

Exam Summer Semester 2023

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Additional permitted Aids

- non-programmable calculator,
- formulary (2 DIN A4 pages)

Hits

- The duration of the exam is 60 min.
- Attempts to cheat will lead to exclusion and failure of the exam.
- Withdrawal is no longer possible after these exam has been handed out.
- Please write down intermediate calculations and results on the assignment sheet. (when more space is needed also on the reverse side. In this case: Mark it clearly).
- Always use units in the calculation.
- Use a document-proof, non-red pen.

Tasks

Exercise E1 Resistivity and temperature dependent Resistance (written test, approx. 7 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

The resistivity ρ of a dielectric material is temperature dependent and is described by the Arrhenius law in an exponential form. In the case of $A = 100 \text{ G}\Omega$ it would be $\rho = 1500 \text{ G}\Omega$ for $T = 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $100 \text{ m}\Omega$ for $T = 55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

Solution
The resistivity of the dielectric material is $\rho(T) = 10^{17} \cdot \exp(-\frac{E_a}{k_B T}) \text{ }\Omega\text{m}$.

For the given material the temperature coefficients in the range $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ are given as $\alpha = -0.048 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ and $\beta = +0.00057 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} R(55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) &= R(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot \Delta T^2 + \dots) \\ &= 80 \text{ G}\Omega \cdot (1 - 0.048 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1} \cdot (35 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) + 0.00057 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-2} \cdot (35 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})^2) \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the resistance for the dielectric material for $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} R(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) &= \rho \cdot \frac{d}{A} \\ &= 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \frac{0.8 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}}{1 \text{ m}^2} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise E1 Resistivity and temperature dependent Resistance (written test, approx. 7 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

The conductivity of a dielectric material is given by $\sigma = \sigma_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E_a}{k_B T}\right)$. The activation energy E_a is 0.5 eV . The conductivity at $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ is 10^{-10} S/m . Calculate the conductivity at $100 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

Solution: The plates of $d = 0.5 \text{ mm}$ and $l = 10 \text{ mm}$ (in $^\circ\text{C}$)
 The resistivity of the dielectric material is $\rho = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ (at $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)
 For the given material the temperature coefficients in the range of $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $55 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ are given as $\alpha = 4 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ and $\beta = 1 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-2}$.

$$\rho(T) = \rho(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot (T - 20) + \beta \cdot (T - 20)^2)$$

$$\rho(35 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = 10^{17} \cdot (1 + 4 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot (35 - 20) + 1 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot (35 - 20)^2) = 1.00057 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m}$$

Calculate the resistance for the dielectric material for $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

Solution

$$R(20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) = \rho \cdot \frac{l}{A} = 10^{17} \text{ } \Omega \cdot \text{m} \cdot \frac{0.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}}{1 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ m}^2}$$

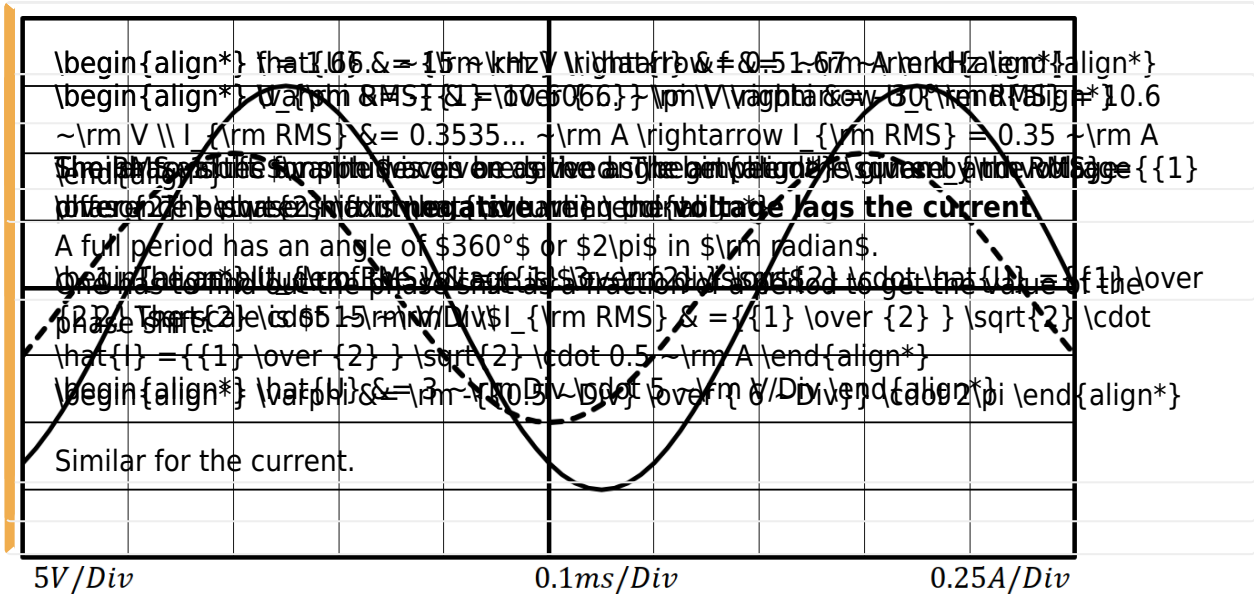
Exercise E1 Analyzing a Scope Plot
 (written test, approx. 12 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

Q. What is the phase shift of the signals for the inductor? (in radians and degree)?

Result: The measured current curve shall be visible as a dashed line.

The continuous line shows the voltage.

Solution



Use the correct symbols and units in your answers!

1. Calculate the frequency f of the periodic signals.

Solution

Frequency f is given by the period T . The period can be measured in the image of the scope.

1. The sine waves repeat after 6 divisions (e.g. from falling turning point to falling turning point of one curve)
2. The scale is 0.1 ms/Div

$$f = \frac{1}{T} \quad T = 6 \text{ Div} \cdot 0.1 \text{ ms/Div} \\ \Rightarrow f = \frac{1}{6 \text{ Div} \cdot 0.1 \text{ ms/Div}}$$

Exercise E1 Complex voltage dividers
 (written test, approx. 16 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

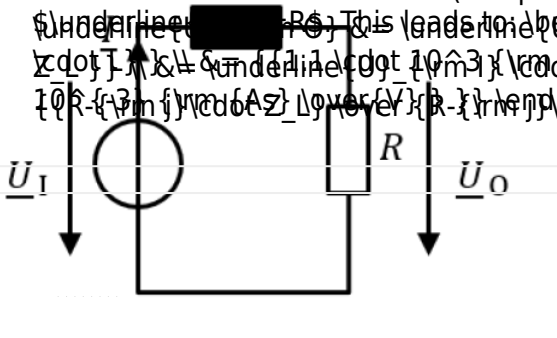
Calculate the two impedances in the following circuit and the resulting phase shift between the voltage \underline{U} and the current \underline{I} . Choose an appropriate scaling factor and write it down.

- $R = 1.1 \text{ } \Omega$

Solution $L = 3.5 \text{ mH}$

Result $\underline{U} = 0.5 \text{ V} \cdot e^{j(\omega t - \pi/4)}$

The cut-off frequency is the absolute value of the imaginary part of the impedance \underline{Z}_L is equal to $\omega L = 2\pi \cdot 150 \text{ kHz} \cdot 3.5 \text{ mH} = 3.3 \text{ } \Omega$. This leads to $\underline{Z}_L = 1.1 \text{ } \Omega - j3.3 \text{ } \Omega$.



.. Calculate the impedance \underline{Z}_L .

Solution

$$\underline{Z}_L = j \omega L = j \cdot 2\pi \cdot 150 \text{ kHz} \cdot 3.5 \text{ mH}$$

Exercise E1 Pure Resistor Network Simplification
 (written test, approx. 12 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

Calculate the voltage U_K , when switch S is closed.

Result

The values in the circuit are

Solution

- $R_1 = 60 \text{ } \Omega$
- $R_2 = 40 \text{ } \Omega$
- $R_3 = 40 \text{ } \Omega$

The voltage divider for node K has the same proportionality as the voltage divider for node K' . Therefore, the potential of K is the same as for K' . There will be no current flow through R_3 . The resistance does not create a voltage drop and therefore does not interfere with the circuit.

1. Calculate the voltage at node K , when switch S is open. It might be beneficial to redraw the circuit first.

Solution

Rearranging the circuit one can get:

Once the switch S is opened, the upper part is a parallel circuit. Therefore, R_{eq} is given as:

$$R_{\text{eq}} = (R_1 + R_2) \parallel (R_1 + R_2) + R_4 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (R_1 + R_2) + R_4 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (60 \Omega + 40 \Omega) + 100 \Omega$$

Exercise E1 Pure Resistor Network Simplification I
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

The circuit below should be given as $U_{\text{AB}} = 60 \text{ V}$. What is the value for I_{AB} the circuit?

Solution

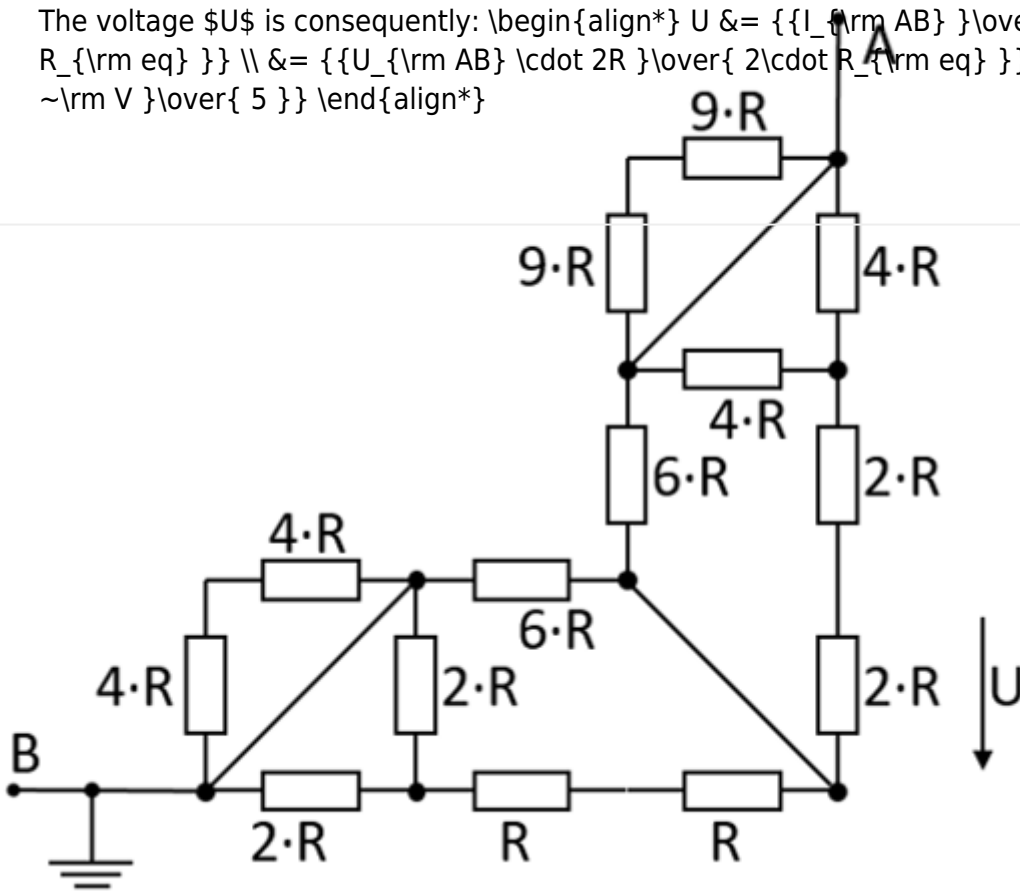
$$I_{\text{AB}} = \frac{U_{\text{AB}}}{R_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{60 \text{ V}}{100 \Omega} = 0.6 \text{ A}$$

The current through the circuit is given as $I_{\text{AB}} = \frac{U_{\text{AB}}}{R_{\text{eq}}}$.

This current has to flow in summary through parallel branches. The voltage U in question in the upper right branch given by $(4R \parallel 4R) + 2R + 2R$. Its resistance is just the same as the upper left branch $6R$.

Therefore, half of the current flows to the left half to the right side.

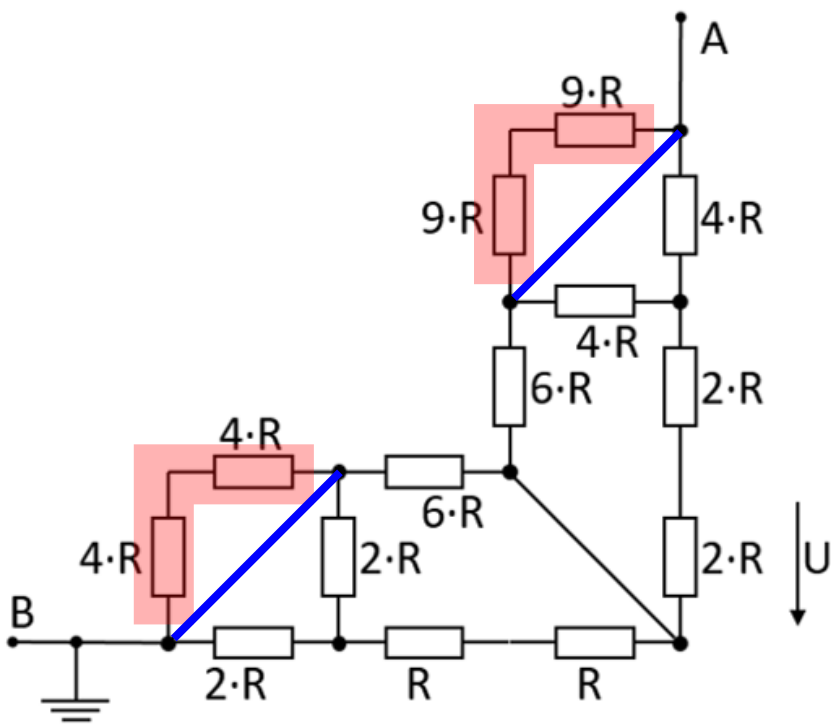
The voltage U is consequently:
$$U = \frac{I_{\text{arm AB}}}{2 \cdot R_{\text{eq}}} \parallel \parallel = \frac{U_{\text{AB}} \cdot 2R}{2 \cdot R_{\text{eq}}} \parallel \parallel = \frac{60 \text{ V}}{5}$$



1. What is the equivalent resistance R_{eq} ?

Solution

Part of the circuit is shorted. Here the resistors (marked in red) are shorted by the connections marked in blue:



The circuit can then be rearranged for better interpretation:

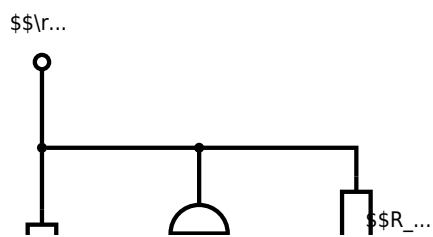
Therefore, R_{eq} is given as:
$$R_{\text{eq}} = (2R || 2R + R +$$

$$R_1 || 6R + 6R || (2R + 2R + 4R || 4R) || (R + R + R) || 6R + 6R || (2R + 2R + 2R) || \\ \&= 3R || 6R + 6R || 6R || \&= \frac{3R \cdot 6R}{3R + 6R} + 3R \end{align*}$$

Exercise E2 Equivalent Linear Source (written test, approx. 10 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

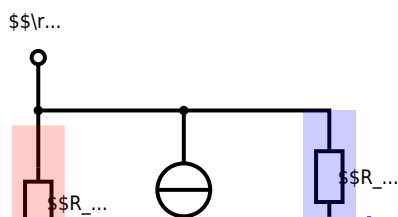
The circuit below has to be simplified. Use equivalent linear sources for simplification.
 Calculate the internal resistance R_{i} and the source voltage U_{s} of an equivalent linear voltage source.

- $R_1 = 5 \text{ } \Omega$
 - $U_1 = 10 \text{ V}$
 - $R_2 = 5 \text{ } \Omega$
 - $I_3 = 0.5 \text{ A}$
 - $R_4 = 10 \text{ } \Omega$
 - $U_5 = 4 \text{ V}$
- $U_{\text{AB}} = 1.11 \text{ V}$
 $R_{\text{i}} = 5.55 \text{ } \Omega$



Solution

The principle idea here is to find parts of the circuit which are already a linear (voltage or current) source. Then this can be transformed into the equivalent other source, as shown in the next picture.



In order to get the currents one has to calculate it by $I_x = \frac{U_x}{R_x}$

$$\begin{aligned} I_0 &= \frac{U_0}{R_1} = \frac{10 \text{ V}}{5 \Omega} = 2 \text{ A} \\ I_5 &= \frac{U_5}{R_4} = \frac{4 \text{ V}}{10 \Omega} = 0.4 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

I_3 and I_0 can be combined to $I_{03} = I_0 - I_3$ facing upwards:

$$I_{03} = 1.5 \text{ A}$$

Then, the linear current source I_{03} with R_1 gets transformed into a linear voltage source with $U_{03} = R_1 \cdot I_{03}$ facing down.

$$U_{03} = 7.5 \text{ V}$$

Then, the resistors R_1 and R_2 can be combined to $R_{12} = R_1 + R_2$.

After this, the next step is to make a linear current source out of U_{03} and R_{12} . The current will be $I_{0123} = \frac{U_{03}}{R_{12}}$, facing up again.

$$I_{0123} = 0.6 \text{ A}$$

The second-last step is the sum up of the current sources I_{0123} and I_5 as $I_{01235} = I_{0123} - I_5$ and the resistors as $R_{124} = R_{12} || R_4$.

$$I_{01235} = 0.2 \text{ A} \quad R_{124} = 5.55 \Omega$$

The final step is the back-transformation to a linear voltage source, with $U_{\text{AB}} = R_{124} \cdot I_{01235}$.

The simplest and fastest (= for exams) is to work with interim results in the calculation.

Here, there there is also a full final formula given:

$$\begin{aligned} U_{\text{AB}} &= U_{\text{AB}} = I_{01235} \cdot R_{124} \quad \&= (I_{0123} - I_5) \cdot (R_{12} \parallel R_4) \quad \&= \left(\frac{U_0}{R_1} - I_5 \right) \cdot (R_{12} \parallel R_4) \\ &= \left(\frac{U_0}{R_1} - I_5 \right) \cdot (R_{12} \parallel R_4) \quad \&= \left(\frac{R_1 \cdot I_3}{R_1 + R_2} - I_5 \right) \cdot (R_{12} \parallel R_4) \\ &= \left(\frac{R_1 \cdot \left(\frac{U_0}{R_1} - I_5 \right)}{R_1 + R_2} - I_5 \right) \cdot (R_{12} \parallel R_4) \end{aligned}$$

Exercise E1 (Dis)Charging Capacities (written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

The circuit below consists of a current source $I_0 = 0.2 \text{ mA}$, a voltage source $U_0 = 10 \text{ V}$, a capacitor $C = 200 \text{ nF}$, and resistors $R_1 = 8 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 17 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_3 = 50 \text{ k}\Omega$, and $R_4 = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$. The switch S_1 switches to the situation shown in the drawing. What is the new time constant?

- $C = 200 \text{ nF}$

Solution: $R = 8.0 \text{ k}\Omega$
 Solution: $\tau = 8.0 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot 200 \text{ nF} = 1.6 \text{ ms}$
 Solution: $U_C = 25 \text{ V}$

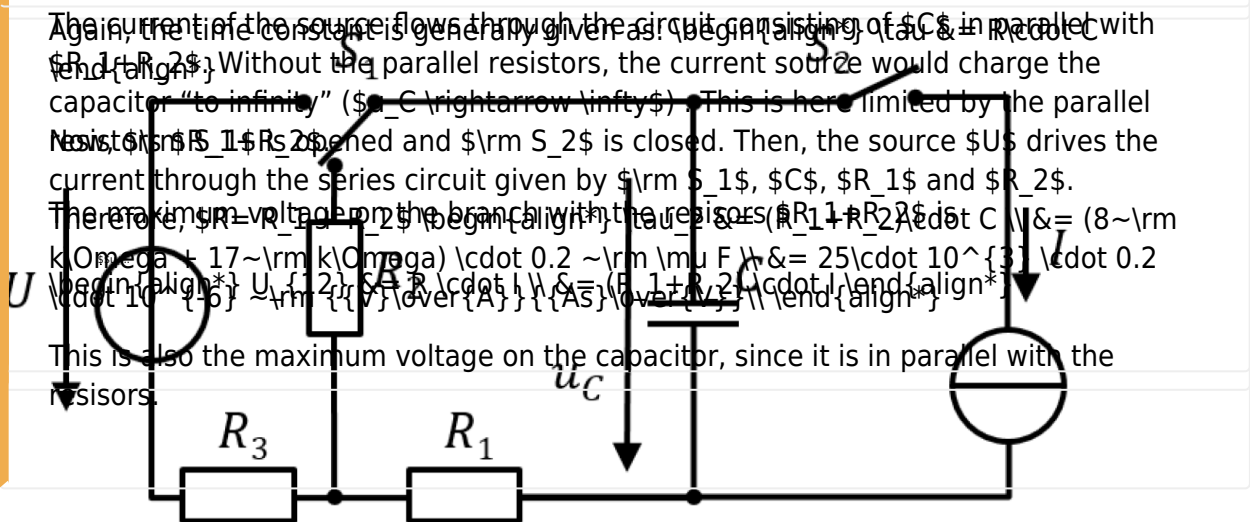
$$U_C = U_0 \cdot \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right) \quad \&= 10 \text{ V} \cdot \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{1.6 \text{ ms}}} \right)$$

Again, the current of the source flows through the circuit consisting of C in parallel with R_1 and R_2 . Without the parallel resistors, the current source would charge the capacitor "to infinity" ($C \rightarrow \infty$). This is here limited by the parallel resistors R_1 and R_2 . Then, the source U_0 drives the current through the series circuit given by I_0 , C , R_1 and R_2 .

The maximum voltage on the branch with the resistors $(R_1 + R_2) \cdot C \quad \&= (8 \text{ k}\Omega + 17 \text{ k}\Omega) \cdot 0.2 \text{ mA} \quad \&= 25 \text{ V}$

$$U_C = U_0 \cdot \frac{R_1 \cdot R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot C \quad \&= \frac{U_0 \cdot R_1 \cdot R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot C$$

This is also the maximum voltage on the capacitor, since it is in parallel with the resistors.



Before t_0 all switches are switched as shown and the capacitor is fully discharged. At $t_0 = 0 \text{ s}$ the switch S_1 shall switch to the voltage source.

1. Calculate the time constant for charging the capacitor.

Solution

The time constant is generally given as: $\tau = R \cdot C$

Once S_1 is closed and S_2 is open at t_0 , the source U drives the current through the series circuit given by S_1 , C , R_1 and R_3 .

Therefore, $R = R_1 + R_3$

$$\tau_1 = (R_1 + R_3) \cdot C = (8 \text{ k}\Omega + 7 \text{ k}\Omega) \cdot 0.2 \text{ }\mu\text{F} = 15 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ s} = 3 \text{ ms}$$

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Solution

Both courses of the voltage for charging and discharging are described with an exponential function. However, the curve for charging increases first steep and flattens out for longer time scales ($1 - e^{-x}$).

Exercise E1 Impedances at Frequencies
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

At a high frequency with $C_2 = 50 \text{ pF}$ (following the previous exercise) the value of the

Repeat the calculation with $\mu = 0.5$ and $L_1 = 15.9 \mu\text{H}$.

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Solution

\begin{align*} f_0 &= 3000000.5 \text{ kHz} \\ \end{align*}

\begin{align*} X_{C2} &= X_C(f_0) = \frac{1}{\omega C} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 3000000.5 \text{ Hz} \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ F}} \\ X_{L1} &= X_L(f_0) = \omega L = 2\pi \cdot 3000000.5 \text{ Hz} \cdot 15.9 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ H} \\ \end{align*}

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Exercise E1 Efficiency (written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

2. (100%) A battery with an internal resistance of $R_i = 2 \Omega$ and an open-circuit voltage of $U_S = 3.5 \text{ V}$ is connected to a load resistor R_L . The battery shall provide energy for a device with an internal resistance of $R_D = 1 \Omega$. The load resistor shall be chosen such that the efficiency of the battery is maximized. What is the maximum efficiency?

Result: The maximum efficiency is $\eta_{\text{max}} = 0.05$. The load resistor shall be $R_L = 3.5 \Omega$.

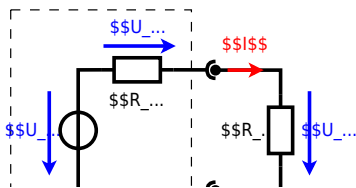
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Solution

\begin{align*} \eta &= \frac{P_{\text{out}}}{P_{\text{in}}} = \frac{I^2 R_L}{I^2 (R_i + R_L)} = \frac{R_L}{R_i + R_L} \\ \end{align*}

\begin{align*} \eta_{\text{max}} &= \frac{R_L}{R_i + R_L} = \frac{3.5 \Omega}{2 \Omega + 3.5 \Omega} = 0.05 \\ \end{align*}

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Exercise E2 Analyzing a Scope Plot
 (written test, approx. 12 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

On the scope plot, the current curve is not visible. How can it be made visible?

The measured current curve shall be visible as a dashed line.

The continuous line shows the voltage.

Solution

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\begin{align*} f_{\text{eff}} &= 15 \text{ m kHz} \\ U_{\text{eff}} &= 1.67 \text{ m A} \\ I_{\text{eff}} &= 1.06 \text{ m A} \\ U_{\text{RMS}} &= 10.6 \text{ V} \\ I_{\text{RMS}} &= 0.3535 \text{ A} \\ \end{align*}

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The effective value is the square root of the average value. The average value is the square of the difference of the positive and negative half-cycles. The voltage lags the current.

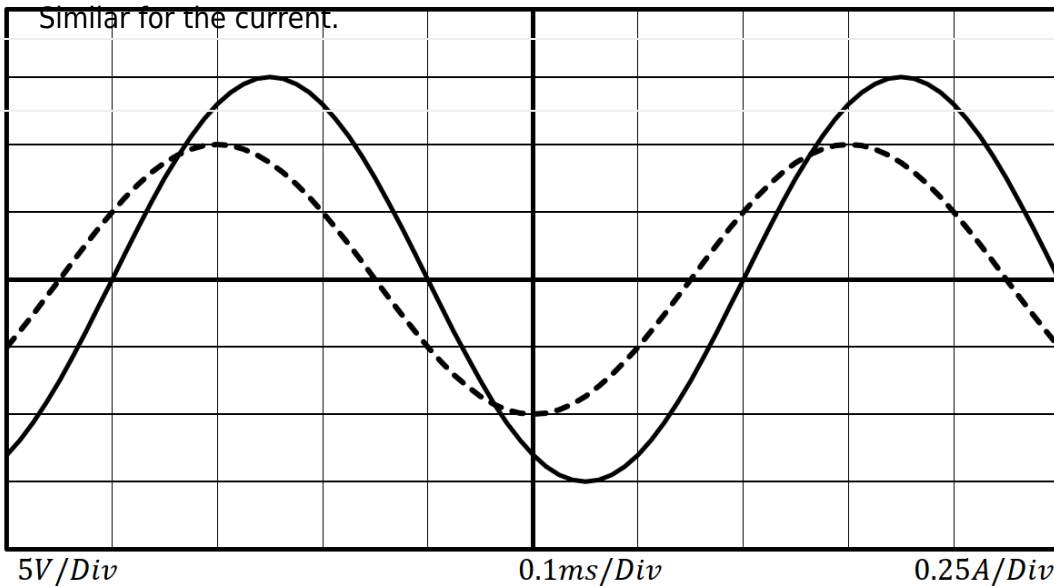
A full period has an angle of 360° or 2π in radian.

One period has an angle of 360° or 2π in radian. To get the value of the phase shift, the RMS voltage is divided by the RMS current.

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\begin{align*} \varphi &= \arctan\left(\frac{U_{\text{RMS}}}{I_{\text{RMS}}}\right) \\ \end{align*}

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Use the correct symbols and units in your answers!

1. Calculate the frequency f of the periodic signals.

Solution

Frequency f is given by the period T . The period can be measured in the image of the scope.

1. The sine waves repeat after $6 \text{ ~}\mu\text{m}$ divisions (e.g. from falling turning point to falling turning point of one curve)
2. The scale is $0.1 \text{ ~}\mu\text{s/Div}$

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \frac{1}{T} \quad T = 6 \text{ ~}\mu\text{m} \cdot 0.1 \text{ ~}\mu\text{s/Div} \\ \rightarrow f &= \frac{1}{6 \text{ ~}\mu\text{m} \cdot 0.1 \text{ ~}\mu\text{s/Div}} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise E3 Complex voltage dividers
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1. Calculate the two impedances Z_1 and Z_2 by resulting phase shift for the total impedance $Z = 50 \text{ ~}\Omega$. Choose an appropriate scaling factor and write it down.

- $R = 1.1 \text{ ~}\text{k}\Omega$

Solution $L = 3.5 \text{ ~}\text{mH}$

Results

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{U}_I &= 5 \text{ ~}\text{V} \\ \underline{U}_R &= 50 \text{ ~}\Omega \\ \underline{U}_O &= 0.5 \text{ ~}\text{V} - j \cdot 1.5 \text{ ~}\text{V} \end{aligned}$$

At cut off frequency the absolute values of impedances \underline{Z}_L is equal to the absolute value of R . This leads to the condition $\frac{R}{\sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L)^2}} = \frac{R}{\sqrt{R^2 + R^2}}$



.. Calculate the impedance \underline{Z}_L .

Solution

$$\underline{Z}_L = j \omega L = j 2\pi \cdot 150 \text{ kHz} \cdot 3.5 \text{ mH}$$

Exercise E1 Pure Resistor Network Simplification
 (written test, approx. 12 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

Calculate the voltage U_K , when switch S is closed.

Result

The values in the circuit are

Solution

- $R_1 = 60 \Omega$
 - $R_2 = 40 \Omega$
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- The voltage divider for U_K has the same proportionality as the voltage divider for U_1 . Therefore, the potential of U_K is the same as for U_1 . There will be no current flow through R_3 . The resistance does not create a voltage drop and therefore does not interfere with the circuit.

1. Calculate the voltage at node K , when switch S is open. It might be beneficial to redraw the circuit first.

Solution

Rearranging the circuit one can get:

Once the switch S is opened, the upper part is a parallel circuit. Therefore, R_{eq} is given as:

$$R_{\text{eq}} = (R_1 + R_2) \parallel (R_1 + R_2) + R_4 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (R_1 + R_2) + R_4 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (60 \Omega + 40 \Omega) + 100 \Omega$$

Exercise E2 Pure Resistor Network Simplification I
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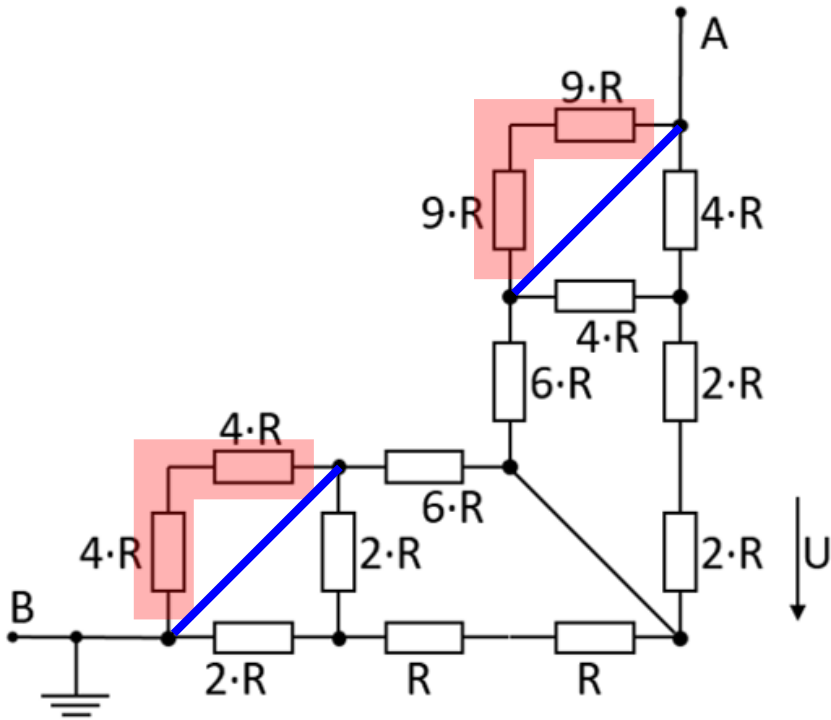
Solution

$$I_{\text{AB}} = \frac{U_{\text{AB}}}{R_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{60 \text{ V}}{120 \Omega} = 0.5 \text{ A}$$

The current through the circuit is given as $I_{\text{AB}} = \frac{U_{\text{AB}}}{R_{\text{eq}}}$.

This current has to flow in summary through parallel branches. The voltage U in question in the upper right branch given by $(4R \parallel 4R) + 2R + 2R$. Its resistance is just the same as the upper left branch $6R$.

Therefore, half of the current flows to the left half to the right side.



The circuit can then be rearranged for better interpretation:

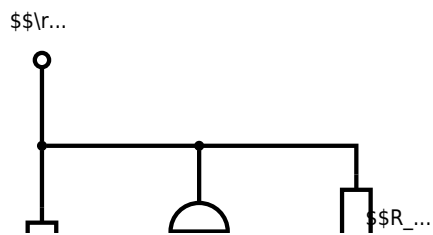
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$$R_1 || 6R + 6R || (2R + 2R + 4R || 4R) || (R + R + R) || 6R + 6R || (2R + 2R + 2R) || \\ \&= 3R || 6R + 6R || 6R || \&= \frac{3R \cdot 6R}{3R + 6R} + 3R \end{align*}$$

Exercise E1 Equivalent Linear Source (written test, approx. 10 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

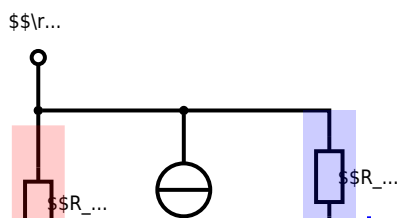
The circuit below has to be simplified. Use equivalent linear sources for simplification.
 Calculate the internal resistance R_{i} and the source voltage U_{s} of an equivalent linear voltage source.

- $R_1 = 5 \text{ } \Omega$
 - $U_1 = 10 \text{ V}$
 - $R_2 = 5 \text{ } \Omega$
 - $I_3 = 0.5 \text{ A}$
 - $R_4 = 10 \text{ } \Omega$
 - $U_5 = 4 \text{ V}$
- $U_{\text{AB}} = 1.11 \text{ V}$ $R_{\text{i}} = 5.55 \text{ } \Omega$



Solution

The principle idea here is to find parts of the circuit which are already a linear (voltage or current) source. Then this can be transformed into the equivalent other source, as shown in the next picture.



In order to get the currents one has to calculate it by $I_x = \frac{U_x}{R_x}$

$$\begin{aligned} I_0 &= \frac{U_0}{R_1} = \frac{10 \text{ V}}{5 \text{ } \Omega} = 2 \text{ A} \\ I_5 &= \frac{U_5}{R_4} = \frac{4 \text{ V}}{10 \text{ } \Omega} = 0.4 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

I_3 and I_0 can be combined to $I_{03} = I_0 - I_3$ facing upwards:

$$I_{03} = 1.5 \text{ A}$$

Then, the linear current source I_{03} with R_1 gets transformed into a linear voltage source with $U_{03} = R_1 \cdot I_{03}$ facing down.

$$U_{03} = 7.5 \text{ V}$$

Then, the resistors R_1 and R_2 can be combined to $R_{12} = R_1 + R_2$.

After this, the next step is to make a linear current source out of U_{03} and R_{12} . The current will be $I_{0123} = \frac{U_{03}}{R_{12}}$, facing up again.

$$I_{0123} = 0.6 \text{ A}$$

The second-last step is the sum up of the current sources I_{0123} and I_5 as $I_{01235} = I_{0123} - I_5$ and the resistors as $R_{124} = R_{12} \parallel R_4$.

$$I_{01235} = 0.2 \text{ A} \quad R_{124} = 5.55 \text{ } \Omega$$

The final step is the back-transformation to a linear voltage source, with $U_{\text{AB}} = R_{124} \cdot I_{01235}$.

The simplest and fastest (= for exams) is to work with interim results in the calculation.

Here, there there is also a full final formula given:

$$U_{\text{AB}} = U_{\text{AB}} = I_{01235} \cdot R_{124} = (I_{0123} - I_5) \cdot (R_{12} \parallel R_4) = \left(\frac{U_0}{R_1} - I_5 \right) \cdot (R_1 + R_2) \parallel R_4 = \left(\frac{R_1 \cdot I_0}{R_1 + R_2} - I_5 \right) \cdot (R_1 + R_2) \parallel R_4 = \frac{R_1 \cdot \left(\frac{U_0}{R_1} - I_5 \right)}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot (R_1 + R_2) \parallel R_4$$

Exercise E4 (Dis)Charging Capacities (written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)

The circuit below consists of a current source $I_0 = 0.2 \text{ mA}$, a voltage source $U_0 = 10 \text{ V}$, a capacitor $C = 200 \text{ nF}$, and resistors $R_1 = 8 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 17 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_3 = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$, and $R_4 = 50 \text{ k}\Omega$. The switch S_1 switches to the situation shown in the drawing. What is the new time constant?

- $C = 200 \text{ nF}$

Solution: $R = 8.0 \text{ k}\Omega$
 Solution: $\tau = 8.0 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot 200 \text{ nF} = 1.6 \text{ ms}$
 Solution: $U_C = 25 \text{ V}$

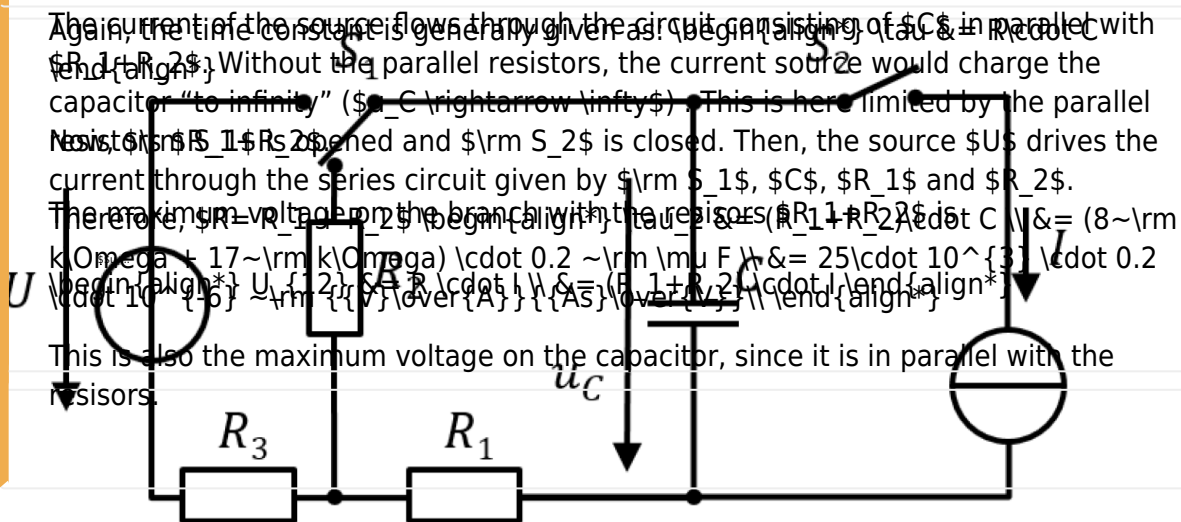
$$U_C = U_0 \cdot \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right)$$

Again, the time constant generally gives the time required for a capacitor to charge to $1 - e^{-1} \approx 63\%$ of its final value. Without the parallel resistors, the current source would charge the capacitor "to infinity" ($C \rightarrow \infty$). This is here limited by the parallel resistors R_1 and R_2 . Then, the source U_0 drives the current through the series circuit given by U_0 , C , R_1 and R_2 .

The maximum voltage on the branch with the resistors $(R_1 + R_2) \cdot C = (8 \text{ k}\Omega + 17 \text{ k}\Omega) \cdot 0.2 \text{ mA} = 25 \text{ V}$

$$U_C = U_0 \cdot \frac{R_1 \cdot R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot C = \frac{U_0 \cdot R_1 \cdot R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot C$$

This is also the maximum voltage on the capacitor, since it is in parallel with the resistors.



Before t_0 all switches are switched as shown and the capacitor is fully discharged. At $t_0 = 0 \text{ s}$ the switch S_1 shall switch to the voltage source.

1. Calculate the time constant for charging the capacitor.

Solution

The time constant is generally given as: $\tau = R \cdot C$

Once S_1 is closed and S_2 is open at t_0 , the source U drives the current through the series circuit given by S_1 , C , R_1 and R_3 .

Therefore, $R = R_1 + R_3$

$$\tau_1 = (R_1 + R_3) \cdot C = (8 \text{ k}\Omega + 7 \text{ k}\Omega) \cdot 0.2 \text{ }\mu\text{F} = 15 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ s} = 3 \text{ ms}$$

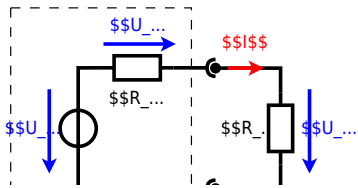
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Solution

Both courses of the voltage for charging and discharging are described with an exponential function. However, the curve for charging increases first steep and flattens out for longer time scales ($\propto (1 - e^{-x})$).

**Exercise E5 Impedances at Frequencies
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, SS2023)**

At a high frequency with $C_2 \rightarrow \infty$ (short circuit), the impedance Z_{23} is the value of the



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