

# SERIES PARALLEL RESISTOR COMBINATIONS

UP TO NOW WE HAVE STUDIED CIRCUITS THAT CAN BE ANALYZED WITH ONE APPLICATION OF KVL(SINGLE LOOP) OR KCL(SINGLE NODE-PAIR)

WE HAVE ALSO SEEN THAT IN SOME SITUATIONS IT IS ADVANTAGEOUS TO COMBINE RESISTORS TO SIMPLIFY THE ANALYSIS OF A CIRCUIT

NOW WE EXAMINE SOME MORE COMPLEX CIRCUITS WHERE WE CAN SIMPLIFY THE ANALYSIS USING THE TECHNIQUE OF COMBINING RESISTORS...

... PLUS THE USE OF OHM'S LAW

## SERIES COMBINATIONS

$$R_S = R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N$$

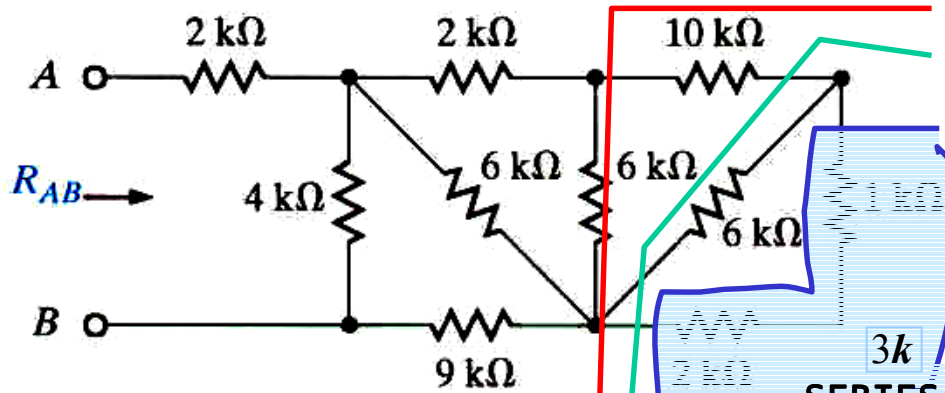
## PARALLEL COMBINATION

$$\frac{1}{R_p} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_N}$$

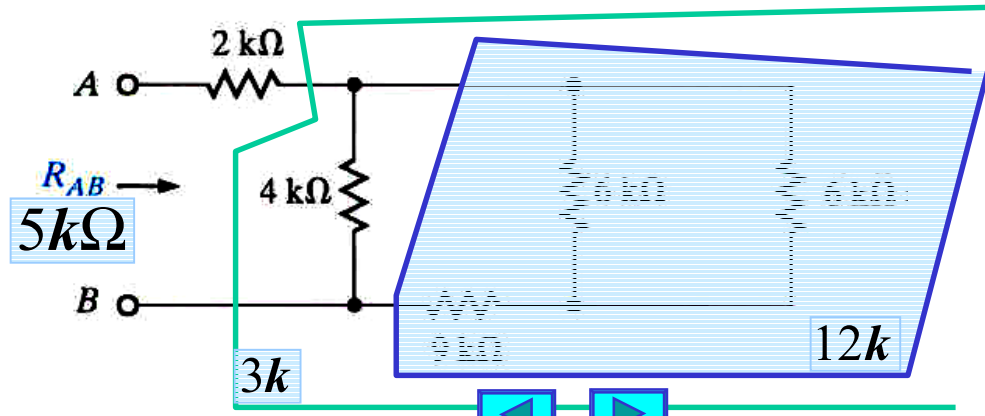
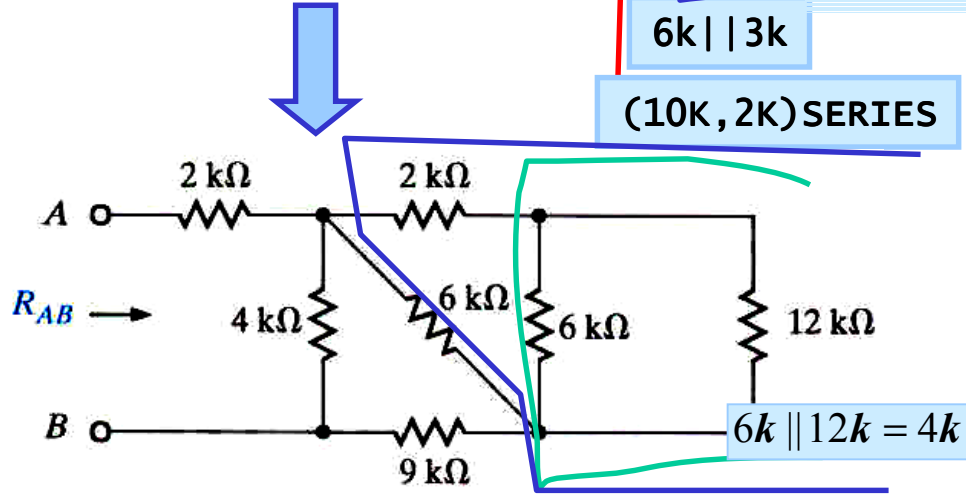
$$G_p = G_1 + G_2 + \dots + G_N$$



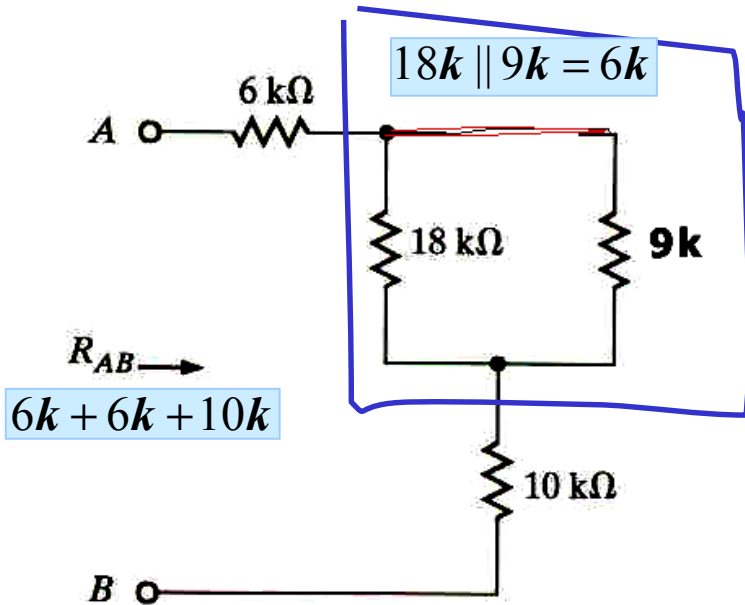
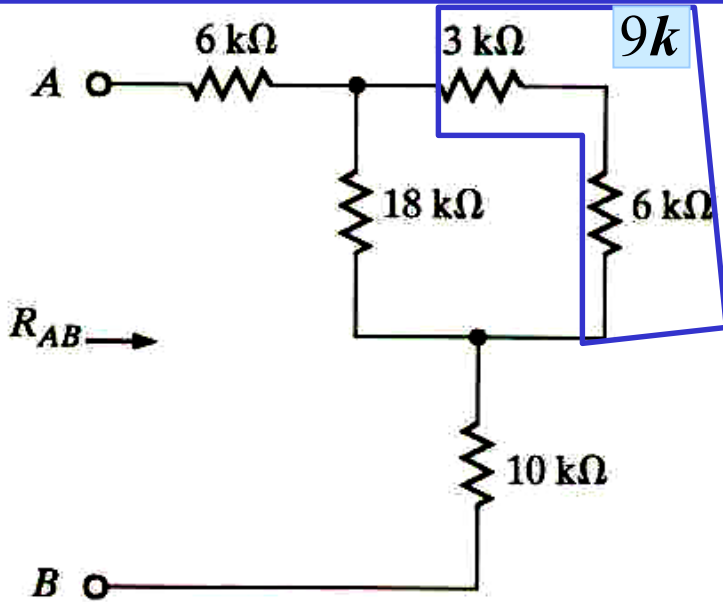
FIRST WE PRACTICE COMBINING RESISTORS



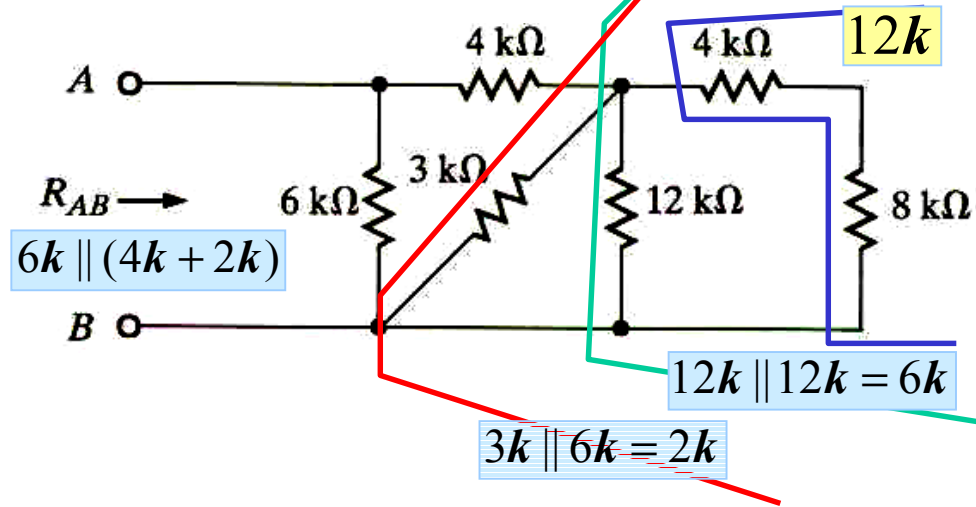
$6\text{ k} \parallel 3\text{ k}$   
 SERIES  
 (10K, 2K) SERIES



# EXAMPLES COMBINATION SERIES-PARALLEL



## AN EXAMPLE WITHOUT REDRAWING

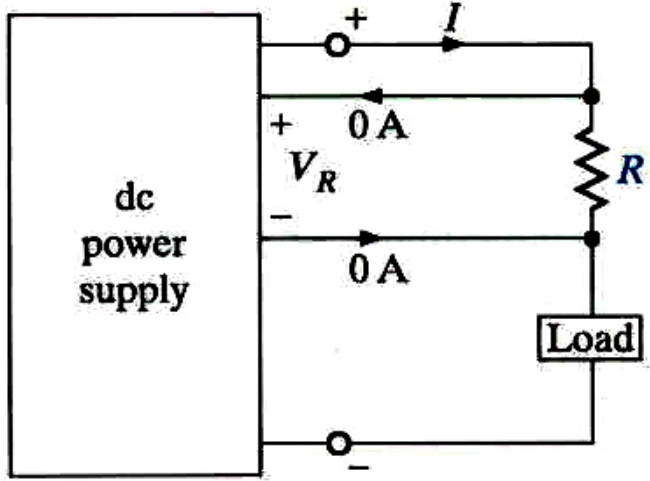


RESISTORS ARE IN SERIES IF THEY CARRY EXACTLY THE SAME CURRENT

RESISTORS ARE IN PARALLEL IF THEY ARE CONNECTED EXACTLY BETWEEN THE SAME TWO NODES



# AN "INVERSE SERIES PARALLEL COMBINATION"



## SIMPLE CASE

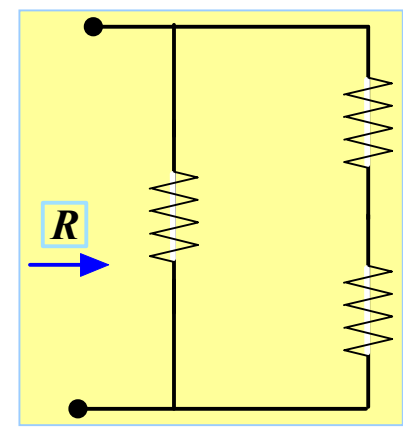
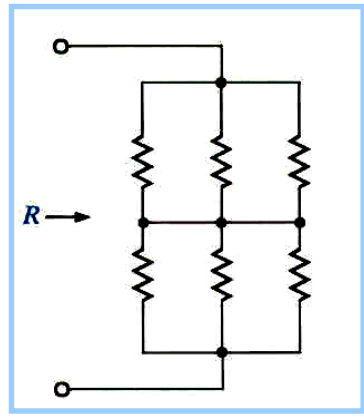
$V_R$  MUST BE 600mV WHEN  $I = 3A$   
 ONLY 0.1Ω RESISTORS ARE AVAILABLE

REQUIRED  $R = \frac{.6V}{3A} = 0.2\Omega \Rightarrow R = 0.1\Omega + 0.1\Omega$

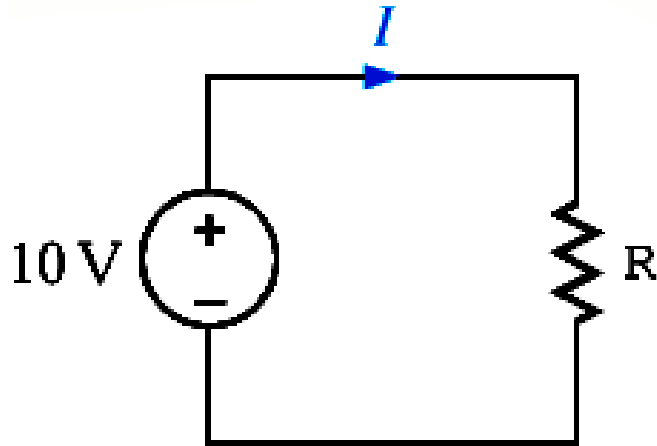
## NOT SO SIMPLE CASE

$V_R$  MUST BE 600mV WHEN  $I = 9A$   
 ONLY 0.1Ω RESISTORS ARE AVAILABLE

REQUIRED  $R = \frac{.6V}{9A} = 0.0667\Omega \Rightarrow$



## EFFECT OF RESISTOR TOLERANCE



NOMINAL RESISTOR VALUE:  $2.7\text{k}\Omega$   
RESISTOR TOLERANCE: 10%

RANGES FOR CURRENT AND POWER?

NOMINAL CURRENT:  $I = \frac{10}{2.7} = 3.704\text{mA}$

NOMINAL POWER:  $P = \frac{(10)^2}{2.7} = 37.04\text{mW}$

MINIMUM CURRENT:  $I_{\min} = \frac{10}{1.1 \times 2.7} = 3.367\text{mA}$

MINIMUM POWER ( $V_{I_{\min}}$ ):  $33.67\text{mW}$

MAXIMUM CURRENT:  $I_{\max} = \frac{10}{0.9 \times 2.7} = 4.115\text{mA}$

MAXIMUM POWER:  $41.15\text{mW}$

THE RANGES FOR CURRENT AND POWER ARE DETERMINED BY THE TOLERANCE BUT THE PERCENTAGE OF CHANGE MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM THE PERCENTAGE OF TOLERANCE. THE RANGES MAY NOT EVEN BE SYMMETRIC



## CIRCUIT WITH SERIES-PARALLEL RESISTOR COMBINATIONS

THE COMBINATION OF COMPONENTS CAN REDUCE THE COMPLEXITY OF A CIRCUIT AND RENDER IT SUITABLE FOR ANALYSIS USING THE BASIC TOOLS DEVELOPED SO FAR.

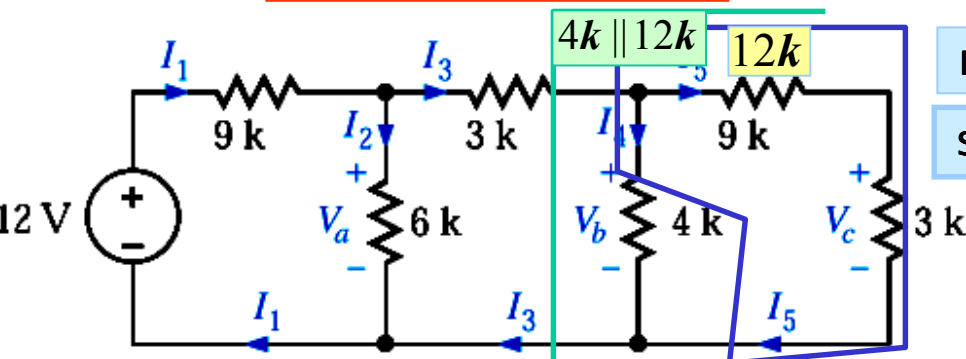
COMBINING RESISTORS IN SERIES ELIMINATES ONE NODE FROM THE CIRCUIT.  
COMBINING RESISTORS IN PARALLEL ELIMINATES ONE LOOP FROM THE CIRCUIT

### GENERAL STRATEGY:

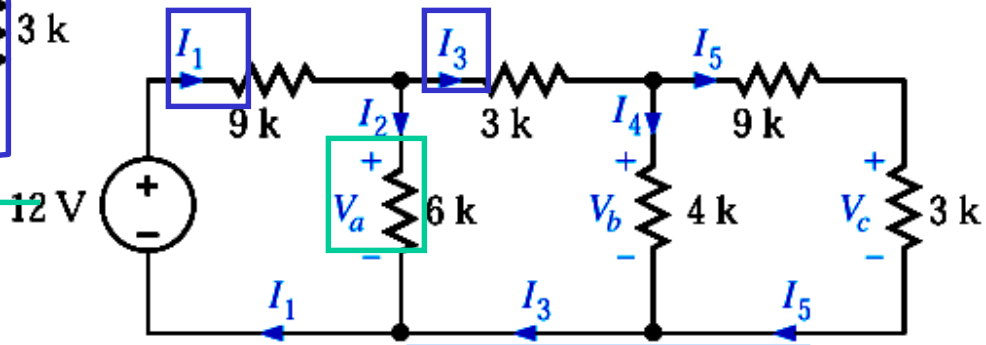
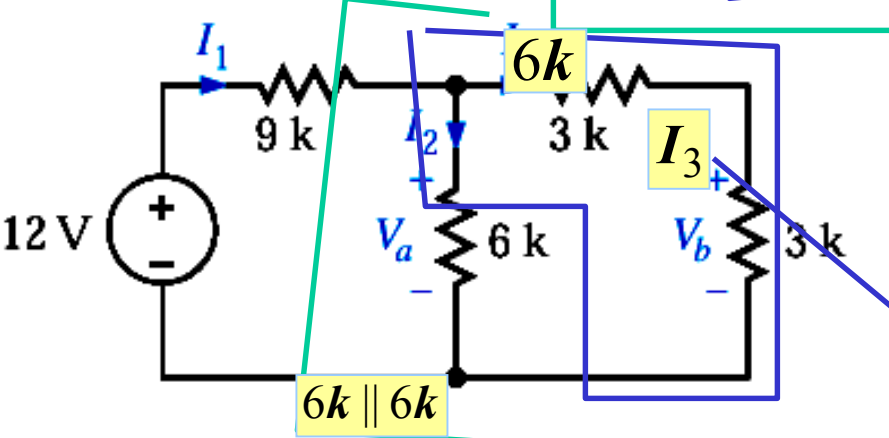
- REDUCE COMPLEXITY UNTIL THE CIRCUIT BECOMES SIMPLE ENOUGH TO ANALYZE.
- USE DATA FROM SIMPLIFIED CIRCUIT TO COMPUTE DESIRED VARIABLES IN ORIGINAL CIRCUIT - HENCE ONE MUST KEEP TRACK OF ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VARIABLES



We wish to find all the currents and voltages labeled in the ladder network shown



FIRST REDUCE IT TO A SINGLE LOOP CIRCUIT  
 SECOND: "BACKTRACK" USING KVL, KCL OHM'S



OHM'S:  $I_2 = \frac{V_a}{6k}$

OHM'S:  $V_b = 3k * I_3$

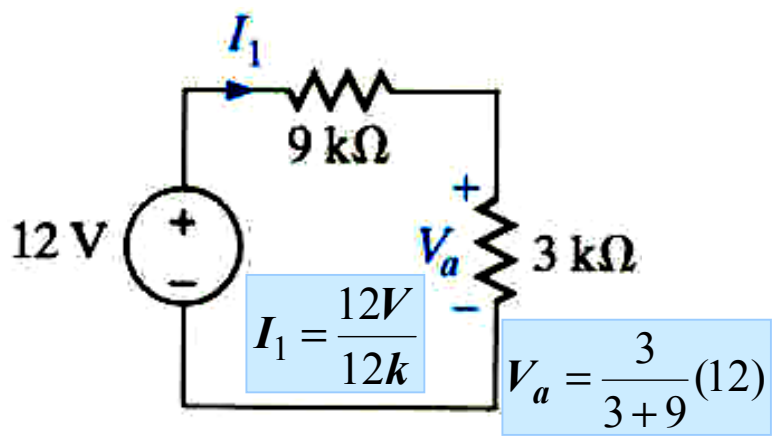
KCL:  $I_1 - I_2 - I_3 = 0$

...OTHER OPTIONS...

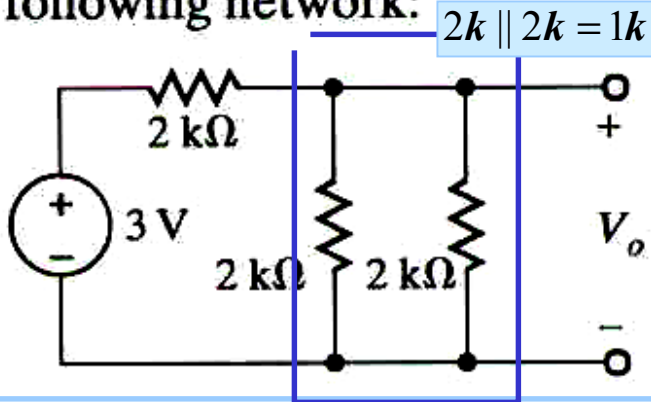
$I_4 = \frac{12}{4+12} I_3$   
 $V_b = 4k * I_4$

KCL:  $I_5 + I_4 - I_3 = 0$

OHM'S:  $V_c = 3k * I_5$



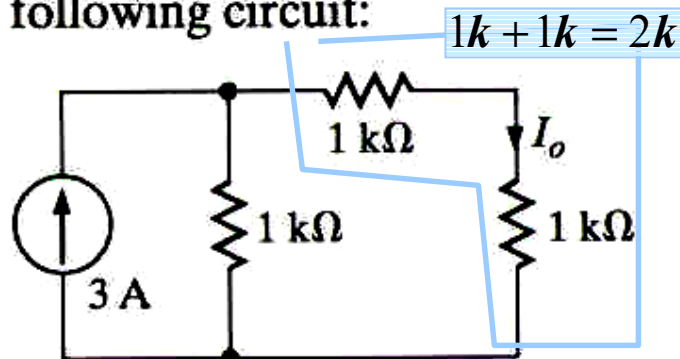
Find  $V_o$  in the following network:



VOLTAGE DIVIDER:  $V_o = \frac{1k}{1k + 2k}(3V) = 1V$

## LEARNING BY DOING

Find  $I_o$  in the following circuit:

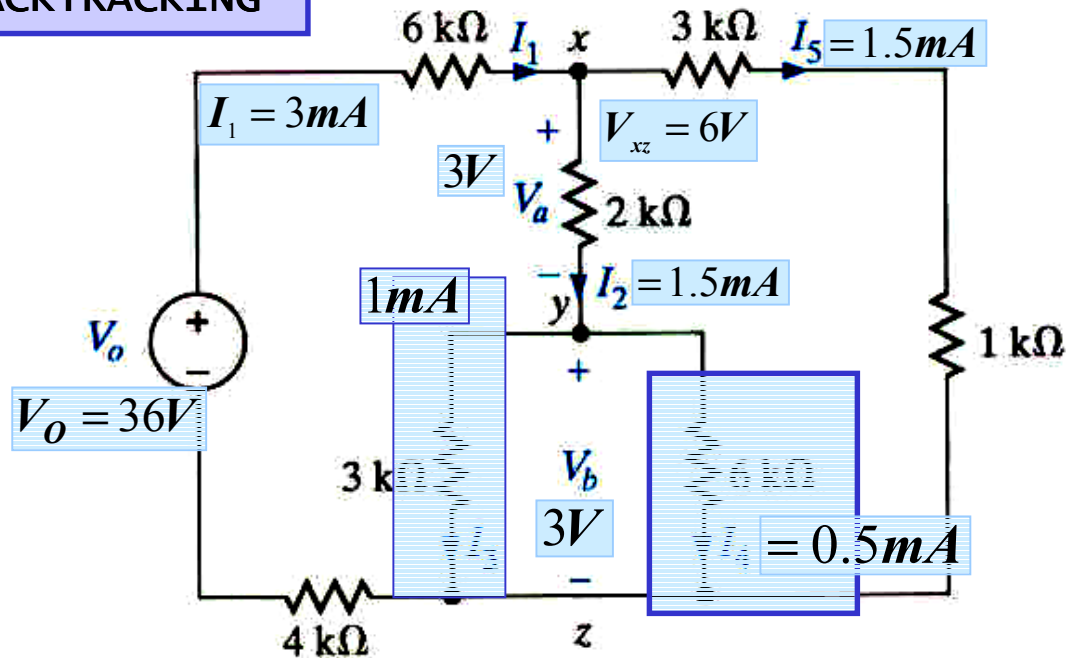


CURRENT DIVIDER:  $I_o = \frac{1k}{1k + 2k}(3A) = 1A$





# AN EXAMPLE OF "BACKTRACKING"



$I_4 = \frac{1}{2} \text{ mA}$ , let us find the source voltage  $V_o$ .

**A STRATEGY. ALWAYS ASK: "WHAT ELSE CAN I COMPUTE?"**

$$V_b = 6k * I_4$$

$$I_3 = \frac{V_b}{3k}$$

$$I_2 = I_3 + I_4$$

$$V_a = 2k * I_2$$

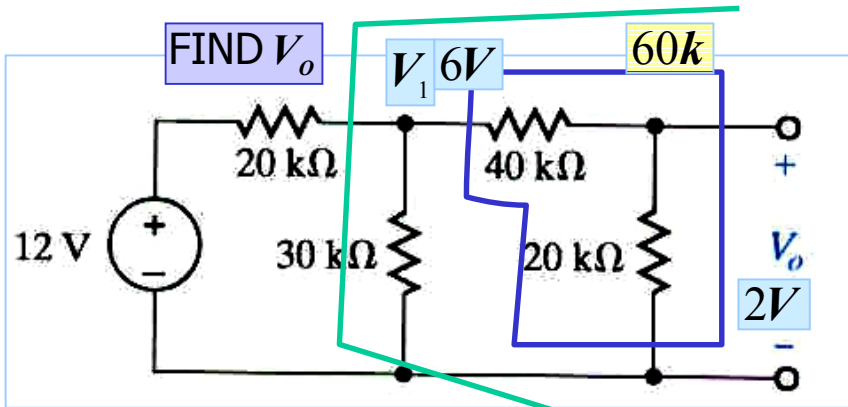
$$V_{xz} = V_a + V_b$$

$$I_5 = \frac{V_{xz}}{4k}$$

$$I_1 = I_2 + I_5$$

$$V_o = 6k * I_1 + V_{xz} + 4k * I_1$$





FIND  $V_o$

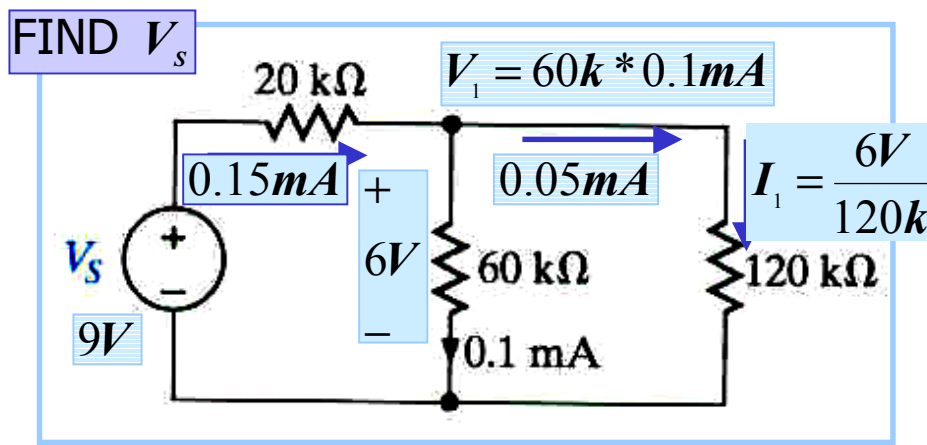
$V_1 = 6V$

60k

$V_o$   
2V

STRATEGY: FIND  $V_1$   
USE VOLTAGE DIVIDER

$30k \parallel 60k = 20k$



FIND  $V_s$

$V_1 = 60k * 0.1mA$

0.15mA

0.05mA

$I_1 = \frac{6V}{120k}$

$V_s$   
9V

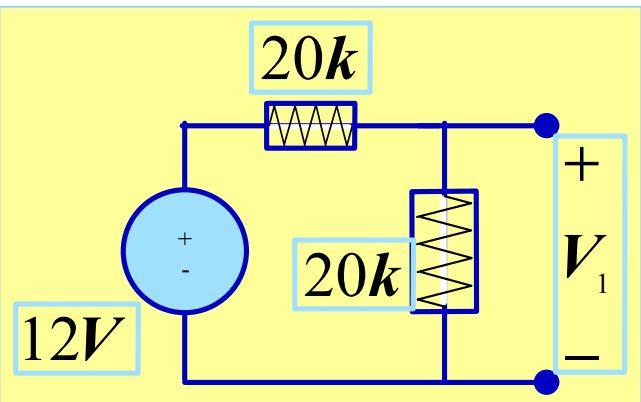
6V

60k

120k

THIS IS AN INVERSE PROBLEM  
WHAT CAN BE COMPUTED?

$V_s = 20k * 0.15mA + 6V$



20k

20k

12V

$V_1$

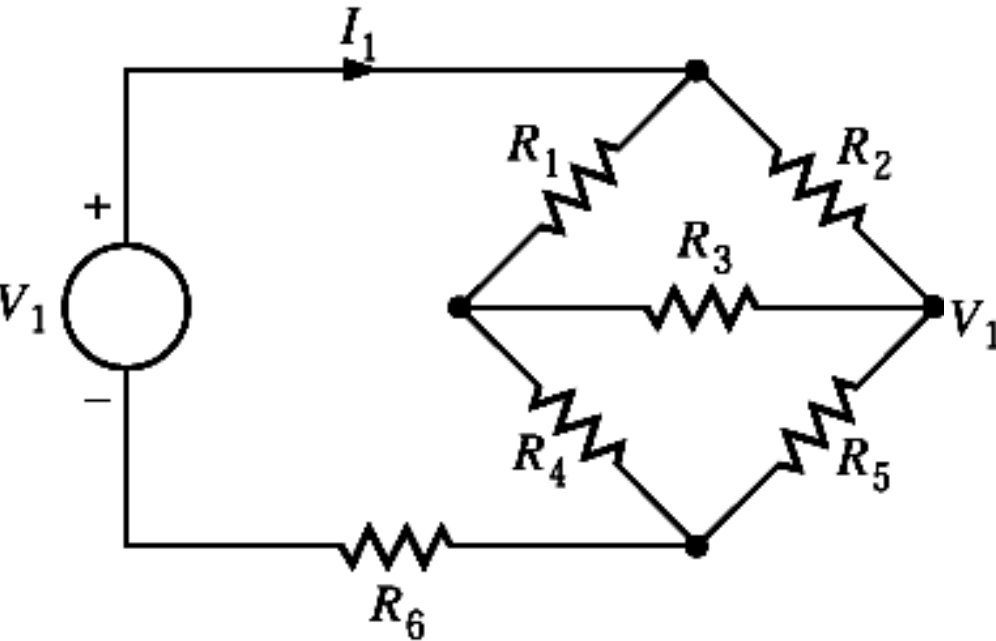
$= \frac{20k}{20k + 20k} (12) = 6V$

VOLTAGE DIVIDER  
 $V_o = \frac{20k}{20k + 40k} V_1$

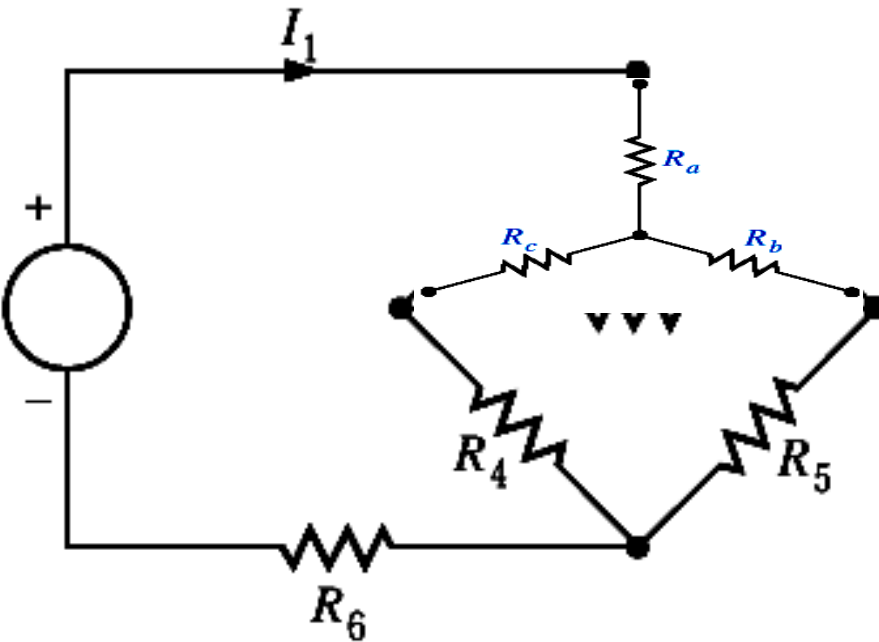
SERIES  
PARALLEL



# Y – Δ TRANSFORMATIONS

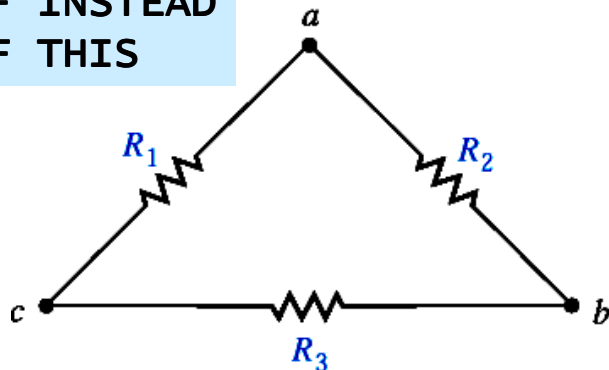


THIS CIRCUIT HAS NO RESISTOR IN SERIES OR PARALLEL

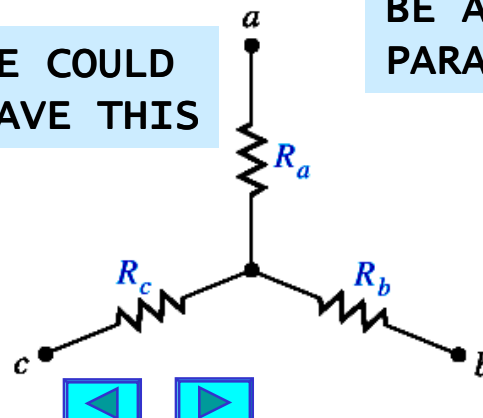


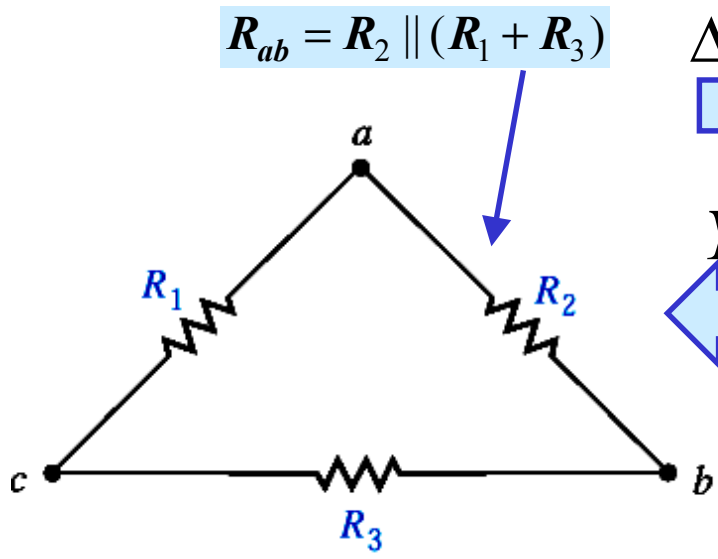
THEN THE CIRCUIT WOULD BECOME LIKE THIS AND BE AMENABLE TO SERIES PARALLEL TRANSFORMATIONS

IF INSTEAD OF THIS



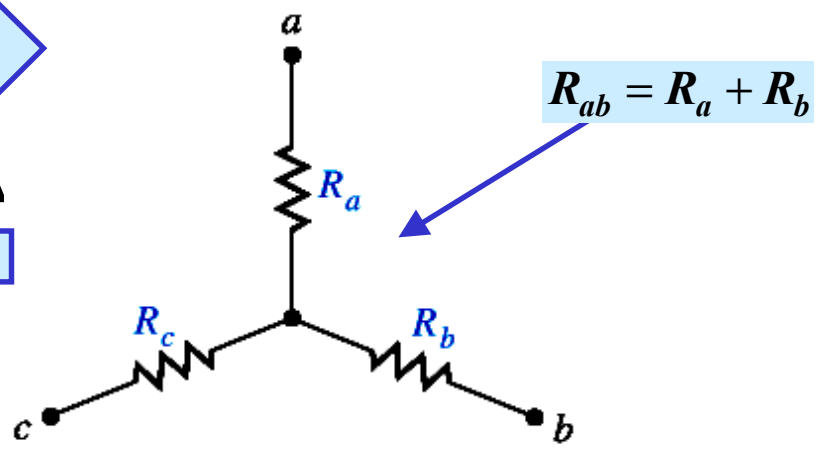
WE COULD HAVE THIS





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$$R_a + R_b = \frac{R_2(R_1 + R_3)}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$R_a = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$\frac{R_a}{R_b} = \frac{R_1}{R_3} \Rightarrow R_3 = \frac{R_b R_1}{R_a}$$

$$\frac{R_b}{R_c} = \frac{R_2}{R_1} \Rightarrow R_2 = \frac{R_b R_1}{R_c}$$

$$R_b + R_c = \frac{R_3(R_1 + R_2)}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$R_b = \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

REPLACE IN THE THIRD AND SOLVE FOR R1

$$R_c + R_a = \frac{R_1(R_2 + R_3)}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$R_c = \frac{R_3 R_1}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$R_1 = \frac{R_a R_b + R_b R_c + R_c R_a}{R_b}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{R_a R_b + R_b R_c + R_c R_a}{R_c}$$

$$R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b + R_b R_c + R_c R_a}{R_a}$$

$Y - \Delta$

SUBTRACT THE FIRST TWO THEN ADD TO THE THIRD TO GET Ra



# LEARNING EXAMPLE: APPLICATION OF WYE-DELTA TRANSFORMATION

