

NOTE: for all quizzes, only one solution method is shown. There are other valid ways to find the answers.

ENEL 343 Quiz 1 – Review of Electric Circuits

50 minutes, non-programmable calculator, closed book

True / False section (10% of the quiz mark) Marking: +2 if correct, – 1 if incorrect, zero if blank.

1. F_____ GFCI is an acronym for Ground Fault Current Interrupter.

Actually: Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter

2. T_____ An exception to the principle of current flow in a circuit is the Van de Graaff generator.

3. F_____ The most fundamental electric charge is that of an electron or a proton.

Quarks have fractions of proton charge (+ or – 1/3 or 2/3)

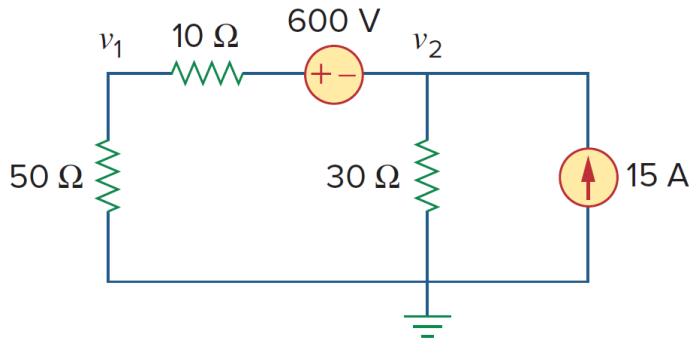
4. F_____ For a device or circuit element, the power equation, $P = vi$, is not valid at an instant of time, but can only be evaluated as an average over a given period of time.

Usually $P = vi$ is true even at an instant since energy flows in electric circuits between roughly 1/3 and 90% of the speed of light. Even so, $P = vi$ is often calculated as an average, for example integrate vi for one cycle of 60Hz, or even one year, and divide by the time interval to obtain the average power.

5. T_____ An incandescent light bulb with a light output of 500 lumen has an electrical to visible-light energy efficiency on the order of 2%, while a modern 500 lumen LED light has an efficiency of about 13%.

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1. For the following circuit, use Nodal analysis to find v_2 . Also determine v_1 . Find the power in each of the five circuit elements, indicating if the power is being supplied by the element or absorbed, and the reason why.



From assignment Problem 3.13:

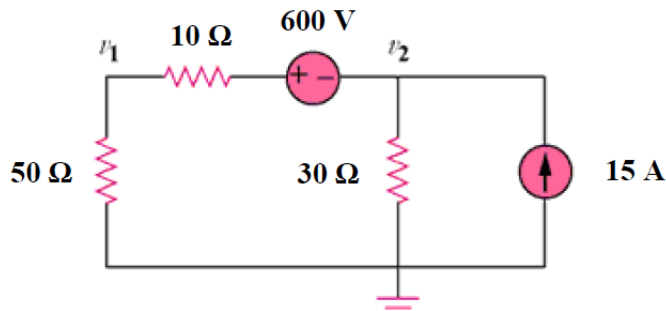


Figure 3.62
For Prob. 3.13.

Solution

Step 1. We note that the 10 ohm resistor is in series with the 50 ohm resistor which can be replaced by a 60 ohm resistor. This then gives us a circuit with one unknown node and we can write one nodal equation to let us solve for v_2 .

Once we have v_2 we can use voltage division to solve for v_1 .

$$\frac{(v_2 + 600) - 0}{60} + \frac{v_2 - 0}{30} - 15 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad v_2 = [(v_1 + 600) - 0](50/60).$$

Step 2. $[(1/60) + (1/30)]v_2 = -(600/60) + 15 = 5 = 0.05v_2$ or $v_2 = \mathbf{100 \text{ V}}$.

Now $v_1 = 700(50/60) = \mathbf{583.3 \text{ V}}$.

To find power, first get the currents:

$$I_{30} = 100\text{V}/30\Omega = 3.3\text{A}$$

So by KCL I_{10} to the left is $15\text{A} - 3.3\text{A} = 11.7\text{A}$

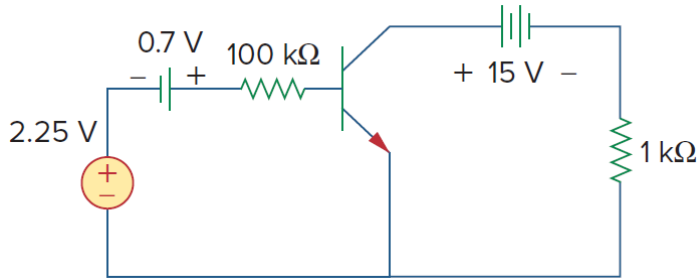
Then use I^2R for power in resistors (all resistors dissipate power since a resistor converts electricity to heat).

For sources, use $P = VI$. For both sources in this particular circuit, current leaves the positive terminal so each source supplies power in this circuit.

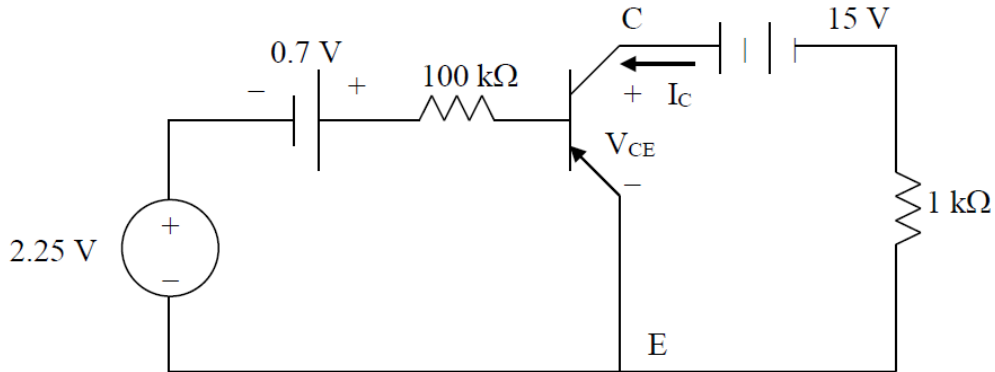
Note: In other circuits, if current enters the positive terminal of a source, then the source is receiving power (for example: when charging a car battery, the battery absorbs power, storing electrochemical energy).

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2. For the transistor circuit shown here, find I_B and V_{CE} . Let $\beta = 100$, and $V_{BE} = 0.7$ V.



From assignment Problem 3.89:



For the left loop, applying KVL gives

$$-2.25 - 0.7 + 10^5 I_B + V_{BE} = 0 \text{ but } V_{BE} = 0.7 \text{ V means } 10^5 I_B = 2.25 \text{ or}$$

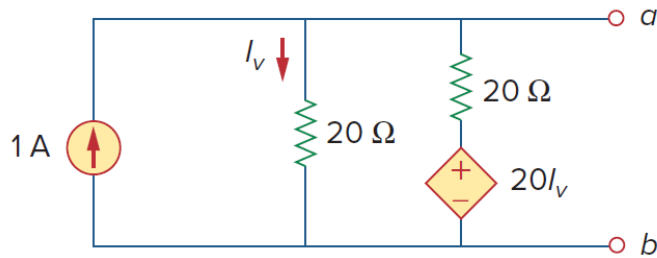
$$I_B = \mathbf{22.5 \mu A}.$$

For the right loop, $-V_{CE} + 15 - I_C \times 10^3 = 0$. Additionally, $I_C = \beta I_B = 100 \times 22.5 \times 10^{-6} = 2.25$ mA. Therefore,

$$V_{CE} = 15 - 2.25 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^3 = \mathbf{12.75 \text{ V}}.$$

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3. In the circuit below, determine the Thevenin and Norton equivalent circuits. Show your work and draw the circuits. If a resistance of 30Ω is connected across the ab terminals in the original circuit, what is voltage V_{ab} ?



From assignment Problem 4.47:

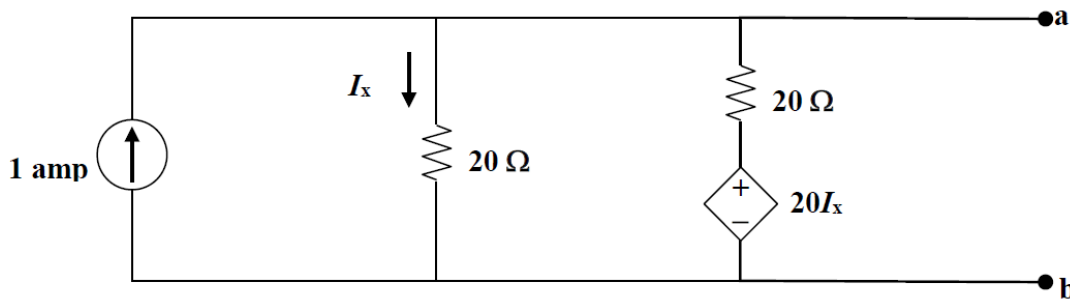


Figure 4.114
For Prob. 4.47.

Solution

Step 1. We note that there is a dependent source which means the best way to identify the equivalent circuits is to find $V_{oc} = V_{Thev}$ and $I_{sc} = I_N$ and $R_{eq} = V_{oc}/I_{sc}$.

$$-1 + [(V_{oc}-0)/20] + [(V_{oc}-20I_x)/20] = 0 \text{ and } I_x = V_{oc}/20.$$

Solving these equations, gives $V_{oc} = 20V$. Thus $V_{Th} = 20V$.

Step 2: Find I_N , by shorting terminal a to terminal b and find I_{sc} . It can be reasoned that all of the 1Amp will flow through the short, so $I_{sc} = 1 A$. Alternatively: with the short, the voltage across the first 20 Ohm resistor is zero, so $I_x = 0$, so $20I_x = 0$, so the voltage across the second 20 Ohm is zero which thus has zero current. Again all of the 1 Amp flows through the short, so $I_{sc} = 1 A$. Thus, $I_N = 1 A$

Step 3: $R_{Th} = R_N = V_{Th}/I_N = 20V / 1A = 20\Omega$.

For the question of V_{ab} when a 30Ω load is across terminals a and b: use the Thevenin equivalent circuit, so we have a voltage divider of 20Ω and 30Ω series resistors, so $V_{ab} = 20V \times 30 \Omega / [20\Omega + 30\Omega] = 12V$.