

# 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)

A heating element made of solid nichrome wire with a diameter of  $1.80 \text{ mm}$  is used for electric power dissipation (= heat flow) of  $P=40 \text{ W}$  is necessary.

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 circuit 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) \quad | \\ \text{\textit{with } } \Delta T &= T_{\text{end}} - T_{\text{start}} \quad | \quad R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot \\ &\left(1 + 0.01 \cdot \frac{1}{\text{K}} \cdot (-40^\circ\text{C} - 25^\circ\text{C}) + 71 \cdot \right. \\ &\left. 10^{-6} \cdot \frac{1}{\text{K}^2} \cdot (-40^\circ\text{C} - 25^\circ\text{C})^2 \right) \quad | \\ &\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 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:

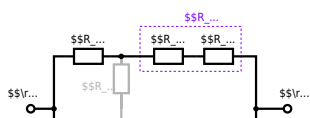
$$R_Y = \frac{R_2 \cdot R_2}{R_2 + R_2 + R_2} = \frac{(100 \Omega)^2}{3 \cdot 100 \Omega} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 100 \Omega = 33.33 \Omega$$

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

$$R_{AB} = R_Y + (R_Y + R_1 + R_1) \parallel (R_Y + R_2) \parallel R_7 = 33.33 \Omega + (33.33 \Omega + 400 \Omega) \parallel (33.33 \Omega + 100 \Omega) \parallel 100 \Omega$$

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:

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

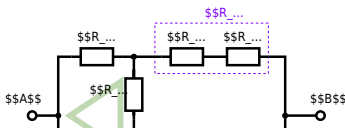
**Exercise E1 Pure Resistor Network Simplification**  
 (written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

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:  $R_{\text{eq}} = 132.8 \Omega$ .

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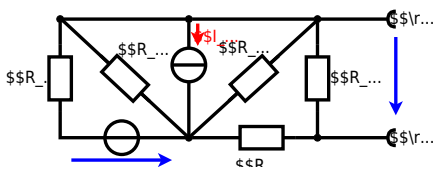
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$$R_{\text{eq}} = (R_2 + R_1 + R_1) \parallel (R_2 + R_2) \parallel R_{\text{eq}} = (100 \Omega + 200 \Omega + 200 \Omega) \parallel (100 \Omega + 100 \Omega) \parallel R_{\text{eq}} = (500 \Omega) \parallel (200 \Omega) \parallel R_{\text{eq}} = \frac{500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

**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: 
$$U_{24} = I_{24} \cdot R_{135} + I_{24} \cdot R_4 + I_{24} \cdot R_{56}$$

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

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

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

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

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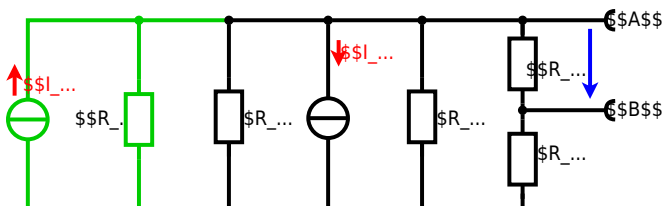
Calculated the internal resistance  $R_{\text{int}}$  and the source voltage  $U_{\text{ss}}$  of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors  $\text{A}$  and  $\text{B}$ .  $\begin{aligned} R_1 &= 5.0 \text{ } \Omega, & U_2 &= 6.0 \text{ V}, & R_3 &= 10 \text{ } \Omega, & I_4 &= 4.2 \text{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

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

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

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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 battery with an internal resistance of  $R_1 = 5 \Omega$  and a charging capacitor  $C = 2 \mu\text{F}$  in parallel with a resistor  $R_2 = 2 \Omega$ . 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.

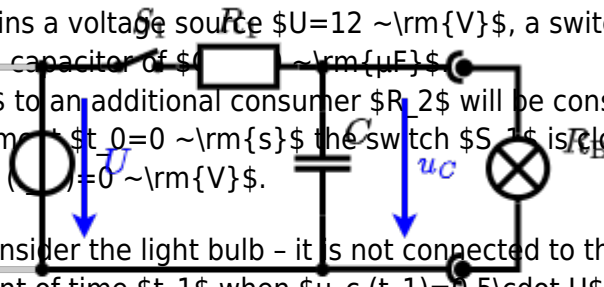
**Solution:** To solve this, first create an equivalent linear voltage source from  $U$ ,  $R_1$ , and  $R_2$ .

$$U_{eq} = \frac{U \cdot R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{12 \text{ V} \cdot 2 \Omega}{5 \Omega + 2 \Omega} = 2 \text{ V}$$

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  $R_2$ .

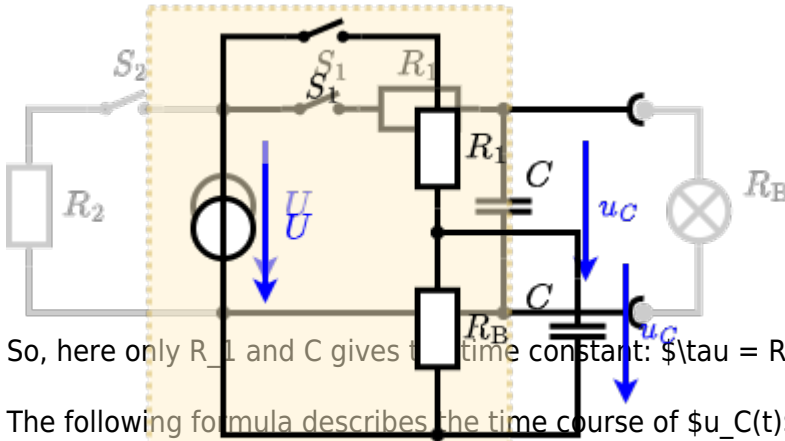


The circuit contains a voltage source  $U=12 \text{ V}$ , a switch  $S_1$ , a resistor of  $R_1=20 \text{ }\Omega$  and a capacitor of  $C=100 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$ . The switch  $S_2$  to an additional consumer  $R_2$  will be considered to be open for the first task. At the moment  $t_0=0 \text{ s}$  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  $(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) = 0.5 \implies e^{-t/\tau} = 0.5 \implies t/\tau = \ln(0.5) \implies t = \tau \cdot \ln(0.5) = R_1 \cdot C \cdot \ln(0.5)$  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:  $U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_B}{R_1 + R_B} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot U$  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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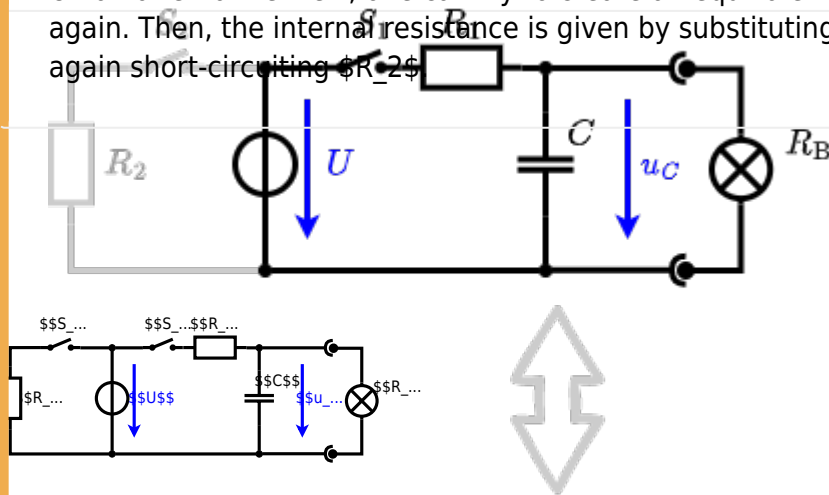
The circuit (as shown in the figure) consists of a DC voltage source  $U=6 \text{ V}$ , a resistor  $R_1=20 \text{ }\Omega$ , a capacitor  $C=20 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$  and a light bulb  $R_B=20 \text{ }\Omega$ . The switch  $S_1$  is open. The voltage across the capacitor is again  $0 \text{ V}$  at the 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  $R_B$ . 
$$U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_B}{R_1 + R_B} = 2 \text{ V}$$
 
$$R_i = R_1 \parallel R_B = 10 \text{ }\Omega$$

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  $R_2$ .

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  $R_2$ .



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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  $u_c(t_0) = 0$ .

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



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 angle is  $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{X_L - X_C}{R}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}}{R}\right)$ .

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

At a series circuit with a resistor  $R = 1.00 \text{ k}\Omega$ , an inductor  $L = 4.7 \text{ }\mu\text{H}$ , and a capacitor  $C = 40 \text{ nF}$  at  $f = 4 \text{ MHz}$ .  
 Result:  $Z = 1.00 \text{ k}\Omega$ . The impedance is purely resistive.

Solution  
 $Z = R + j(X_L - X_C)$   
 $Z = 1.00 \text{ k}\Omega + j(2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 4.7 \cdot 10^{-6} - \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}})$   
 $Z = 1.00 \text{ k}\Omega + j(117.6 - 994.7)$   
 $Z = 1.00 \text{ k}\Omega - j877.1 \text{ }\Omega$   
 $|Z| = \sqrt{1000^2 + (-877.1)^2} = 1328.5 \text{ }\Omega$   
 $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{-877.1}{1000}\right) = -43.1^\circ$   
 A series circuit means that the current is constant on every component.  
 The equivalent impedance for  $R$  and  $L$  and  $C$  combined is given by  $Z = R + j(X_L - X_C)$ .  
 Parallel circuit means that the voltage is the same on  $R$  and  $C$ .  
 $X_L = 2\pi f L = 2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 4.7 \cdot 10^{-6} = 117.6 \text{ }\Omega$   
 $X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi f C} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}} = 994.7 \text{ }\Omega$   
 $Z = R + j(X_L - X_C) = 1000 + j(117.6 - 994.7) = 1000 - j877.1 \text{ }\Omega$   
 $|Z| = \sqrt{1000^2 + (-877.1)^2} = 1328.5 \text{ }\Omega$   
 $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{-877.1}{1000}\right) = -43.1^\circ$   
 Therefore, the resulting current of the parallel circuit is given as:  
 $I = \frac{U}{|Z|} = \frac{10 \text{ V}}{1328.5 \text{ }\Omega} = 7.53 \text{ mA}$   
 This current is the same as the current through the resistor.  
 Back to the first formula:  $Z = R + j(X_L - X_C)$   
 $Z = 1000 + j(117.6 - 994.7) = 1000 - j877.1 \text{ }\Omega$   
 $|Z| = \sqrt{1000^2 + (-877.1)^2} = 1328.5 \text{ }\Omega$   
 $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{-877.1}{1000}\right) = -43.1^\circ$

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













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