



# EECS 42 – Introduction to Electronics for Computer Science

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**Closed Book, Closed Notes**  
**Write on the Exam paper**

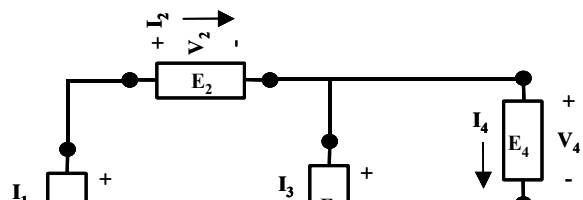
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Show your work so that the method as well as the answer can be graded for correctness and completeness. Correct answers alone are only worth 70% of full credit.

Problem	Possible	Score
I	20	
II	20	
III	20	
IV	20	
V	20	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

### I (20 Points) Basic Circuit Analysis



$$V_1 = 1V \quad V_2 = 2V \quad V_5 = -3V$$

$$I_1 = 1 \text{ mA} \quad I_4 = 2 \text{ mA}$$

a) For the circuit shown find  $V_4$ .

Use KVL around outside of circuit.

$$-V_1 + V_2 + V_4 + V_5 = 0$$

$$-1V + 2V + V_4 - 3V = 0$$

$$V_4 = 2V$$

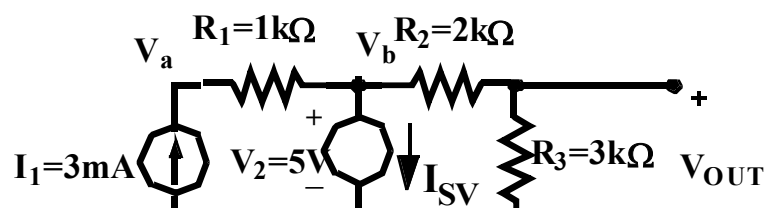
b) For the circuit shown find  $I_3$ .

KCL at top left node  $I_2 = -I_1$   
 KCL at top right node  $I_2 - I_3 - I_4 = 0$   
 $-1\text{mA} - I_3 - 2\text{mA} = 0$   
 $I_3 = -3\text{mA}$

c) For the circuit shown find the power into  $E_2$ .

$P_{AB} = (I_{AB})(V_{AB}) = (I_2)(V_2)$   
 $= (-1\text{mA})(2V) = -2\text{mW}$

## II (20 Points) Equivalent Circuits and Analysis



- a) For the circuit shown find the Thevinin equivalent circuit looking into the output.

**Vb is fixed by V2**

**R3 and R2 divide this voltage**

$$\text{VOC} = V2 (R3)/(R2+R3)$$

$$= 5V (3k)/(2k + 3k) = 3V$$

**Find REQ by turning sources to zero**

**Current source = open; voltage source = short**

**Looking into the output see R3 in parallel with R2  
due to short of V2.**

$$\text{REQ} = (2k \times 3k)/(2k + 3k) = 1.2k \text{ Ohms}$$

- b) For the circuit shown find the current through the voltage source ( $I_{SV}$ ) when the output is shorted.

**When the output is shorted R2 has V2 across it.**

$$\text{IOUT} = V2/R2 = 5V/2k = 2.5 \text{ mA}$$

**I1 forces 3 mA through R1.**

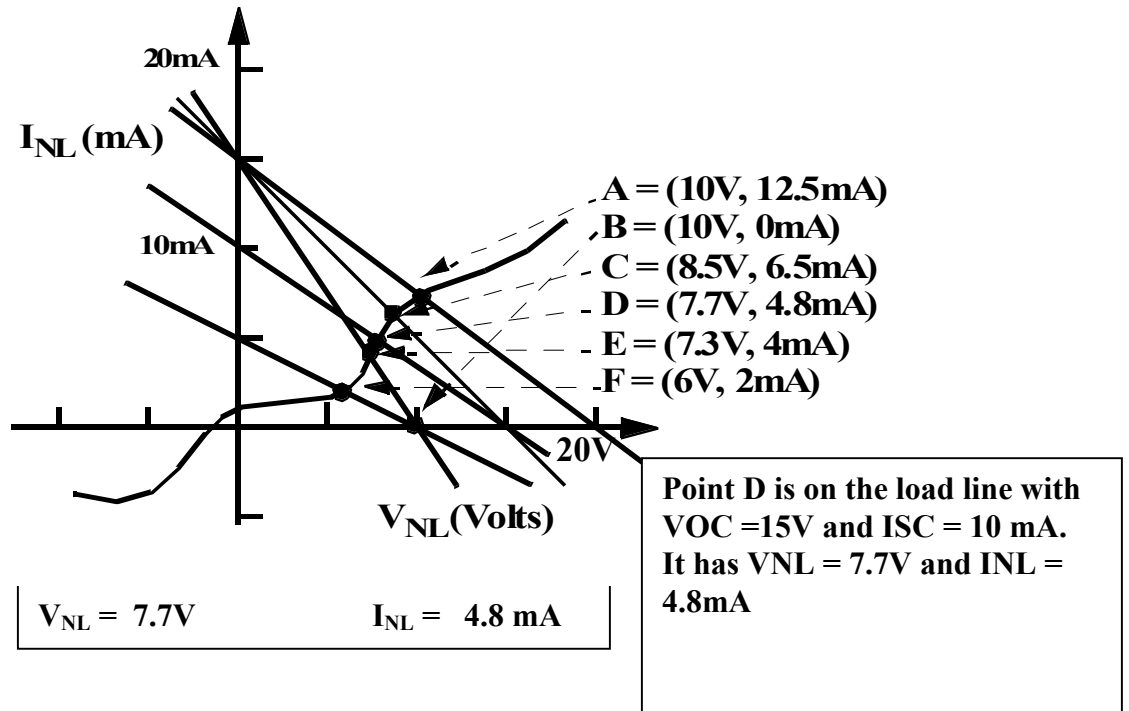
$$\text{KCL at Vb} \Rightarrow 3\text{mA} - \text{ISV} - 2.5 \text{ mA} = 0$$

$$\text{ISV} = 0.5 \text{ mA}$$

### III (20 Points) Equivalent Circuits and Analysis

A linear circuit is connected to a nonlinear load. Before it is connected the circuit is tested and has an open circuit voltage of 15 volts and a short circuit current of 10 mA.

- a) Using one of the following load lines correctly determine the voltage and current through the nonlinear load when the circuit is connected to the nonlinear load.



- b) Find the power out of the source in the Thevinin equivalent circuit and the fraction of its power that is delivered to the nonlinear load.

$$V_T = V_{OC} = 15V$$

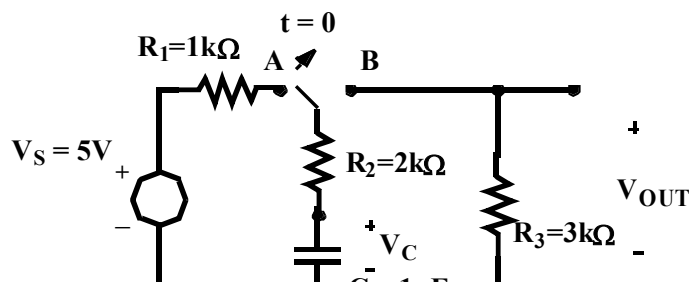
$$I_{NL} = 4.8mA$$

$$P_T = (V_T)(I_{NL}) = (15V)(4.8mA) = 72mW$$

$$P_{NL} = (V_{NL})(I_{NL}) = (7.7V)(4.8mA) = 37mW$$

$$\text{Fraction} = (37mW)/(72mW) = 0.51$$

#### IV (20 Points) Transient



The switch in the circuit moves from A to B at  $t = 0$ . Find the output voltage  $V_{OUT}(t)$ .

NOTE 'OUT'!

One approach is to first find  $V_C(t)$  and then note that  $R_3$  and  $R_2$  form a voltage divider that scales  $V_C(t)$  to form  $V_{OUT}(t)$ .

(An alternative approach is to just assume that  $V_{OUT}(t)$  has the same EE 42 easy method form with the same time constant and find the correct values for  $V_{OUT}$  at  $t=0$  and infinity.)

$$V_C(t) = A + B \exp(-t/\tau)$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, V_C = 5V \text{ [ } \Rightarrow A + B = 5V \text{ ]}$$

$R_2$  and  $R_3$  appear in series to the capacitor after the switch is in position B.

$$\tau = (R_2 + R_3)C = (2k + 5k) 1\mu F = 5\mu s$$

$$V_C \text{ at } t = \text{infinity is } 0 \text{ (discharges completely) [ } \Rightarrow A = 0 \text{ ]}$$

Combining

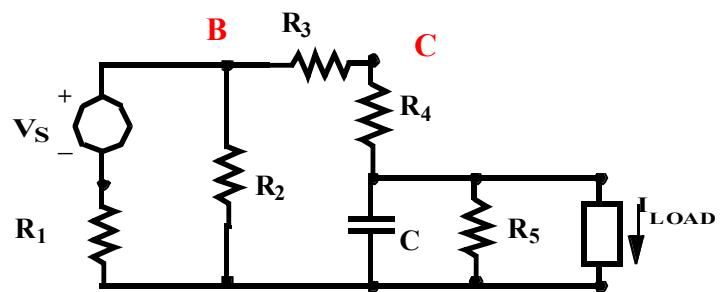
$$V_C(t) = 0 + 5 \exp(-t/(5\mu s))$$

Applying divider

$$V_{OUT}(t) = [(3k)/(2k + 3k)] 5 \exp(-t/(5\mu s))$$

$$V_{OUT}(t) = 3 \exp(-t/(5\mu s))$$

V (20 Points) Node Equations



Label the nodes and write a complete set of node equations for determining the node voltages that only contain the node voltages themselves and resistance, capacitance,  $V_S$  and  $I_{Load}$ .

**A**

**D**

**E = ground**

Plan what you are going to do because you can save yourself a lot of writing. The equations should hold for both time varying as well as steady state node voltages.

Nodes are lettered **A** to **E**.

There are 5 nodes so normally 4 equations are required.

However, there are two special situations.

- 1) If  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are combined in series node C is not needed.
- 2) A supernode surface can be placed around  $V_S$  to merge A and B and

Thus KCL is 
$$\frac{V_A}{R_1} + \frac{(V_A + V_S)}{R_2} + \frac{(V_A + V_S - V_D)}{R_3 + R_4} = 0$$

$$-\frac{(V_A + V_S - V_D)}{R_3 + R_4} + C \frac{\partial V_D}{\partial t} + \frac{V_D}{R_5} + I_{LOAD} = 0$$

These two equations contain only two unknowns  $V_A$  and  $V_D$  and only the resistance, capacitance,  $V_S$  and  $I_{LOAD}$ .

If  $V_C$  is included as a third variable then a third equation is needed.

If the current through  $V_S$  ( $I_{VS}$ ) is included then a fourth equation is needed and must be solved to eliminate  $I_{VS}$  as it is not an allowed parameter in the final expression.