Exam Winter Semester 2022

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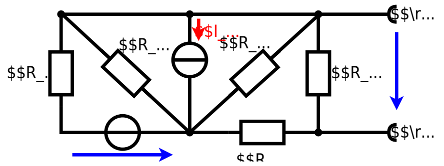
Exercise E1 Equivalent linear Source
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The circuit in the following has to be simplified.
Result

\begin{align*} U_{\rm s} &= U_{\rm AB} &&= 4.5 ~\rm{V}\\ R_{\rm i} &= R_{\rm AB} &&= 6 ~\Omega \end{align*}



Calculated the internal resistance $R_\rm i$ and the source voltage $U_\rm s$ of an equivalent linear voltage source on the connectors $\rm A$ and $\rm B$. \begin{align*} R_1=5.0 ~\Omega, && U_2=6.0 ~\rm{V}, && R_3= 10 ~\Omega, \\ I_4=4.2 ~\rm{A}, && R_5=10 ~\Omega , && R_6=7.5 ~\Omega, \\ R_7=15 ~\Omega && && \end{align*} Use equivalent sources in order to simplify the circuit!

Solution

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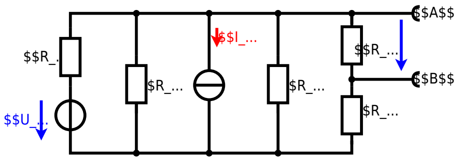

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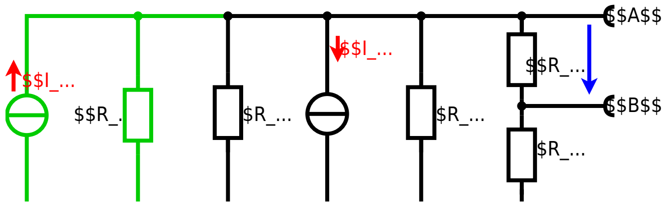

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For the internal resistance R_i the ideal voltage source is substituted by its resistance ($=0\Omega$, so a short-circuit): \begin{align*} R_{\rm AB} &= R_7 || (R_6 + R_1||R_3||R_5) \\ \end{align*}

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

\begin{align*} U_{\rm AB} &= ({{6.0 ~\rm{V}}\over{5.0 ~\Omega}} - 4.2 ~\Omega) \cdot {{15 ~\Omega \cdot 2.5 ~\Omega}\over{7.5 ~\Omega + 15 ~\Omega + 2.5 ~\Omega}} \\ R_{\rm AB} &= 15 ~\Omega|| (7.5 ~\Omega + 2.5 ~\Omega) \\ \end{align*}

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Exercise E1 Temperature-dependent Resistance
(written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

A thermistor is used as a temperature sensor in a refrigeration system. The thermistor has a resistance of $10 ~\rm{k}\Omega$ at $+25 ~°\rm{C}$.
Its temperature coefficients are: $\alpha=0.01 ~{{1}\over{\rm{K}}}$ and $\beta=71 \cdot 10^{-6}~{{1}\over{\rm{K}^2}}$
The temperature inside the refrigeration system can reach down to $-40 ~°\rm{C}$.

1. Calculate the resistance of the thermistor at $-40 ~°\rm{C}$.

Result

\begin{align*} R &= 6.5 ~\rm{k}\Omega \\ \end{align*}

2. Additionally, explain 2: ... refrigeration system ... ? Give an explanation for your answer.

Result

Resistors transfer the electrical energy out of the circuit and generate heat. Therefore, a resistor might heat up the refrigeration system.
The power of the resistor $P = U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 = {U^2}\over{R}$ is equivalent to the heat flow.
Therefore, with constant U and increasing R the power decreases. Ten times more resistance decreases the heat flow to one-tenth.

Solution

\begin{align*} R &= R_0 \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot \Delta T^2) && | \text{with } \Delta T = T_{\rm end} - T_{\rm start}\\ R &= 10 ~\rm{k}\Omega \cdot \left(1 + 0.01 ~{{1}\over{\rm{K}}} \cdot (-40~°\rm{C} - 25~°\rm{C}) + 71 \cdot 10^{-6}~{{1}\over{\rm{K}^2}} \cdot (-40~°\rm{C} - 25~°\rm{C})^2 \right) \\ \end{align*}

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Exercise E1 Analyzing complex Impedances
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

A circuit with an unknown complex impedance $\underline{Z}$ shall be analyzed. The analysis is done with an alternating voltage source ($U=50 ~\rm V$, $f=300 ~\rm Hz$). The impedance consists of two components. (R and $\underline{X}_1$) shall be given.

After analysis, the following formula for the impedance was extracted:

\begin{align*} \underline{Z} = \left({{2}\over{3+4{\rm j}}}+5{\rm j} \right) \Omega \end{align*}

1. Calculate the physical values of the two components.

Solution

\begin{align*} \underline{Z} &= \left({{2}\over{3+4{\rm j}}} + 5{\rm j} \right) ~\Omega \\ &= \left({{2}\over{3+4{\rm j}}} \cdot {{3-4{\rm j}}\over{3-4{\rm j}}} + 5{\rm j} \right) ~\Omega \\ &= \left({{2}\over{9+16 }} \cdot (3-4{\rm j}) + 5{\rm j} \right) ~\Omega \\ &= 0.24 ~\Omega + {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega \\ &= R + {\rm j} X_L \\ \end{align*}

With the complex part comes the physical value: \begin{align*} X_L &= \omega L \\ L &= {{X_L}\over{2\pi \cdot f}} \\ &= {{4.68 ~\Omega}\over{2\pi \cdot 300 ~\rm{Hz}}} \\ \end{align*}

Result

\begin{align*} R &= 0.24 ~\Omega \\ L &= 2.26 ~\rm{mH} \end{align*}

2. Calculate the phase and the absolute value of the current through the components.

Solution

\begin{align*} \underline{I} &= {{\underline{U}}\over{\underline{Z}}} \\ &= {{50 ~\rm{V}}\over{ 0.24 ~\Omega + {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega }} \\ &= {{50 ~\rm{V}}\over{ 0.24 ~\Omega + {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega }} \cdot {{ 0.24 ~\Omega - {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega }\over{ 0.24 ~\Omega - {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega }} \\ &= {{50 ~\rm{V} \cdot (0.24 ~\Omega - {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega)}\over{ (0.24 ~\Omega)^2 + (4.68 ~\Omega)^2 }} \end{align*}

The absolute value $|\underline{I}|$ can be calculated as: \begin{align*} |\underline{I}| &= {{|\underline{U}|}\over{|\underline{Z}|}} \\ &= {{50 ~\rm{V}}\over{| 0.24 ~\Omega + {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega |}} \\ &= {{50 ~\rm{V}}\over{\sqrt{ (0.24 ~\Omega)^2 + (4.68 ~\Omega)^2 }}} \end{align*}

The phase φ_i can be calculated as \begin{align*} \varphi_i &= \arctan \left({{\Im()}\over{\Re()}} \right) \\ &= \arctan \left({{-4.68 ~\Omega}\over{0.24 ~\Omega}} \right) \\ \end{align*}

Result

\begin{align*} |\underline{I}| &= 10.7 ~\rm{A} \\ \varphi_i &= -87.06° \end{align*}

3. Now an additional component shall be added to the circuit, such that voltage and current are in phase. Calculate the value of the component.

Solution

The current and voltage are in phase once there is only a pure ohmic (= pure real) resulting impedance $\underline{Z} + \underline{X}_2$.
Therefore, the component mus be a capacitor with the same absolute value of impedance: $|\underline{X}_C| = |\underline{X}_L|$ \begin{align*} X_C &= {{1}\over{\omega \cdot C}} = X_L \\ C &= {{1}\over{\omega \cdot X_L}} \\ &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot 300 ~\rm{Hz} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega}} \\ \end{align*}

Result

\begin{align*} C = 113 ~\rm{µF} \end{align*}

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Exercise E1 Complex Impedance Circuit
(written test, approx. 15 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

A circuit consists of a series connection of a resistor R and an impedance $\underline{Z}_L$. The circuit is driven by the voltage source $u(t) = 3.0 ~{\rm V} \cdot \sin(2\pi \cdot 15 ~{\rm kHz} \cdot t)$ with an internal resistance of $10 ~\Omega$.
This linear source is connected with an inductor of $330 ~ {\rm µH}$ and a capacitor of $0.22 ~{\rm µF}$, all in series.

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

2. Calculate the complex impedances $\underline{Z}_C$, $\underline{Z}_L$ and $\underline{Z}$. Choose an appropriate scaling factor and write it down.

Solution

Result

\begin{align*} X_L &= 31.1 ~\Omega \\ X_C &= 48.2 ~\Omega \\ Z &= 19.8 ~\Omega \end{align*}

3. Draw the corresponding phasor diagram.

Solution

Result

Result

\begin{align*} Z &= {{\hat{U}}\over{\hat{I}}} \\ \hat{I} &= {{\hat{U}}\over{Z}} \\ \end{align*}

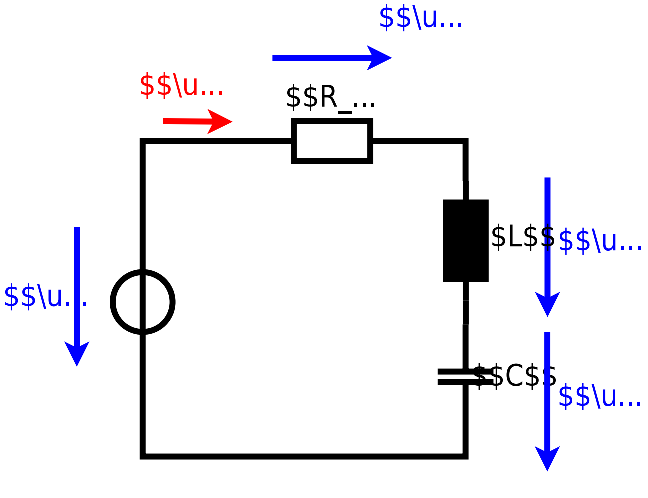
\begin{align*} Z_C &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot f \cdot C}}\\ &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot 15 ~{\rm kHz} \cdot 0.22 ~{\rm µF}}}\\ \end{align*}

\begin{align*} Z_L &= 2\pi \cdot f \cdot L\\ &= 2\pi \cdot 15 ~{\rm kHz} \cdot 0.22 ~{\rm µF}\\ \end{align*}

With $I = {{1}\over{\sqrt{2}}}\cdot \hat{I}$: \begin{align*} I &= {{1}\over{\sqrt{2}}}\cdot {{\hat{U}}\over{Z}} \\ &= {{1}\over{\sqrt{2}}}\cdot {{3.0 ~{\rm V}}\over{19.28 ~\Omega}} \\ \end{align*}

\begin{align*} Z_C &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot f \cdot C}}\\ &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot 15 ~{\rm kHz} \cdot 330 ~{\rm µH}}}\\ \end{align*}

\begin{align*} \underline{Z} &= R + \underline{Z}_L + \underline{Z}_C \\ &= R + j \cdot {Z}_L - j \cdot {Z}_C \\ &= R + j \cdot ({Z}_L - {Z}_C) \\ |\underline{Z}| &= \sqrt{R^2 + (\underline{Z}_L - \underline{Z}_C)^2 }\\ \end{align*}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Exercise E1 Impedances at different Frequencies
(written test, approx. 18 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

Calculate the resistor values.

2. A RL series circuit with $L_2=4.7 ~\rm µH$ and an AC voltage source ($U=1.0 ~\rm V$, $f_2=450 ~\rm kHz$) generates a current of $I=60 ~\rm mA$.

3. A RC parallel circuit with C_3 ... $I_{3}=1.3 ~\rm A$, $f_3=200 ~\rm kHz$, which generates a current $I_{3R}=1.0 ~\rm A$ through R_3.

Result

1. A resistor R_1 shall have the same absolute value of the impedance as a capacitor $C_1=40 ~{\rm nF}$ at $f_1=4 ~{\rm MHz}$.

Solution

Solution \begin{align*} R_1 &= 1.00 ~\Omega \\ \end{align*}

Solution \begin{align*} R_2 &= 10.0 ~\Omega \\ \end{align*}

\begin{align*} R_3 &= 70.0 ~\Omega \\ \end{align*}

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

The equivalent impedance for R and L combined is given by \begin{align*} {{\underline{U}}\over{\underline{I}}} &= R_2 + \underline{X}_{L2} \\ &= R_2 + {\rm j} \cdot \omega L \end{align*} Since ${\rm j} \cdot \omega L $ is perpendicular to R_2 this can be simplified to: \begin{align*} \left| {{\underline{U}}\over{\underline{I}}} \right|^2 &= |R_2|^2 + |\underline{X}_{L2}|^2 \\ \left({{U}\over{I}} \right)^2 &= {R_2}^2 + {X_{L2}}^2 \\ \end{align*}

This can be rearranged to get R_2: \begin{align*} R_2 &= \sqrt{ \left({{U}\over{I}} \right)^2 - X_{L2}^2 } \\ &= \sqrt{ \left({{1 ~\rm V}\over{60~\rm mA}} \right)^2 - (2\pi \cdot 450~{\rm kHz} \cdot 4.7 ~ {\rm µH})^2 } \\ \end{align*}

Parallel circuit means that the voltage is the same on R_3 and C_3.

\begin{align*} R_1 &= |\underline{X}_{C1}| \\ &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot f\cdot C_1}} \\ &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot 4 ~{\rm MHz} \cdot 40 ~\rm nF}} \\ \end{align*}

... gets clear, that $\underline{I}_{3R}$ is perpendicular to $\underline{I}_{3C}$ (It has to, since R_3 is perpendicular to ${\rm j}\cdot {X}_{3C}$, too).

Therefore, the resulting current of the parallel circuit is given as: \begin{align*} \underline{I}_{3} &= \underline{I}_{3R} + \underline{I}_{3C} \\ |\underline{I}_{3}|^2 &= |\underline{I}_{3R}|^2 + |\underline{I}_{3C}|^2 \\ {I}_{3C} &= \sqrt{|{I}_{3}|^2 - |{I}_{3R}|^2} \end{align*}

Back to the first formula: \begin{align*} R_3 \cdot {I}_{3R} &= {X}_{3C} \cdot {I}_{3C} \\ R_3 &= {X}_{3C} \cdot {{{I}_{3C}}\over{{I}_{3R}}} \\ &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot f \cdot C_3}} \cdot {{\sqrt{|{I}_{3}|^2 - |{I}_{3R}|^2}}\over{{I}_{3R}}} \\ \end{align*}

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Exercise E1 Resistance of a Wire by Resistivity
(written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

A heating element made of a Nichrome wire with a round cross-section is used in an electric oven. A power dissipation (= heat flow) of $P=40 ~\rm{W}$ is necessary.

2. The heating element is used to heat the oven to a temperature of $180 ~\rm{°C}$. Calculate the current I needed to operate it.

Result

Nichrome is a common Nickel-Chromium alloy for heating elements.

The Nichrome wire has a resistivity of $1.10\cdot 10^{-6} ~\Omega \rm{m}$.

The heating element is $3 ~\rm{m}$ long and has a diameter of $3.57 ~\rm{mm}$.

1. Calculate the resistance R of the heating element.

Solution \begin{align*} R &= 110.33 ~\rm{m}\Omega \\ \end{align*}

Solution

\begin{align*} P = U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad I= \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{40 ~\rm{W}}{0.33 ~\Omega}} \end{align*}

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

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Exercise E1 Charging Capacitors
(written test, approx. 16 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

[illegible] the voltage across the capacitor is again $0 ~\rm{V}$ at the moment $t_0=0 ~\rm{s}$ when the switch S_1 is closed. Calculate the voltage $u_c (t_2)$ across the capacitor at $t_2=1 ~\rm{ms}$ after closing the switch.

Result / Solution

Hint: To solve this, first create an equivalent linear voltage source from U, R_1, and $R_\rm B$.

\begin{align*} [illegible] \end{align*}

Solution

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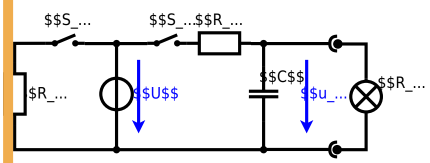
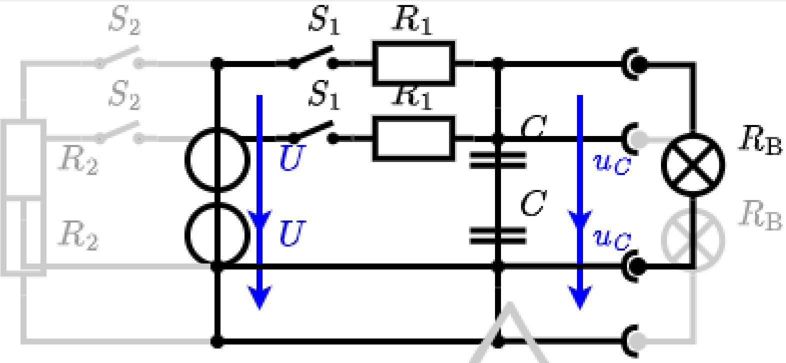
On an alternative view, one can try to create an equivalent linear voltage source again. Then, the internal resistance is given by substituting the ideal voltage source is again short-circuiting R_2.



The circuit contains a voltage source $U=12 ~\rm{V}$, a switch S_1, a resistor of $R_1=20 ~\Omega$ and a capacitor of $C=100 ~\rm{µF}$.
The switch S_2 to an additional consumer R_2 will be considered to be open for the first tasks. At the moment $t_0=0 ~\rm{s}$ the switch S_1 is closed, the voltage across the capacitor is $u_c (t_0)=0 ~\rm{V}$.

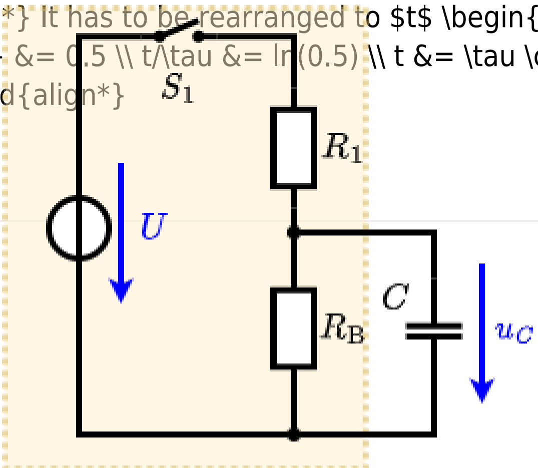
1. First do not consider the light bulb – it is not connected to the RC circuit.
Calculate the point of time t_1 when $u_c (t_1)=0.5\cdot U$.

Solution



So, here only R_1 and C gives the time constant: $\tau = R_1 \cdot C$

The following formula describes the time course of $u_C(t)$ which has to be $u_c (t_1)=0.5\cdot U$: \begin{align*} u_c (t) = U \cdot (1- e^{t/\tau}) = 0.5\cdot U \end{align*} It has to be rearranged to t \begin{align*} (1- e^{t/\tau}) &= 0.5 \\ e^{t/\tau} &= 0.5 \\ t/\tau &= ln(0.5) \\ t &= \tau \cdot ln(0.5) \\ t &= R_1 \cdot C \cdot ln(0.5) \end{align*}



An equivalent linear voltage source can be given with U, R_1, and $R_\rm B$ as seen in yellow.
Therefore, the voltage of the equivalent linear voltage source is: $U_s = U \cdot {{R_\rm B}\over{R_1 + R_\rm B}} = 1/2 \cdot U$ The internal resistance is given by substituting the ideal voltage source with its resistance ($=0 ~\Omega$, short-circuit). \begin{align*} R_i &= R_1 || R_\rm B \\ &= 10 ~\Omega \end{align*}

\begin{align*} u_c (t_2) &= U_s \cdot (1- e^{t_2/(R_i\cdot C)}) \\ &= {{1}\over{2}} \cdot U \cdot (1- e^{1~\rm{ms}/(10 ~\Omega \cdot 100 ~\rm{µF})}) \end{align*}

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Exercise E1 Pure Resistor Network Simplification
(written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The following circuit with $R_1=200 ~\Omega$, $R_2=R_3=100 ~\Omega$ is given.

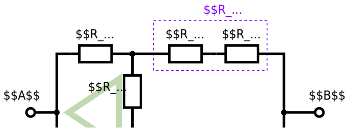
2. The switch shall now be closed. Calculate the equivalent resistance R_{eq} between $\rm A$ and $\rm B$.

Result

Solution

Now a wye-delta transformation is necessary.

\begin{align*} R_{\rm eq} &= 142.8 ~\Omega \\ \end{align*}



Since $R_2=R_3$ and based on the equations for the transformation, the transformed R_Y is given as: \begin{align*} R_{Y} &= {{R_2 \cdot R_2}\over{R_2 + R_2 + R_2}} \\ &= {{(100 ~\Omega)^2}\over{3 \cdot 100 ~\Omega}} \\ &= {{1}\over{3}} \cdot 100 ~\Omega = 33.33 ~\Omega \end{align*}

The equivalent resistor is given by a parallel configuration of resistors in series: \begin{align*} R_{\rm eq} &= R_Y + (R_Y + R_1 + R_1)||(R_Y + R_2)\\ R_{\rm eq} &= 33.33 ~\Omega + (33.33 ~\Omega + 400 ~\Omega)||(33.33 ~\Omega + 100 ~\Omega)\\ \end{align*}

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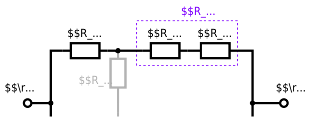

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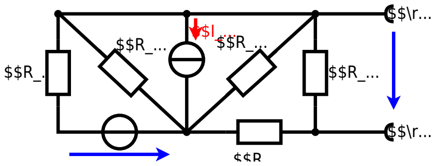

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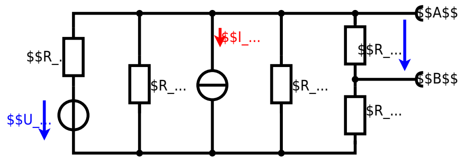

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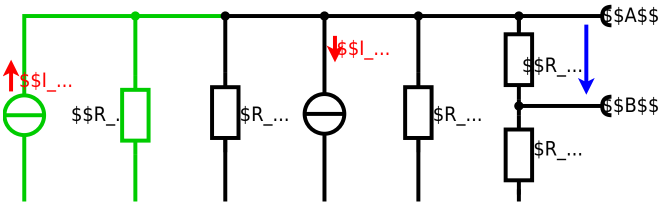

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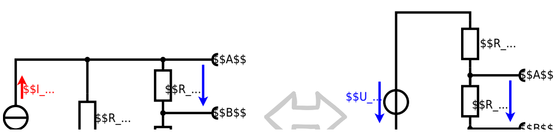

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\begin{align*} U_{\rm AB} &= ({{6.0 ~\rm{V}}\over{5.0 ~\Omega}} - 4.2 ~\Omega) \cdot {{15 ~\Omega \cdot 2.5 ~\Omega}\over{7.5 ~\Omega + 15 ~\Omega + 2.5 ~\Omega}} \\ R_{\rm AB} &= 15 ~\Omega|| (7.5 ~\Omega + 2.5 ~\Omega) \\ \end{align*}

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Exercise E2 Temperature-dependent Resistance
(written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

A thermistor is used as a temperature sensor in a refrigeration system. The thermistor has a resistance of $10 ~\rm{k}\Omega$ at $+25 ~°\rm{C}$.
Its temperature coefficients are: $\alpha=0.01 ~{{1}\over{\rm{K}}}$ and $\beta=71 \cdot 10^{-6}~{{1}\over{\rm{K}^2}}$
The temperature inside the refrigeration system can reach down to $-40 ~°\rm{C}$.

1. Calculate the resistance of the thermistor at $-40 ~°\rm{C}$.
2. Additionally, explain 2 ... [illegible] ... Give an explanation for your answer.

Result

\begin{align*} R &= 6.5 ~\rm{k}\Omega \\ \end{align*}

Result

The power of the resistor $P = U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 = {U^2}\over{R}}$ is equivalent to the heat flow.
This converts the electrical energy out of the circuit and generate heat. Therefore, a resistance sensor might heat 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.

Solution

\begin{align*} R &= R_0 \cdot (1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T + \beta \cdot \Delta T^2) && | \text{with } \Delta T = T_{\rm end} - T_{\rm start}\\ R &= 10 ~\rm{k}\Omega \cdot \left(1 + 0.01 ~{{1}\over{\rm{K}}} \cdot (-40~°\rm{C} - 25~°\rm{C}) + 71 \cdot 10^{-6}~{{1}\over{\rm{K}^2}} \cdot (-40~°\rm{C} - 25~°\rm{C})^2 \right) \\ \end{align*}

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Exercise E6 Analyzing complex Impedances
(written test, approx. 14 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

A circuit with the ideal voltage source \underline{U}=50 ~\rm V, f = 300 ~\rm Hz shall be connected to two components (R and $\underline{X}_1$) shall be given.

After analysis, the following formula for the impedance was extracted: \begin{align*} \underline{Z} = \left({{2}\over{3+4{\rm j}}}+5{\rm j} \right) \Omega \end{align*}

1. Calculate the physical values of the two components.

2. Now, a third ideal component $\underline{X}_2$ shall be added in series. This component shall be dimensioned in such a way that the voltage and current are in phase. Calculate the value of this component.

3. Calculate the absolute value of the current and the phase.

Result

Solution

\begin{align*} C = 103 ~\rm{µF} \end{align*}

Solution

\begin{align*} R &= 0.24 ~\Omega \\ L &= 2.26 ~\rm{mH} \end{align*}

\begin{align*} |\underline{I}| &= 10.67 ~\rm A \\ \varphi_i &= -87.06° \end{align*}

Solution

\begin{align*} \underline{I} &= {{\underline{U}}\over{\underline{Z}}} \\ &= {{50 ~\rm{V}}\over{ 0.24 ~\Omega + {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega }} \\ &= {{50 ~\rm{V}}\over{ 0.24 ~\Omega + {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega }} \cdot {{ 0.24 ~\Omega - {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega }\over{ 0.24 ~\Omega - {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega }} \end{align*}

The current and voltage are in phase once there is only a pure ohmic (= pure real) resulting impedance $\underline{Z} + \underline{X}_2$.

Therefore, the component mus be a capacitor with the same absolute value of impedance: $|\underline{X}_C| = |\underline{X}_L|$ \begin{align*} X_C &= {{1}\over{\omega \cdot C}} = X_L \\ C &= {{1}\over{\omega \cdot X_L}} \\ &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot 300 ~\rm{Hz} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega}} \end{align*}

\begin{align*} \underline{Z} &= \left({{2}\over{3+4{\rm j}}}+5{\rm j} \right) \Omega \\ &= \left({{2}\over{3+4{\rm j}}} \cdot {{3-4{\rm j}}\over{3-4{\rm j}}} + 5{\rm j} \right) ~\Omega \\ &= \left({{2}\over{9+16}} \cdot (3-4{\rm j}) + 5{\rm j} \right) ~\Omega \\ &= 0.24 ~\Omega + {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega \\ &= R + {\rm j} X_L \end{align*}

The absolute value $|\underline{I}|$ can be calculated as \begin{align*} |\underline{I}| &= {{50 ~\rm{V}}\over{| 0.24 ~\Omega + {\rm j} \cdot 4.68 ~\Omega |}} \\ &= {{50 ~\rm{V}}\over{\sqrt{ (0.24 ~\Omega)^2 + (4.68 ~\Omega)^2 }}} \end{align*}

With the complex part comes the physical value: \begin{align*} X_L &= \omega L \\ L &= {{X_L}\over{2\pi \cdot f}} \\ &= {{4.68 ~\Omega}\over{2\pi \cdot 300 ~\rm{Hz}}} \end{align*}

The phase φ_i can be calculated as \begin{align*} \varphi_i &= \arctan \left({{\Im()}\over{\Re()}} \right) \\ &= \arctan \left({{-4.68 ~\Omega}\over{0.24 ~\Omega}} \right) \\ \end{align*}

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Exercise E8 Complex Impedance Circuit
(written test, approx. 15 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

A circuit is driven by a voltage source $u(t) = 3.0 ~{\rm V} \cdot \sin(2\pi \cdot 15 ~{\rm kHz} \cdot t)$ with an internal resistance of $10 ~\Omega$.

This linear source is connected with an inductor of $330 ~ {\rm µH}$ and a capacitor of $0.22 ~{\rm µF}$, all in series.

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

2. Calculate the complex impedances $\underline{Z}_L$, $\underline{Z}_C$, $\underline{Z}_R$ and $\underline{Z}$ of the overall circuit. Choose an appropriate scaling factor and write it down.

Result

Solution

Solution

Result

\begin{align*} Z_L &= 31.1 ~\Omega \\ Z_C &= 48.2 ~\Omega \\ Z &= 19.8 ~\Omega \end{align*}

Result

\begin{align*} Z &= {{\hat{U}}\over{\hat{I}}} \\ \hat{I} &= {{\hat{U}}\over{Z}} \\ \end{align*}

\begin{align*} Z_C &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot f \cdot C}}\\ &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot 15 ~{\rm kHz} \cdot 0.22 ~{\rm µF}}}\\ \end{align*}

\begin{align*} Z_L &= 2\pi \cdot f \cdot L\\ &= 2\pi \cdot 15 ~{\rm kHz} \cdot 0.22 ~{\rm µF}\\ \end{align*}

With $I = {{1}\over{\sqrt{2}}} \cdot \hat{I}$: \begin{align*} I &= {{1}\over{\sqrt{2}}} \cdot {{\hat{U}}\over{Z}} \\ &= {{1}\over{\sqrt{2}}} \cdot {{3.0 ~{\rm V}}\over{19.28 ~\Omega}} \\ \end{align*}

\begin{align*} Z_C &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot f \cdot C}}\\ &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot 15 ~{\rm kHz} \cdot 330 ~{\rm µH}}}\\ \end{align*}

\begin{align*} \underline{Z} &= R + \underline{Z}_L + \underline{Z}_C \\ &= R + j \cdot {Z}_L - j \cdot {Z}_C \\ &= R + j \cdot ({Z}_L - {Z}_C) \\ |\underline{Z}| &= \sqrt{R^2 + (\underline{Z}_L - \underline{Z}_C)^2 }\\ \end{align*}

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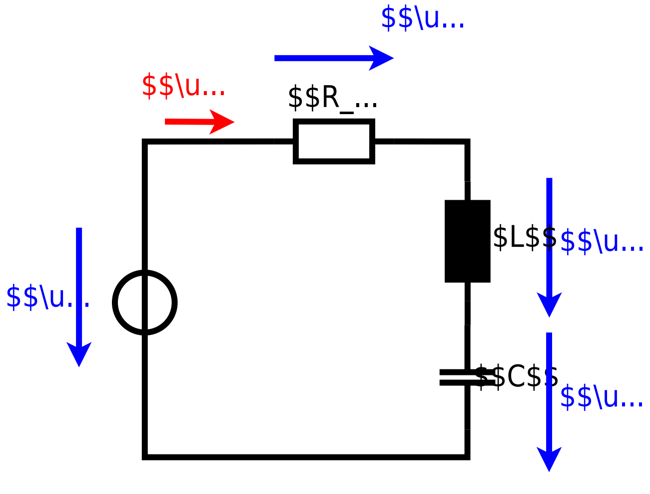
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Exercise E7 Impedances at different Frequencies
(written test, approx. 18 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

Calculate the resistor values.

Result

1. A resistor R_1 shall have the same absolute value of the impedance as a capacitor $C_1=40 ~{\rm nF}$ at $f_1=4 ~{\rm MHz}$.

2. A RL series circuit with $L_2=4.7 ~\rm µH$ is used in an AC voltage circuit ($U_2=1.0 ~\rm V$, $f_2=450 ~\rm kHz$), which generates a current $I_2=60 ~\rm mA$.

3. A RC parallel circuit with $C_3=4.7 ~\rm nF$ is used in the following circuit ($I_{3}=1.0 ~\rm A$, $f_3=200 ~\rm kHz$), which generates a current $I_{3R}=1.0 ~\rm A$ through R_3.

Solution

Solution \begin{align*} R_1 &= 1.00 ~\Omega \\ \end{align*}

Solution \begin{align*} R_2 &= 10.0 ~\Omega \\ \end{align*}

\begin{align*} R_3 &= 70.0 ~\Omega \\ \end{align*}

\begin{align*} R_1 &= |\underline{X}_{C1}| \\ &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot f\cdot C_1}} \\ &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot 4 ~{\rm MHz} \cdot 40 ~\rm nF}} \\ \end{align*}

A series circuit means that the current is constant on every component.
The equivalent impedance for R and L combined is given by \begin{align*} {{\underline{U}}\over{\underline{I}}} &= R_2 + \underline{X}_{L2} \\ &= R_2 + {\rm j} \cdot \omega L \end{align*} Since ${\rm j} \cdot \omega L$ is perpendicular to R_2 this can be simplified to: \begin{align*} \left| {{\underline{U}}\over{\underline{I}}} \right|^2 &= |R_2|^2 + |\underline{X}_{L2}|^2 \\ \left({{U}\over{I}} \right)^2 &= {R_2}^2 + {X_{L2}}^2 \\ \end{align*}
This can be rearranged to get R_2: \begin{align*} R_2 &= \sqrt{ \left({{U}\over{I}} \right)^2 - X_{L2}^2 } \\ &= \sqrt{ \left({{1~\rm V}\over{60~\rm mA}} \right)^2 - (2\pi \cdot 450~{\rm kHz} \cdot 4.7 ~ {\rm µH})^2 } \\ \end{align*}

Parallel circuit means that the voltage is the same on R_3 and C_3.
\begin{align*} R_3 \cdot \underline{I}_{3R} &= \underline{X}_{3C} \cdot \underline{I}_{3C} \\ \end{align*} gets clear, that $\underline{I}_{3R}$ is perpendicular to $\underline{I}_{3C}$ (It has to, since R_3 is perpendicular to ${\rm j}\cdot{X}_{3C}$, too).
Therefore, the resulting current of the parallel circuit is given as: \begin{align*} \underline{I}_{3} &= \underline{I}_{3R} + \underline{I}_{3C} \\ |\underline{I}_{3}|^2 &= |\underline{I}_{3R}|^2 + |\underline{I}_{3C}|^2 \\ {I}_{3C} &= \sqrt{|{I}_{3}|^2 - |{I}_{3R}|^2} \\ \end{align*}
Back to the first formula: \begin{align*} R_3 \cdot {I}_{3R} &= {X}_{3C} \cdot {I}_{3C} \\ R_3 &= {X}_{3C} \cdot {{{I}_{3C}}\over{{I}_{3R}}} \\ &= {{1}\over{2\pi \cdot f \cdot C_3}} \cdot {{\sqrt{|{I}_{3}|^2 - |{I}_{3R}|^2}}\over{{I}_{3R}}} \\ \end{align*}

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Exercise E1 Resistance of a Wire by Resistivity
(written test, approx. 6 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

A heating element made of a Nichrome wire is used to heat an oven to a temperature of $180 ~°{\rm C}$. For this a power dissipation (= heat flow) of $P=40 ~\rm{W}$ is necessary.
Nichrome is a common Nickel-Chrome alloy for heating elements.
The Nichrome wire has a resistivity of $1.10\cdot 10^{-6} ~\Omega \rm{m}$.
The heating element is $3 ~\rm{m}$ long and has a diameter of $3.57 ~\rm{mm}$.

1. Calculate the resistance R of the heating element.

Result

2. The heating element ... with a round cross-section ... Calculate the current I needed to operate it.

Solution \begin{align*} R=&330 ~\rm{m\Omega} \end{align*}

\begin{align*} I=&11.0 ~\rm{A} \end{align*}

Solution

\begin{align*} P = U \cdot I = R \cdot I^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad I= \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{40 ~\rm{W}}{0.33 ~\Omega}} \end{align*}

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

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Exercise E5 Charging Capacitors
(written test, approx. 16 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

... the voltage across the capacitor is again $0 ~\rm{V}$ at the moment $t_0=0 ~\rm{s}$ when the switch S_1 is closed. Calculate the voltage $u_c (t_2)$ across the capacitor at $t_2=1 ~\rm{ms}$ after closing the switch.

Result

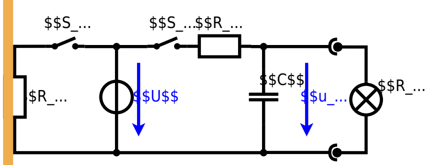
Hint: To solve this, first create an equivalent linear voltage source from U, R_1, and $R_\rm{B}$.

\begin{align*} ... \end{align*}

Solution

... \end{align*}

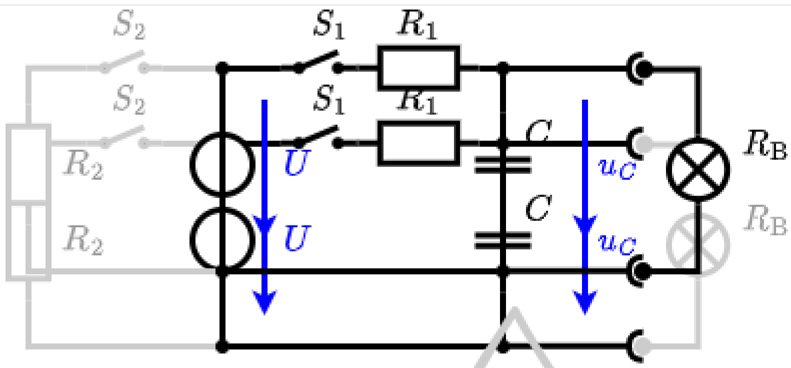
On an alternative view, one can try to create an equivalent linear voltage source again. Then, the internal resistance is given by substituting the ideal voltage source is again short-circuiting R_2.



The circuit contains a voltage source $U=12 ~\rm{V}$, a switch S_1, a resistor of $R_1=20 ~\Omega$ and a capacitor of $C=100 ~\rm{µF}$.
The switch S_2 to an additional consumer R_2 will be considered to be open for the first tasks. At the moment $t_0=0 ~\rm{s}$ the switch S_1 is closed, the voltage across the capacitor is $u_c (t_0)=0 ~\rm{V}$.

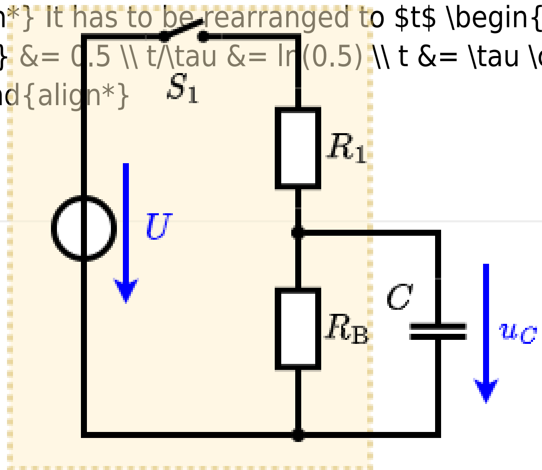
1. First do not consider the light bulb – it is not connected to the RC circuit.
Calculate the point of time t_1 when $u_c (t_1)=0.5\cdot U$.

Solution



So, here only R_1 and C gives the time constant: $\tau = R_1 \cdot C$

The following formula describes the time course of $u_C(t)$ which has to be $u_c (t_1)=0.5\cdot U$: \begin{align*} u_c (t) = U \cdot (1- e^{t/\tau}) = 0.5\cdot U \end{align*} It has to be rearranged to t \begin{align*} (1- e^{t/\tau}) &= 0.5 \\ e^{t/\tau} &= 0.5 \\ t/\tau &= ln(0.5) \\ t &= \tau \cdot ln(0.5) \\ t &= R_1 \cdot C \cdot ln(0.5) \end{align*}



An equivalent linear voltage source can be given with U, R_1, and $R_\rm B$ as seen in yellow.
Therefore, the voltage of the equivalent linear voltage source is: $U_s = U \cdot {{R_\rm B}\over{R_1 + R_\rm B}} = 1/2 \cdot U$ The internal resistance is given by substituting the ideal voltage source with its resistance ($=0 ~\Omega$, short-circuit). \begin{align*} R_i &= R_1 || R_\rm B \\ &= 10 ~\Omega \end{align*}

\begin{align*} u_c (t_2) &= U_s \cdot (1- e^{t_2/(R_i\cdot C)}) \\ &= {{1}\over{2}} \cdot U \cdot (1- e^{1~\rm{ms}/(10 ~\Omega \cdot 100 ~\rm{µF})}) \end{align*}

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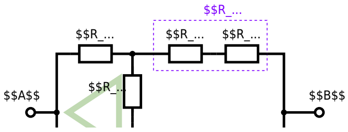
Exercise E3 Pure Resistor Network Simplification
(written test, approx. 13 % of a 60-minute written test, WS2022)

The following circuit with $R_1=200~\Omega$, $R_2=R_3=100~\Omega$ … between $\rm A$ and $\rm B$.
2. The switch shall now be closed. Calculate the equivalent resistance … Result given.

Solution

Now a wye-delta transformation is necessary.

\begin{align*} R_{\rm eq} &= 142.8 ~\Omega \\ \end{align*}

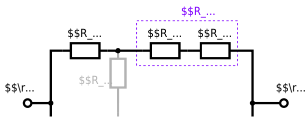


Since $R_2=R_3$ and based on the equations for the transformation, the transformed R_Y is given as: \begin{align*} R_{Y} &= {{R_2 \cdot R_2}\over{R_2 + R_2 + R_2}} \\ &= {{(100 ~\Omega)^2}\over{3 \cdot 100 ~\Omega}} \\ &= {{1}\over{3}} \cdot 100 ~\Omega = 33.33 ~\Omega \end{align*}

The equivalent resistor is given by a parallel configuration of resistors in series: \begin{align*} R_{\rm eq} &= R_Y + (R_Y + R_1 + R_1)||(R_Y + R_2)\\ R_{\rm eq} &= 33.33 ~\Omega + (33.33 ~\Omega + 400 ~\Omega)||(33.33 ~\Omega + 100 ~\Omega)\\ \end{align*}

1. The switch shall now be open. Calculate the equivalent resistance $R_{\rm eq}$ between $\rm A$ and $\rm B$.

Solution



The equivalent resistor is given by a parallel configuration of resistors in series: \begin{align*} R_{\rm eq} &= (R_2 + R_1 + R_1)||(R_2 + R_2)\\ R_{\rm eq} &= (100 ~\Omega + 200 ~\Omega + 200 ~\Omega)&&||(100 ~\Omega + 100 ~\Omega) &&\\ R_{\rm eq} &= (500 ~\Omega)&&||(200 ~\Omega)&&\\ R_{\rm eq} &= {{500 ~\Omega \cdot 200 ~\Omega }\over{500 ~\Omega + 200 ~\Omega}}&&\\ \end{align*}

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