

# Equivalent Circuits & Reduction (T&R Chap 2,3)

## Circuit Equivalence

Two circuits are equivalent if they have the same  $i$ - $v$  characteristics at a specified pair of terminals

Terminal = external connection to two nodes = port

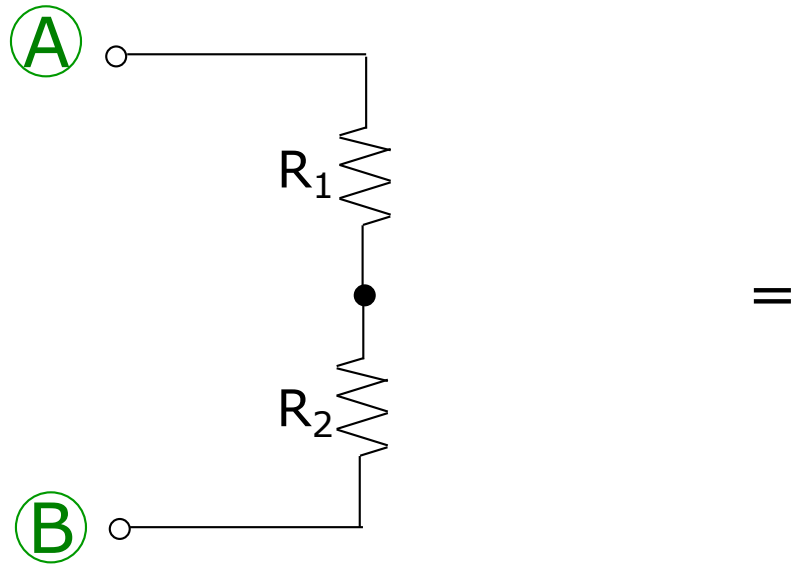
Our aim is to simplify analysis replacing complicated subcircuits by simpler equivalent circuits

## Example

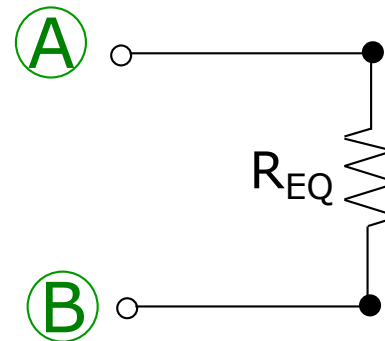
Association of resistors

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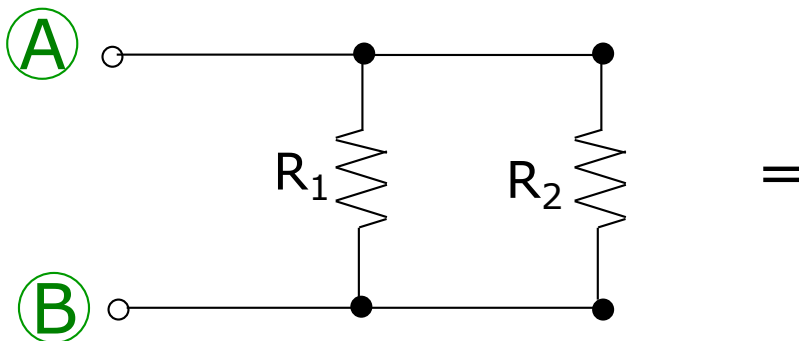
## Resistors in Series



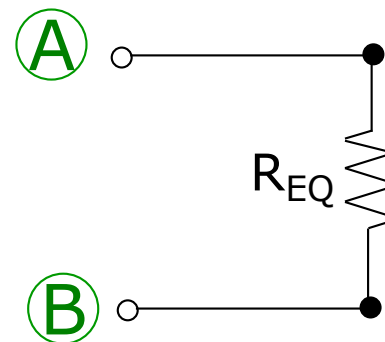
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## Resistors in Parallel



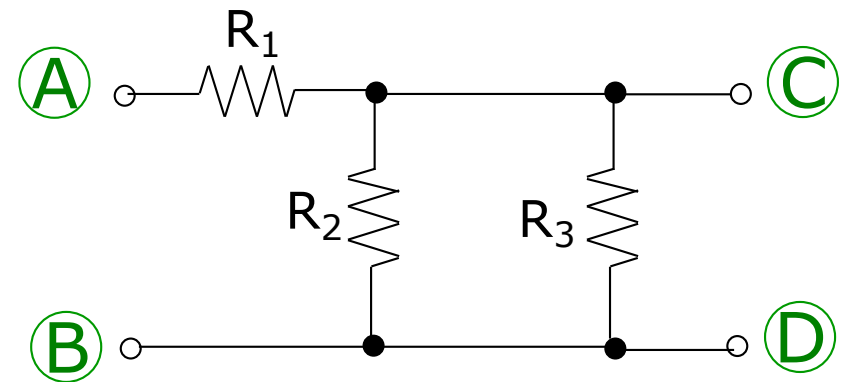
$$R_{EQ} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



## Example 2-11 (T&R, 5th ed, p. 34)

Consider the circuit

Compute equivalent ccts  
from AB and from CD



$$R_{EQ_{CD}} = R_2 \parallel R_3 = \left( \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \right)^{-1} = \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$$

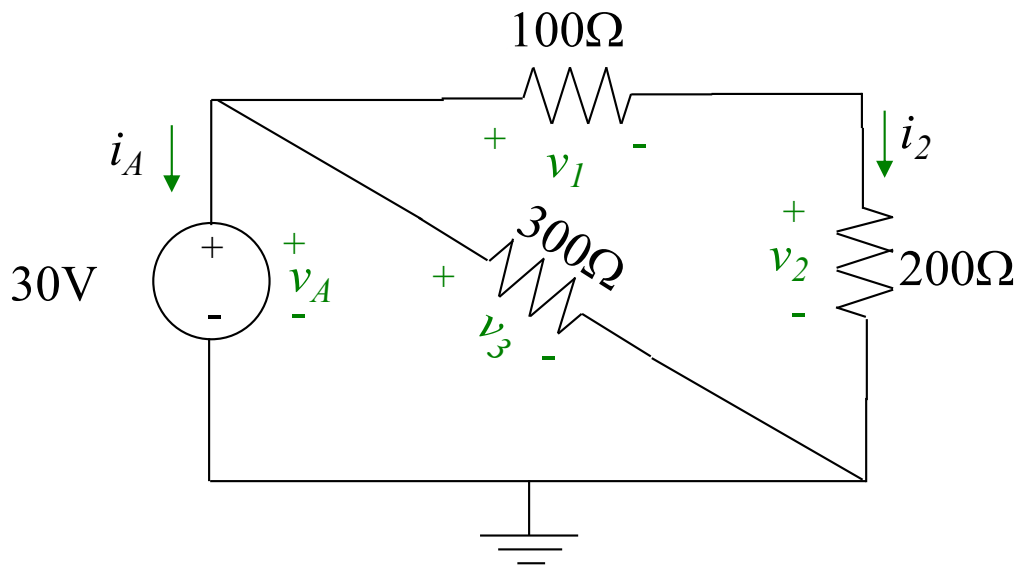
$$R_{EQ_{AB}} = R_1 + R_2 \parallel R_3 = R_1 + \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$$

# Example 2-10 (T&R, 5th ed, p. 31) Revisited

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All you need to know is

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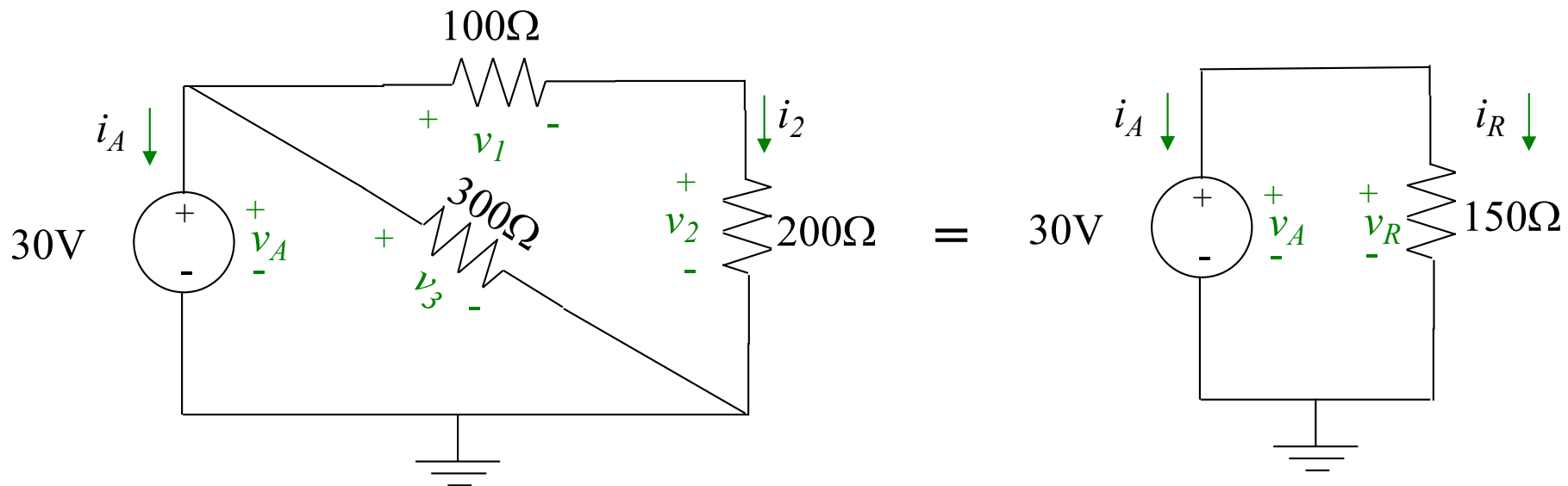


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Answer

$$i_A = -i_R = -30/150 = -200 \text{ mA};$$

# Equivalent ccts

Equivalent ccts for resistive networks are familiar reductions of parallel and series connections

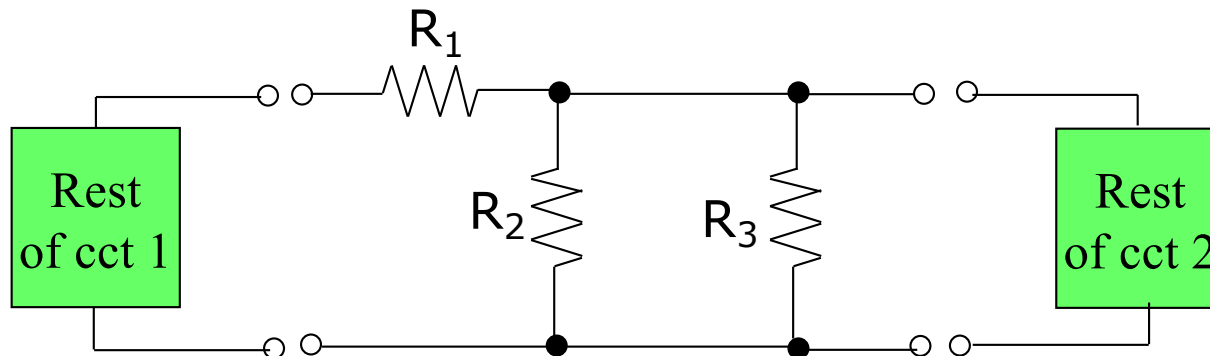
The equivalent cct depends on the port

From an external view the cct could be replaced by its equivalent

The internal cct variables are now unavailable

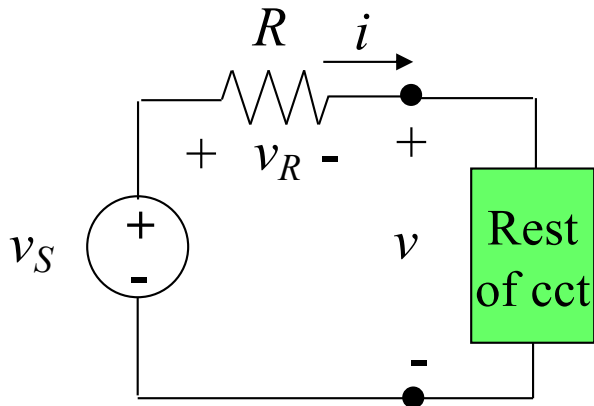
How would you compute them?

Could we substitute for the cct below?

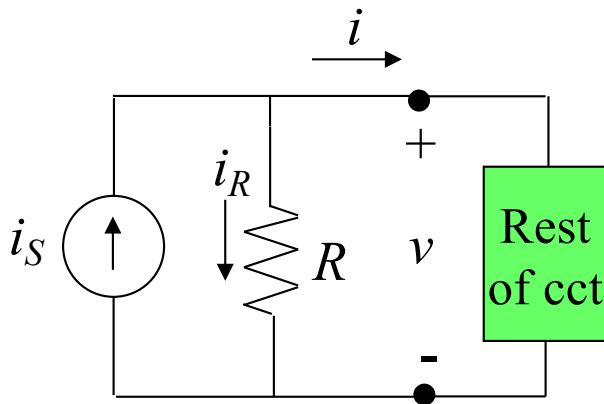
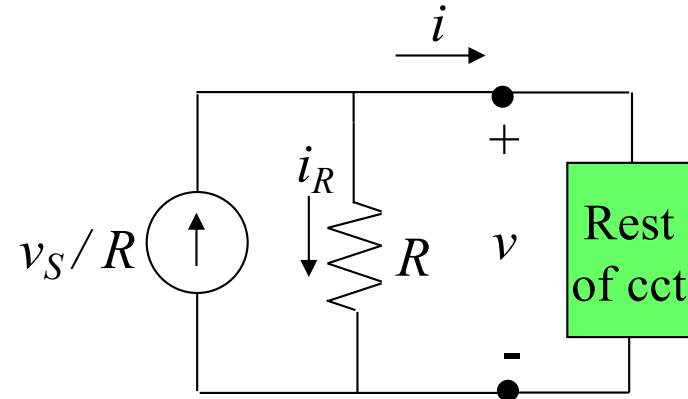


# Equivalent sources

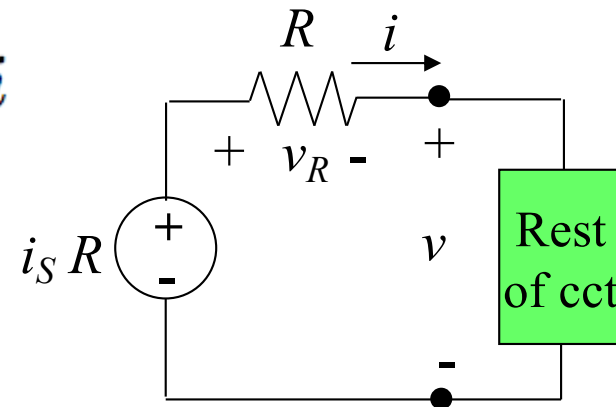
*i-v* relationships determine equivalence



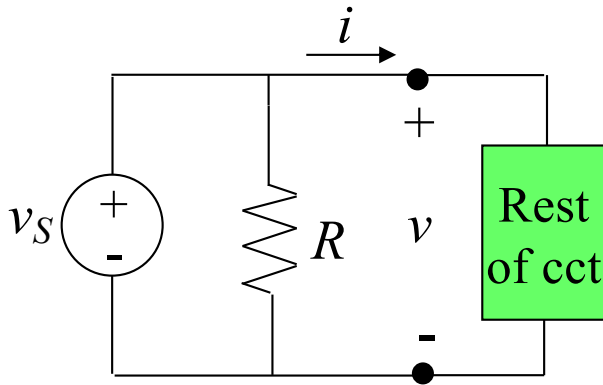
$$i = \frac{v_S}{R} - \frac{v}{R}$$



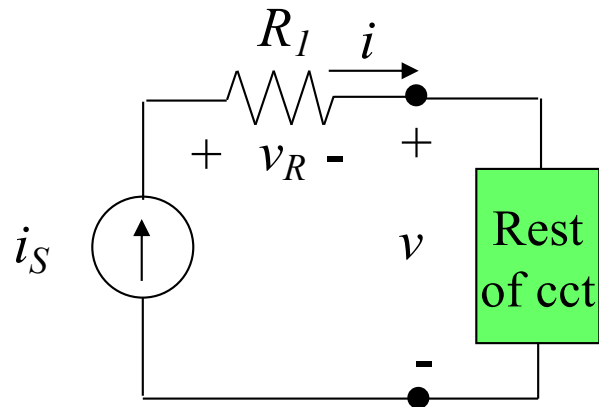
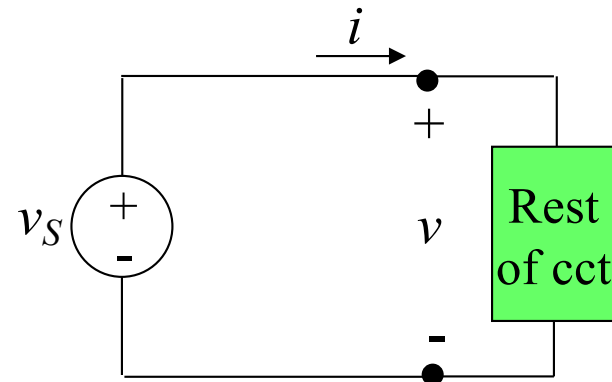
$$v = (i_S R) - Ri$$



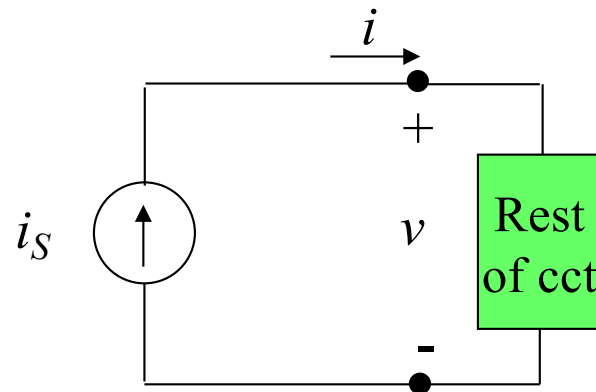
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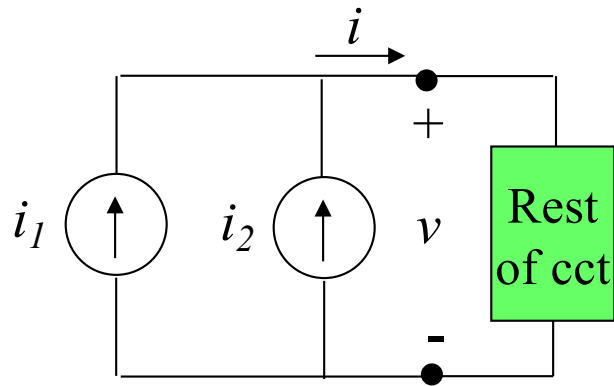


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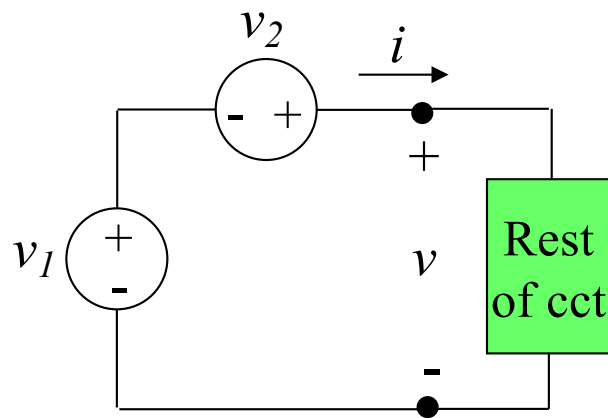
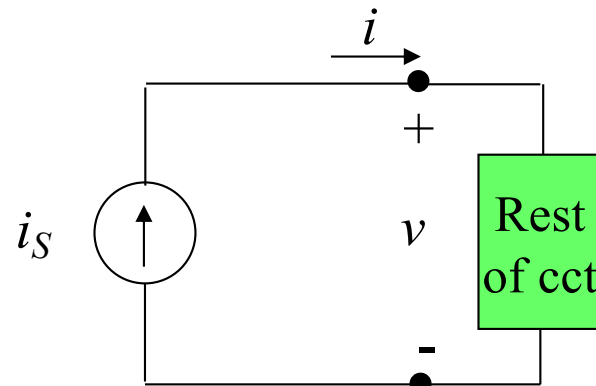




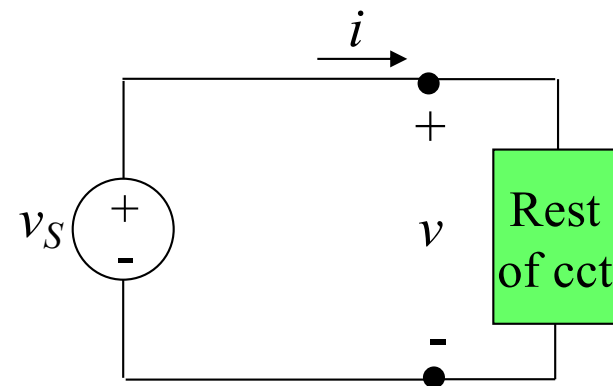
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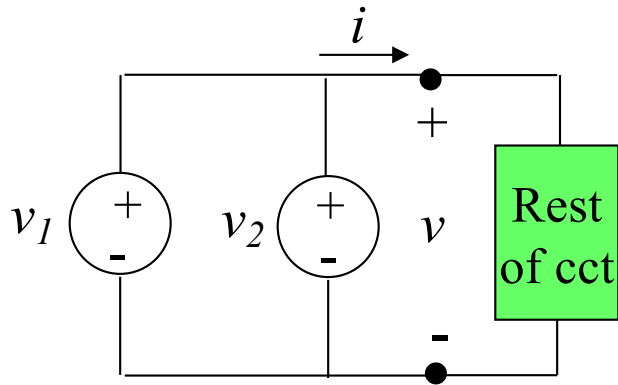
$$i_S = i_1 + i_2$$



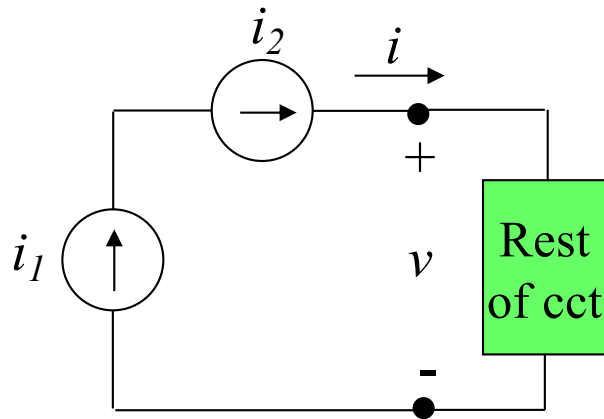
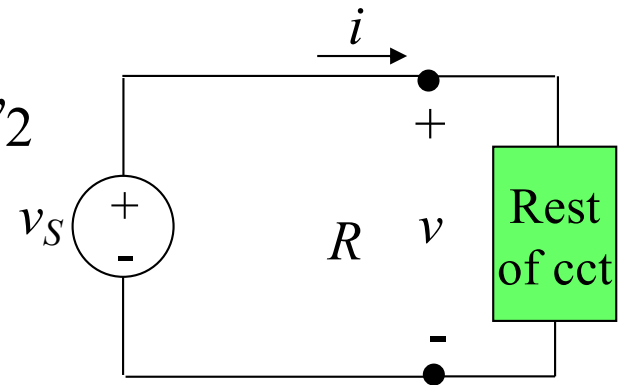
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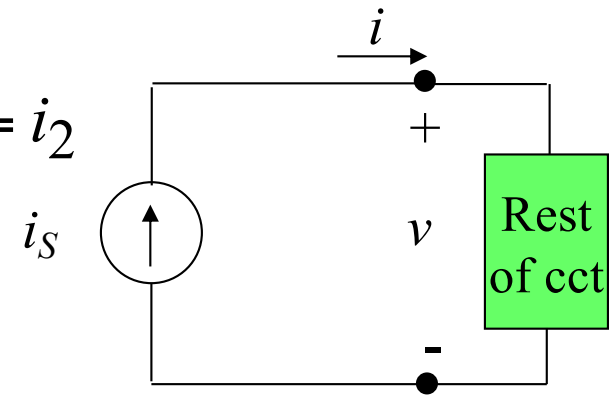
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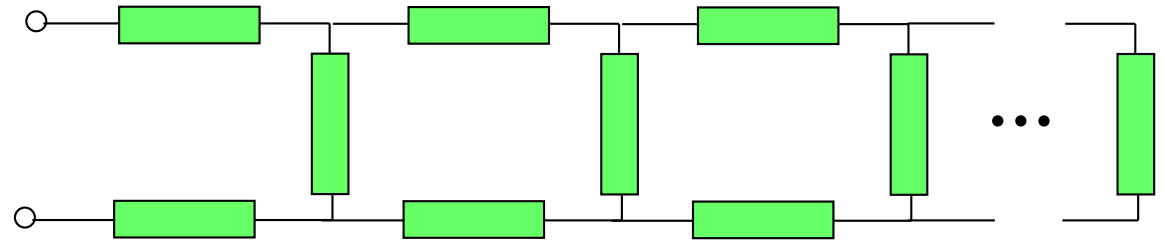


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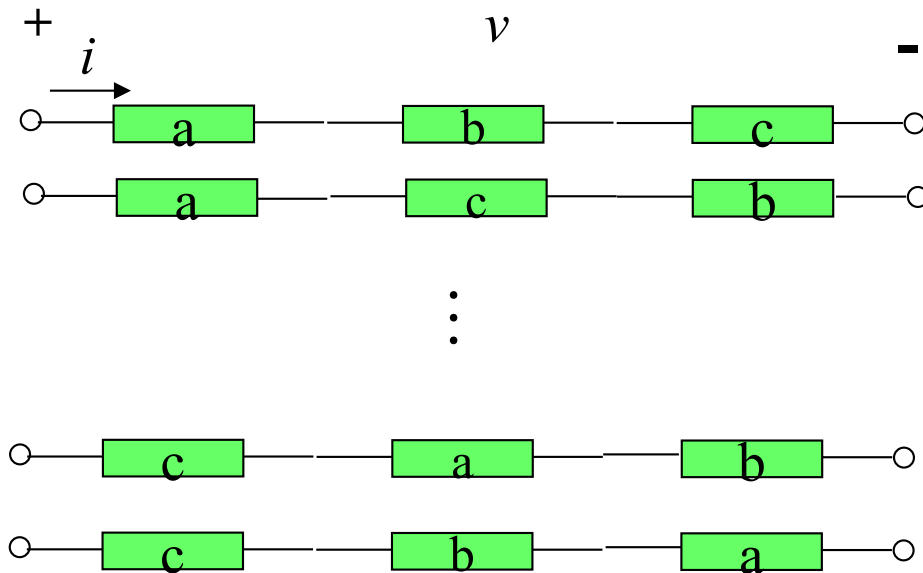
# Circuit Reduction

For ladder networks



Reduce complexity by successively replacing elements by their equivalents

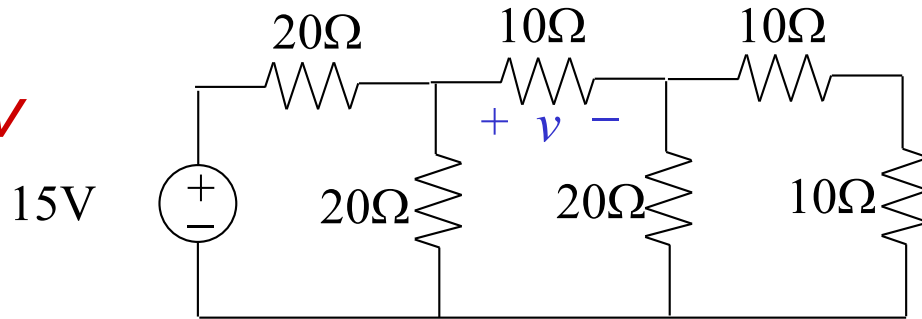
What happens with three elements in series or in parallel?



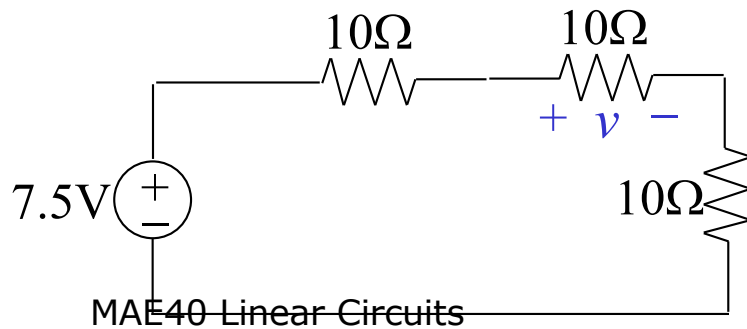
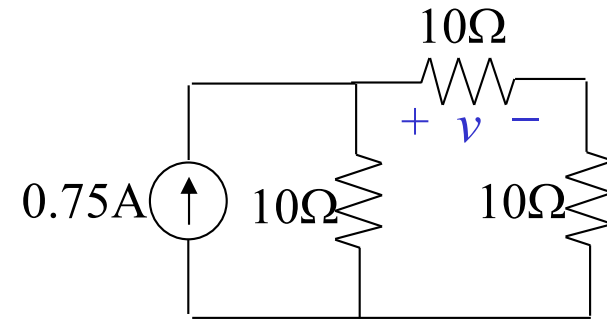
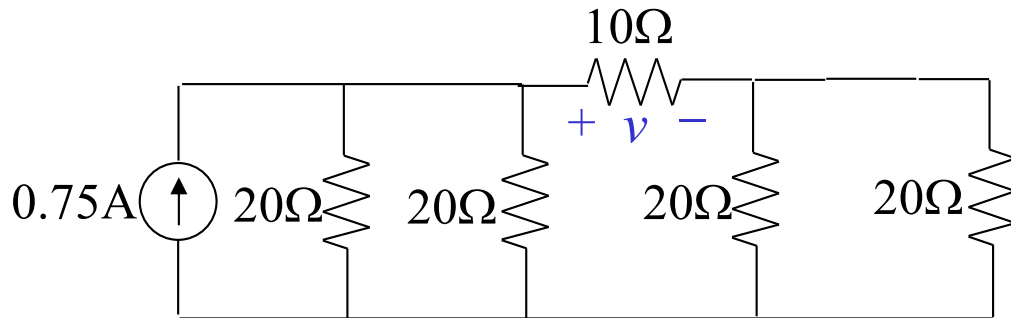
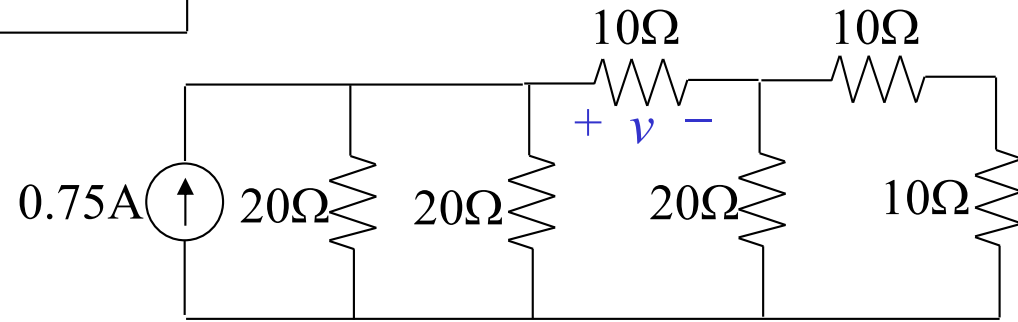
They are all equivalent  
We can commute elements

# T&R, 5th Ed, Example 2-22 p 49

Find  $v$

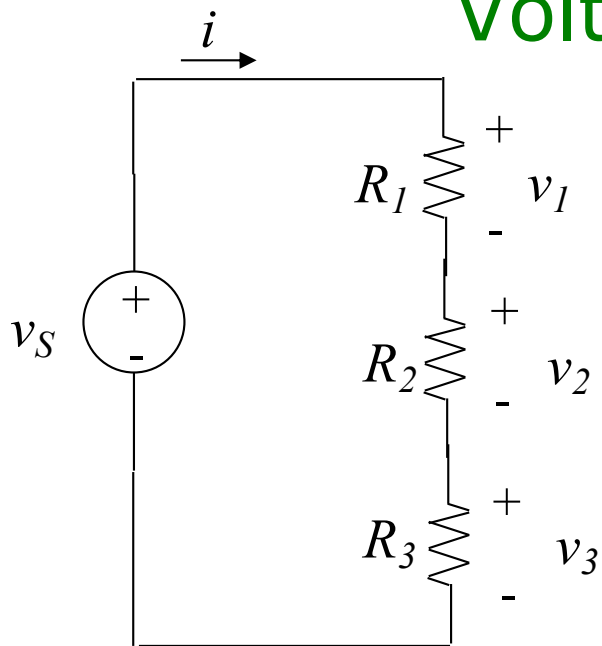


Reduce the left end



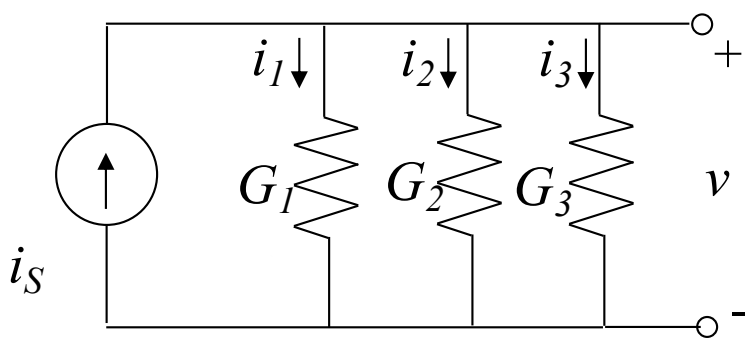
$$v = 2.5V$$

# Voltage & Current Dividers



$$R_{total} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

$$v_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_{total}} v_S; \quad v_2 = \frac{R_2}{R_{total}} v_S; \quad v_3 = \frac{R_3}{R_{total}} v_S$$

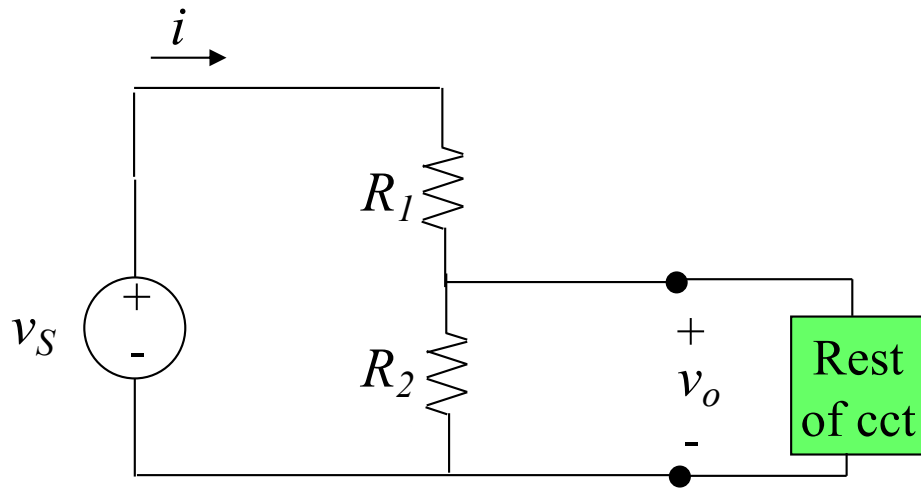


$$G_{total} = G_1 + G_2 + G_3$$

$$i_1 = \frac{G_1}{G_{total}} i_S; \quad i_2 = \frac{G_2}{G_{total}} i_S; \quad i_3 = \frac{G_3}{G_{total}} i_S$$

$$G_i = \frac{1}{R_i}$$

# Voltage Dividers



Often we use a voltage divider to provide an input voltage to a cct element

When would this work?

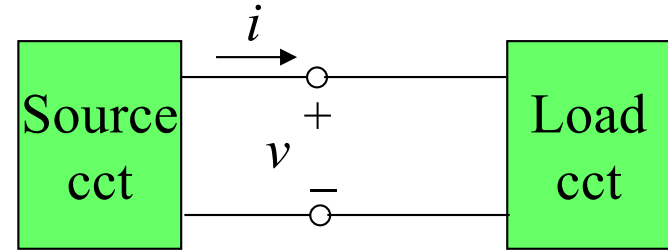
When the “rest of cct” does not draw much current compared to  $R_2$

Why is this?

What is it asking of the equivalent of the rest of cct?

Note that this is a very common circuit used to “bias” a transistor to an operating voltage

# Thévenin Equivalent Ccts



## Thévenin's Theorem

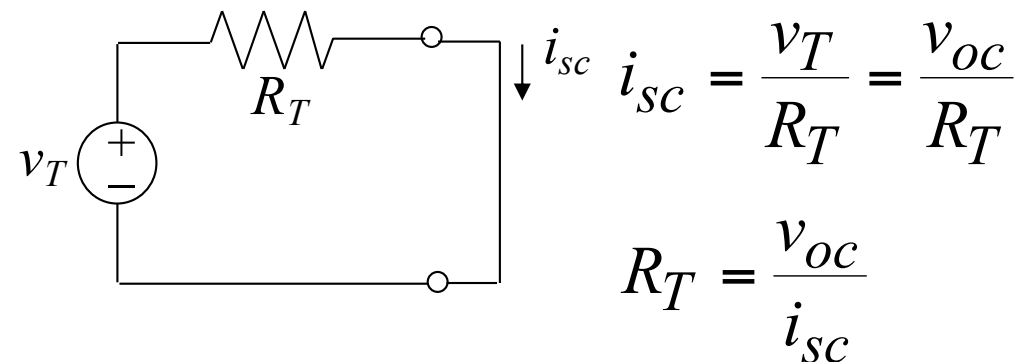
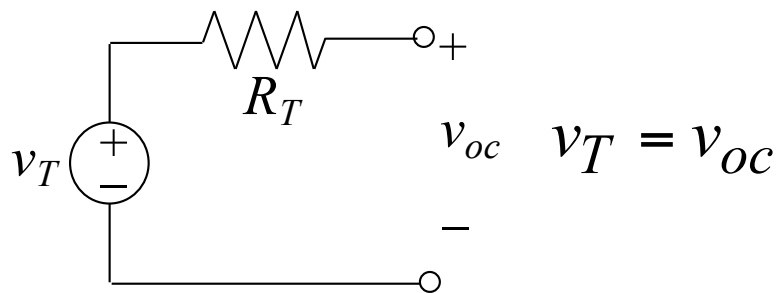
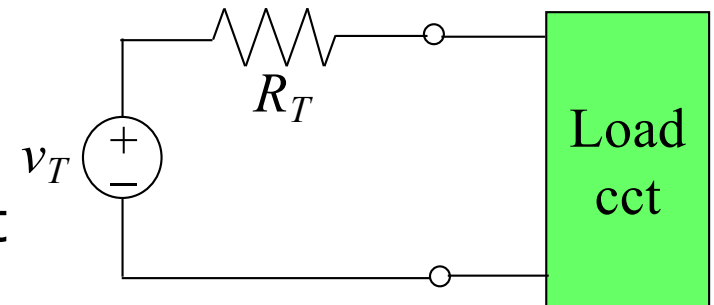
If the source cct in a two-terminal interface is linear, then the interface signals  $v$  and  $i$  do not change when the source cct is replaced by its Thévenin equivalent

Note: nobody says the load must be linear!

## Thévenin Equivalent Circuit

$v_T$  is the open-cct voltage of source

$R_T$  is evaluated from short-cct current



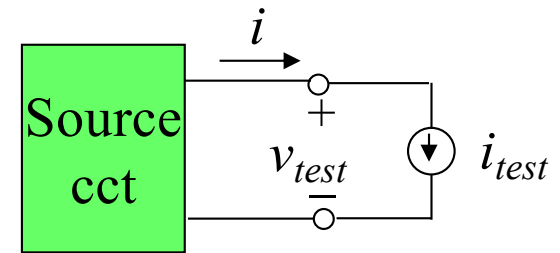
# Thévenin's Theorem Proof

Linearity of the Source cct is the key – superposition

“Linear cct response to multiple sources is the sum of the responses to each source”

Hook up a test current source to cct

$i_{test}$  yields voltage  $v_{test}$



Part I,  $i_{test,1} = 0$  but  $i$  and  $v$  sources

in Source cct left ON then  $v_{test,1} = V_{oc} = V_T$

Part II,  $i_{test,2} \neq 0$  and sources left OFF

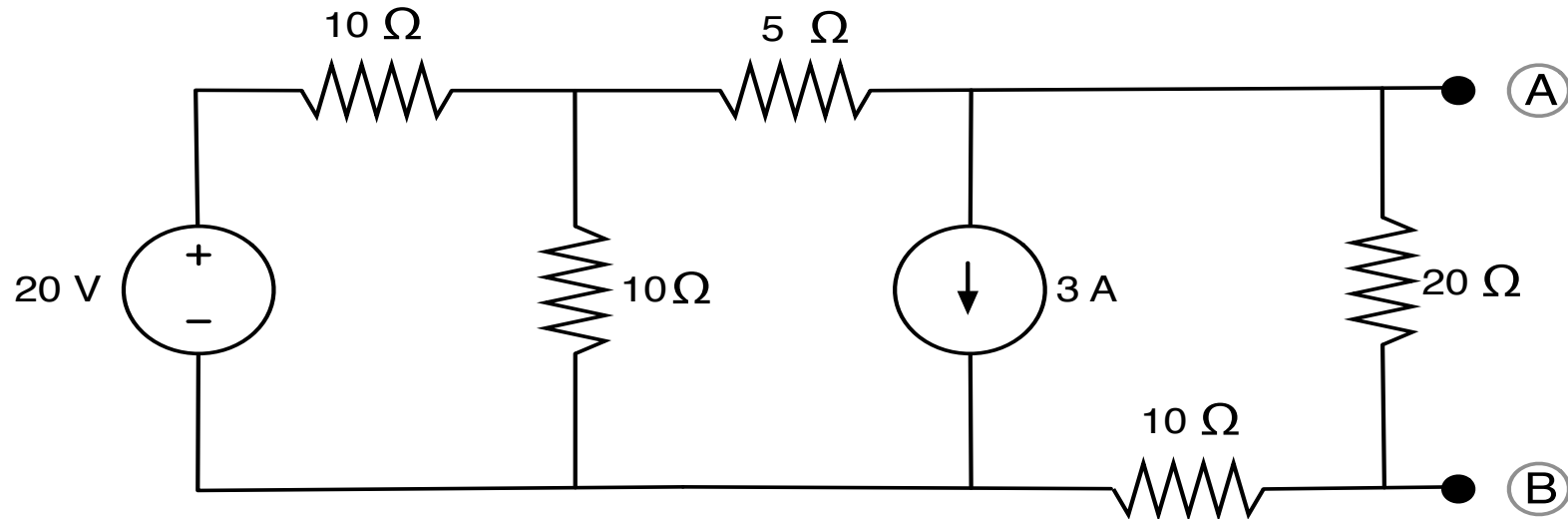
in Source cct then  $v_{test,2} = -R_T i_{test,2}$

By linearity of the Source cct  $v_{test}$  is the sum of these parts for any choice of  $i_{test}$

This establishes the  $i$ - $v$  relationship for any load cct

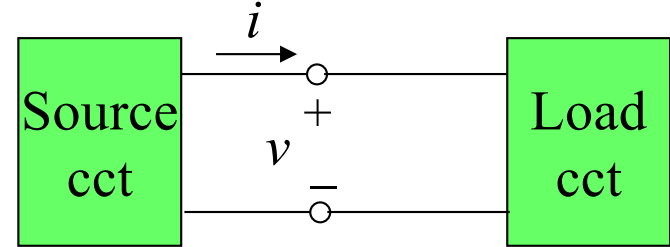


## Exercise from midterm, Fall 11



1. Turn off all the sources in the circuit and find the equivalent resistance as seen from terminals A-B ( **$10\Omega$** )
2. Find the Thévenin equivalent as seen from terminals A-B ( **$-10V$** )
3. Find the power absorbed by a  $40\Omega$  resistor that is connected to terminals A-B ( **$1.6W$** )

# Norton Equivalent Ccts



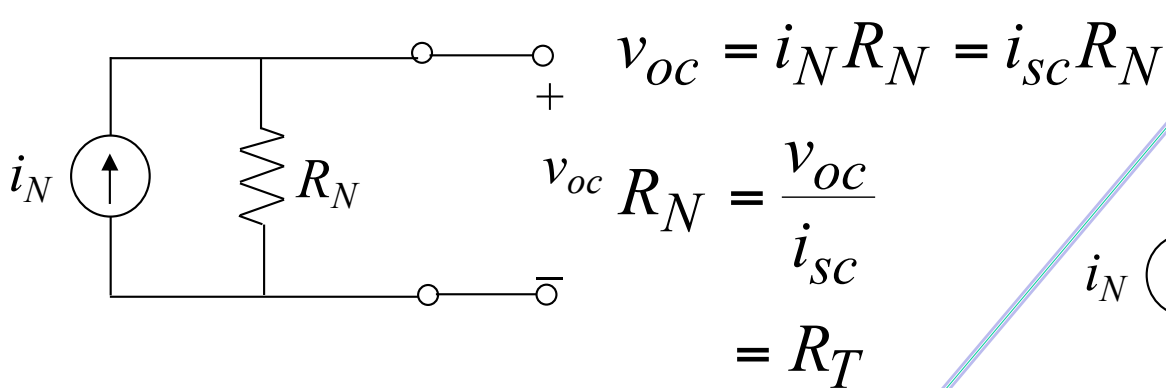
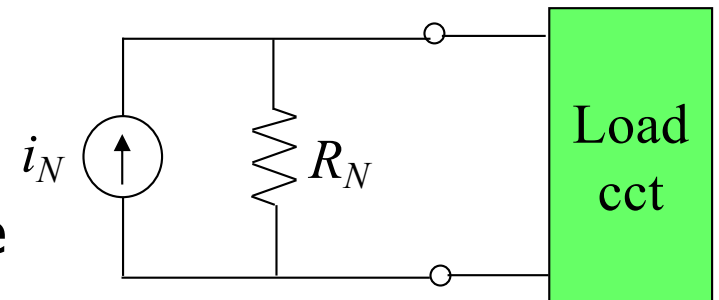
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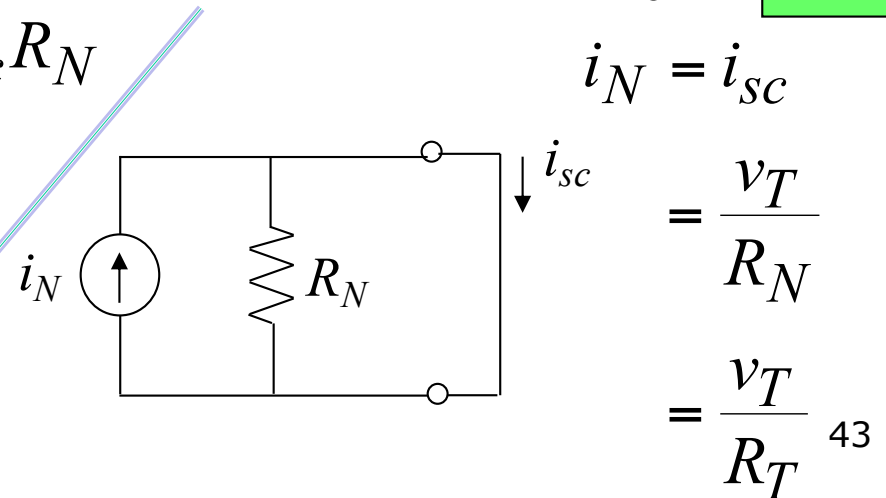
## Norton Equivalent Circuit

$i_N$  is the short-cct current

$R_T$  is evaluated from open-cct voltage

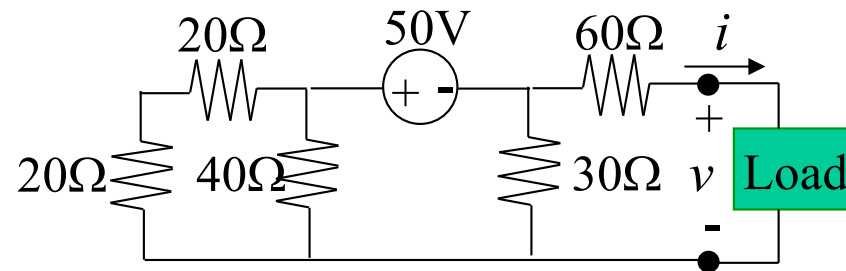


$$R_N = \frac{v_{oc}}{i_{sc}} = R_T$$



## Example 3-16 p.110 T&R, 5th ed

Find the Thévenin and Norton equivalent ccts of



Find the voltage, current and power if load is  $50\Omega$

**Answer:**  $v_T = -30V$ ;  $i_N = -417mA$ ;  $R_N = R_T = 72\Omega$   
 $V = -12.3V$ ;  $i = -246mA$ ;  $p = 3.03W$