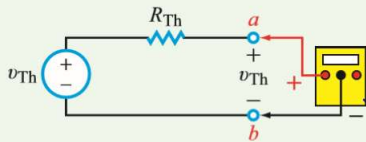




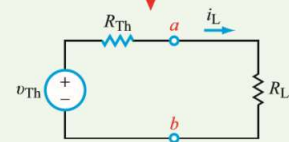
(a) Measuring v_{oc} on actual circuit



(b) Measuring v_{Th} of equivalent circuit

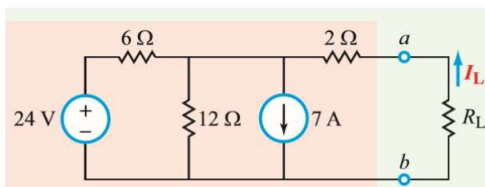


(a) Original circuit

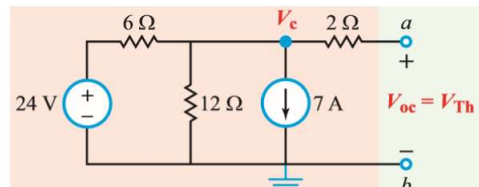


(b) **Thévenin equivalent**

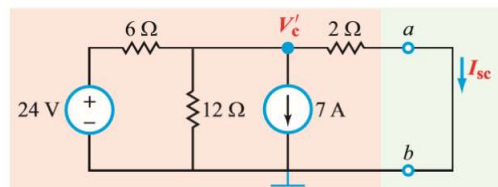
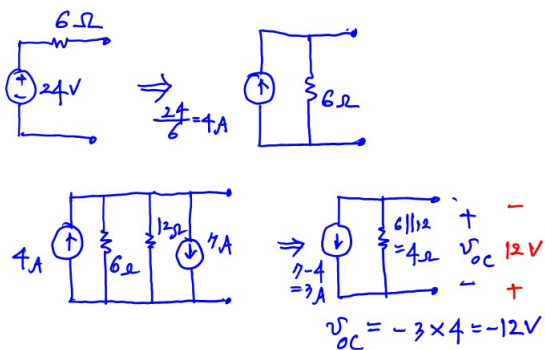
Figure 3-20: A circuit can be represented in terms of a Thévenin equivalent comprising a voltage source v_{Th} in series with a resistance R_{Th} .



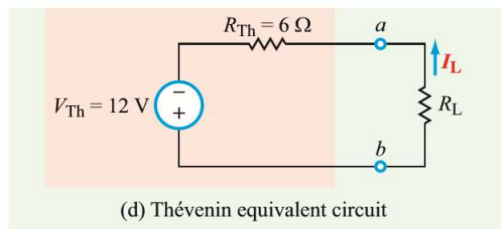
(a) Original circuit



(b) Replacing R_L with open circuit



(c) Replacing R_L with short circuit



Exercise 3-11: Determine the Thévenin-equivalent circuit at terminals (a, b) in Fig. E3.11.

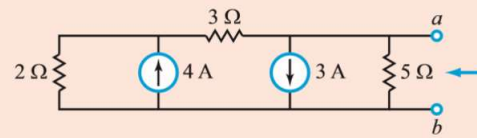


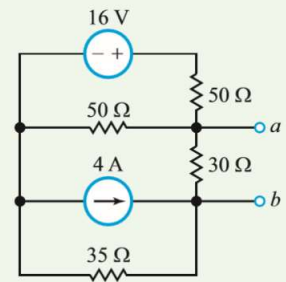
Figure E3.11

Equivalent-Resistance Method

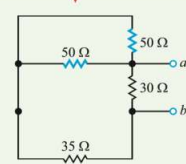


Figure 3-24: For a circuit that does not contain dependent sources, R_{Th} can be determined by deactivating all sources (replacing voltage sources with short circuits and current sources with open circuits) and then simplifying the circuit down to a single resistance R_{eq} .

(a) Original circuit



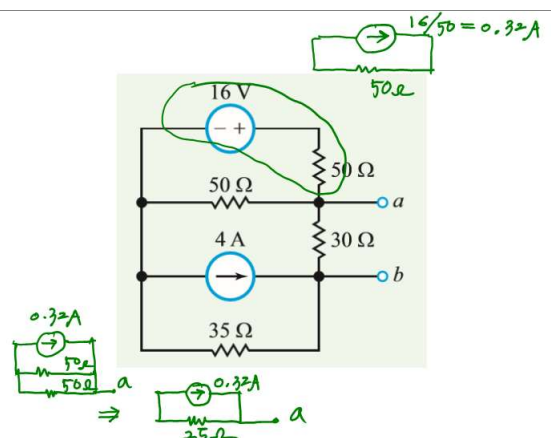
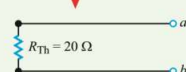
(b) After deactivating sources

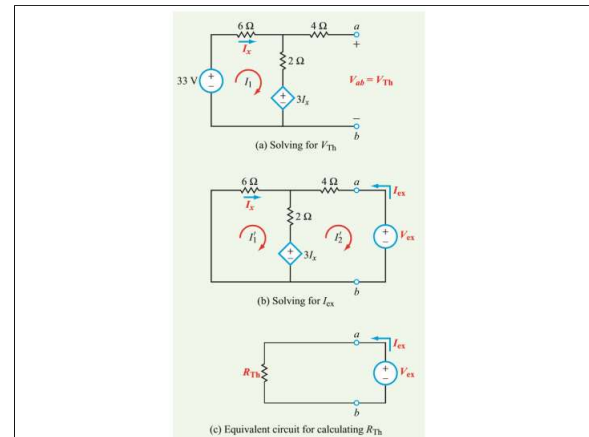
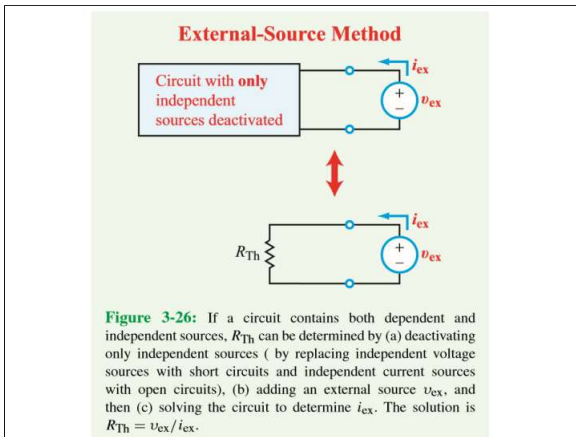
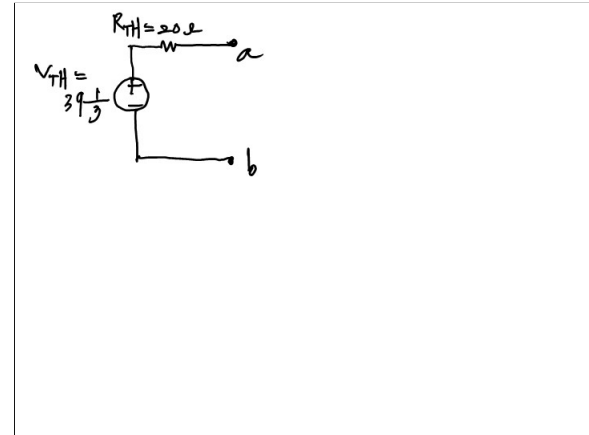
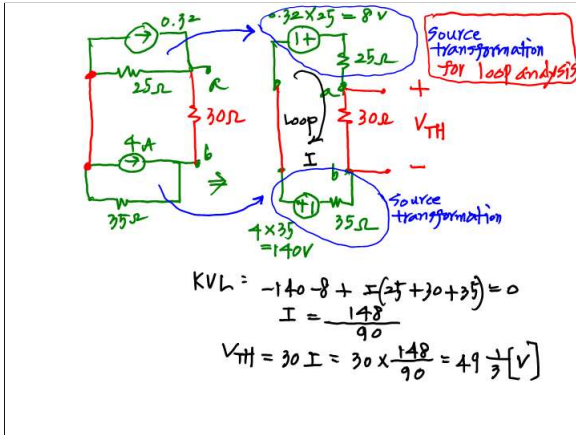


(c) After combining the two 50Ω resistors in parallel



(d) Final R_{Th}





Solution: The KVL equation for mesh current I_1 in Fig. 3-27(a) is given by

$$-33 + 6I_1 + 2I_1 + 3I_x = 0.$$

Recognizing that $I_x = I_1$, solution of the preceding equation leads to

$$I_1 = 3 \text{ A}.$$

Since there is no voltage drop across the 4Ω resistor (because no current is flowing through it),

$$V_{Th} = V_{ab} = 2I_1 + 3I_x = 5I_1 = 15 \text{ V}.$$

To find R_{Th} using the external-source method, we deactivate the 33 V voltage source and we add an external voltage source V_{ex} , as shown in Fig. 3-27(b). Our task is to obtain an expression for I_{ex} in terms of V_{ex} . In Fig. 3-27(b) we have two mesh currents, which we have labeled I'_1 and I'_2 . Their equations are given by

$$6I'_1 + 2(I'_1 - I'_2) + 3I_x = 0,$$

$$-3I_x + 2(I'_2 - I'_1) + 4I'_2 + V_{ex} = 0.$$

After replacing I_x with I'_1 and solving the two simultaneous equations, we obtain

$$I'_1 = -\frac{1}{28} V_{ex}.$$

and

$$I'_2 = -\frac{11}{56} V_{ex}.$$

For the equivalent circuit shown in Fig. 3-27(c),

$$R_{Th} = \frac{V_{ex}}{I_{ex}}.$$

In terms of our solution, $I_{ex} = -I'_2$. Hence,

$$R_{Th} = -\frac{V_{ex}}{I'_2} = \frac{56}{11} \Omega.$$

Table 3-1: Properties of Thévenin/Norton analysis techniques.

To Determine	Method	Can Circuit Contain Dependent Sources?	Relationship
v_{Th}	Open-circuit v	Yes	$v_{Th} = v_{oc}$
v_{Th}	Short-circuit i (if R_{Th} is known)	Yes	$v_{Th} = R_{Th} i_{sc}$
R_{Th}	Open/short	Yes	$R_{Th} = v_{oc} / i_{sc}$
R_{Th}	Equivalent R	No	$R_{Th} = R_{eq}$
R_{Th}	External source	Yes	$R_{Th} = v_{ex} / i_{ex}$
$i_N = v_{Th} / R_{Th}; R_N = R_{Th}$			