



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY

SPH 202: ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS

DATE: 9/12/2021

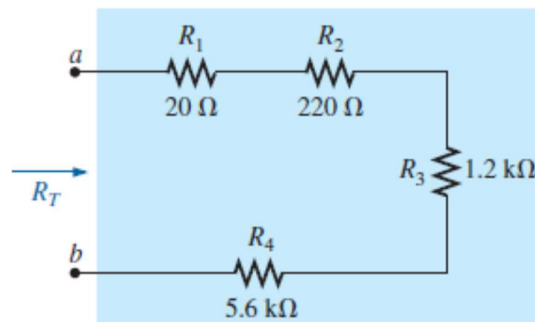
TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTION

ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

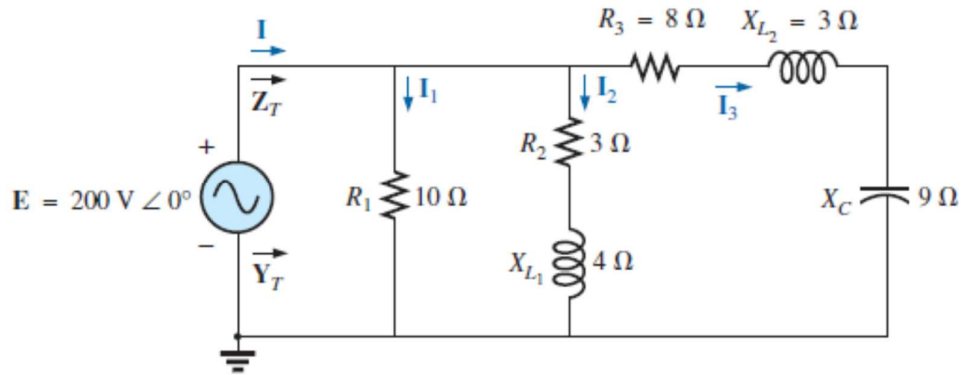
QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- (a) State Ohm's law and give the mathematical formulation for the same. (2 marks)
- (b) Calculate the resistance of a 60 W bulb if a current of 500 mA results from an applied voltage of 120 V. (2 marks)
- (c) Find the total resistance R_T shown the figure below. (2 marks)

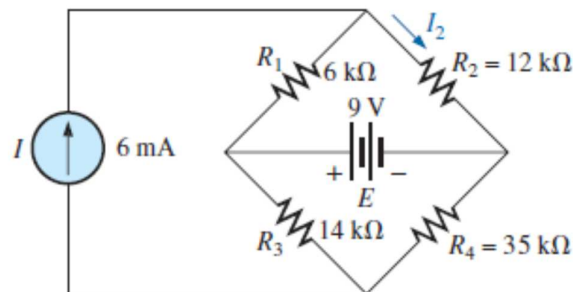


- (d) State Kirchhoff's voltage law (KVL) and Kirchhoff's current law (KCL). Support your statements with necessary mathematical expressions. (4 marks)

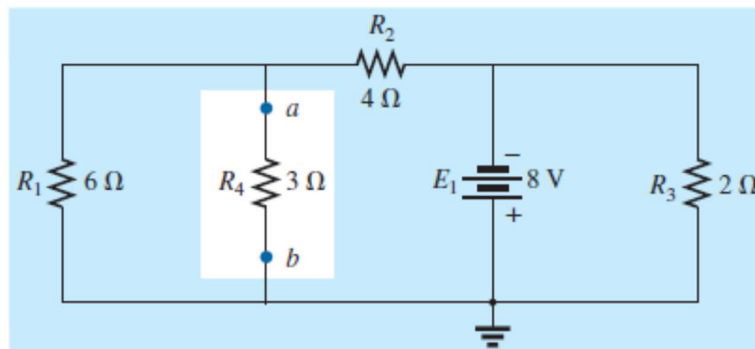
- (e) For the network below, determine the currents I , I_1 , I_2 , and I_3 and verify KCL for these currents. Also determine the total circuit impedance. (10 marks)



- (f) Using superposition theorem, determine the current I_2 shown in the network below. (6 marks)

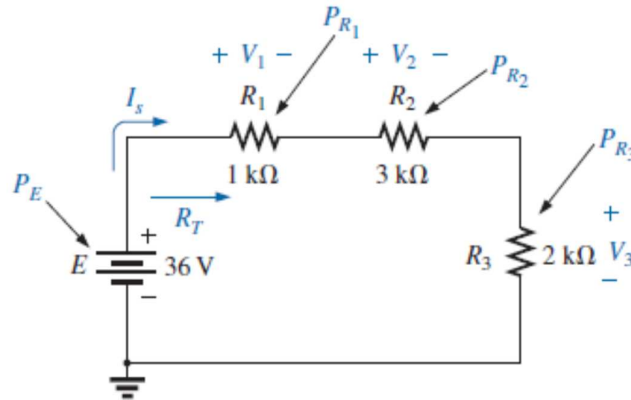


- (g) Find the Thevenin's equivalent circuit as seen across terminals a and b in the network below. (4 marks)

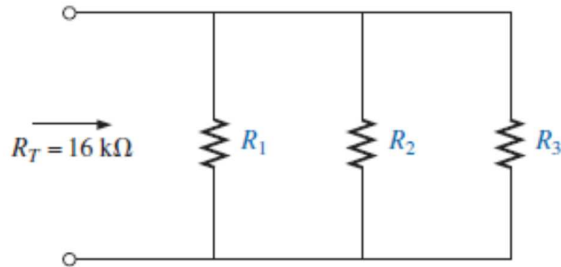


QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Determine the current through a $5\text{ k}\Omega$ resistor when the power dissipated by the element is 20 mW . (3 marks)
- (b) For the network shown below



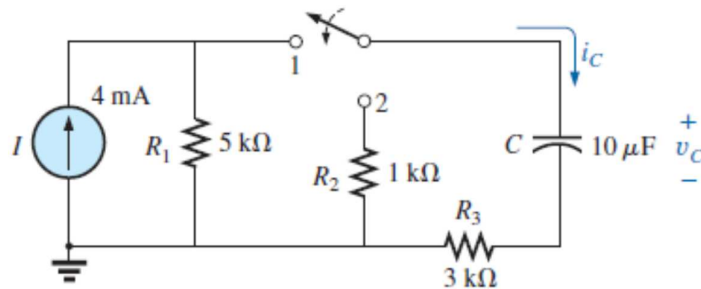
- Determine the total resistance R_T .
 - Calculate the current I_s .
 - Determine the voltage across each resistor.
 - Determine the power dissipated by each resistor.
- (10 marks)
- (c) Determine the values of R_1 , R_2 and R_3 in the figure below if $R_2 = 2R_1$, $R_3 = 2R_2$, and the total resistance is $R_T = 16\text{ k}\Omega$. (4 marks)



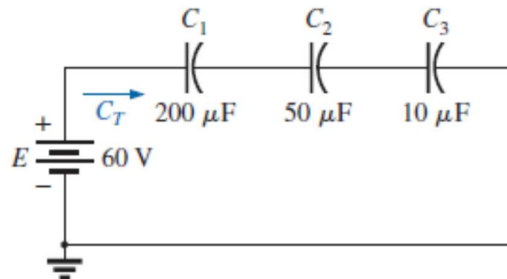
- (d) The current through a 0.1-H inductor is $i(t) = 10te^{-5t}\text{ A}$. Find the voltage across the inductor and the energy stored in it. (3 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

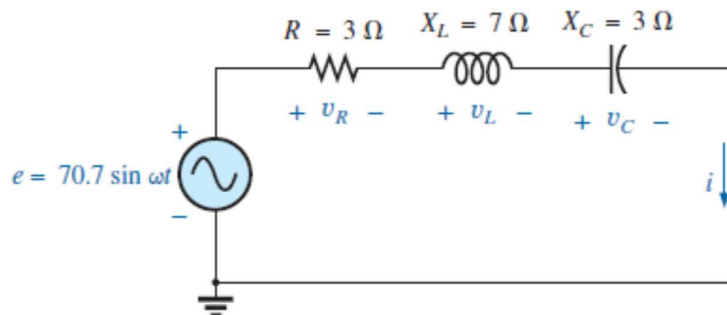
- (a) For the network shown below, find the mathematical expression for the transient behavior of the voltage across the capacitor if the switch is thrown into position 1 at $t=0$ s. (4 marks)



- (b) For the network shown below,
- Find the total capacitance.
 - Determine the charge on each plate.
 - Find the voltage across each capacitor.
- (6 marks)

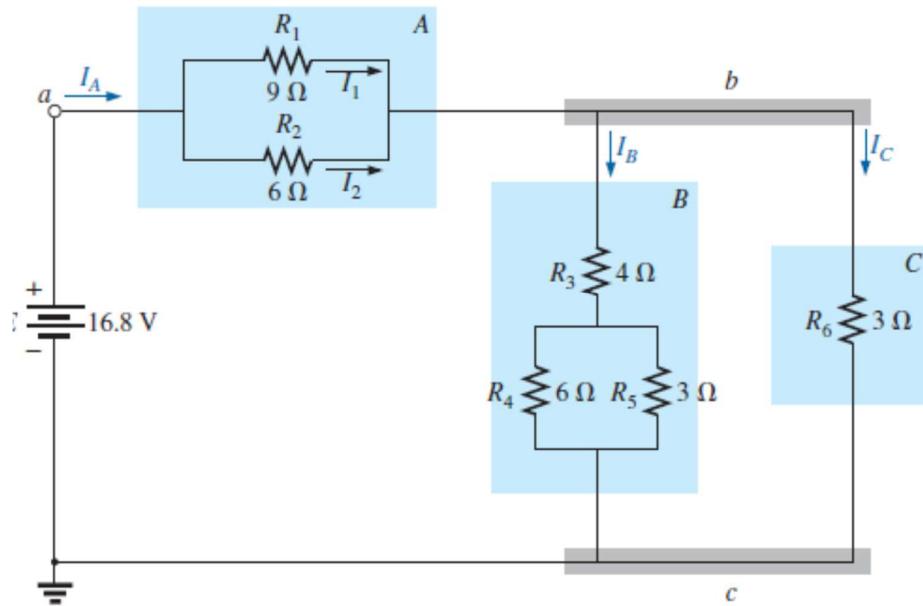


- (c) For the series RLC ac circuit below, determine the total circuit impedance, the current flowing in the circuit I and the voltage drops across each of the circuit elements R, L, and C. (10 marks)

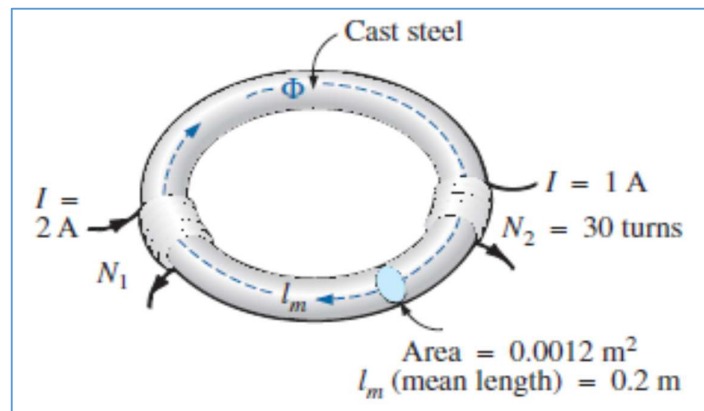


QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

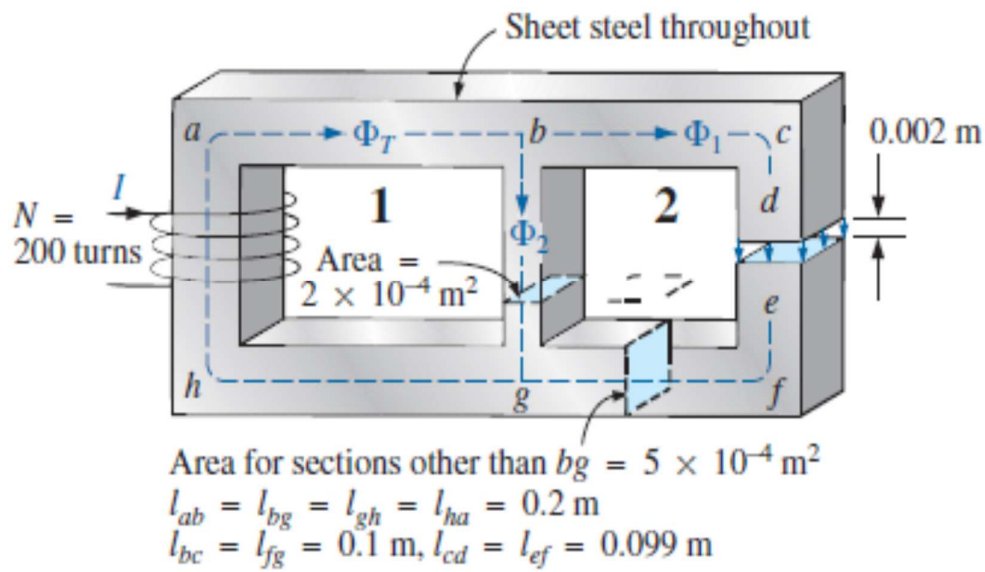
- (a) Determine the currents I_A , I_B and I_C shown in the network diagram below. (6 marks)



- (b) Find the number of turns N_1 required to establish a flux of 12×10^{-4} Wb in the magnetic circuit shown below and find the permeability μ of the material. (6 marks)



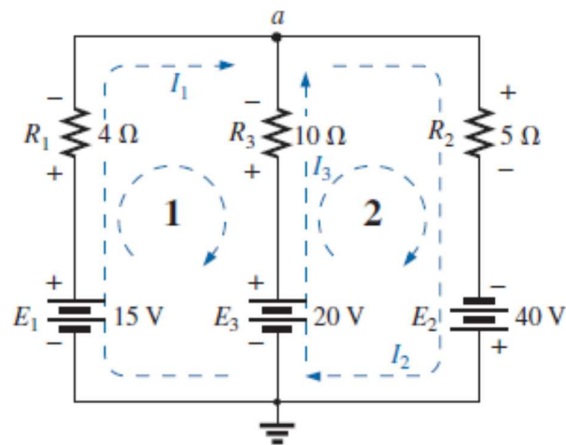
- (c) For the series-parallel magnetic circuit shown below, find the value of I required to establish a flux in the gap of 2×10^{-4} Wb. (8 marks)



QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Using mesh analysis, determine the currents I_1 , I_2 and I_3 shown in the network below.

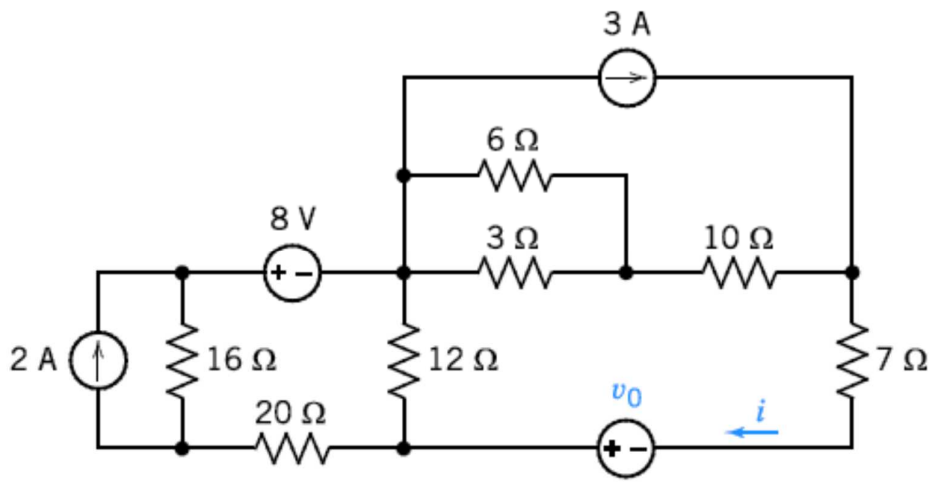
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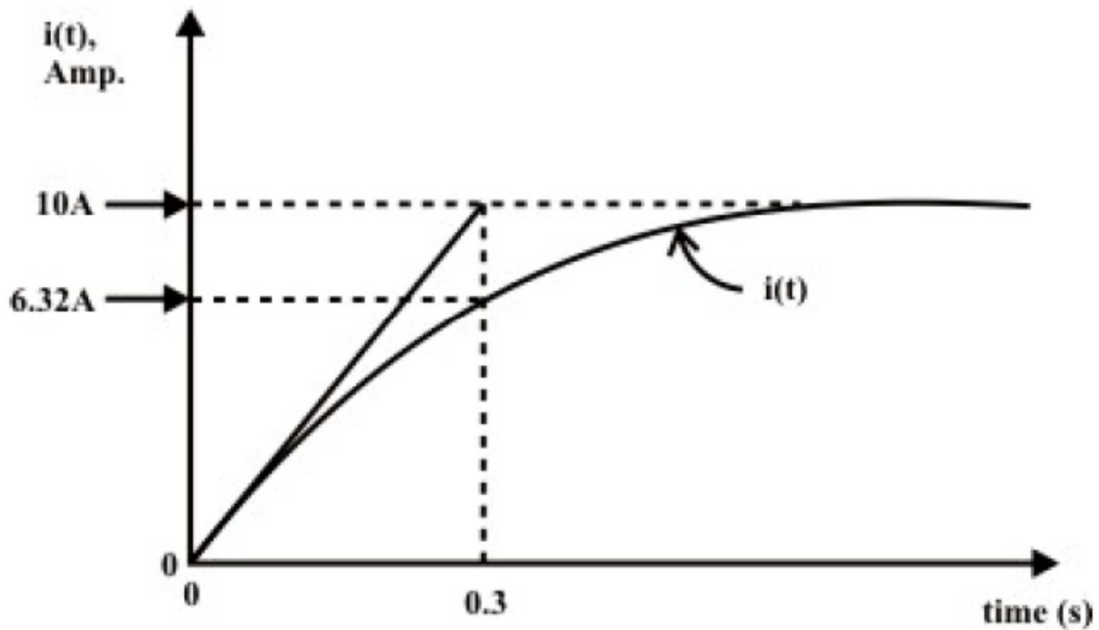
- (b) Find v_o using source transformations if $i = 5/2 \text{ A}$ in the circuit shown in figure below.

Hint: Reduce the circuit to a single mesh that contains the voltage source labeled v_o .

(6 marks)



- (c) The figure below shows the plot of current through a series RL - circuit when a constant forcing function of magnitude $V_S=50\text{V}$ is applied to it. Calculate the values of resistance R and inductance L . (4 marks)



- (d) From the circuit shown below determine the current through the 10Ω resistor using Norton's theorem. (4 marks)

