

Fundamentals of Electronic Circuits and Systems I

# Circuit Analysis Techniques

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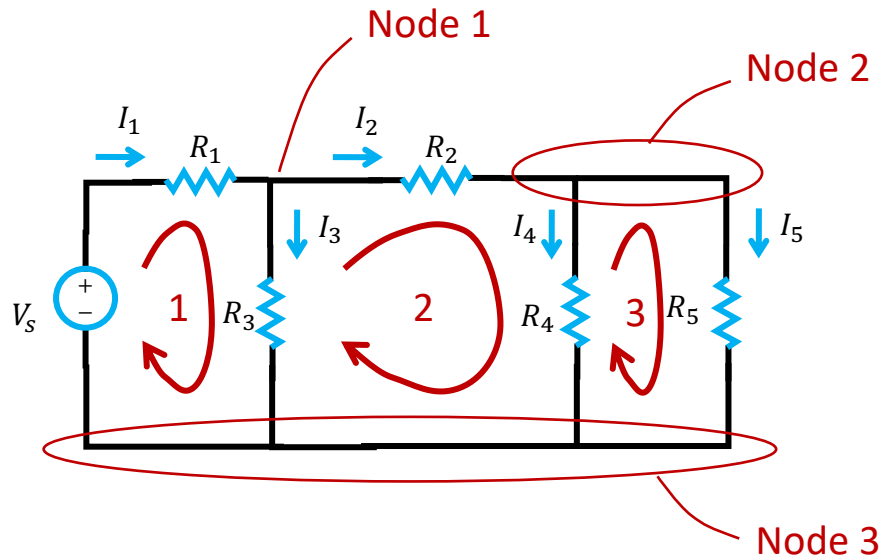


# Outlines

- Node-voltage method
- Mesh-current method
- Linearity & Superposition
- Thévenin and Norton Equivalent Circuits

# Review: an example from last lecture

**QUESTION:** Find the output current of the voltage source

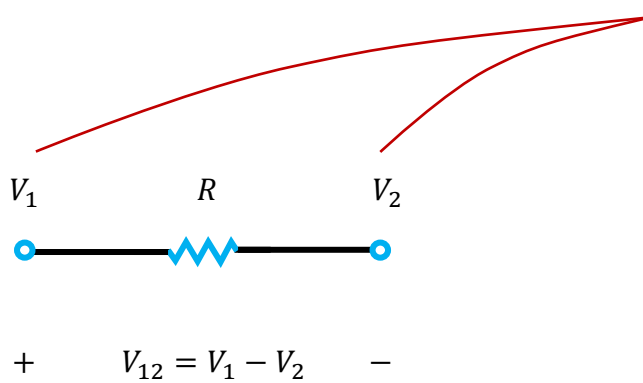


▪ According to KVL/KCL/Ohm's law

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\
 R_s & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & R_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & R_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & R_L & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 I_1 \\
 I_2 \\
 I_3 \\
 I_4 \\
 I_L \\
 V_{R_s} \\
 V_{R_2} \\
 V_{R_3} \\
 V_{R_4} \\
 V_{R_L}
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
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 1 \\
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 \end{bmatrix}
 V_s$$

**A lot of equations! A lot of work!**

# Basis of node voltage



## Node voltages

Voltage at the node

Current in terms  
of node voltages

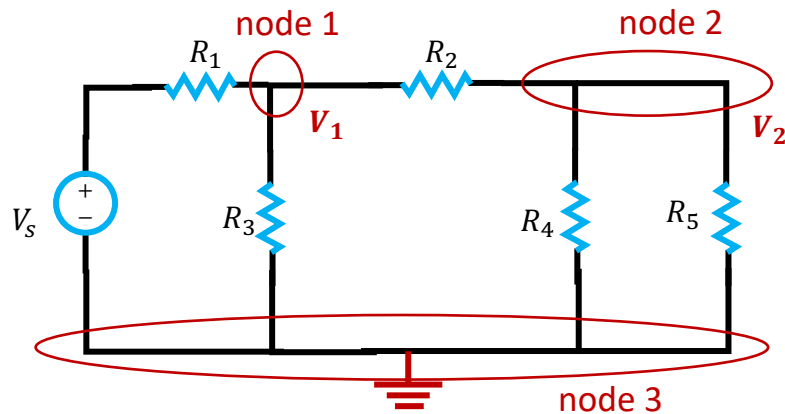
$$I = \frac{V_1 - V_2}{R}$$

## Elemental voltage

The voltage across the element

# Node-Voltage Method

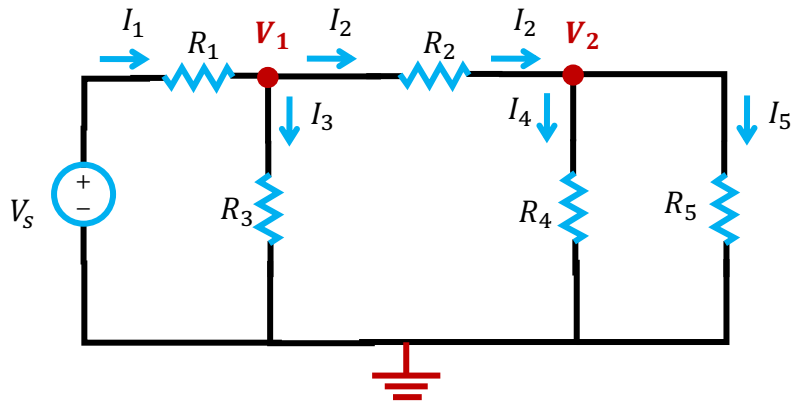
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- Step 2a: perform **KCL** at each node except the ground node

@node 1

$$I_1 - I_2 - I_3 = 0$$

@node 2

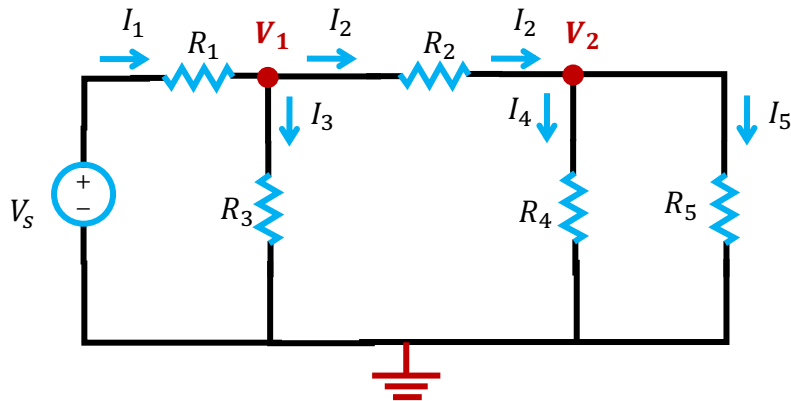
$$I_2 - I_4 - I_5 = 0$$

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\* Note: Assign a positive sign to current entering a node

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- Step 2b: apply ohm's law for each current in terms of node voltages

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$$I_1 - I_2 - I_3 = 0$$

$$\blacktriangleright \frac{V_s - V_1}{R_1} - \frac{V_1 - V_2}{R_2} - \frac{V_1}{R_3} = 0$$

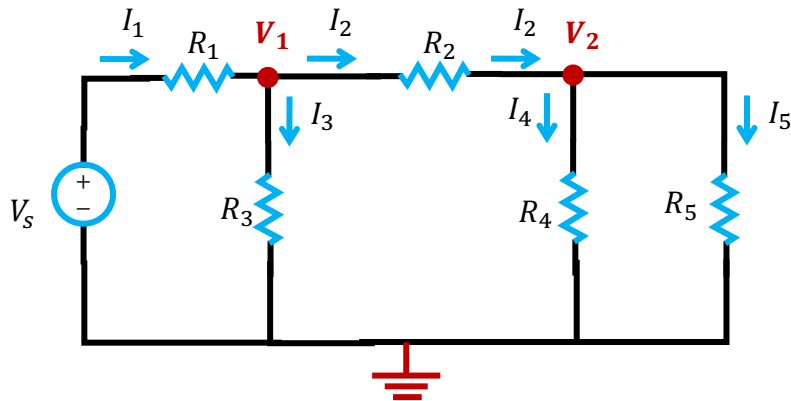
@node 2

$$I_2 - I_4 - I_5 = 0$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \right) V_1 - \frac{1}{R_2} V_2 = \frac{1}{R_1} V_s \\ \frac{1}{R_2} V_1 - \left( \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_4} + \frac{1}{R_5} \right) V_2 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

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**2 equations in 2 unknowns**

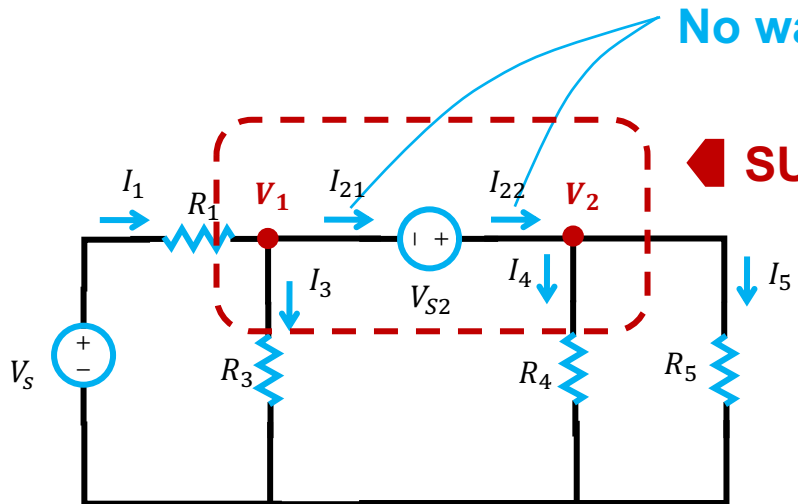
\* Note:

the # of equations to solve =  
# of extraordinary nodes - 1

Since we don't write an equation  
for GND node. It's redundant



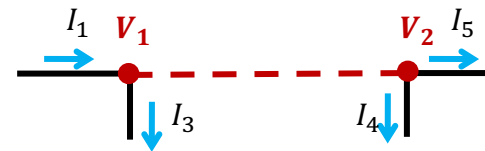
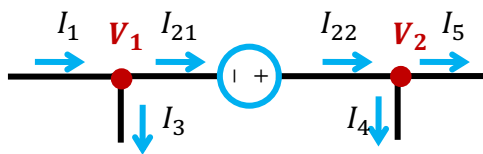
# Supernode



No way to determine this current!!

◀ **SUPERNODE**

a **SUPERNODE** is formed when a voltage source connects two extraordinary nodes



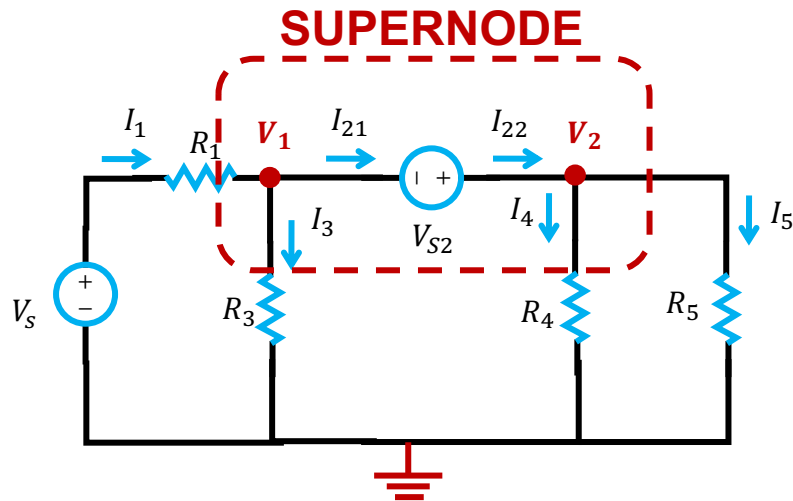
- According to KCL

$$I_1 - I_3 = I_{21} \quad I_{22} = I_4 + I_5$$

$$I_1 - I_3 - I_4 - I_5 = 0$$

The "internal" current ( $I_{21}, I_{22}$ ) cancels

# Supernode w/ node-voltage method



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**1 equation in 2 unknowns**

- Step 2c: generate an auxiliary equation at the supernode

$$V_2 - V_1 = V_{s2}$$

**2 equations in 2 unknowns**

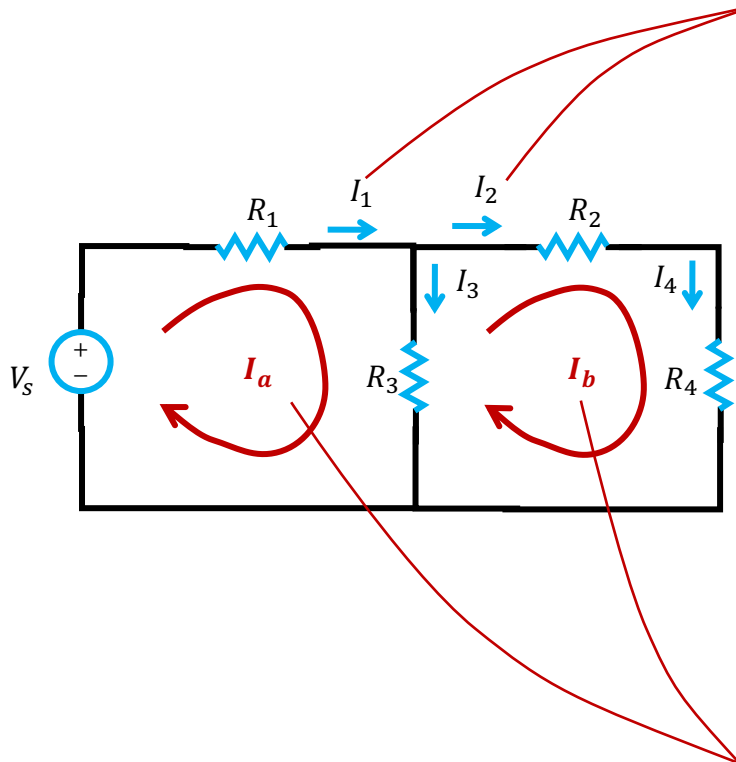
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# Basis of mesh-current



## Actual currents

- Case 1: mesh-current equals actual current

$$I_1 = I_a$$

\* Note:

$I_a$  is positive as it agrees with  $I_1$ 's direction

- Case 2: an element is shared by 2 meshes

$$I_3 = I_a - I_b$$

\* Note:

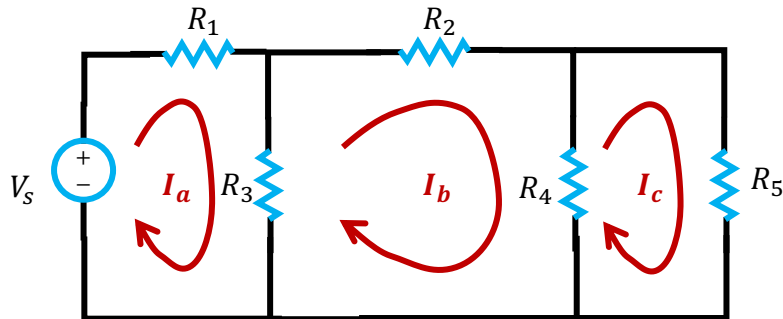
$I_a$  is positive as it agrees with  $I_3$ 's direction

$I_b$  is negative as it flows in opposite to  $I_3$ 's direction

## Mesh-currents

# Mesh-current method

**QUESTION:** Find the output current of the voltage source



- Step 1a: identify all mesh
- Step 1b: assign each mesh an unknown current, usually in clockwise direction

- Step 2a: apply KVL to each mesh

In mesh a

$$-V_s + I_a R_1 + (I_a - I_b) R_3 = 0$$

In mesh b

$$(I_b - I_a) R_3 + I_b R_2 + (I_b - I_c) R_4 = 0$$

In mesh c

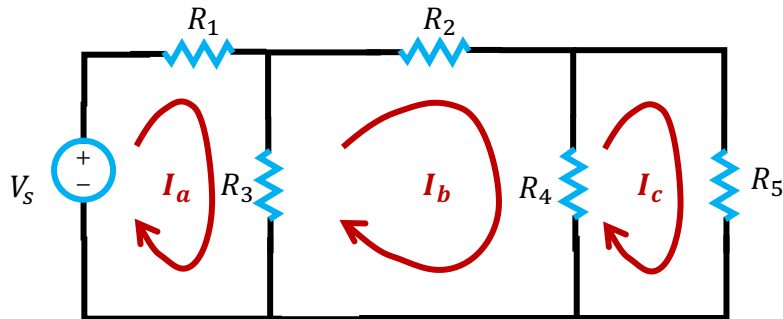
$$(I_c - I_b) R_4 + I_c R_5 = 0$$

\* Note:

- Put all voltages in terms of mesh-current
- Each term is just Ohm's law
- Sign of the current

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- Step 2b: group terms by mesh-current

In mesh a

$$-V_s + I_a R_1 + (I_a - I_b) R_3 = 0$$

$$\blacktriangleright I_a (R_1 + R_3) - I_b R_3 = V_s$$

In mesh b

$$(I_b - I_a) R_3 + I_b R_2 + (I_b - I_c) R_4 = 0$$

$$\blacktriangleright -I_a R_3 + I_b (R_3 + R_2 + R_4) - I_c R_4 = 0$$

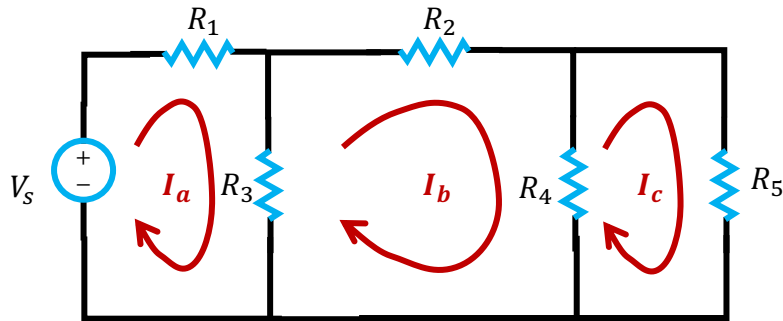
In mesh c

$$(I_c - I_b) R_4 + I_c R_5 = 0$$

$$\blacktriangleright -I_b R_4 + I_c (R_4 + R_5) = 0$$

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$$\begin{cases} I_a(R_1 + R_3) - I_b R_3 = V_s \\ -I_a R_3 + I_b(R_3 + R_2 + R_4) - I_c R_4 = 0 \\ -I_b R_4 + I_c(R_4 + R_5) = 0 \end{cases}$$

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**3 equations in 3 unknowns**

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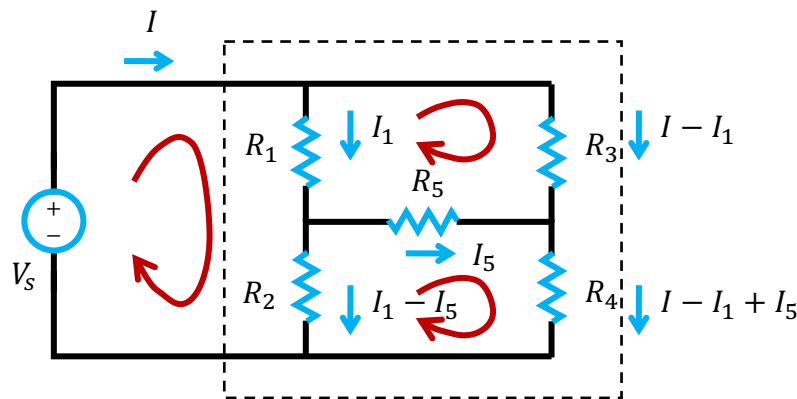
All the actual currents can be calculated from the mesh-current, such as

$$I_{R_3} = I_a - I_b$$



# Example 1 Wheatstone Bridge

**QUESTION:** Find the equivalent resistance of the circuit in the block



According to mesh-current method

$$\begin{cases} -V_s + R_1 I_1 + (I_1 - I_5)R_2 = 0 \\ R_1 I_1 + R_5 I_5 - (I - I_1)R_3 = 0 \\ -(I_1 - I_5)R_2 + R_5 I_5 + (I - I_1 + I_5)R_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

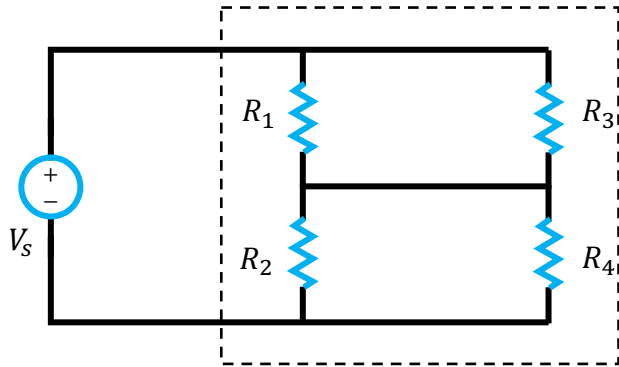
**3 equations in 3 unknowns**

$$\blacktriangleright \begin{bmatrix} 0 & R_1 + R_2 & -R_2 \\ -R_3 & R_1 + R_3 & R_5 \\ -R_4 & R_2 + R_4 & -R_2 - R_4 - R_5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I \\ I_1 \\ I_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} V_s$$

$$\blacktriangleright R_{eq} = \frac{V_s}{I} = \frac{R_5(R_1 + R_2)(R_3 + R_4) + R_2 R_4(R_1 + R_3) + R_1 R_3(R_2 + R_4)}{R_5(R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4) + (R_2 + R_4)(R_1 + R_3)}$$

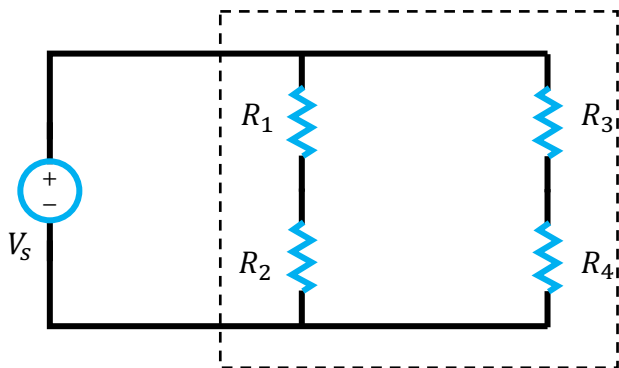
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- If  $R_5 = 0$  ▶ short circuit

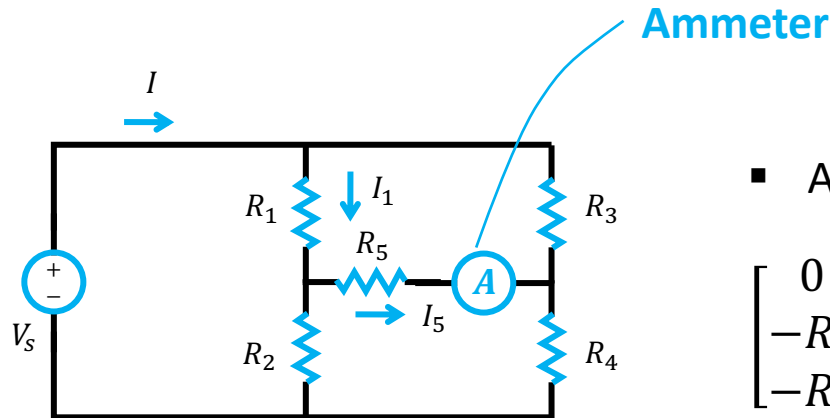
$$\begin{aligned} R_{eq} &= \frac{R_2R_4(R_1 + R_3) + R_1R_3(R_2 + R_4)}{(R_2 + R_4)(R_1 + R_3)} \\ &= \frac{R_2R_4}{R_2 + R_4} + \frac{R_1R_3}{R_1 + R_3} \\ &= R_2 || R_4 + R_1 || R_3 \end{aligned}$$



- If  $R_5 = \infty$  ▶ open circuit

$$\begin{aligned} R_{eq} &= \frac{(R_1 + R_2)(R_3 + R_4)}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4} \\ &= (R_1 + R_2) || (R_3 + R_4) \end{aligned}$$

# Example 1 Wheatstone Bridge



- According to system of equations

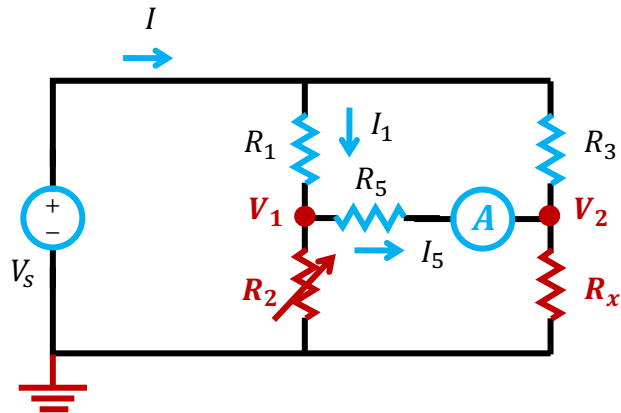
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & R_1 + R_2 & -R_2 \\ -R_3 & R_1 + R_3 & R_5 \\ -R_4 & R_2 + R_4 & -R_2 - R_4 - R_5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I \\ I_1 \\ I_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} V_s$$

$$\blacktriangleright I_5 = \frac{R_2 R_3 - R_1 R_4}{R_5 (R_1 + R_2)(R_3 + R_4) + R_2 R_4 (R_1 + R_3) + R_1 R_3 (R_2 + R_4)} V_s$$

- Balanced condition:  $I_5 = 0$

$$\blacktriangleright R_2 R_3 = R_1 R_4$$

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▪ Balanced condition:  $I_5 = 0$      $\blacktriangleright$   $V_1 = V_2$

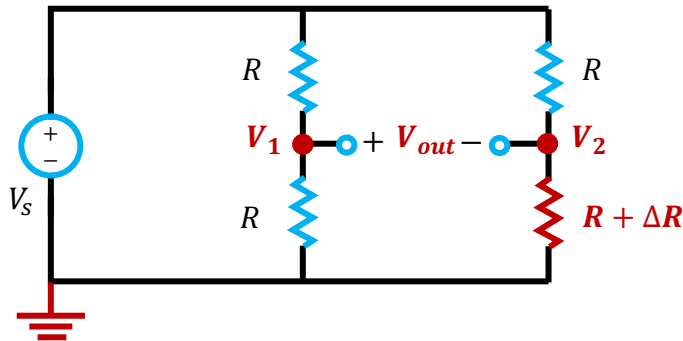
▪ According to voltage division

$$\begin{cases} V_1 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_s \\ V_2 = \frac{R_x}{R_3 + R_x} V_s \end{cases} \quad \blacktriangleright \quad R_x = \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_1}$$

**Wheatstone bridge can be used to determine unknown resistance based on “balanced” condition**

# Example 1 Wheatstone Bridge

QUESTION: Find the voltage  $V_{out}$



- According to voltage division

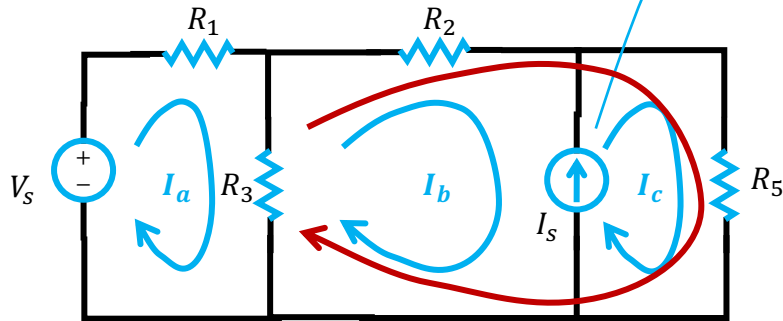
$$\begin{cases} V_1 = \frac{R}{R + R} V_s = \frac{1}{2} V_s \\ V_2 = \frac{(R + \Delta R)}{R + (R + \Delta R)} V_s = \frac{R + \Delta R}{2R + \Delta R} V_s \end{cases}$$

$$V_{out} = V_2 - V_1 = \frac{R + \Delta R}{2R + \Delta R} V_s - \frac{1}{2} V_s = \frac{\Delta R}{4R + 2\Delta R} V_s = \frac{\Delta R}{4R \left(1 + \frac{\Delta R}{2R}\right)} V_s \approx \frac{\Delta R}{4R} V_s$$

Since  $\frac{\Delta R}{R} \ll 1$

**In Wheatstone bridge, by measuring  $v_{out}$ , we can find  $\Delta R$**

# Supermesh



No way to determine this voltage!!

In mesh a

$$-V_s + I_a R_1 + (I_a - I_b) R_3 = 0$$

$$\blacktriangleright I_a (R_1 + R_3) - I_b R_3 = V_s$$

In the supermesh

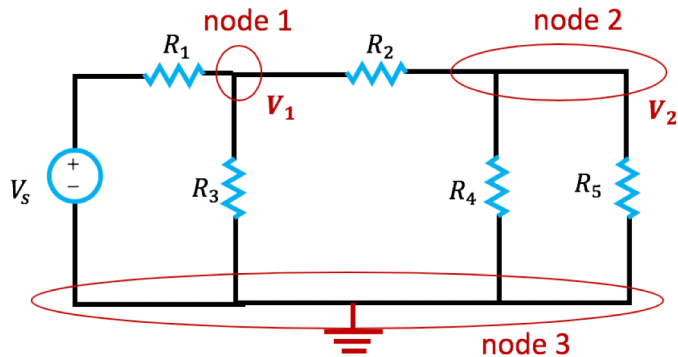
$$(I_b - I_a) R_3 + I_b R_2 + I_c R_5 = 0$$

Auxiliary equation for the supermesh

$$I_c - I_b = I_s$$

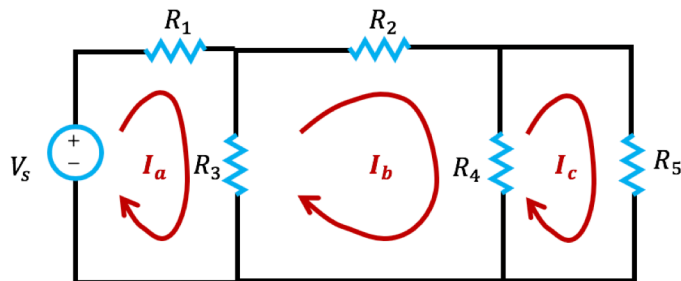
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# Nodal versus Mesh



## Node-voltage method

- Node voltages are UNKNOWN
- # of equations =  
# of extraordinary node - 1



## Mesh-current method

- Currents flowing in meshes are UNKNOWN
- # of equations = # of meshes

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- **Linearity & Superposition**

# Review: linear function

**A function is linear if it satisfies 2 properties:**

- **Additivity** (superposition)  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$
- **Homogeneity** (scaling)  $f(ax) = a f(x)$

**A linear function therefore must exhibit both these 2 properties simultaneously:**

$$f(ax + by) = af(x) + bf(y)$$

**Linearity describes a relationship between cause & effect**

# Linear device

## A DEVICE is linear if it satisfies 2 properties:

- **Additivity:** response to SUM OF INPUTS is the SUM OF THE RESPONSES to each input applied separately



- According to Ohm's Law, if  $v_1 = i_1 R$  and  $v_2 = i_2 R$
- If a current  $i = i_1 + i_2$  is applied to  $R$

$$v = (i_1 + i_2)R = i_1 R + i_2 R = v_1 + v_2$$

- **Homogeneity:** if input (excitation) is multiplied by a constant, then output (response) is multiplied by the SAME constant



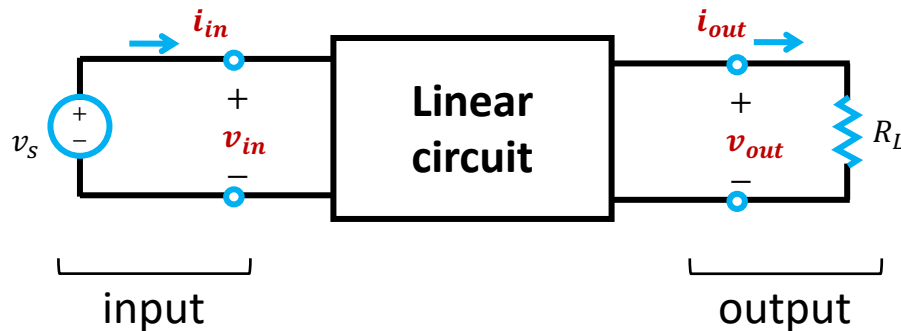
- According to Ohm's Law, if  $v_1 = i_1 R$
- If the current is increased by  $k$ ,  $i_2 = k i_1$

$$v_2 = i_2 R = k i_1 R = k v_1$$

A resistor is a linear device since its voltage-current relationship satisfies both the additivity and homogeneity properties

# Linear circuit

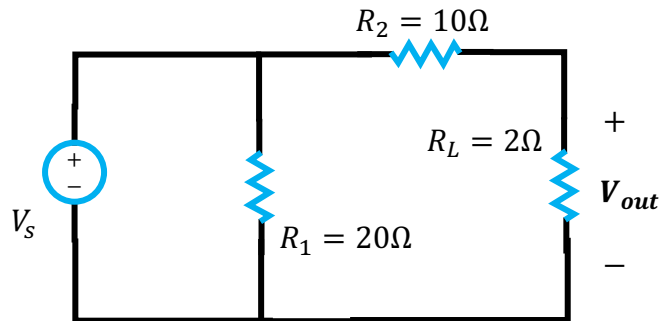
**A CIRCUIT is linear if it possesses the properties of additive and homogeneity**



- A circuit is linear when its output is directly proportional to its input
- A linear circuit's output must scale with its input
- In general: a linear circuit consists of only
  - linear devices (resistors, capacitors, inductors)
  - linear dependent sources
  - independent sources

# Example 2

QUESTION: if  $V_S = 24V$ , Find the output voltage of the load  $R_L$



- Assume  $V_{out-test} = 1V$

- According to Ohm's law

$$I_{R_L} = \frac{V_{out-test}}{R_L} = 0.5A$$

$$V_{S-test} = V_{R_2} + V_{out-test}$$

$$= I_{R_L} R_2 + V_{out-test} = 6V$$

- This is a linear circuit

$$V_S = 4V_{S-test}$$

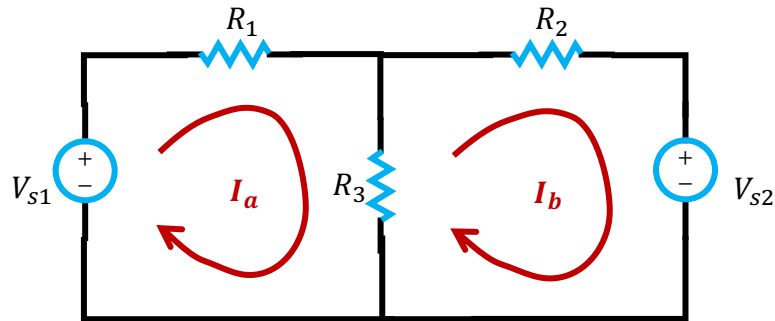
$$\blacktriangleright V_{out} = 4V$$

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  - Additivity & homogeneity of linear circuit
  - Homogeneity in circuit analysis
  - **Superposition in circuit analysis**

# Example 3

**QUESTION:** Find the voltage on  $R_3$



- According to mesh-current method

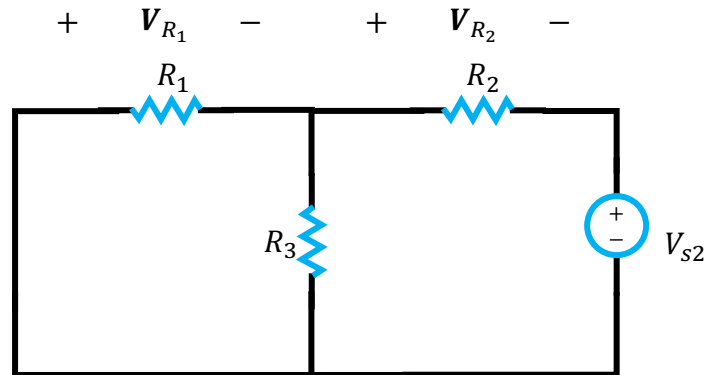
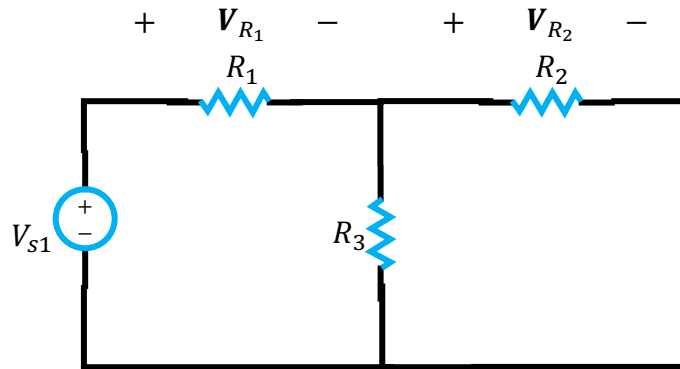
$$\begin{cases} -V_{s1} + R_1 I_a + R_3(I_a - I_b) = 0 \\ R_3(I_b - I_a) + R_2 I_b - V_{s2} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\blacktriangleright \begin{cases} I_a = \frac{R_3 V_{s1} + (R_1 + R_3) V_{s2}}{R_1 R_2 + R_1 R_3 + R_2 R_3} \\ I_b = \frac{(R_2 + R_3) V_{s1} + R_3 V_{s2}}{R_1 R_2 + R_1 R_3 + R_2 R_3} \end{cases}$$

$$\blacktriangleright V_{R_3} = R_3(I_a - I_b)$$

$$= \frac{R_2 R_3 V_{s1} - R_1 R_3 V_{s2}}{R_1 R_2 + R_1 R_3 + R_2 R_3}$$

# Example 3



- According to voltage division

$$V'_{R_3} = \frac{R_2 || R_3}{R_1 + R_2 || R_3} V_{s1}$$

$$= \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_1 R_2 + R_1 R_3 + R_2 R_3} V_{s1}$$

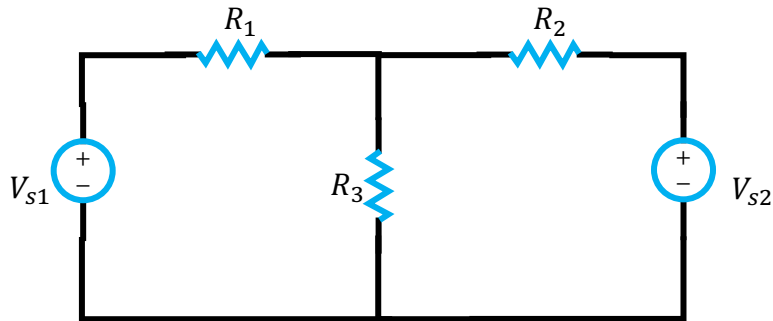
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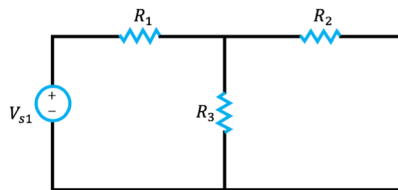


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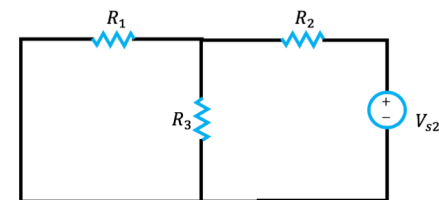
QUESTION: Find the voltage on  $R_3$



$$V_{R_3} = \frac{R_2 R_3 V_{s1} - R_1 R_3 V_{s2}}{R_1 R_2 + R_1 R_3 + R_2 R_3}$$



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**The superposition property of a linear circuit can help analyze circuits with more than 1 source**

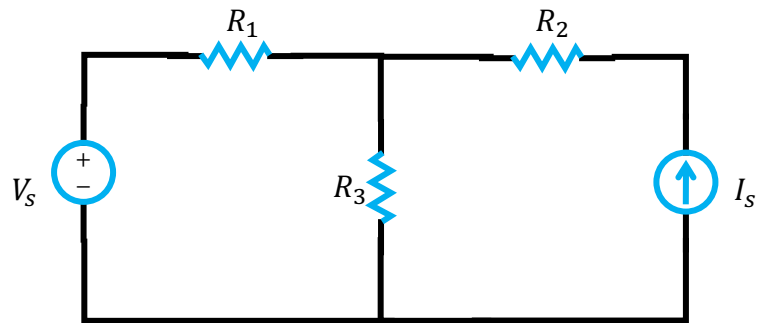
# Superposition in Action

**Superposition trades off the examination of several simpler circuits in place of one complex circuit**

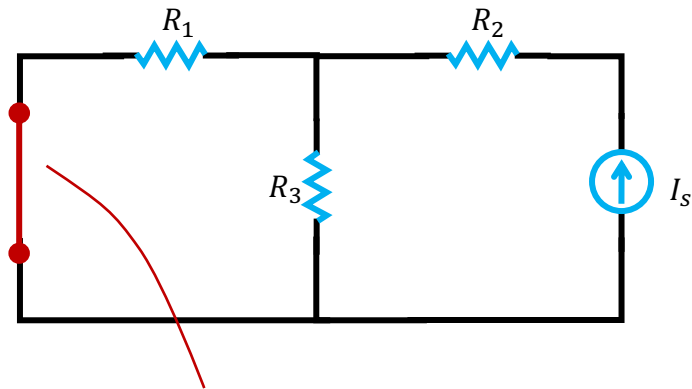
## How to apply superposition to circuit analysis

- Consider one INDEPENDENT source at a time, by “turning off” all other INDEPENDENT sources
- DEPENDENT sources are left intact because they are controlled by circuit variables

# How to “turn off” an independent src

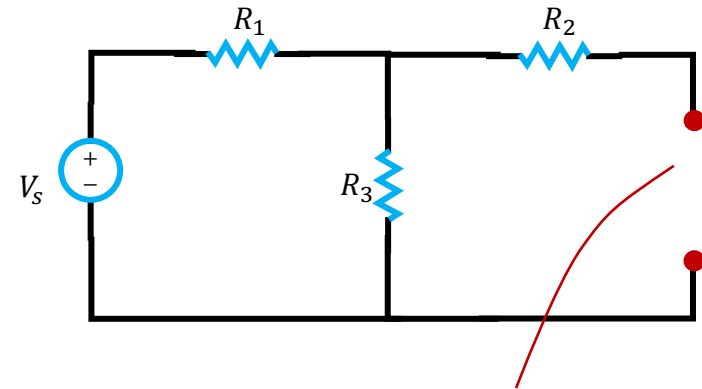


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**Short circuit –  
Turn off voltage source**

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**Open circuit –  
Turn off current source**

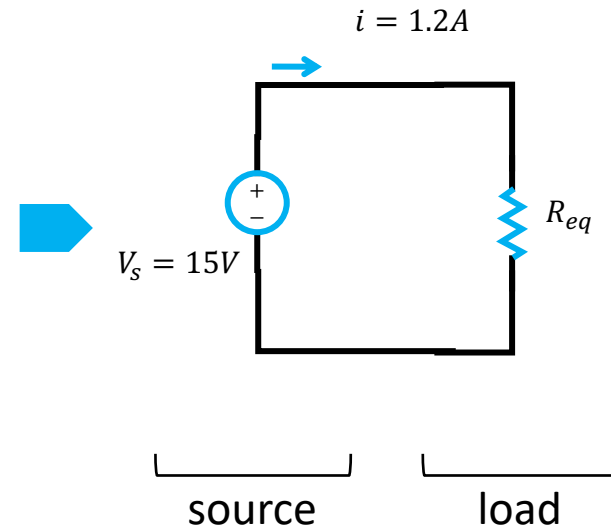
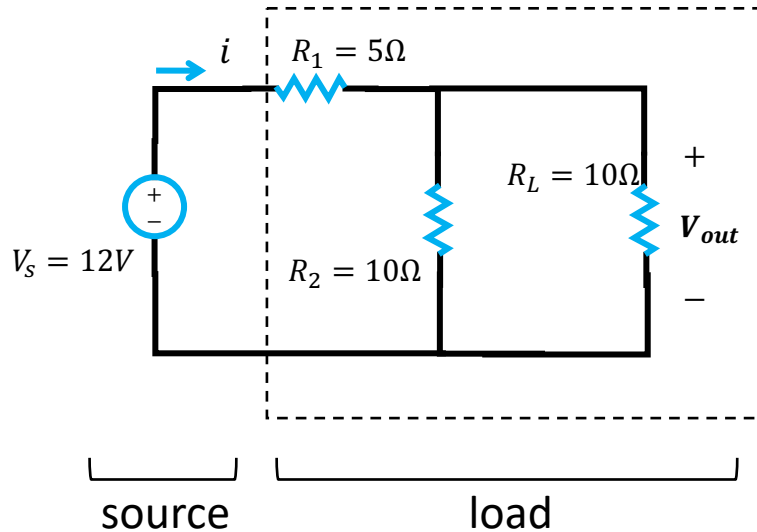
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# Review: equivalent resistance

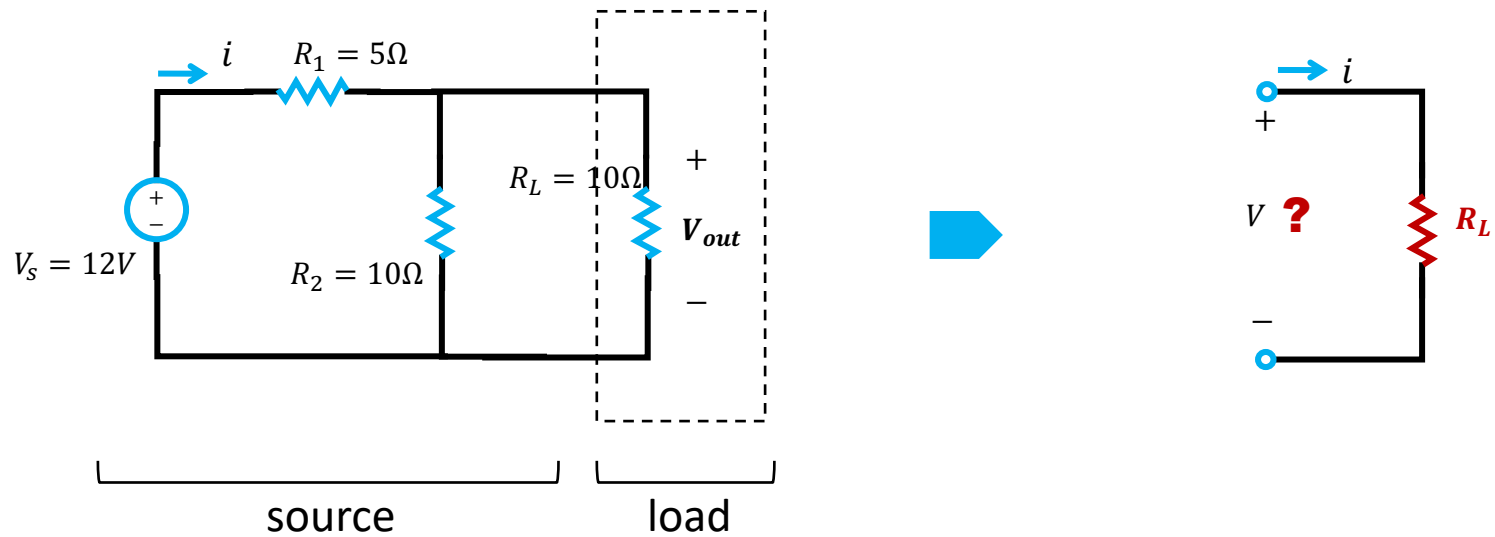


$$R_{eq} = R_1 + (R_2 || R_L) = 10\Omega$$

$$i = \frac{V_s}{R_{eq}} = 1.2A$$

- Source sees the load as just "resistance"
- Source supplies the amount of current demanded by load

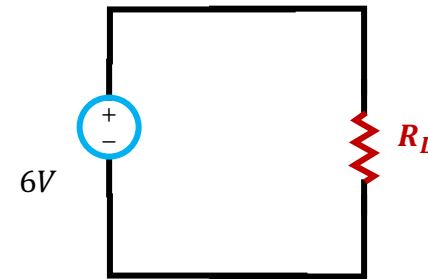
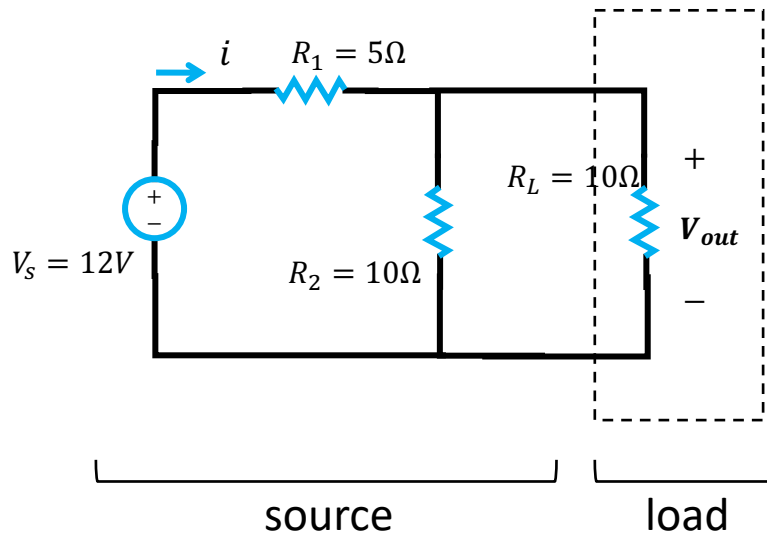
# What does $R_L$ see?



$$V_{R_L} = V_s - iR_1 = 6V$$

$$i_{R_L} = \frac{V_{R_L}}{R_L} = 0.6A$$

# What does $R_L$ see?



Are these two circuit equivalent?

**NO!!!**

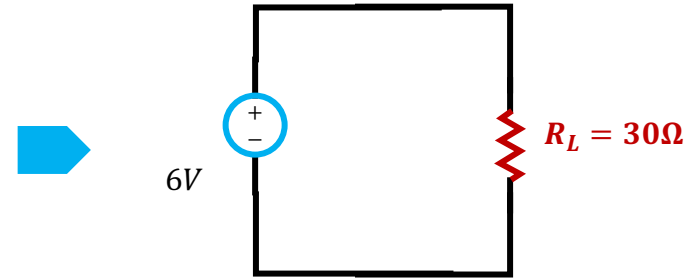
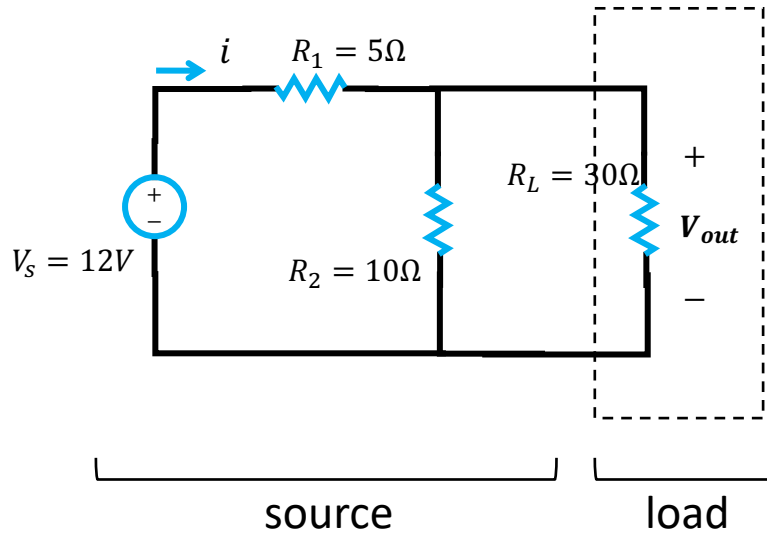
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# What does $R_L$ see?

What if  $R_L$  increases to  $30\Omega$ ?



**These two circuit are NOT equivalent!!!**

$$V_{R_L} = V_S - iR_1 = 7.2V$$

$$i_{R_L} = \frac{V_{R_L}}{R_L} = 0.24A$$

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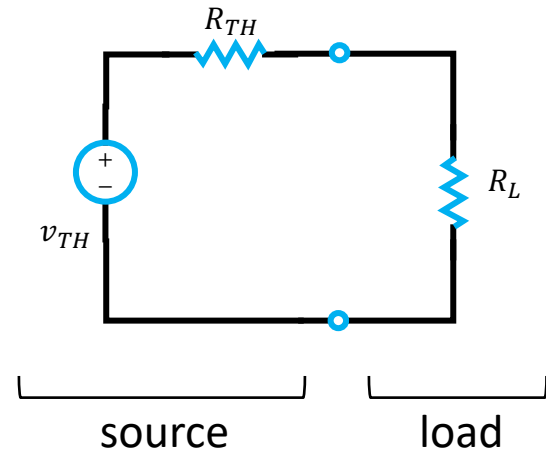
$$V_{R_L} = V_S = 6V$$

**Equivalent circuits supply the same voltage & current to ANY load**

# Circuit equivalent

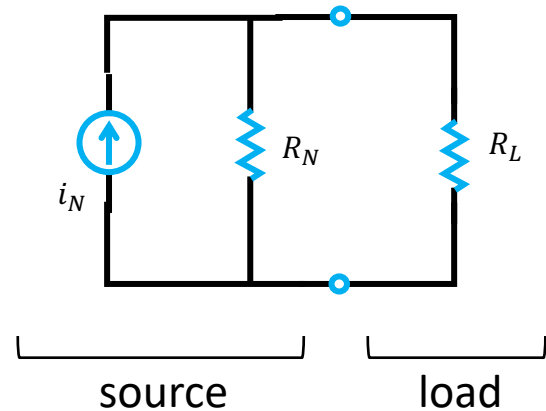
## Thévenin's theorem

LINEAR two-terminal circuit can be replaced by an equivalent circuit composed of a voltage source and a series resistor



## Norton's theorem

LINEAR two-terminal circuit can be replaced by an equivalent circuit composed of a current source and a parallel resistor

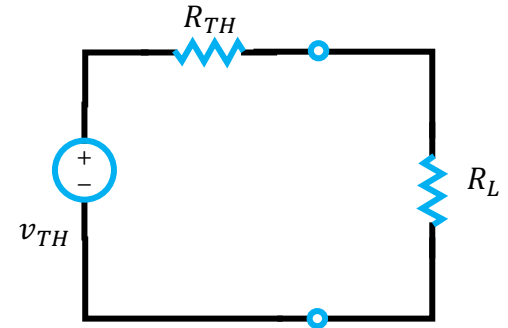


# Thévenin & Norton equivalency

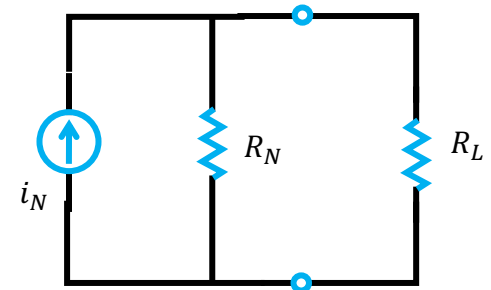
- According to source transformation

$$\begin{cases} i_N = \frac{v_{TH}}{R_{TH}} \\ R_{TH} = R_N \end{cases}$$

- Norton's Theorem is just a “source transformation” of Thévenin's theorem
- Superposition and Additivity make these theorems possible



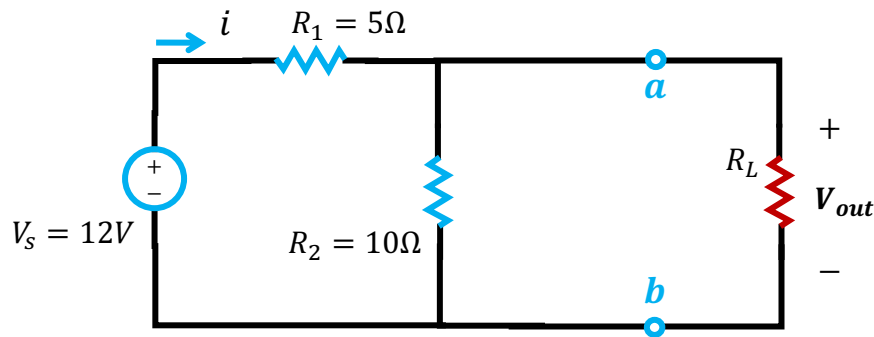
**Thévenin's theorem**



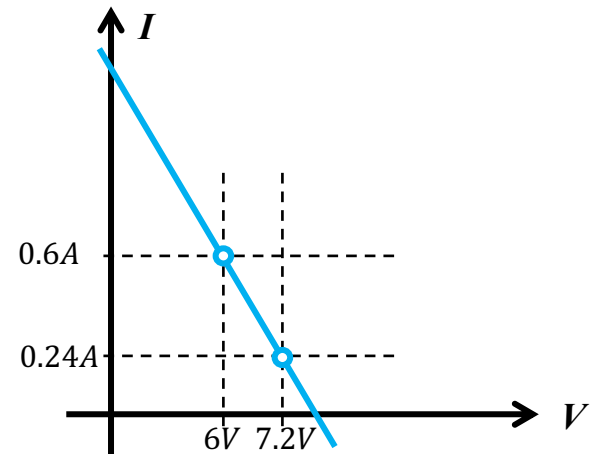
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# Example 4

**QUESTION:** Find the Thévenin equivalent circuit of the network at the terminals a & b



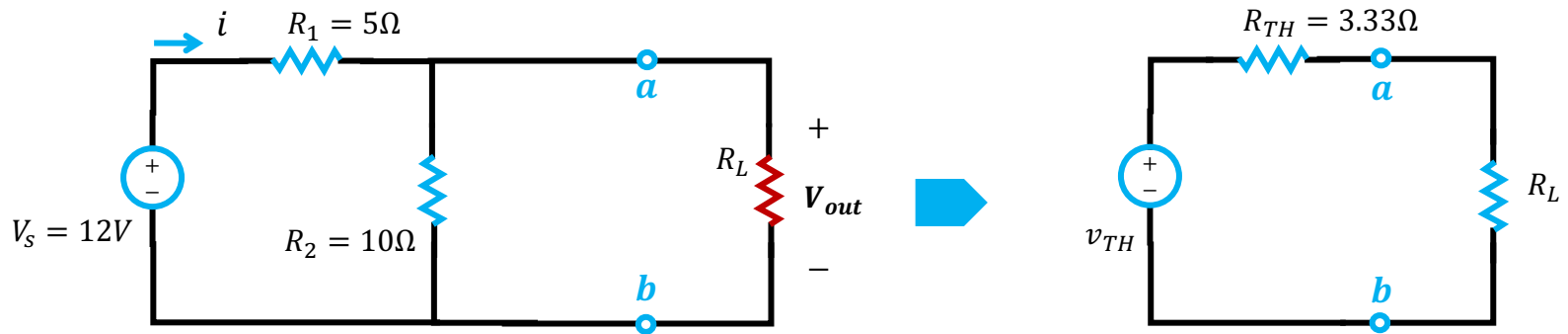
- When  $R_L = 10\Omega$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} i_{R_L} = 0.6A \\ V_{R_L} = 6V \end{array} \right.$
- When  $R_L = 30\Omega$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} i_{R_L} = 0.24A \\ V_{R_L} = 7.2V \end{array} \right.$



$$R_{TH} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta I} = \frac{7.2V - 6V}{0.6A - 0.24A} = 3.33\Omega$$

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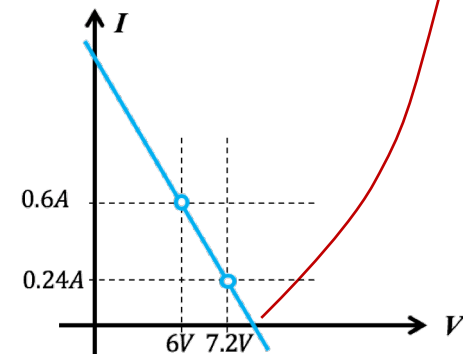


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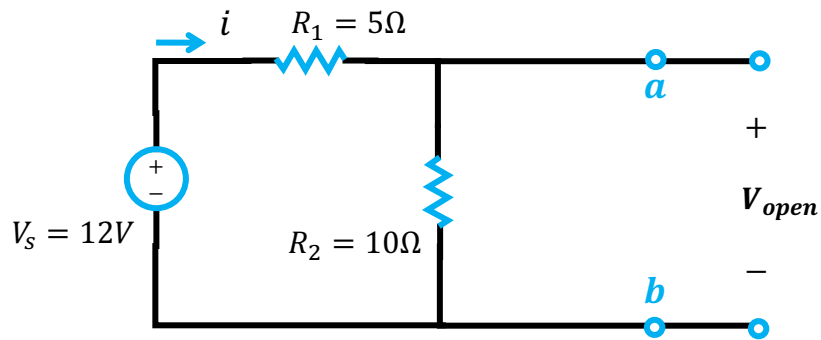
$$v_{TH} = (R_{TH} + R_L)i_{R_L} = 8V$$



$v_{TH}$  is the maximum voltage @ open circuit ( $i = 0$ )

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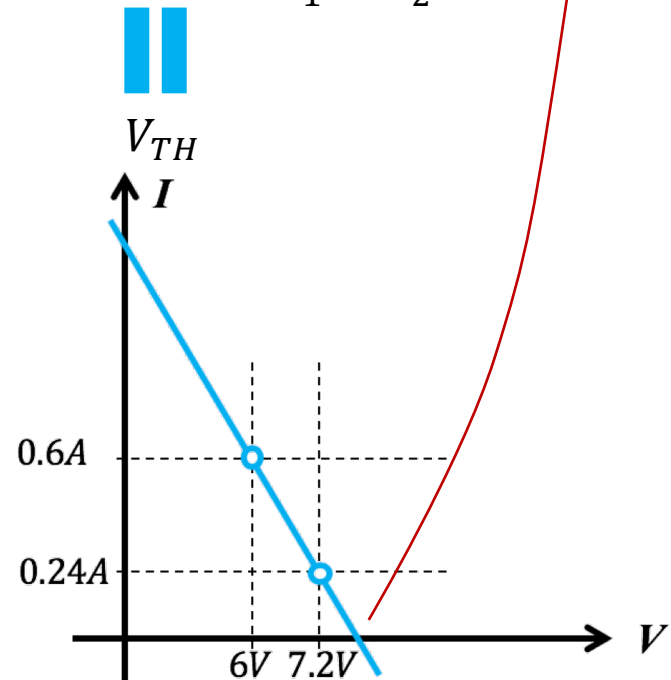
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- Step 1: remove the load
- Step 2: find  $V_{open}$

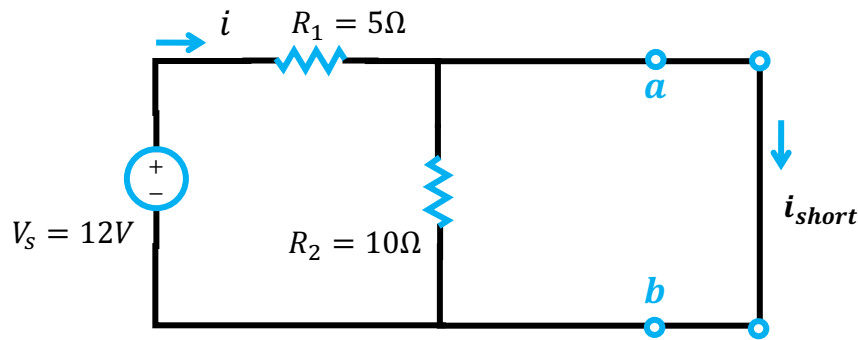
- According to voltage division

$$V_{open} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_s = 8V$$



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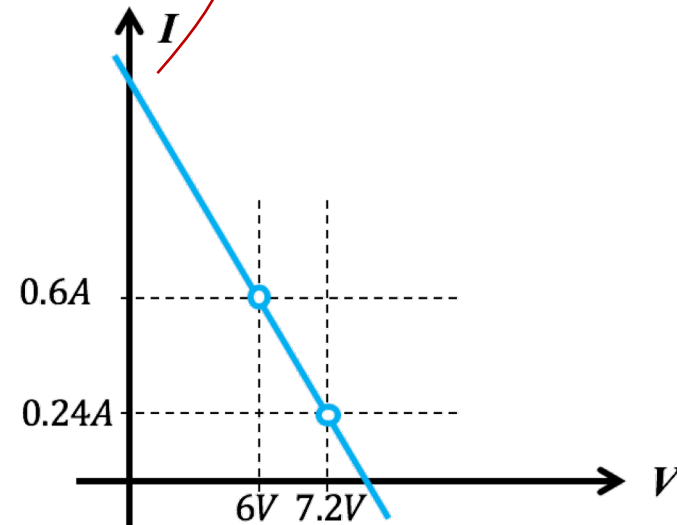


- Step 1: remove the load
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- Step 3: find  $i_{short}$

- According to Ohm's law

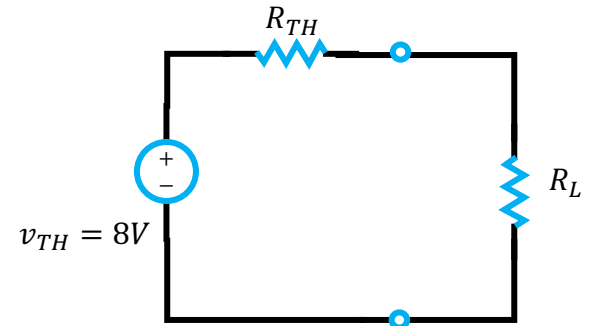
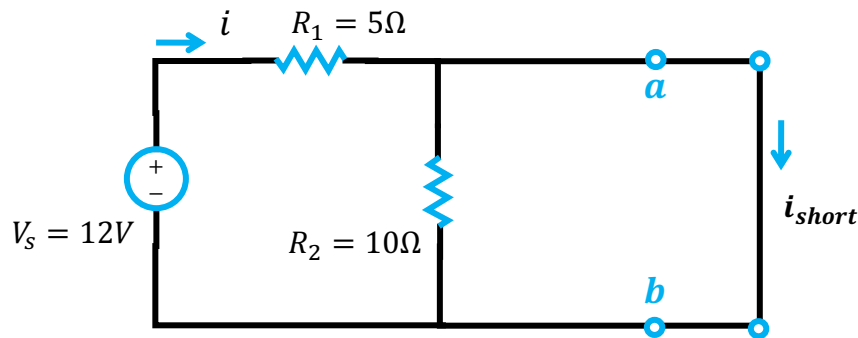
$$i_{open} = \frac{V_s}{R_1} = 2.4A$$

$$i_N$$



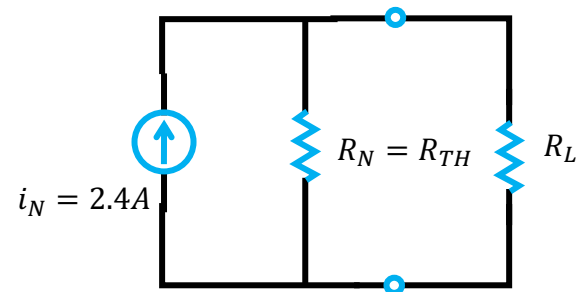
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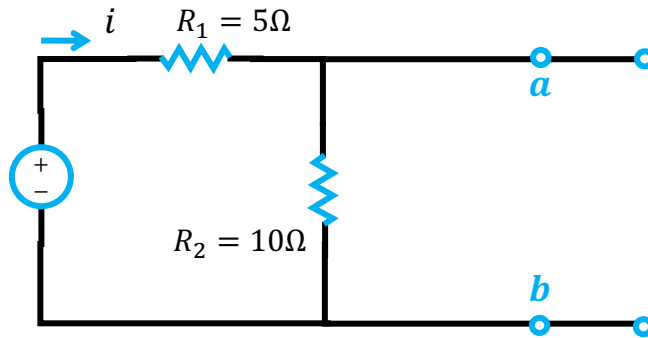
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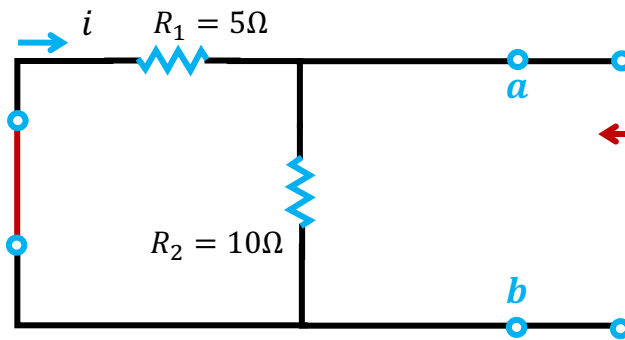
**If a circuit contains ONLY independent sources**

Method to find  $R_{TH}$

- Step 1: remove the load

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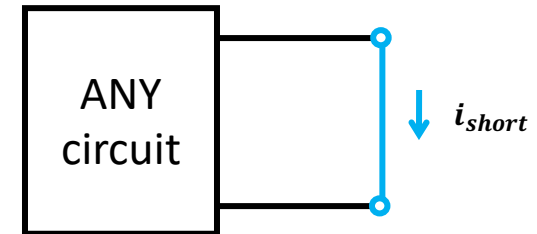
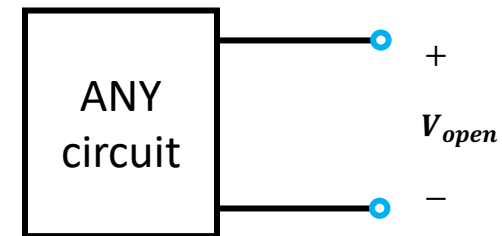
- Step 1: remove the load
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# Thévenin & Norton equivalency

## How to find Thévenin / Norton equivalent circuit

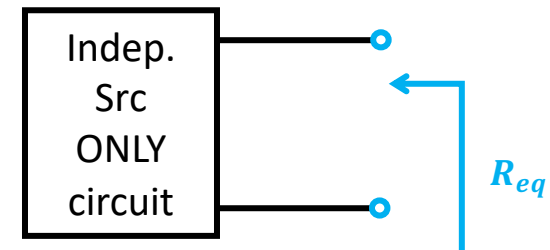
### Method applied to ANY circuit

- Step 1: remove the load
- Step 2:  $v_{TH} = V_{open}$
- Step 3:  $i_N = i_{short}$
- Step 4:  $R_{TH} = \frac{v_{TH}}{i_N}$



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  - Chapter 3, 5.1-5.3

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- Be able to use **node-voltage** method for circuit analysis
- Be able to use **mesh-current** method for circuit analysis
- Be able to calculate a **Thévenin equivalent** circuit for a linear circuit
- Be able to calculate a **Norton equivalent** circuit for a linear circuit