

# Exam Winter Semester 2022

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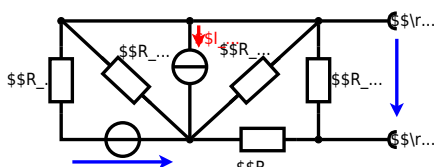
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**Exercise E5 Equivalent linear Source  
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The circuit in the following has to be simplified.  
Result

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



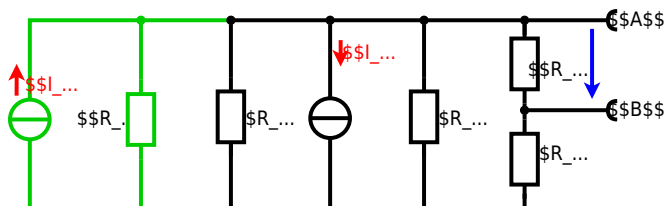
Calculated the internal resistance  $R_{\text{i}}$  and the source voltage  $U_{\text{rs}}$  of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors  $\text{A}$  and  $\text{B}$ . 
$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= 5.0 \Omega, & U_2 &= 6.0 \text{ V}, & R_3 &= 10 \Omega, & I_4 &= 4.2 \text{ A}, & R_5 &= 10 \Omega, \\ & & & & R_6 &= 7.5 \Omega, & R_7 &= 15 \Omega \end{aligned}$$
 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: 
$$U_{24} = I_{24} \cdot R_{135}$$

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

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:

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

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

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

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

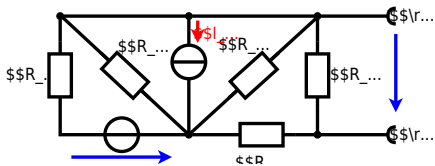
$$U_{AB} = \frac{6.0\text{V}}{5.0\Omega} - 4.2\Omega \cdot \frac{15\Omega \cdot 2.5\Omega}{7.5\Omega + 15\Omega + 2.5\Omega}$$

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

### Exercise E2 Equivalent linear Source (written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The circuit in the following has to be simplified.  
Result

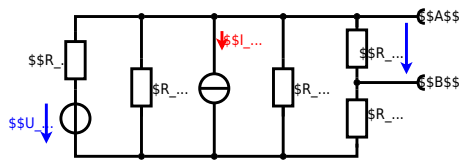
$$U_s = U_{AB} = 4.5\text{V} \quad R_i = R_{AB} = 6\Omega$$



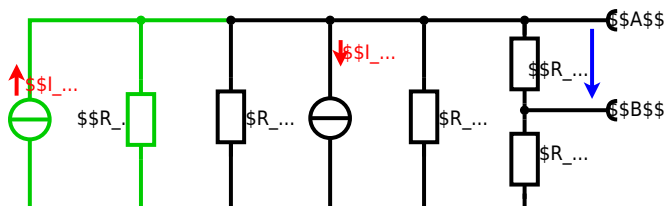
Calculate the internal resistance  $R_{int}$  and the source voltage  $U_s$  of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors  $A$  and  $B$ .  $R_1=5.0 \Omega$ ,  $U_2=6.0 \text{ V}$ ,  $R_3=10 \Omega$ ,  $I_4=4.2 \text{ A}$ ,  $R_5=10 \Omega$ ,  $R_6=7.5 \Omega$ ,  $R_7=15 \Omega$ . Use equivalent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

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:

$$U_{24} = I_{24} \cdot R_{135} + I_{24} \cdot R_6$$

$$I_{24} = R_{135} \cdot I_{24} \parallel I_{24} = \left( \frac{U_{24}}{R_1} - I_{24} \right) \cdot R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5$$

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:

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

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

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

**Exercise E7 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  $\underline{I}_{X1}$  in the circuit shown in the figure. The components ( $R$  and  $X_{1,2}$ ) shall be given.

After analysis, the full dimensional circuit impedance  $Z$  and the voltage  $\underline{U}_{AB}$  in phasor notation shall be given as  $\underline{U}_{AB} = (a + bj) \text{ V}$  and  $\underline{I}_{X1} = (c + dj) \text{ A}$ .

Solution  
.. Calculate the physical values of the components.  
Solution  $R = 10 \Omega$ ,  $X_1 = 2 \Omega$ ,  $X_2 = 1 \Omega$

Solution

$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{Z} = \frac{50 \text{ V}}{0.24 \Omega + j4.68 \Omega} = \frac{50}{4.72 \angle 87.1^\circ} = 10.6 \angle -87.1^\circ \text{ A}$$

The current and voltage are in phase and the voltage is pure real resulting in  $\underline{U}_{AB} = 0.24 \text{ V}$  and  $\underline{I}_{X1} = 10.6 \text{ A}$ .

Therefore, the component  $4.68 \Omega$  is in parallel with the same absolute value of impedance  $X_1 = 2 \Omega$  and  $X_2 = 1 \Omega$  in series.

$$\underline{U}_{AB} = \frac{50 \text{ V}}{2 \parallel (4.68 + j1)} = \frac{50 \text{ V}}{2 \parallel 5.0 \angle 11.3^\circ} = \frac{50 \text{ V}}{2.5 \angle 11.3^\circ} = 20 \angle -11.3^\circ \text{ V}$$

With the complex part comes the physical values  $\underline{U}_{AB} = 20 \text{ V}$  and  $\underline{I}_{X1} = 10.6 \text{ A}$ .

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

**Exercise E1 Analyzing complex Impedances**  
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. Calculate the phase angle  $\varphi$  of the total impedance  $Z$  in the circuit shown in the figure. The results  $\varphi$  and  $|Z|$  shall be given.

After analysis, the full width of the circuit board impedance  $Z$  is extracted and given in phase  $\varphi$  and  $|Z|$ .  

$$Z = (2 + j4) \text{ } \Omega + 5 \text{ } \Omega$$

.. Calculate the physical values of the two components.  
 Solution 
$$\varphi = \arctan \left( \frac{4}{2} \right) = 63.43^\circ$$

Solution  

$$|Z| = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 5^2} = 6.40 \text{ } \Omega$$
  
 The current and voltage across phase angle  $\varphi$  are  $I = 1 \text{ A}$  and  $V = 6.40 \text{ V}$  respectively. The resulting impedance  $Z$  is  $Z = 6.40 \text{ } \Omega$ .  
 The real component  $R$  is  $R = 2 \text{ } \Omega$  and the imaginary component  $X_L$  is  $X_L = 4 \text{ } \Omega$ .  
 The magnitude of the impedance  $|Z|$  is  $|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + X_L^2} = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2} = 4.47 \text{ } \Omega$ .  
 The phase angle  $\varphi$  is  $\varphi = \arctan \left( \frac{X_L}{R} \right) = \arctan \left( \frac{4}{2} \right) = 63.43^\circ$ .  
 With the complex part comes  $Z = 2 + j4 \text{ } \Omega$ .  
 The phase  $\varphi$  can be calculated as 
$$\varphi = \arctan \left( \frac{\text{Im}(Z)}{\text{Re}(Z)} \right) = \arctan \left( \frac{4}{2} \right)$$

**Exercise E8 Impedances at different Frequencies**  
(written test, approx. 18 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. A circuit with a resistor  $R_1 = 20 \text{ } \Omega$  and a capacitor  $C_1 = 40 \text{ nF}$  is connected to an AC voltage source  $U = 50 \text{ V}$  at  $f = 300 \text{ kHz}$ . The resistor  $R_1$  shall have the same absolute value of the impedance as a capacitor  $C_1 = 40 \text{ nF}$  at  $f_1 = 4 \text{ MHz}$ .  
 Solution

Solution

$$R_1 \&= 1.00 \sim \Omega$$

$$R_2 \&= 10.0 \sim \Omega$$

$$R_3 \&= 70.0 \sim \Omega$$

$$C_1 \&= 40 \sim \text{nF}$$

$$C_2 \&= 4.7 \sim \mu\text{F}$$

$$f \&= 4 \sim \text{MHz}$$

$$U \&= 160 \sim \text{V}$$

A series circuit means that the current is constant on every component.  
 The equivalent impedance for  $R_2$  and  $C_1$  combined is given by 
$$Z_{21} = R_2 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_1}$$
 Since  $\frac{1}{j\omega C_1}$  is perpendicular to  $R_2$ , this can be simplified to 
$$|Z_{21}| = \sqrt{R_2^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\omega C_1}\right)^2}$$
 So it gets clear that  $Z_{21}$  is perpendicular to  $R_3$  (It has to, since  $R_3$  is perpendicular to  $\frac{1}{j\omega C_1}$ , too).  
 Therefore the resulting current of the parallel circuit is given as: 
$$I_{3R} = \frac{U}{R_3} + \frac{U}{|Z_{21}|}$$

$$I_{3R} = \frac{160}{70} + \frac{160}{\sqrt{10^2 + \left(\frac{1}{4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}}\right)^2}}$$

$$I_{3R} \approx 2.3 \text{ A}$$

Back to the first formula: 
$$R_3 \cdot I_{3R} = X_{3C} \cdot I_{3C} + R_3 \cdot I_{3R}$$

$$I_{3C} = \frac{R_3 \cdot I_{3R}}{X_{3C}}$$

$$I_{3C} = \frac{70 \cdot 2.3}{\frac{1}{4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}}}$$

$$I_{3C} \approx 11.2 \text{ A}$$

**Exercise E9 Impedances at different Frequencies**  
 (written test, approx. 18 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

A series circuit means that the current is constant on every component.  
 The equivalent impedance for  $R_2$  and  $C_1$  combined is given by 
$$Z_{21} = R_2 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_1}$$
 Since  $\frac{1}{j\omega C_1}$  is perpendicular to  $R_2$ , this can be simplified to 
$$|Z_{21}| = \sqrt{R_2^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\omega C_1}\right)^2}$$
 So it gets clear that  $Z_{21}$  is perpendicular to  $R_3$  (It has to, since  $R_3$  is perpendicular to  $\frac{1}{j\omega C_1}$ , too).  
 Therefore the resulting current of the parallel circuit is given as: 
$$I_{3R} = \frac{U}{R_3} + \frac{U}{|Z_{21}|}$$

$$I_{3R} = \frac{160}{70} + \frac{160}{\sqrt{10^2 + \left(\frac{1}{4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}}\right)^2}}$$

$$I_{3R} \approx 2.3 \text{ A}$$

Back to the first formula: 
$$R_3 \cdot I_{3R} = X_{3C} \cdot I_{3C} + R_3 \cdot I_{3R}$$

$$I_{3C} = \frac{R_3 \cdot I_{3R}}{X_{3C}}$$

$$I_{3C} = \frac{70 \cdot 2.3}{\frac{1}{4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}}}$$

$$I_{3C} \approx 11.2 \text{ A}$$

Solution

$$R_1 \&= 1.00 \sim \Omega$$

$$R_2 \&= 10.0 \sim \Omega$$

$$R_3 \&= 70.0 \sim \Omega$$

$$C_1 \&= 40 \sim \text{nF}$$

$$C_2 \&= 4.7 \sim \mu\text{F}$$

$$f \&= 4 \sim \text{MHz}$$

$$U \&= 160 \sim \text{V}$$

A series circuit means that the current is constant on every component.  
 The equivalent impedance for  $R_2$  and  $C_1$  combined is given by 
$$Z_{21} = R_2 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_1}$$
 Since  $\frac{1}{j\omega C_1}$  is perpendicular to  $R_2$ , this can be simplified to 
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 So it gets clear that  $Z_{21}$  is perpendicular to  $R_3$  (It has to, since  $R_3$  is perpendicular to  $\frac{1}{j\omega C_1}$ , too).  
 Therefore the resulting current of the parallel circuit is given as: 
$$I_{3R} = \frac{U}{R_3} + \frac{U}{|Z_{21}|}$$

$$I_{3R} = \frac{160}{70} + \frac{160}{\sqrt{10^2 + \left(\frac{1}{4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}}\right)^2}}$$

$$I_{3R} \approx 2.3 \text{ A}$$

Back to the first formula: 
$$R_3 \cdot I_{3R} = X_{3C} \cdot I_{3C} + R_3 \cdot I_{3R}$$

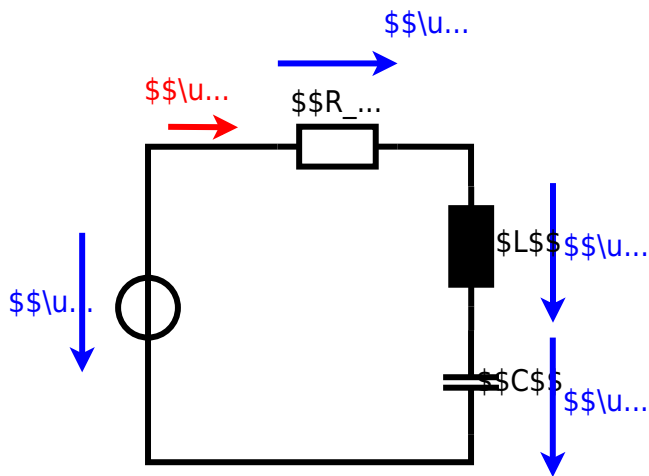
$$I_{3C} = \frac{R_3 \cdot I_{3R}}{X_{3C}}$$

$$I_{3C} = \frac{70 \cdot 2.3}{\frac{1}{4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}}}$$

$$I_{3C} \approx 11.2 \text{ A}$$







**Exercise E1 Complex Impedance Circuit**  
**(written test, approx. 15 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

1. Calculate the current  $i(t)$  in the circuit shown in Fig. 1. The voltage source is  $u(t) = 3.0 \sin(2\pi \cdot 15 \text{ kHz} \cdot t)$  V. The circuit consists of a resistor of  $R = 10 \text{ }\Omega$ , an inductor of  $L = 330 \text{ }\mu\text{H}$ , and a capacitor of  $C = 0.22 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , all in series.

Result:  $Z = 19.8 \text{ }\Omega$ ,  $i(t) = 0.152 \sin(2\pi \cdot 15 \text{ kHz} \cdot t - 90^\circ)$  A

Draw the circuit diagram of the given circuit. Label all components, voltages, and currents.

$$Z = \frac{U}{I} \quad I = \frac{U}{Z} \quad Z_C = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot f \cdot C} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 15 \text{ kHz} \cdot 0.22 \text{ }\mu\text{F}} = -j19.8 \text{ }\Omega$$

$$\text{With } Z = \frac{U}{I} \Rightarrow I = \frac{U}{Z} = \frac{3.0 \text{ V}}{19.8 \text{ }\Omega} = 0.152 \text{ A} = 152 \text{ mA}$$

$$\text{The current } i(t) \text{ is } i(t) = 0.152 \sin(2\pi \cdot 15 \text{ kHz} \cdot t - 90^\circ) \text{ A}$$

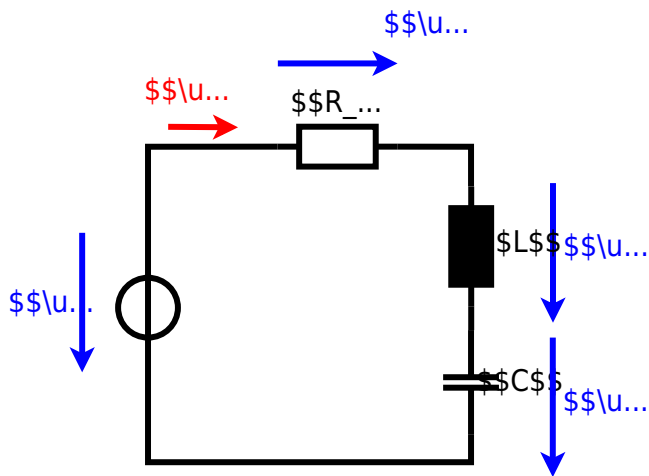
$$\underline{Z} = R + \underline{Z}_L + \underline{Z}_C = 10 \text{ }\Omega + j\omega L - j\omega C = 10 \text{ }\Omega + j19.8 \text{ }\Omega - j19.8 \text{ }\Omega = 10 \text{ }\Omega$$

$$\underline{Z} = R + \underline{Z}_L + \underline{Z}_C \Rightarrow \underline{Z} = 10 \text{ }\Omega + j19.8 \text{ }\Omega - j19.8 \text{ }\Omega = 10 \text{ }\Omega$$

$$|\underline{Z}| = \sqrt{R^2 + (\underline{Z}_L - \underline{Z}_C)^2} = \sqrt{10^2 + (19.8 - 19.8)^2} = 10 \text{ }\Omega$$







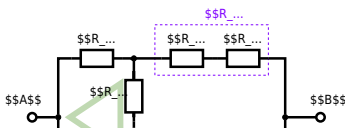
**Exercise E4 Pure Resistor Network Simplification**  
**(written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The following shall be solved at 100% of the given points. The result shall be given.

Solution

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

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:

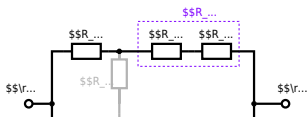
$$R_Y = \frac{R_2 \cdot R_2}{R_2 + R_2 + R_2} = \frac{(100 \Omega)^2}{3 \cdot 100 \Omega} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 100 \Omega = 33.33 \Omega$$

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

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

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

Solution



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

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

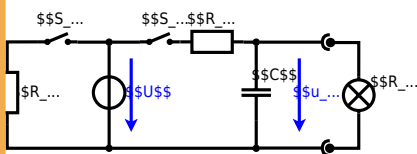
**Exercise E6 Charging Capacitors**  
 (written test, approx. 16 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The capacitor is initially open, and the voltage across the capacitor is again  $U_0$  at the moment  $t_0 = 0$  s when the switch  $S_1$  is closed. Calculate the voltage  $u_c(t_2)$  across the capacitor at  $t_2 = 1$  ms after closing the switch.

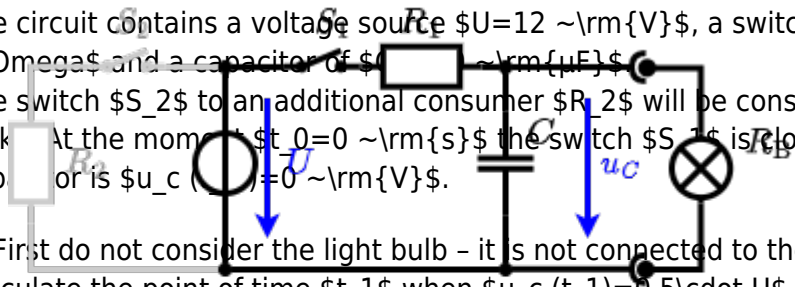
**Result:** To solve this, first create an equivalent linear voltage source from  $U$ ,  $R_1$ , and  $R_2$ .

$$U_{\text{eff}} = \frac{U \cdot R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \quad R_{\text{int}} = R_1 \parallel R_2$$

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  $R_2$ .

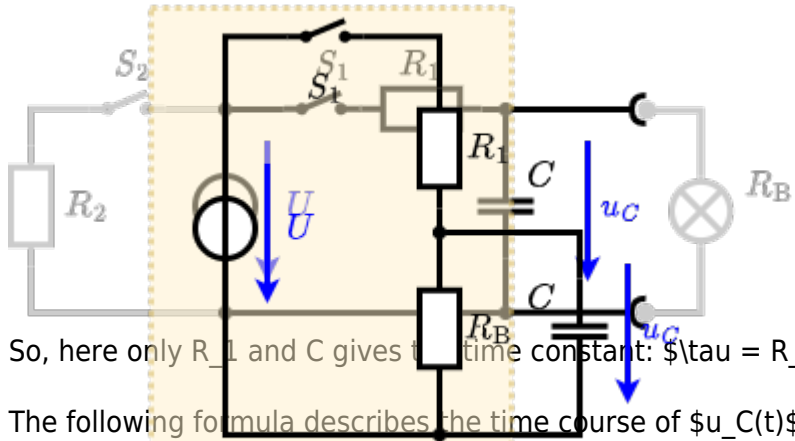


The circuit contains a voltage source  $U=12 \text{ V}$ , a switch  $S_1$ , a resistor of  $R_1=20 \text{ }\Omega$  and a capacitor of  $C=100 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$ . The switch  $S_2$  to an additional consumer  $R_2$  will be considered to be open for the first task. At the moment  $t_0=0 \text{ s}$  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  $(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) = 0.5$ .  
 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).  

$$R_i = R_1 \parallel R_B = 10 \text{ }\Omega$$

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

**Exercise E1 Charging Capacitors**  
 (written test, approx. 16 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The circuit (as shown in the figure) consists of a DC voltage source  $U=6 \text{ V}$ , a resistor  $R_1=20 \text{ }\Omega$ , a capacitor  $C=20 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , a resistor  $R_2=10 \text{ }\Omega$ , and a switch  $S_1$ . The voltage across the capacitor is again  $0 \text{ V}$  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  $R_2$ .  

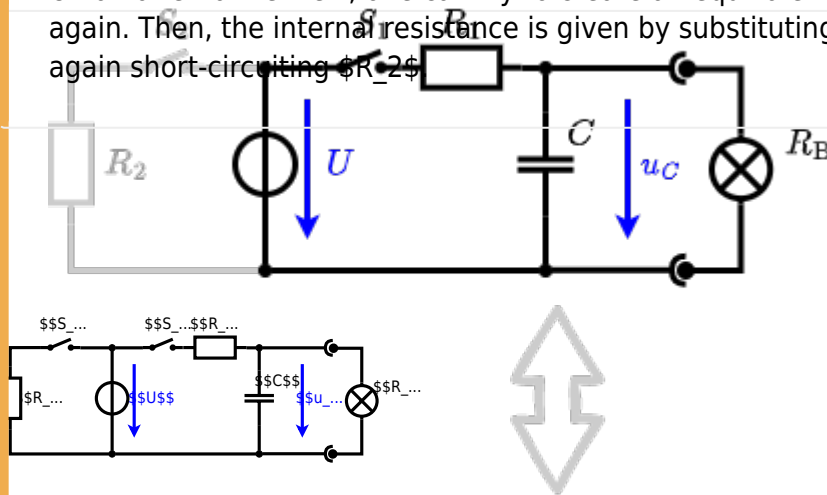
$$U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = 2 \text{ V}$$

$$R_i = R_1 \parallel R_2 = 13.3 \text{ }\Omega$$

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  $u_C$ . The voltage across the light bulb is  $u_B$ . The voltage across the resistor  $R_2$  is  $u_{R_2}$ . The voltage across the capacitor is  $u_C$ . The voltage across the light bulb is  $u_B$ . The voltage across the resistor  $R_2$  is  $u_{R_2}$ .

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  $R_2$ .

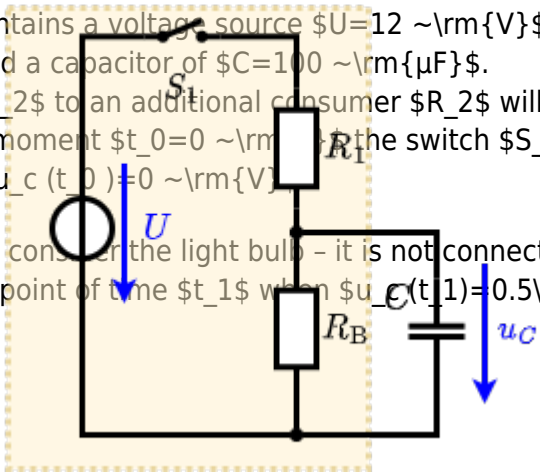


The circuit contains a voltage source  $U = 12 \text{ V}$ , a switch  $S_1$ , a resistor of  $R_1 = 20 \text{ }\Omega$  and a capacitor of  $C = 100 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$ .

The switch  $S_2$  to an additional consumer  $R_2$  will be considered to be open for the first asks. At the moment  $t_0 = 0$  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

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).  $R_i = R_1 \parallel R_B = 10 \text{ }\Omega$ .

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

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  $(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) = 0.5 \implies e^{-t/\tau} = 0.5 \implies -t/\tau = \ln(0.5) \implies t = \tau \cdot \ln(0.5) = R_1 \cdot C \cdot \ln(0.5)$

### Exercise E2 Temperature-dependent Resistance (written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. A refrigerator, explains a thermoelectric resistance in a refrigeration system. The refrigerator has a resistance of  $10 \text{ k}\Omega$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and  $10^{-6} \text{ k}\Omega$  at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ . Its temperature coefficients are:  $\alpha = 0.01 \text{ K}^{-1}$  and  $\beta = 71 \text{ K}^{-2}$ .

Result  
The temperature inside the refrigeration system can reach down to  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ .

Calculate the resistance of the thermistor at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ .

$$R = 6.5 \text{ k}\Omega$$

The power transfer is reduced by a factor of 10. Therefore, a solution is to increase the heat flow up the refrigeration system. Therefore, with constant  $U$  and increasing  $R$  the power decreases. Ten times more resistance decreases the heat flow to one-tenth.

$$R = R_0 \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot \Delta T^2) \quad | \quad \Delta T = T_{\text{end}} - T_{\text{start}} \\ R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot \left(1 + 0.01 \text{ K}^{-1} \cdot (-40^\circ\text{C} - 25^\circ\text{C}) + 71 \text{ K}^{-2} \cdot (-40^\circ\text{C} - 25^\circ\text{C})^2\right)$$

### Exercise E3 Temperature-dependent Resistance (written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

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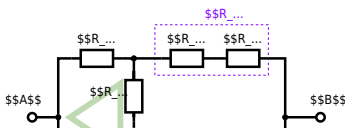
**Exercise E1 Pure Resistor Network Simplification**  
**(written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The following shall be solved at 100% of the given points. The result shall be given.

Solution

$$R_{\text{eq}} = 132.8 \, \Omega$$

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:

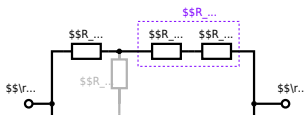
$$R_Y = \frac{R_2 \cdot R_2}{R_2 + R_2 + R_2} = \frac{(100 \, \Omega)^2}{3 \cdot 100 \, \Omega} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 100 \, \Omega = 33.33 \, \Omega$$

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

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

The switch shall now be open. Calculate the equivalent resistance  $R_{\text{eq}}$  between terminals 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 E1 Resistance of a Wire by Resistivity**  
**(written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

2. The heating element is used to heat the wire with a temperature of  $180 \sim\text{C}$ . The electric power dissipation (= heat flow) of  $P=40 \sim\text{W}$  is necessary. Determine the current  $I$  needed to operate it for heating elements. The Nichrome wire has a resistivity of  $1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \sim\Omega \cdot \text{m}$ .

The heating element is  $3 \sim\text{m}$  long and has a diameter of  $3.57 \sim\text{mm}$ .  
 Solution: Calculate the resistance  $R$  of the heating element.

Solution

$$P = U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{40 \sim\text{W}}{0.33 \sim\Omega}}$$

$$R = \rho \cdot \frac{l}{A} \quad | \quad \text{with } A = r^2 \cdot \pi = \frac{1}{4} d^2 \cdot \pi \quad \parallel \quad R = \rho \cdot \frac{4 \cdot l}{d^2 \cdot \pi} \quad \parallel \quad R = 1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \sim\Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot 3 \sim\text{m}}{(3.57 \cdot 10^{-3} \sim\text{m})^2 \cdot \pi}$$

## Exercise E1 Resistance of a Wire by Resistivity (written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. Heating elements made of solid nichrome wire with a temperature coefficient of  $1.80 \times 10^{-5} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ . Electric power dissipation (= heat flow) of  $P=40 \text{ W}$  is necessary.

Calculate the current  $I$  needed to operate it.

The Nichrome wire has a resistivity of  $1.10 \times 10^{-6} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ .

The heating element is  $3 \text{ m}$  long and has a diameter of  $3.57 \text{ mm}$ .

∴ Calculate the resistance  $R$  of the heating element.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} P &= U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad I = \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{40 \text{ W}}{0.33 \text{ } \Omega}} \end{aligned}$$

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