

# Exam Winter Semester 2022

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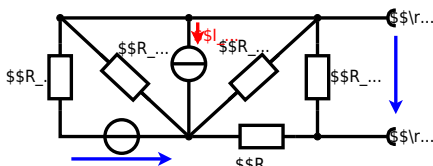
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**Exercise E1 Equivalent linear Source  
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The circuit in the following has to be simplified.  
Result

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



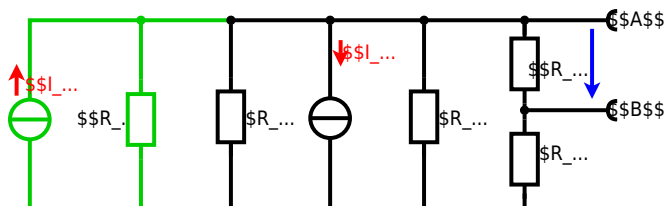
Calculated the internal resistance  $R_{\text{i}}$  and the source voltage  $U_{\text{rs}}$  of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors  $\text{A}$  and  $\text{B}$ .  $R_1=5.0 \text{ } \Omega$ ,  $U_2=6.0 \text{ V}$ ,  $R_3= 10 \text{ } \Omega$ ,  $I_4=4.2 \text{ A}$ ,  $R_5=10 \text{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

$$R_{135} = R_1 || R_3 || R_5$$

$$I_{24} = I_2 - I_4 = \frac{U_2}{R_1} - I_4$$

The resulting circuit can again be transformed:



Here, the  $U_{24}$  is calculated by  $I_{24}$  as the following:

$$U_{24} = I_{24} \cdot R_6$$

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

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:

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

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

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

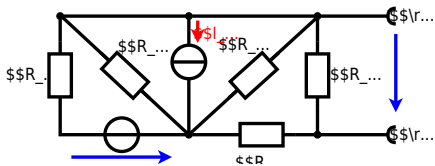
with  $R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5 = 5\Omega \parallel 10\Omega \parallel 10\Omega = 5\Omega \parallel 5\Omega = 2.5\Omega$ :

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

### Exercise E3 Equivalent linear Source (written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The circuit in the following has to be simplified.  
Result

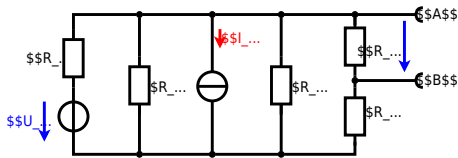
$$U_s = U_{AB} = 4.5\text{V} \parallel R_i = R_{AB} = 6\Omega$$



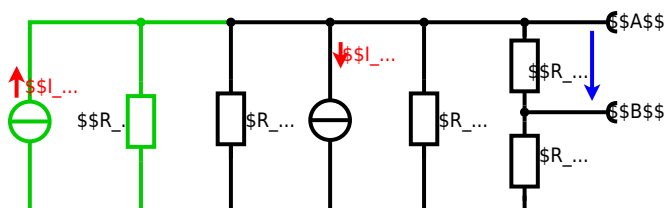
Calculate the internal resistance  $R_{int}$  and the source voltage  $U_{s}$  of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors  $A$  and  $B$ .  $R_1=5.0 \Omega$ ,  $U_2=6.0 \text{ V}$ ,  $R_3=10 \Omega$ ,  $I_4=4.2 \text{ A}$ ,  $R_5=10 \Omega$ ,  $R_6=7.5 \Omega$ ,  $R_7=15 \Omega$ . Use equivalent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

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

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

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:

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

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 E2 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.

$$R = 10 \Omega \quad X_1 = 10 \Omega \quad X_2 = 20 \Omega \quad \omega = 314 \text{ rad/s}$$

Solution:

$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{Z} \parallel \underline{U}_{AB} = \left\{ \frac{50}{0.24 + j4.68} \right\} \cdot \left\{ \frac{50}{1 + j2} \right\}$$

The current and voltage are in phase and the resulting voltage is  $50 \text{ V}$ .

Therefore, the component  $4.68 \text{ } \Omega$  is in parallel with the same absolute value of impedance  $1 + j2$ .

$$\underline{I} = \frac{50}{0.24 + j4.68} \cdot \frac{50}{1 + j2} = \frac{2500}{(0.24 + j4.68)(1 + j2)} = \frac{2500}{0.24 + j0.48 + j4.68 + j9.36} = \frac{2500}{0.24 + j10.14}$$

$$\underline{I} = \frac{2500}{0.24 + j10.14} \cdot \frac{0.24 - j10.14}{0.24 - j10.14} = \frac{2500 \cdot (0.24 - j10.14)}{0.24^2 + 10.14^2} = \frac{2500 \cdot (0.24 - j10.14)}{104.01} = 24.04 - j240.4$$

With the complex part comes the physical value  $I_{X1} = 24.04 \text{ A}$ .

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 E5 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 
$$\varphi = \arctan \left( \frac{4}{2} \right) = \arctan(2) \approx 63.4^\circ$$

Solution  

$$|Z| = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{4 + 16 + 25} = \sqrt{45} \approx 6.71 \text{ } \Omega$$
  
 The current and voltage across phase angle  $\varphi$  are  $I = 50 \text{ mA}$  and  $V = 50 \text{ V}$  (real) resulting in  $P = I^2 R = 50^2 \cdot 6.71 \approx 167750 \text{ W}$ .  
 The real component  $R$  is  $2 \text{ } \Omega$  and the imaginary component  $X_L = 4 \text{ } \Omega$ .  
 With the complex part comes  $Z = 2 + j4 + 5 = 7 + j4 \text{ } \Omega$ .  

$$\varphi = \arctan \left( \frac{4}{7} \right) \approx 29.7^\circ$$
  
 The phase  $\varphi$  can be calculated as 
$$\varphi = \arctan \left( \frac{\text{Im}(Z)}{\text{Re}(Z)} \right) = \arctan \left( \frac{4}{7} \right)$$

**Exercise E3 Impedances at different Frequencies**  
(written test, approx. 18 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. A circuit with resistor values  $R_1 = 20 \text{ } \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 40 \text{ } \Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 50 \text{ } \Omega$  and a capacitor  $C_1 = 40 \text{ nF}$  is shown in the circuit diagram. The current  $I$  through  $R_1$  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

$$\underline{R}_1 \cdot \underline{I} = \underline{U} \Rightarrow \underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_1}$$

$$\underline{R}_2 \text{ and } \underline{C}_1 \text{ are in parallel: } \underline{I} = \underline{I}_2 + \underline{I}_{C1}$$

$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_2} + \underline{I}_{C1}$$

$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_2} + \underline{I}_{C1} \Rightarrow \underline{I} \cdot \underline{R}_2 = \underline{U} + \underline{I}_{C1} \cdot \underline{R}_2$$

$$\underline{I} \cdot \underline{R}_2 - \underline{I}_{C1} \cdot \underline{R}_2 = \underline{U}$$

$$\underline{I} \cdot \underline{R}_2 (1 - \frac{\underline{R}_2}{\underline{Z}_{C1}}) = \underline{U}$$

$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_2 (1 - \frac{\underline{R}_2}{\underline{Z}_{C1}})}$$

$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_2} \cdot \frac{\underline{Z}_{C1}}{\underline{Z}_{C1} - \underline{R}_2}$$

$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\underline{R}_2}{\underline{Z}_{C1}}}$$

$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\underline{R}_2}{\frac{1}{j\omega C_1}}}$$

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**Exercise E6 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  $R$  and  $L$  combined is given by  $\underline{Z} = \underline{R} + j\omega L$ .  
 A parallel circuit means that the voltage is the same on  $R_2$  and  $C_1$ .  
 $\underline{I} = \underline{I}_2 + \underline{I}_{C1}$   
 $\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_2} + \underline{I}_{C1}$   
 $\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_2} + \underline{I}_{C1} \Rightarrow \underline{I} \cdot \underline{R}_2 = \underline{U} + \underline{I}_{C1} \cdot \underline{R}_2$   
 $\underline{I} \cdot \underline{R}_2 - \underline{I}_{C1} \cdot \underline{R}_2 = \underline{U}$   
 $\underline{I} \cdot \underline{R}_2 (1 - \frac{\underline{R}_2}{\underline{Z}_{C1}}) = \underline{U}$   
 $\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_2} \cdot \frac{\underline{Z}_{C1}}{\underline{Z}_{C1} - \underline{R}_2}$   
 $\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\underline{R}_2}{\underline{Z}_{C1}}}$   
 $\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{R}_2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - j\omega R_2 C_1}$

Solution

$$\underline{R}_1 = 1.00 \cdot \Omega$$

$$\underline{R}_2 = 10.0 \cdot \Omega$$

$$\underline{Z} = \underline{R}_1 + j\omega L$$

$$\underline{Z} = 1.00 + j \cdot 2\pi \cdot 450 \cdot 4.7 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$\underline{Z} = 1.00 + j0.0132$$

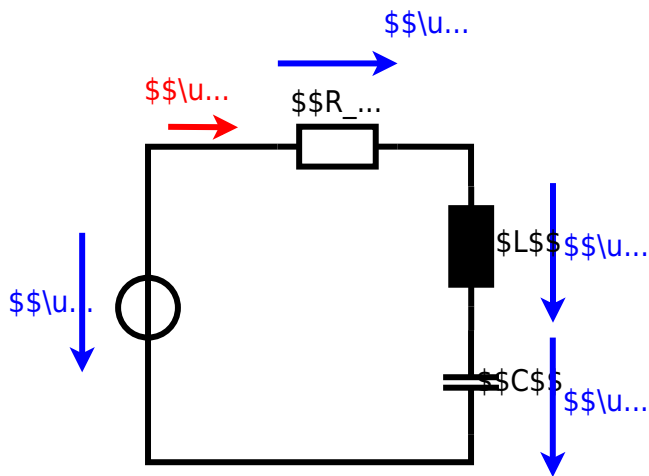
$$|\underline{Z}| = \sqrt{1.00^2 + 0.0132^2} = 1.00008$$

$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{|\underline{Z}|} = \frac{10}{1.00008} = 9.99917$$

$$\underline{I} \approx 10 \text{ A}$$

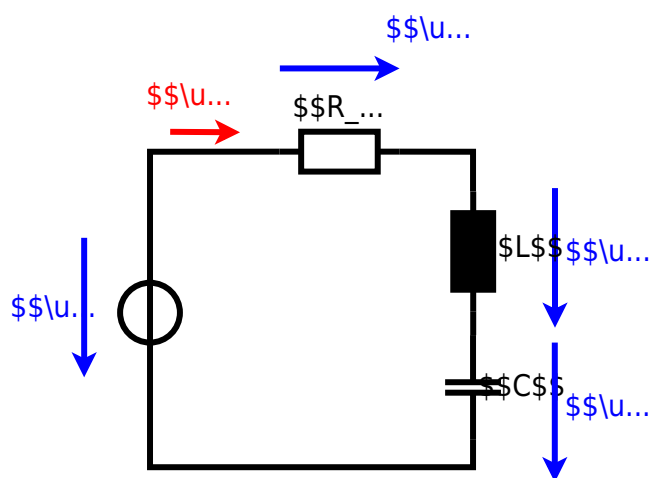












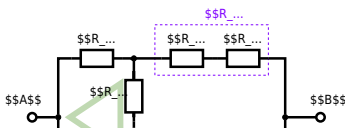
**Exercise E6 Pure Resistor Network Simplification**  
**(written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

The following shall be solved at once,  $R_2 = R_3 = 100 \Omega$  and the switch shall be open. Calculate the equivalent resistance  $R_{eq}$  between  $A$  and  $B$ .

Solution

$$R_{eq} = 133.8 \Omega$$

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:

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

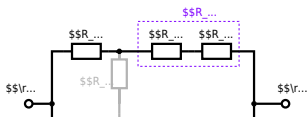
The equivalent resistor is given by a parallel configuration of resistors in series:

$$R_{eq} = R_Y + (R_Y + R_1 + R_1) \parallel (R_Y + R_2) \parallel R_3$$

$$= 33.33 \Omega + (33.33 \Omega + 100 \Omega + 100 \Omega) \parallel (33.33 \Omega + 100 \Omega) \parallel 100 \Omega$$

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

Solution



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

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

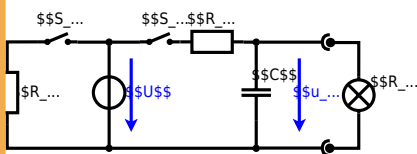
**Exercise E5 Charging Capacitors**  
 (written test, approx. 16 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The circuit below shows a series combination of a DC voltage source  $U$  and a capacitor  $C$  in series with a resistor  $R_1$ . The switch  $S_1$  is initially open. The voltage across the capacitor is again  $U$  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.

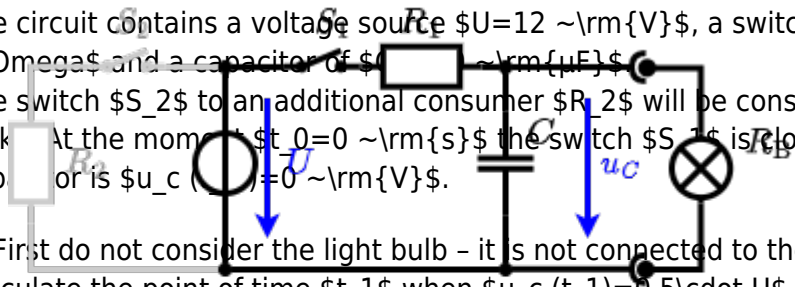
**Result:** To solve this, first create an equivalent linear voltage source from  $U$ ,  $R_1$ , and  $R_2$ .

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

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  $R_2$ .

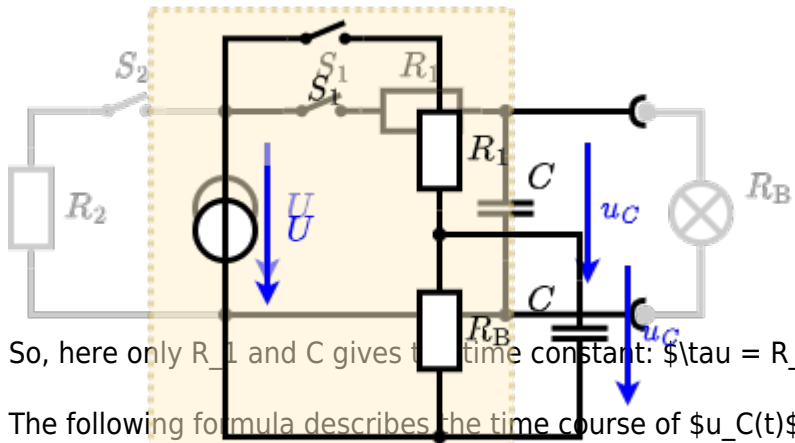


The circuit contains a voltage source  $U=12\text{ V}$ , a switch  $S_1$ , a resistor of  $R_1=20\text{ }\Omega$  and a capacitor of  $C=100\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ . The switch  $S_2$  to an additional consumer  $R_2$  will be considered to be open for the first task. At the moment  $t_0=0\text{ s}$  the 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  $U_s$ ,  $R_1$  and  $R_B$  as seen in yellow:  

$$U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_B}{R_1 + R_B} = 1/2 \cdot U$$
 The internal resistance is given by substituting the ideal voltage source with its resistance ( $r=0\text{ }\Omega$ , short-circuit).  

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

Therefore, the voltage of the equivalent linear voltage source is:  

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

**Exercise E4 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  $C=20\text{ }\mu\text{F}$  and a light bulb  $R_B=10\text{ }\Omega$ . 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  $R_B$ .  

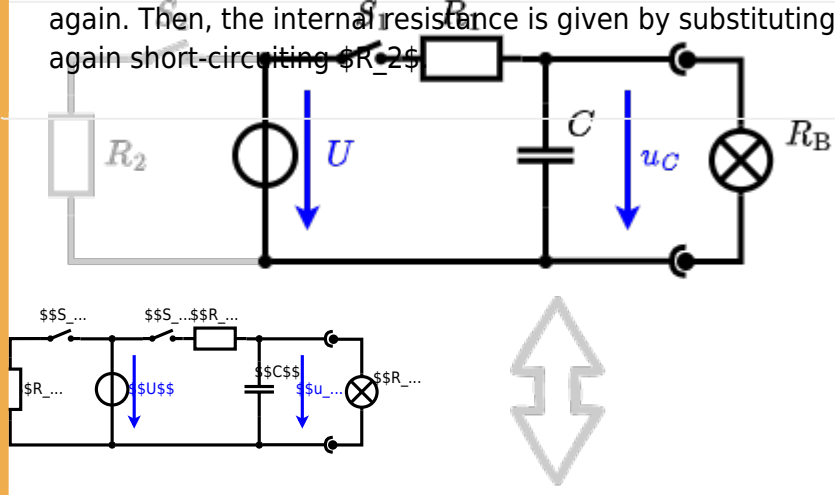
$$U_s = U \cdot \frac{R_B}{R_1 + R_B} = 2\text{ V}$$

$$R_i = R_1 \parallel R_B = 13.33\text{ }\Omega$$

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

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  $R_2$ .

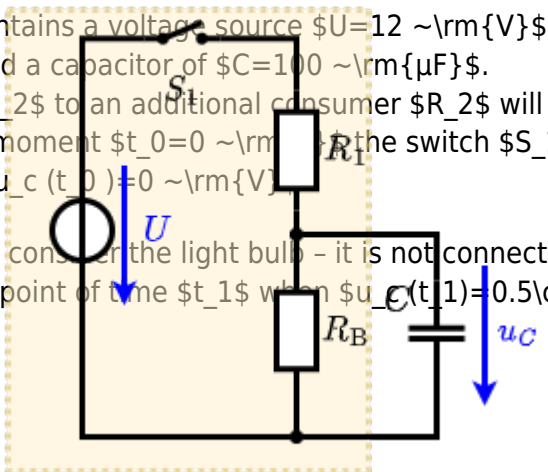


The circuit contains a voltage source  $U = 12 \text{ V}$ , a switch  $S_1$ , a resistor of  $R_1 = 20 \text{ }\Omega$  and a capacitor of  $C = 100 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$ .

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 E1 Temperature-dependent Resistance**  
**(written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

2. A refrigerator, explained in the effect course, is used to refrigerate food. The food has a resistance of  $10 \text{ k}\Omega$  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  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ .

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

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

The power transfer is reduced by a factor of 10. Therefore, a solution is to use a heat sink to cool the refrigerator 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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**Exercise E2 Temperature-dependent Resistance**  
**(written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

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

The power transfer is reduced by a factor of 10. Therefore, a solution is to use a heat sink to cool the refrigerator system.

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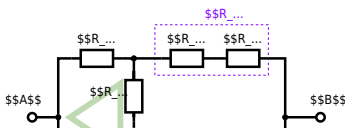
**Exercise E3 Pure Resistor Network Simplification**  
**(written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

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.

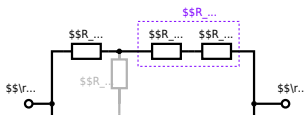


Since  $R_2 = R_3$  and based on the equations for the transformation, the transformed  $R_Y$  is given as: 
$$R_Y = \frac{R_2 \cdot R_2}{R_2 + R_2 + R_2} = \frac{(100 \Omega)^2}{3 \cdot 100 \Omega} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 100 \Omega = 33.33 \Omega$$

The equivalent resistor is given by a parallel configuration of resistors in series: 
$$R_{AB} = R_Y + (R_Y + R_1 + R_1) \parallel (R_Y + R_2) \parallel R_4$$
  

$$= 33.33 \Omega + (33.33 \Omega + 400 \Omega) \parallel (33.33 \Omega + 100 \Omega) \parallel 100 \Omega$$

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 E4 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  $180 \sim\text{C}$ . 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 element made of solid nichrome wire with a temperature coefficient of  $1.80 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ . Electric power dissipation (= heat flow) of  $P=40 \text{ W}$  is necessary.

Determine the current  $I$  needed to operate it.

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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