

# Exam Winter Semester 2022

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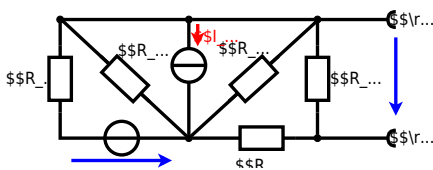
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**Exercise E1 Equivalent linear Source  
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The circuit in the following has to be simplified.  
Result

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



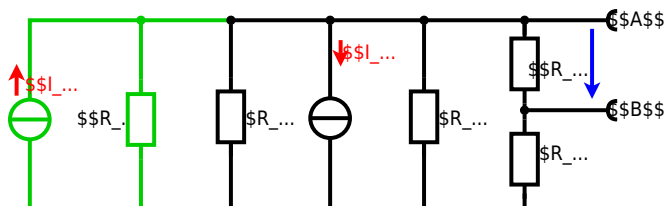
Calculated the internal resistance  $R_{\text{i}}$  and the source voltage  $U_{\text{S}}$  of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors  $\text{A}$  and  $\text{B}$ .  
 $R_1=5.0 \Omega$ ,  $U_2=6.0 \text{ V}$ ,  $R_3= 10 \Omega$ ,  $I_4=4.2 \text{ A}$ ,  $R_5=10 \Omega$ ,  $R_6=7.5 \Omega$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

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

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

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

$$U_{AB} = \left( \frac{6.0 \text{ V}}{5.0 \Omega} - 4.2 \text{ A} \right) \cdot 15 \Omega \cdot 2.5 \Omega \cdot \frac{1}{7.5 \Omega + 15 \Omega + 2.5 \Omega}$$

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

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2. A refrigerator is explained with the effect of resistance on the refrigeration system. The circuit has a resistance of  $15 \Omega$  and a voltage of  $6 \text{ V}$  at  $25^\circ \text{C}$ .

Its temperature coefficients are:  $\alpha = 0.01 \text{ K}^{-1}$  and  $\beta = 71 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-2}$ .

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

$$R = 6.5 \text{ k}\Omega \text{ at } -40^\circ \text{C}$$

The power transfer is reduced by a factor of 10 and the heat flow is reduced by a factor of 10. Therefore, a solution is to use a heat pump.

Therefore, with constant  $U$  and increasing  $R$  the power decreases. Ten times more resistance decreases the heat flow to one-tenth.

$$R = R_0 \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot \Delta T^2)$$

$$\Delta T = T_{\text{end}} - T_{\text{start}}$$

$$R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot \left( 1 + 0.01 \text{ K}^{-1} \cdot (-40^\circ \text{C} - 25^\circ \text{C}) + 71 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-2} \cdot (-40^\circ \text{C} - 25^\circ \text{C})^2 \right)$$

**Exercise E2 Analyzing complex Impedances**  
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2. Calculate the complex impedance  $Z$  of the circuit shown in the figure. The voltage  $u(t) = 3.0 \cdot \sin(2\pi \cdot 15 \cdot t)$  V and the current  $i(t) = 0.24 \cdot \sin(2\pi \cdot 15 \cdot t - \varphi)$  A shall be given.

After analysis, the following complex impedance  $Z$  shall be extracted and the phase angle  $\varphi$  in degrees shall be determined.

Solution  
 .. Calculate the physical values of the two components.  
 Solution  $R = 10 \Omega$  and  $X_L = 2\pi \cdot 15 \cdot 0.2 = 1.885 \Omega$

Solution

$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{Z}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underline{Z} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{I}}$$
 The voltage  $\underline{U} = 3.0 \text{ V}$  and the current  $\underline{I} = 0.24 \text{ A}$  are given. The resulting impedance  $Z$  is  $Z = \frac{3.0}{0.24} = 12.5 \Omega$ .  
 The real part of the impedance is  $R = 10 \Omega$ . The imaginary part is  $X_L = 1.885 \Omega$ .  
 The phase angle  $\varphi$  is  $\varphi = \arctan\left(\frac{X_L}{R}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{1.885}{10}\right) = 10.73^\circ$ .  
 The complex impedance is  $Z = 10 + j1.885 \Omega$ .  
 With the complex part  $Z = 10 + j1.885 \Omega$  and the voltage  $\underline{U} = 3.0 \text{ V}$ , the current  $\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{Z}} = \frac{3.0}{10 + j1.885} = 0.24 \cdot e^{-j10.73^\circ} \text{ A}$  is calculated as  $\underline{I} = 0.24 \cdot e^{-j10.73^\circ} \text{ A}$ .  
 The phase  $\varphi$  shall be calculated as  $\varphi = \arctan\left(\frac{\text{Im}(\underline{I})}{\text{Re}(\underline{I})}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{-0.042}{0.236}\right) = -10.0^\circ$ .

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After analysis, the following complex impedance  $Z$  shall be extracted and the phase angle  $\varphi$  in degrees shall be determined.

Solution  
 .. Draw the circuit diagram of the given circuit.  
 Solution  $Z = 10 + j1.885 \Omega$

Solution

$$\underline{Z} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{I}} = \frac{3.0}{0.24} = 12.5 \Omega$$
 The real part of the impedance is  $R = 10 \Omega$ . The imaginary part is  $X_L = 1.885 \Omega$ .  
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**Exercise E3 Impedances at different Frequencies**  
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2. A series circuit consists of a resistor with a resistance of  $R_1 = 1.00 \text{ k}\Omega$ , a capacitor with a capacitance of  $C_1 = 40 \text{ nF}$ , and an inductor with an inductance of  $L_1 = 4.7 \text{ }\mu\text{H}$ . The circuit is connected to an AC voltage source with a voltage of  $U = 10 \text{ V}$  and a frequency of  $f = 4 \text{ MHz}$ . Calculate the absolute value of the impedance  $Z$  of the circuit.

Solution

$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$

$Z = \sqrt{1.00^2 + (2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 4.7 \cdot 10^{-6} - \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}})^2}$

$Z = \sqrt{1.00^2 + (111.6 - 9.95)^2}$

$Z = \sqrt{1.00^2 + 101.65^2}$

$Z = \sqrt{103.3}$

$Z = 10.16 \text{ }\Omega$

A series circuit means that the current is constant on every component.  
 The equivalent impedance for  $R$  and  $L$  combined is given by  $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X_L^2}$   
 Parallel circuit means that the voltage is the same on  $R$  and  $C$   $Z = \frac{R \cdot X_C}{\sqrt{R^2 + X_C^2}}$   
 $Z = \frac{1.00 \cdot 9.95}{\sqrt{1.00^2 + 9.95^2}}$   
 $Z = \frac{9.95}{\sqrt{10.1}}$   
 $Z = 3.12 \text{ }\Omega$   
 Therefore, the resulting current of the parallel circuit is given as:  
 $I = \frac{U}{Z} = \frac{10 \text{ V}}{3.12 \text{ }\Omega} = 3.2 \text{ mA}$   
 This current is the same as the current through the inductor  $I = 3.2 \text{ mA}$   
 Back to the first formula:  $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$   
 $Z = \sqrt{1.00^2 + (2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 4.7 \cdot 10^{-6} - \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}})^2}$   
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**Exercise E4 Resistance of a Wire by Resistivity**  
**(written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

2. For heating elements used to heat the oven at a temperature of  $180 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , an electric power dissipation (= heat flow) of  $P = 40 \text{ W}$  is necessary.

Calculate the current  $I$  needed to operate the heating elements.  
 The Nichrome wire has a resistivity of  $\rho = 1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ }\Omega \cdot \text{m}$ .  
 The heating element is  $l = 3 \text{ m}$  long and has a diameter of  $d = 3.57 \text{ mm}$ .  
 Calculate the resistance  $R$  of the heating element.

Solution

$P = U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 \rightarrow I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}}$

$$\sqrt{\frac{P}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{40 \text{ W}}{0.33 \cdot \Omega}} \quad \text{align*}$$

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

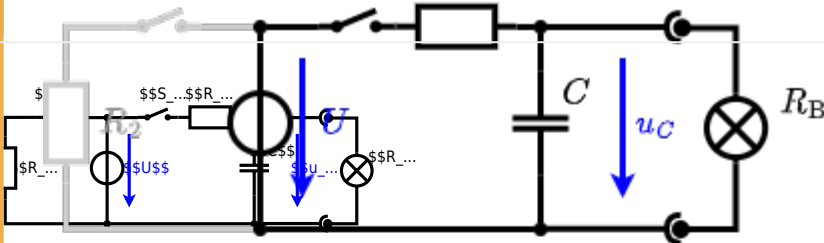
**Exercise E5 Charging Capacitors**  
**(written test, approx. 16 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The circuit (with the light bulb) is a series of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  and a capacitor  $C$  and a light bulb  $R_B$ . 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**  
 Hint: To solve this, first create an equivalent linear voltage source from  $U$ ,  $R_1$ , and  $R_2$ .

**Solution**  
 The ideal voltage source  $U$  is in series with  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . The voltage  $u_c$  is independent of this series combination.

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  $S_1$ .



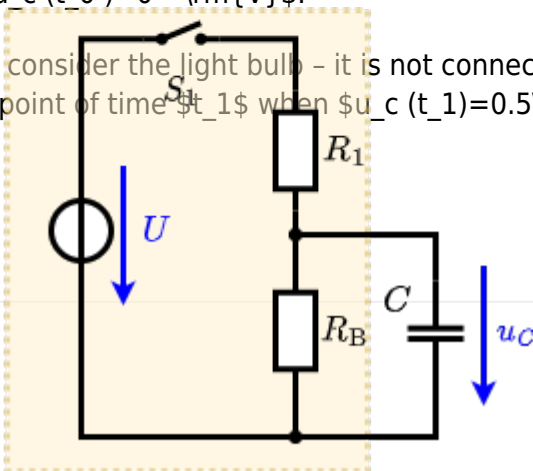
The circuit contains a voltage source  $U = 12 \text{ V}$ , a switch  $S_1$ , a resistor of  $R_1 = 20 \Omega$  and a capacitor of  $C = 100 \mu\text{F}$ .

The switch  $S_2$  to an additional consumer  $R_2$  will be considered to be open for the first tasks. 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**



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 ( $R_1 = 0 \Omega$ , short-circuit).

$$R_i = R_1 \parallel R_B = 10 \Omega$$

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

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 E6 Pure Resistor Network Simplification (written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The following shall be solved at 0.10 A,  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 1.5 \Omega$  and the voltage  $U = 10 \text{ V}$  is 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:

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

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

Solution



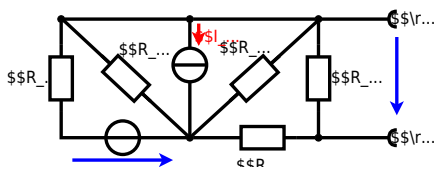
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$$R_{\text{eq}} = (R_2 + R_1 + R_{-1}) \parallel (R_2 + R_2) \parallel R_{\text{eq}} = (100 \Omega + 200 \Omega + 200 \Omega) \parallel (100 \Omega + 100 \Omega) \parallel R_{\text{eq}} = (500 \Omega) \parallel (200 \Omega) \parallel R_{\text{eq}} = \frac{500 \Omega \cdot 200 \Omega}{500 \Omega + 200 \Omega} \parallel$$

**Exercise E3 Equivalent linear Source  
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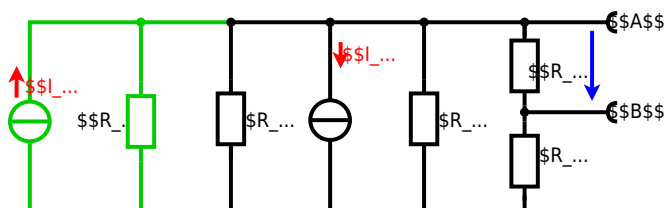
Calculate the internal resistance  $R_{int}$  and the source voltage  $U_s$  of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors  $A$  and  $B$ .  
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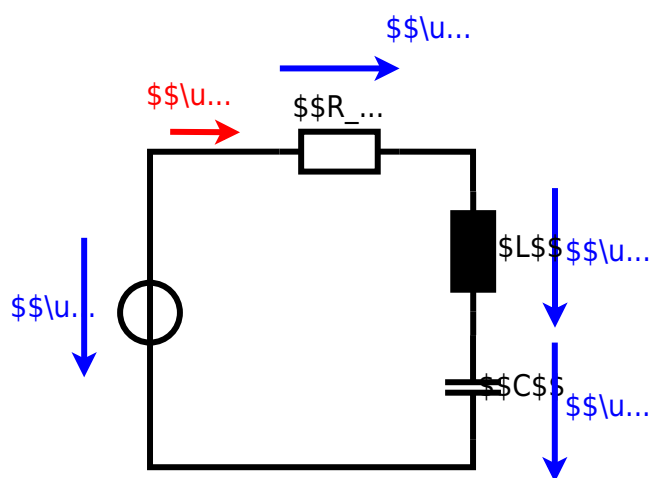
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Solution

$$|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$$

$$|Z| = \sqrt{1.00^2 + (2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 4.7 \cdot 10^{-6} - \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}})^2}$$

A series circuit means that the current is constant on every component.  
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 Parallel circuit means that the voltage is the same on  $R$  and  $C$   $Z = \frac{R \cdot X_C}{R + jX_C}$   
 $|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + X_L^2}$  since  $X_L$  and  $X_C$  are perpendicular  
 $|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$  (It has to, since  $R$  is perpendicular to  $X_L$  and  $X_C$  too)  
 $|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + (2\pi f L - \frac{1}{2\pi f C})^2}$   
 Therefore, the resulting current of the parallel circuit is given as:  
 $I = \frac{U}{|Z|}$   
 $I = \frac{10 \text{ V}}{\sqrt{1.00^2 + (2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 4.7 \cdot 10^{-6} - \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}})^2}}$   
 Back to the first formula:  $R \cdot I = X_C \cdot I$   
 $R \cdot I = \frac{U}{\sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}} \cdot X_C$

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

2. Heating elements are used to heat the oven with a temperature of  $180 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The electric power dissipation (= heat flow) of  $P = 40 \text{ W}$  is necessary.  
 Calculate the current  $I$  needed to operate the heating elements.

The Nichrome wire has a resistivity of  $\rho = 1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ }\Omega \cdot \text{m}$ .  
 The heating element is  $l = 3 \text{ m}$  long and has a diameter of  $d = 3.57 \text{ mm}$ .  
 Calculate the resistance  $R$  of the heating element.

Solution

$$P = U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{P}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{40 \text{ W}}{0.33 \cdot \Omega}} \quad \text{align*}$$

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

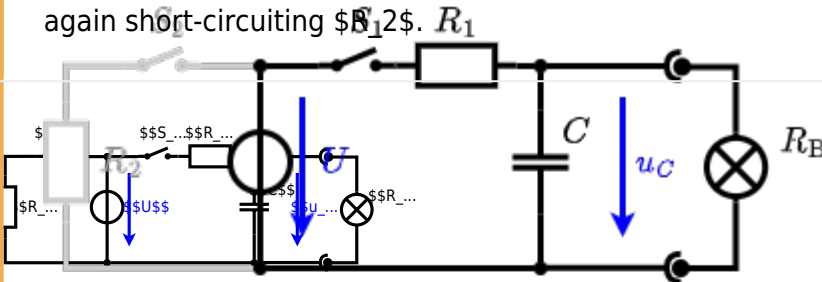
**Exercise E4 Charging Capacitors**  
**(written test, approx. 16 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The circuit (with the light bulb) is a series of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  and a capacitor  $C$  and a switch  $S_1$  and a switch  $S_2$ . 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  $U$  is in series with  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . The voltage  $u_c$  is independent of this series combination.

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  $S_2$ .



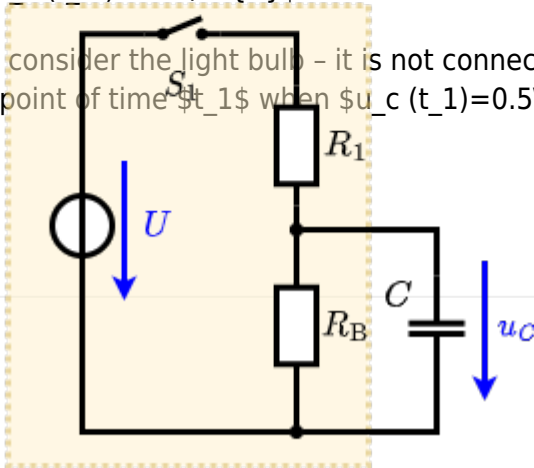
The circuit contains a voltage source  $U = 12 \text{ V}$ , a switch  $S_1$ , a resistor of  $R_1 = 20 \Omega$  and a capacitor of  $C = 100 \mu\text{F}$ .

The switch  $S_2$  to an additional consumer  $R_2$  will be considered to be open for the first tasks. 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**



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 ( $R_1 = 0 \Omega$ , short-circuit).

$$R_i = R_1 \parallel R_B = 10 \Omega$$

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

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

The following shall be solved at once,  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 10 \Omega$  and the voltage  $U = 10V$  is given.  $R_B$ .

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:

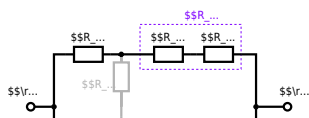
$$R_Y = \frac{R_2 \cdot R_2}{R_2 + R_2 + R_2} = \frac{(100 \, \Omega)^2}{3 \cdot 100 \, \Omega} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 100 \, \Omega = 33.33 \, \Omega$$

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

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

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

Solution



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

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

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