

# Exam Winter Semester 2022

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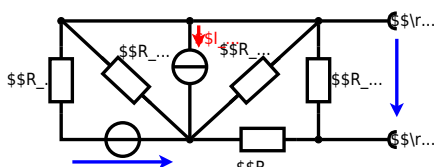
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**Exercise E1 Equivalent linear Source  
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The circuit in the following has to be simplified.  
Result

$$\begin{aligned} U_{\text{rs}} &= U_{\text{AB}} = 4.5 \text{ V} \\ R_{\text{i}} &= R_{\text{AB}} \\ &= 6 \Omega \end{aligned}$$



Calculated the internal resistance  $R_{\text{i}}$  and the source voltage  $U_{\text{rs}}$  of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors  $\text{A}$  and  $\text{B}$ . 
$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= 5.0 \Omega, & U_2 &= 6.0 \text{ V}, & R_3 &= 10 \Omega, & I_4 &= 4.2 \text{ A}, & R_5 &= 10 \Omega, \\ & & & & R_6 &= 7.5 \Omega, & R_7 &= 15 \Omega \end{aligned}$$
 Use equivalent sources in order to simplify the circuit!

Solution

The best thing is to re-think the wiring like rubber bands and adjust them:



The linear voltage source of  $U_2$  and  $R_1$  can be transformed into a current source  $I_2 = \frac{U_2}{R_1}$  and  $R_1$ :



Now a lot of them can be combined. The resistors  $R_1$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_5$  are in parallel, like also  $I_2$  and  $I_4$ :

$$R_{135} = R_1 || R_3 || R_5$$

$$I_{24} = I_2 - I_4$$

The resulting circuit can again be transformed:



Here, the  $U_{24}$  is calculated by  $I_{24}$  as the following:

$$U_{24} = I_{24} \cdot R_{135} + I_1 \cdot R_1$$

$$U_{24} = U_2 \cdot \frac{R_7}{R_6 + R_7 + R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5} - I_4 \cdot R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5$$

On the right side of the last circuit, there is a voltage divider given by  $R_{135}$ ,  $R_6$ , and  $R_7$ .

Therefore the voltage between  $A$  and  $B$  is given as:

$$U_{AB} = U_{24} \cdot \frac{R_7}{R_6 + R_7 + R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5} - \left( \frac{U_2}{R_1} - I_4 \right) \cdot \frac{R_7 \cdot R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5}{R_6 + R_7 + R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5}$$

For the internal resistance  $R_i$  the ideal voltage source is substituted by its resistance ( $=0\Omega$ , so a short-circuit):

$$R_{AB} = R_7 \parallel (R_6 + R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5)$$

with  $R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5 = 5\Omega \parallel 10\Omega \parallel 10\Omega = 5\Omega \parallel 5\Omega = 2.5\Omega$ :

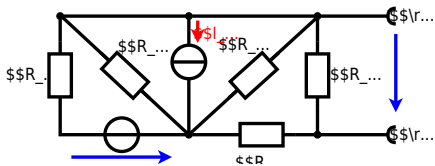
$$U_{AB} = \frac{6.0\text{V}}{5.0\Omega} - 4.2\text{A} \cdot \frac{15\Omega \cdot 2.5\Omega}{7.5\Omega + 15\Omega + 2.5\Omega}$$

$$R_{AB} = 15\Omega \parallel (7.5\Omega + 2.5\Omega)$$

### Exercise E3 Equivalent linear Source (written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

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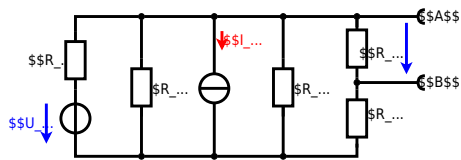
$$U_s = U_{AB} = 4.5\text{V} \quad R_i = R_{AB} = 6\Omega$$



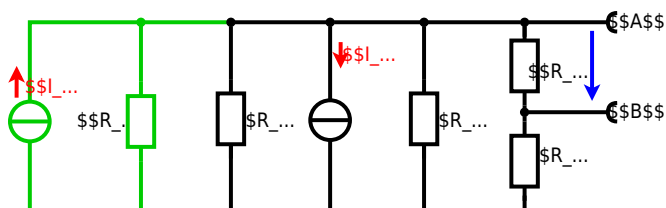
Calculate the internal resistance  $R_{int}$  and the source voltage  $U_s$  of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors  $A$  and  $B$ .  $R_1=5.0 \Omega$ ,  $U_2=6.0 \text{ V}$ ,  $R_3= 10 \Omega$ ,  $I_4=4.2 \text{ A}$ ,  $R_5=10 \Omega$ ,  $R_6=7.5 \Omega$ ,  $R_7=15 \Omega$  Use equivalent sources in order to simplify the circuit!

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$$R_{AB} = R_7 \parallel (R_6 + R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5)$$

with  $R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5 = 5 \Omega \parallel 10 \Omega \parallel 10 \Omega = 5 \Omega \parallel 5 \Omega = 2.5 \Omega$ :

$$U_{AB} = \frac{6.0 \text{ V}}{5.0 \Omega} - 4.2 \Omega \cdot \frac{15 \Omega \cdot 2.5 \Omega}{7.5 \Omega + 15 \Omega + 2.5 \Omega} \parallel R_{AB} = 15 \Omega \parallel (7.5 \Omega + 2.5 \Omega)$$

**Exercise E5 Analyzing complex Impedances**  
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. Calculate the phasor voltage  $\underline{U}_{AB}$  and the current  $\underline{I}_X$  in the circuit shown in the figure. The components ( $R$  and  $\underline{X}_1$ ) shall be given.

After analysis, the full dimensional circuit impedance  $Z$  and the voltage  $\underline{U}_{AB}$  in phasor notation shall be  $\underline{U}_{AB} = (2 - 4j) \text{ V}$  and  $\underline{I}_X = 5j \text{ A}$ .

Solution  
.. Calculate the physical values of the components.  
Solution  $R = 10 \Omega$ ,  $X_1 = 2 \Omega$ ,  $X_2 = 4 \Omega$ ,  $X_3 = 10 \Omega$

Solution  
$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{Z} = \frac{50 \text{ V}}{20 \Omega + j40 \Omega} = 1.25 \text{ A} - j2.5 \text{ A}$$
  
The current and voltage are in phase since the circuit is purely resistive.  
The voltage  $\underline{U}_{AB}$  is the voltage across the  $10 \Omega$  resistor.  
$$\underline{U}_{AB} = \underline{I} \cdot R = (1.25 - j2.5) \text{ A} \cdot 10 \Omega = 12.5 \text{ V} - j25 \text{ V}$$
  
The magnitude of the current is  $I = \sqrt{1.25^2 + 2.5^2} = 2.8 \text{ A}$ .  
The phase angle of the current is  $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{-2.5}{1.25}\right) = -63.4^\circ$ .  
The magnitude of the voltage is  $U = \sqrt{12.5^2 + 25^2} = 28 \text{ V}$ .  
The phase angle of the voltage is  $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{-25}{12.5}\right) = -63.4^\circ$ .  
Therefore, the current and voltage are in phase.

The phase  $\varphi$  can be calculated as 
$$\varphi = \arctan \left( \frac{\text{Im}(Z)}{\text{Re}(Z)} \right) = \arctan \left( \frac{-4.68 \omega}{0.24 \omega} \right)$$

**Exercise E5 Analyzing complex Impedances**  
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2. Calculate the phase angle  $\varphi$  of the total impedance  $Z$  in the circuit shown in the figure. The components  $R$  and  $X_L$  shall be given.

After analysis, the full width of the band is  $20 \text{ dB}$ . The total impedance  $Z$  is  $Z = (20 + j40) \Omega$ .  
Solution

3. Calculate the physical values of the two components.  
Solution 
$$R = 10 \Omega, L = 1.59 \text{ mH}$$

Solution  

$$|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + X_L^2} = \sqrt{10^2 + (2\pi f L)^2} = 50 \Omega$$
The current and voltage across phase angle  $\varphi = 45^\circ$  are  $I = 0.5 \text{ A}$  and  $V = 25 \text{ V}$  respectively. The component  $R$  is  $R = \frac{V_R}{I} = \frac{25 \cos(45^\circ)}{0.5} = 10 \Omega$ . The component  $X_L$  is  $X_L = \frac{V_L}{I} = \frac{25 \sin(45^\circ)}{0.5} = 10 \Omega$ .  

$$L = \frac{X_L}{2\pi f} = \frac{10}{2\pi \cdot 100} = 1.59 \text{ mH}$$
With the complex part comes  $Z = 10 + j10 \Omega$ .  

$$\varphi = \arctan \left( \frac{\text{Im}(Z)}{\text{Re}(Z)} \right) = \arctan \left( \frac{10}{10} \right) = 45^\circ$$

**Exercise E6 Impedances at different Frequencies**  
(written test, approx. 18 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. A circuit with a resistor  $R = 20 \Omega$  and a capacitor  $C = 10 \text{ nF}$  is connected to a voltage source  $U = 10 \text{ V}$ . Calculate the absolute value of the impedance  $|Z|$  at  $f = 1 \text{ MHz}$ .  
Result  $|Z| = 20 \Omega$   

$$|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + X_C^2} = \sqrt{20^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2\pi f C} \right)^2} = 20 \Omega$$
Solution

Solution

$$\underline{R}_2 \cdot \underline{I} = \underline{U} \quad \underline{R}_3 \cdot \underline{I} = \underline{U}$$
 Since  $\underline{I}$  is the same on every component, the equivalent impedance for  $\underline{R}_2$  and  $\underline{R}_3$  combined is given by:
 
$$\underline{R}_{23} = \underline{R}_2 \parallel \underline{R}_3 = \frac{\underline{R}_2 \cdot \underline{R}_3}{\underline{R}_2 + \underline{R}_3}$$
 The equivalent circuit is a series circuit with  $\underline{R}_1$  and  $\underline{R}_{23}$ . The total impedance is:
 
$$\underline{Z} = \underline{R}_1 + \underline{R}_{23} = \underline{R}_1 + \frac{\underline{R}_2 \cdot \underline{R}_3}{\underline{R}_2 + \underline{R}_3}$$
 The current  $\underline{I}$  is given by:
 
$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{Z}} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_1 + \frac{\underline{R}_2 \cdot \underline{R}_3}{\underline{R}_2 + \underline{R}_3}}$$
 The voltage across  $\underline{R}_3$  is:
 
$$\underline{U}_3 = \underline{I} \cdot \underline{R}_3 = \frac{\underline{U} \cdot \underline{R}_3}{\underline{R}_1 + \frac{\underline{R}_2 \cdot \underline{R}_3}{\underline{R}_2 + \underline{R}_3}}$$

**Exercise E6 Impedances at different Frequencies**  
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A series circuit means that the current is constant on every component. The equivalent impedance for  $\underline{R}$  and  $\underline{L}$  combined is given by:
 
$$\underline{Z} = \underline{R} + j\omega L$$
 The magnitude of the impedance is:
 
$$|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L)^2}$$
 The current  $\underline{I}$  is given by:
 
$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{|Z|} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L)^2}}$$
 The voltage across  $\underline{R}$  is:
 
$$\underline{U}_R = \underline{I} \cdot \underline{R} = \frac{\underline{U} \cdot \underline{R}}{\sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L)^2}}$$

Solution

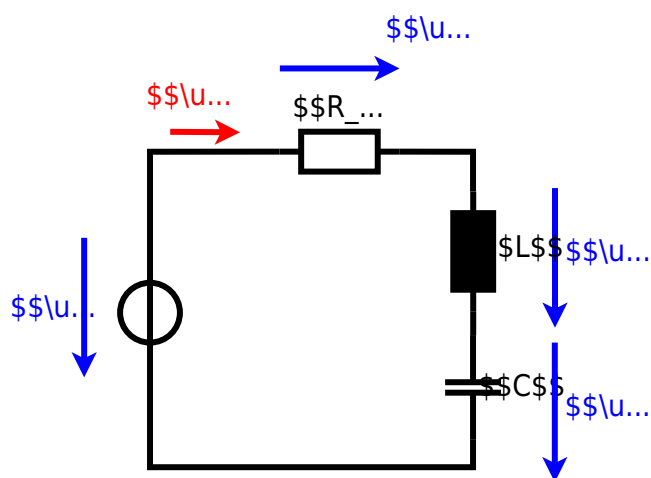
$$\underline{R}_1 = 1.00 \sim \Omega$$

$$\underline{R}_2 = 10.0 \sim \Omega$$

$$\underline{R}_3 = 10.0 \sim \Omega$$
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$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{|Z|} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L)^2}}$$
 The voltage across  $\underline{R}_3$  is:
 
$$\underline{U}_3 = \underline{I} \cdot \underline{R}_3 = \frac{\underline{U} \cdot \underline{R}_3}{\sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L)^2}}$$
 Back to the first formula:
 
$$\underline{R}_3 \cdot \underline{I} = \underline{U}_3 = \frac{\underline{U} \cdot \underline{R}_3}{\sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L)^2}}$$

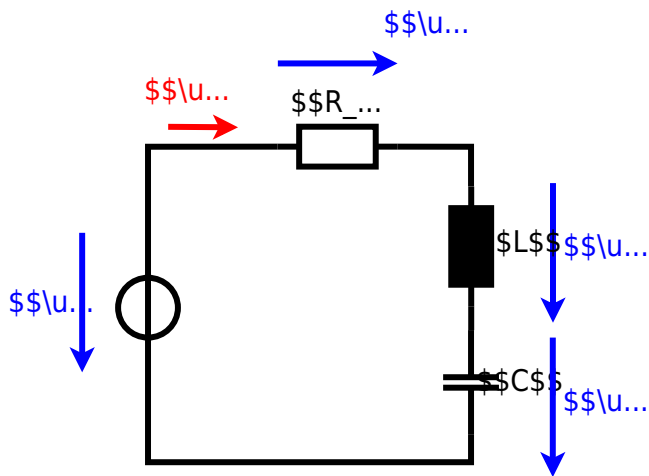












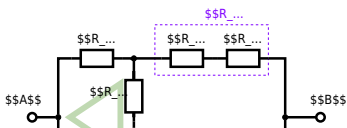
**Exercise E3 Pure Resistor Network Simplification**  
**(written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The following shall be solved at the end of the course. The result is given.  $R_{AB}$ .

Solution

$$R_{AB} = 132.8 \, \Omega$$

Now a wye-delta transformation is necessary.



Since  $R_2 = R_3$  and based on the equations for the transformation, the transformed  $R_Y$  is given as:

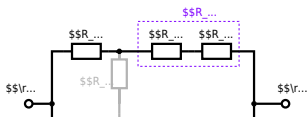
$$R_Y = \frac{R_2 \cdot R_2}{R_2 + R_2 + R_2} = \frac{(100 \, \Omega)^2}{3 \cdot 100 \, \Omega} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 100 \, \Omega = 33.33 \, \Omega$$

The equivalent resistor is given by a parallel configuration of resistors in series:

$$R_{AB} = R_Y + (R_Y + R_1 + R_1) \parallel (R_Y + R_2) \parallel R_{AB} = 33.33 \, \Omega + (33.33 \, \Omega + 400 \, \Omega) \parallel (33.33 \, \Omega + 100 \, \Omega)$$

The switch shall now be open. Calculate the equivalent resistance  $R_{AB}$  between A and B.

Solution



The equivalent resistor is given by a parallel configuration of resistors in series:

$$R_{\text{eq}} = (R_2 + R_1 + R_1) \parallel (R_2 + R_2) \parallel R_{\text{eq}} = (100 \sim \Omega + 200 \sim \Omega + 200 \sim \Omega) \parallel (100 \sim \Omega + 100 \sim \Omega) \parallel R_{\text{eq}} = (500 \sim \Omega) \parallel (200 \sim \Omega) \parallel R_{\text{eq}} = \frac{\{500 \sim \Omega \cdot 200 \sim \Omega\}}{500 \sim \Omega + 200 \sim \Omega}$$

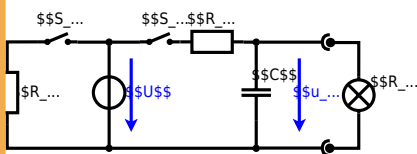
**Exercise E4 Charging Capacitors**  
 (written test, approx. 16 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The capacitor is initially fully charged to a voltage of  $U_0 = 20 \text{ V}$ . At  $t = 0 \text{ s}$ , the switch  $S_1$  is closed. The voltage across the capacitor is again  $U_0$  at the moment  $t_0 = 0 \text{ s}$  when the switch  $S_1$  is closed. Calculate the voltage  $u_c(t_2)$  across the capacitor at  $t_2 = 1 \text{ ms}$  after closing the switch.

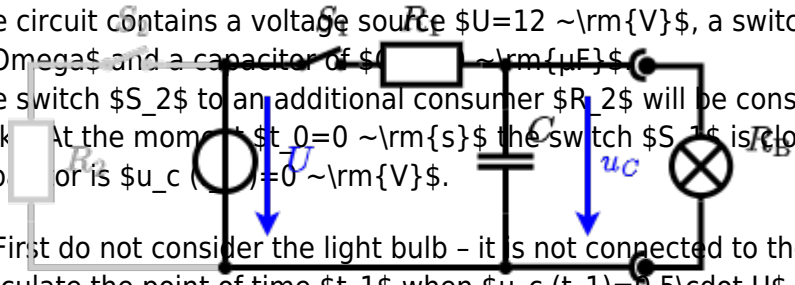
**Result:** To solve this, first create an equivalent linear voltage source from  $U$ ,  $R_1$ , and  $R_2$ .

$$U_{\text{eq}} = \frac{U \cdot R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{10 \text{ V} \cdot 2 \text{ M}\Omega}{1 \text{ M}\Omega + 2 \text{ M}\Omega} = \frac{20}{3} \text{ V} \approx 6.67 \text{ V}$$

On an alternative view, one can try to create an equivalent linear voltage source again. Then, the internal resistance is given by substituting the ideal voltage source is again short-circuiting  $R_2$ .

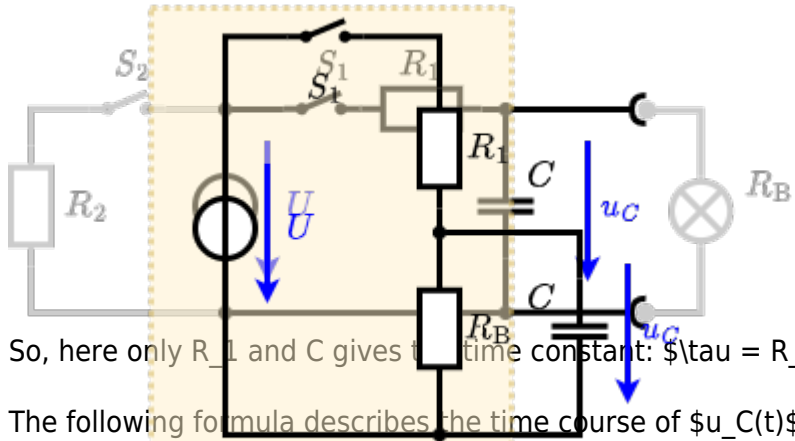


The circuit contains a voltage source  $U=12 \text{ V}$ , a switch  $S_1$ , a resistor of  $R_1=20 \text{ }\Omega$  and a capacitor of  $C=100 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$ . The switch  $S_2$  to an additional consumer  $R_2$  will be considered to be open for the first task. At the moment  $t_0=0 \text{ s}$  the switch  $S_1$  is closed, the voltage across the capacitor is  $u_c(t_0)=0 \text{ V}$ .



First do not consider the light bulb - it is not connected to the RC circuit. Calculate the point of time  $t_1$  when  $u_c(t_1)=0.5 \cdot U$ .

Solution



So, here only  $R_1$  and  $C$  gives the time constant:  $\tau = R_1 \cdot C$

The following formula describes the time course of  $u_c(t)$  which has to be  $u_c(t_1)=0.5 \cdot U$ : 
$$u_c(t) = U \cdot (1 - e^{-t/\tau}) = 0.5 \cdot U$$
 It has to be rearranged to  $(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) = 0.5 \Rightarrow e^{-t/\tau} = 0.5 \Rightarrow t/\tau = \ln(0.5) \Rightarrow t = \tau \cdot \ln(0.5) = R_1 \cdot C \cdot \ln(0.5)$  An equivalent linear voltage source can be given with  $U_s$ ,  $R_1$  and  $R_B$  as seen in yellow.

Therefore, the voltage of the equivalent linear voltage source is:  $U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_B}{R_1 + R_B} = 1/2 \cdot U$  The internal resistance is given by substituting the ideal voltage source with its resistance ( $=0 \text{ }\Omega$ , short-circuit). 
$$R_i = R_1 \parallel R_B = 10 \text{ }\Omega$$

$$u_c(t_2) = U_s \cdot (1 - e^{-t_2/(R_i \cdot C)}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot U \cdot (1 - e^{-1 \text{ ms}/(10 \text{ }\Omega \cdot 100 \text{ }\mu\text{F})})$$

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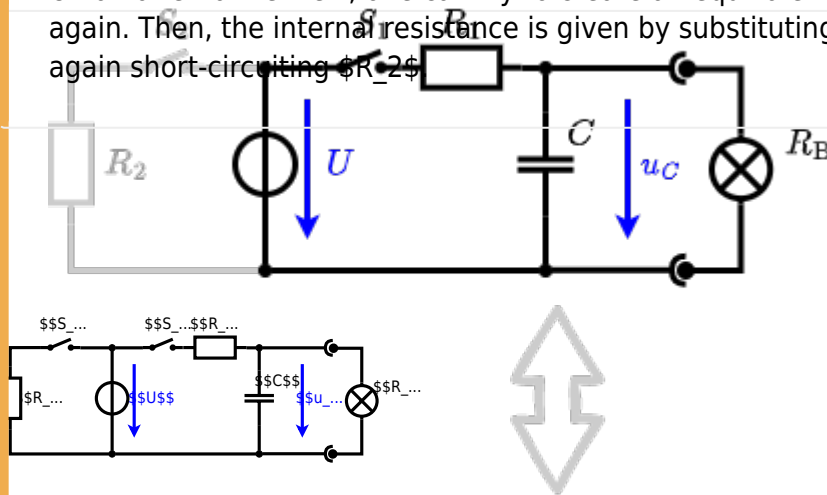
The circuit (as shown in the solution) consists of a  $12 \text{ V}$  DC voltage source, a  $20 \text{ }\Omega$  resistor, a  $100 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$  capacitor, and a  $20 \text{ }\Omega$  resistor. The switch  $S_1$  is initially open. At the moment  $t_0=0 \text{ s}$  when the switch  $S_1$  is closed. Calculate the voltage  $u_c(t_2)$  across the capacitor at  $t_2=1 \text{ ms}$  after closing the switch.

**Solution** To solve this, first create an equivalent linear voltage source from  $U$ ,  $R_1$ , and  $R_B$ . 
$$U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_B}{R_1 + R_B} = 6 \text{ V}$$
 
$$R_i = R_1 \parallel R_B = 10 \text{ }\Omega$$

Solution

The ideal voltage source is  $U = 12 \text{ V}$ . The internal resistance is  $R_1 = 20 \text{ }\Omega$ . The voltage across the capacitor is  $u_C$ .

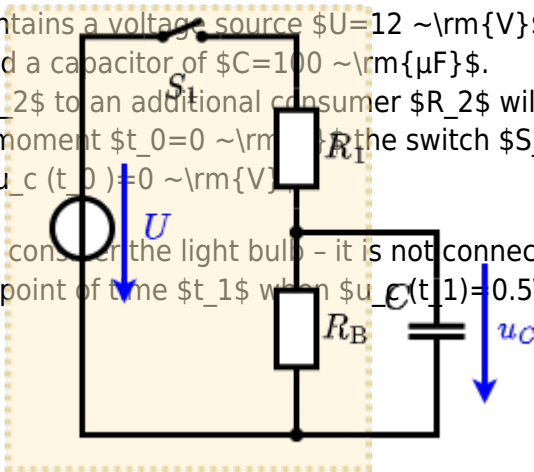
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Solution

An equivalent linear voltage source can be given with  $U$ ,  $R_1$ , and  $R_B$  as seen in yellow.

Therefore, the voltage of the equivalent linear voltage source is:  $U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_B}{R_1 + R_B} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot U$ . The internal resistance is given by substituting the ideal voltage source with its resistance ( $R = 0 \text{ }\Omega$ , short-circuit).  $R_i = R_1 \parallel R_B = 10 \text{ }\Omega$

$u_C(t_2) = U_s \cdot (1 - e^{-t_2/(R_i \cdot C)}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot U \cdot (1 - e^{-t_2/(10 \text{ }\Omega \cdot 100 \text{ }\mu\text{F})})$   
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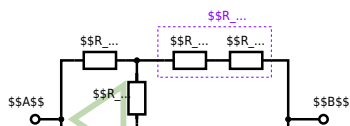
**Exercise E1 Pure Resistor Network Simplification**  
**(written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The following shall be solved at once, the result is given.  $R_{AB}$ .

Solution

$$R_{AB} = 132.8 \Omega$$

Now a wye-delta transformation is necessary.



Since  $R_2 = R_3$  and based on the equations for the transformation, the transformed  $R_Y$  is given as:

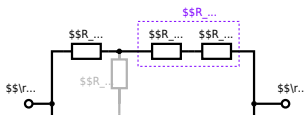
$$R_Y = \frac{R_2 \cdot R_2}{R_2 + R_2 + R_2} = \frac{(100 \Omega)^2}{3 \cdot 100 \Omega} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 100 \Omega = 33.33 \Omega$$

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$$R_{AB} = R_Y + (R_Y + R_1 + R_1) \parallel (R_Y + R_2) \parallel R_4$$

The switch shall now be open. Calculate the equivalent resistance  $R_{AB}$  between terminals A and B.

Solution



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 Solution: Calculate the resistance  $R$  of the heating element.

Solution

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