

# Exam Winter Semester 2022

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

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Determine the current  $I$  linked to the operating voltage for heating elements.

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

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

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

The power transfer resistor  $P$  is a part of the circuit and generates heat. 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.

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\begin{align*} R &= R_0 \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot \Delta T^2) && | \\ \text{\textit{with } } \Delta T &= T_{\text{end}} - T_{\text{start}} \\ R &= 10 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot \left(1 + 0.01 \cdot (-40^\circ\text{C} - 25^\circ\text{C}) + 71 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot (-40^\circ\text{C} - 25^\circ\text{C})^2\right) \\ \end{align*}

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

The following shall be solved at once, the given resistances and the voltage  
 result given.  $R_B$ .

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:

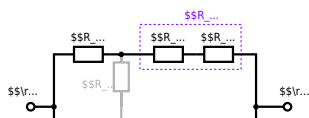
$$R_Y = \frac{R_2 \cdot R_2}{R_2 + R_2 + R_2} = \frac{(100 \, \Omega)^2}{3 \cdot 100 \, \Omega} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 100 \, \Omega = 33.33 \, \Omega$$

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

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

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

Solution



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

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

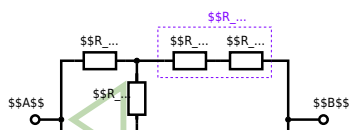
**Exercise E1 Pure Resistor Network Simplification**  
**(written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The following shall be solved with  $R_1 = 200 \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = R_3 = 100 \Omega$  and the source  $B = 10 \text{ V}$ .  
 Result given:  $R_{\text{eq}} = 132.8 \Omega$ .

Solution

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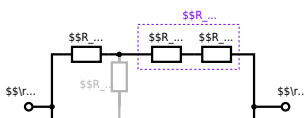


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The equivalent resistor is given by a parallel configuration of resistors in series: 
$$R_{eq} = R_Y + (R_Y + R_1 + R_1) \parallel (R_Y + R_2) \parallel R_{eq} = 33.33 \Omega + (33.33 \Omega + 400 \Omega) \parallel (33.33 \Omega + 100 \Omega)$$

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

Solution



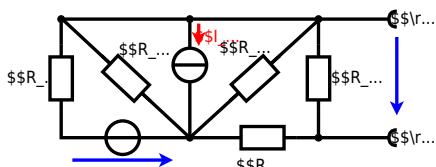
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**Exercise E5 Equivalent linear Source  
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The circuit in the following has to be simplified.  
Result

$$U_{\text{s}} = U_{\text{AB}} = 4.5 \text{ V} \quad R_{\text{i}} = R_{\text{AB}} = 6 \Omega$$



Calculated the internal resistance  $R_{\text{int}}$  and the source voltage  $U_{\text{oc}}$  of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors  $\text{A}$  and  $\text{B}$ .  $R_1=5.0 \text{ } \Omega$ ,  $U_2=6.0 \text{ V}$ ,  $R_3= 10 \text{ } \Omega$ ,  $I_4=4.2 \text{ A}$ ,  $R_5=10 \text{ } \Omega$ ,  $R_6=7.5 \text{ } \Omega$ ,  $R_7=15 \text{ } \Omega$  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: 
$$U_{24}$$

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

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:

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

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

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

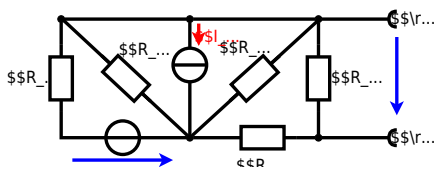
with  $R_1 || R_3 || R_5 = 5\Omega || 10\Omega || 10\Omega = 5\Omega || 5\Omega = 2.5\Omega$ :

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

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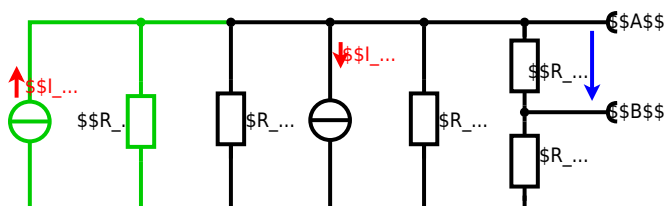
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with  $R_1 || R_3 || R_5 = 5 \Omega || 10 \Omega || 10 \Omega = 5 \Omega || 5 \Omega = 2.5 \Omega$ :

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

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

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

The circuit below is a RC circuit consisting of a DC voltage source  $U$ , a resistor  $R_1$ , a resistor  $R_2$ , and a capacitor  $C$ . The switch  $S_1$  is initially open. 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  $R_2$ .

The ideal voltage source  $U_{eq}$  is given by:

$$U_{eq} = U \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

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  $U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_B}{R_1 + R_B}$  and  $R_i = R_1 \parallel R_B$  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 ( $R_i = 0 \text{ }\Omega$ , 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**  
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The circuit (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, a  $20 \text{ }\Omega$  resistor, and a light bulb ( $20 \text{ }\Omega$ ). 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  $R_B$ .  

$$U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_B}{R_1 + R_B} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot U = 6 \text{ V}$$

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

Solution

The ideal voltage source is  $U = 12 \text{ V}$ . The internal resistance is given by substituting the ideal voltage source is again short-circuiting  $R_2$ .

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Solution

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$$u_c(t_2) = U_s \cdot (1 - e^{-t_2/(R_1 \cdot C)}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot U \cdot (1 - e^{-t_2/(10 \text{ }\Omega \cdot 100 \text{ }\mu\text{F})})$$

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It has to be rearranged to  $t$

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



The absolute value of the impedance is  $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$  and the phase angle is  $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{X_L - X_C}{R}\right)$ .  
 With the complex part comes the physical value:  $X_L = \omega L$  and  $X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C}$ .  
 The phase  $\phi$  is  $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{X_L - X_C}{R}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{4.68 \omega - \frac{1}{\omega C}}{1.00}\right)$ .  
 At  $\omega = 1000$  rad/s,  $X_L = 4.68 \text{ } \Omega$  and  $X_C = 2.53 \text{ } \Omega$ .  
 The phase angle is  $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{4.68 - 2.53}{1.00}\right) = \arctan(2.15) \approx 65^\circ$ .

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

At a AC circuit the resistor values  $R_1 = 1 \text{ } \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 4.7 \text{ } \mu\text{H}$ ,  $R_3 = 10 \text{ } \Omega$  and  $C_1 = 40 \text{ nF}$  are connected in series. The current  $I = 100 \text{ mA}$  flows through the circuit. The resistor  $R_1$  shall have the same absolute value of the impedance as a capacitor  $C_1 = 40 \text{ nF}$  at  $f = 4 \text{ MHz}$ .

Solution

$R_1 = 1.00 \text{ } \Omega$

$R_2 = 4.7 \text{ } \mu\text{H}$

$R_3 = 10.0 \text{ } \Omega$

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  $Z_{2C} = \sqrt{R_2^2 + X_{C1}^2}$ .  
 Parallel circuit means that the voltage is the same on  $R_2$  and  $C_1$ .  
 $X_{C1} = \frac{1}{\omega C_1} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}} \approx 0.995 \text{ } \Omega$ .  
 $Z_{2C} = \sqrt{4.7^2 + 0.995^2} \approx 4.8 \text{ } \Omega$ .  
 Therefore, the resulting current of the parallel circuit is given as:  
 $I_{2C} = \frac{U}{Z_{2C}} = \frac{U}{4.8}$ .  
 This current is the same as the current through  $R_1$ .  
 $I = I_{2C} = \frac{U}{4.8} = 100 \text{ mA}$ .  
 Back to the first formula:  $R_3 \cdot I_{2C} = X_{C1} \cdot I_{2C}$ .  
 $R_3 = X_{C1} = 0.995 \text{ } \Omega$ .

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













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