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Aufg. 1: Quantities and units ★☆☆

Calculate the time t in which 1 L of water is warmed up by a heater with the power $P = 2 \text{ kW}$ from the temperature $\vartheta_1 = 20^\circ\text{C}$ to $\vartheta_2 = 70^\circ\text{C}$. The heat dissipation to the environment is negligible.

Note: The specific heat capacity of water is $c = 4187 \frac{\text{W s}}{\text{kg K}}$.

Aufg. 2: Calculating in decibels ★★☆☆

For an interference voltage V_2 , a level of $L_{V2} = 110 \text{ dB}$ is specified. This value refers to $V_1 = 1 \mu\text{V}$. How large is the voltage V_2 in V?

Note: Level in dB $= 20 \cdot \lg\left(\frac{V_2}{V_1}\right)$

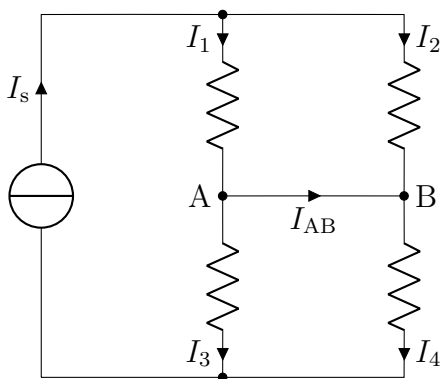
Aufg. 3: Efficiency ★☆☆

A pump is to lift 20 m^3 of water per hour into a container that is 25 m higher. The efficiency of this pump is $\eta_P = 70 \%$.

What electrical power must the drive motor absorb at a motor efficiency of $\eta_M = 90 \%$?

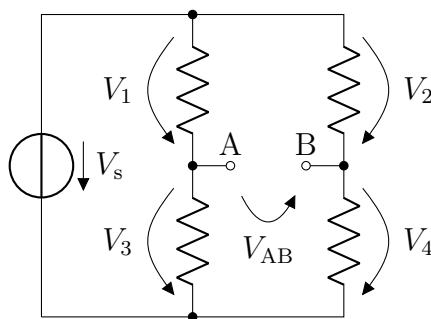
Aufg. 4: Kirchhoff current law ★☆☆

From $I_1 = 2 \text{ A}$, $I_2 = 3 \text{ A}$ and $I_4 = 4 \text{ A}$ calculate I_s , I_3 and I_{AB} with the correct sign.



Aufg. 5: Kirchhoff's voltage law ★ ☆ ☆

From $V_1 = 2\text{ V}$, $V_2 = 3\text{ V}$ and $V_4 = 5\text{ V}$ calculate V_s , V_3 and V_{AB} with the correct sign.



Aufg. 6: Current-voltage characteristic ★ ☆ ☆

Along the series connection of 5 components (resistors and voltage sources) of unknown size and sequence, the following potentials were measured against a reference potential $\varphi_{\text{ref}} = 0$ at the connection points A to F:

at point	Potential in V	
	Short circuit between A and F	6Ω between A and F
A	-10	-10
B	14	14
C	8	11
D	-4	-1
E	-6	-2
F	-10	-4

Calculate the values of the components and the voltage to be expected at terminals A and F in open circuit.

Aufg. 7: Wire length ★☆☆

A long copper wire with a specific conductivity of $58 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{S}}{\text{m}}$ is wound onto a reel. To determine the length of the wire without unwinding it, its resistance is measured. This is 5.747Ω . The wire has a cross-sectional area of 0.75 mm^2 .

How long is the wire?

Aufg. 8: Wire material ★★☆☆

An underground cable is 10 km long and has a conductor cross-section of 120 mm^2 . The cable has a resistance of 2.25Ω .

What is the specific conductivity of the conductor material?

What material is the wire probably made of?

(see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electrical_resistivity_and_conductivity)

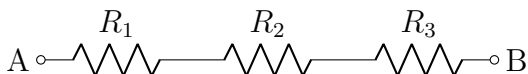
Aufg. 9: Resistance ★☆☆

A voltage drop of $V = 2\text{ V}$ is measured across an aluminum conductor with a cross-section area of $A = 2.5\text{ mm}^2$ and a length of $l = 18\text{ m}$. The specific conductivity of aluminum is $\gamma = 36\frac{\text{m}}{\Omega\text{ mm}^2}$.

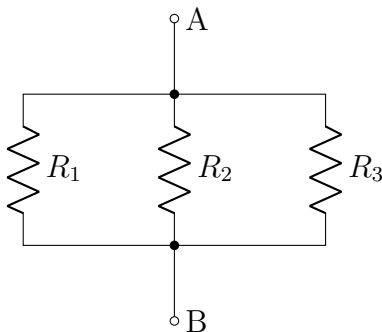
What is the current density J and the current amplitude I inside the conductor?

Aufg. 10: Series connection ★☆☆

Three resistors $R_1 = 10\Omega$, $R_2 = 20\Omega$ and $R_3 = 30\Omega$ are connected in series. What is the equivalent resistance between terminals A and B?

**Aufg. 11: Parallel connection** ★☆☆

Three resistors $R_1 = 10\Omega$, $R_2 = 20\Omega$ and $R_3 = 30\Omega$ are connected in parallel. What is the equivalent resistance between terminals A and B?



Aufg. 12: Series and parallel connection

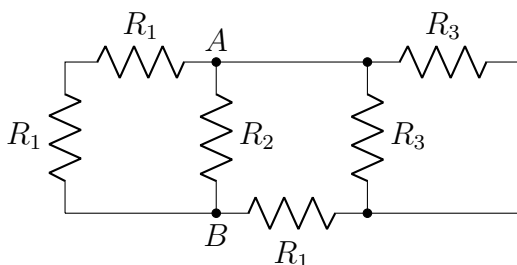
With two resistors R_1 and R_2 individually and in combination, four resistance levels can be realized e. g. for a hotplate.

Calculate the ratio $\frac{R_1}{R_2}$ so that the same resistance ratios result from level to level.

Aufg. 13: Equivalent resistance ★ ★ ☆

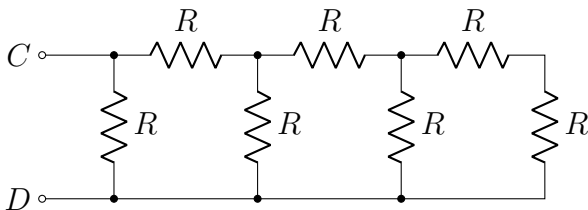
Calculate the equivalent resistances

a) R_{AB} ,



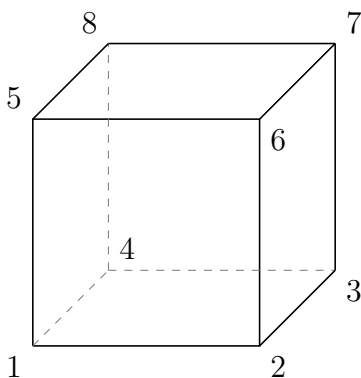
$$R_1 = 1 \, \Omega \quad R_2 = 2 \, \Omega \quad R_3 = 6 \, \Omega$$

b) R_{CD} , expressed in terms of R ,



Aufg. 14: Equivalent resistance ★★ ★

Twelve resistors of $1\text{ k}\Omega$ each form the edges of a cube.

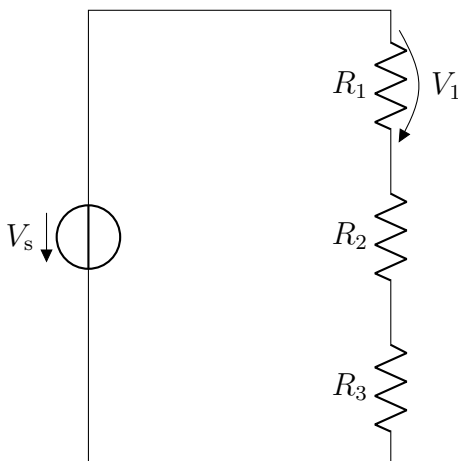


How large is the equivalent resistance between the corner points 1 and 7.

Note: Use symmetry and potential equality!

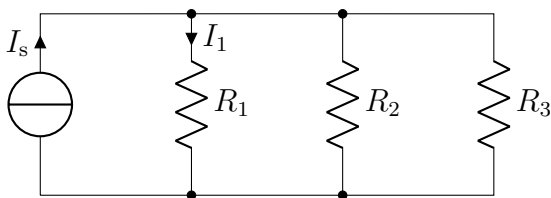
Aufg. 15: Voltage divider rule ★ ☆ ☆

Three resistors $R_1 = 10\,\Omega$, $R_2 = 20\,\Omega$ and $R_3 = 30\,\Omega$ are connected in series to a voltage source with a source voltage of $V_s = 9\text{ V}$. What is the partial voltage V_1 across the resistor R_1 ?



Aufg. 16: Current divider rule ★☆☆

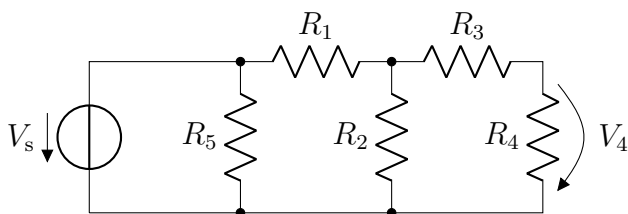
Three resistors $R_1 = 10\ \Omega$, $R_2 = 20\ \Omega$ and $R_3 = 30\ \Omega$ are connected in parallel to a current source with a source current of $I_s = 12\ \text{A}$. What is the partial current I_1 through the resistor R_1 ?



Aufg. 17: Voltage and current divider rule ★★★

Calculate the voltage V_4 using the

- voltage divider rule,
- current divider rule.



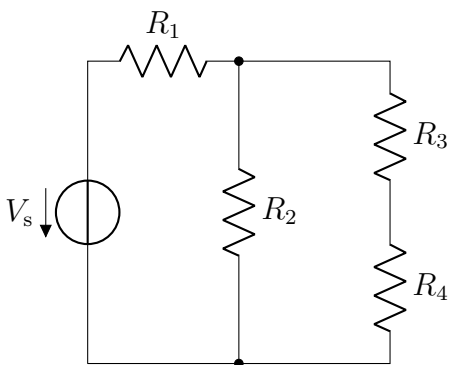
$$R_1 = R_3 = R_4 = R_5 = 1\ \Omega$$

$$R_2 = 2\ \Omega$$

$$V_s = 4\ \text{V}$$

Aufg. 18: Electrical power ★★☆

Which resistor is the one with the highest power loss? How large is it?



$$V_s = 100\ \text{V}$$

$$R_1 = 30\ \Omega$$

$$R_2 = 210\ \Omega$$

$$R_3 = 30\ \Omega$$

$$R_4 = 75\ \Omega$$

Aufg. 19: Maximum power transfer theorem ★★☆☆

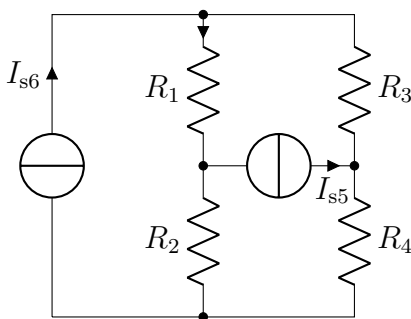
A rechargeable battery is regarded as a voltage source with an internal series resistance. When discharging the battery at a $0.5\ \Omega$ load, a terminal voltage of $3\ \text{V}$ and a current of $6\ \text{A}$ are observed. When charging the battery, a terminal voltage of $9\ \text{V}$ and a current of $-3\ \text{A}$ are measured.

What is the maximum power the battery can deliver?

Aufg. 20: Circuit analysis ★★☆☆

Calculate the current I_1 in the following circuit

- by superposition,
- with the help of branch current analysis
- using nodal voltage analysis.



$$R_1 = 10\ \Omega$$

$$R_2 = 20\ \Omega$$

$$R_3 = 30\ \Omega$$

$$R_4 = 40\ \Omega$$

$$I_{s5} = 5\ \text{A}$$

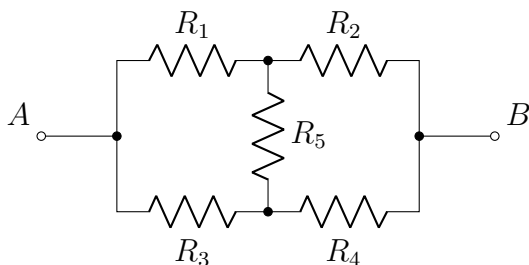
$$I_{s6} = 6\ \text{A}$$

Aufg. 21: Star-delta transformation



Calculate the resistance R_{AB}

- a) using a delta-star transformation,
- b) with the help of a star-delta transformation,
- c) using nodal voltage analysis.



$$R_1 = 1\ \Omega$$

$$R_2 = 2\ \Omega$$

$$R_3 = 3\ \Omega$$

$$R_4 = 4\ \Omega$$

$$R_5 = 5\ \Omega$$

Aufg. 22: Plate capacitor ★★☆☆

Two thin square metal plates with a side length of $a = 10\text{ cm}$ each are arranged parallel to each other at a distance of $d = 1\text{ mm}$ and form a plate capacitor. Between the plates is air with a permittivity of $\varepsilon = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{As}}{\text{Vm}}$.

- What is the capacitance C of the plate capacitor?
- The plate capacitor is charged to a DC voltage of $V = 10\text{ V}$. How large is the charge Q that is stored on the plate capacitor?
- The charged plate capacitor is disconnected from the DC voltage source. The plate spacing is then increased to a value of $d = 5\text{ mm}$. To what value does the capacitance C of the plate capacitor change? What does this mean for the voltage V between the two plates?
- The charged plate capacitor is now discharged with a constant current of $I = 1\text{ mA}$. What is the rate of voltage change $\Delta V/\Delta t$? How long does it take until the plate capacitor is completely discharged (to a voltage of $V = 0\text{ V}$)?

Aufg. 23: Inductance ★★☆☆

A coil with an inductance of $L = 1\text{ mH}$ and a copper resistance of $R = 1\ \Omega$ is connected to a voltage source with a constant source voltage of $V = 10\text{ V}$.

- What is the rate of change of current di/dt immediately after connection?

- b) What is the constant direct current I to which the coil is finally charged?
- c) What is the magnetic flux Φ through the coil?

Aufg. 24: Equivalent capacitance ★ ☆ ☆

What is the equivalent or total capacitance C_{tot} of two capacitors with a respective capacitance of $C = 1 \mu\text{F}$ if they are connected

- a) in series
- b) or parallel?

Aufg. 25: Equivalent inductance ★ ☆ ☆

What is the equivalent or total inductance L_{tot} of two coils with a respective inductance of $L = 1 \text{ mH}$ if they are connected

- a) in series
- b) or parallel?

Aufg. 26: Complex phasor ★ ☆ ☆

Given is a voltage as a time function

$$v(t) = \hat{v} \cdot \cos(\omega t + \varphi_v) = 5 \text{ V} \cdot \cos(\omega t + 60^\circ).$$

This time function is to be converted into the phasor form (stationary phasor) in:

- exponential form
- trigonometric form

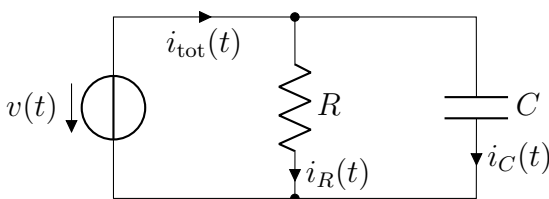
- Cartesian form

The phasor is to be drawn in the complex plane.

Aufg. 27: Impedance and admittance



An ohmic-capacitive load is connected to an ideal voltage source.



$$v(t) = \sqrt{2} \cdot 230 \text{ V} \cdot \sin(\omega t + 30^\circ)$$

$$R = \frac{1}{\omega C} = 23 \Omega$$

Calculate

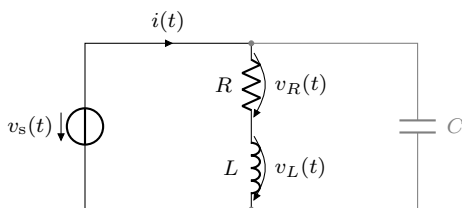
- the complex total admittance $\underline{Y}$ and impedance $\underline{Z}$ of the load,
- the currents $i_R(t)$, $i_C(t)$ and $i_{\text{tot}}(t)$ using the voltage,
- the total current $i_{\text{tot}}(t)$ by adding $i_R(t)$ and $i_C(t)$,
- the currents $i_R(t)$ and $i_C(t)$ using the current divider rule.

using complex quantities and draw all phasors in the complex diagram.

Aufg. 28: Complex power ★★☆

A resistor with a resistance $R = 10\ \Omega$ and an inductor with an inductance of $L = 31.83\ \text{mH}$ are connected in series to an ideal voltage source with a sinusoidal voltage of $v_s(t) = 325\ \text{V} \cdot \sin(\omega t + 30^\circ)$ with a frequency of $f = 50\ \text{Hz}$.

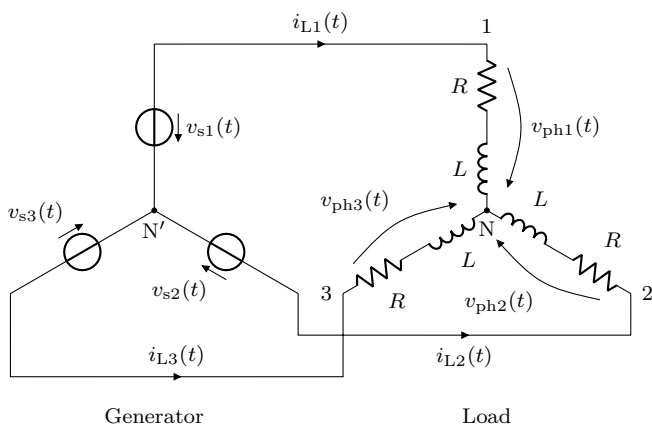
- Calculate the active power P dissipated in the resistor R , the (inductive) reactive power Q_L at the inductance L and the apparent power S at the series connection of R and L .
- Calculate the complex power $\underline{S}$ at the series connection of R and L , its real part $\Re\{\underline{S}\}$, imaginary part $\Im\{\underline{S}\}$ and magnitude $|\underline{S}|$. Compare these values with the previously calculated active power P , reactive power Q_L and apparent power S .
- How large is the (inductive) power factor $\cos \varphi$?
- How large must the reactance X_C or the impedance $\underline{Z}_C$ of a capacitance C connected in parallel be so that the reactive power is completely compensated for in the overall circuit? What is the active power and apparent power of the overall circuit?
- What is the required capacitance C ?
- Draw the corresponding power triangle.



Aufg. 29: Three-phase star-star system

A symmetrical generator and a symmetrical load in a star connection are given.

- Calculate the branch voltages of the load and the phase-to-phase voltages by magnitude and phase and draw the phasor diagram of all voltages. The root-mean-square values shall be given.
- Calculate the branch currents of the load and the phase currents by magnitude and phase. The root-mean-square values should also be given here.
- What would be the current in the neutral conductor if N' and N were connected (calculation)?
- Calculate the active power P , the reactive power Q and the apparent power S of the load.



$$v_{s1}(t) = \hat{v} \cdot \sin(\omega t)$$

$$v_{s2}(t) = \hat{v} \cdot \sin(\omega t - 120^\circ)$$

$$v_{s3}(t) = \hat{v} \cdot \sin(\omega t - 240^\circ)$$

$$\hat{v} = \sqrt{2} \cdot 230 \text{ V}$$

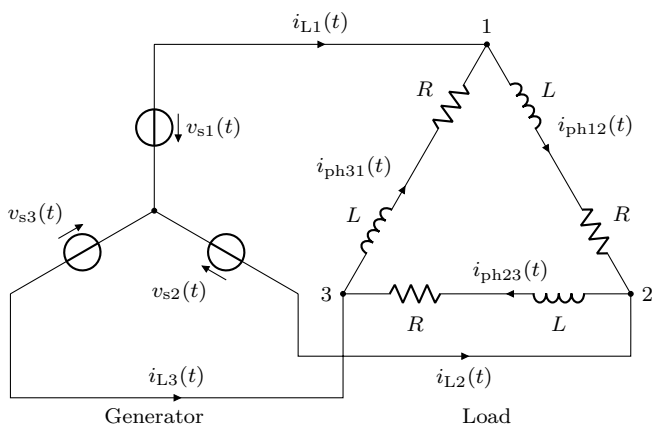
$$R = \omega L = 10 \Omega$$

Aufg. 30: Three-phase star-delta system



A symmetrical generator in a star connection and a symmetrical load in a delta connection are given.

- Calculate the branch voltages of the load and the phase-to-phase voltages by magnitude and phase and draw the phasor diagram of all voltages. The root-mean-square values shall be given.
- Calculate the branch currents of the load and the phase currents by magnitude and phase and draw the phasor diagram of all currents. The root-mean-square values should also be given here.
- Calculate the active power P , the reactive power Q and the apparent power S of the load.
- Compare the powers with those from task 29.



$$v_{s1}(t) = \hat{v} \cdot \sin(\omega t)$$

$$v_{s2}(t) = \hat{v} \cdot \sin(\omega t - 120^\circ)$$

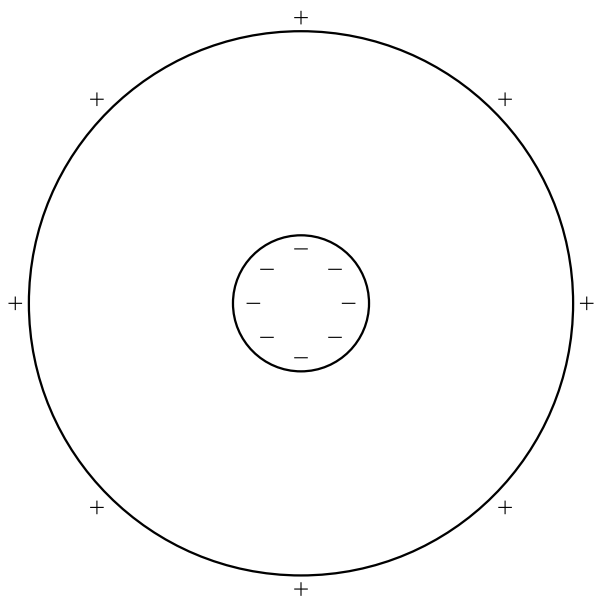
$$v_{s3}(t) = \hat{v} \cdot \sin(\omega t - 240^\circ)$$

$$\hat{v} = \sqrt{2} \cdot 230 \text{ V}$$

$$R = \omega L = 10 \Omega$$

Aufg. 31: Coaxial cable ★☆☆

A coaxial cable is given. The charge $-Q$ is on the inner conductor and the charge $+Q$ is on the outer conductor.



Add the field lines and equipotential lines of the electric field strength to the drawing.

Aufg. 32: Point charges ★☆☆

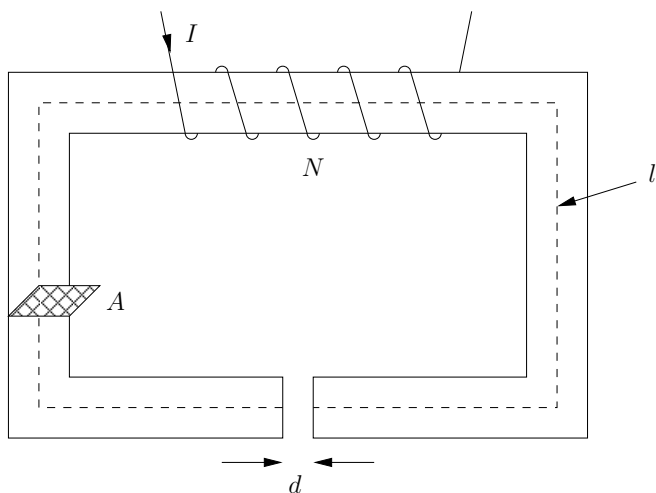
Sketch the electric field lines and equipotential lines of the following arrangement of two charges.

$-Q$ ●

● $+Q$

Aufg. 33: Magnetic circuit ★★☆☆

Given is a magnetic circuit with the mean iron length ℓ and the cross-sectional area A . An air gap of thickness d is cut into the iron core. A coil with N turns is wound around the iron core, through which the direct current I flows. The material of the iron core has the relative permeability μ_r .

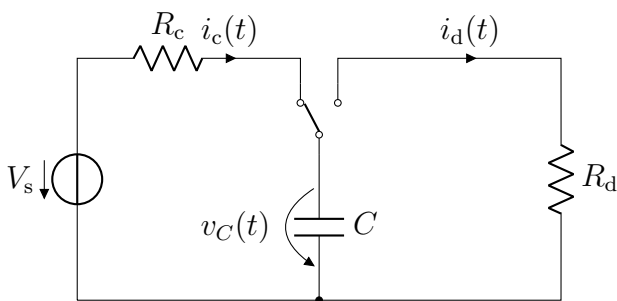


- Draw the equivalent electrical circuit diagram of the magnetic circuit.
- Calculate the values of all electrical components present.
- Calculate the magnetic flux Φ in the iron core.
- Calculate the magnetic field strength H in the air gap.

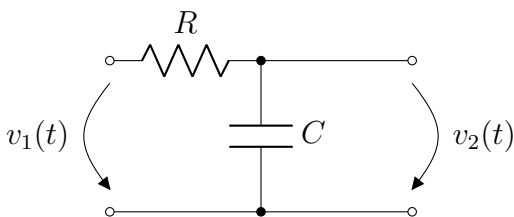
Aufg. 34: Charging and discharging of a capacitor ★★☆☆

An initially empty capacitor with a capacitance of $C = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ is charged via a charging resistor $R_c = 0.8\text{ M}\Omega$ by a DC voltage source $V_s = 500\text{ V}$.

- Calculate the time course of the voltage $v_C(t)$ during charging.
- What is the maximum charging current?
- After what time is the charging practically finished?
- What is the maximum discharge current if the capacitor is discharged via a discharging resistor $R_d = 0.5\text{ }\Omega$ after charging?
- What is the energy dissipation in the discharging resistor R_d during discharge?

**Aufg. 35: Filter ★★☆☆**

A resistor with $R = 10\text{ }\Omega$ and a capacitor with $C = 318.3\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ are connected in series. A sinusoidal input voltage $v_1(t)$ is applied to this series connection. The output voltage $v_2(t)$, which is also sinusoidal, is measured across the capacitor.



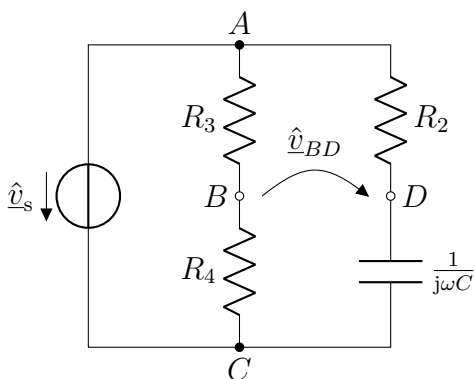
- Use the voltage divider rule to determine the complex voltage transfer ratio $\hat{v}_2/\hat{v}_1$ as a formula.
- How large is this voltage transfer ratio $\hat{v}_2/\hat{v}_1$ in magnitude and phase for the following frequencies (approximately)?
 - 5 Hz
 - 50 Hz
 - 500 Hz
- What function does this circuit fulfill? What kind of filter is it?

Aufg. 36: Hausrath bridge ★★☆

For the AC bridge circuit shown (Hausrath bridge), determine the bridge voltage $\hat{v}_{BD}$ in general according to magnitude and phase if $R_3 = R_4$.

In what way does the voltage $\hat{v}_{BD}$ depend on the resistance $R_2 = 0 \dots \infty$?

Qualitatively draw the phasor image of the voltages in the complex plane.



Result check

1. $t = 104.7 \text{ s}$
2. $V_2 = 0.316 \text{ V}$
3. $P_{\text{el}} = 2.16 \text{ kW}$
4. $I_s = 5 \text{ A}; I_3 = 1 \text{ A}; I_{\text{AB}} = 1 \text{ A}$
5. $V_s = 8 \text{ V}; V_3 = 6 \text{ V}; V_{\text{AB}} = 1 \text{ V}$
6. $V_{\text{AB}} = -24 \text{ V}; R_{\text{BC}} = 3 \Omega; V_{\text{CD}} = 12 \text{ V};$
 $R_{\text{DE}} = 1 \Omega; R_{\text{EF}} = 2 \Omega; V_{\text{FA,open}} = 12 \text{ V}$
7. $l = 250 \text{ m}$
8. $\gamma = 37 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{S}}{\text{m}}$ (aluminum)
9. $I = 10 \text{ A}; J = 4 \frac{\text{A}}{\text{mm}^2}$
10. $R_{\text{AB}} = 60 \Omega$
11. $R_{\text{AB}} = 5.45 \Omega$
12. $\frac{R_1}{R_2} = 0.618$ (if $R_1 < R_2$) or $\frac{R_1}{R_2} = 1.618$ (if $R_1 > R_2$)
13. a) $R_{\text{AB}} = 0.8 \Omega$
 b) $R_{\text{CD}} = 0.619 \cdot R$
 c) $R_{\text{EF}} = 2 \Omega = R_{\text{w}}$
14. $R_{17} = 833 \Omega$
- 15.
- 16.
17. $V_4 = 1 \text{ V}$
18. $P_4 = 33.33 \text{ W}$
19. $P_{\text{a,max}} = 18.375 \text{ W}$

20. $I_1 = \frac{(R_2 + R_4) \cdot I_{q5} + (R_3 + R_4) \cdot I_{q6}}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4}$
 $I_1 = 7.2 \text{ A}; I_2 = 2.2 \text{ A}; I_3 = -1.2 \text{ A}; I_4 = 3.8 \text{ A}$
21. $R_{AB} = 2.094 \Omega$
- 22.
- 23.
- 24.
- 25.
26. -
27. a) $\underline{Z} = 16.26 \Omega \cdot e^{-j \cdot 45^\circ}$
b) $i_R(t) = 14.14 \text{ A} \cdot \sin(\omega t + 30^\circ)$
 $i_C(t) = 14.14 \text{ A} \cdot \sin(\omega t + 120^\circ)$
 $i_{\text{tot}}(t) = 20 \text{ A} \cdot \sin(\omega t + 75^\circ)$
c) -
d) -
28. a) -
b) -
c) -
d) $v_{\text{br}}(t) = 6.5 \text{ V} \cdot \sin(\omega t + 113.13^\circ)$
29. a) -
b) -
c) $i_N = 0$
d) $P = 7932 \text{ W}; Q = 7932 \text{ var}; S = 11\,220 \text{ VA}$
e) -
30. a) -

b) -

c) $P = 24.0 \text{ kW}$; $Q = 24.0 \text{ kvar}$; $S = 33.9 \text{ kVA}$

d) -

31.

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34. a) $v_C(t) = V_s \cdot \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{R_C C}}\right)$

b) $i_{c,\max} = 0.625 \text{ mA}$

c) 24 s

d) $i_{d,\max} = 1000 \text{ A}$

e) $E = 1.25 \text{ W s}$