

Corporate needs you to find the differences between this picture and this picture.

**EECS 16A**  
Spring 2023 - Profs. Muller & Waller  
Lecture 7B  
Equivalence & Superposition



They're the same picture.

# Admin

We're almost done grading midterms!  
Let's discuss discussion...

# Toolbox

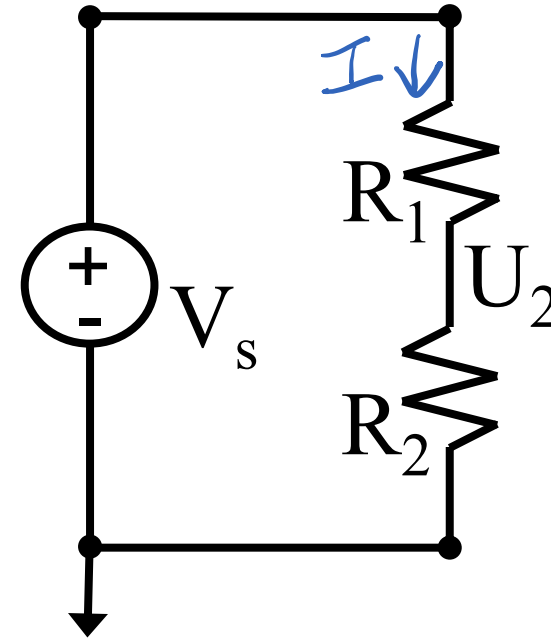
*KVL: Voltage drops around a loop sum to 0*

*KCL: All currents coming out of a node sum to 0*

$$V = IR$$

$$P = IV$$

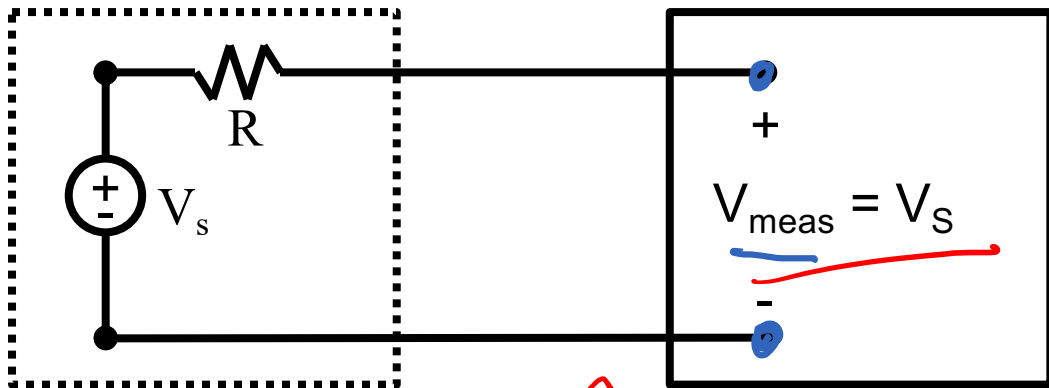
$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$



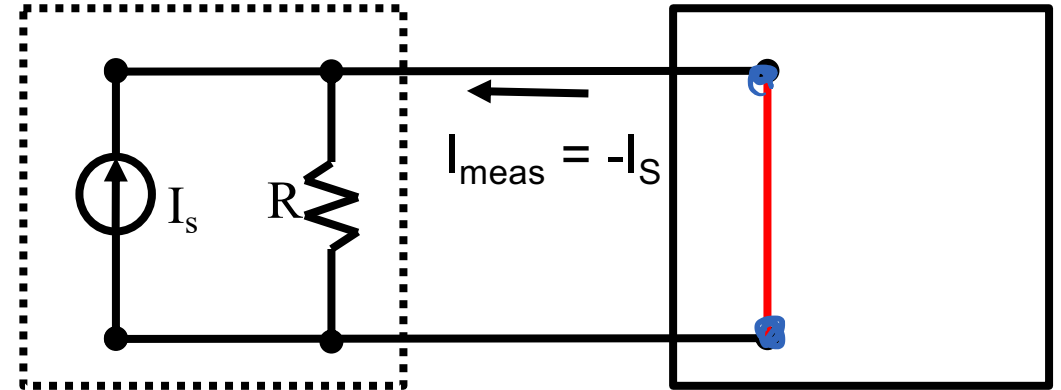
$$I = \frac{V_s}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$U_2 = \frac{V_s R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

V Measurement Circuit

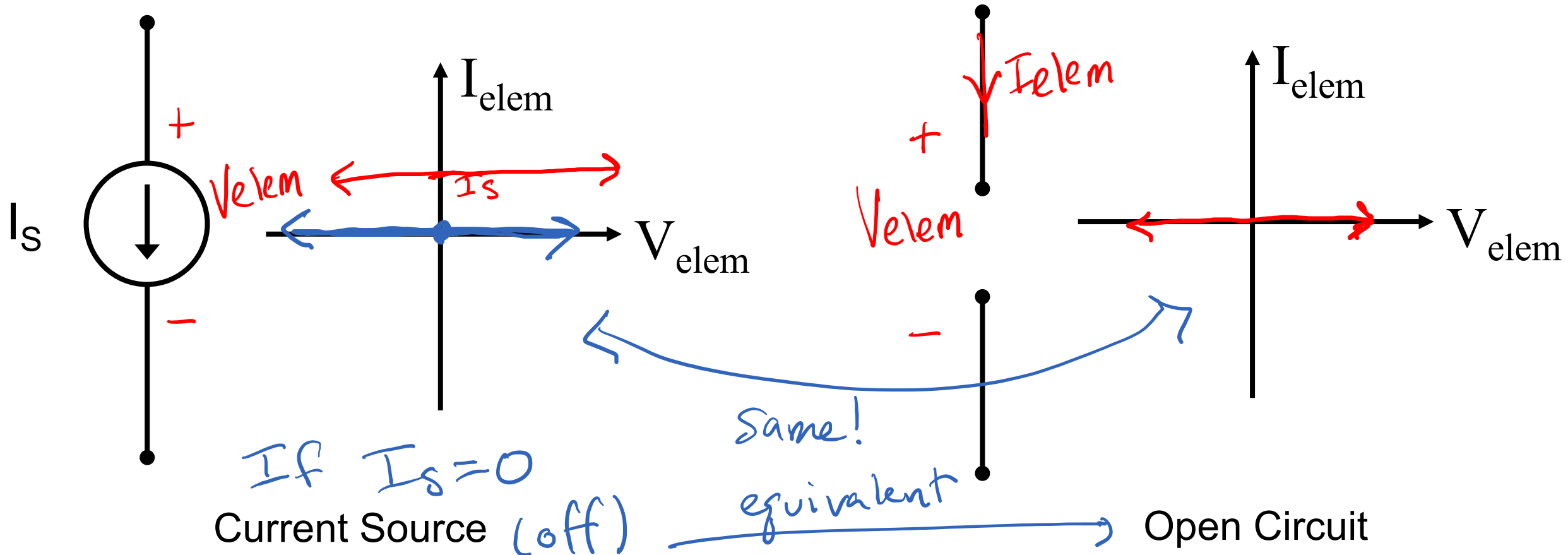


I Measurement Circuit



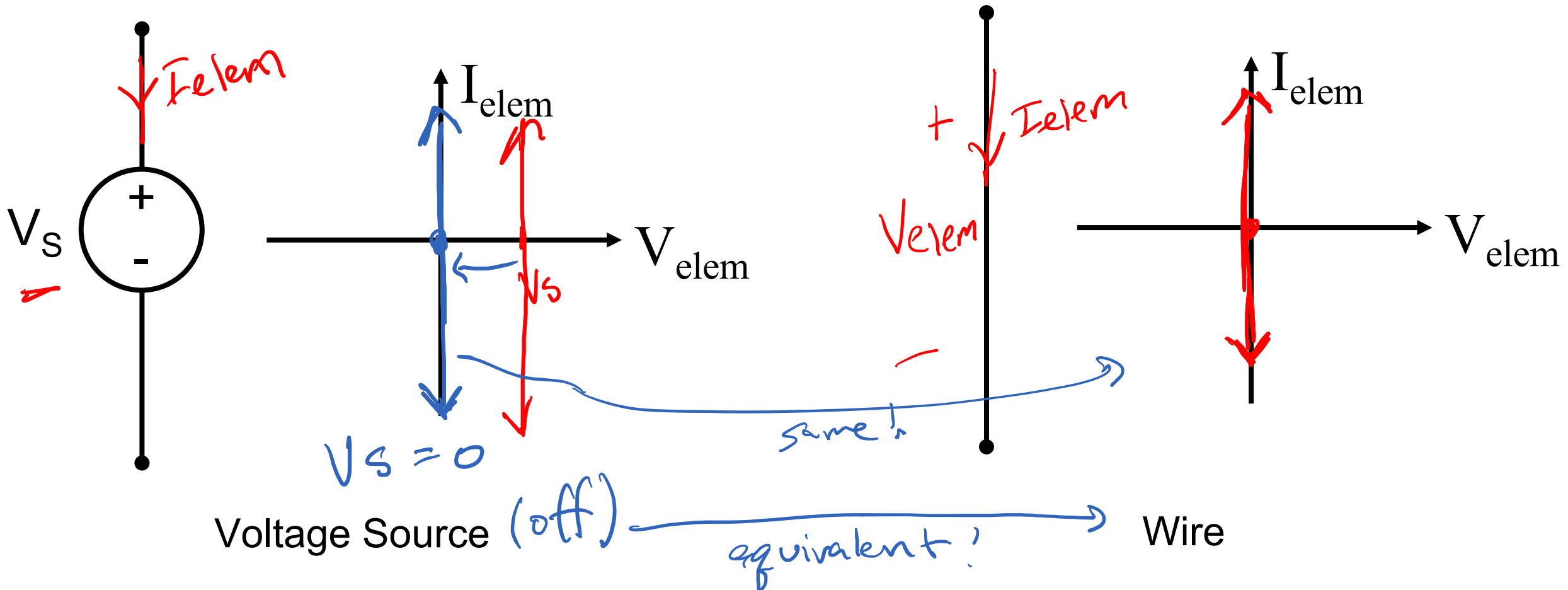
# Recap: Equivalence

Two circuits are equivalent if they have the same IV relationship



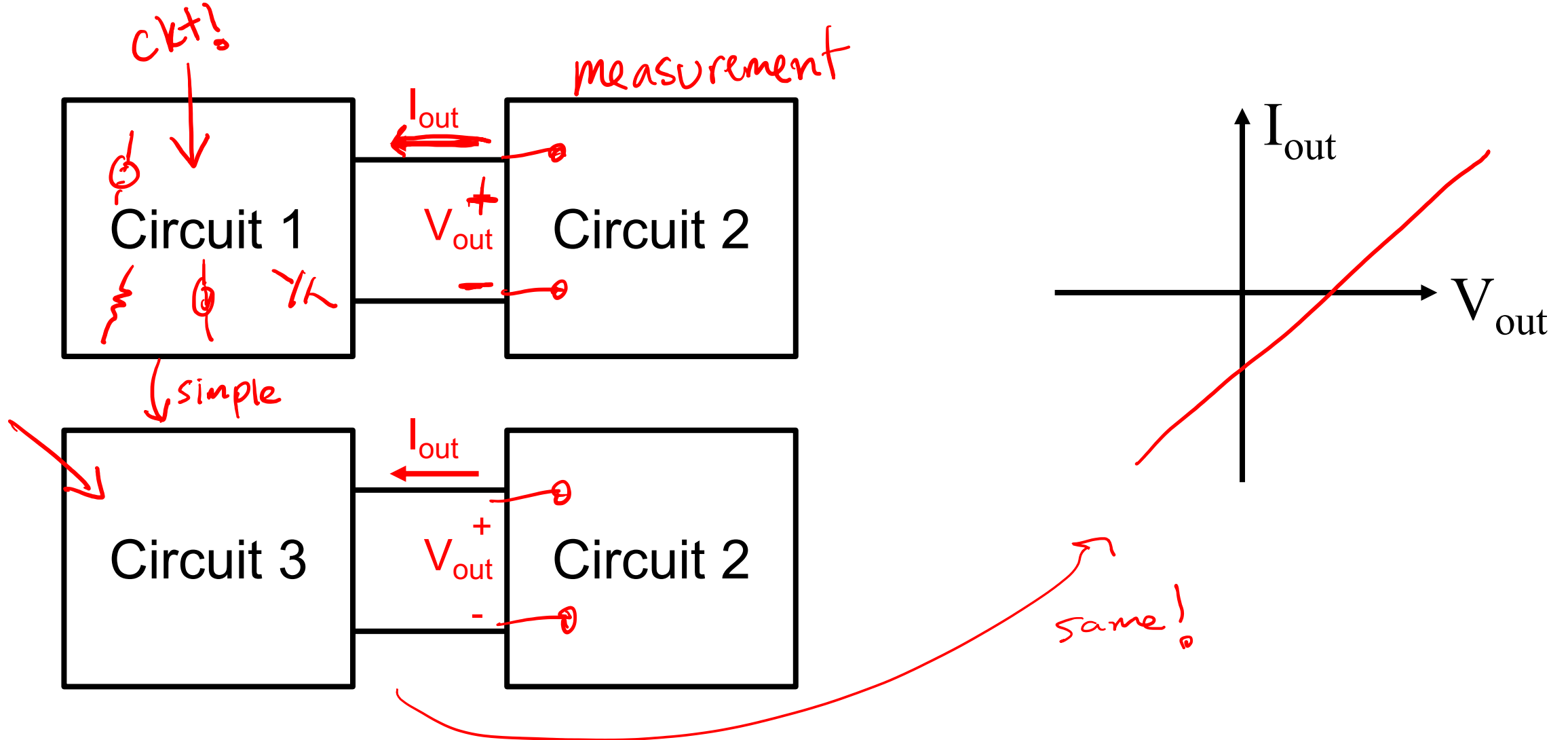
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# Equivalence

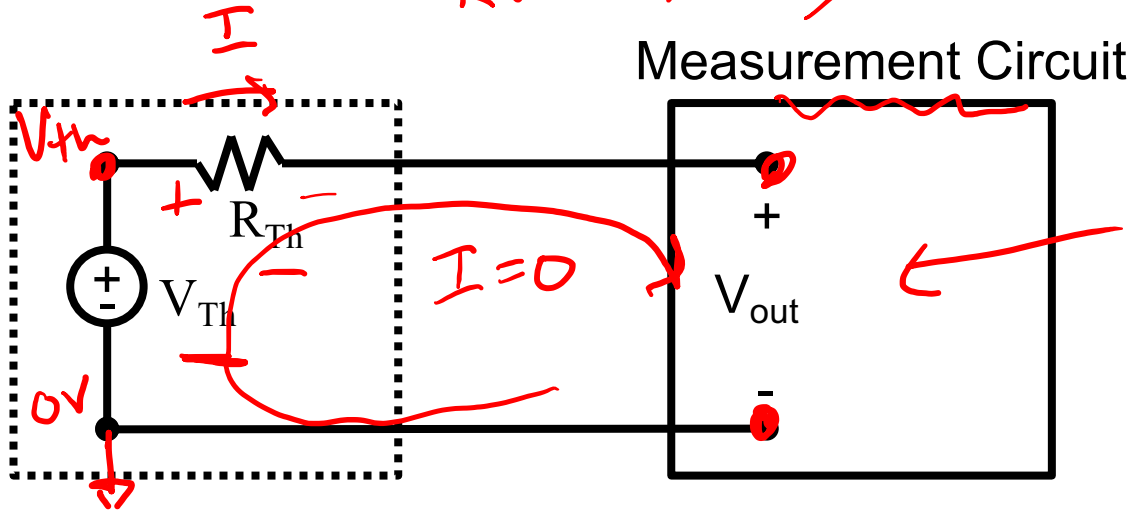
\* Two circuits are equivalent if they have the same IV relationship



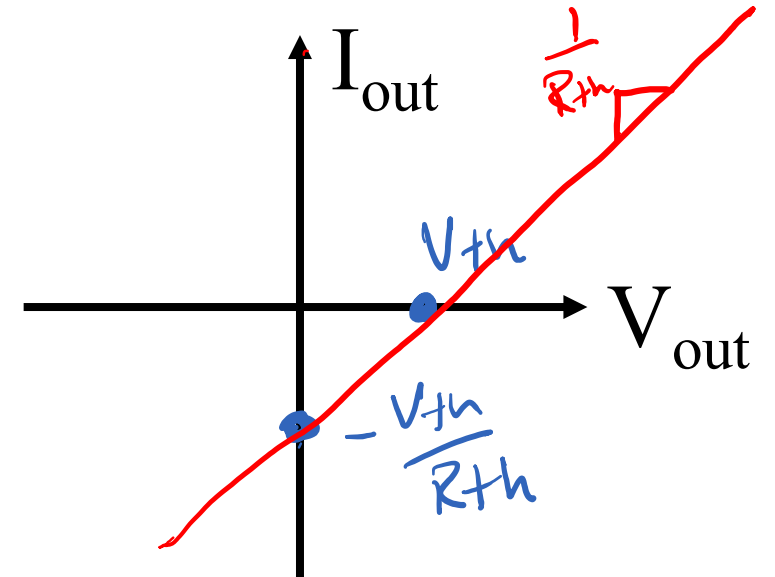
# Equivalence Example

Two circuits are equivalent if they have the same IV relationship

$$\text{KVL: } V_{th} - I R_{th} = V_{out} \quad \therefore V_{th} = V_{out}$$

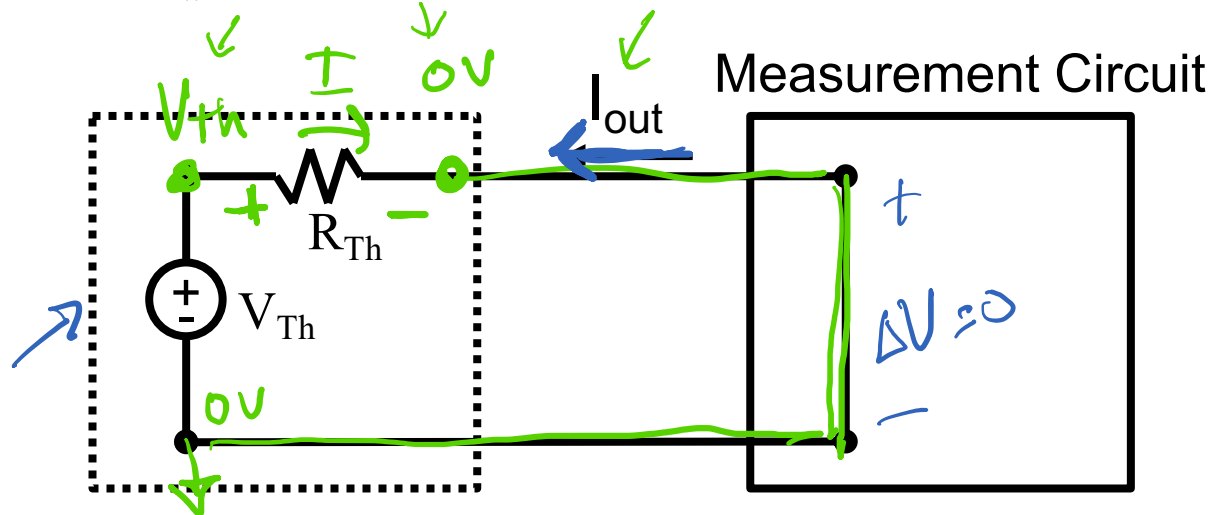


open ckt



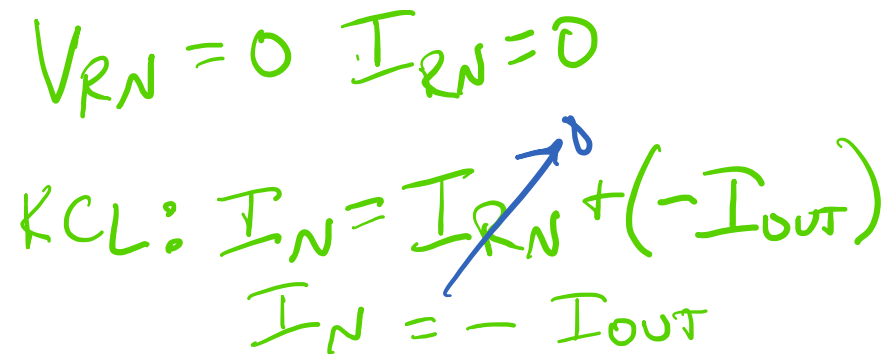
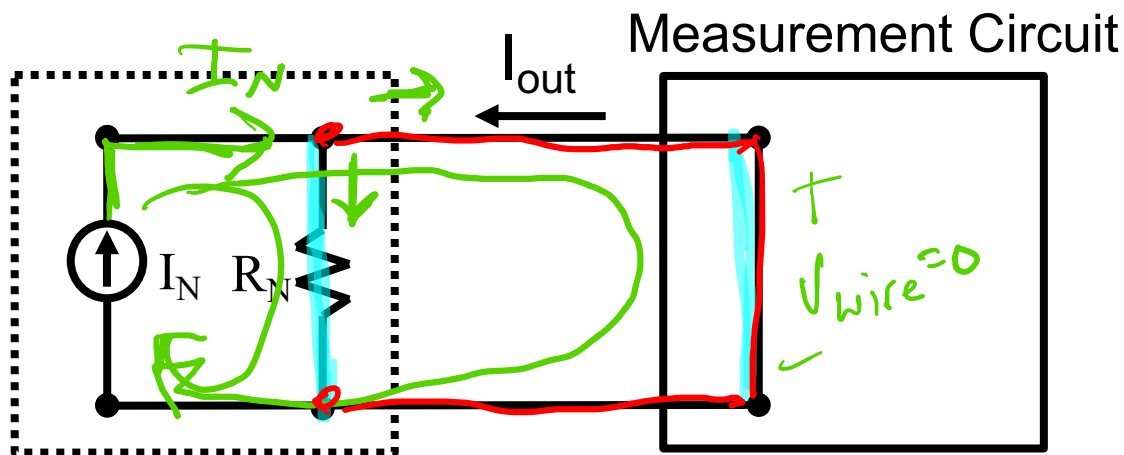
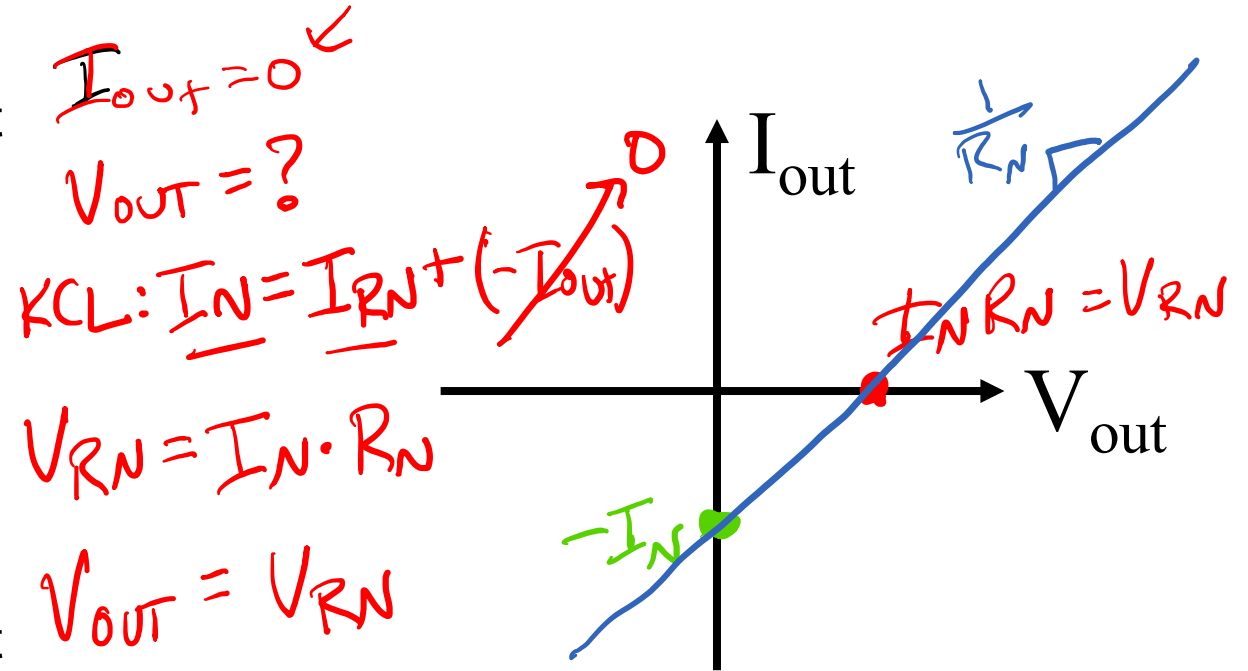
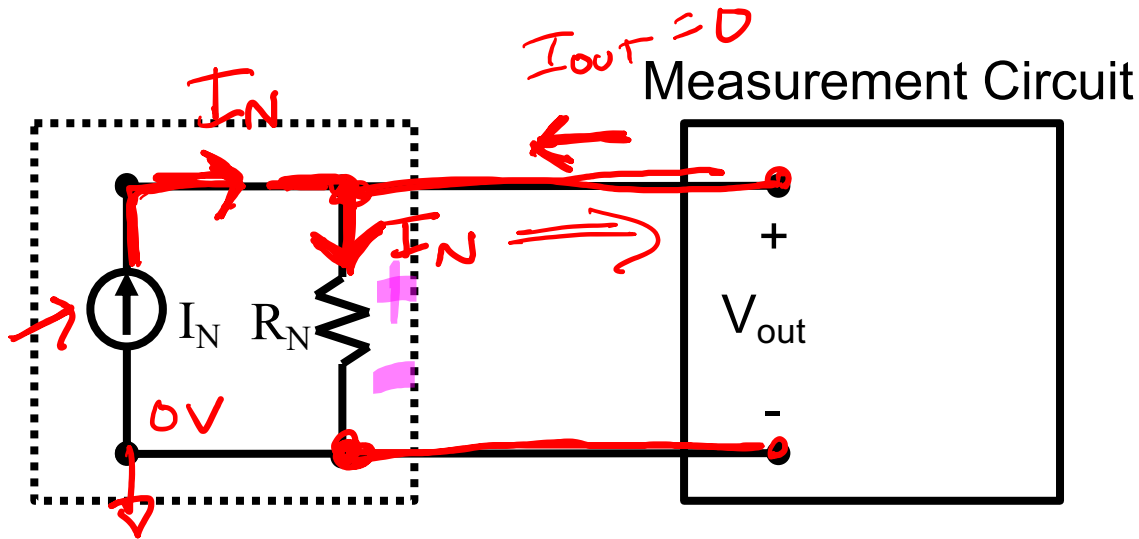
$$I = \frac{V_{th} - 0V}{R_{th}} = \frac{V_{th}}{R_{th}}$$

$$I_{out} = -I = -\frac{V_{th}}{R_{th}}$$



# Equivalence Example 2 $* V = IR$

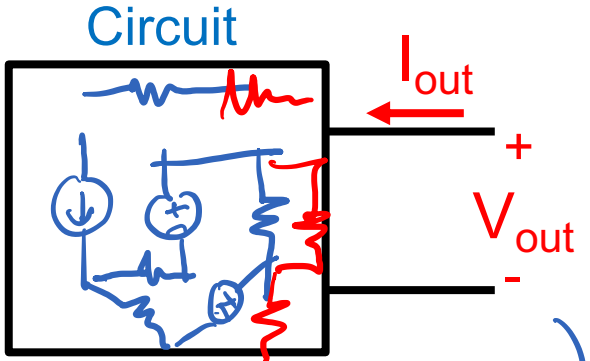
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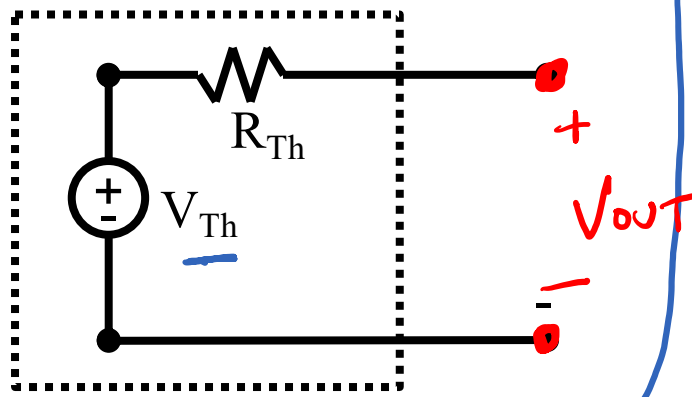


# Thevenin and Norton Equivalents

Any linear circuit (network of linear elements and sources) can be represented by a Thevenin or Norton equivalent circuit

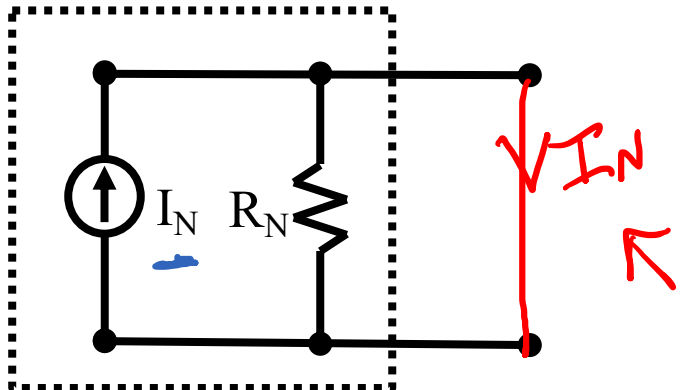


Thevenin Equivalent Circuit

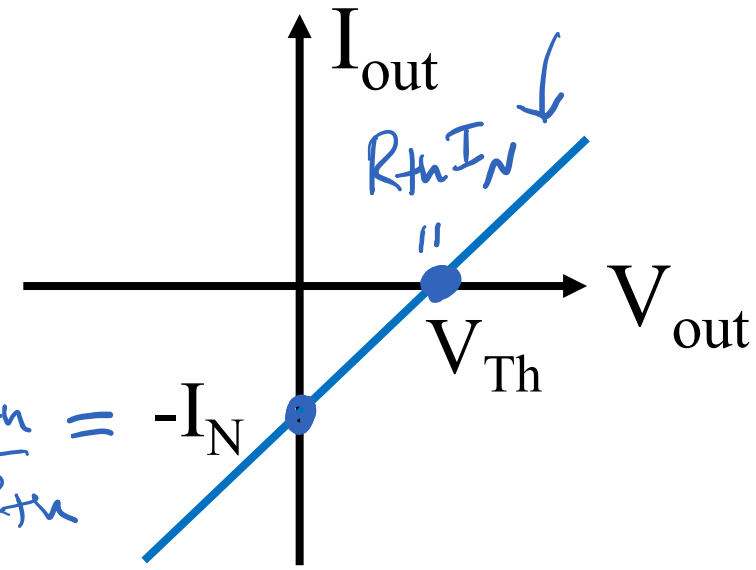


$V_{out} = V_{Th}$   
↑ open circuit voltage

Norton Equivalent Circuit



↑ short-circuit current

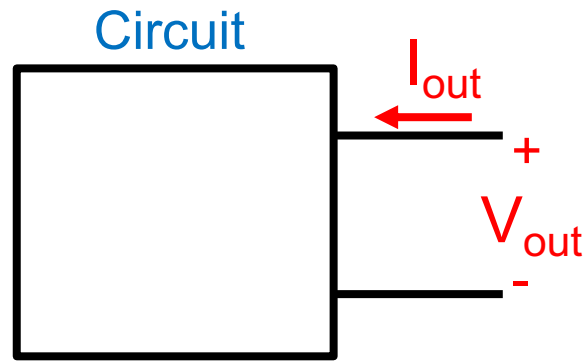


$$-V_{Th} = -I_N R_{Th}$$

$$* R_{Th} = V_{Th} / I_N$$

$$* R_{Th} = R_N$$

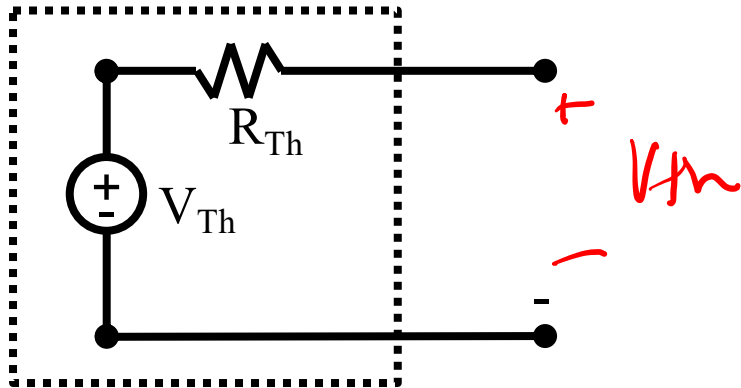
# Thevenin and Norton Equivalents



Thevenin Equivalent Voltage -

- 1 Find  $V_{Th}$  by opening the output terminal and measuring  $V_{out}$

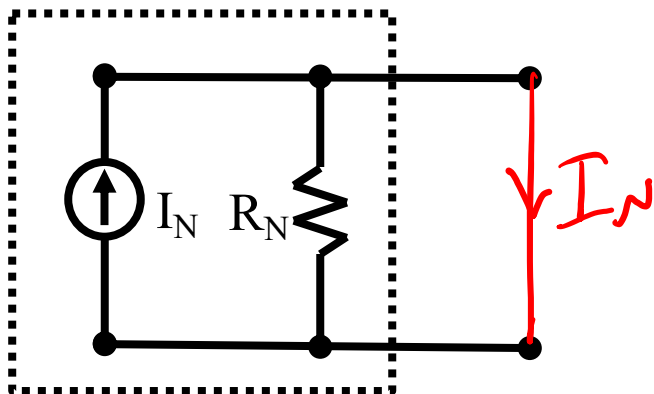
Thevenin Equivalent Circuit



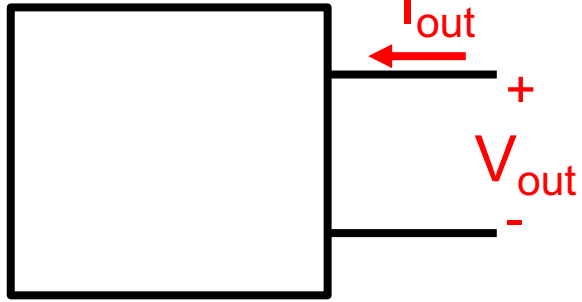
Norton Equivalent Current -

- 2 Find  $I_N$  by shorting the output terminal and measuring  $-I_{out}$

Norton Equivalent Circuit



Circuit



# Thevenin and Norton Equivalent Resistance

Direct Measurement

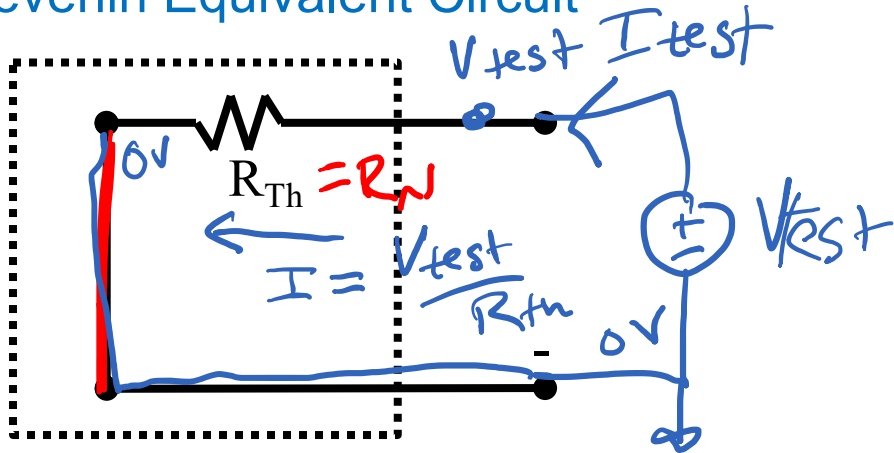
Thevenin or Norton Resistance -

- 1. Turn off all sources
  - 2. Apply test voltage and measure current
- OR
- 2. Apply test current and measure voltage

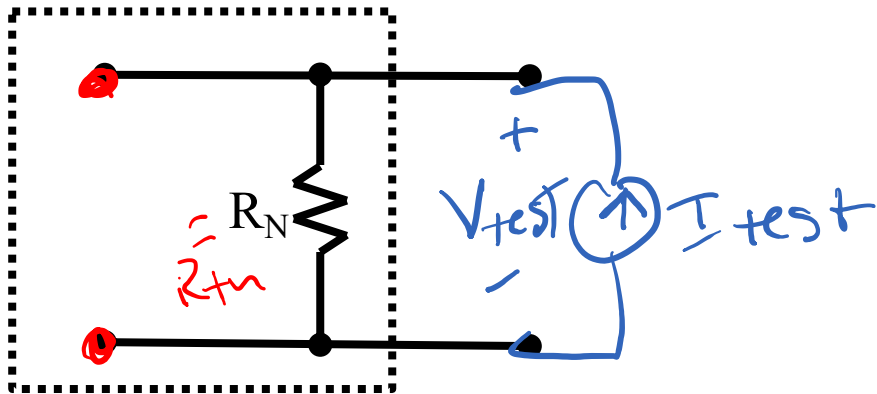
$$I_{test} = \frac{V_{test}}{R}$$

$$R_{th} = \frac{V_{test}}{I_{test}}$$

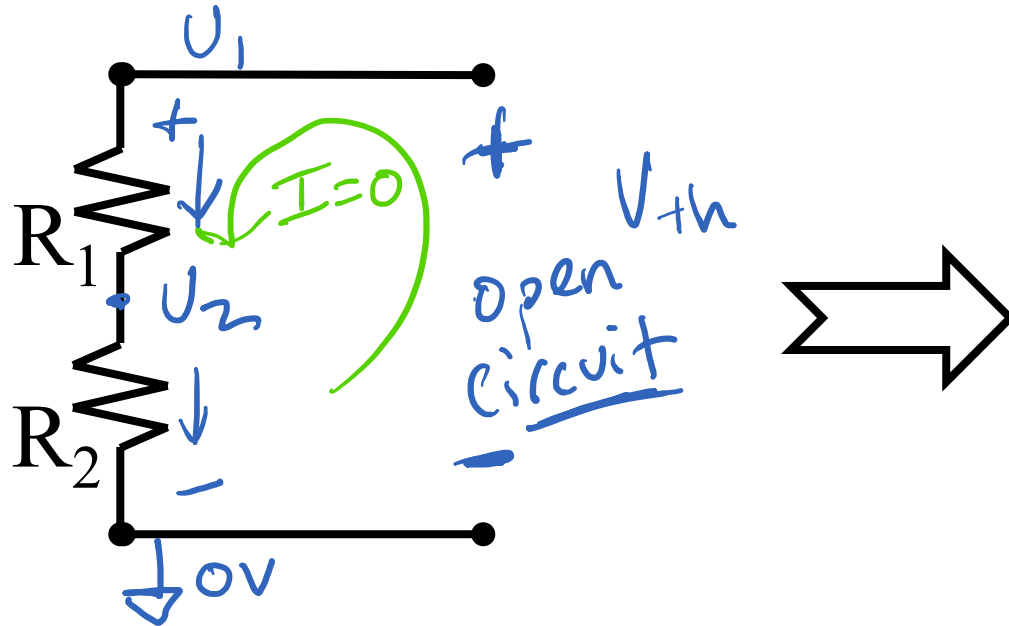
Thevenin Equivalent Circuit



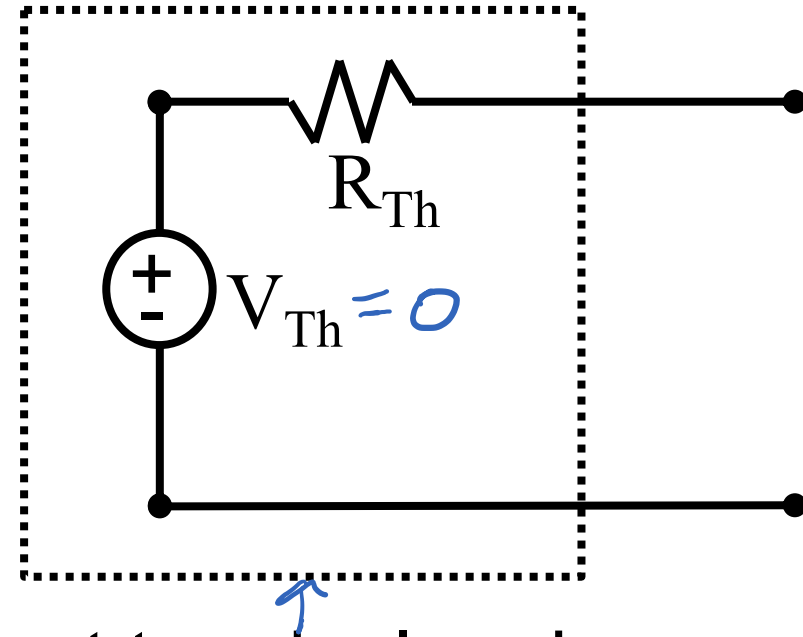
Norton Equivalent Circuit



# Example 1: Thevenin Equivalent of Series Resistors



Thevenin Equivalent Circuit



Step 1: Find  $V_{Th}$  by opening the output terminal and measuring  $V_{out}$

$$U_1 - 0 = V_{Th}$$

$$U_1 = V_{Th} = 0$$

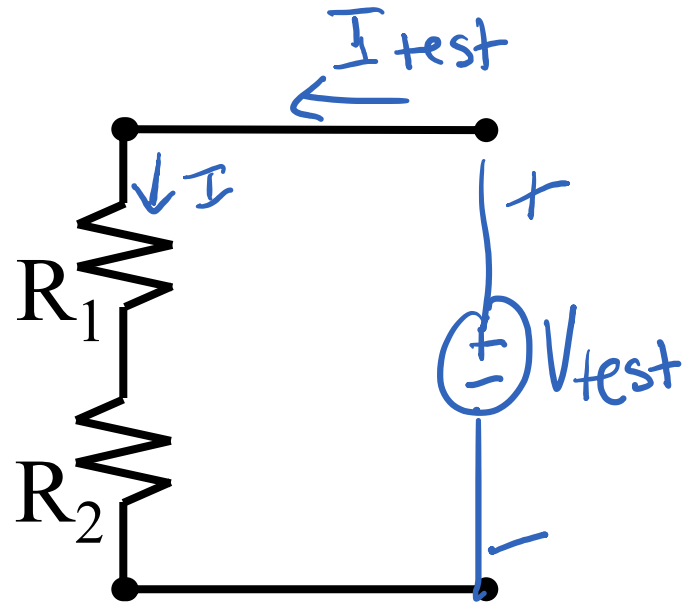
$$V = IR$$

$$I = 0$$

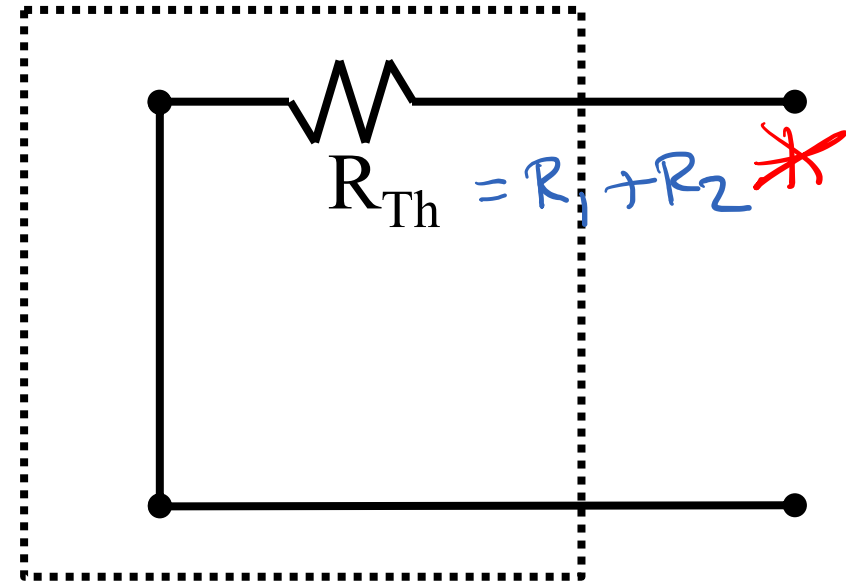
$$U_2 - 0 = IR_2 = 0$$

$$U_1 - U_2 = IR_1 = 0$$

# Example 1: Thevenin Equivalent of Series Resistors



Thevenin Equivalent Circuit



Step 2: Turn off all sources. Apply  $V_{\text{test}}$  and measure  $I_{\text{test}}$

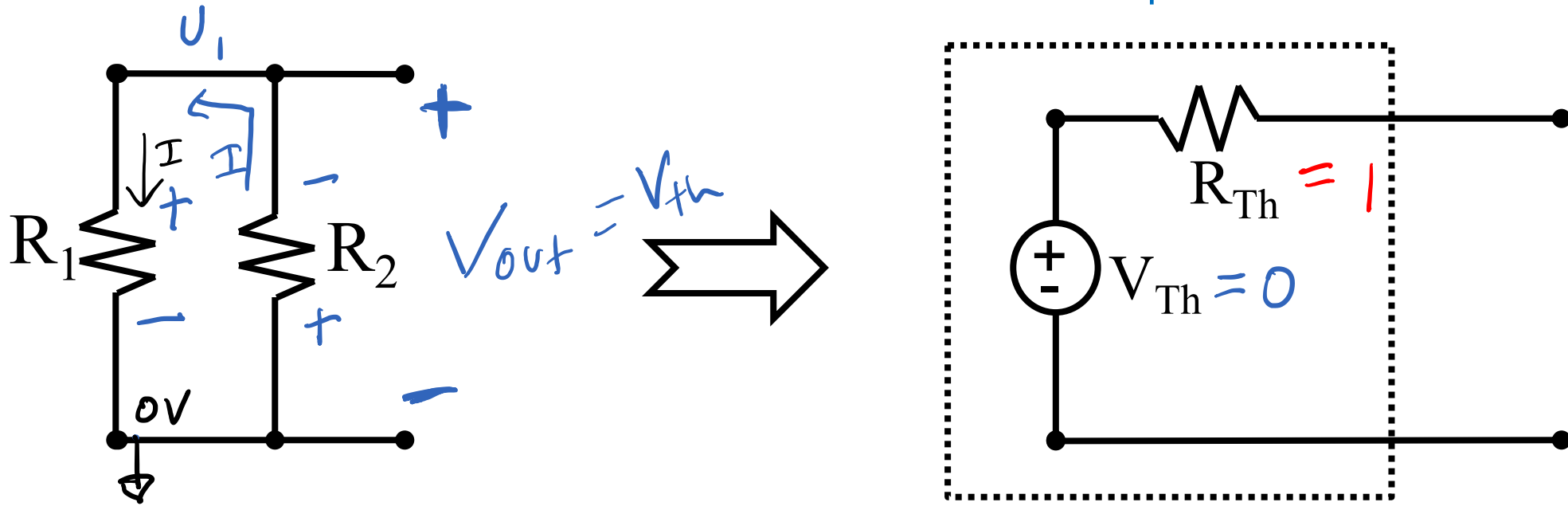
\* Voltage divider ✓ ( $V_s = V_{\text{test}}$ )

$$I_{\text{test}} = \frac{V_{\text{test}}}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$R_{\text{th}} = \frac{V_{\text{test}}}{I_{\text{test}}} = \boxed{R_1 + R_2}$$

# Example 2: Thevenin Equivalent of Parallel Resistors

Thevenin Equivalent Circuit



Step 1: Find  $V_{Th}$  by opening the output terminal and measuring  $V_{out}$

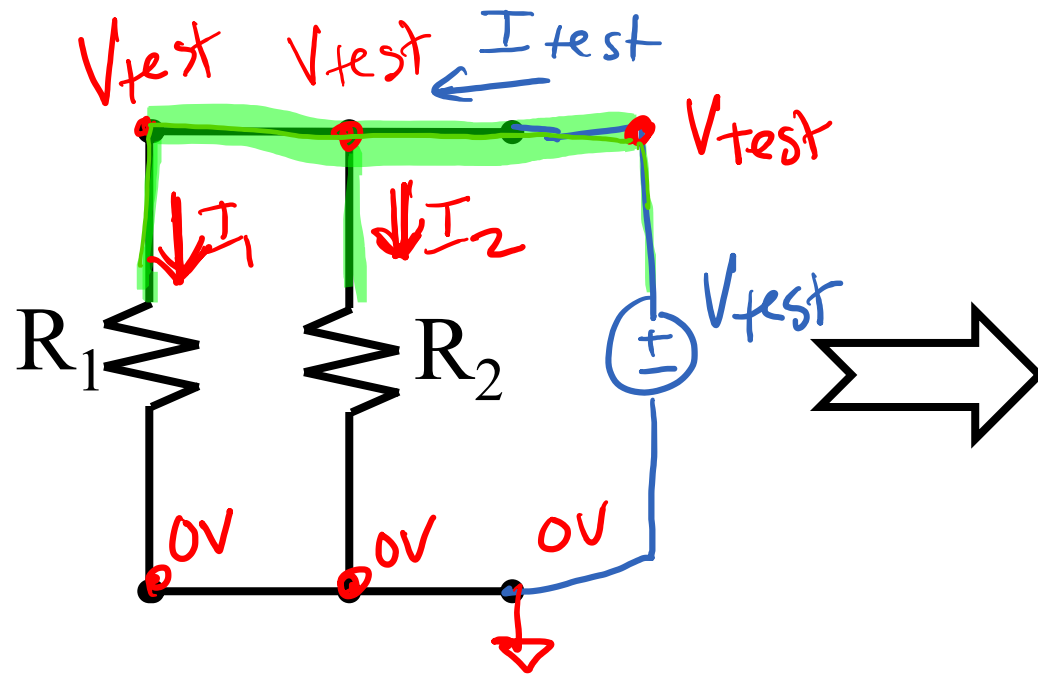
$$\text{KCL: } I_1 = -I_2$$

$$\text{KVL: } 0 - U_1 = IR_2$$

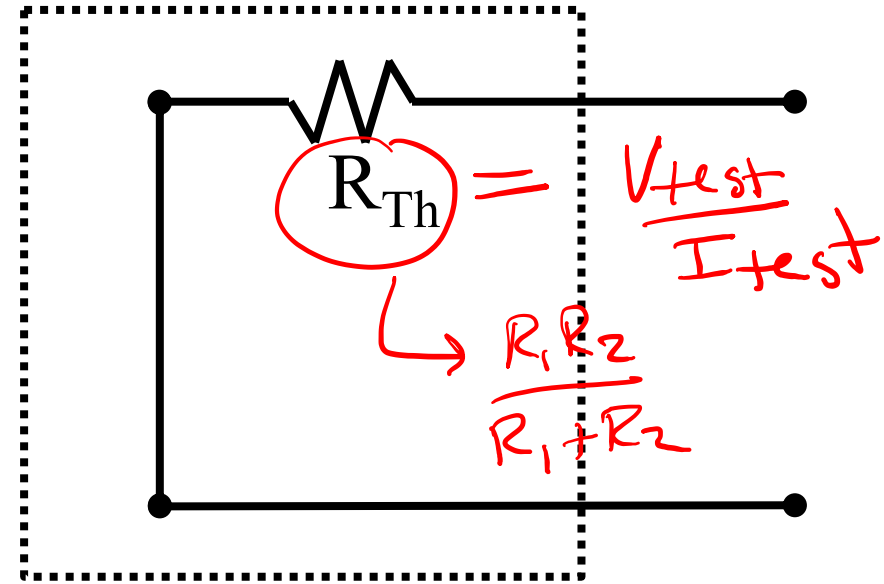
$$U_1 - 0 = IR_1$$

$$U_1 = 0$$

# Example 2: Thevenin Equivalent of Parallel Resistors



Thevenin Equivalent Circuit



Step 2: Turn off all sources. Apply  $V_{test}$  and measure  $I_{test}$

$$V = IR$$

$$I_1 = \frac{V_{test} - 0}{R_1} = \frac{V_{test}}{R_1}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{V_{test} - 0}{R_2} = \frac{V_{test}}{R_2}$$

KCL:  $I_{test} = I_1 + I_2$

$$I_{test} = \frac{V_{test}}{R_1} + \frac{V_{test}}{R_2}$$

## Example 2: Thevenin Equivalent of Parallel Resistors

$$I_{\text{test}} = \frac{V_{\text{test}}}{R_1} + \frac{V_{\text{test}}}{R_2}$$

$$R_{\text{th}} = \frac{V_{\text{test}}}{I_{\text{test}}}$$

$$I_{\text{test}} = V_{\text{test}} \left[ \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right]$$

$$R_{\text{th}} = \frac{V_{\text{test}}}{I_{\text{test}}} = \left[ \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right]^{-1} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



$$= R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$



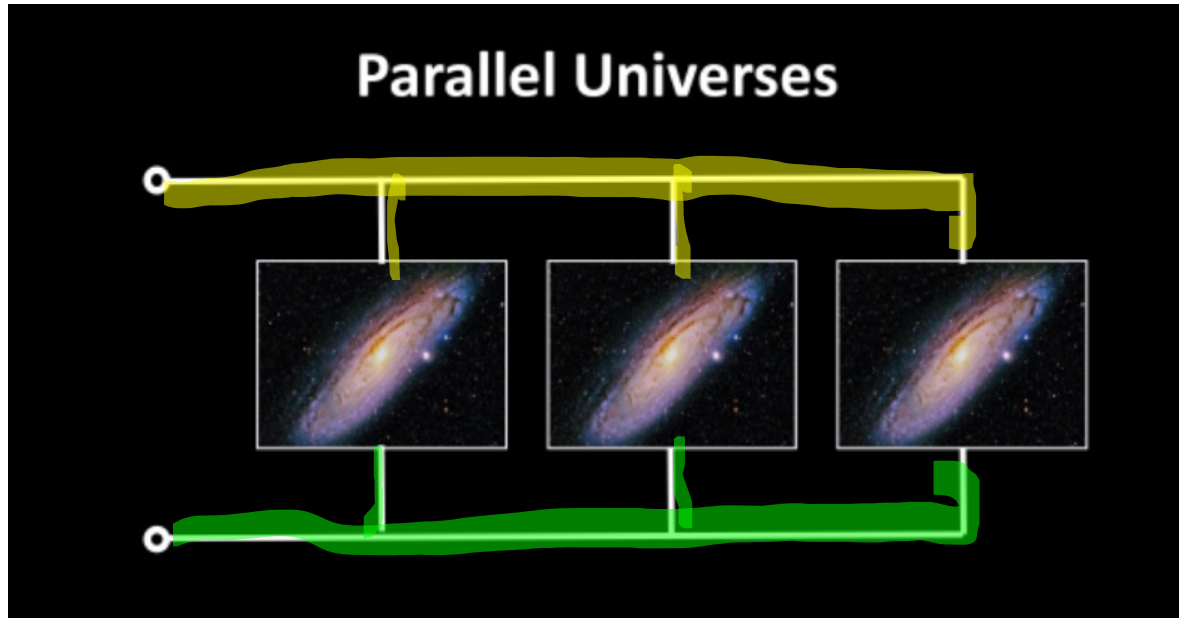
$$= \left[ \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= R_1 \parallel R_2$$

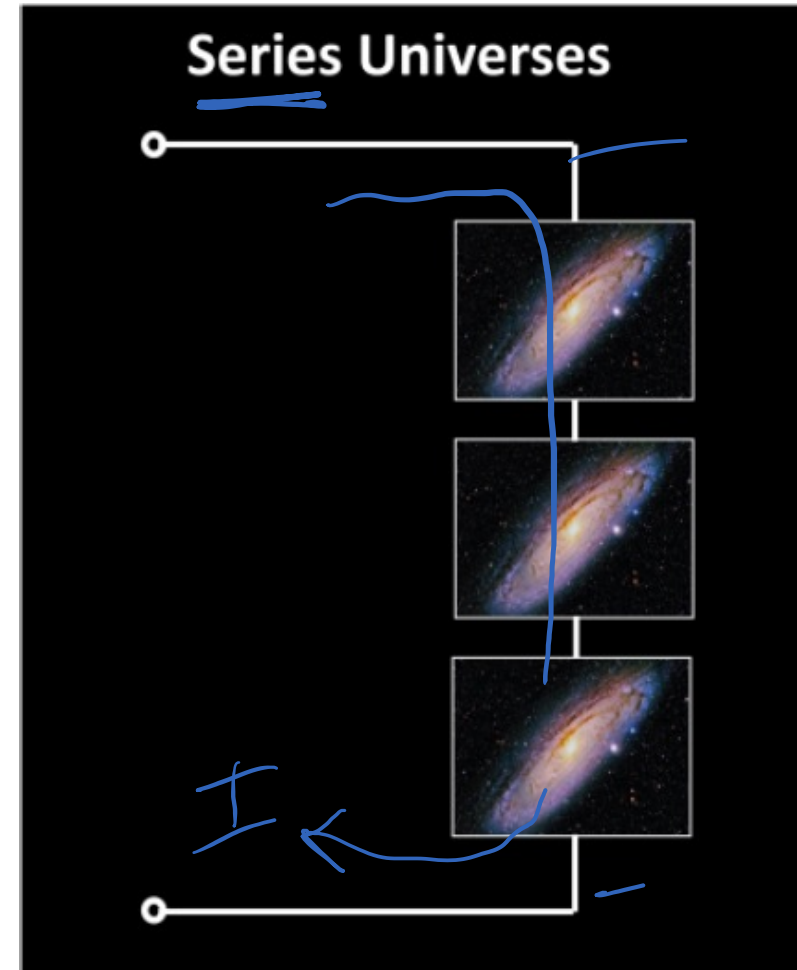


# Laws of the Universes

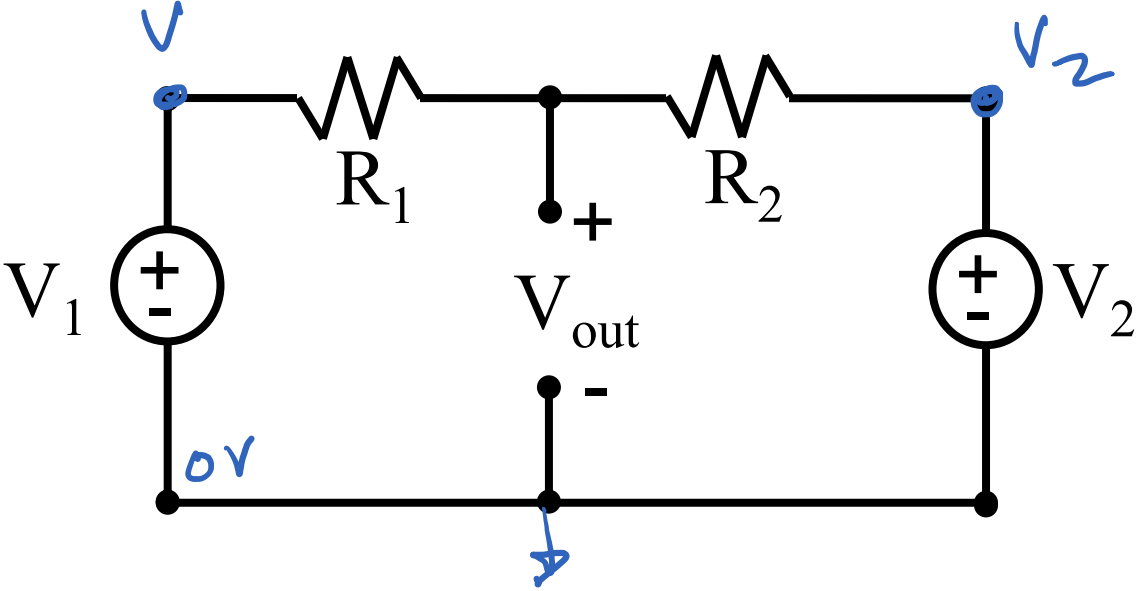
Series elements will have the same current through them due to KCL



Parallel elements will have the same voltage across them due to KVL



# What if there are Multiple Sources?

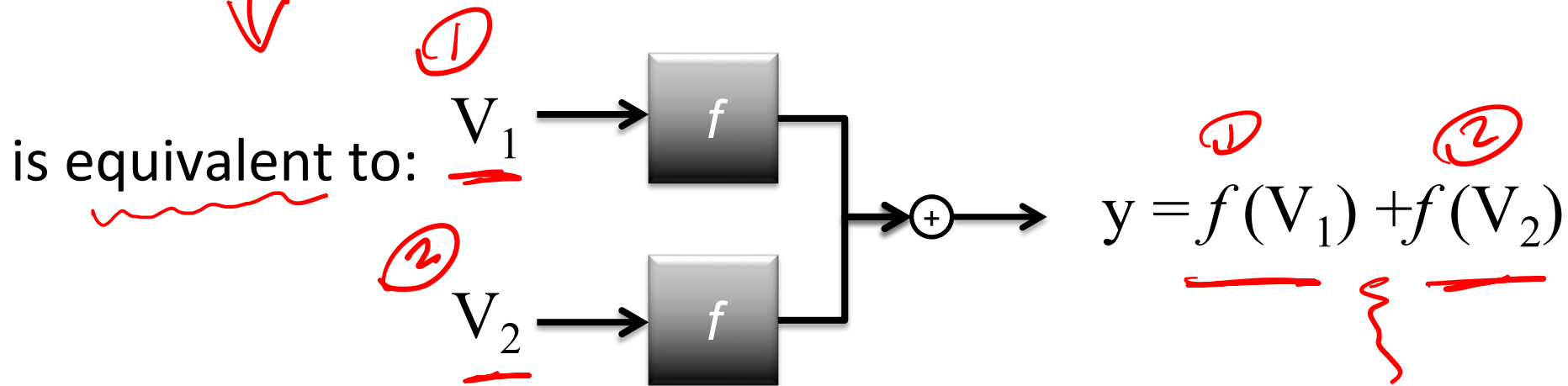
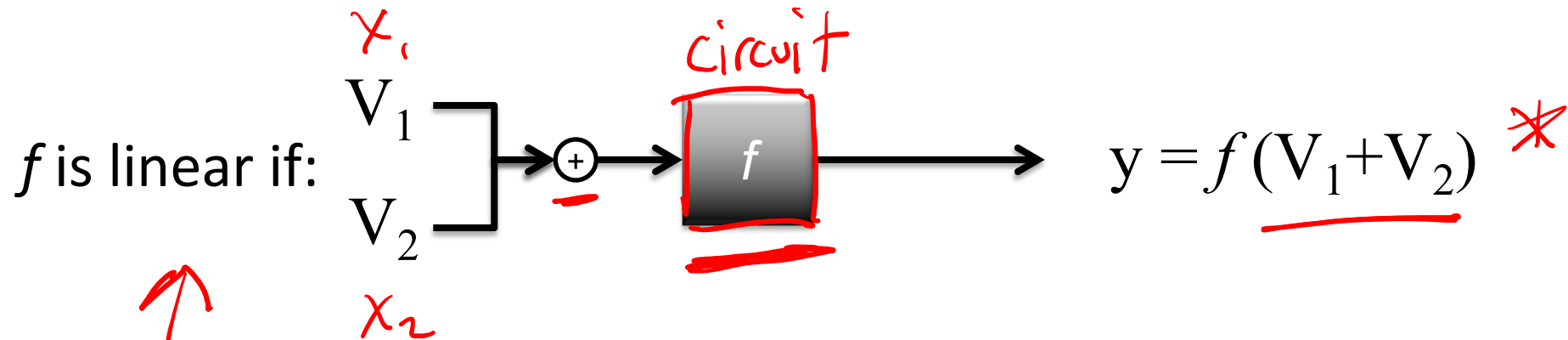


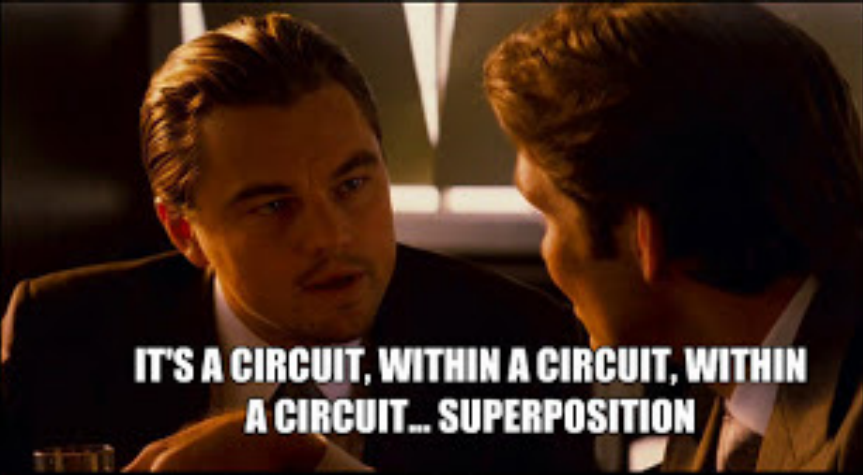
*circuit*

$V_1$  ————  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Linear} \\ \text{function} \\ f \end{array} \right]$  ————

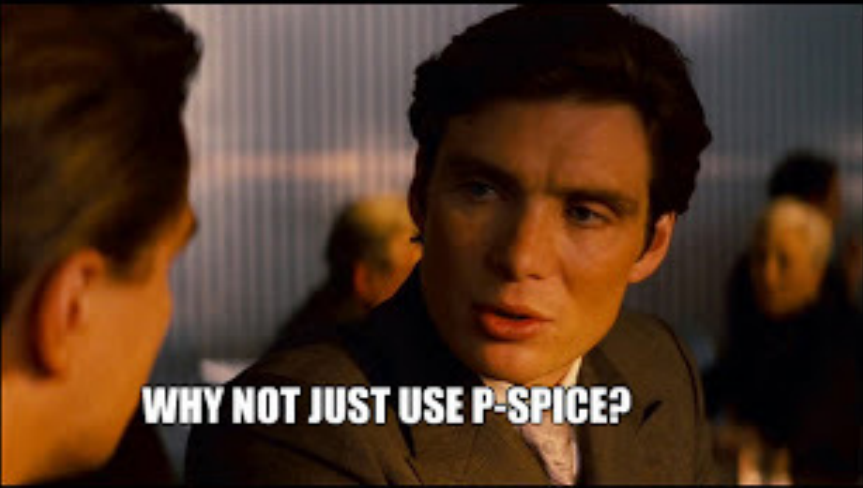
$V_2$  ————  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Linear} \\ \text{function} \\ f \end{array} \right]$  ————

# We can test for linearity (from Lecture 0B)





IT'S A CIRCUIT, WITHIN A CIRCUIT, WITHIN  
A CIRCUIT... SUPERPOSITION



WHY NOT JUST USE P-SPICE?



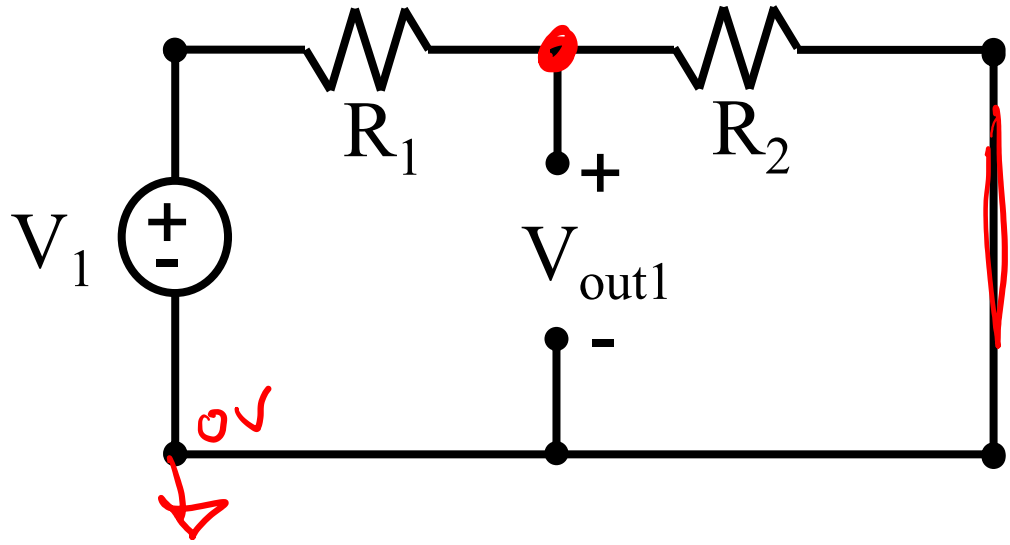
# Superposition

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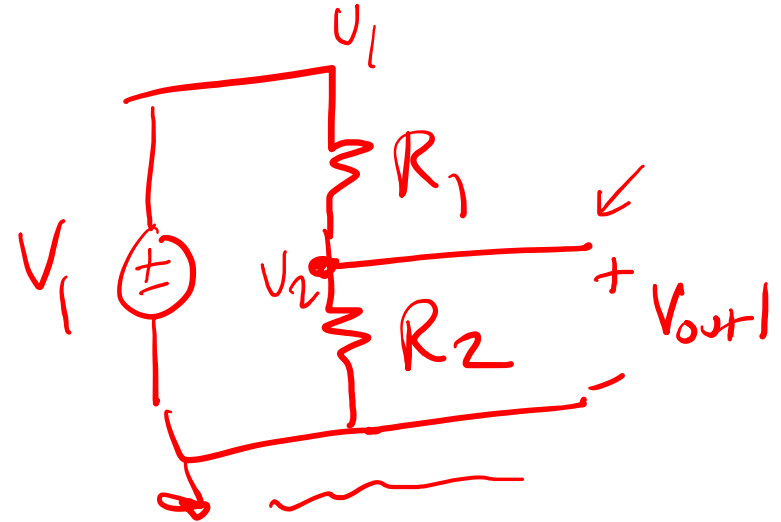
For each independent source k (voltage or current source):

- Set all other independent sources to 0 (*off*)
- Voltage source: replace with a wire
- Current source: replace with an open circuit
- ✓ Compute the output voltage or current due to this source k
- Compute output by summing the output for all k

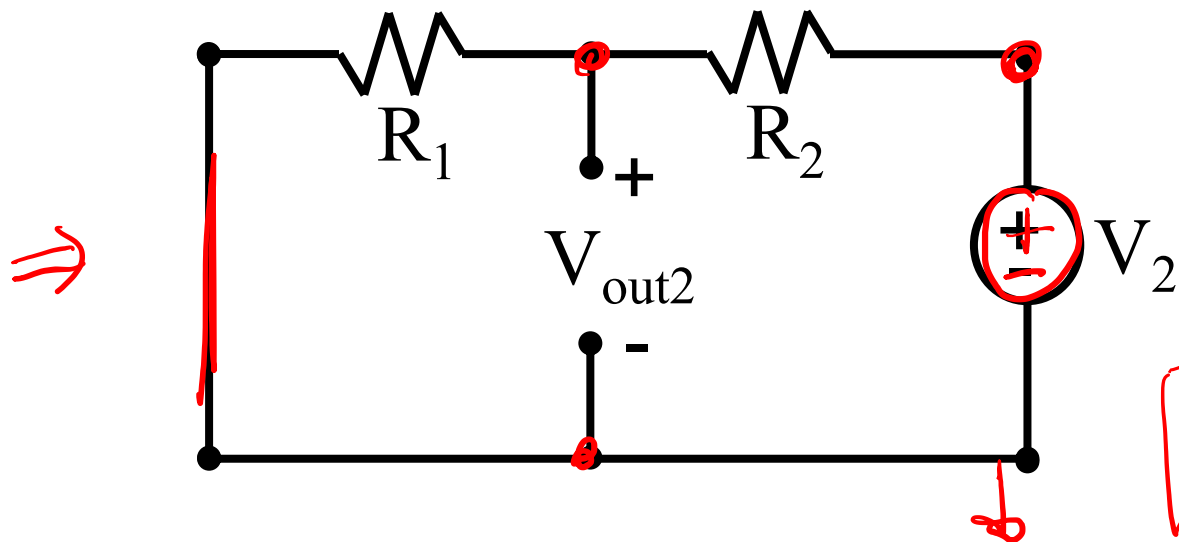
# Solve with One Source at a Time – Sum at the End



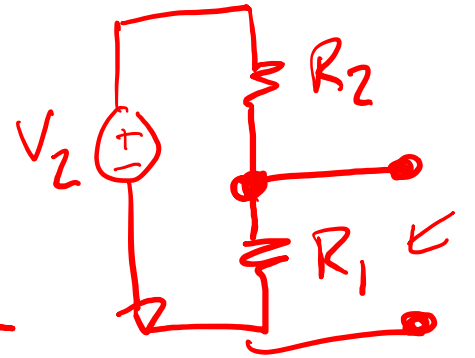
$V_1$  is off



$$V_{out1} = \frac{V_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



$$V_{out2} = \frac{V_2 \cdot R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$



$$V_{out} = V_{out1} + V_{out2} = \frac{V_1 R_2 + V_2 R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$