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# Module 2, Lecture 4

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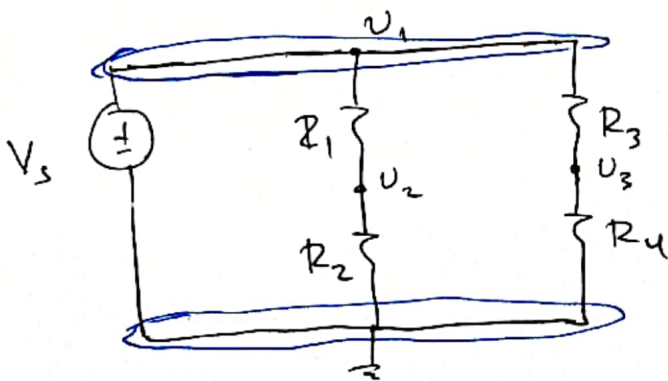
- Last time:
- \* 1D Touchscreen Revisited
  - \* Measuring Voltage and Current
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An interesting circuit:

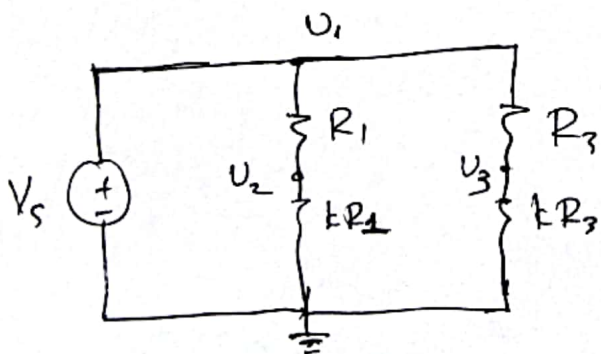


What are  $U_2, U_3$ ?

$$U_2 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot V_s, \quad U_3 = \frac{R_4}{R_3 + R_4} \cdot V_s$$

Two voltage dividers!

What if  $R_2 = kR_1$ ,  $R_4 = kR_3$ ?



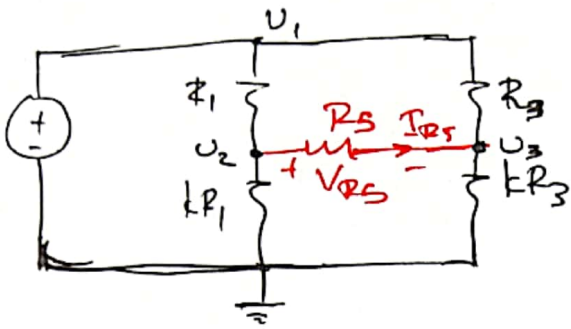
$$U_2 = \frac{kR_1}{R_1 + kR_1} \cdot V_s = \frac{k}{k+1} \cdot V_s$$

$$U_3 = \frac{kR_3}{R_3 + kR_3} \cdot V_s = \frac{k}{k+1} \cdot V_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{U_2 = U_3}$$

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Let's add a resistor:



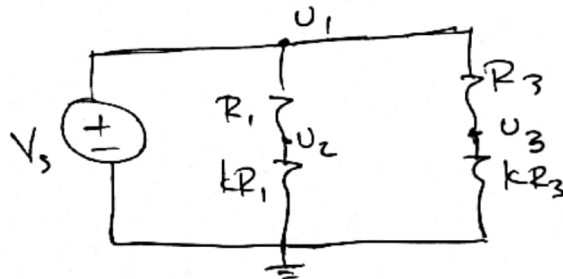
$V_{RS} = U_2 - U_3$  (element voltage def)

$V_{RS} = I_{RS} \cdot R_S$  (Ohm's law)

Bold assumption  $U_2 = U_3$  !

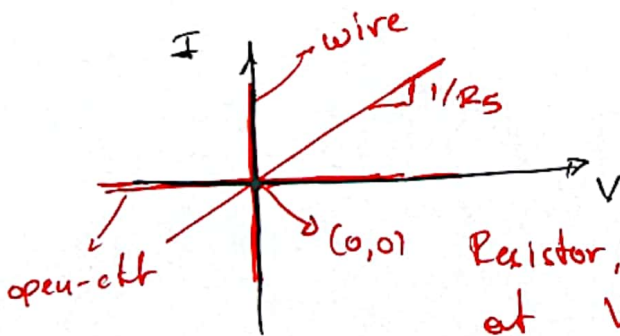
Guess:  $U_2 = U_3 \Rightarrow V_{RS} = 0 \Rightarrow I_{RS} = 0 \Rightarrow$

My ckt looks like:



Analysis (from prev. page):  $U_2 = \frac{k}{k+1} \cdot V_S$ ,  $U_3 = \frac{k}{k+1} \cdot V_S$

$\Rightarrow U_2 = U_3$  so my guess is validated! :)

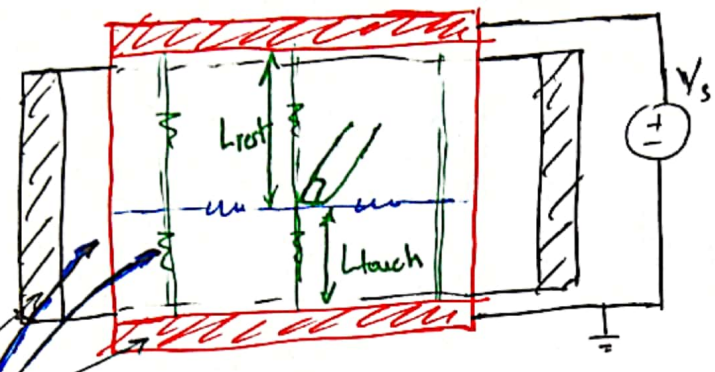


Resistor, wire and open-ckt behave the same at  $V_{elem} = 0, I_{elem} = 0$

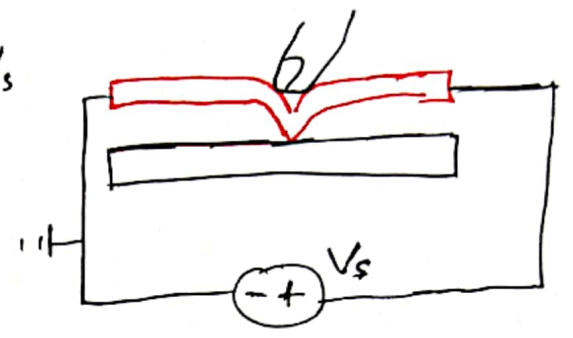
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# 2D-Resistive Touchscreen

Top-View:

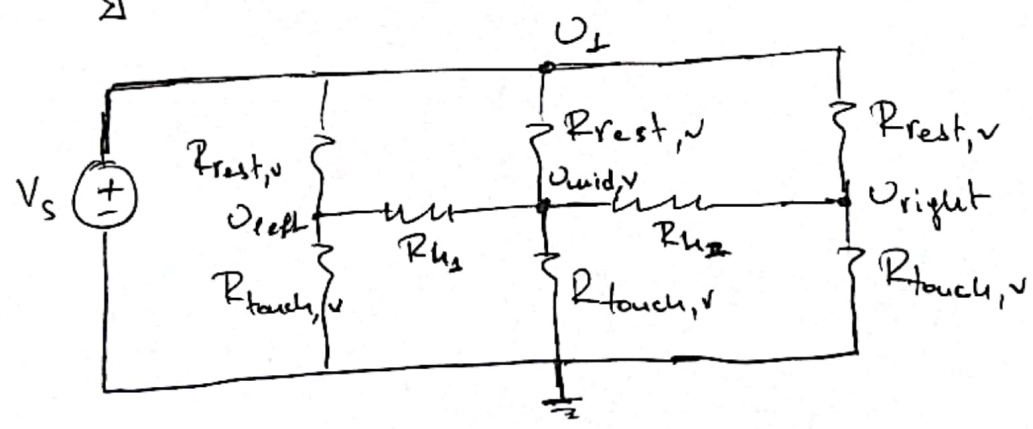


Side-View:



- good conductors (low  $\rho$ -materials)  $\rightarrow$  model as wires
- poor conductors (high  $\rho$ -material)  $\rightarrow$  model as resistors

(Model of top plate)



This is our "interesting" circuit!

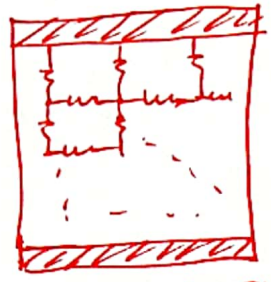
$\rightarrow U_{left} = U_{mid,v} = U_{right}$

$$U_{mid,v} = \frac{R_{touch,v}}{R_{rest,v} + R_{touch,v}} \cdot V_s = \frac{\rho \cdot \frac{L_{touch,v}}{A}}{\rho \cdot \frac{L_{rest,v}}{A} + \rho \cdot \frac{L_{touch,v}}{A}} \cdot V_s$$

$\Rightarrow U_{mid,v} = \frac{L_{touch,v}}{L_v} \cdot V_s$

$\Rightarrow$  vertical finger position information

Do I need a more precise model?

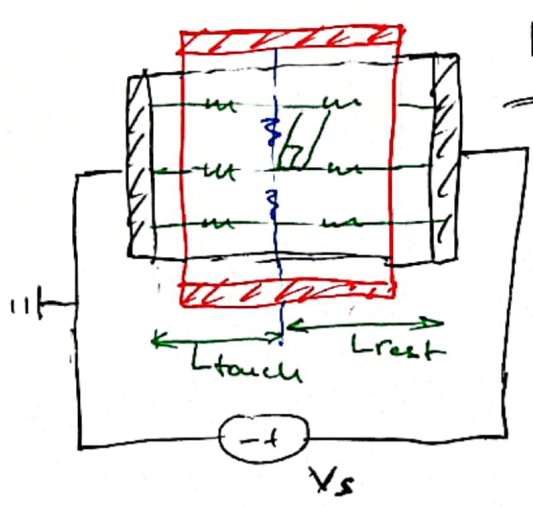


ALWAYS START SIMPLE WHEN MODELING!

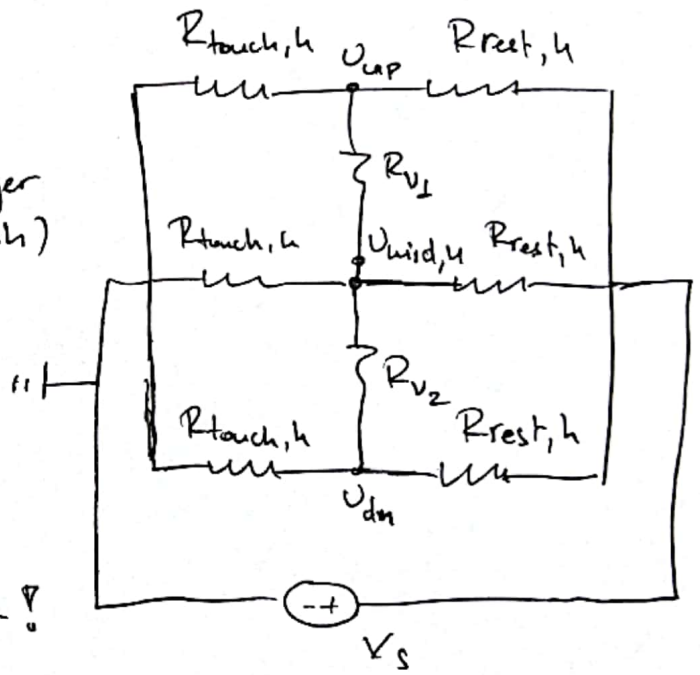
Drawbacks of this model:

- ① It's too complicated
- ② It doesn't help us get intuition
- ③ It gives the same result!

Horizontal Measurement:



Model the bottom layer (mesh)



Also equiv. to "interesting" ckt!

$$U_{up} = U_{dn} = U_{mid,h}$$

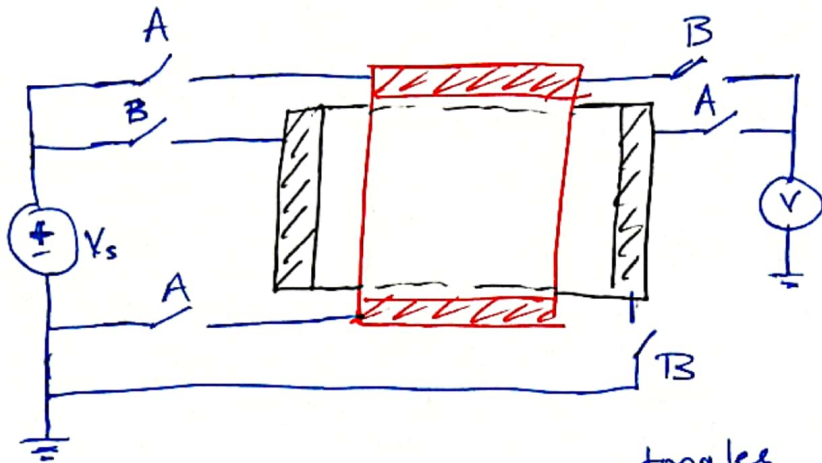
$$U_{mid,h} = \frac{R_{touch,h}}{R_{touch,h} + R_{rest,h}} \cdot V_s \Rightarrow$$

$$U_{mid,h} = \frac{L_{touch,h}}{L_h} \cdot V_s$$

→ horizontal finger position information!

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Let's complete the picture!



A microcontroller <sup>toggles</sup> ~~controls~~ switches A and B very fast (sub- $\mu$ s) to get horizontal and vertical position info during a single touch.

### Superposition (aka ckt Jedi technique #1)

Reminder : Linear ~~the~~ function:  $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$

Imagine a ckt w/ multiple sources (voltage and/or current sources)

Superposition says that I can analyze the ckt by looking at the effect of these voltages one at a time and then adding up the results.

#### \* Procedure!

① For each source  $k$  we zero-out all other sources and look at the output due to  $k$ ,  $V_{out,k}$

② 
$$\sum_k V_{out,k} = V_{out}$$