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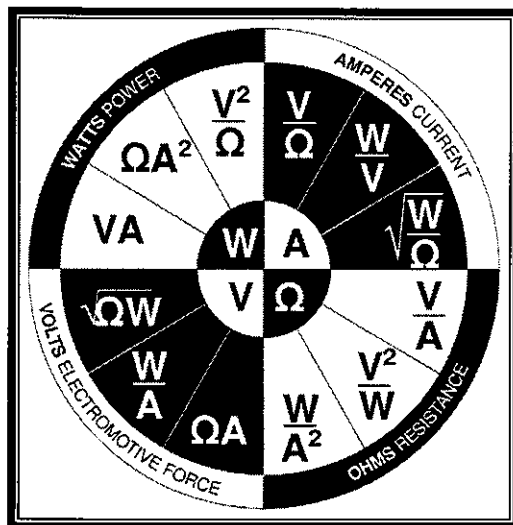
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The Ohm's Law Wheel
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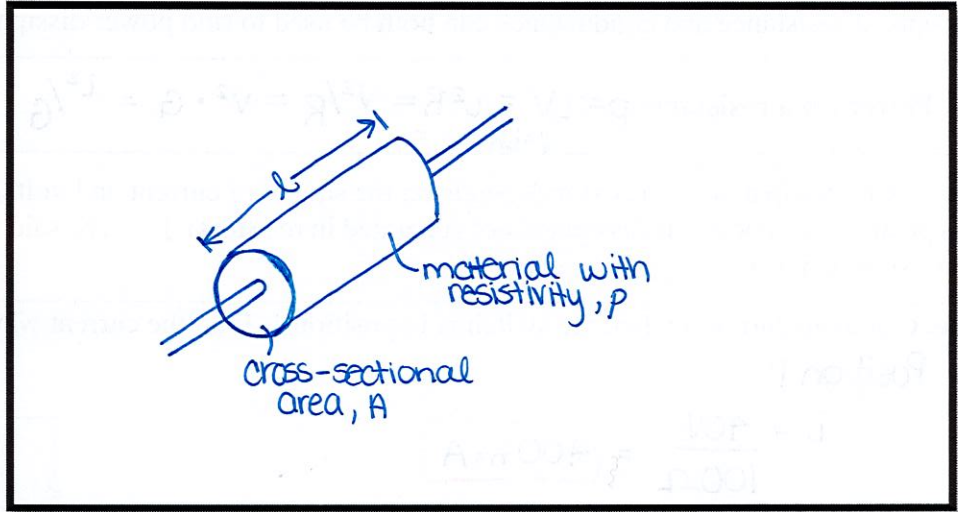
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2.1 Ohm's Law.

Georg Ohm noticed that materials tend to resist the flow of current. The tendency of a material to resist the flow of current is its resistivity, ρ , with units of $\Omega \text{ m}$. Ohm also noticed that devices made from resistive materials will have greater resistance if they have a large length, l , and small cross-sectional area, A .



Georg Ohm (commons.wikimedia.org).

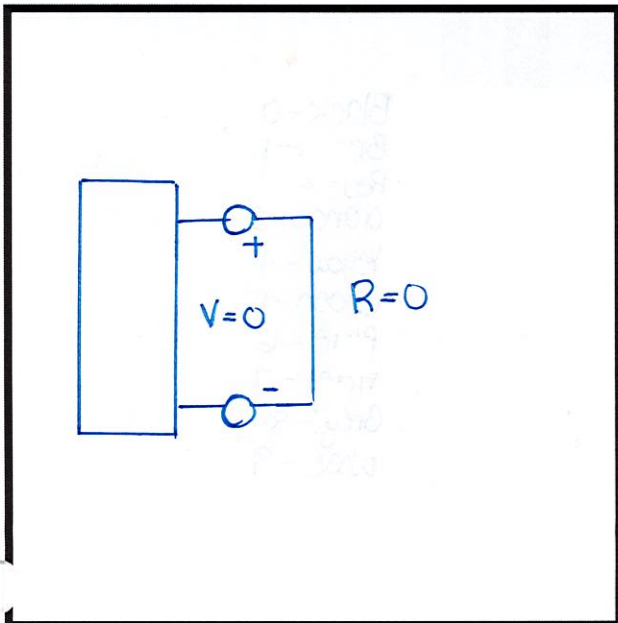
Ohm's law.

$$\text{Resistance: } R = \rho \frac{l}{A} \quad [\text{units} = \Omega]$$

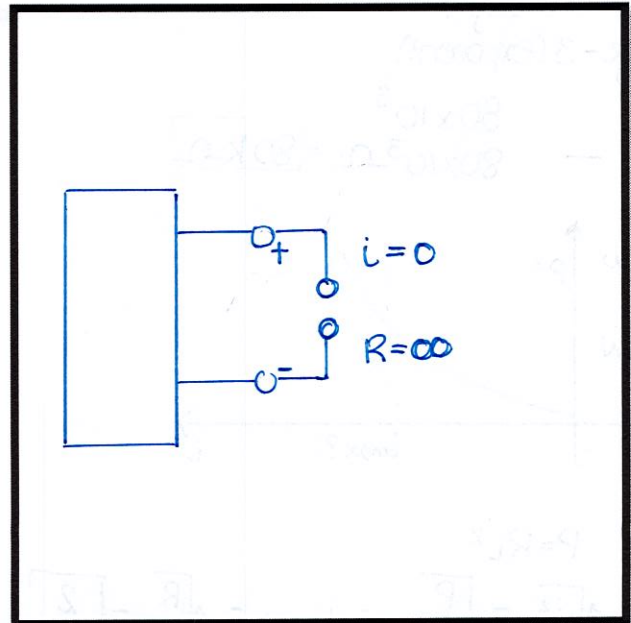
Ohm also noticed that the voltage over a resistor is linearly proportional to the current flowing through (i.e., higher voltage means higher current). This idea is now called **Ohm's Law**.

$$\text{Ohm's Law: } V = iR \quad [\text{units} = \text{v}] \rightarrow R = \frac{V}{i} \quad [\Omega]$$

If the resistance is zero, there is a **short circuit** (typically a metal connection). If the resistance is infinite, there is an **open circuit** (typically a disconnection).



Short circuit ($v = \lim_{R \rightarrow 0} iR = 0$).



Open circuit ($i = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} v/R = 0$).

Sometimes, engineers talk in terms of the **conductance** of a circuit element rather than the resistance. Conductance is the reciprocal of resistance.

$$\text{Conductance: } G = \frac{1}{R} = \frac{i}{V} \quad [S = \frac{1}{\Omega} = \frac{A}{V}]$$

The concepts of resistance and conductance can both be used to find power dissipated in a resistor.

$$\text{Power (in a resistor): } P = iV = i^2R = \frac{V^2}{R} = V^2 \cdot G = \frac{i^2}{G}$$

$V = iR$ $i = \frac{V}{R}$

Note that power dissipated in a resistor depends on the square of current and voltage. Therefore, power in a resistor is always positive (i.e., power is dissipated not generated in resistors). **It can be said that resistors are passive elements that do not supply power.**

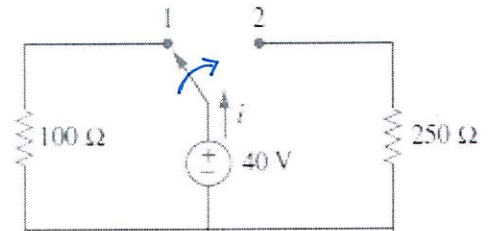
Example. Calculate current i when the switch is in position 1. Find the current when the switch is in position 2.

Position 1:

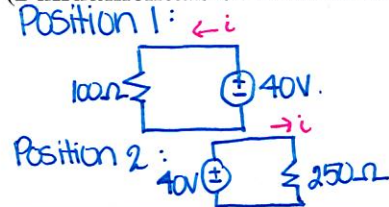
$$i = \frac{40V}{100\Omega} = 400\text{ mA}$$

Position 2:

$$i = \frac{40V}{250\Omega} = 160\text{ mA}$$



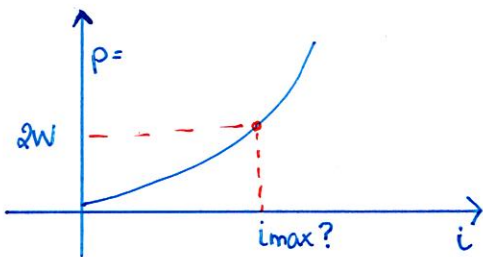
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Example. Find the maximum current that a 2 W, 80 kΩ resistor can safely conduct.

Grey - 8 (10 digit)
Black - 0 (1 digit)
Orange - 3 (exponent)

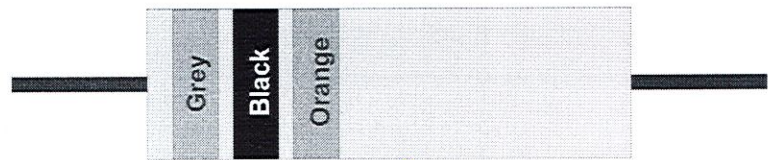
$$80 \times 10^3 \Omega = 80 \text{ k}\Omega$$



$$P = Ri^2$$

$$\sqrt{i^2} = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}} = i_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{80\text{k}}} = 5\text{ mA}$$

∴ max current is 5mA



Black - 0
Brown - 1
Red - 2
orange - 3
Yellow - 4
Green - 5
Blue - 6
Violet - 7
Grey - 8
white - 9

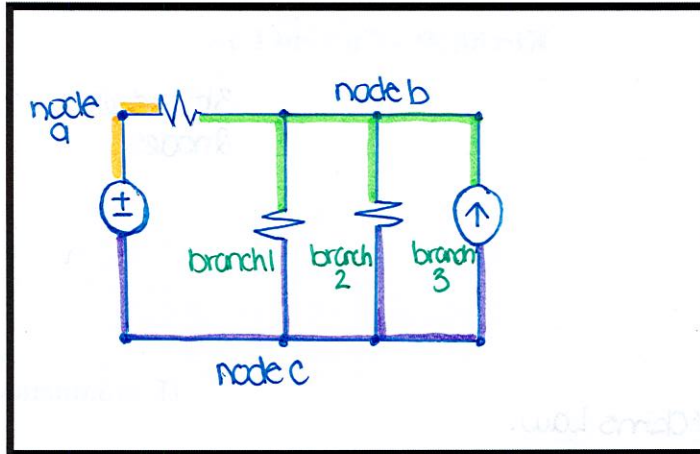
2.2 Nodes, branches, and loops.

In order to understand circuits, one has to be familiar with terms that are commonly used to describe circuits. Several of these terms will be discussed here. Specifically, **nodes**, **branches**, and **loops** will be discussed.

Branch: a single element such as a voltage source or a resistor

Node: point of connection between 2 or more branches

Loop: any closed path in a circuit



Nodes, branches, and loops.

2.3 Kirchhoff's Laws.

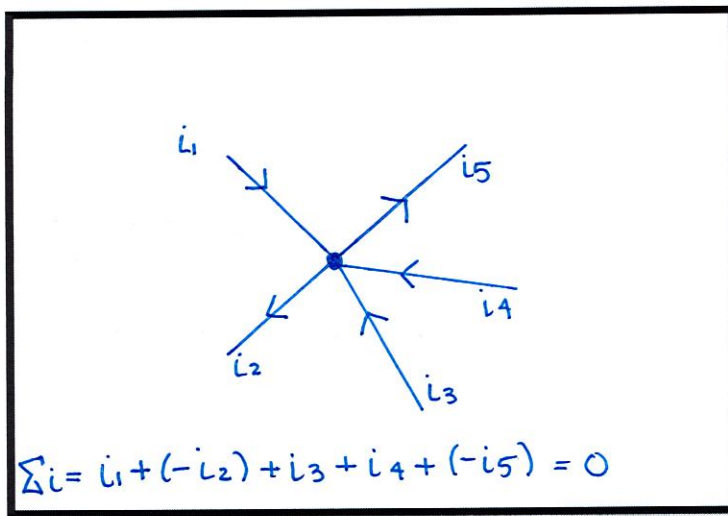
The concepts of nodes, branch, and loop are used in explain Kirchhoff's Laws. Kirchhoff has two laws: **Kirchhoff's Current Law** and **Kirchhoff's Voltage Law**.



Gustav Kirchhoff
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Kirchhoff's Current Law relates to a conservation of current at a node.

Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL): $\sum_{\text{node}} i = 0$ all current into and out of a node must sum to zero.



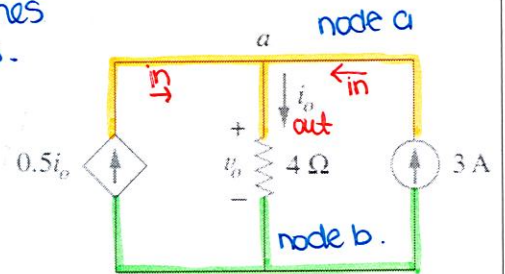
Kirchhoff's Current Law.

Example. Determine v_o and i_o .

Apply KCL to node a:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum i &= 3 + 0.5i_o - i_o = 0 \\ 3 + (-0.5i_o) &= 0 \\ i_o &= \frac{3}{0.5} = \boxed{6A} \end{aligned}$$

3 branches
2 nodes.



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$$v_o = R i_o$$

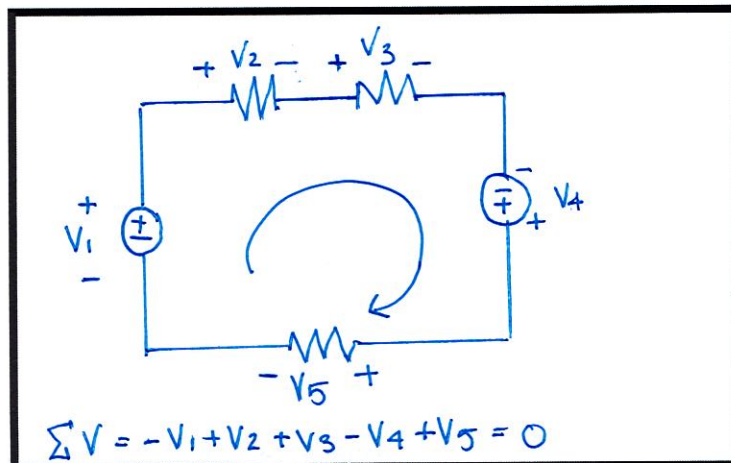
* Ohms Law.

$$= (4 \Omega)(6A)$$

$$= \boxed{24V}$$

Kirchhoff's Voltage Law relates to a conservation of voltage over a loop.

Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL): $\sum_{loop} V = 0$ all voltages over a loop must sum to zero



Kirchhoff's Voltage Law.

Example. Determine v_0 and i .

* gains are negative, losses are positive

KVL overloop:

$$-12 + 4i + 2V_0 - 4 + 6i = 0$$

Ohms Law:

$$V_0 = (6\Omega)(-i) = -6i$$

$$-16 + 10i + 2(-6i) = 0$$

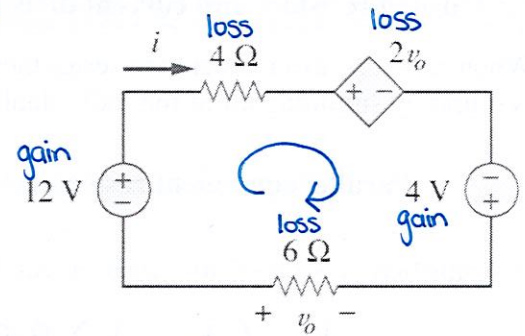
$$-16 - 2i = 0$$

$$-2i = 16$$

$$i = -8A$$

$$V_0 = -6(-8A)$$

$$= 48V$$



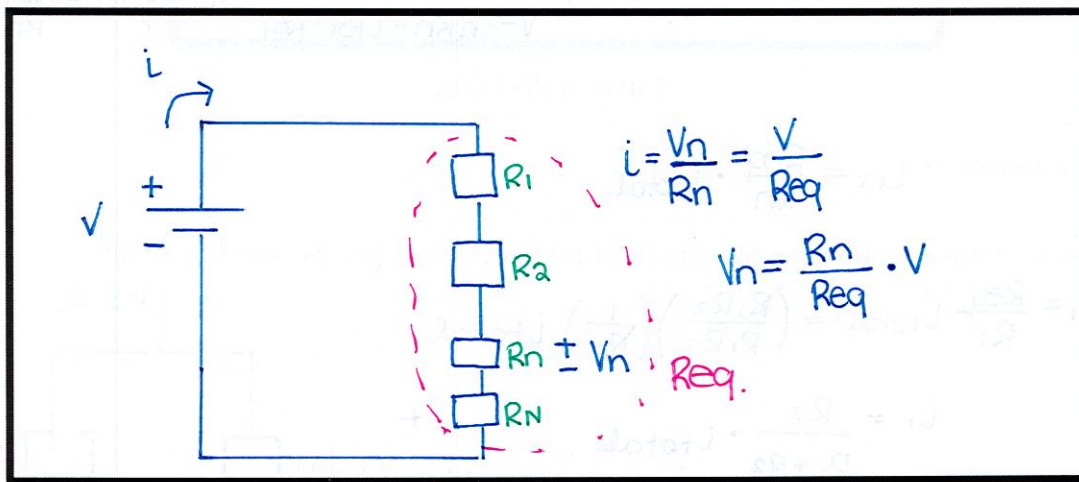
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2.4 Series resistors and voltage division.

When resistors are connected in series they are connected one after another. The total resistance of all of the resistors is found by summing all of the individual resistances. This gives the **equivalent resistance**.

$$\text{Series equivalent resistance: } R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_n = \sum_{r=1}^n R_n$$

The voltage drop over any one resistor is proportional to its resistance.

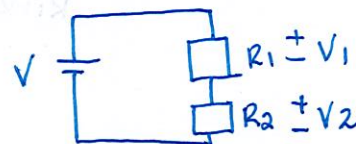


Voltage division.

$$\text{Voltage division: } V_n = \frac{R_n}{R_{eq}} \cdot V = \frac{R_n}{R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N} \cdot V$$

For two resistors, this equation can be simplified.

$$\text{Voltage division (two resistors): } V_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot V \quad V_2 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot V$$



2.5 Parallel resistors and current division.

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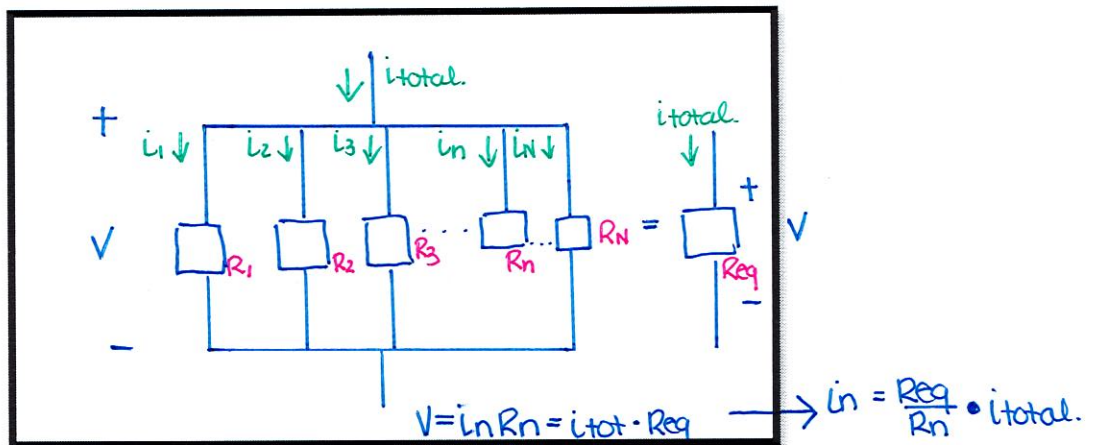
$$\text{Parallel equivalent resistance: } \frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_N}$$

A simplified version of this equation can be calculated for the case of two resistors in parallel.

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 R_2} = \frac{R_2 + R_1}{R_1 R_2} \Rightarrow R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$\text{Parallel equivalent resistance (two resistors): } R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

When resistors are in parallel, the current is divided.



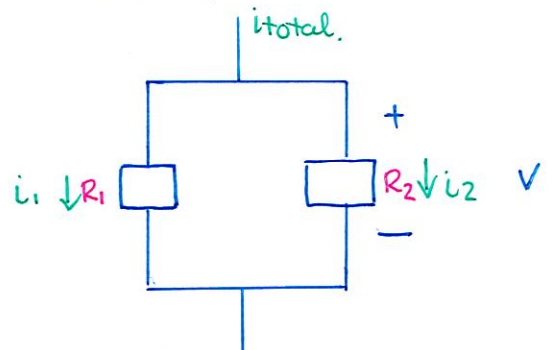
Current division.

$$\text{Current division: } i_n = \frac{R_{eq}}{R_n} \cdot i_{total}$$

A simplified version of this equation can be calculated for the case of two resistors in parallel.

$$i_1 = \frac{R_{eq}}{R_1} i_{total} = \left(\frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 R_2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{R_1} \right) i_{total}$$

$$i_1 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot i_{total}$$



$$\text{Current division (two resistors): } i_1 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot i_{total}; i_2 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot i_{total}$$

In a similar way to equivalent resistances, equivalent series and parallel conductances can be found.

Series equivalent conductance: $\frac{1}{G_{eq}} = \frac{1}{G_1} + \frac{1}{G_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{G_N}$

Parallel equivalent conductance: $G_{eq} = G_1 + G_2 + \dots + G_N$

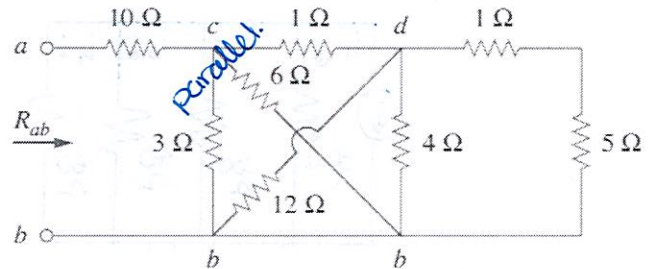
Example. Calculate the equivalent resistance R_{ab} in the circuit.

Circuit 1

$$3\Omega \parallel 6\Omega = \frac{(3)(6)}{3+6} = \frac{3 \cdot 6}{3+6} = \frac{18}{9} = 2\Omega$$

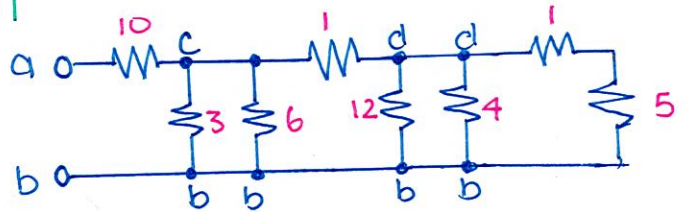
$$12\Omega \parallel 4\Omega = \frac{(12)(4)}{12+4} = \frac{48}{16} = 3\Omega$$

$$1 + 5 = 6\Omega$$

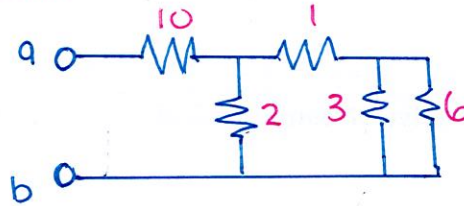


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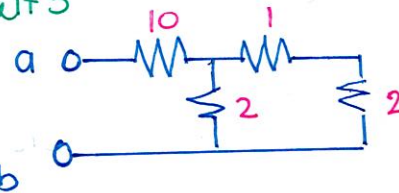


Circuit 2



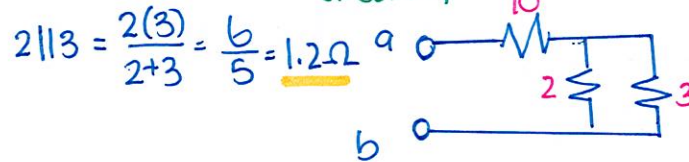
$$3 \parallel 6 = 2\Omega$$

Circuit 3



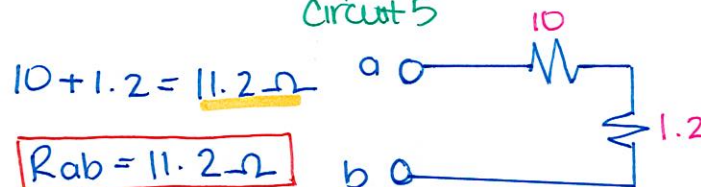
$$1 + 2 = 3\Omega$$

Circuit 4



$$2 \parallel 3 = \frac{2(3)}{2+3} = \frac{6}{5} = 1.2\Omega$$

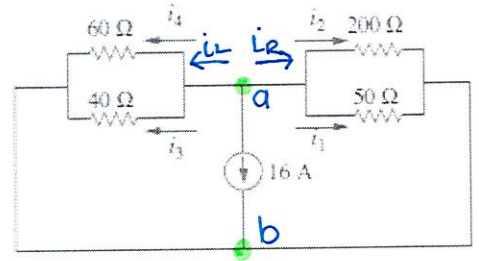
Circuit 5



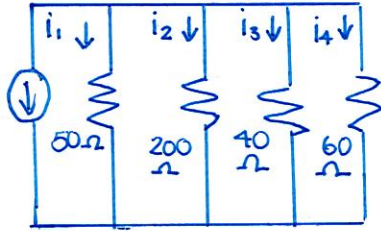
$$10 + 1.2 = 11.2\Omega$$

$$R_{ab} = 11.2\Omega$$

Example. Calculate $i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4,$



$I_{total} = -16A$



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* all in parallel

$$R_{eq} = \left[\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \frac{1}{R_4} \right]^{-1} = 15$$

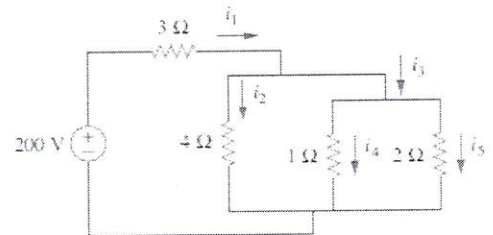
$$i_1 = \frac{15}{50} i_{total} = -4.8 A$$

$$i_2 = \frac{15}{200} i_{total} = -1.2 A$$

$$i_3 = \frac{15}{40} i_{total} = -6 A$$

$$i_4 = \frac{15}{60} i_{total} = -4 A$$

Practice problem (solve at home). Calculate $i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4,$ and $i_5.$



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(Note: Answers are $i_1 = 11.2 A, i_2 = 1.6 A, i_3 = 9.6 A, i_4 = 6.4 A,$ and $i_5 = 3.2 A$)