

Appendix A

This appendix includes the *solutions and answers to end of segment self-assessment problems and questions.*

Segment 1 - Solutions

1. In an AC system, a voltage source $V(t) = 120\text{Sin}(377t + 0^\circ)$ volts, rms, sets up a current of $I(t) = 5\text{Sin}(377t + 45^\circ)$ amps, rms. Calculate the maximum values of voltage and current in this case.

Solution:

According the Eq. 1.2:

$$V_p = V_m = \sqrt{2}V_{\text{RMS}} = \sqrt{2}V_{\text{EFF}}$$

$$\therefore V_p = \sqrt{2}V_{\text{RMS}} = \sqrt{2}(115) = 163 \text{ V}$$

According the Eq. 1.5:

$$I_p = I_m = \sqrt{2}I_{\text{RMS}} = \sqrt{2}I_{\text{EFF}}$$

$$\therefore I_p = \sqrt{2}I_{\text{RMS}} = \sqrt{2}(5) = 7.1 \text{ A}$$

2. A phase conductor of a transmission line is one mile long and has a diameter of 1.5 inch. The conductor is composed of aluminum. Calculate the electrical resistance of this conductor.

Solution:

Solution Strategy: Since the resistivity value of aluminum, as stated in Segment 1, is in metric or SI unit system, the length and diameter specifications stated in this problem must be streamlined in metric units before application of Eq. 1.9 for determination of resistance in ohms (Ω s).

$$L = 1 \text{ mile} = 1,609 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Diameter} = 1.5 \text{ inch} = 0.0381\text{m}; \therefore R = \text{Radius} = D/2 = 0.019 \text{ m}$$

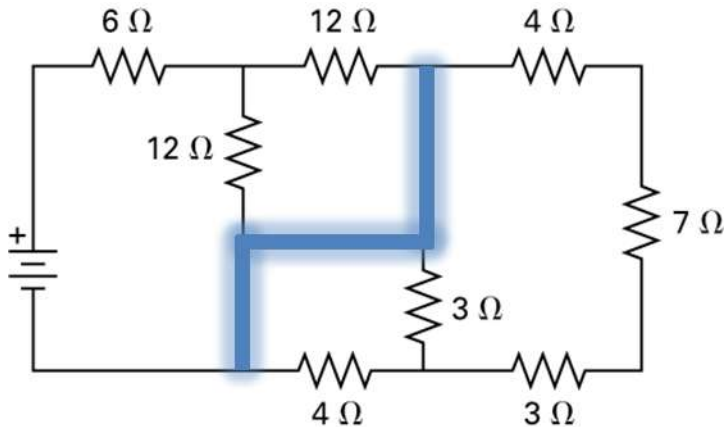
$$A = \text{Area of cross-section} = \pi \cdot R^2 = (3.14) \cdot (0.019)^2 = 0.00113\text{m}^2$$

$$\rho_{\text{aluminum}} = 28.2 \text{ n } \Omega\text{m} = 28.2 \times 10^{-9} \Omega\text{m}; \text{ given in Segment 1}$$

$$R = \rho \cdot \frac{L}{A} \quad \text{Eq. 1.9}$$

$$\therefore R = \rho \cdot \frac{L}{A} = 28.2 \times 10^{-9} \left(\frac{1609}{0.00113} \right) = 0.039 \Omega$$

3. What is the resistance of the following circuit as seen from the battery?



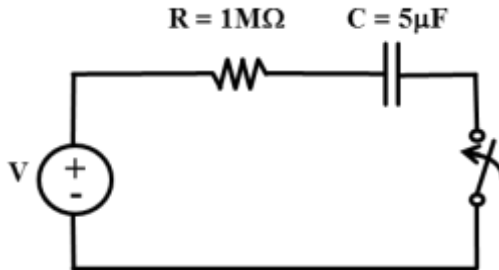
Solution:

No current will flow through the two 4Ω resistors, the two 3Ω resistors, or the 7Ω resistor. The current finds the path of least resistance through the highlighted short circuit segment of the circuit. Therefore, the circuit reduces to one 6Ω in series with two 12Ω in parallel.

$$R = 6 \Omega + \frac{(12 \Omega) \cdot (12 \Omega)}{(12 \Omega + 12 \Omega)}$$

$$R = 6 \Omega + 6 \Omega = 12 \Omega$$

4. Consider the RC circuit shown in the diagram below. The source voltage is 12V. The capacitor voltage is 2V before the switch is closed. The switch is closed at $t = 0$. What would the capacitor voltage be at $t = 5 \text{ sec}$?



Solution:

This particular case represents a capacitor charging scenario. Given the value of **R**, **C**, $v_c(0)$ and the source voltage **V**, Equation 1.18 allows us to calculate the voltage after an elapsed time “**t**,” during the capacitor charging phase.

$$v_c(t) = v_c(0) e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} + V(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}) \quad \text{Eq. 1.18}$$

Given:

$$\mathbf{R} = 1 \text{ M}\Omega = 1,000,000 \text{ }\Omega$$

$$\mathbf{C} = 5\mu\text{F} = 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}$$

$$v_c(0) = 2 \text{ V} = \text{Voltage across the capacitor at } t = 0$$

$$v_c(t) = \text{Voltage across the capacitor, at a given time } \mathbf{t} = ?$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \text{Voltage of the power source} = 12 \text{ V}$$

$$\mathbf{t} = 5 \text{ sec}$$

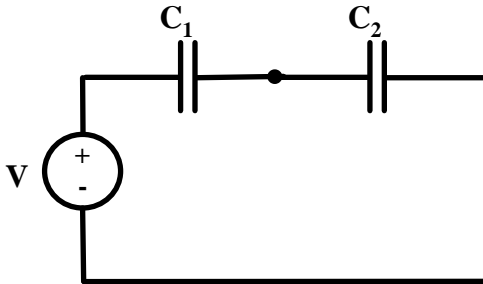
$$\tau = RC \text{ circuit time constant} = \mathbf{R.C}$$

$$= (1,000,000)(5 \times 10^{-6}) = 5 \text{ sec}$$

Substitute the given and derived values in Eq. 1.18:

$$\begin{aligned} v_c(t) &= v_c(0) \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} + 12 \cdot (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}) \\ &= (2\text{V}) \cdot (e^{-\frac{5}{5}}) + (12) \cdot (1 - e^{-\frac{5}{5}}) \\ &= (2\text{V}) \cdot (0.368) + (12) \cdot (0.632) \\ &= 0.736\text{V} + 7.585\text{V} \\ &= 8.32\text{V} \end{aligned}$$

5. Determine the equivalent capacitance for the DC circuit shown in the circuit diagram below if $C_1 = 5\mu\text{F}$ and $C_2 = 10\mu\text{F}$.



Solution:

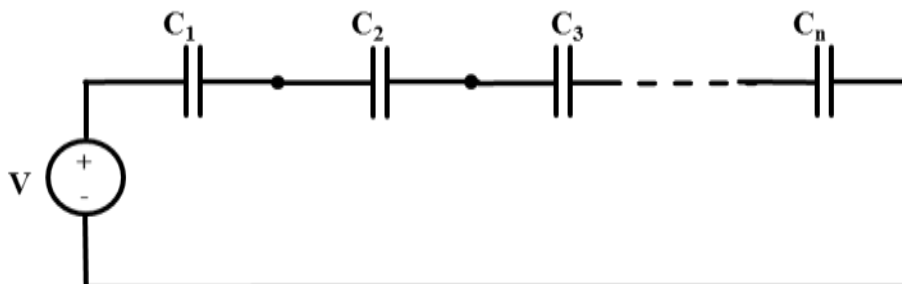
Application of Eq. 1.21 to the two capacitor series circuit shown in the given circuit diagram yields:

$$C_{EQ} = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$$

$$C_{EQ} = \frac{(5 \times 10^{-6})(10 \times 10^{-6})}{(5 \times 10^{-6}) + (10 \times 10^{-6})}$$

$$= 3.33 \times 10^{-6} = 3.33 \mu\text{F}$$

6. Determine the equivalent capacitance for the DC circuit shown below if this circuit consists of twenty $100\mu\text{F}$ capacitors in series.



Solution:

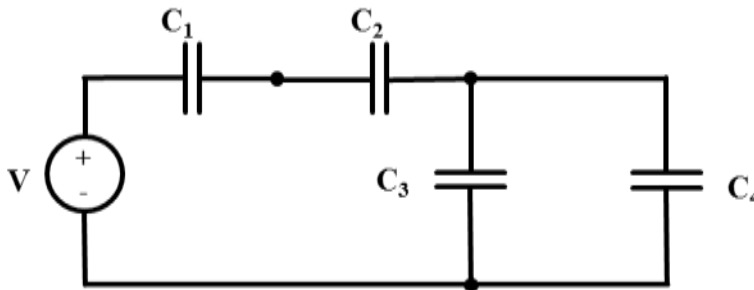
Apply Eq. 1.22 to “n” series capacitor circuit shown in diagram:

$$C_{EQ} = C_{EQ-n} = \frac{C}{n}$$

Where, $n = 20$ and $C = 100\mu\text{F}$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{EQ} &= \frac{100\mu\text{F}}{20} \\ &= 5\mu\text{F} \end{aligned}$$

7. Determine the equivalent capacitance in series and parallel combination circuit shown below. The capacitance values are: $C_1 = 10\mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = 10\mu\text{F}$, $C_3 = 20\mu\text{F}$, $C_4 = 20\mu\text{F}$.



Solution:

The capacitors in this circuit that lend themselves to linear combination are C_3 and C_4 . Therefore, the combined capacitance, C_{34} , would be:

$$C_{34} = C_3 + C_4 = 20\mu\text{F} + 20\mu\text{F} = 40\mu\text{F}$$

Then, by applying Eq.1.24 to this special hybrid capacitor combination case:

$$C_{EQ} = \frac{C_1 C_2 C_{34}}{C_1 C_2 + C_2 C_{34} + C_1 C_{34}}$$

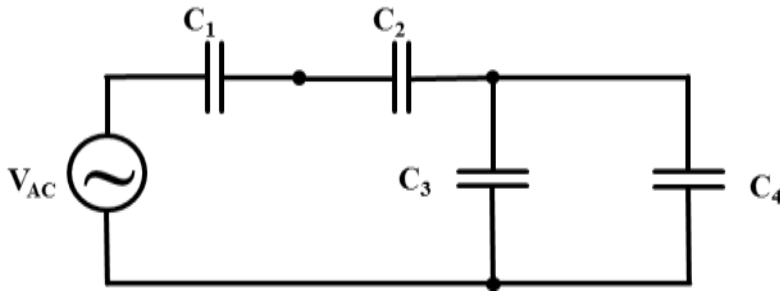
$$C_{EQ} = \frac{(10 \times 10^{-6})(10 \times 10^{-6})(40 \times 10^{-6})}{(10 \times 10^{-6})(10 \times 10^{-6}) + (10 \times 10^{-6})(40 \times 10^{-6}) + (10 \times 10^{-6})(40 \times 10^{-6})}$$

$$C_{EQ} = 4.44\mu\text{F}$$

8. Assume that the circuit in problem 6 is powered by a 60 Hz AC source instead of the DC source. Determine the total capacitive reactance, X_c , seen by the AC source.

Solution:

If the DC source is replaced by an AC source, the circuit would appear as follows:



As computed in problem 6, the combined or net capacitance contributed to the circuit by the parallel and series network of capacitors is $C_{EQ} = 4.44\mu\text{F}$. Then, by applying Eq.1.26:

$$X_c = \frac{1}{\omega C} = \frac{1}{2\pi f C}$$

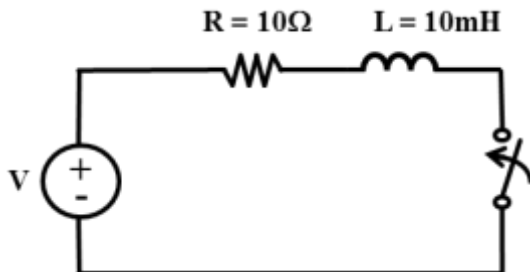
Where,

$$f = \text{frequency} = 60 \text{ Hz}$$

$$C_{EQ} = 4.44\mu\text{F}$$

$$X_c = \frac{1}{\omega C} = \frac{1}{2\pi f C} = \frac{1}{2(3.14)(60)(4.44 \times 10^{-6})} = 597\Omega$$

9. Consider the series RL circuit shown in the diagram below. The source voltage is 12V, $R = 10\Omega$ and $L = 10\text{mH}$. The switch is closed at $t = 0$. What would be magnitude of current flowing through this circuit at $t = 2\text{ms}$?



Solution:

In most series RL cases, the current value at a certain time “t” can be predicted through Eq. 1.31.

$$i_L(t) = i_R(t) = i(0)e^{-\frac{R}{L}t} + \frac{V}{R}(1 - e^{-\frac{R}{L}t})$$

Given:

$$t = 2 \times 10^{-3}\text{s}$$

$$L = 10 \times 10^{-3}\text{H}$$

$$R = 10\Omega$$

$$V = 12 \text{ V}$$

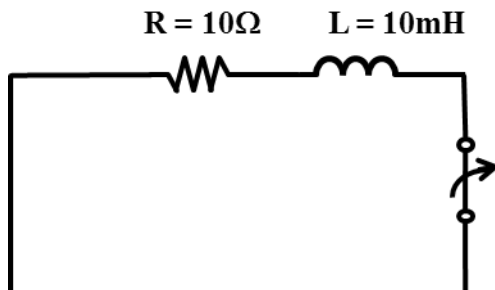
$$i(0) = 0$$

$$i_L(t) = (0)e^{-\frac{10}{0.01}(0.002)} + \frac{12}{10}(1 - e^{-\frac{10}{0.01}(0.002)})$$

$$i_L(t) = \frac{12}{10}(1 - e^{-\frac{10}{0.01}(0.002)})$$

$$i_L(t) = (1.2)(1 - 0.135) = 1.04 \text{ A}$$

10. Consider the series RL circuit given in problem 9, in discharge mode, with voltage source removed. Parameters such as $R = 10\Omega$ and $L = 10\text{mH}$, are the same. The switch has been closed for long period of time, such that the current has developed to the maximum or steady state level 1.04 A. How much time would need to elapse for the current to drop to 0.5 A after the switch is opened.



Solution:

Apply series RL current equation, **Eq. 1.31**.

$$i_L(t) = i_R(t) = i(0)e^{-\frac{R}{L}t} + \frac{V}{R}(1 - e^{-\frac{R}{L}t})$$

Given:

$$t = ?$$

$$L = 10 \times 10^{-3} \text{H}$$

$$R = 10\Omega$$

$$V = 0$$

$$i(0) = 1.04 \text{A}$$

$$i_L(t) = 0.5 \text{A}$$

$$i_L(t) = (0.5) = (1.04)e^{-\frac{10}{0.01}t} + (0)(1 - e^{-\frac{10}{0.01}t})$$

$$0.5 = (1.04)e^{-\frac{10}{0.01}t}$$

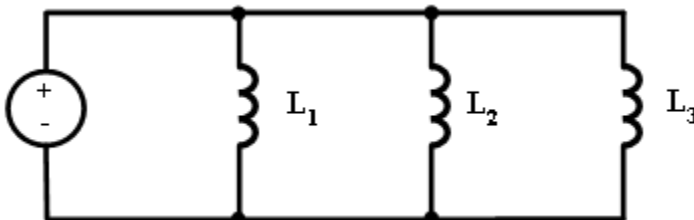
$$0.481 = e^{-\frac{10}{0.01}t}$$

$$\ln(0.481) = \ln(e^{-\frac{10}{0.01}t})$$

$$-.7324 = -1000t$$

$$t = 0.00073 \text{s or } 0.73 \text{ ms}$$

11. Determine the equivalent inductance L_{EQ} for three parallel inductor DC circuit shown in the diagram below if $L_1 = 2\text{mH}$, and $L_2 = 5\text{mH}$ and $L_3 = 20\text{mH}$.

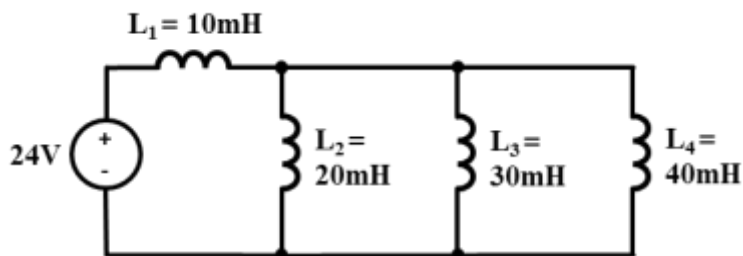
**Solution:**

Apply Eq. 1.36 to compute L_{EQ} for the three parallel inductor circuit.

$$L_{EQ} = \frac{L_1 L_2 L_3}{L_1 L_2 + L_2 L_3 + L_1 L_3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{EQ} &= \frac{(2\text{mH})(5\text{mH})(20\text{mH})}{(2\text{mH})(5\text{mH}) + (5\text{mH})(20\text{mH}) + (2\text{mH})(20\text{mH})} \\ &= 1.33\text{mH} \end{aligned}$$

12. Calculate the net or total inductance as seen from the 24V source vantage point in the circuit shown below.

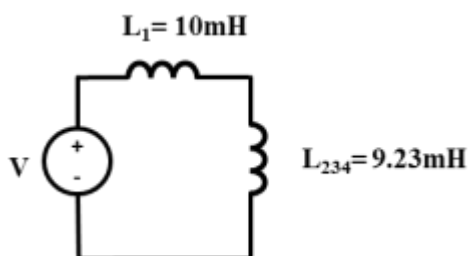


Solution:

Focus on the parallel combination of L_2 , L_3 , and L_4 , first. Apply Eq. 1.36 to calculate the equivalent inductance L_{234} for the three parallel inductors:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_{234} &= \frac{L_2 L_3 L_4}{L_2 L_3 + L_3 L_4 + L_2 L_4} \\
 &= \frac{(20\text{mH})(30\text{mH})(40\text{mH})}{(20\text{mH})(30\text{mH}) + (30\text{mH})(40\text{mH}) + (20\text{mH})(40\text{mH})} \\
 &= 9.23\text{mH}
 \end{aligned}$$

This reduces the circuit as shown below:



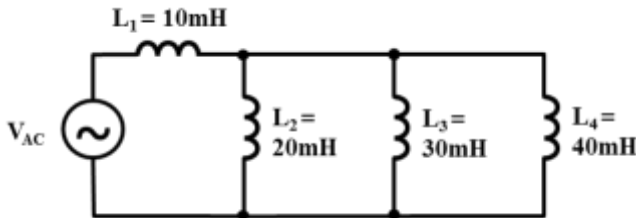
Inductors L_1 and L_{234} , in this reduced circuit, lend themselves to a linear combination. Therefore, the equivalent inductance L_{EQ} for the entire parallel and series inductor hybrid circuit would be:

$$L_{EQ} = L_1 + L_{234} = 10\text{H} + 9.23\text{H} = 19.23\text{ H}$$

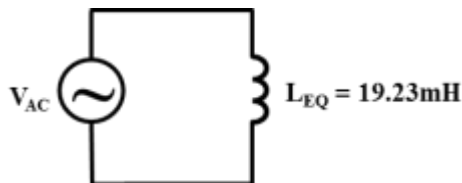
13. Assume that the circuit in Problem 12 is powered by a 60 Hz AC source. Calculate the inductive reactance, X_L , as seen by the AC voltage source.

Solution:

If the DC source is replaced by an AC source, the circuit would appear as follows:



L_{EQ} , as seen by the AC voltage source, is shown in the simplified equivalent circuit below:



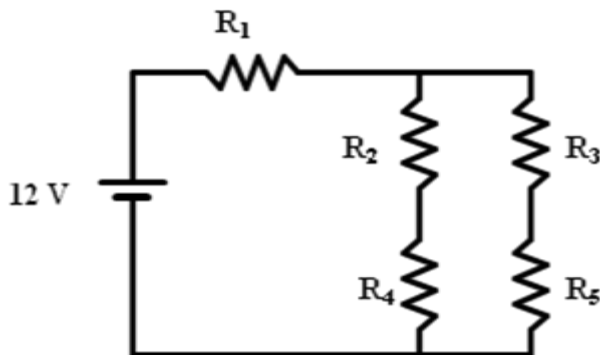
As computed in Problem 12, the combined or net inductance contributed to the circuit by the parallel and series network of inductors is $L_{EQ} = 19.23\text{ mH}$. Then, by applying Eq.1.37, the inductive reactance, X_{L-EQ} as seen by the AC voltage source V_{AC} , would be:

$$\begin{aligned} X_{L-EQ} &= \omega.L = (2\pi f).L_{EQ} \\ &= 2(3.14)(60\text{Hz})(19.23\text{mH}) \\ &= 7.25\ \Omega \end{aligned}$$

Segment 2 – Solutions

1. Determine the following for the DC circuit shown below if $R_1 = 5\Omega$, $R_2 = R_3 = 10\Omega$, and $R_4 = R_5 = 20\Omega$:

- Current flowing through resistor R_1
- Voltage across resistor R_5



Solution:

a) R_{eq} was derived in Example 1.2 as follows:

$$\text{Combination of } R_2 \text{ and } R_4 = R_{2,4} = R_2 + R_4 = 10\Omega + 20\Omega = 30\Omega$$

$$\text{Combination of } R_3 \text{ and } R_5 = R_{3,5} = R_3 + R_5 = 10\Omega + 20\Omega = 30\Omega$$

Combination of $R_{2,4}$ and $R_{3,5} =$

$$R_{2-5} = \frac{(30\Omega)(30\Omega)}{(30\Omega + 30\Omega)} = \frac{900}{60} = 15\Omega$$

$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_{2-5} = 5\Omega + 15\Omega = 20\Omega$$

Current through R_1 would be the same as the current through the 12V supply:

$$I = \frac{V}{R_{eq}} = \frac{12V}{20\Omega} = 0.6A$$

b) One method for determining V_{R5} , voltage across R_5 , is to first calculate V_{R2-5} , the voltage across the combined resistance of resistances R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , and R_5 . Then, by applying voltage division, calculate V_{R5} :

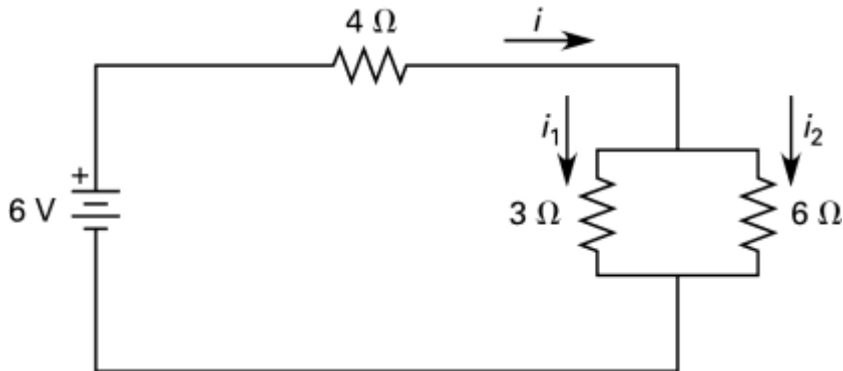
According to Ohm's law:

$$V_{R2-5} = I.(R_{2-5}) = (0.6A).(15\Omega) = 9V$$

Then, by applying the voltage division rule:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{R5} &= (9V). \left(\frac{R_5}{R_5 + R_3} \right) \\ &= (9V). \left(\frac{20\Omega}{20\Omega + 10\Omega} \right) \\ &= (9V).(0.67) = 6V \end{aligned}$$

2. What is the current through the 6 Ω resistor?



Solution:

Simplify the circuit.

$$3\Omega \text{ in parallel with } 6\Omega = 2\Omega$$

$$2\Omega \text{ in series with } 4\Omega = 6\Omega$$

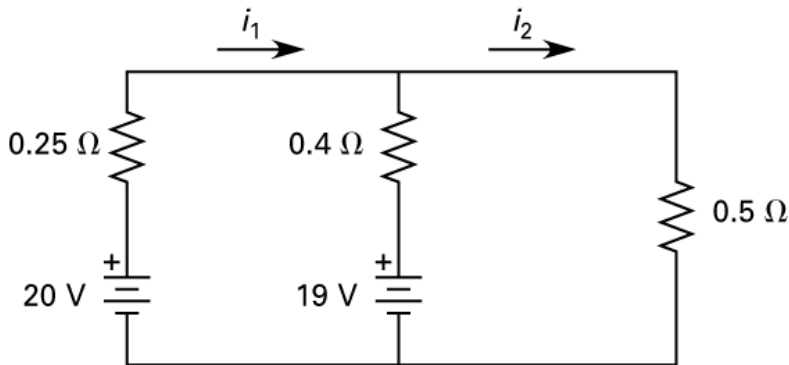
$$i = \frac{6V}{6\Omega} = 1A$$

$$R_{\text{parallel}} = 3 \Omega$$

$$R_{\text{total}} = 3 \Omega + 6 \Omega = 9 \Omega$$

$$i = (1 \text{ A}) \left(\frac{3 \Omega}{3 \Omega + 6 \Omega} \right) = 1/3 \text{ A}$$

3. Find the current through the 0.5Ω resistor.



Solution:

The voltage sources around the left loop are equal to the voltage drops across the resistances.

$$20 \text{ V} - 19 \text{ V} = 0.25 \Omega i_1 + 0.4 \Omega (i_1 - i_2)$$

The same is true for the right loop.

$$19 \text{ V} = 0.4 \Omega (i_2 - i_1) + 0.5 \Omega i_2$$

Solve two equations and for two unknowns, using the simultaneous equation method:

$$0.65 \Omega i_1 - 0.4 \Omega i_2 = 1 \text{ V}$$

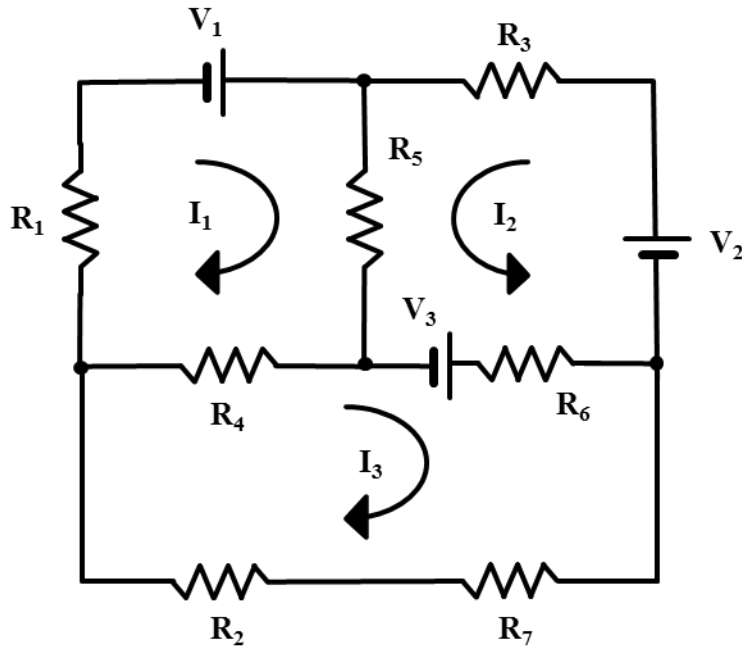
$$-0.4 \Omega i_1 + 0.9 \Omega i_2 = 19 \text{ V}$$

$$i_1 = 20 \text{ A}$$

$$i_2 = 30 \text{ A}$$

The current through the 0.5Ω resistor is 30A .

4. Determine the value of currents I_1 , I_2 and I_3 in the circuit shown below if the voltage source V_3 fails in short circuit mode. The specifications of all components are listed in the table below:



R_1	10Ω
R_2	2Ω
R_3	3Ω
R_4	4Ω
R_5	7Ω
R_6	3Ω
R_7	5Ω
V_1	20V
V_2	5V
V_3	12V

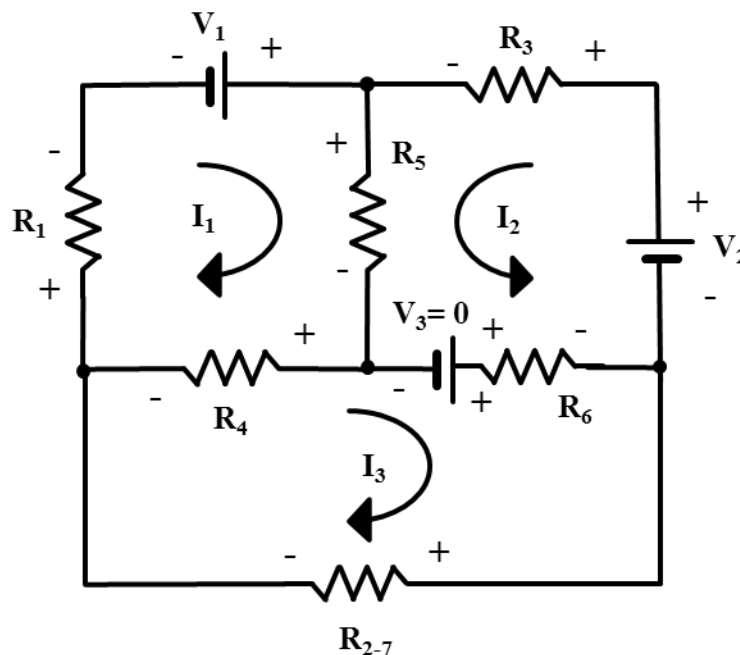
Solution:

Two noteworthy observations are in order before formulation of the three equations Necessary for the derivation of the three unknown currents:

- (1) Even though the stated value of voltage for source V_3 is 12V, the value used in the formulation of second and third loop equations would be 0V because, in this scenario, voltage source V_3 is assumed to have failed in short circuit mode.
- (2) As a matter of simplification, series resistors R_2 and R_7 are combined into one resistor R_{2-7}

$$R_{2-7} = R_2 + R_7 = 2\Omega + 5\Omega = 7\Omega$$

The revised, simplified, would then be:



The three simultaneous equations derived by applying KVL to loops 1, 2 and 3, as described in Example 2.5, are:

$$\begin{aligned} 21I_1 + 7I_2 - 4I_3 &= 20 \\ 7I_1 + 13I_2 + 3I_3 &= 5 \\ -4I_1 + 3I_2 + 14I_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

As in Example 2.5, apply the Cramer's rule to solve for the three unknown currents I_1 , I_2 and I_3 . The augmented matrix thus developed would be:

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} 21 & 7 & -4 & 20 \\ 7 & 13 & 3 & 5 \\ -4 & 3 & 14 & 0 \end{array} \right|$$

The coefficient matrix, denoted as \mathbf{A} , would be:

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc} 21 & 7 & -4 \\ 7 & 13 & 3 \\ -4 & 3 & 14 \end{array} \right|$$

The determinant of the coefficient matrix, denoted as $|\mathbf{A}|$, would be:

$$|\mathbf{A}| = 21\{(13 \times 14) - (3 \times 3)\} - 7\{(7 \times 14) - (-4 \times 3)\} - 4\{(7 \times 3) - (4 \times 13)\} = \mathbf{2571}$$

The determinant of the substitutional matrix, \mathbf{A}_1 , for determining the value of I_1 , is denoted as $|\mathbf{A}_1|$, and

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 20 & 7 & -4 \\ 5 & 13 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 14 \end{array} \right|$$

$$|\mathbf{A}_1| = 20\{(13 \times 14) - (3 \times 3)\} - 7\{(5 \times 14) - (0 \times 3)\} - 4\{(5 \times 3) - (0 \times 13)\} = \mathbf{2910}$$

The determinant of the substitutional matrix, \mathbf{A}_2 , for determining the value of I_2 , is denoted as $|\mathbf{A}_2|$, and

$$\mathbf{A}_2 = \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 21 & 20 & -4 \\ 7 & 5 & 3 \\ -4 & 0 & 14 \end{array} \right|$$

$$|\mathbf{A}_2| = 21\{(5 \times 14) - (0 \times 3)\} - 20\{(7 \times 14) - (-4 \times 3)\} - 4\{(7 \times 0) - (-4 \times 5)\} = \mathbf{-810}$$

The determinant of the substitutional matrix, \mathbf{A}_3 , for determining the value of I_3 , is denoted as $|\mathbf{A}_3|$, and

$$\mathbf{A}_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 21 & 7 & 20 \\ 7 & 13 & 5 \\ -4 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$|\mathbf{A}_3| = 21\{(13 \times 0) - (3 \times 5)\} - 7\{(7 \times 0) - (5 \times -4)\} + 20\{(7 \times 3) - (-4 \times 13)\} = \mathbf{1005}$$

Applying the Cramer's rule, the unknown variables, currents \mathbf{I}_1 , \mathbf{I}_2 and \mathbf{I}_3 , can be calculated by dividing the determinants of substitutional matrices \mathbf{A}_1 , \mathbf{A}_2 and \mathbf{A}_3 , respectively, by the determinant of the coefficient matrix \mathbf{A} .

Therefore,

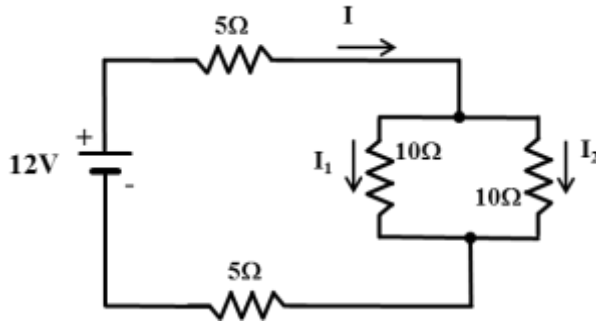
$$I_1 = \frac{|\mathbf{A}_1|}{|\mathbf{A}|} = 1.132 \text{ A}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{|\mathbf{A}_2|}{|\mathbf{A}|} = -0.315 \text{ A}$$

$$I_3 = \frac{|\mathbf{A}_3|}{|\mathbf{A}|} = 0.391 \text{ A}$$

Note: The negative sign for \mathbf{I}_2 indicates that the counterclockwise direction assumed for this current is incorrect and that the correct direction of the flow of current in loop 2 is clockwise.

5. Use current division to determine the value of current I_1 in the circuit below:



Solution:

We must determine the value of source current **I**, first. In order to determine the value of current **I** flowing through the source and the two 5Ω resistors, we must consolidate all resistors into an equivalent resistance **R_{EQ}** and then apply the Ohm's law.

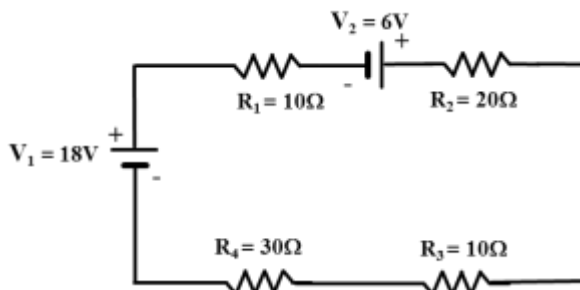
$$R_{EQ} = 5\Omega + \left(\frac{(10\Omega)(10\Omega)}{(10\Omega) + (10\Omega)} \right) + 5\Omega = 5\Omega + 5\Omega + 5\Omega = 15\Omega$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R_{EQ}} = \frac{12V}{15\Omega} = 0.8 \text{ A}$$

Apply current division formula in form of **Eq. 2.7**

$$I_{10\Omega} = I_1 = \left(\frac{R_{\text{parallel}}}{R_{\text{total}}} \right) \cdot I = \left(\frac{10\Omega}{10\Omega + 10\Omega} \right) \cdot (0.8\text{A}) = 0.4\text{A}$$

6. Using Kirchoff's Voltage Law, calculate the current circulating in the series resistor network below:

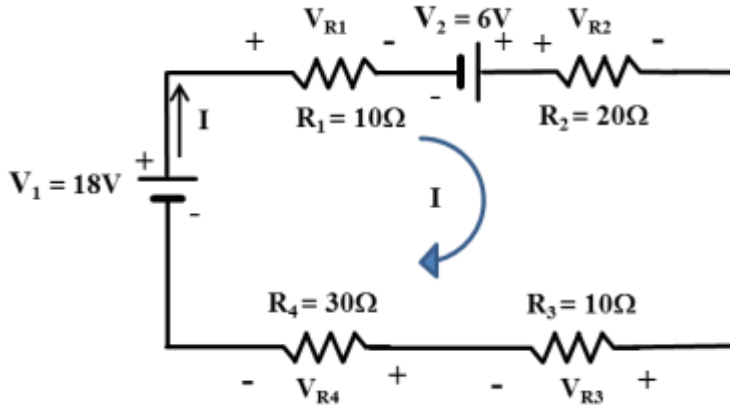


Solution:

This problem is similar to the Example 2.2, with following exceptions:

- 1) The two voltage sources are driving the current the same direction, i.e., clockwise.
- 2) There are four resistors in series instead of three.

Using the strategy described in Example 2.2 and preparing the circuit for KVL application, the circuit would appear as follows:



Apply the Ohm's law to define the voltages, or voltage drops, across the four resistors. **Note:** since all four of the resistors are in series, we *could* combine them into a single REQ before applying KVL. However, in this case we will keep resistors separate just to maintain consistency with the approach adopted in Example 2.2.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V_{R1} &= IR_1 = 10(I), & V_{R2} &= IR_2 = 20(I), \\ V_{R3} &= IR_3 = 10(I), & \text{and } V_{R4} &= IR_4 = 30(I) \end{aligned}$$

With all voltages – voltage source, voltage load and voltage drops across the resistors – identified and their polarities noted, apply KVL by “walking” the annotated circuit beginning at the cathode or negative electrode of the voltage source, V_{1s} . Add all voltages, with respective polarities, as you make a complete circle around the circuit, in the clockwise direction.

$$\Sigma V = 0$$

$$- 18V + 10(I) + -6V + 20(I) + 10(I) + 30(I) = 0$$

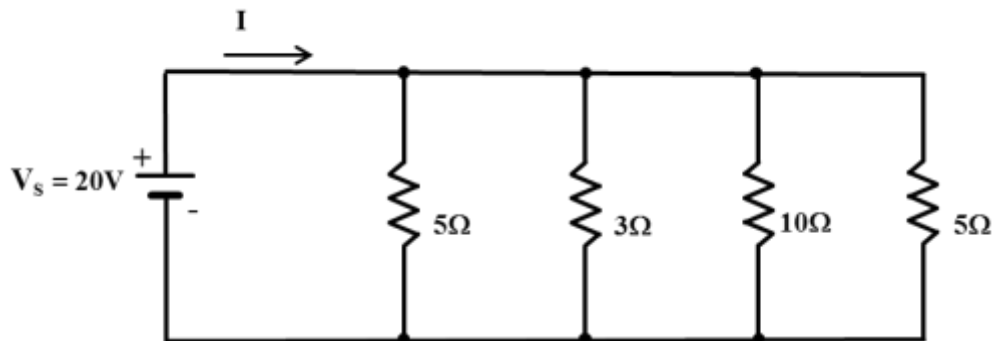
$$70(I) = 24V$$

$$\text{Or, } I = \frac{24}{70} = 0.343 \text{ A}$$

Ancillary exercise: Verify the derived value of current through the alternative, R_{EQ} and the Ohm's law method, as illustrated in Approach 1 of the solution for Example 2.2.

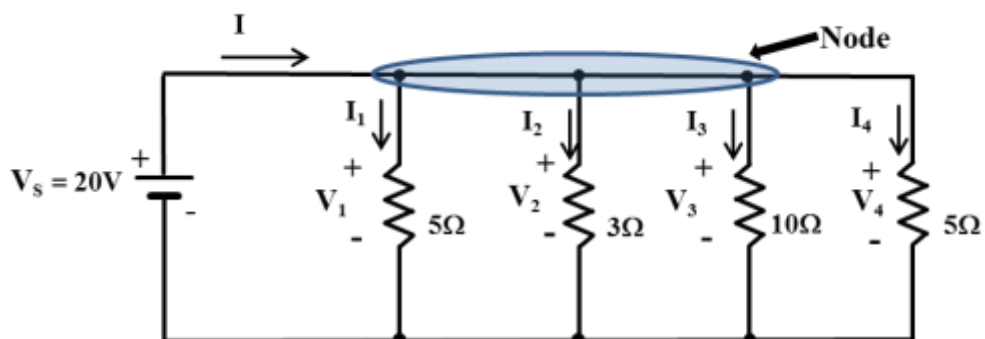
7. Determine the value of voltage source **current** in the parallel circuit below using KCL, Kirchhoff's Current Law.

Ancillary question: If one of the 5Ω resistors is removed (or replaced with an open circuit) and the other one is replaced with a short circuit, what would be the source current?



Solution:

KCL is applied to the given circuit after the node has been identified, circuit has been annotated with voltage designation, voltage polarity, branch currents and current directions. See circuit diagram below:



Subscribing to the definition of a node as a point where three or more conductors merge, the shaded segment in the diagram above is designated as the node for this circuit. Then, before applying KCL to determine the source

current - using the Ohm's law – define the individual currents through each of the resistors, in terms of the specific resistance values and the voltages around them:

$$I_1 = \frac{V_1}{R_1} \quad I_2 = \frac{V_2}{R_2} \quad I_3 = \frac{V_3}{R_3} \quad I_4 = \frac{V_4}{R_4}$$

Since all of the resistors are in parallel with the voltage source,

$$V_1 = V_2 = V_3 = V_4 = V_s = 20V$$

Therefore,

$$I_1 = \frac{20}{5} = 4A, \quad I_2 = \frac{20}{3} = 6.67A, \quad I_3 = \frac{20}{10} = 2A$$

$$I_4 = \frac{20}{5} = 4A$$

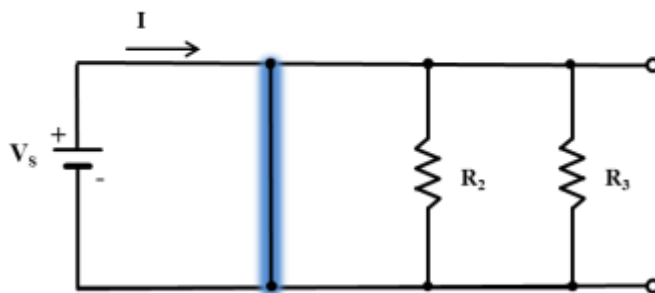
Then, application of KCL at the designated node yields the following equation:

$$I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4$$

Or,

$$I = 4A + 6.67A + 2A + 4A = 16.67A$$

Ancillary Question: If one of the 5Ω resistors is open-circuited and the other one short-circuited, the parallel resistor network would appear as follows:



The highlighted segment in the circuit above represents the short circuit that replaces R_1 . Since R_1 is replaced by a short circuit - regardless of the disposition of other circuit elements - it becomes a *path of least resistance* for the entire circuit. In other words, the voltage source is short-circuited. Interpreted in terms of the Ohm's law, this would mean:

$$I = \frac{V_s}{0} = \infty$$

Since infinite current is not practical, this means that a very large amount of current would pass through the shunt or short circuit resulting in a catastrophic failure (burning or melting) of the short circuiting conductor, the interconnecting wires or a fault in the voltage source.

Appendix B

Common Units and Unit Conversion Factors

Power

In the SI or Metric unit system, DC power or “real” **power** is traditionally measured in watts and:

$$\text{kW} = 1,000 \text{ Watts}$$

$$\text{MW} = 1,000,000 \text{ Watts} = 10^6 \text{ W}$$

$$\text{GW} = 1,000,000,000 \text{ Watts} = 10^9 \text{ W}$$

$$\text{TW} = 10^{12} \text{ W}$$

Where k = 1000, M = 1000,000, G = 1 billion, and T = 1 trillion.

Some of the more common **power conversion factors** that are used to convert between SI System and US system of units are listed below:

$$1.055 \text{ kJ/s} = 1.055 \text{ kW} = 1 \text{ BTU/s}$$

$$1\text{-hp} = \text{One hp} = 746 \text{ Watts}$$

$$= 746 \text{ J/s}$$

$$= 746 \text{ N-m/s}$$

$$= 0.746 \text{ kW}$$

$$= 550 \text{ ft-lbf/sec}$$

Energy

In the SI or Metric unit system, DC energy or “real” **energy** is traditionally measured in Wh, kWh, MWh, GWh, TWh (10^{12} Wh).

$$\text{kWh} = 1,000 \text{ Watt-hours}$$

$$\text{MWh} = 1,000,000 \text{ Watt-hour} = 10^6 \text{ Wh}$$

$$\text{GWh} = 1,000,000,000 \text{ Watt-hours} = 10^9 \text{ Wh}$$

$$\text{TWh} = 10^{12} \text{ Wh}$$

Some mainstream conversion factors that can be used to convert electrical energy units within the SI realm or between the SI and US realms are referenced below:

1000 kW x 1h = 1 MWh

1 BTU = 1055 J = 1.055 kJ

1 BTU = 778 ft-lbf

Energy, Work and Heat Conversion Factors:

Energy, Work or Heat		
Btu	1.05435	kJ
Btu	0.251996	kcal
Calories (cal)	4.184	Joules (J)
ft-lbf	1.355818	J
ft-lbf	0.138255	kgf-m
hp-hr	2.6845	MJ
KWH	3.6	MJ
m-kgf	9.80665	J
N-m	1	J

Power Conversion Factors:

Power		
Btu/hr	0.292875	Watt (W)
ft-lbf/s	1.355818	W
Horsepower (hp)	745.6999	W
Horsepower	550.*	ft-lbf/s

Temperature Conversion Factors/Formulas:

Temperature		
Fahrenheit	$(^{\circ}\text{F}-32) / 1.8$	Celsius
Fahrenheit	$^{\circ}\text{F}+459.67$	Rankine
Celsius	$^{\circ}\text{C}+273.16$	Kelvin
Rankine	$\text{R}/1.8$	Kelvin

Common Electrical Units, their components and nomenclature:

Force	Newton	N	kg m s^{-2}
Energy	joule	J	$\text{kg m}^2 \text{s}^{-2}$
Power	watt	W	$\text{kg m}^2 \text{s}^{-3}$
Frequency	hertz	Hz	s^{-1}
Charge	coulomb	C	A s
Capacitance	farad	F	$\text{C}^2 \text{s}^2 \text{kg}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$
Magnetic Induction	tesla	T	$\text{kg A}^{-1} \text{s}^{-2}$

Common Unit Prefixes:

1.00E-12	pico	p
1.00E-09	nano	n
1.00E-06	micro	μ
1.00E-03	milli	m
1.00E+03	kilo	k
1.00E+06	mega	M
1.00E+09	giga	G
1.00E+12	tera	T

Wire Size Conversions:

A circular mil can be defined as a unit of area, equal to the area of a circle with a diameter of one mil (one thousandth of an inch), depicted as:



1 circular mil is approximately equal to:

- 0.7854 square mils (1 square mil is about 1.273 circular mils)
- 7.854×10^{-7} square inches (1 square inch is about 1.273 million circular mils)
- $5.067 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2$
- $506.7 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^2$

1000 circular mils = 1 MCM or 1 kcmil, and is (approximately) equal to:

- 0.5067 mm^2 , so $2 \text{ kcmil} \approx 1 \text{ mm}^2$

AWG to Circular Mil Conversion

The formula to calculate the circular mil for any given AWG (American Wire Gage) size is as follows:

A_n represents the circular mil area for the AWG size n .

$$A_n = \left(5 \times 92^{\frac{36-n}{39}} \right)^2$$

For example, a AWG number 12 gauge wire would use $n = 12$; and the calculated result would be 6529.946789 circular mils

Circular Mil to mm² and Diameter (mm or in) Conversion:

kcmil or, MCM	mm ²	Diameter	
		in.	mm
250	126.7	0.5	12.7
300	152	0.548	13.91
350	177.3	0.592	15.03
400	202.7	0.632	16.06
500	253.4	0.707	17.96
600	304	0.775	19.67
700	354.7	0.837	21.25
750	380	0.866	22
800	405.4	0.894	22.72
900	456	0.949	24.1
1000	506.7	1	25.4
1250	633.4	1.118	28.4
1500	760.1	1.225	31.11
1750	886.7	1.323	33.6
2000	1013.4	1.414	35.92

Appendix C – Greek Symbols Commonly Used in Electrical Engineering

Greek Alphabet			
	Alpha	Nu	Nu
Αα		Ξξ	Xi
Ββ	Beta	Οο	Omicron
Γγ	Gamma	Ππ	Pi
Δδ	Delta	Ρρ	Rho
Εε	Epsilon	Σσς	Sigma
Ζζ	Zeta	Ττ	Tau
Ηη	Eta	Υυ	Upsilon
Θθ	Theta	Φφ	Phi
Ιι	Iota	Χχ	Chi
Κκ	Kappa	Ψψ	Psi
Λλ	Lambda	Ωω	Omega
Μμ	Mu		