#### Lecture 7: Linear Dependent Sources

Today we will look at special voltage and current sources called **dependent sources**.

A dependent source has a voltage or current that depends on a different voltage or current somewhere in the circuit (or even in a different, detached circuit).



### Four Types of Linear Dependent Sources



# Analyzing Circuits with Linear Dependent Sources

- Circuits with linear dependent sources can be analyzed using the tools we have learned so far.
- A dependent voltage source acts like an independent ideal voltage source: it tells us what its voltage is, but the current is unknown.
- Similarly, a dependent current source tells us what its current is, but the voltage is unknown.
- We just need to write an extra equation that specifies what the controlling voltage or current is.





## Linearity of I-V Relationship

 Whenever a circuit is composed only of the elements we have studied so far,

Ideal Independent Voltage and Current Sources
Linear Dependent Voltage and Current Sources
Resistors

the I-V relationship is always a line. Simple examples:



## **Equivalent Circuits**

Consider the simple circuit composed of a voltage source and resistor.



This circuit has a linear I-V relationship:

 $I = (V - V_s) / R$   $I = (1/R) V - V_s / R$ 

 With proper choice of V<sub>S</sub> and R, this circuit can mimic any other circuit we have studied so far.

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