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Techniques of Circuit Analysis

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2.1 Kirchhoff's current law

➢ In Kirchhoff's current law (KCL) states that the algebraic sum of currents entering a node (or a closed boundary) is zero. Mathematically, KCL implies that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} i_n = 0$$

> where N is the number of branches connected to the node and i_n is the n-th current entering (or leaving) the node.

2.1 Kirchhoff's current law

➤ As shown in figure1, by this law, currents entering a node may be regarded as positive, while currents leaving the node may be taken as negative or vice versa.



2.1 Kirchhoff's current law

As shown in figure 2, the sum of the currents entering a node is equal to the sum of the currents leaving the node.



2.2 Kirchhoff's voltage law

In Kirchhoff's voltage law (KVL) states that the algebraic sum of all voltages around a closed path (or loop) is zero. Mathematically, KVL implies that

$$\sum_{m=1}^{M} v_m = 0$$

> where M is the number of voltages in the loop (or the number of branches in the loop) and v_m is the m-th voltage.

2.2 Kirchhoff's voltage law

- As shown in figure 3, by this law, The sign on each voltage is the polarity of the terminal encountered first as we travel around the loop. We can start with any branch and go around the loop either clockwise or counterclockwise.
- \succ In other words, sum of voltage drops = sum of voltage rises



Fig. 3: Example on KVL

Example 2.1

> For the circuit in the following figure, find voltages v1 and v2.



Answer: To find v1 and v2 we apply Ohm's law and Kirchhoff's voltage law.
Assume that current i flows through the loop as shown in Fig. From Ohm's law,

v1=2i, v2 = -3i.

> Applying KVL around the loop gives

-20 + v1 - v2 = 0

we obtain i = 4 A.

v1 = 8 V and v2 = -12 V

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The process of combining the resistors is facilitated by combining two of them at a time. Consider the single-loop circuit of figure 4. The two resistors are in series, since the same current i flows in both. Applying Ohm's law to each of the resistors, we obtain

v1 = i R1 and v2 = i R2-v + v1 + v2 = 0v = v1 + v2 = i(R1 + R2) $i = \frac{v}{(R1 + R2)}$

 $v = i R_{eq} \qquad \qquad R_{eq} = R1 + R2$

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Now we can say the equivalent resistance of any number of resistors connected in series is the sum of the individual resistances.



 \succ If $R1 = R2 = \cdots = RN = R$, then

Req = NR

➤ where two resistors are connected in parallel and therefore have the same voltage across them as shown in figure 5. From Ohm's law,

$$v = iR1 = iR2$$

$$i_1 = \frac{v}{R_1}, \qquad i_2 = \frac{v}{R_2}$$

$$i = i_1 + i_2 = \frac{v}{R_1} + \frac{v}{R_2} = v\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right) = \frac{v}{R_{eq}}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{R_1R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

2.3 Series and parallel resistance

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_N}$$

The equivalent resistance of two parallel resistors is equal to the product of their resistances divided by their sum.



Note that the equivalent resistance is always smaller than the resistance of the smallest resistor in the parallel combination. If

 $R1 = R2 = \cdots = RN = R$, then

$$R_{eq} = \frac{R}{N}$$

The equivalent conductance of resistors connected in parallel is the sum of their individual conductance.

$$Geq = G1 + G2 + \dots + GN$$

Example 2.2:

> Find *Req* for the circuit shown in the following figure



Example 2.2:

Answer:



Two resistors 2 and 2

series and parallel with 6

 $(2+2) // 6 = 2.4 \Omega$

Three resistances 4, 8 and 2.4 are series

 $4 + 8 + 2.4 = 14.4 \Omega$

Example 2.3:

> Find *Req* for the circuit shown in the following figure



Answer: 6 Ω.

2.4 Voltage and current division

To determine the voltage across each resistor by using voltage divider in figure 4 as the following

$$v_1 = \frac{R_1}{(R_1 + R_2)}v$$
 $v_2 = \frac{R_2}{(R_1 + R_2)}v$

$$v_i = \frac{R_i}{(R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N)} v$$

2.4 Voltage and current division

To determine the current through each resistor by using current divider in figure 5 as the following

$$v = iR_{eq} = \frac{iR_1R_2}{(R_1 + R_2)} = i_1R_1 = i_2R_2$$
$$i_1 = \frac{R_2}{(R_1 + R_2)}i$$
$$i_2 = \frac{R_1}{(R_1 + R_2)}i$$

