6.01: Introduction to EECS I

Circuit Abstractions

April 5, 2011

Midterm Examination #2

Time: Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Location: Walker Memorial (if last name starts with A-M)
10-250 (if last name starts with N-Z)

Coverage: Everything up to and including Design Lab 9.

You may refer to any printed materials that you bring to exam.

You may use a calculator.

You may not use a computer, phone, or music player.

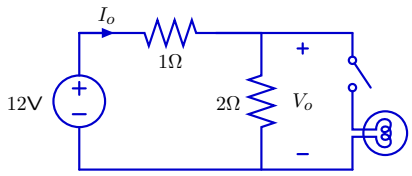
No software lab in week 10.

Review sessions during office hours.

Last Time: Interaction of Circuit Elements

Circuit design is complicated by interactions among the elements. Adding an element changes voltages & currents **throughout** circuit.

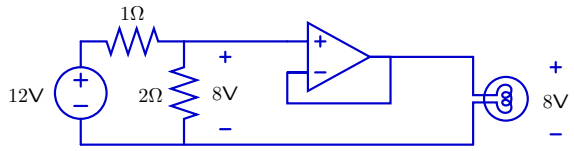
Example: closing a switch is equivalent to adding a new element.



Closing the switch decreases V_o and increases I_o.

Last Time: Buffering with Op-Amps

Buffers can be used to simplify modular design.



This op-amp circuit produces an output voltage equal to its input voltage (8V) while having no effect on the left part of the circuit.

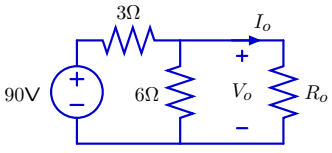
There are also other useful ways to deal with element interactions.

Today: **abstractions** to characterize circuit interactions

Systematic Changes

Altering an element changes voltages and currents **systematically**.

Example: consider changes in V_o and I_o when R_o is changed.



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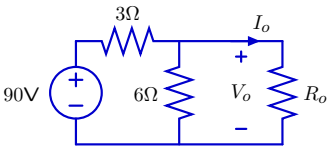
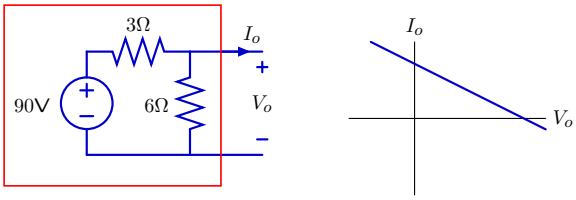


How many of the blue numbers are wrong?

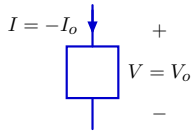
R_o [Ω]	V_o [V]	I_o [A]
0	0	30
2	30	15
3	36	12
8	48	6
∞	60	0

Current-Voltage Relations

The current-voltage relation summarizes **all** possible behaviors of circuit – regardless of what the circuit is connected to.

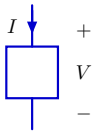


It allows us to think about circuit as a single element: a **one-port**.



One-Ports

A "one-port" is a circuit that is regarded as a single, generalized component.

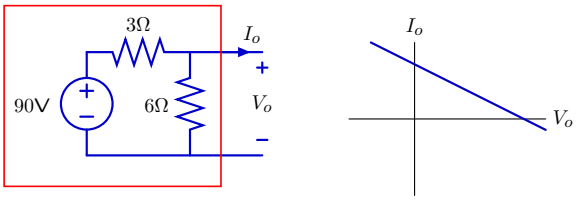


As with other components, a one-port has two terminals:

- current I enters "+" terminal and exits "–" terminal and
- produces voltage V across the terminals.

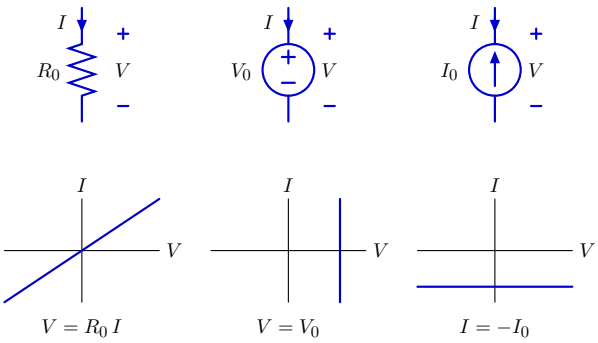
Current-Voltage Relations

Under what conditions is the current-voltage relation a **straight line**?



Current-Voltage Relations

Current-voltage relations for resistors and sources are **straight lines**.



What happens when you combine different types of components?

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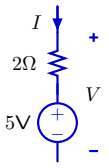
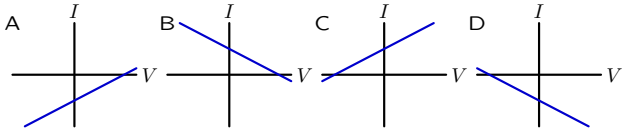


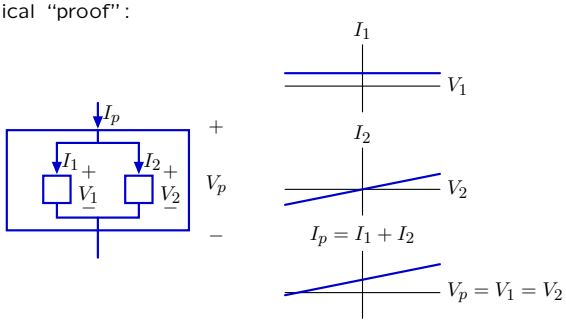
What is the corresponding current-voltage relation?



Parallel One-Ports

If the i-v curves for two one-ports are both straight lines, then the i-v curve for the parallel combination is a straight line.

Graphical "proof":



The "sum" of two straight lines is a straight line.

Series One-Ports

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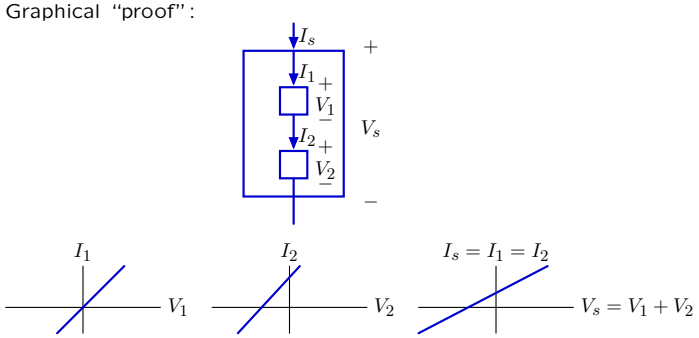
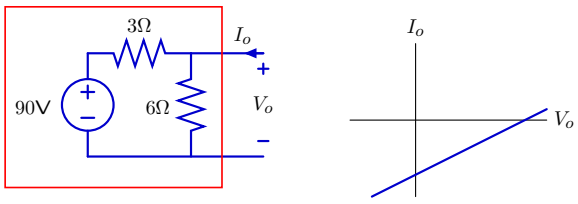


The "horizontal sum" of two straight lines is a straight line.

Current-Voltage Relations

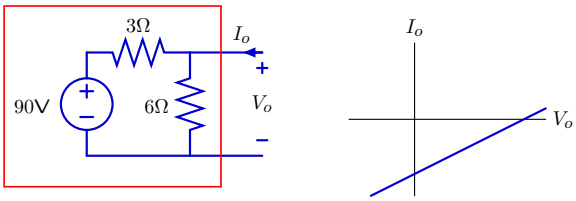
More generally, any combination of one-ports with straight i-v curves will produce a one-port with a straight i-v curve.

Example: if a one-port contains only resistors and sources, then the current-voltage relation will be a straight line.



Linear Equations

If the current-voltage relation is a straight line, then the relation between element current and element voltage is a **linear equation**.



Linear equations have the form

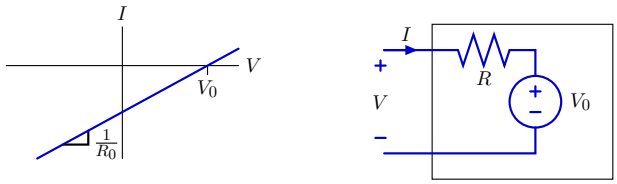
$$a_i V_i + b_i I_i + c_i = 0.$$

(i.e., there are no V_i^2 terms, no $\sqrt{I_i}$ terms, etc.)

If all of the component equations are linear, then the i-v curve for the one-port will also be linear (since the solution to a system of linear components plus associated KVL and KCL equations is linear).

Thevenin Equivalents

If the current-voltage relation is linear, the current-voltage relation is the same as that for a voltage source in series with a resistor.



From the circuit, $I = \dfrac{V - V_0}{R}$.

If $I = 0$, then $V = V_0$ (the x-intercept of the plot).

The rate of growth of $I = \dfrac{V}{R} - \dfrac{V_0}{R}$ with V is the slope $1/R$.

Norton Equivalents

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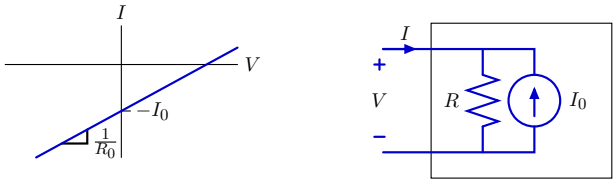

From the circuit, $V = (I + I_0)R$.

If $V = 0$, then $I = -I_0$ (the negative of the y-intercept of the plot).

The rate of growth of $I = -I_0 + V/R$ with V is the slope $1/R$.

Open-Circuit Voltage and Short-Circuit Current

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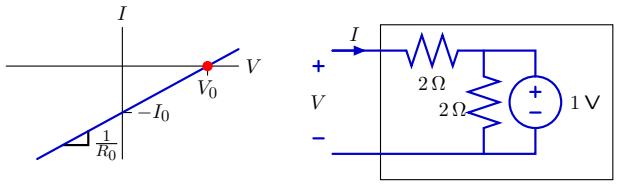

Set $I = 0$ in the circuit. Then $V = V_0 = 1$V.

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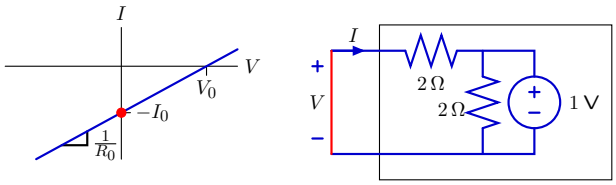

Set $V = 0$ (wire = short circuit). Then $I = -I_0 = -\frac{1}{2}$ A.

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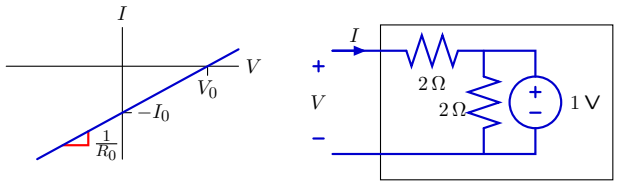
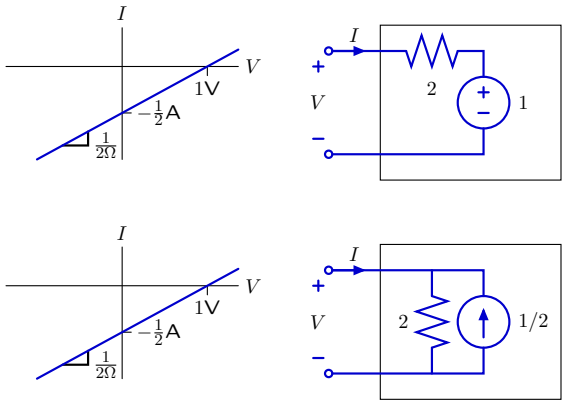
The equivalent resistance is $R_0 = \frac{V_o}{I_o}$.



$R_0 = \frac{V_o}{I_o} = \frac{1\,\text{V}}{\frac{1}{2}\text{A}} = 2\,\Omega$

Thevenin and Norton Equivalents

Equivalent circuits.



Thevenin Example

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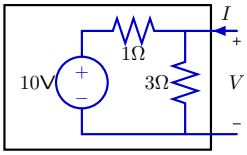

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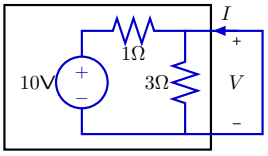

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Short-circuit current (i.e., $V = 0 \rightarrow$ add a wire!)

$I_0 = -I = \frac{10\,\text{V}}{1\,\Omega} = 10\,\text{A}$

Equivalent resistance

$R_0 = \frac{V_0}{I_0} = \frac{7.5\,\text{V}}{10\,\text{A}} = 0.75\Omega$

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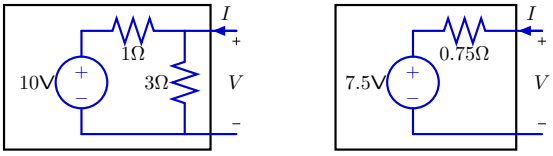
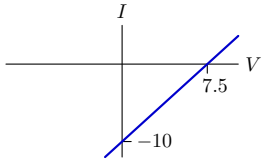


These circuits are "equivalent" in the sense that their i-v curves are the same.



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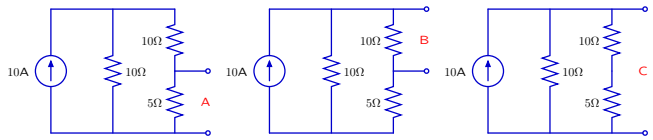
Determine the equivalent circuits viewed from 3 different ports.



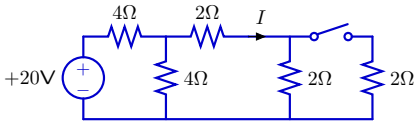
How many of the following are wrong?

	A	B	C
1. $V_0 =$	20V	40V	60V
2. $I_0 =$	5A	5A	10A
3. $R_0 =$	4Ω	6Ω	6Ω

Conceptual Value of Equivalent Circuits

Equivalent circuits have conceptual value.

Example: Will closing the switch increase or decrease I?

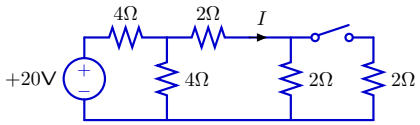


We could just solve two circuits questions – one with switch open and one with switch closed – and compare currents.

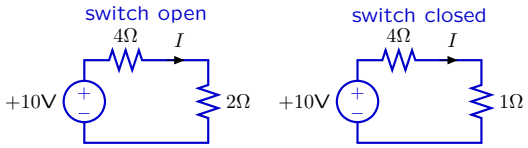
But this question can be answered without doing any calculations!

Conceptual Value of Equivalent Circuits

Replace the parts to the left and right of I by equivalent circuits.



Equivalent circuit to right of I depends on state of switch.



Closing the switch decreases equivalent resistance to right of I.

Therefore, closing the switch increases I.

Superposition

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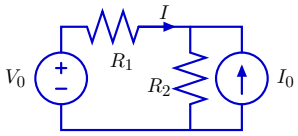

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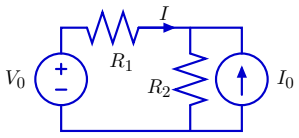

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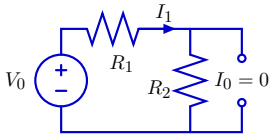

Then $I_1 = \dfrac{V_0}{R_1 + R_2}$.

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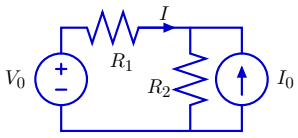
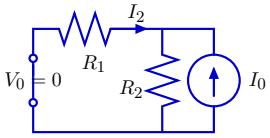


Turning off V_0 (i.e., $V_0 = 0$) is equivalent to a short circuit.



Then $I_2 = -\dfrac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} I_0$.

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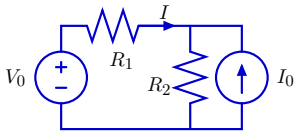

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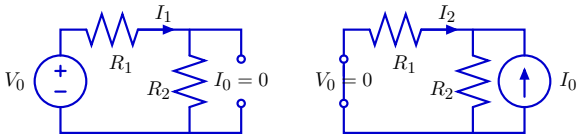

$$I = I_1 + I_2 = \frac{V_0}{R_1 + R_2} - \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} I_0.$$

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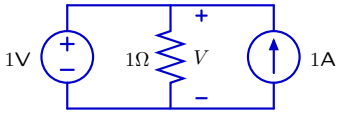
Determine V using superposition.



1. 1V
2. 2V
3. 0V
4. cannot determine
5. none of the above

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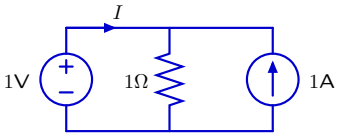

1. 1A
2. 2A
3. 0A
4. cannot determine
5. none of the above

Summary

Consequences of linearity.

If a one-port contains just linear elements (resistors, voltage sources, and current sources) then

- the current-voltage relation will be linear, and
- it can be represented by a Thevenin or Norton equivalent circuit.

Linear one-ports can be characterized by two points on their i-v curve (e.g., open-circuit voltage and short-circuit current).

Responses of multiple sources can be superposed to find electrical responses of linear circuits.

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