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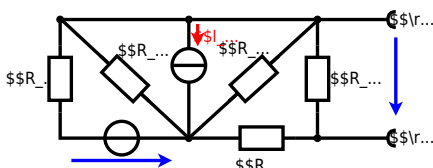
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Exercise E7 Equivalent linear Source (written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The circuit in the following has to be simplified.
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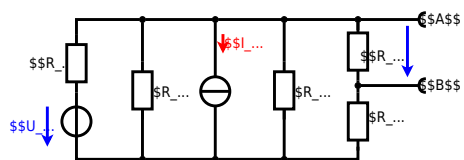
$$\begin{aligned} U_{\text{S}} &= U_{\text{AB}} = 4.5 \text{ V} \\ R_{\text{i}} &= R_{\text{AB}} = 6 \text{ } \Omega \end{aligned}$$



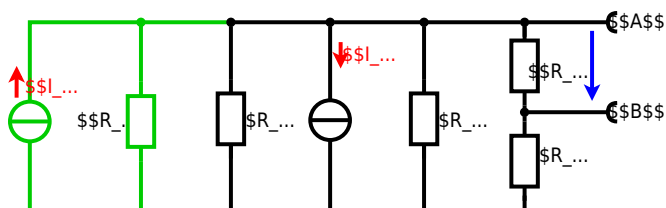
Calculate the internal resistance R_{i} and the source voltage U_{S} of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors A and B. $R_1 = 5.0 \text{ } \Omega$, $U_2 = 6.0 \text{ V}$, $R_3 = 10 \text{ } \Omega$, $I_4 = 4.2 \text{ A}$, $R_5 = 10 \text{ } \Omega$, $R_6 = 7.5 \text{ } \Omega$, $R_7 =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

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

$$I_{24} = \frac{U_{24}}{R_6 + R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5} = \frac{(U_1 - U_4) \cdot R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5}{R_6 + R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5}$$

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:

$$U_{AB} = U_{24} \cdot \frac{R_7}{R_6 + R_7 + R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5} = \frac{(U_1 - U_4) \cdot R_7 \cdot R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5}{R_6 + R_7 + R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5}$$

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

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

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

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

Exercise E3 Temperature-dependent Resistance (written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. According to question 2, the effective resistance is not given, but can be identified. Result: $R_0 = 10 \Omega$ at 25°C is your answer.

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°C .

$$R = 10 \Omega \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot \Delta T^2) \quad \Delta T = T_{\text{end}} - T_{\text{start}}$$

The power transfer is reduced by a factor of 10 and 20% of the heat. Therefore, a solution is to let the float up the refrigeration system.

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

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

Exercise E11 Analyzing complex Impedances**(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

2. Calculate the complex impedance $\underline{Z}$ of the circuit shown in the figure. The components $\underline{R}$ and $\underline{X}_L$ shall be given.

After analysis, the full bidimensional complex impedance has been extracted and written in the following form: $\underline{Z} = (2 + j4) \Omega$.

... Calculate the physical values of the two components.

Solution: $\underline{R} = 2 \Omega$ and $\underline{X}_L = 4 \Omega$.

Solution

$$\underline{I} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{Z}} = \frac{50 \angle 0^\circ}{(2 + j4) \Omega} = 12.5 \angle -63.4^\circ \text{ A}$$

 The voltage across the inductor is $\underline{V}_L = \underline{I} \cdot \underline{X}_L = 12.5 \angle -63.4^\circ \cdot j4 = 50 \angle 26.6^\circ \text{ V}$
 The voltage across the resistor is $\underline{V}_R = \underline{I} \cdot \underline{R} = 12.5 \angle -63.4^\circ \cdot 2 = 25 \angle -63.4^\circ \text{ V}$
 The phase shift φ can be calculated as $\varphi = \arctan\left(\frac{\text{Im}(\underline{Z})}{\text{Re}(\underline{Z})}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{4}{2}\right) = 63.4^\circ$
 With the complex part $\underline{Z} = (2 + j4) \Omega$, the physical values are $R = 2 \Omega$ and $X_L = 4 \Omega$.
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Exercise E15 Complex Impedance Circuit**(written test, approx. 15 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)**

2. Calculate the complex impedance $\underline{Z}$ of the circuit shown in the figure. The components $\underline{R}$ and $\underline{X}_L$ shall be given. The voltage source is $u(t) = 3.0 \sin(2\pi \cdot 15 \cdot t) \text{ V}$.

The linear source is connected with an inductor of $330 \mu\text{H}$ and a capacitor of $0.22 \mu\text{F}$, all in series.

Result

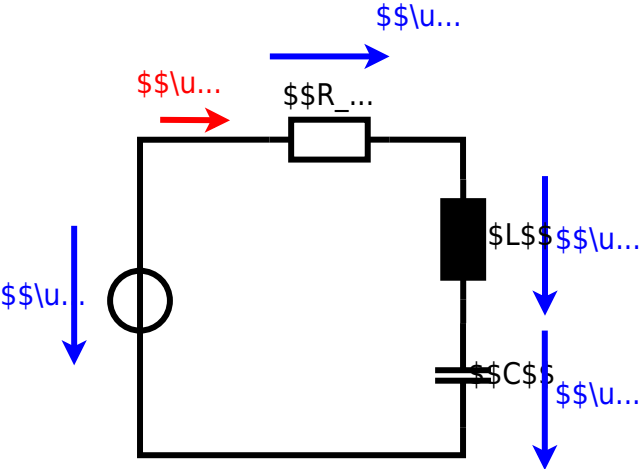
... Draw the circuit diagram of the given circuit. Label all components, voltages, and currents.

$$\underline{Z} = \frac{\underline{U}}{\underline{I}} = \frac{3.0 \angle 0^\circ}{1.5 \angle -45^\circ} = 2 \angle 45^\circ \Omega$$

$$\underline{Z}_C = \frac{1}{j\omega C} = \frac{1}{j \cdot 2\pi \cdot 15 \cdot 0.22 \cdot 10^{-6}} = -j159.15 \Omega$$

$$\underline{Z}_L = j\omega L = j \cdot 2\pi \cdot 15 \cdot 330 \cdot 10^{-6} = j3.14 \Omega$$

$$\underline{Z} = \underline{Z}_C + \underline{Z}_L = -j159.15 \Omega + j3.14 \Omega = -j156.01 \Omega$$



Exercise E13 Impedances at different Frequencies

(written test, approx. 18 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. A series circuit with two resistors $R_1 = 1.00 \text{ k}\Omega$ and $R_2 = 10.0 \text{ k}\Omega$ is connected to an AC voltage source of $U = 230 \text{ V}$ at $f = 50 \text{ Hz}$. A capacitor $C = 40 \text{ nF}$ is connected in parallel with R_2 . Calculate the total impedance Z of the circuit.

Solution

$$Z = \sqrt{R_1^2 + \left(\frac{R_2}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega C R_2)^2}} \right)^2}$$

$$Z = \sqrt{1.00^2 + \left(\frac{10.0}{\sqrt{1 + (2\pi \cdot 50 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9} \cdot 10.0 \cdot 10^3)^2}} \right)^2}$$

A series circuit means that the current is constant on every component.

The equivalent impedance for R_2 and C combined is given by

$$\frac{1}{Z_{R_2C}} = \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{j\omega C}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Z_{R_2C} = \frac{R_2}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega C R_2)^2}}$$

Therefore, the resulting current of the parallel circuit is given as:

$$I = \frac{U}{Z} = \frac{U}{\sqrt{R_1^2 + \left(\frac{R_2}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega C R_2)^2}} \right)^2}}$$

Back to the first formula:

$$Z = \sqrt{R_1^2 + \left(\frac{R_2}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega C R_2)^2}} \right)^2} = \sqrt{1.00^2 + \left(\frac{10.0}{\sqrt{1 + (2\pi \cdot 50 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9} \cdot 10.0 \cdot 10^3)^2}} \right)^2} = 1.00 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Exercise E1 Resistance of a Wire by Resistivity

(written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. A heating element made of nichrome wire with a diameter of $d = 0.5 \text{ mm}$ is used. The power dissipation (= heat flow) of $P = 40 \text{ W}$ is necessary.

Calculate the current I needed to operate it.

The nichrome wire has a resistivity of $\rho = 1.10 \cdot 10^{-6} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$.

The heating element is $l = 3 \text{ m}$ long and has a diameter of $d = 0.5 \text{ mm}$.

Calculate the resistance R of the heating element.

Solution

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

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

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

Exercise E9 Charging Capacitors

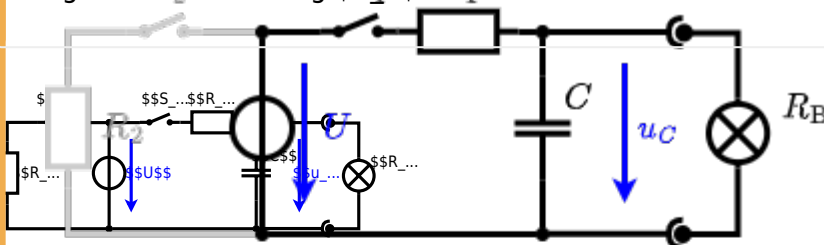
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The circuit (without the light bulb) also is the circuit of Exercise 2. The charging of the capacitor is again described by the equation $u_C(t) = U \cdot (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$. The voltage across the capacitor is again 0 V at the moment $t_0 = 0 \text{ s}$ 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 $\Delta U = U \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = 12 \text{ V} \cdot \frac{20 \Omega}{20 \Omega + 20 \Omega} = 6 \text{ V}$. The ideal voltage source $U_{\text{eq}} = 6 \text{ V}$ is independent of the choice of R_1 and 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 S_2 .

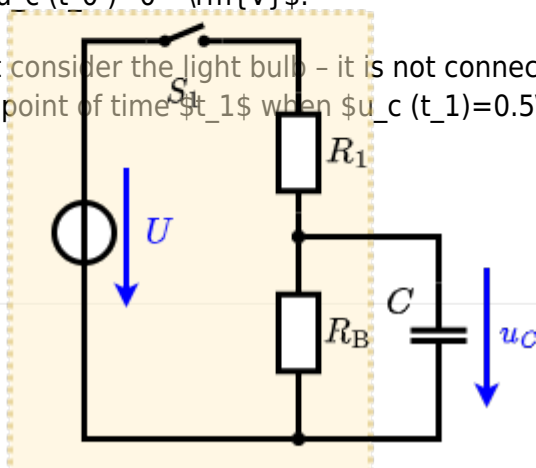


The circuit contains a voltage source $U = 12 \text{ V}$, a switch S_1 , a resistor of $R_1 = 20 \Omega$ and a capacitor of $C = 100 \mu\text{F}$.

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

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

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

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
$$(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) = 0.5$$

$$e^{-t/\tau} = 0.5 \quad \ln(0.5) = -t/\tau \quad t = \tau \cdot \ln(0.5) = R_1 \cdot C \cdot \ln(0.5)$$

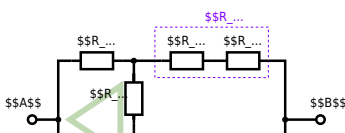
Exercise E5 Pure Resistor Network Simplification (written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The following shall be simplified with $R_1 = 200 \Omega$, $R_2 = 100 \Omega$, $R_3 = 150 \Omega$, $R_4 = 100 \Omega$ and the voltage $U = 10 \text{ V}$.
Result: 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:

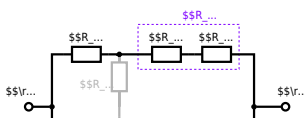
$$R_Y = \frac{R_2 \cdot R_2}{R_2 + R_2 + R_2} = \frac{(100 \, \Omega)^2}{3 \cdot 100 \, \Omega} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 100 \, \Omega = 33.33 \, \Omega$$

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_{eq} between A and B .

Solution



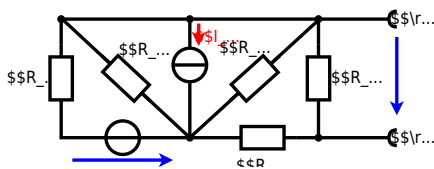
The equivalent resistor is given by a parallel configuration of resistors in series:

$$R_{\text{eq}} = (R_2 + R_1 + R_3) \parallel (R_4 + R_5) \parallel R_{\text{eq}} = (100 \, \Omega + 200 \, \Omega + 200 \, \Omega) \parallel (100 \, \Omega + 100 \, \Omega) \parallel R_{\text{eq}} = (500 \, \Omega) \parallel (200 \, \Omega) \parallel R_{\text{eq}} = \frac{500 \, \Omega \cdot 200 \, \Omega}{500 \, \Omega + 200 \, \Omega} \parallel R_{\text{eq}}$$

Exercise E8 Equivalent linear Source (written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The circuit in the following has to be simplified.
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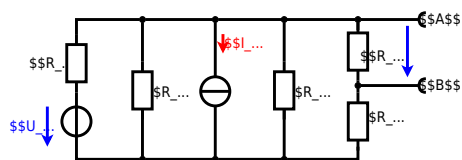
$$U_s = U_{\text{AB}} = 4.5 \, \text{V} \quad R_i = R_{\text{AB}} = 6 \, \Omega$$



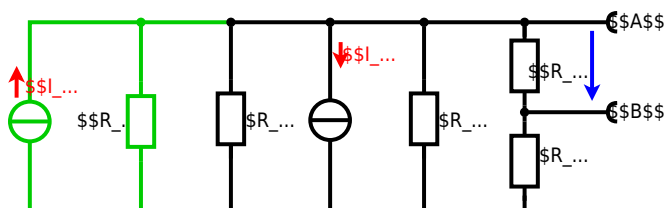
Calculate the internal resistance R_s and the source voltage U_s of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors A and B. $\begin{aligned} R_1 &= 5.0 \, \Omega, \quad U_s = 6.0 \, \text{V}, \quad R_3 = 10 \, \Omega, \quad I_4 = 4.2 \, \text{A}, \\ R_5 &= 10 \, \Omega, \quad R_6 = 7.5 \, \Omega, \quad R_7 = 15 \, \Omega \end{aligned}$ 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 :

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

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

The resulting circuit can again be transformed:



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

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

$$U_{24} = R_{135} \cdot I_{24} \quad \&= \left(\frac{U_2}{R_1} - I_4 \right) \cdot R_1 \parallel R_3 \parallel R_5$$

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:

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

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

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

Exercise E4 Temperature-dependent Resistance (written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. According to question 2, the effect of resistance on the refrigeration system can be identified. The resistance of the thermistor is $R_0 = 6.5\Omega$ at $T_0 = 25^\circ\text{C}$.

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

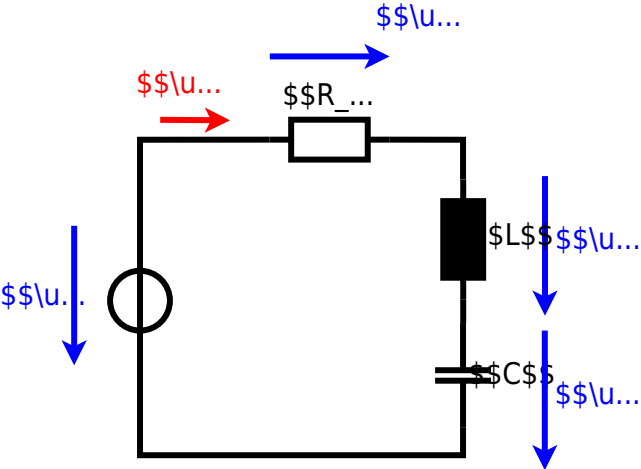
Result
The temperature inside the refrigeration system can reach down to -40°C .

$$R = 6.5\Omega \quad \text{Calculate the resistance of the thermistor at } -40^\circ\text{C}.$$

The power of the electric heater is $P = \frac{U^2}{R}$ and $Q = \frac{P}{T}$. Therefore, a solution is to let the heat flow up the refrigeration system.

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

$$R = R_0 \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot \Delta T^2) \quad | \quad \Delta T = T_{\text{end}} - T_{\text{start}} \\ R = 10\Omega \cdot \left(1 + 0.01\text{K}^{-1} \cdot (-40^\circ\text{C} - 25^\circ\text{C}) + 71 \cdot 10^{-6}\text{K}^{-2} \cdot (-40^\circ\text{C} - 25^\circ\text{C})^2 \right)$$



Exercise E14 Impedances at different Frequencies

(written test, approx. 18 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. A series circuit consists of a resistor with $R_1 = 1.00 \text{ k}\Omega$ and a capacitor with $C_1 = 40 \text{ nF}$. The voltage across the resistor is $U_R = 10.0 \text{ V}$ at a frequency of $f = 4 \text{ MHz}$. Calculate the voltage across the capacitor U_C at the same frequency.

Solution

$$R_1 = 1.00 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$C_1 = 40 \text{ nF}$$

A series circuit means that the current is constant on every component.

The equivalent impedance for R and C combined is given by

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X_C^2}$$

Parallel circuit means that the voltage is the same on R and C . Since U_R is perpendicular to U_C , this can be simplified to

$$U^2 = U_R^2 + U_C^2$$

Therefore, the resulting current of the parallel circuit is given as:

$$I = \frac{U}{Z} = \frac{U}{\sqrt{R^2 + X_C^2}}$$

$$I = \frac{U}{\sqrt{R^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2\pi f C}\right)^2}}$$

$$I = \frac{U}{\sqrt{R^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}}\right)^2}}$$

$$I = \frac{10.0 \text{ V}}{\sqrt{(1.00 \text{ k}\Omega)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 4 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-9}}\right)^2}}$$

$$I = \frac{10.0 \text{ V}}{\sqrt{(1.00 \text{ k}\Omega)^2 + (0.000995 \text{ }\Omega)^2}}$$

$$I = \frac{10.0 \text{ V}}{1.00 \text{ k}\Omega}$$

$$I = 10.0 \text{ mA}$$

Exercise E2 Resistance of a Wire by Resistivity

(written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

2. A heating element made of nichrome wire with a diameter of $d = 0.5 \text{ mm}$ is used. The power dissipation (= heat flow) of $P = 40 \text{ W}$ is necessary.

Calculate the current I needed to operate it.

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 $d = 0.5 \text{ mm}$.

Calculate the resistance R of the heating element.

Solution

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

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

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

Exercise E10 Charging Capacitors

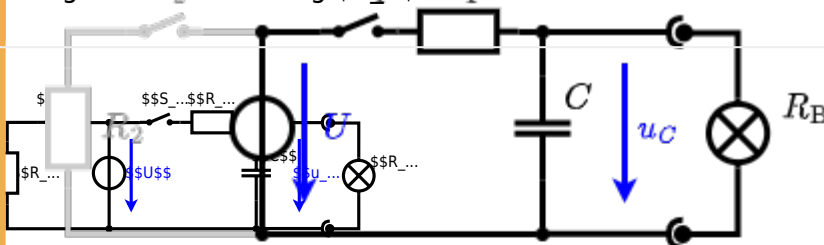
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The circuit (without the light bulb) also in the diagram of Exercise E10. The capacitor is again short-circuited by the switch S_2 . The voltage across the capacitor is again 0 V at the moment $t_0 = 0 \text{ s}$ when the switch S_1 is closed. Calculate 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 $U = 12 \text{ V}$ is in series with the resistor $R_1 = 20 \Omega$. 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 .

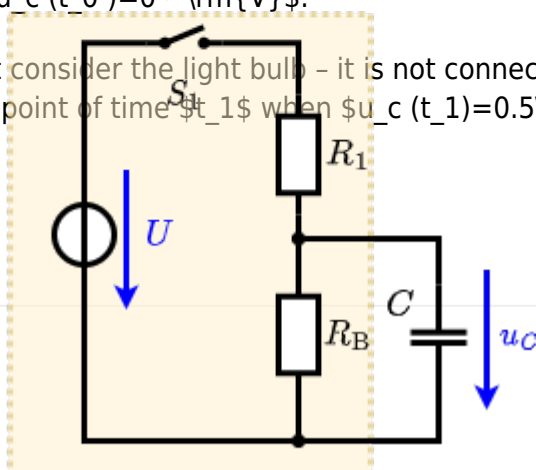


The circuit contains a voltage source $U = 12 \text{ V}$, a switch S_1 , a resistor of $R_1 = 20 \Omega$ and a capacitor of $C = 100 \mu\text{F}$.

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 ($= 0 \, \Omega$, 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
$$(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) = 0.5 \implies e^{-t/\tau} = 0.5 \implies -t/\tau = \ln(0.5) \implies t = \tau \cdot \ln(0.5) \implies t = R_1 \cdot C \cdot \ln(0.5)$$

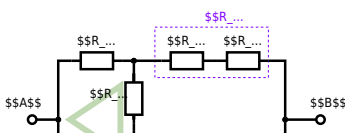
Exercise E6 Pure Resistor Network Simplification (written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The following shall be shown with $R_1 = 200 \, \Omega$, $R_2 = 100 \, \Omega$, $R_3 = 150 \, \Omega$, $R_4 = 100 \, \Omega$ and the voltage $U = 10 \, V$.
Result: 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:

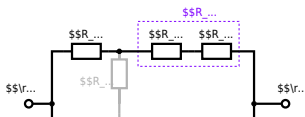
$$R_Y = \frac{R_2 \cdot R_2}{R_2 + R_2 + R_2} = \frac{(100 \, \Omega)^2}{3 \cdot 100 \, \Omega} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 100 \, \Omega = 33.33 \, \Omega$$

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_{eq} between A and B .

Solution



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

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

$$R_{\text{eq}} = \frac{(500 \Omega \cdot 200 \Omega)}{500 \Omega + 200 \Omega}$$

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