

# Lecture 3: Circuit Theory (3)

Thevenin's theorem, Norton's theorem, Maximum Power Transfer in DC circuits, transient responses of RC circuits

# Thevenin's Theorem

any single port network can be replaced by its Thevenin's equivalent, which consists of a voltage source  $V_{TH}$  in series with a resistance  $R_{TH}$ .

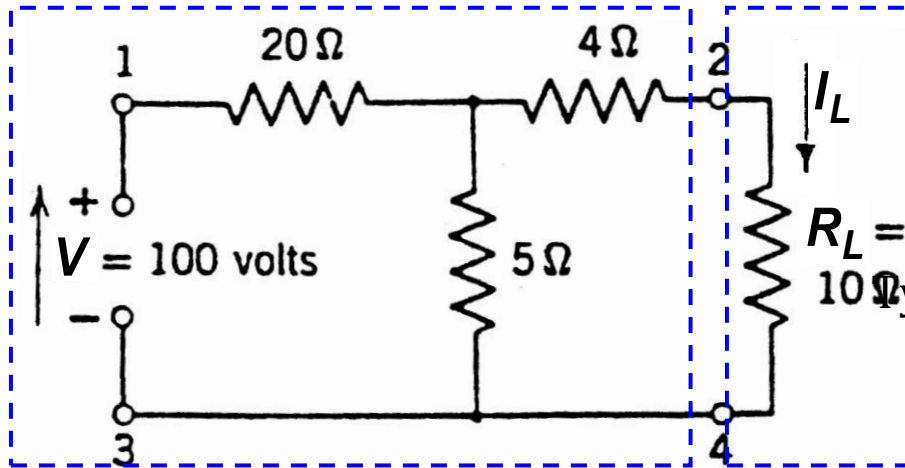
the voltage source  $V_{TH}$  is the open-circuit voltage seen between the network's terminals.

the resistance  $R_{TH}$  is the resistance of the network, when all voltage sources are replaced by short circuits and all current sources are open circuited.

this theorem is very useful in analyzing electronic circuits

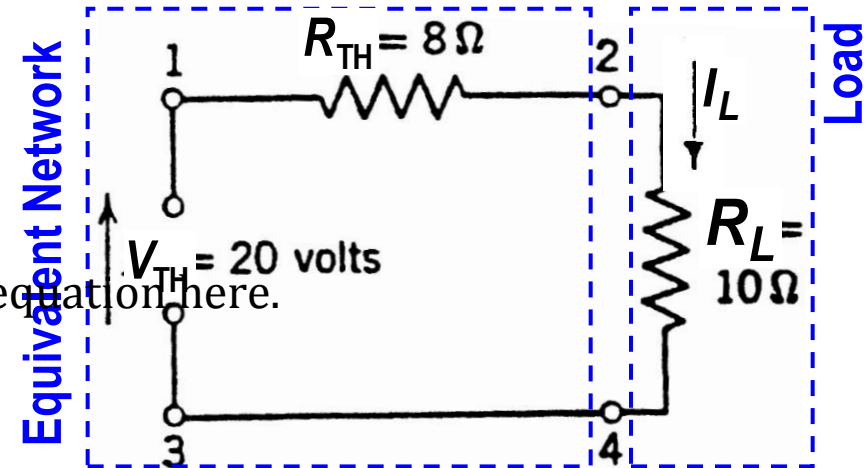
# Thevenin's Theorem

Original Circuit



Load

Thevenin's Equivalent



Equivalent Network

Load

Original Network

$$I_L = \frac{100}{20 + (5 \parallel 14)} \times \frac{5}{14 + 5} = 1.11 \text{ A}$$

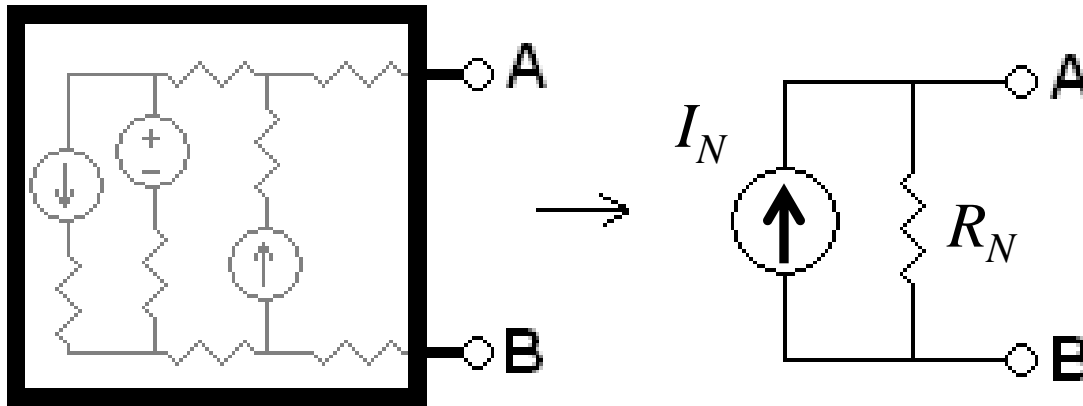
$$V_{TH} = V_{24} \Big|_{R_L \text{ is replaced by o.c.}} = 100 \frac{5}{20 + 5} = 20 \text{ V}$$

$$R_{TH} = 4 + (5 \parallel 20) = 8 \Omega$$

$$I_L = \frac{V_{TH}}{R_{TH} + R_L} = \frac{20}{8 + 10} = 1.11 \text{ A}$$

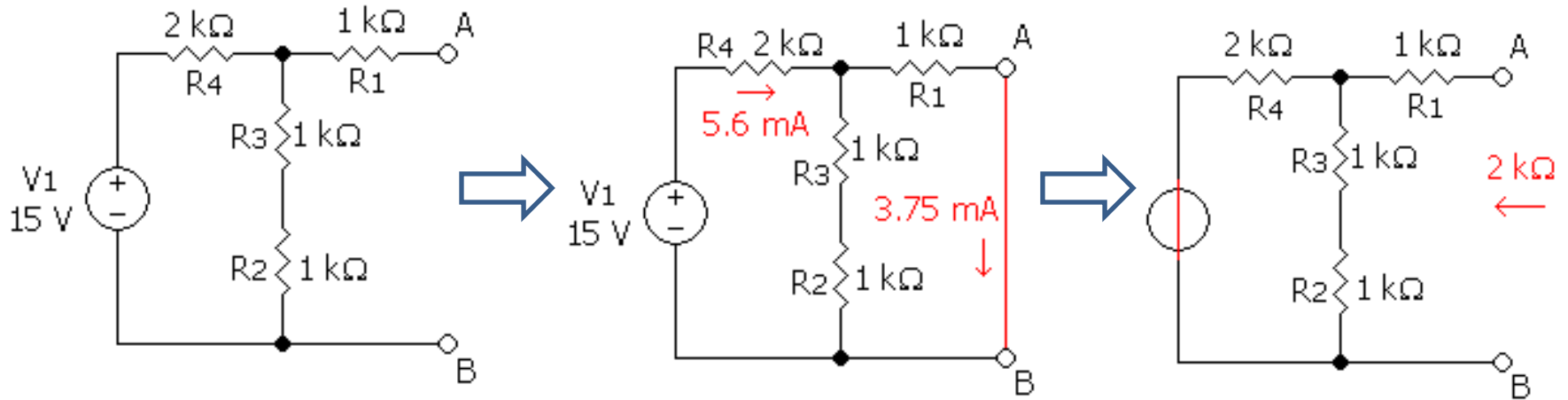
# Norton's Theorem

any linear electrical network with voltage and current sources and resistances can be replaced by an equivalent current source  $I_N$  in parallel connection with an equivalent resistance  $R_N$ .



$I_N$  is evaluated by short-circuiting the output  
 $R_N$  is the input resistance when all sources are removed  
(Short circuit voltage sources, open circuit current sources)

# Norton's Theorem (Cont'd)



$$I_{tot} = \frac{15}{2\text{K}\Omega + (1\text{K}\Omega // (1\text{K}\Omega + 1\text{K}\Omega))} = 5.625 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{TH} = I_{tot} \frac{1.0\text{K}\Omega + 1.0\text{K}\Omega}{1.0\text{K}\Omega + 1.0\text{K}\Omega + 1.0\text{K}\Omega} = 3.75 \text{ mA}$$

$$R_{TH} = 1.0\text{K}\Omega + (2.0\text{K}\Omega // (1.0\text{K}\Omega + 1.0\text{K}\Omega)) = 2\text{K}\Omega$$

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# Power

For a resistive load, the power is defined by

$$P = VI = I^2R = V^2 / R$$

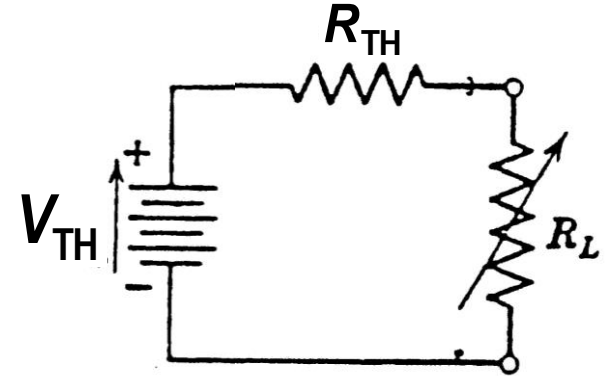
This power is dissipated in the form of heat in the resistor

This heat results from the collision of the flowing electrons in the resistor with the atoms of the resistor

A commercial grade resistor mentions in addition to its value, its maximum power dissipation

# Maximum Power Transfer for DC Circuits

It is required to obtain the value of  $R_L$  at which maximum power is transferred from the source



$$V_L = V_{TH} \frac{R_L}{R_{TH} + R_L}, \quad P_L = \frac{V_L^2}{R_L} = \frac{V_{TH}^2 R_L^2}{(R_{TH} + R_L)^2} \quad \frac{1}{R_L} = \frac{V_{TH}^2 R_L}{(R_{TH} + R_L)^2}$$

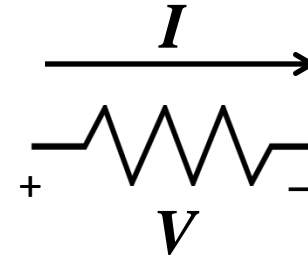
$$\frac{dP_L}{dR_L} = V_{TH}^2 \frac{(R_{TH} + R_L)^2 - 2R_L(R_{TH} + R_L)}{(R_{TH} + R_L)^4} = 0$$

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$$(R_{TH} + R_L) - 2R_L = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad R_L|_{\text{max power}} = R_{TH}$$

# Basic Electric Components

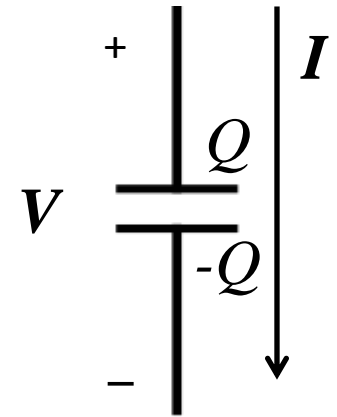
Resistor:  $V=IR$ ,  $I=V/R$  (no memory)



Capacitor: stores electric energy (has a memory)

$$Q=CV \Rightarrow I=dQ/dt = CdV/dt$$

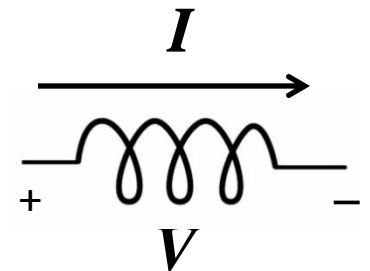
$$V(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t I(\tau) d\tau = \frac{Q(t)}{C}$$



Inductor: stores magnetic energy (has a memory)

$$\phi=LI \Rightarrow V=d\phi/dt=LdI/dt$$

$$I(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-\infty}^t V(\tau) d\tau = \frac{\phi(t)}{L}$$





# Transient Response in RC Circuits (Charging)

$$E = \frac{Q}{C} + I R$$

$$I \equiv \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{E}{R} - \frac{Q}{RC} = -\frac{Q - CE}{RC}$$

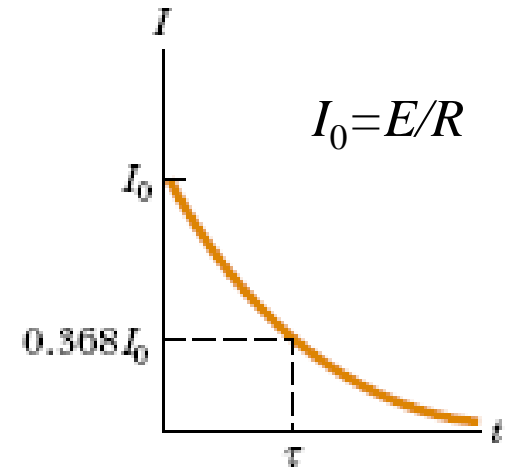
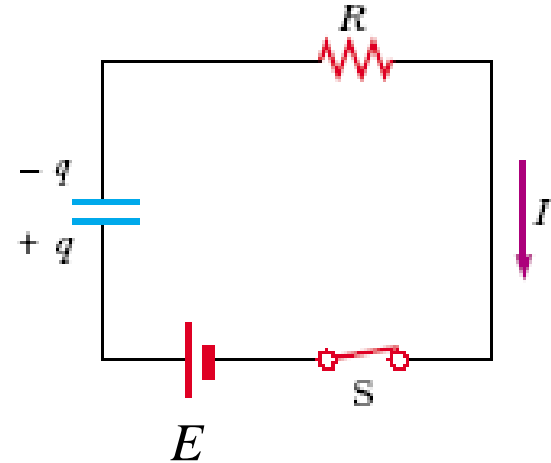
$$\int_0^Q \frac{dQ}{Q - CE} = -\frac{1}{RC} \int_0^t dt$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{Q - CE}{-CE}\right) = -\frac{t}{RC}$$

$$Q = CE\left(1 - e^{-t/RC}\right)$$

$$I(t) \equiv \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{E}{R} e^{-t/RC} = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$I \Big|_{t=\tau \equiv \text{time constant}=RC} = \frac{I_0}{e} = 0.368 I_0$$



# Transient Response in RC Circuits (Discharging)

$$\frac{Q}{C} + I R = 0$$

$$I \equiv \frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{Q}{RC} \Rightarrow \int_{Q_0}^Q \frac{dQ}{Q} = -\frac{1}{RC} \int_0^t dt$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{Q}{Q_0}\right) = -\frac{t}{RC} \Rightarrow Q = Q_0 e^{-t/RC}$$

$$I(t) \equiv \frac{dQ}{dt} = -\frac{Q_0}{RC} e^{-t/RC} = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$I \Big|_{t=\tau=\text{time constant}=RC} = \frac{I_0}{e} = 0.368 I_0$$

