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**Chapter 3 Synopsis**  
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## Chapter 3 Synopsis

### Analytic Techniques for Resistive Circuits

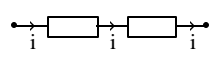
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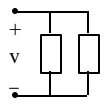
### 3.1 Series and Parallel Connections of Resistors

Elements in series share the same *physical*\* current  
 Elements in parallel share the same *physical*\* voltage

\* *Physical* as opposed to *numerical*; e.g., two elements having the same numerical current are not necessarily in series, etc.



Two elements in series

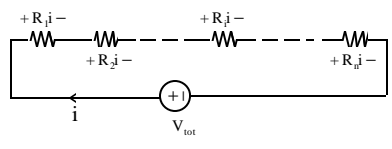


Two elements in parallel

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### 3.1 Series and Parallel Connections of Resistors

Resistors in series add:  $R_{tot} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_n$

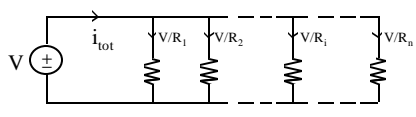


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### 3.1 Series and Parallel Connections of Resistors

Resistors in parallel add reciprocally:  
 $R_{tot}^{-1} = R_1^{-1} + R_2^{-1} + \dots + R_n^{-1}$

And conductances in parallel add directly:  
 $G_{tot} = G_1 + G_2 + \dots + G_n$  (See text p. 60)

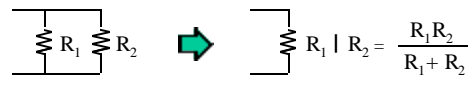


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### 3.1 Series and Parallel Connections of Resistors

Special case for *two* Resistors in parallel:  
 $R_1 \parallel R_2 = (R_1 R_2) / (R_1 + R_2)$

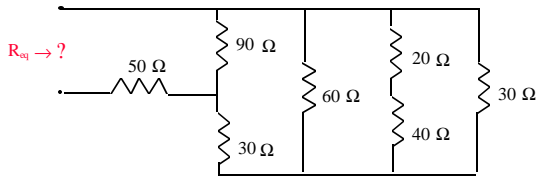
N.B.: Product-over-sum rule and notation (see text p. 61)—memorize!



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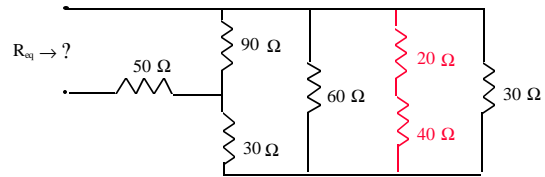
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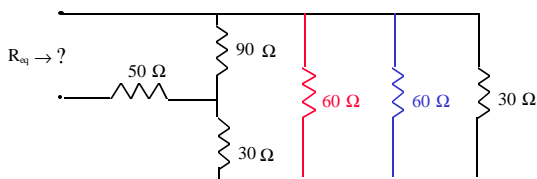
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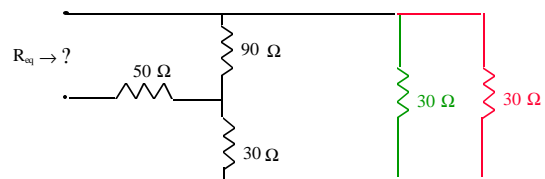
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Step 2:  $60\ \Omega \parallel 60\ \Omega = 30\ \Omega$  (two parallel resistors)

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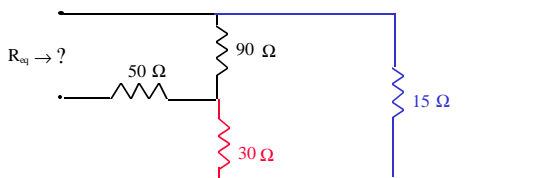
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Step 3:  $30\ \Omega \parallel 30\ \Omega = 15\ \Omega$  (two parallel resistors)

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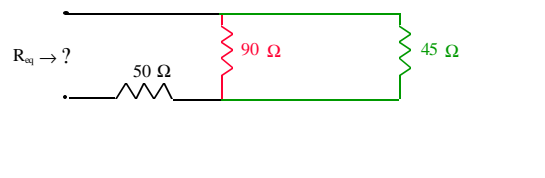
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Step 4:  $30\ \Omega + 15\ \Omega = 45\ \Omega$  (two series resistors)

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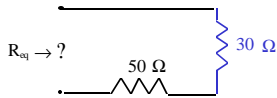
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Step 5:  $90\ \Omega \parallel 45\ \Omega = 30\ \Omega$  (two parallel resistors)

### 3.1 Series and Parallel Resistors: Example 3-1

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Step 6:  $50 \Omega + 30 \Omega = 80 \Omega$  (two series resistors)

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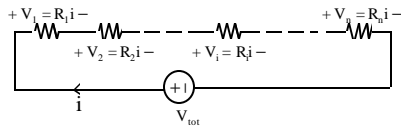
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Step 7: Ergo,  $R_{eq} = 80 \Omega$

### 3.2 Voltage and Current division

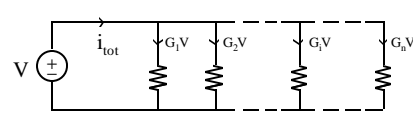
Voltage division: Series resistor voltages divide in proportion to resistances



$$\frac{V_i}{V_{tot}} = \frac{R_i}{R_{tot}} \text{ Memorize!}$$

### 3.2 Voltage and Current division

Current division: Parallel resistor currents divide in proportion to conductances



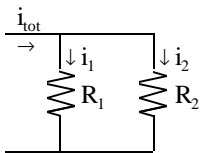
$$\frac{i_i}{i_{tot}} = \frac{G_i}{G_{tot}} \text{ Memorize!}$$

### 3.2 Voltage and Current division

Special case: Two Resistors in parallel:

$i_1/i_{tot} = R_2/(R_1 + R_2)$ , etc. (see below)

N.B.: "Other" resistor over sum of resistors (see text p. 68)—memorize!



$$\frac{i_1}{i_{tot}} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

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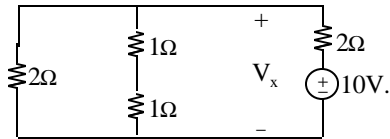
Memorize!

### Circuit Analysis Tool kit: Recapitulation

- Single-loop circuit analysis
- Single-node-pair circuit analysis
- Source transformations
- Series-parallel resistance combinations
- Voltage division
- Current division

### Example 3-2

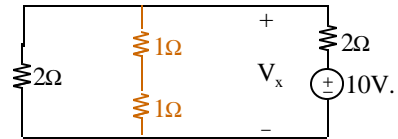
Find  $V_x$



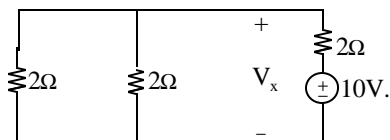
N.B.: See text Problem 3.9, p. 97.

### Example 3-2 cont.

Step 1:  $1\Omega + 1\Omega = 2\Omega$

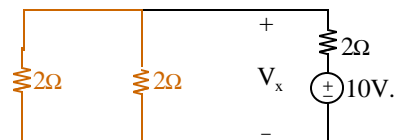


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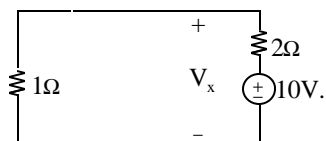


### Example 3-2 cont.

Step 2:  $2\Omega \parallel 2\Omega = 1\Omega$

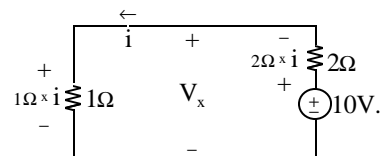


### Example 3-2 cont.



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Step 3: Single-loop circuit  
 KVL:  $10 \text{ V} - 2\Omega \times i - 1\Omega \times i = 0 \text{ V}$ .  
 Which has solution  $i = 10/3 \text{ A}$ .



So what's  $V_x$  ?

### 3.3 Superposition

- *Superposition* is the defining (inherent) property of linear systems
- Ergo, *linearity* and *superposition* are synonymous
- Electric circuits are electrical systems
- The behavior of all voltages and currents in electric circuits consisting of constant valued resistors and (independent) voltage and/or current sources is governed by *linear algebraic equations* in these voltages and currents so superposition applies

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### 3.3 Superposition cont.

What is the definition of the *Superposition* property?

If effect  $E_1$  results from cause  $C_1$   
 And if effect  $E_2$  results from cause  $C_2$   
 And if effect  $K \cdot E_2$  results from cause  $K \cdot C_2$   
 (where  $K$  is a constant)  
 Then cause  $(C_1 + K \cdot C_2)$  results in effect  $(E_1 + K \cdot E_2)$

And the cause-effect relationship (system) possessing the above *superposition* property is said to be *linear*

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### 3.3 Superposition cont.

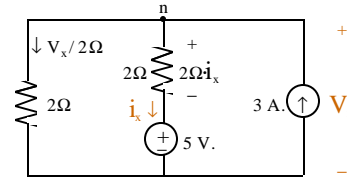
What's the practical use of this property; i.e., what's its application?

*One-source-at-a-time superposition!*

The key to the method's success lies in partitioning a given problem into single-source sub-problems (which are relatively easy to solve) and then applying superposition to the sub-problems' solutions—by just adding them up!

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### 3.3 Superposition cont. —Example 3-3

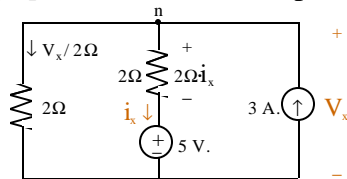


N.B.: See text Problem 3.23, p. 99.

Find  $V_x$  and  $i_x$  using one-source-at-a-time superposition

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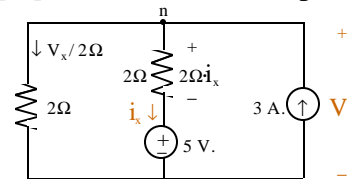


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**Step 1:** Calculate the components of  $V_x$  and  $i_x$  that are caused by the 5 V. voltage source *only*. This begs the question “how is the influence of the 3 A. current source to be withdrawn from consideration?”

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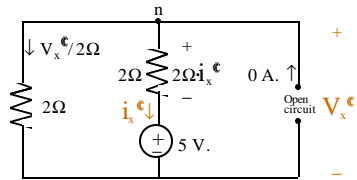


N.B.: See text Problem 3.23, p. 99.

**Step 1 (cont.):** The answer is to replace it with a zero (no) Ampere current source (i.e., an open circuit)—no current, no influence!

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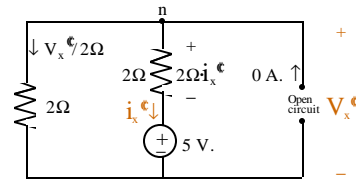
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**Step 1 (cont.):** N.B.: The *partial* answers (caused by the 5 V. voltage source only) have been flagged with primes.

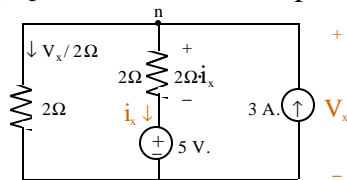
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N.B.: See text Problem 3.23, p. 99.

**Step 1 (cont.):** What's left is just a one-loop circuit having (by Ohm's Law) a counterclockwise current of  $V_x^c / 2\Omega = 5 \text{ V.} / (2\Omega + 2\Omega) = 1.25 \text{ A.}$   $\therefore V_x^c = 2.5 \text{ V.}$  and KCL at node n yields  $i_x^c = -1.25 \text{ A.}$

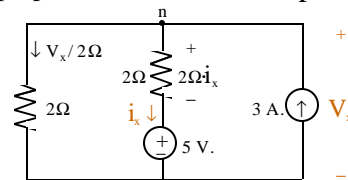
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**Step 2:** Calculate the components of  $V_x$  and  $i_x$  that are caused by the 3 A. current source *only*. This begs the question "how is the influence of the 5 V. voltage source to be withdrawn from consideration?"

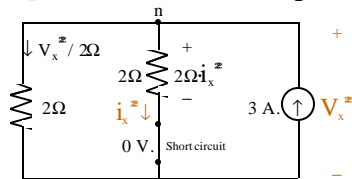
3.3 Superposition cont. —Example 3-3 cont.



N.B.: See text Problem 3.23, p. 99.

**Step 2 (cont.):** The answer is to replace it with a zero (no) Volt voltage source (i.e., a short circuit)—no voltage, no influence!

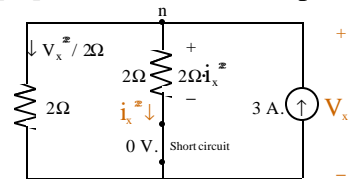
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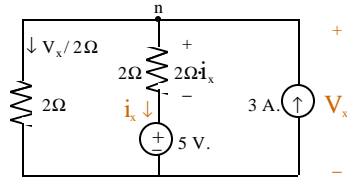
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N.B.: See text Problem 3.23, p. 99.

**Step 2 (cont.):** What's left is just a two-(equal) resistor current divider for which  $i_x^d = [2\Omega / (2\Omega + 2\Omega)] \cdot 3 \text{ A.} = 1.5 \text{ A.}$  so that  $V_x^d = 2\Omega \cdot i_x^d = 2\Omega \cdot 1.5 \text{ A.} = 3 \text{ V.}$

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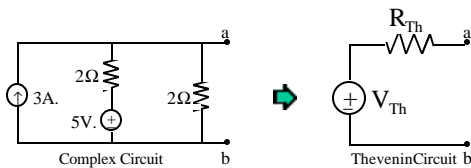
**Step 3:** Calculate each answer by summing its respective components; i.e.,  $i_x = i_x' + i_x'' = -1.25\text{A} + 1.5\text{A} = 0.25\text{A}$ .  
and:  $V_x = V_x' + V_x'' = 2.50\text{V} + 3.0\text{V} = 5.50\text{V}$ .

### 3.3 Superposition cont.

N.B.: Superposition *doesn't* work for power.

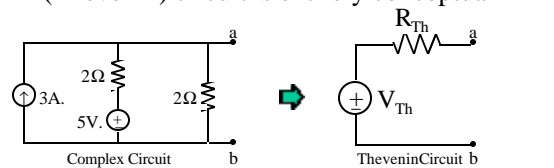
### 3.4 Thevenin and Norton Equivalent Circuits

The basic idea is to replace a relatively complex (linear) circuit with a simple *single-loop circuit* having a single voltage source and a single resistor—which is called the complex circuit's *Thevenin Equivalent Circuit*



### 3.4 Thevenin and Norton Equivalent Circuits

- What's needed are rules for how to calculate  $V_{Th}$  and  $R_{Th}$
- Note that all of the numerical data is in the left (actual) circuit whereas the right (Thevenin) circuit is entirely conceptual

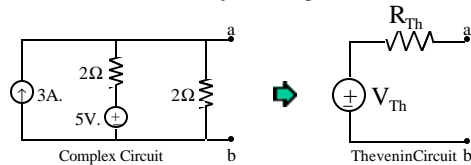


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Concepts (theory) here

### 3.4 Thevenin and Norton Equivalent Circuits

- This suggests that the rules for how to calculate  $V_{Th}$  and  $R_{Th}$  should be derivable from the Thevenin (theory) circuit and ...
- Once derived, these rules are then always applied to the data—namely the original (actual) circuit



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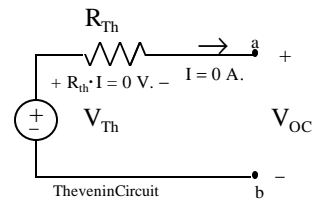
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### 3.4 Thevenin Circuit Element Rules

KVL applied to the Thevenin circuit *with terminals a-b open* (so  $I = 0\text{A}$ ) yields:

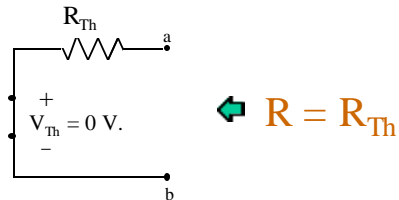
$$V_{Th} - 0\text{V} - V_{OC} = 0\text{V} \quad \therefore$$

$$V_{Th} = V_{OC} \text{ (Thevenin voltage = Open circuit voltage)}$$



### 3.4 Thevenin Circuit Element Rules cont.

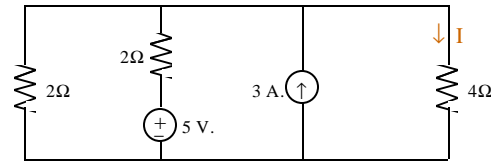
$R_{Th}$  is the resistance of the circuit when all independent sources of energy are removed from consideration (all voltage sources shorted, all current sources opened)



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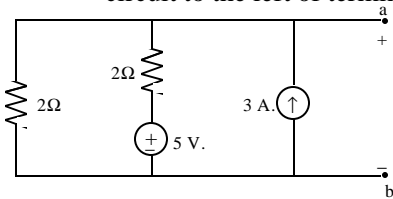
#### Example 3-4

Find  $I$  using Thevenin's Theorem



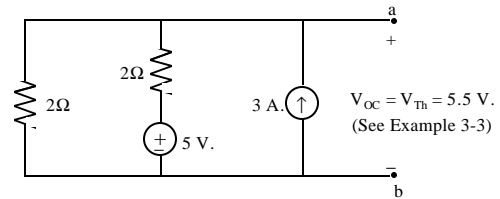
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Step 1: Get the Thevenin Equiv. of the circuit to the left of terminals a-b



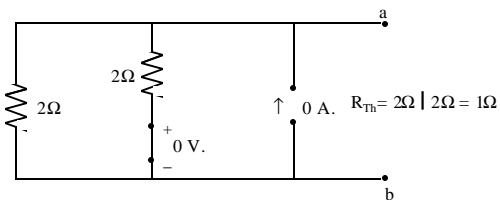
### 3.4 Example 3-4 cont.

Step 1a: Open circuit voltage calculation



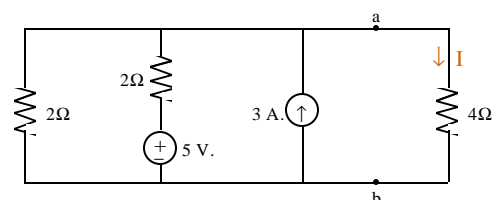
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Step 1b: Determination of  $R_{Th}$



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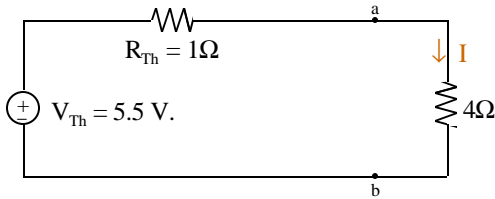
Ergo, finding  $I$  using Thevenin's Theorem becomes



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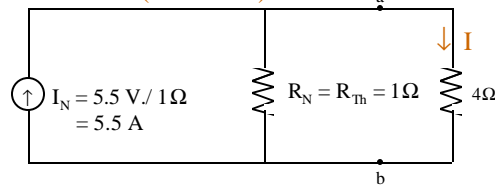
$$I = 5.5 \text{ V.} / (1 + 4) \Omega = 1.1 \text{ A.}$$

(Ohm's Law)



### 3.4 Example 3-4 cont.

Using source conversions, the Norton solution is:  $I = [1\Omega / (1 + 4)\Omega] \times 5.5 \text{ A.} = 1.1 \text{ A.}$  (Current  $\div$ )

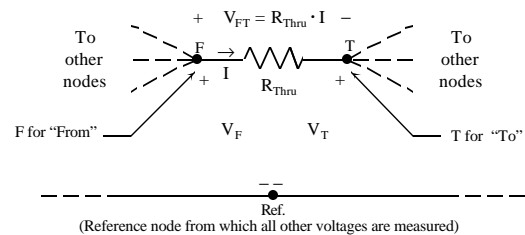


N.B.: See text pp. 76-81 for further information regarding Norton Equivalent circuits

### 3.5 Node & Mesh Analysis

- Node voltage analysis is just *organized* KCL(s)
- Likewise, mesh current analysis is just *organized* KVL(s)
- First consider node voltage analysis
- But before that, consider the following useful rule

### From-to-through Rule

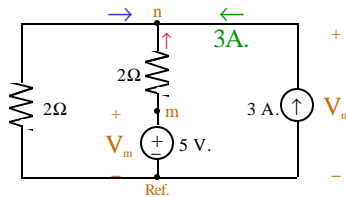


$$\text{KVL: } V_F - V_{FT} - V_T = 0 \therefore V_{FT} = V_F - V_T = R_{\text{Thru}} \cdot I \text{ (}\Omega\text{'s Law)}$$

$$I = \frac{V_{\text{From}} - V_{\text{To}}}{R_{\text{Thru}}} \leftarrow \text{Memorize this formula!}$$

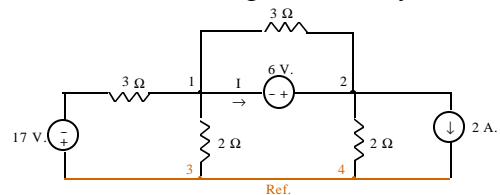
### 3.5 Node Voltage Analysis: Example 3-5

There are three nodes (m, n and the Ref. node)  
 $V_m$  is known to be 5 V. (by inspection or by KVL)  
 Write KCLs at nodes where the voltage is *unknown*  
 KCL at node n:  $(0V - V_n)/2\Omega + (5V - V_n)/2\Omega + 3A = 0 \text{ A.}$   
 —which has solution  $V_n = 5.5 \text{ V.}$



### 3.5 Node Voltage Analysis: Example 3-6

Find I using nodal analysis



The first step is to (arbitrarily) establish the "bottom" (physical nodes 3 and 4) of the circuit as the (electrical) reference node (Ref.)

Example 3-6 cont.  
(Find I using nodal analysis)

The node voltages  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are with respect to the reference (bottom) node as shown

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Example 3-6 cont.  
(Find I using nodal analysis)

**KVL:**  $V_1 + 6\text{ V} - V_2 = 0\text{ V} \therefore V_2 = V_1 + 6\text{ (A.)}$

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Example 3-6 cont.  
(Find I using nodal analysis)

**KCL at Node 1:**  
 $[(-17\text{ V}) - V_1]/3\Omega + 2\text{ A} - I - V_1/2\Omega = 0\text{ A. (B.)}$

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Example 3-6 cont.  
(Find I using nodal analysis)

**KCL at Node 2:**  
 $I - 2\text{ A} - 2\text{ A} - V_2/2\Omega = 0\text{ A. (C.)}$

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Example 3-6 cont.  
(Find I using nodal analysis)

Equations (A.), (B.) and (C.) have solution:  
 $V_1 = -8\text{ V.}, V_2 = -2\text{ V.}$  and  $I = 3\text{ A.}$   
Ergo,  $I = 3\text{ A.}$

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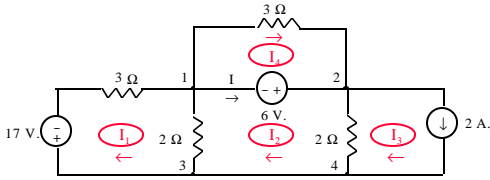
3.5 Mesh Current Analysis: Example 3-7

- There are two (left & right) meshes (“window panes”)
- $I_2$  is known to be  $-3\text{ A.}$  (by inspection or by KCL)
- Write KVLs around meshes whose mesh currents are *unknown*:
- KVL (left mesh):  $-2\Omega I_1 - 2\Omega(I_1 - I_2) - 5\text{ V.} = 0\text{ V.}$   
which (given  $I_2 = -3\text{ A.}$ ) has solution  $I_1 = -2.75\text{ A.}$

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### 3.5 Mesh Current Analysis: Example 3-8

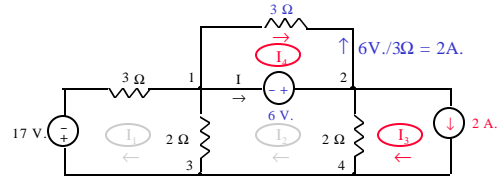
Find  $I$  using mesh analysis



The first step is to (arbitrarily) establish the mesh currents  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ ,  $I_3$  and  $I_4$  as shown

### Example 3-8 cont.

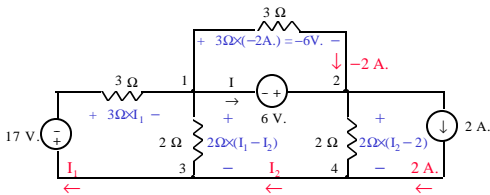
(Find  $I$  using mesh analysis)



Next, observe that  $I_3 = 2 \text{ A}$ , and  $I_4 = -6\text{V}/3\Omega = -2 \text{ A}$ , and alter the schematic accordingly (see next slide)

### Example 3-8 cont.

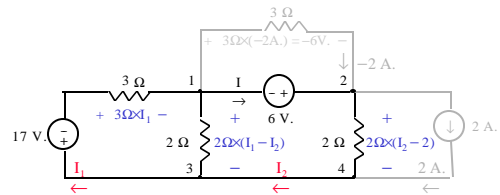
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Next, place *voltage drops* adjacent to the resistors as shown—note the use of the passive sign convention in assigning each voltage polarity!

### Example 3-8 cont.

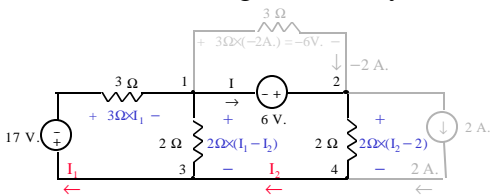
(Find  $I$  using mesh analysis)



Next, write KVLs around meshes whose mesh currents are *not* known

### Example 3-8 cont.

(Find  $I$  using mesh analysis)



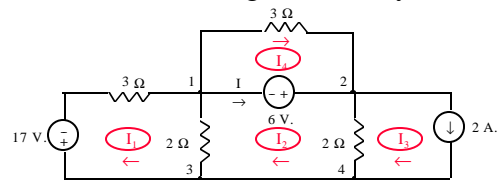
Mesh KVLs:

$$-17 \text{ V} - 3\Omega I_1 - 2\Omega(I_1 - I_2) = 0 \text{ V} \quad (\text{A.})$$

$$2\Omega(I_1 - I_2) + 6 \text{ V} - 2\Omega(I_2 - 2) = 0 \text{ V} \quad (\text{B.})$$

### Example 3-8 cont.

(Find  $I$  using mesh analysis)



Equations (A.) and (B.) have solution  $I_1 = -3 \text{ A}$ , and  $I_2 = 1 \text{ A}$ , so given  $I_4 = -2 \text{ A}$ , it follows that  $I = I_2 - I_4 = 1 \text{ A} - (-2 \text{ A}) = 3 \text{ A}$ .  $\therefore I = 3 \text{ A}$ .

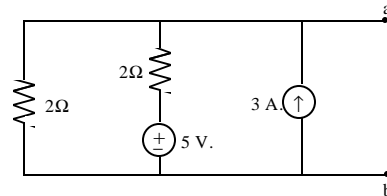
### 3.6 Maximum Power Transfer

- To extract maximum power from a Thevenin circuit, load it with a resistance equal to  $R_{Th}$ — see text pp. 95-96 for (calculus) proof
- It follows then that to extract maximum power from *any* (linear) circuit, load it with its Thevenin resistance  $R_{Th}$  with respect to the extraction point

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### 3.6 Maximum Power Transfer: Example 3-9

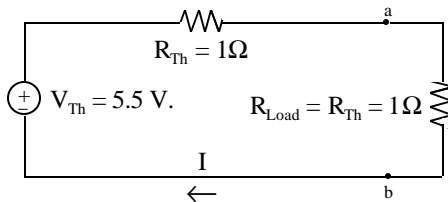
What's the maximum power that can be extracted from terminals a-b?



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### 3.6 Maximum Power Transfer: Example 3-9 cont.

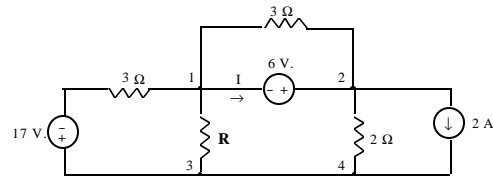
The circuit's Thevenin equivalent (found in Example 3-4) loaded with  $R_{Th}$  at terminals a-b yields:  
 $I = 5.5 \text{ V.} / (1 + 1)\Omega = 2.75 \text{ A.}$  so the (maximum) load power is:  $P_{max.} = I^2 R = (2.75 \text{ A.})^2 \cdot 1 \Omega = 7.5625 \text{ W.}$



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### 3.6 Maximum Power Transfer: Example 3-10

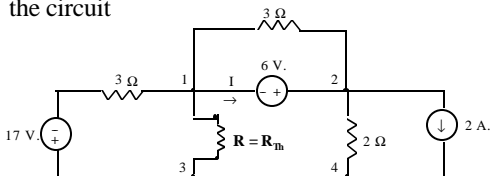
Determine the value of  $R$  in the circuit which will draw maximum power and calculate the corresponding maximum power.



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### Example 3-10 cont.

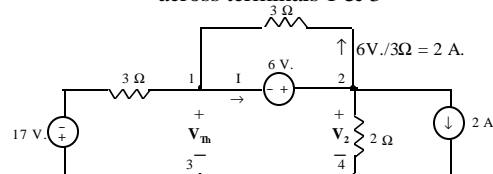
**Solution strategy:** Determine the Thevenin circuit with respect to terminals 1 & 3 — then  $R = R_{Th}$  will draw maximum power from the remainder of the circuit



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### Example 3-10 cont.

First find  $V_{Th}$  = open-circuit voltage across terminals 1 & 3



**KCL at Node 1:**  $[(-17\text{V.}) - V_{Th}]/3\Omega + 2\text{A.} - I = 0 \text{ A.}$  (A.)

**KCL at Node 2:**  $I - 2\text{A.} - V_2/2\Omega - 2\text{A.} = 0 \text{ A.}$  (B.)

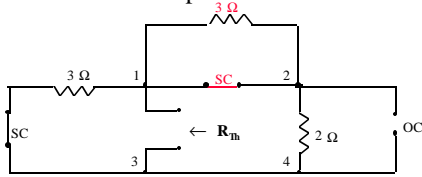
**KVL:**  $V_{Th} + 6\text{V.} - V_2 = 0 \text{ V.}$  (C.)

(A.), (B.) and (C.) have solution  $V_{Th} = -12.8 \text{ V.}$

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Example 3-10 cont.

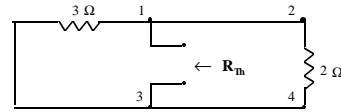
$R_{Th}$  = Resistance across (open-circuited) terminals 1 & 3 with the independent sources deactivated



The parallel combination of the 0  $\Omega$  SC and the 3  $\Omega$  resistor is 0  $\Omega$  (another SC) so the circuit becomes (next slide) ...

Example 3-10 cont.

$R_{Th}$  = Resistance across (open-circuited) terminals 1 & 3 with the independent sources deactivated



$$R_{Th} = 3 \Omega \parallel 2 \Omega = 1.2 \Omega$$

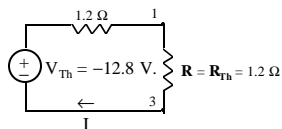
Example 3-10 cont.

The circuit's Thevenin equivalent loaded with  $R = R_{Th}$  draws a current of:

$$I = V_{Th} / (R_{Th} + R) = (-12.8 \text{ V}) / (1.2 \Omega + 1.2 \Omega) = -5\frac{1}{3} \text{ A}$$

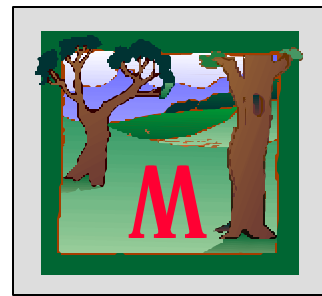
and the corresponding maximum power is

$$P_{max} = I^2 R = (-5\frac{1}{3} \text{ A})^2 \times 1.2 \Omega = 34\frac{2}{15} \text{ W} \approx 34.13 \text{ W}$$



## Examination

Describe the EE activity shown below



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