

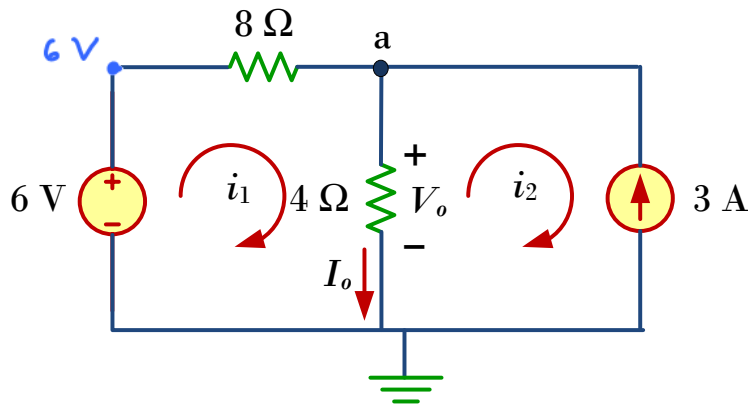
ECS 203 2015: Exercise 2 solution

Instructions

- i. Separate into groups of no more than four persons. Make sure the group members are not exactly the same as any of your earlier group.
- ii. Only one submission is needed for each group. Late submission will not be accepted.
- iii. **Write down all the steps** that you have done to obtain your answers. You may not get full credit even when your answer is correct without showing how you get your answer.
- iv. **Do not panic.**

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Consider the circuit below.



The same circuit is used in Example 4.2.1 of the lecture note.

- a. **Use nodal analysis** to find the node voltage V_a

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KCL @ node a: } \quad & \frac{V_a - 6}{8} + \frac{V_a}{4} - 3 = 0 \\ & V_a - 6 + 2V_a - 24 = 0 \\ & 3V_a = 30 \\ & V_a = 10 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

- b. **Use mesh analysis** to find the mesh currents i_1 and i_2 .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KVL around mesh 1: } \quad & 6 - 8i_1 - 4(i_1 - i_2) = 0 \\ & 6 - 12i_1 + 4i_2 = 0 \quad (\star) \end{aligned}$$

For mesh 2, don't have to apply KVL because i_2 is the only mesh current that passes through the 3A current source.
Therefore, $i_2 = -3\text{A}$. ("-" because i_2 is in the opposite direction)
Combining with eqn. (\star) above, we have $i_1 = \frac{4i_2 + 6}{12} = \frac{-12 + 6}{12} = -0.5\text{A}$

- c. Find $V_o = V_a = 10\text{V}$ Alternatively, $V_o = (i_1 - i_2) \times 4 = (-0.5 - (-3)) \times 4 = 2.5 \times 4 = 10\text{V}$.

- d. Find $I_o = i_1 - i_2 = -0.5 - (-3) = 2.5\text{A}$

$$\text{Alternatively, by Ohm's law, } I_o = \frac{V_o}{4} = \frac{10}{4} = 2.5\text{A}$$