

MAE 140 fall 2014  
Homework 1 solution

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**1.12** given:  $q(t) = 1 - e^{-1000t}$   $\mu\text{C}$   
Question: How long will it take the current to reach  $200 \mu\text{A}$ ?

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (1 - e^{-1000t}) = 1000 e^{-1000t} = 200$$
$$e^{-1000t} = \frac{1}{5}$$

using  $a^N = b \Leftrightarrow \log_a b = N$  we obtain

$$-1000t = \log_e \frac{1}{5}$$

$$-1000t = \ln \frac{1}{5}$$

$$t = -\frac{\ln \frac{1}{5}}{1000} = \boxed{0.0016 \text{ s}}$$

**1.17** given:  $i = e^v - 10 \text{ A}$  (photocell)

For  $v = -2, 2$  and  $3$  find the device power and state whether or not it is absorbing or delivering power

$$p = iv$$

for $v = -2$ :	$p = (e^{(-2)} - 10)(-2) =$	$19.73 \text{ W}$	absorbing
for $v = 2$ :	$p = (e^{(+2)} - 10) \cdot 2 =$	$-5.22 \text{ W}$	delivering
for $v = 3$ :	$p = (e^{(+3)} - 10) \cdot 3 =$	$30.26 \text{ W}$	absorbing

Device	1	2	3	4	5	6
voltage $v$ [V]	20			?		
current $i$ [A]	-2			1		
power $p$ [W]	?	20	10	?	2.5	2.5

$$P_1 = v_1 \cdot i_1 = 20V \cdot (-2A) = -40W$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 p_i = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad p_4 = 5W = \boxed{\text{absorbing}}$$

$$p = v \cdot i \quad \rightarrow \quad v_4 = \frac{p_4}{i_4} = \frac{5W}{1A} = \boxed{5V}$$

2.2 given:  $v = 6.23V$ ;  $i = 2.75mA$

$$R = \frac{v}{i} = \frac{6.23V}{0.00275A} = \boxed{2265.5\Omega}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{standard value: } \boxed{2200\Omega \pm 5\%}$$

2.5 given:  $v = 15V$ ;  $p_x = 25mW$

$$p = vi = \frac{v^2}{R} \quad \rightarrow \quad R_x = \frac{v^2}{p_x} = \frac{15^2 V^2}{0.025 VA} = \boxed{9k\Omega}$$

2.10 given:  $R = 10\Omega \dots 100M\Omega$

$$v_{max} = 500V; \quad p_{max} = 0.25W$$

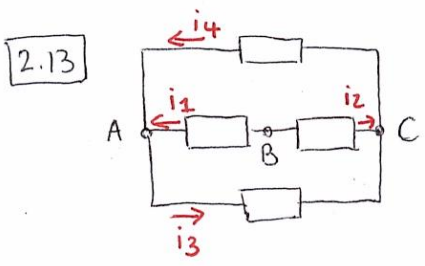
$$p = vi = \frac{v^2}{R} \quad \rightarrow \quad R = \frac{v^2}{p}$$

Substituting  $v = v_{max} = 500V$  and  $p = p_{max} = 0.25W$  we obtain

$$R = \frac{500^2 V^2}{0.25 VA} = 10^6 \frac{V}{A} = 1M\Omega$$

Since  $R \sim v$  and  $R \sim \frac{1}{p}$  it follows that

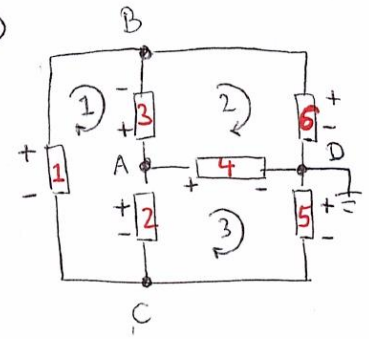
- Voltage is the limiting factor for  $R > 10^6\Omega$
- Power is the limiting factor for  $R < 10^6\Omega$



node B:  $-i_1 - i_2 = 0$  so  $i_1 = 5A$   
 node A:  $i_1 + i_4 - i_3 = 0$   
 $\rightarrow i_4 = i_3 - i_1 = 2A - 5A = -3A$

given:  $i_2 = -5A$   
 $i_3 = 2A$

2.17 a) Identify nodes: Nodes: A, B, C and D  
 Identify loops: elements 2-4-5  
 elements 3-4-6  
 elements 1-2-3  
 elements 1-5-6  
 elements 2-3-5-6



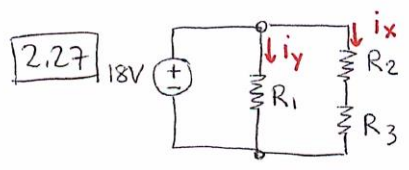
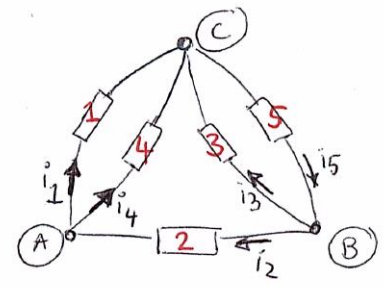
b) Elements in series: none  
 Elements in parallel: none

c) KCL: A  $-i_2 - i_3 - i_4 = 0$   
 B  $-i_1 + i_3 - i_6 = 0$   
 C  $i_1 + i_2 + i_5 = 0$   
 D  $i_4 - i_5 + i_6 = 0$

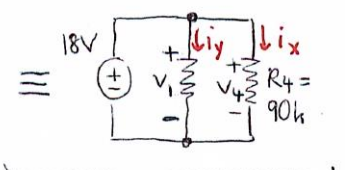
KVL: ①  $-V_1 - V_3 + V_2 = 0$   
 ②  $V_3 + V_6 - V_4 = 0$   
 ③  $-V_2 + V_4 + V_5 = 0$

2.24

A:  $-i_1 + i_2 - i_4 = 0$   
 B:  $-i_2 - i_3 + i_5 = 0$   
 C:  $i_1 + i_3 + i_4 - i_5 = 0$



$R_1 = 33k\Omega$   
 $R_2 = 22k\Omega$   
 $R_3 = 68k\Omega$



Note that  $V_1 = V_4 = 18V$   
 Thus  $i_x = \frac{V_4}{R_4} = \frac{18V}{90k}$   
 $i_x = 0.2mA$   
 Hence  $v_x = R_3 i_x = 13.8V$

Comparison with 2.26  
 $i_x = \frac{V}{R_{total}} = \frac{18V}{22k + 68k} = 0.2mA$   
 $v_x = 68k\Omega \cdot i_x = 13.8V$   
 same!

- $i_y \neq 0$  because the voltage across the  $33k\Omega$  resistor is  $18V$ !
- Effect of  $33k\Omega$  resistor: Increases the current going through the independent source.