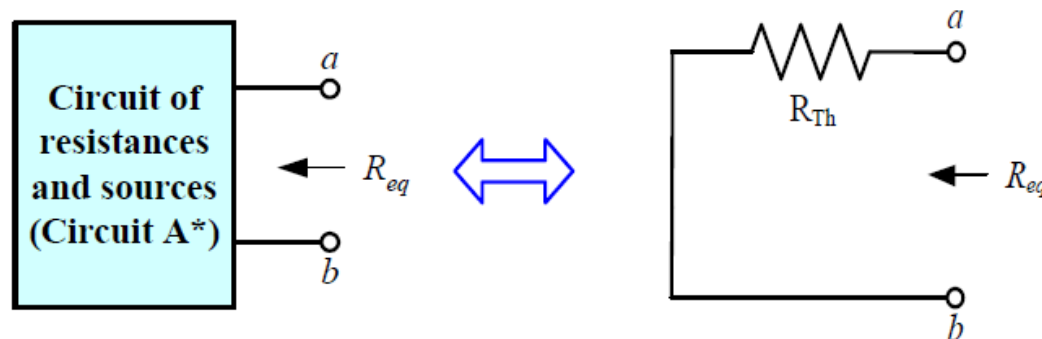
So we must have

$$V_{Th} = R_{Th} i_{sc}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{Th} = \frac{V_{Th}}{i_{sc}} \Rightarrow R_{Th} = \frac{v_{oc}}{i_{sc}}$$

Thevenin and Norton Equivalent

If circuit A does not contain dependent source, then R_{Th} can also be obtained by first zeroing the independent sources (resulting in circuit A*) and then computing its equivalent resistance as seen at the terminals.



So we must have

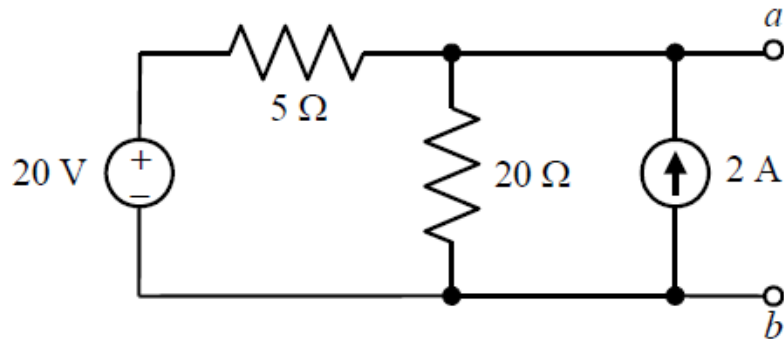
$$R_{Th} = R_{eq}$$

Zeroing a voltage source corresponds to replacing it with a short circuit
 Zeroing a current source corresponds to replacing it with an open circuit
 Note that dependent current and voltage source are not zeroed in obtaining circuit A*. This is not an issue here as the above method does not apply to circuits with dependent sources, but later we will see a modification of this that does.



Example

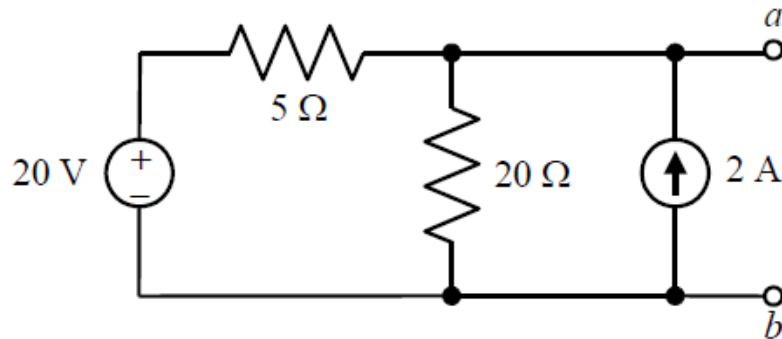
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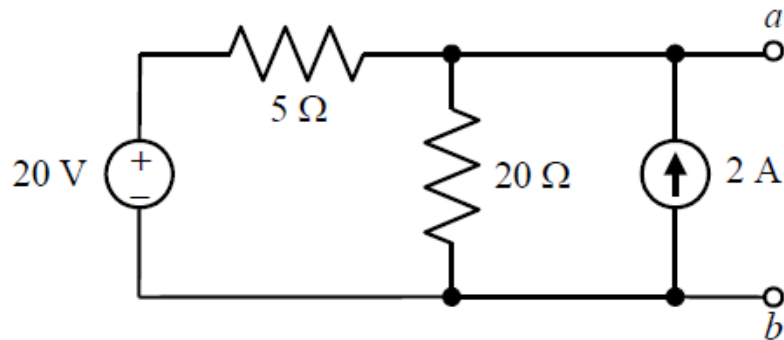
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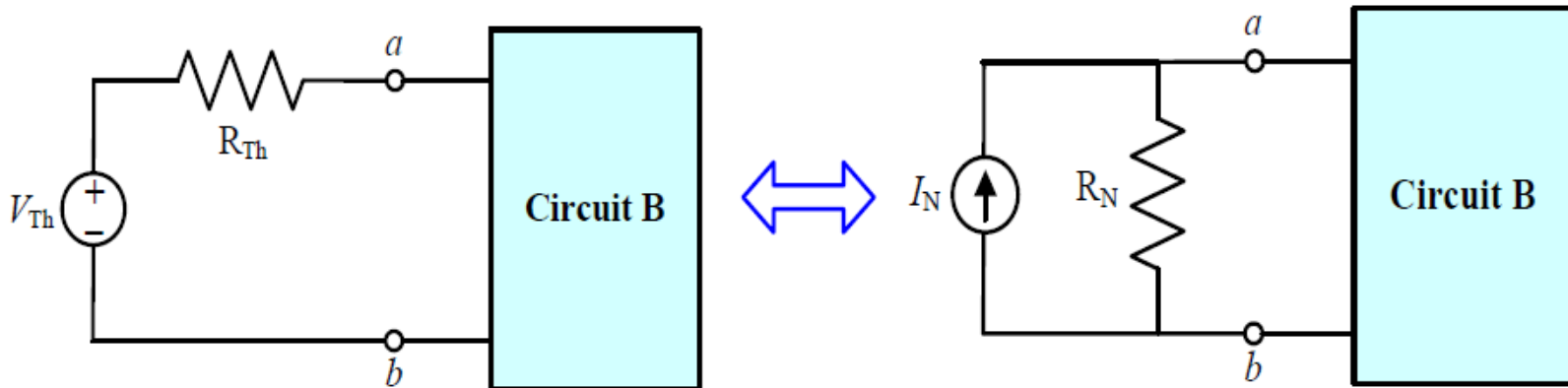
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Thevenin and Norton Equivalent Circuits

Norton Equivalent Circuit

Related to Thévenin equivalent circuit by a **source transformation**



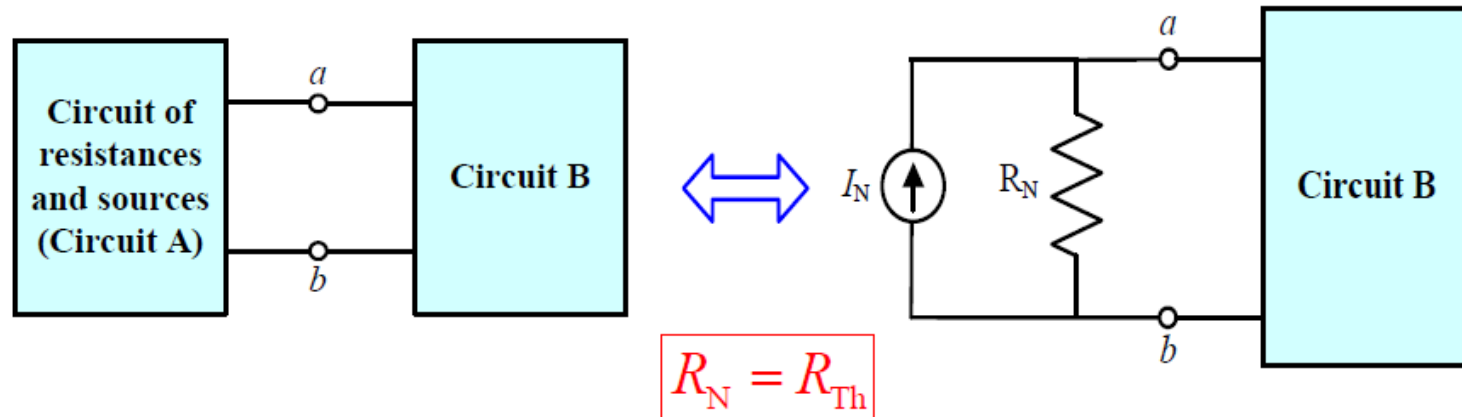
$$R_N = R_{Th}$$

$$I_N = V_{Th} / R_{Th} = i_{sc} \Leftrightarrow V_{Th} = R_{Th} I_N$$



Thevenin and Norton Equivalent Circuits

Norton Equivalent Circuit

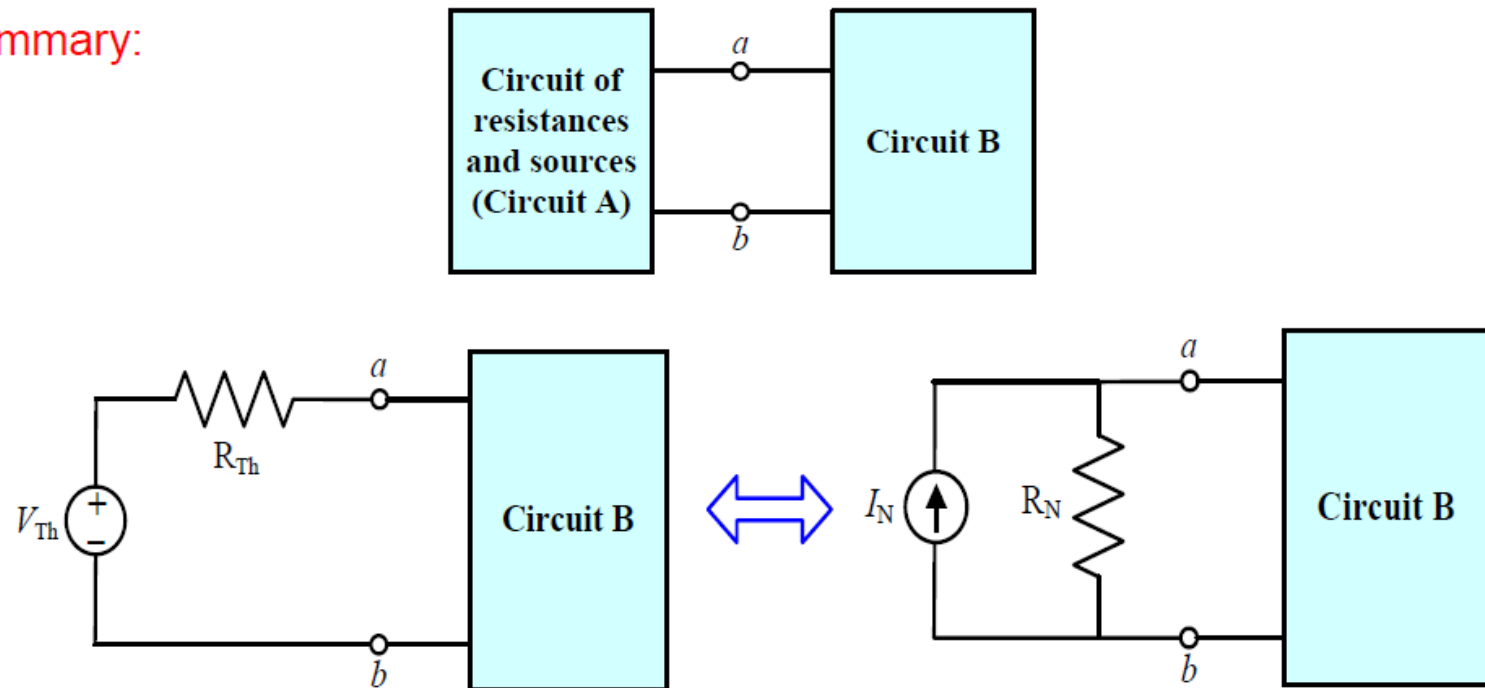


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Thevenin and Norton Equivalent Circuits

Summary:



$$V_{Th} = V_{oc} \quad R_{Th} = R_N \quad I_N = I_{sc}$$

Notation

- › Conductance is the reciprocal of resistance ($G=1/R$).
 - Ohm's Law: $V = IR$
 - $R = V/I$
 - $G = I/V$
 - Thus, conductance is the ratio of current to voltage
- › Transconductance is the ratio of change in current to change in voltage
- › Much of the circuit analysis is based on changes in current and voltage rather than static values. $g_m = \frac{\Delta I_{out}}{\Delta V_{in}}$
- › This is called small-signal analysis
- › Small-signals are represented using lower-case letters:

$$g_m = \frac{i_{out}}{v_{in}}$$

Non-linear circuits

- › So far, you have probably only worked with linear circuit elements
- › This means the values of the components do not change with the level of voltage or current
- › In reality, few devices are linear
- › For example, the resistor that forms an incandescent light bulb filament increases in resistance as the current through it increases



A light bulb filament is a non-linear resistor. Increasing the voltage applied to a light bulb past a certain point will not make the light any brighter. This also prevents the light bulb from burning out too quickly.

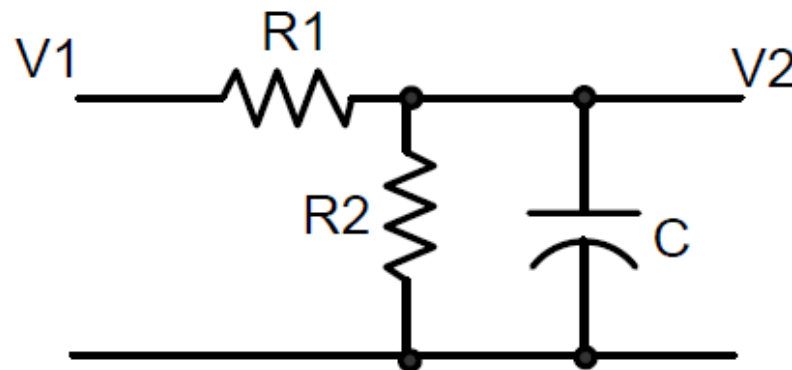
Non-linear circuits

- › Linear circuit networks are easy to model using mathematical equations
- › However: transistors, diodes, non-ideal resistors, capacitors, current and voltage sources, etc – are all non-linear
- › Non-linear circuits are more difficult to analyse precisely
- › Multisim and other circuit simulators can provide accurate results
- › Numerical methods can be used to approximate circuit behaviour
- › Alternately, we can apply *small-signals* to the circuit elements
- › If our current and voltage signals only change within a small range of values, even non-linear circuit elements such as transistors can behave linearly.
- › In this course, we will study both linear and non-linear circuit behaviour.
- › We will learn when mathematical approximations are appropriate



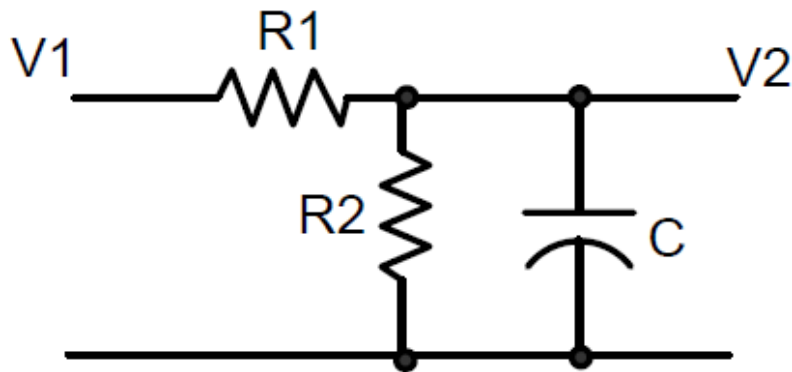
Review: Little Test

For now a little test: what is ratio of V_2/V_1 ?



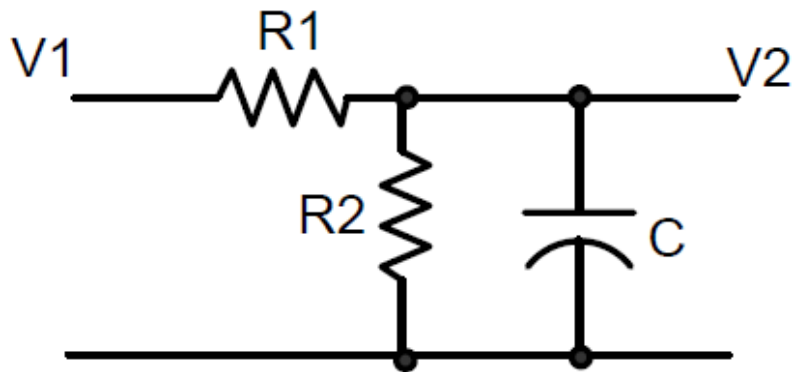


Review: Little Test





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