

task_erlctd760zmvox0t_with_calculation

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The circuit below should be given as $U_{\text{AB}} = 60 \text{ V}$. What is the value for R_{eq} in the circuit?

Solution

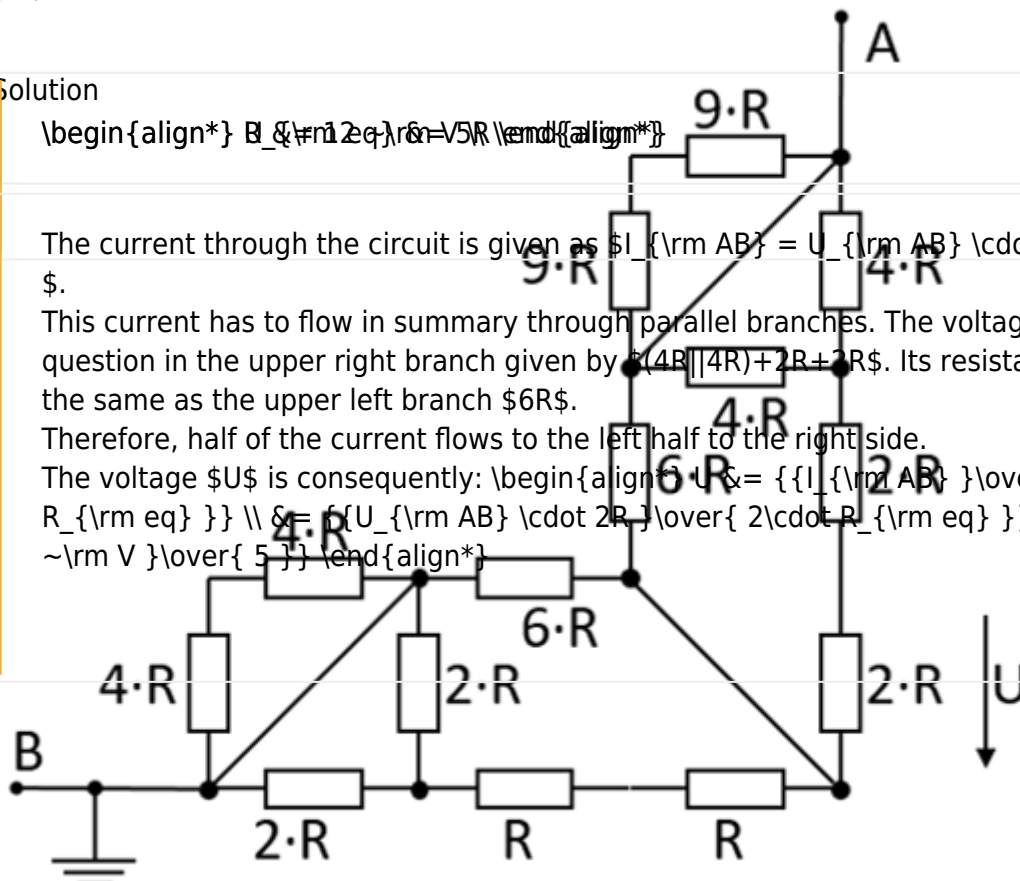
$$I_{\text{AB}} = \frac{U_{\text{AB}}}{R_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{60 \text{ V}}{R_{\text{eq}}}$$

The current through the circuit is given as $I_{\text{AB}} = \frac{U_{\text{AB}}}{R_{\text{eq}}}$.

This current has to flow in summary through parallel branches. The voltage U in question in the upper right branch given by $(4R \parallel 4R) + 2R + 2R$. Its resistance is just the same as the upper left branch $6R$.

Therefore, half of the current flows to the left half to the right side.

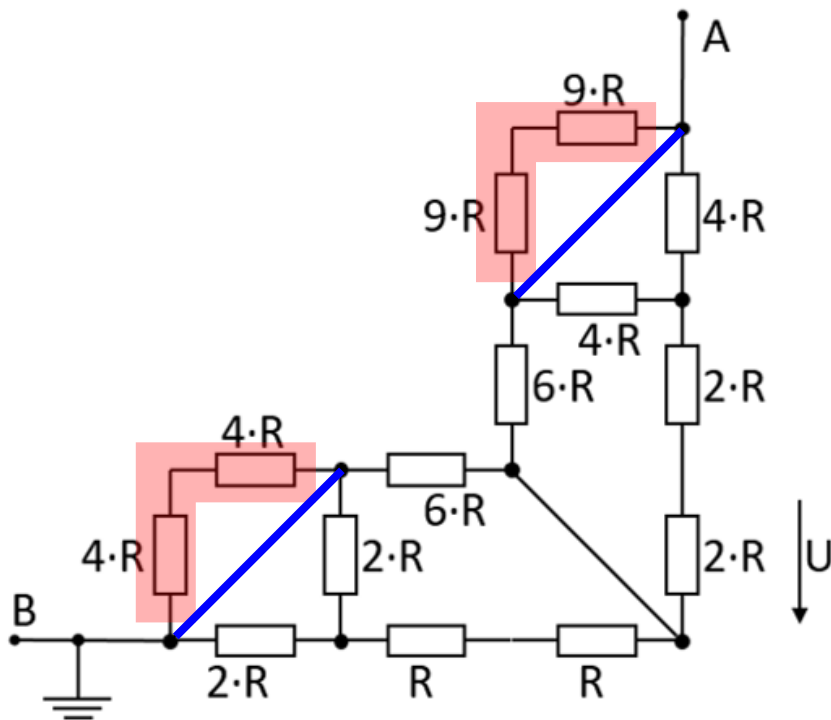
$$U = \frac{I_{\text{AB}} \cdot R_{\text{eq}}}{2} = \frac{I_{\text{AB}} \cdot R_{\text{eq}}}{2} \quad \&= \quad \frac{60 \text{ V}}{5}$$



1. What is the equivalent resistance R_{eq} ?

Solution

Part of the circuit is shorted. Here the resistors (marked in red) are shorted by the connections marked in blue:



The circuit can then be rearranged for better interpretation:

Therefore, R_{eq} is given as:
$$R_{\text{eq}} = (2R \parallel 2R + R +$$

$$R) \parallel 6R \text{ \&\&+ } 6R \parallel (2R + 2R + 4R) \parallel 4R \text{ \&\&= } (R + R + R) \parallel 6R \text{ \&\&+ } 6R \parallel (2R + 2R + 2R) \text{ \&\&= } 3R \parallel 6R \text{ \&\&+ } 6R \parallel 6R \text{ \&\&= } \left\{ \frac{3R \cdot 6R}{3R + 6R} \right\} \text{ \&\&+ } 3R \text{ \&\&\end{align*}}$$

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