

# Lecture 5 - Nodal analysis

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Today → Chapter 4: Node voltage  
method @ Nodal Analysis

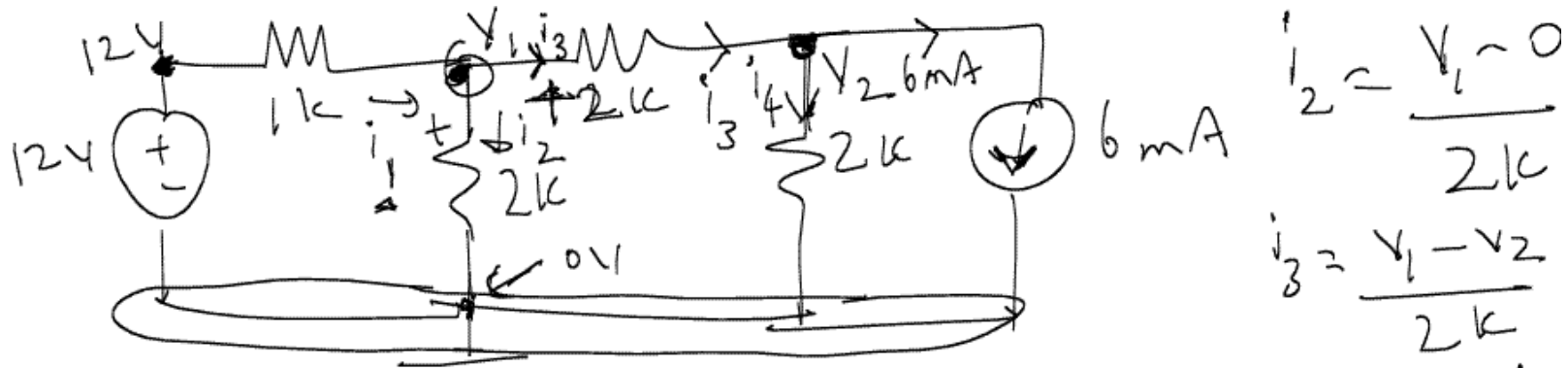
Read section 4.1  $\rightarrow$  I won't be  
talking about essential nodes etc  
because you don't need it!

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Goal of nodal analysis: Find unknown  
voltages in a circuit.

Consider the following circuit:

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$$i_2 = \frac{v_2 - 0}{2k}$$

$$i_3 = \frac{v_1 - v_2}{2k}$$

(Q:) Solve circuit above using nodal analysis.

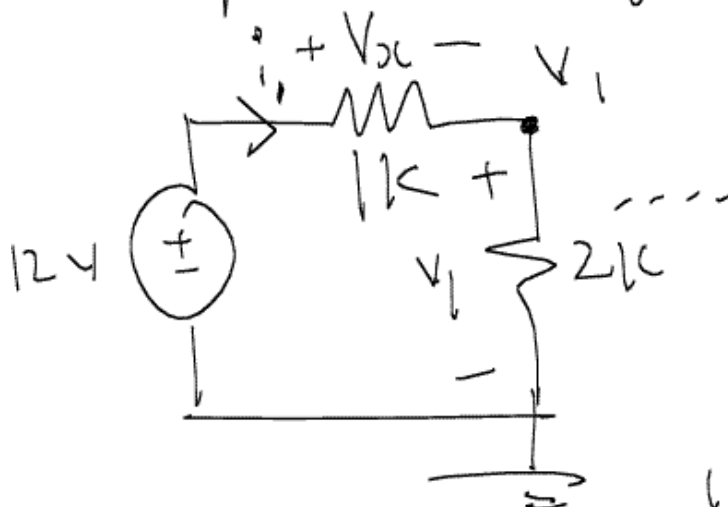
Sol: Step 1: Label/reference node!  
Pick

Step 2: Label unknown node voltages

Step 3: Write KCL at each unknown node.  
: KCL @ v1:  $i_1 = i_2 + i_3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$

KCC @  $v_2$ :  $i_3 = i_4 + 6\text{mA}$

Step 4: Rewrite KCC equations from Step 3 using unknown node voltages.



$$i_1 = \frac{v_x}{1k}$$

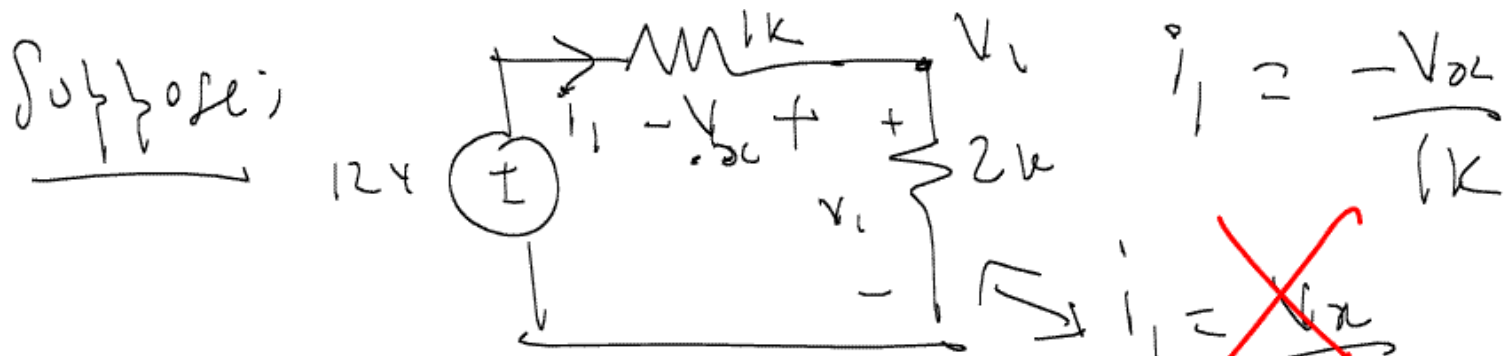
Recall ohm's law:  $v = iR$

KVL:

$$12 - v_{DC} - v_1 = 0$$

$i_1 = \frac{12 - v_1}{1k}$

$$v_x = 12 - v_1$$



KVL:  $12 + V_x - V_1 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow V_x = V_1 = 12$

~~$i_1 = \frac{V_x}{1k}$~~

$\therefore i_1 = \frac{-(V_1 - 12)}{1k}$

Similarly:

$i_1 = \frac{12 - V_1}{1k}$ ,  $i_2 = \frac{V_1}{2k}$ ,  $i_3 = \frac{V_1 - V_2}{2k}$ ,  $i_4 = \frac{V_2}{2k}$

$i_1 = \frac{12 - V_1}{1k}$

$$i_1 = i_2 + i_3 \Rightarrow \left( \frac{12 - v_1}{1k} \right) = \frac{v_1}{2k} + \frac{v_1 - v_2}{2k} \quad (3)$$

$$i_3 = i_4 + 6mA \Rightarrow \left( \frac{v_1 - v_2}{2k} \right) = \frac{v_2}{2k} + 6mA \quad (4)$$

Note: On the test, you will be responsible only for 2x2 systems

$$(3) \Rightarrow \frac{12}{1k} = \frac{v_1}{1k} + \frac{v_1}{2k} + \frac{v_1}{2k} - \frac{v_2}{2k}$$

$$(4) \Rightarrow 6 \text{ mA} = \frac{V_1}{2k} + \frac{-V_2}{2k} - \frac{V_2}{2k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1k} + \frac{1}{2k} + \frac{1}{2k} & -\frac{1}{2k} \\ \frac{1}{2k} & -\frac{1}{2k} - \frac{1}{2k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \text{ mA} \\ 6 \text{ mA} \end{bmatrix}$$

$2 \times 2$

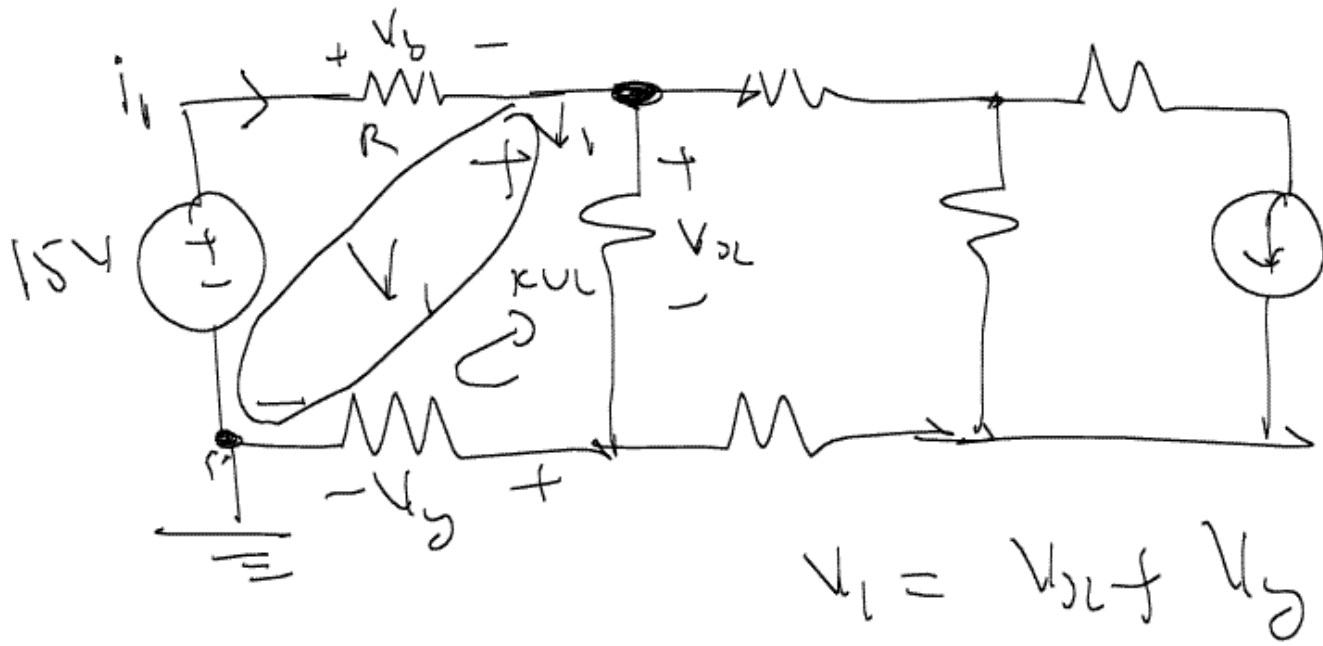
↓ solved in SPICE

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(Q:) what is the difference between

Voltage at a node & voltage across an element.

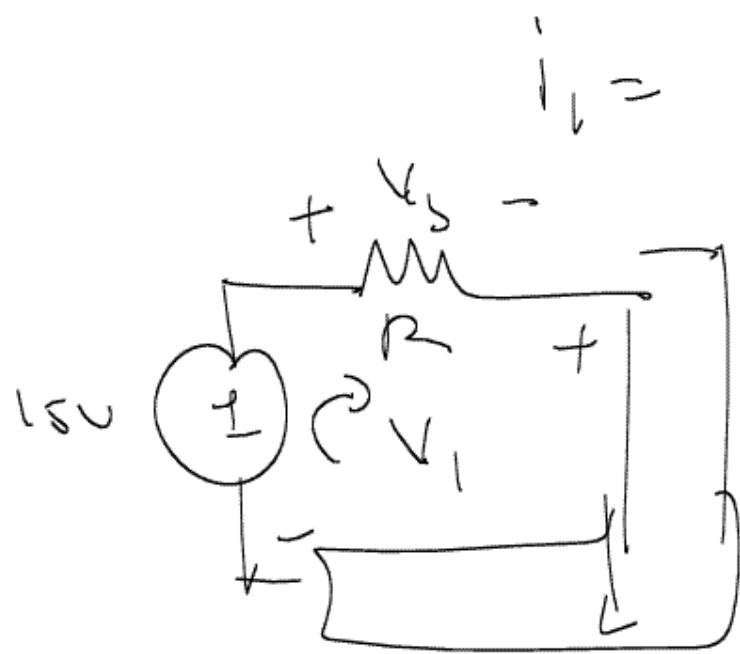
Answer with an example!



$$V_1 = V_{2L} + V_g$$

Hard to understand





$$i_1 = \frac{V_b}{R} = \frac{15 - V_1}{R}$$

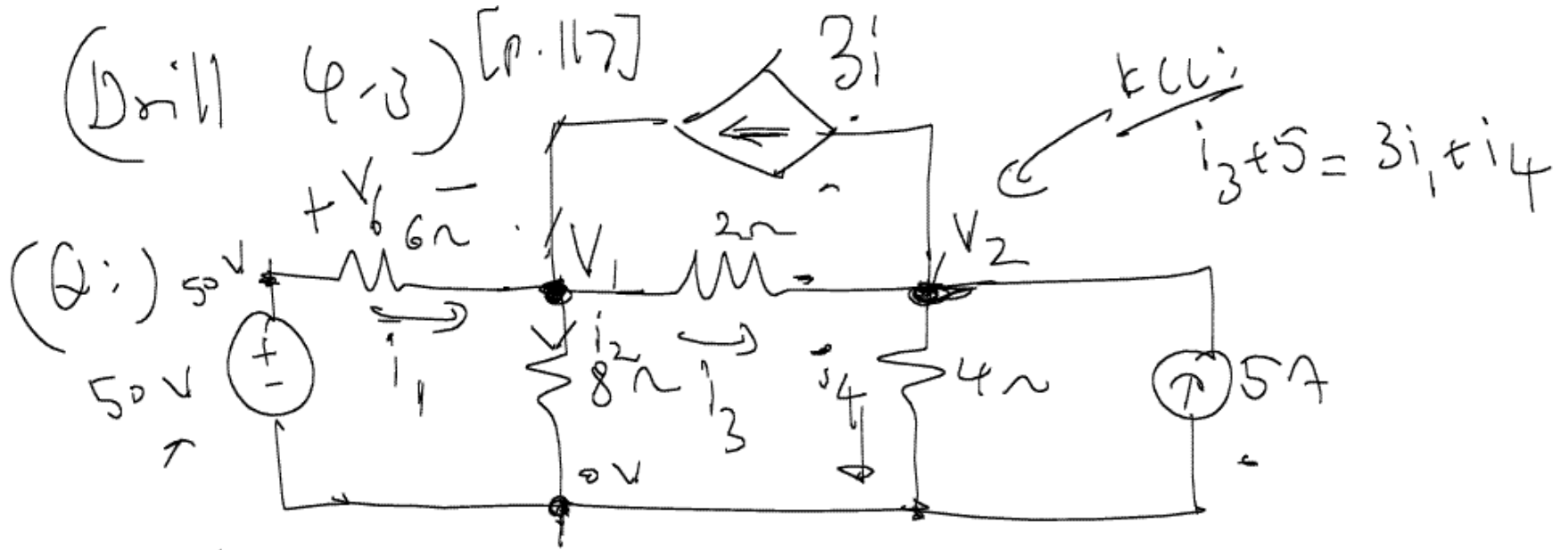
$$\text{KVL: } 15 - V_b - V_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V_b = 15 - V_1$$

Section 4.3 - Node voltage method

2 dependent sources

(Drill 4-3) [p. 117]



- (a) Find power associated with each source  
 (b) State if each source is absorbing or delivering power.

KCL @  $V_1$ :  $i_1 + 3i_1 = i_2 + i_3$

Note: Do NOT ASSUME  
VOLTAGE ACROSS COMPONENT  
 SOURCE IS ZERO!

Analogy:



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KCL @  $v_2$ :  $i_3 + 5 = 3i_1 + i_4$

$$i_1 = \frac{50 - v_1}{6}, \quad i_2 = \frac{v_1}{8}$$

$$i_3 = \frac{v_1 - v_2}{2}, \quad i_4 = \frac{v_2}{4}$$

~~3~~

$$\frac{V_1}{2} + 4 \left( \frac{50 - V_1}{6} \right) = \frac{V_1}{8} + \frac{V_1 - V_2}{2}$$

$$\frac{V_1}{2} + \frac{V_1 - V_2}{2} + 5 = 3 \left[ \frac{50 - V_1}{6} \right] + \frac{V_2}{4}$$

$$\underline{v_1}: \quad \frac{2}{3} (50 - v_1) = \frac{v_1}{8} + \frac{v_1 - v_2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 16(50 - v_1) = 3v_1 + 12(v_1 - v_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 800 - 16v_1 = 3v_1 + 12v_1 - 12v_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 800 = 31v_1 - 12v_2$$

$$V_2: \quad \frac{V_1 - V_2}{2} + 5 = \frac{50 - V_1}{2} + \frac{V_2}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(V_1 - V_2) + 20 = 2(50 - V_1) + V_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2V_1 - 2V_2 + 20 = 100 - 2V_1 + V_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4V_1 - 3V_2 = 80$$

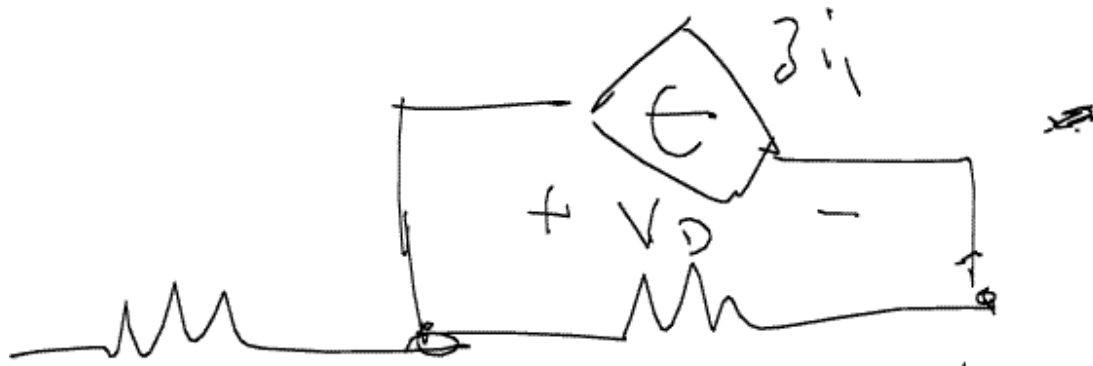
$$V_1 = 32 \text{ V}, \quad V_2 = 16 \text{ V}$$

$i_1 = 3 \text{ A}$   
 $i_1 = \frac{50 - v_1}{6} = \frac{50 - 32}{6}$   
 $\Rightarrow 3 \text{ A}$

$P_{50V} = -v i = -150 \text{ W}$

$\Rightarrow$   
150 W delivered





$$V_1 = 32 \text{ V}$$

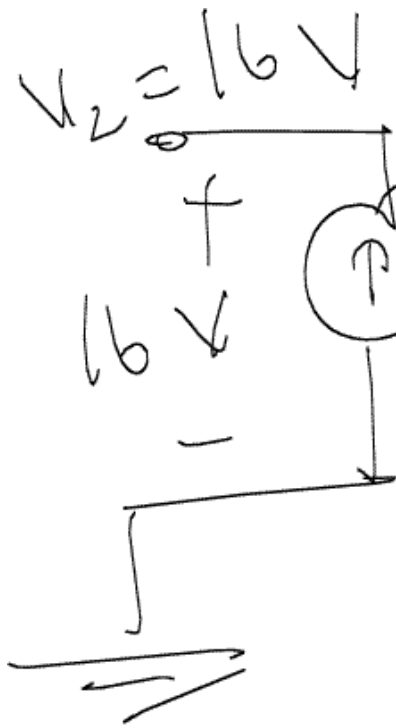
$$V_2 = 16 \text{ V}$$

$$V_D = 16 \text{ V}$$

$$\therefore P = -V_D (3i_1)$$

$$= - (16) (9)$$

$$P_{3i_1} = 144 \text{ W}$$

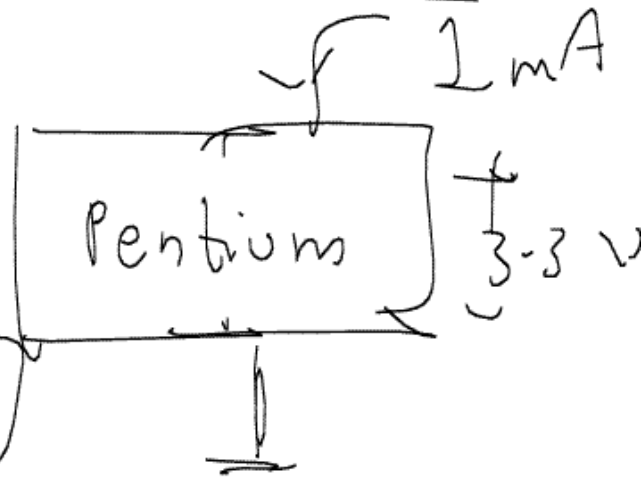


$$P = - (16) (5)$$

$$P_{5A} = -80W$$

Note:

$$P = v i$$



$$P = +3.3mW$$

Note! Dependent sources in  
PSPLICE  $\Rightarrow$  check "analog"  
library.



Note! Check on webpage for schematic

Next time;

— Justin will lecture

— More modal analysis

— Overview of Mesh  
Analysis.