

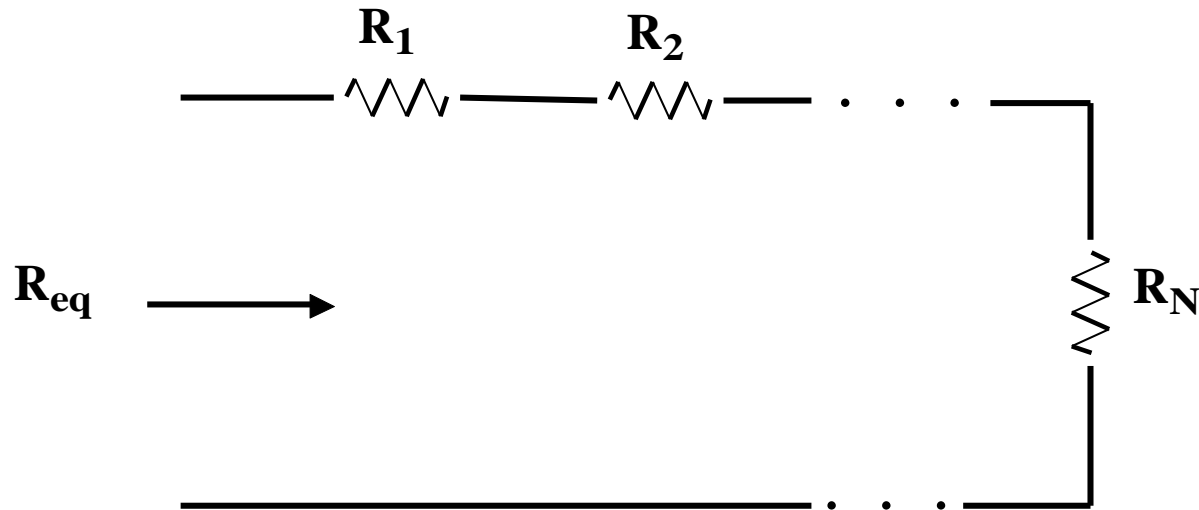
# ENGR12

## Chapter 2.4 – 2.7 Equivalent Resistance and Wye-Delta Circuits

# Basic Laws of Circuits

## Equivalent Resistance:

We know the following for series resistors:



**Figure 5.1: Resistors in series.**

$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N$$

# Basic Laws of Circuits

## Equivalent Resistance:

We know the following for parallel resistors:

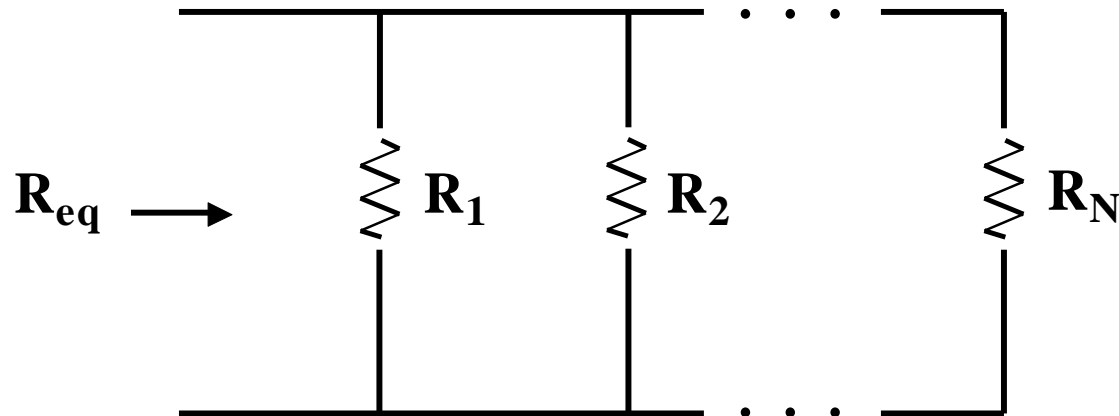


Figure 5.2: Resistors in parallel.

$$\frac{1}{R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_N}$$

# Basic Laws of Circuits

## Equivalent Resistance:

For the special case of two resistors in parallel:

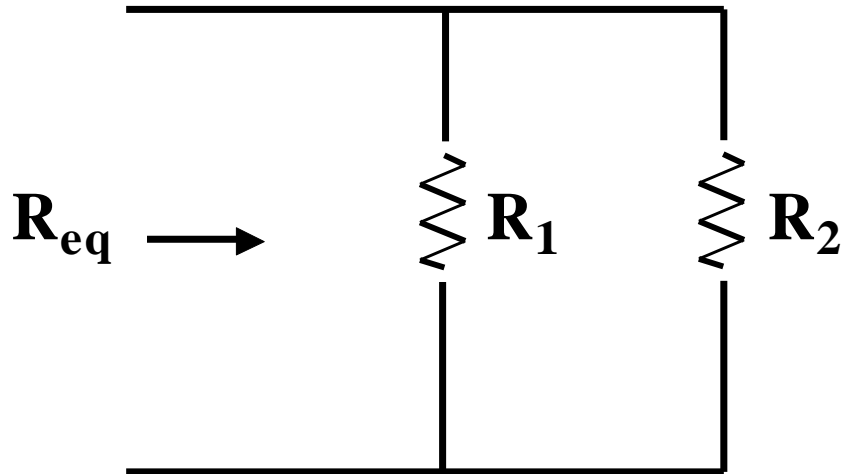


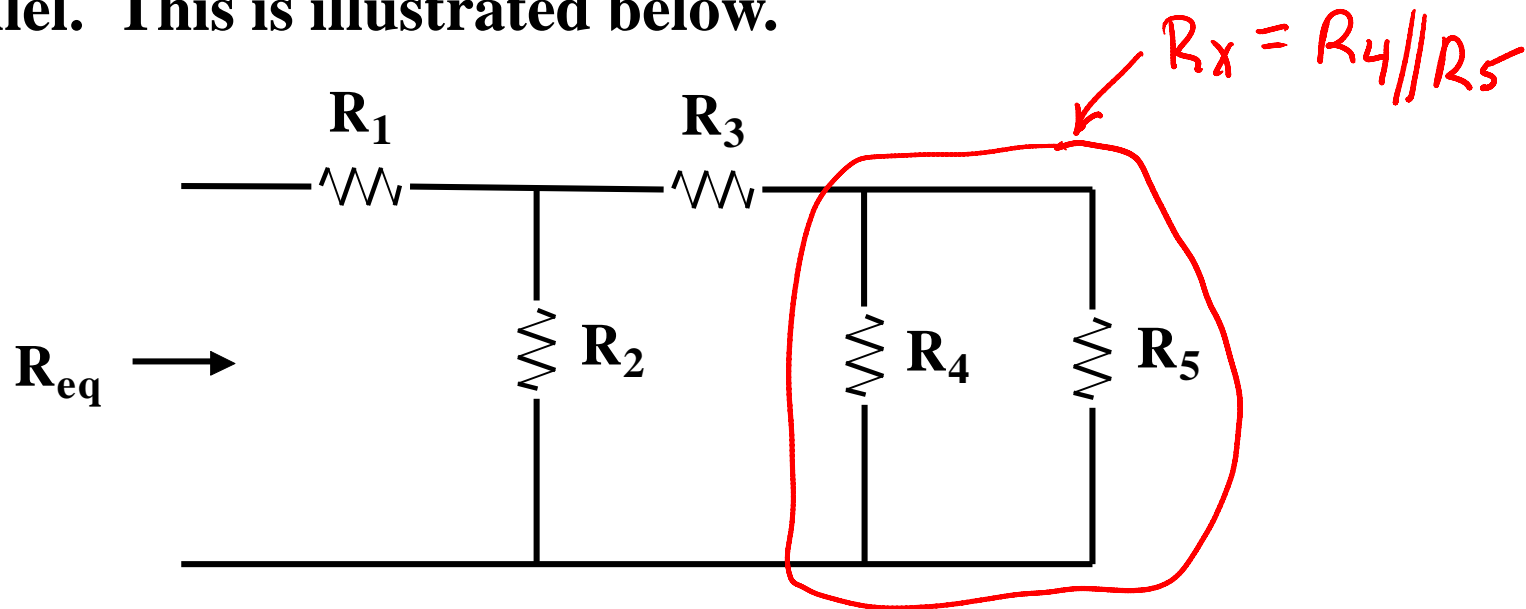
Figure 5.3: Two resistors in parallel.

$$R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

# Basic Laws of Circuits

Equivalent Resistance: Resistors in combination.

By combination we mean we have a mix of series and Parallel. This is illustrated below.



**Figure 5.4: Resistors In Series – Parallel Combination**

To find the equivalent resistance we usually start at the output of the circuit and work back to the input.

# Basic Laws of Circuits

Equivalent Resistance: Resistors in combination.

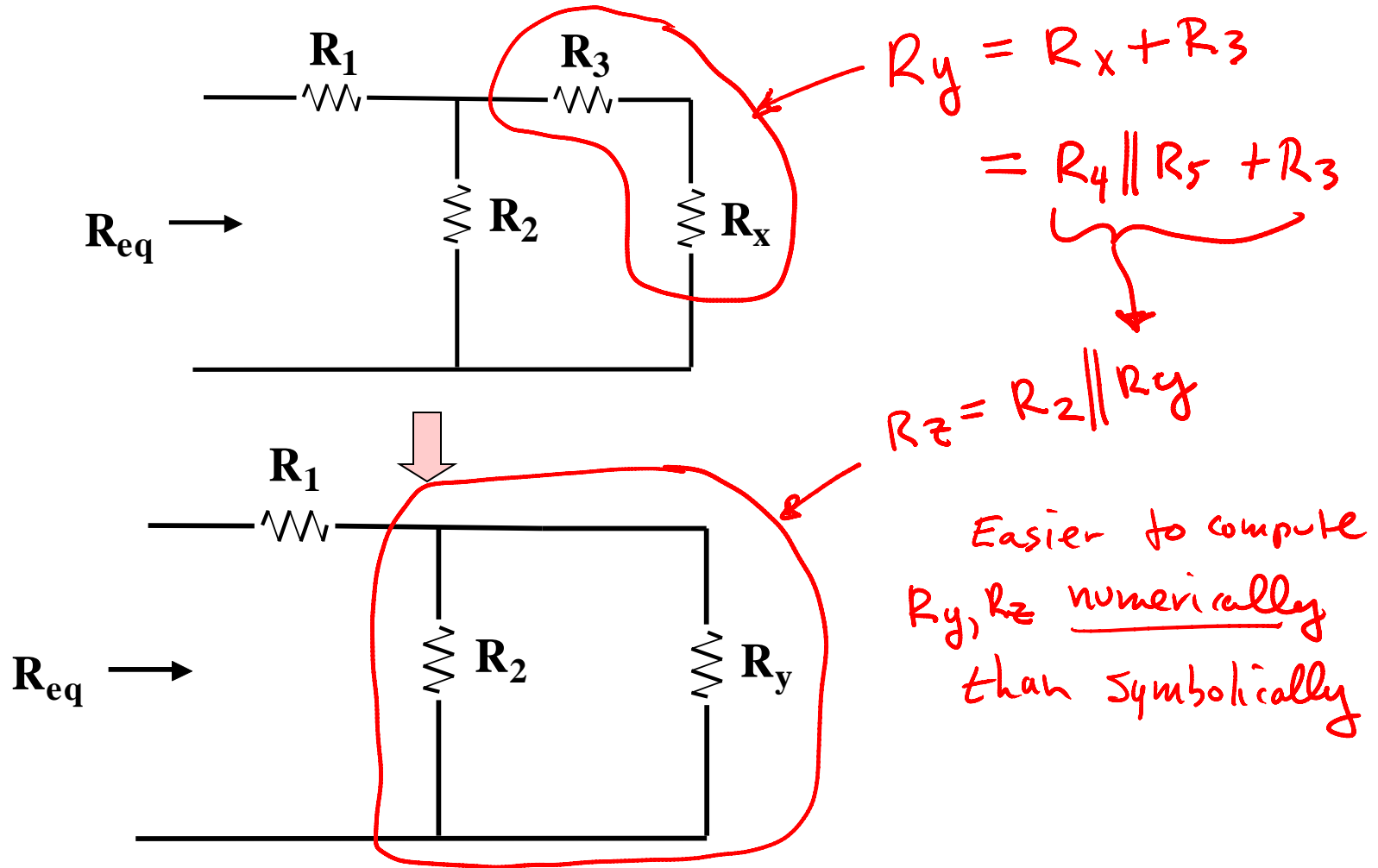
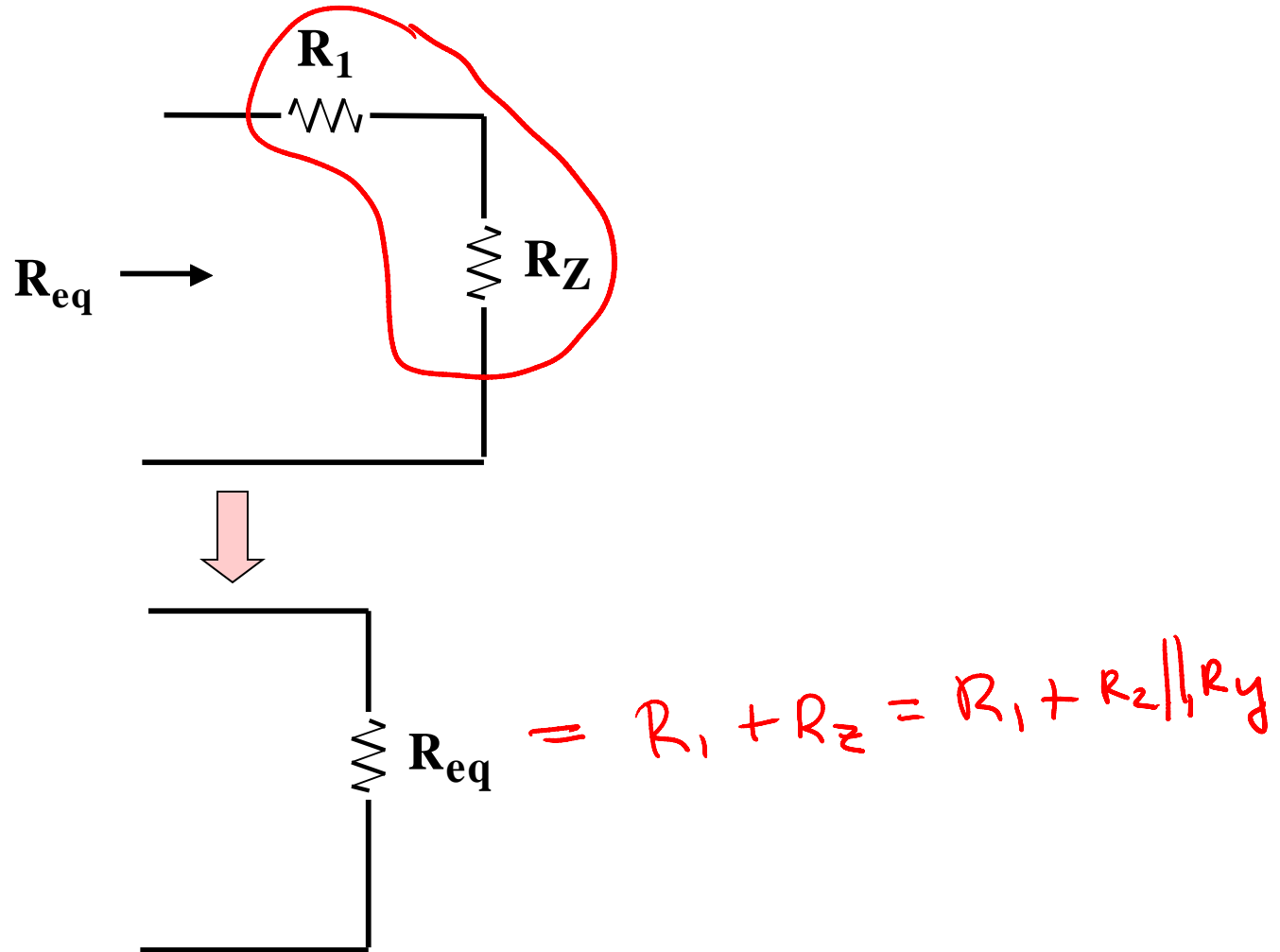


Figure 5.5: Resistance reduction.

# Basic Laws of Circuits

Equivalent Resistance: Resistors in combination.



6 **Figure 5.6: Resistance reduction, final steps.**

# Basic Laws of Circuits

Equivalent Resistance: Resistors in combination.

It is easier to work the previous problem using numbers than to work out a general expression. This is illustrated below.

Example 5.1: Given the circuit below. Find  $R_{eq}$ :

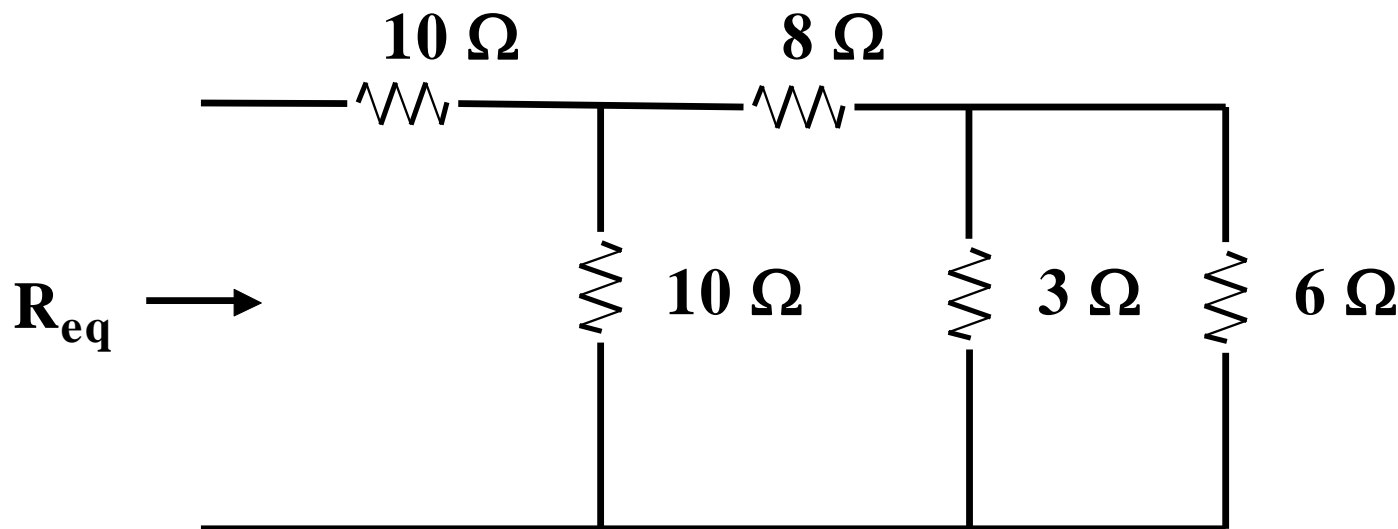


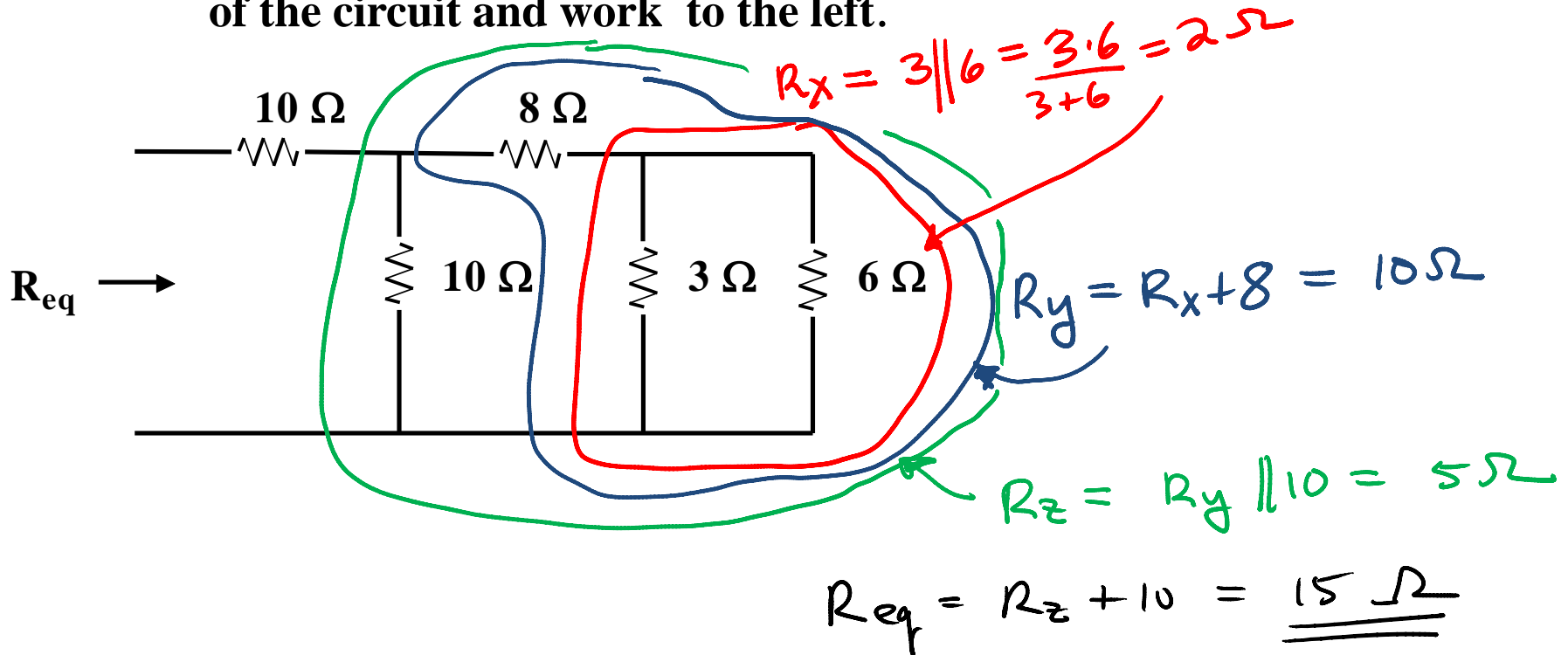
Figure 5.7: Circuit for Example 5.1.



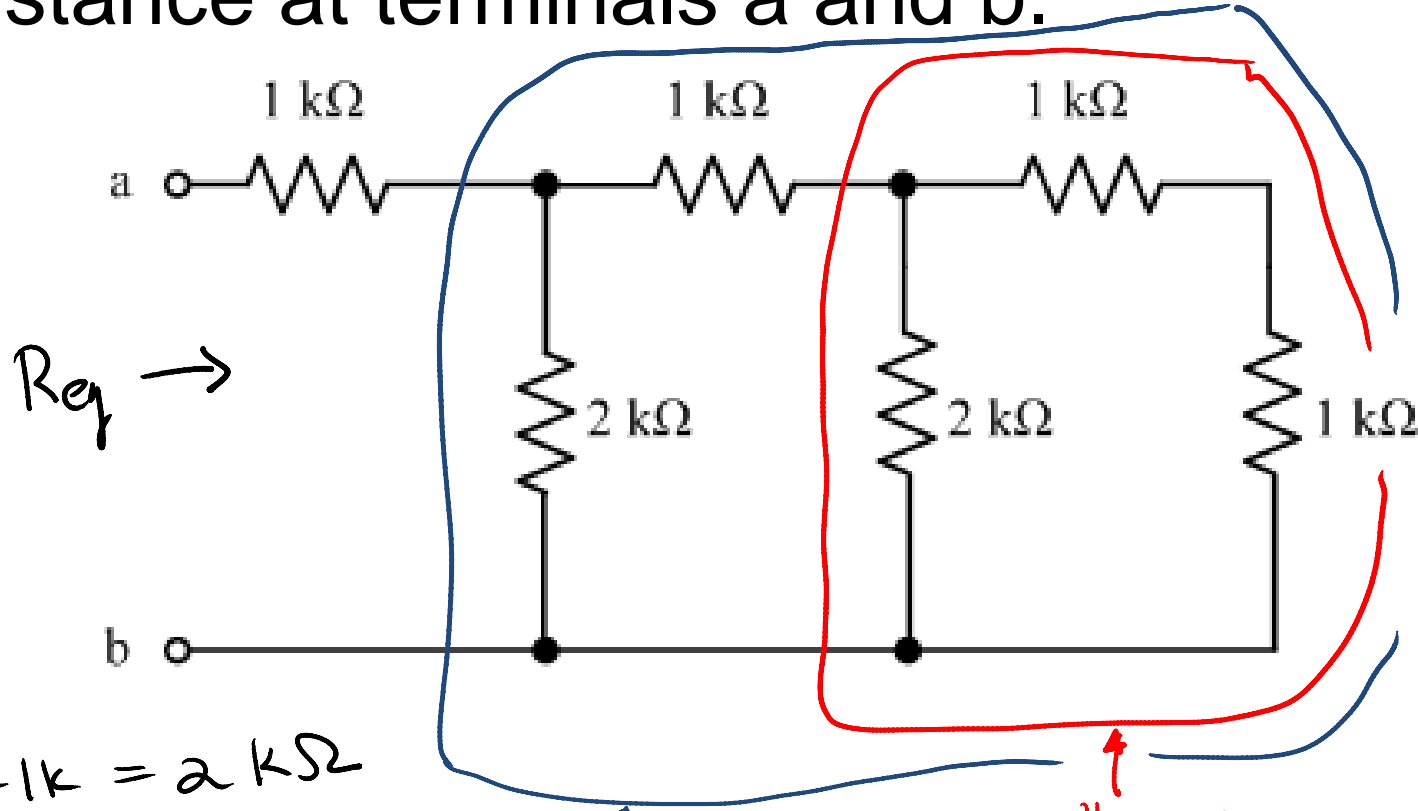
# Basic Laws of Circuits

Equivalent Resistance: Resistors in combination.

Example 5.1: Continued. We start at the right hand side of the circuit and work to the left.



Cleo: Problem 1 Find the equivalent resistance at terminals a and b.



$$R_{eq} = 1k + 1k = 2k\Omega$$

$$2||2 = 1k\Omega$$

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(2k-ohm)

# Basic Laws of Circuits

Equivalent Resistance: Resistors in combination.

Example 5.2: Given the circuit shown below. Find  $R_{eq}$ .

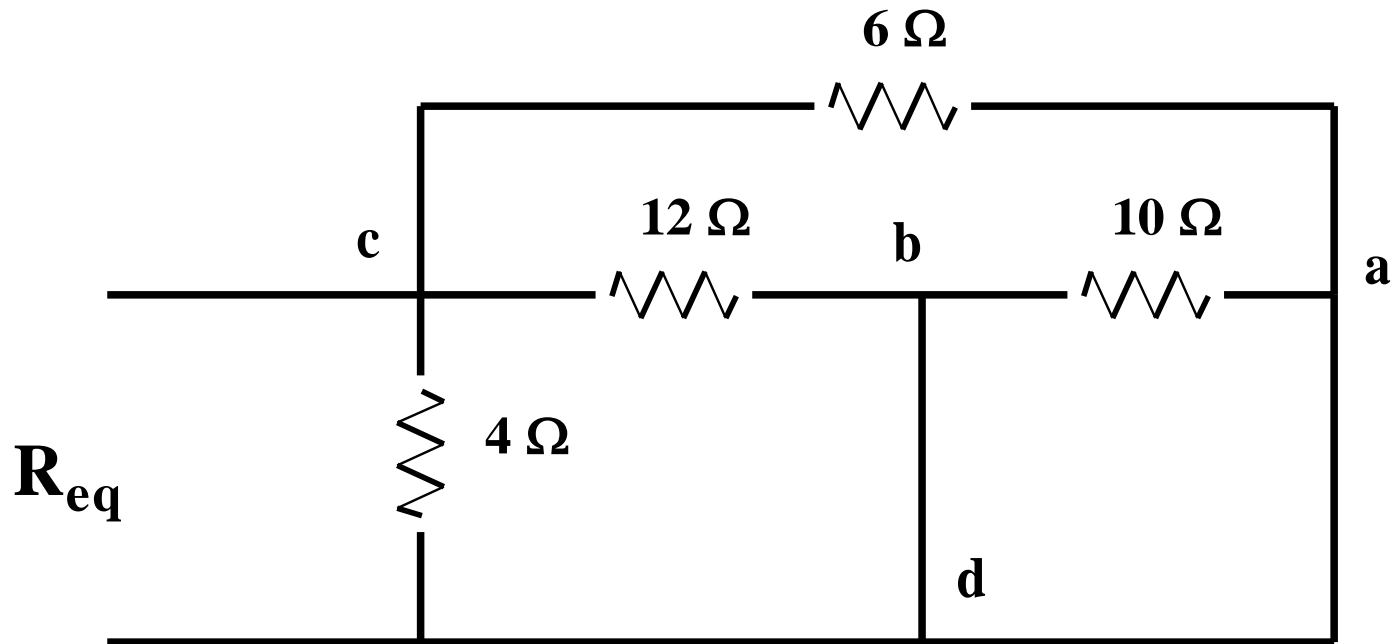
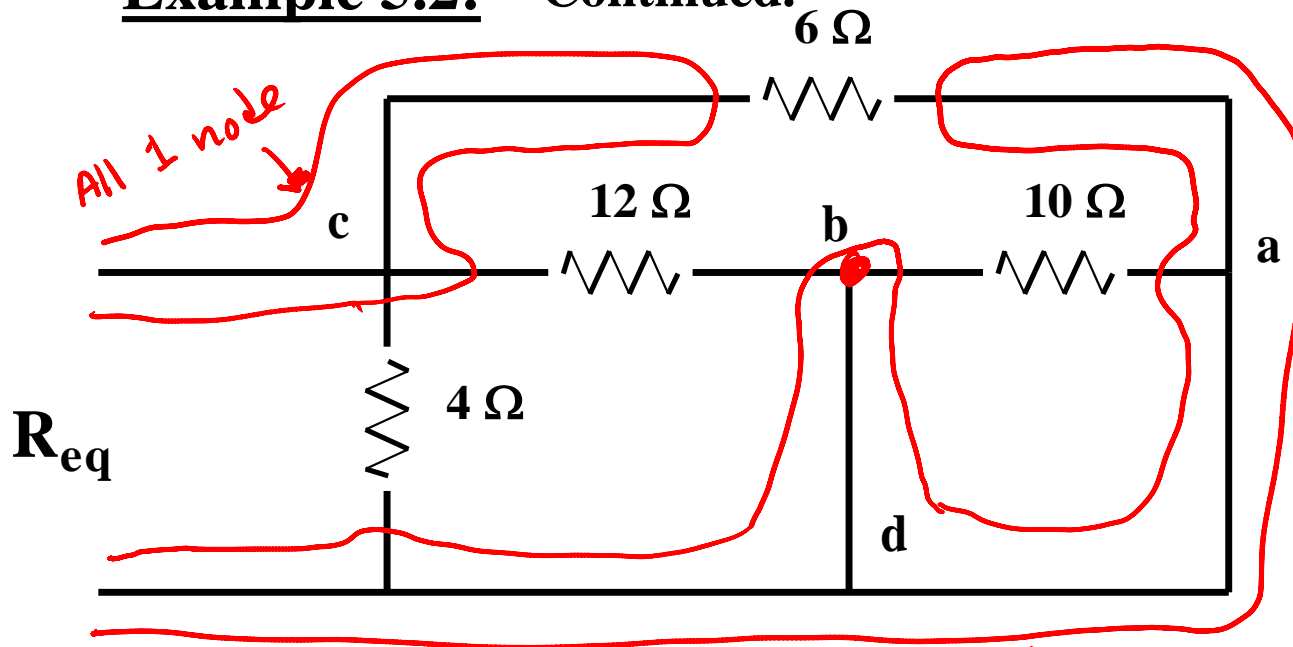


Figure 5.9: Diagram for Example 5.2.

# Basic Laws of Circuits

Equivalent Resistance: Resistors in combination.

Example 5.2: Continued.



Only 2 nodes!  
Redraw as  
Parallel Cct:

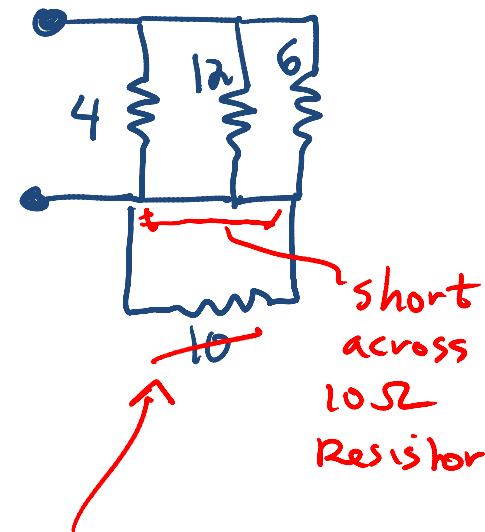


Fig 5.10: Reduction steps.

When a Resistor has a short across it

$$R_T = \frac{R \cdot 0}{R + 0} = 0 \Omega$$

# Basic Laws of Circuits

Equivalent Resistance: Resistors in combination.

Example 5.2: Continued.

*A another way - rearrange Resistors*

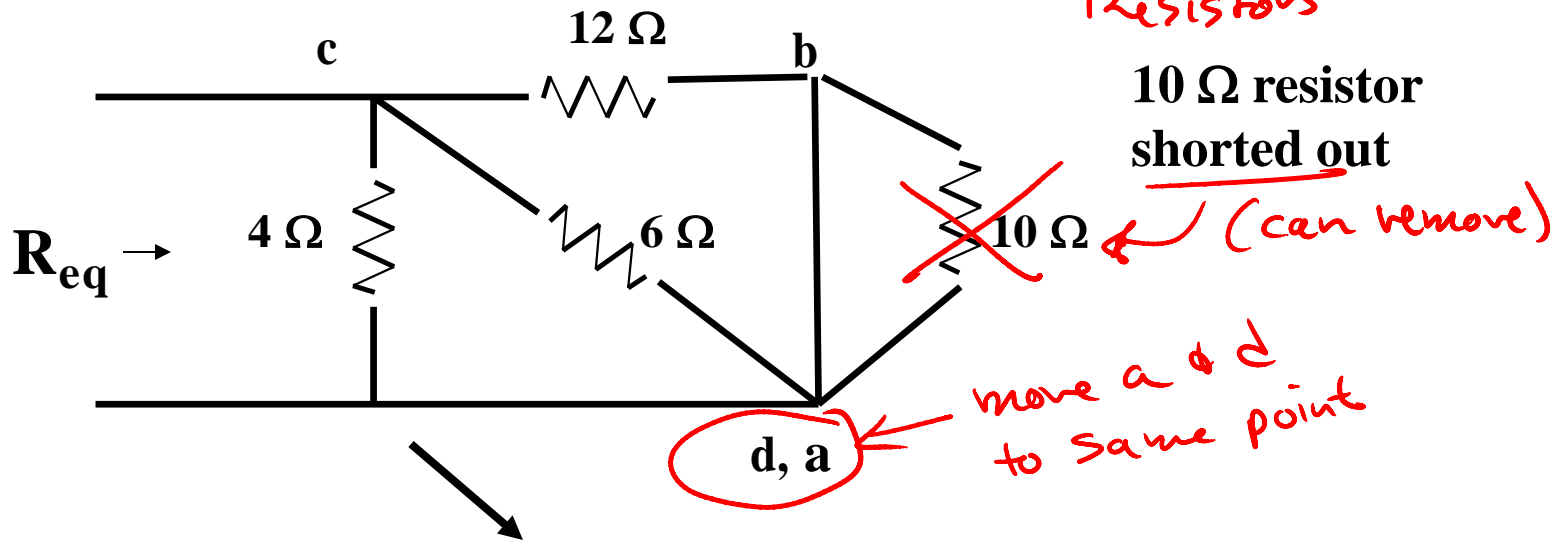
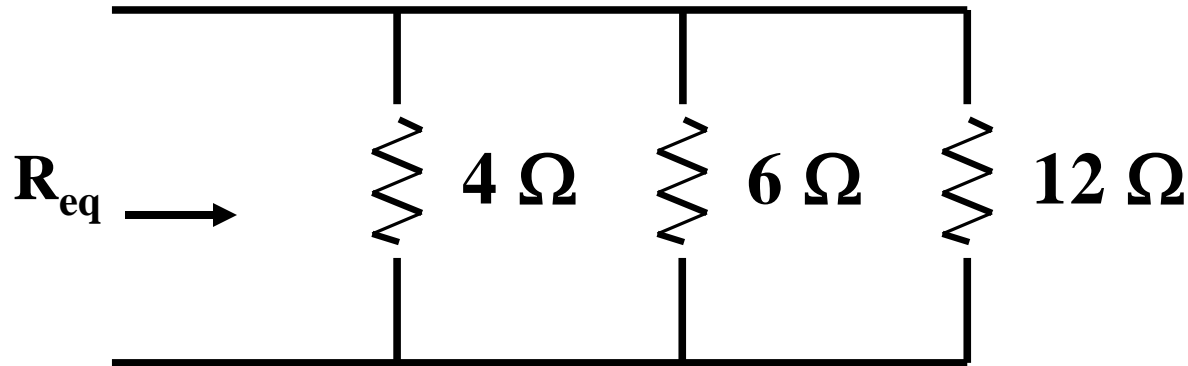


Fig 5.11: Reduction steps.

# Basic Laws of Circuits

Equivalent Resistance: Resistors in combination.

Example 5.2: Continued. *Simplified*



$$R_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12}} = 2 \Omega$$

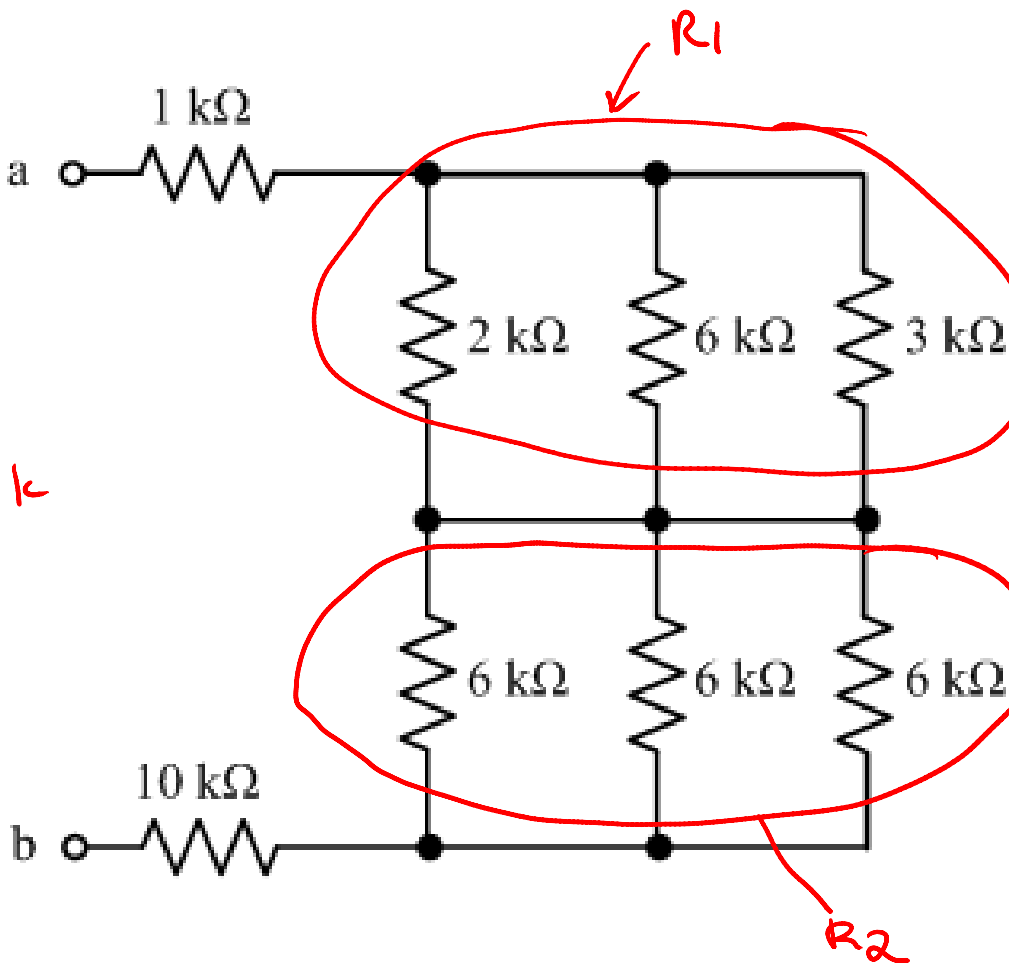
Fig 5.12: Reduction steps.

Cleo: Problem 2 Reduce the circuit to a single resistor at terminals a and b.

$$R_1 = 2 \parallel 6 \parallel 3 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3}}$$
$$= 1 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_2 = 6 \parallel 6 \parallel 6 = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_{eq} = 1 \text{ k}\Omega + R_1 + R_2 + 10 \text{ k}\Omega$$
$$= 14 \text{ k}\Omega$$



(14 k-ohm)

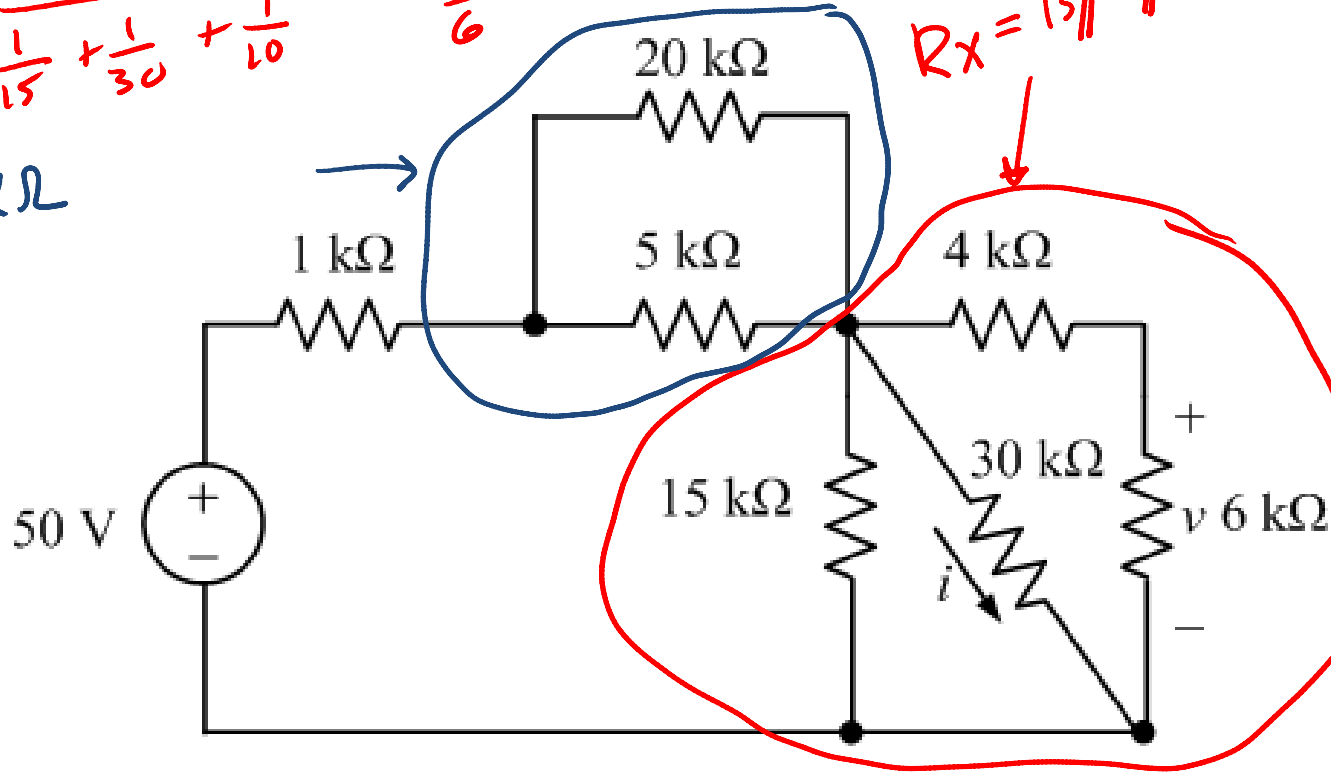
Find the equivalent resistance seen by the 50V source

$$R_x = 15 \parallel 30 \parallel 10 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{10}} = \frac{30}{6} = 5 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_y = 20 \parallel 5 = 4 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_{eq} = 1 + R_x + R_y = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$$

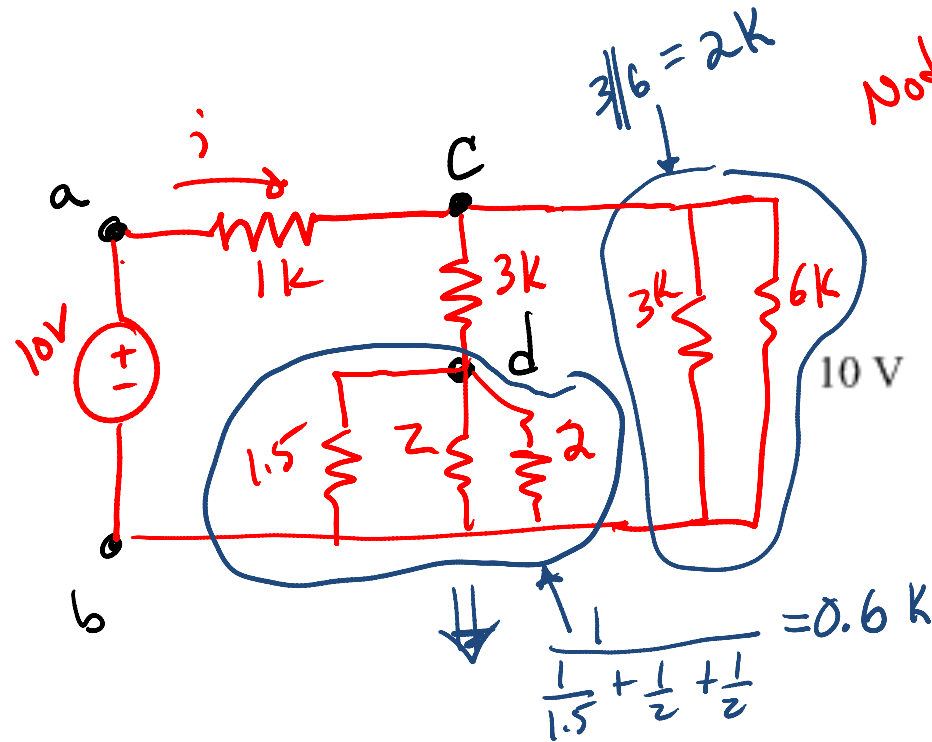
$$R_x = 15 \parallel 30 \parallel 10 \text{ k}\Omega$$



10k-ohm

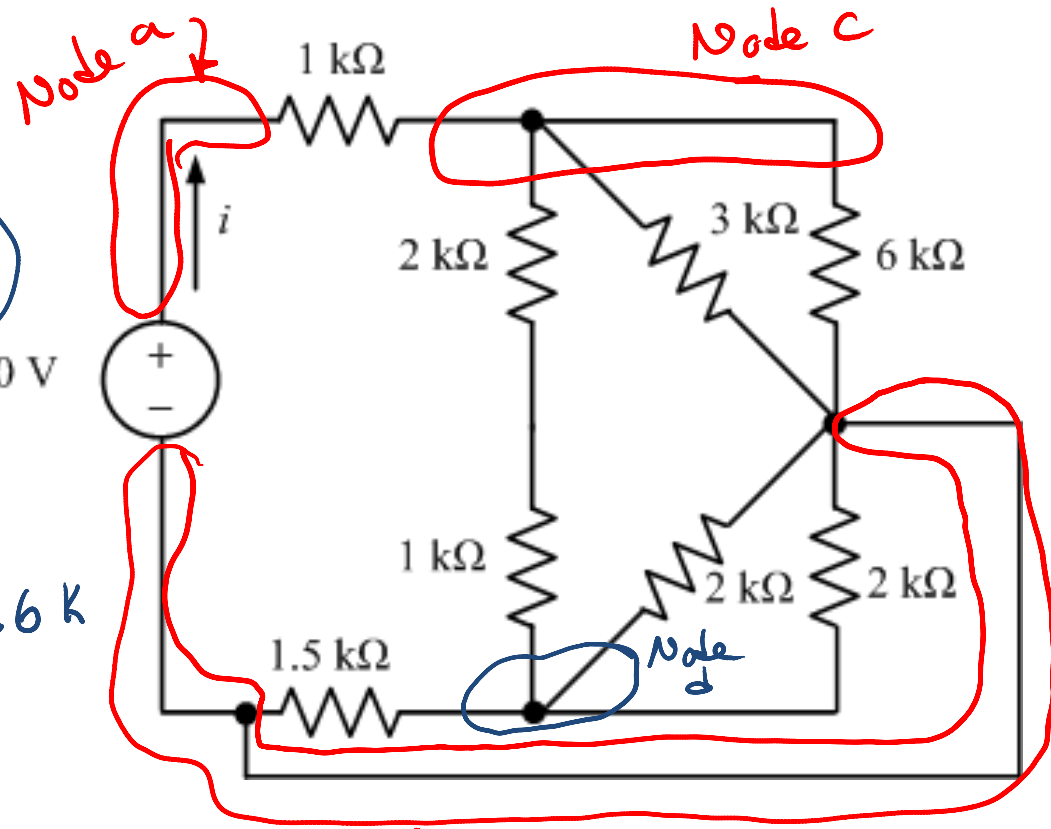


Cleo: [Problem 3](#) Find the current  $i$  in the circuit. (First find equivalent  $R$  seen by  $10V$ , by carefully rearranging the circuit elements)



$$R_{eq} = (3 + 0.6) \parallel 2 + 1 = 2.286$$

$$i = \frac{10V}{2.286} = \underline{\underline{4.38 \text{ mA}}}$$



Node b

4.38 mA

# Basic Electric Circuits

## Wye to Delta Transformation:

You are given the following circuit. Determine  $R_{eq}$ .

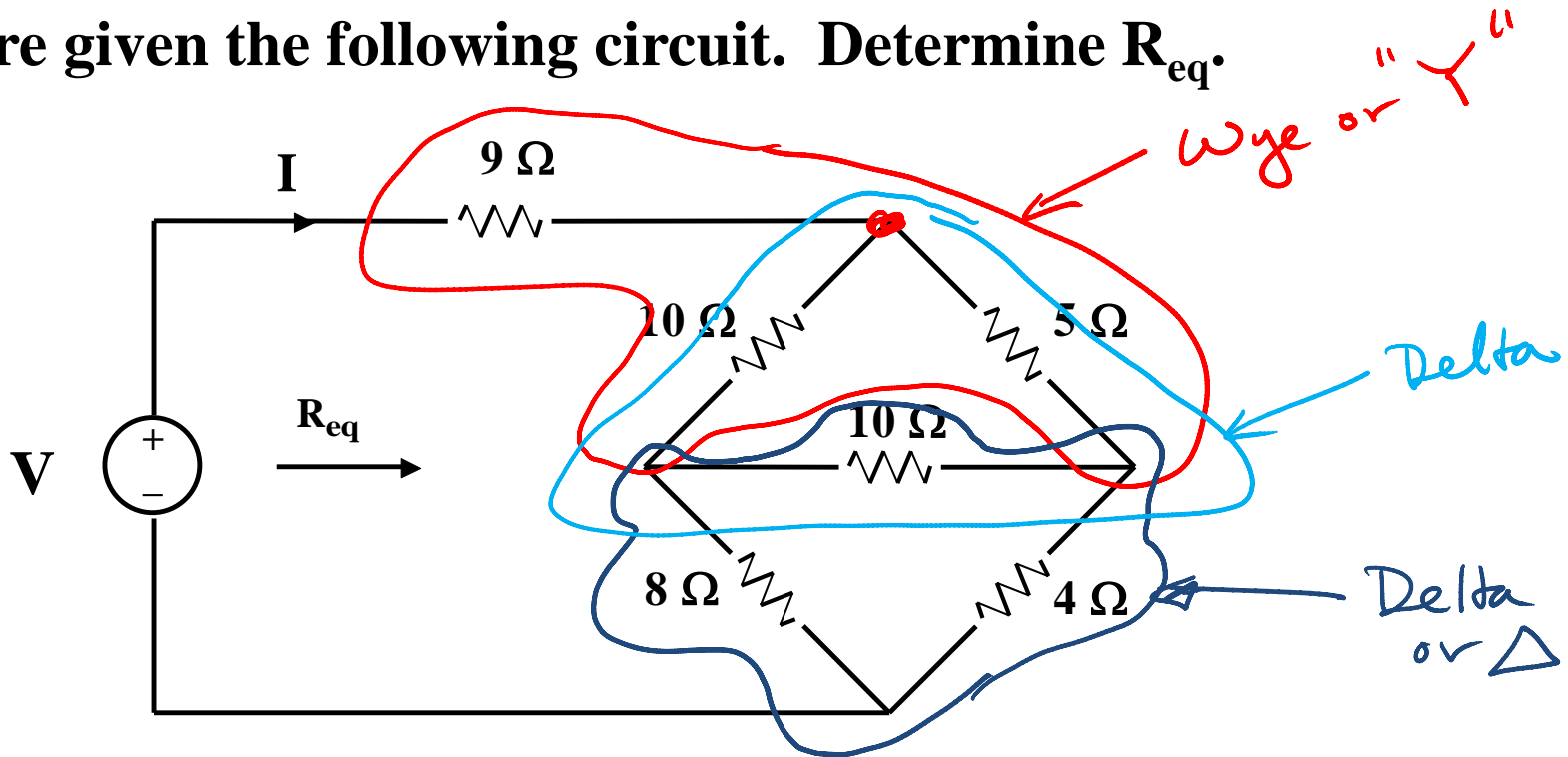
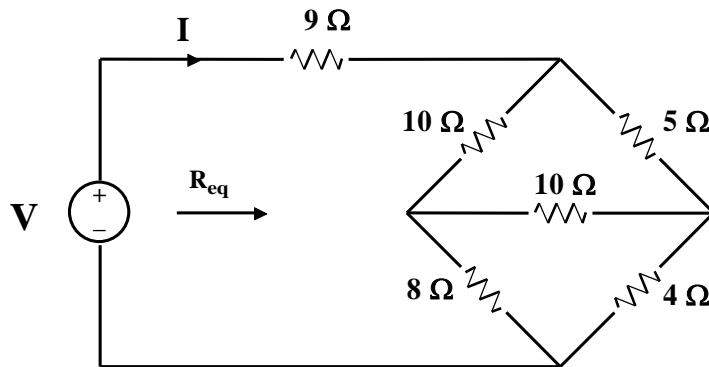


Figure 5.1: Diagram to start wye to delta.

# Basic Electric Circuits

## Wye to Delta Transformation:



**We cannot use resistors in parallel. We cannot use resistors in series. If we knew  $V$  and  $I$  we could solve**

$$\mathbf{R_{eq} = \frac{V}{I}}$$

**There is another way to solve the problem without solving for  $I$  (given, assume,  $V$ ) and calculating  $R_{eq}$  for  $V/I$ .**

# Basic Electric Circuits

## Wye to Delta Transformation:

Consider the following:

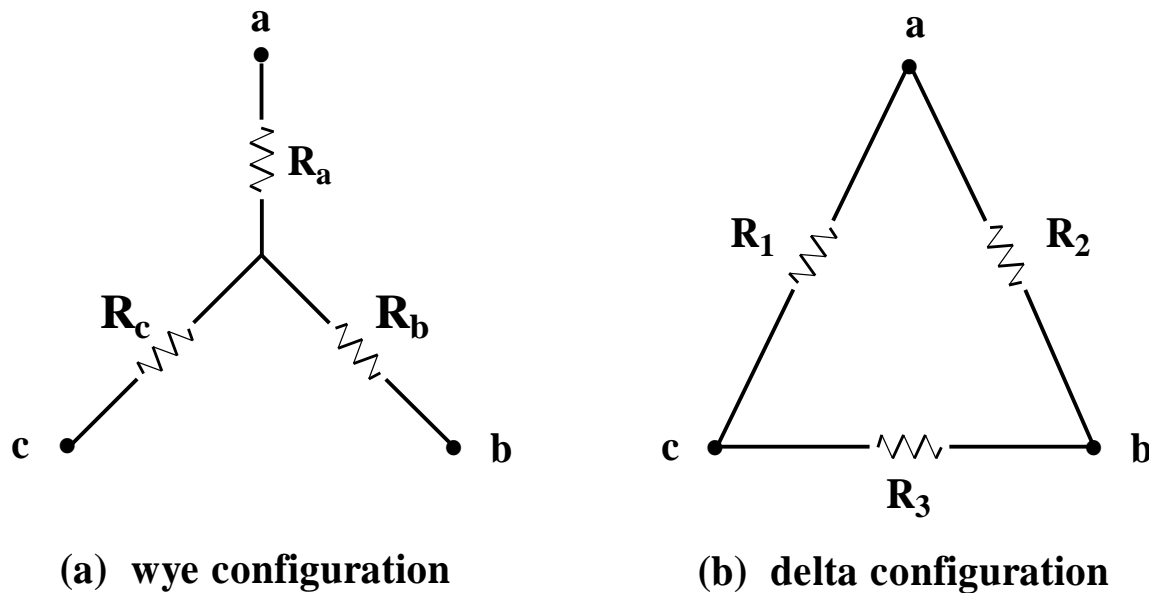


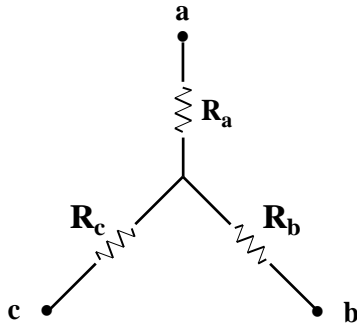
Figure 5.14: Wye to delta circuits.

We equate the resistance of  $R_{ab}$ ,  $R_{ac}$  and  $R_{ca}$  of (a) to  $R_{ab}$ ,  $R_{ac}$  and  $R_{ca}$  of (b) respectively.

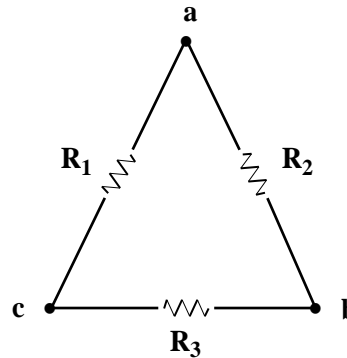
# Basic Electric Circuits

## Wye to Delta Transformation:

Consider the following:



(a) wye configuration



(b) delta configuration

*Wye*

$$R_{ab} = R_a + R_b = \frac{R_2(R_1 + R_3)}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} \quad \text{Eq 5.1}$$

*Delta*

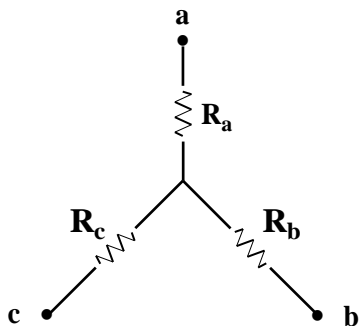
$$R_{ac} = R_a + R_c = \frac{R_1(R_2 + R_3)}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} \quad \text{Eq 5.2}$$

$$R_{bc} = R_b + R_c = \frac{R_3(R_1 + R_2)}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} \quad \text{Eq 5.3}$$

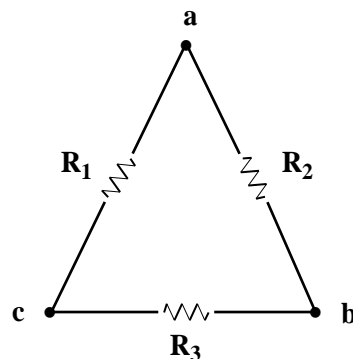
# Basic Electric Circuits

## Wye to Delta Transformation:

Previous Equations reduce to:



(a) wye configuration



(b) delta configuration

$$R_a = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$R_b = \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$R_c = \frac{R_1 R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

$$R_1 = \frac{R_a R_b + R_b R_c + R_c R_a}{R_b}$$

Eq 5.4

$$R_2 = \frac{R_a R_b + R_b R_c + R_c R_a}{R_c}$$

Eq 5.5

$$R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b + R_b R_c + R_c R_a}{R_a}$$

Eq 5.6

# Basic Electric Circuits

## Wye to Delta Transformation:

Summary:

Go to wye

$$R_a = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$
$$R_b = \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$
$$R_c = \frac{R_1 R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3}$$

Go to delta

$$R_1 = \frac{R_a R_b + R_b R_c + R_c R_a}{R_b}$$
$$R_2 = \frac{R_a R_b + R_b R_c + R_c R_a}{R_c}$$
$$R_3 = \frac{R_a R_b + R_b R_c + R_c R_a}{R_a}$$

Eq 5.4

Eq 5.5

Eq 5.6

We note that the denominator for  $R_a$ ,  $R_b$ ,  $R_c$  is the same.

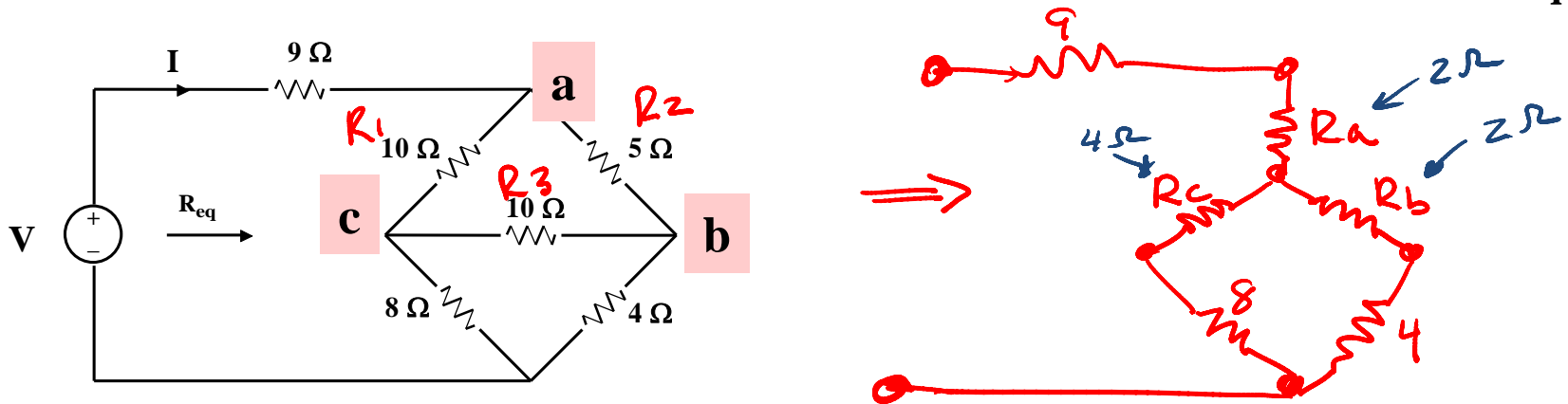
We note that the numerator for  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  is the same.

We could say “Y” below: “D”

# Basic Electric Circuits

## Wye to Delta Transformation:

**Example 5.3:** Return to the circuit of Figure 5.13 and find  $R_{eq}$ .



**Convert the delta around a – b – c to a wye.**

$\Delta \rightarrow Y$

$$R_a = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} = \frac{(10)(5)}{25} = 2\ \Omega$$

$$R_b = \frac{R_2 R_3}{25} = \frac{50}{25} = 2\ \Omega$$

$$R_c = \frac{R_1 R_3}{25} = \frac{100}{25} = 4\ \Omega$$



# Basic Electric Circuits

## Wye to Delta Transformation:

### Example 5.3: continued

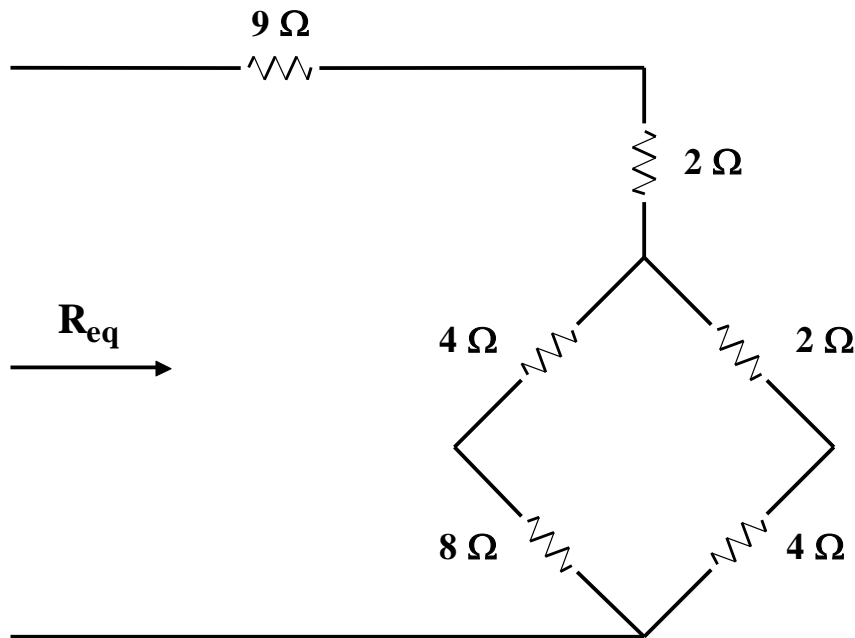


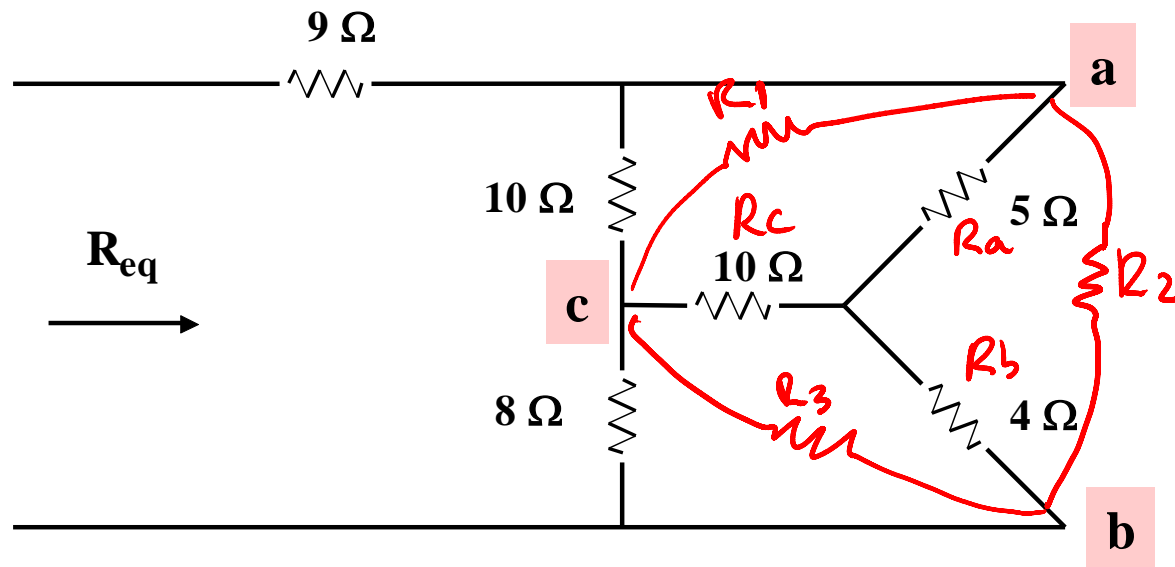
Figure 5.15: Example 5.3 diagram.

It is easy to see that  $R_{eq} = 15\ \Omega = 9 + 2 + (4+8) \parallel (4+2)$   
 $= 9 + 2 + \frac{(12)6}{18} = 15\ \Omega$

# Basic Electric Circuits

## Wye to Delta Transformation:

**Example 5.4:** Using wye to delta. The circuit of 5.13 may be redrawn as shown in 5.16.



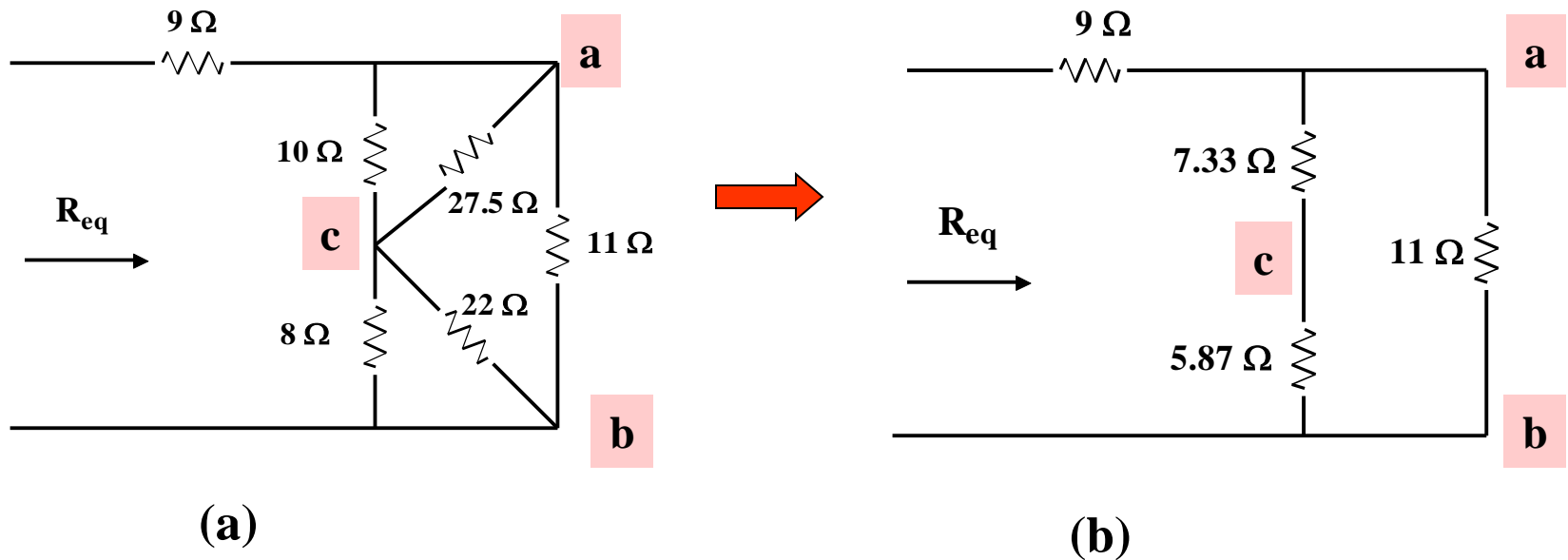
**Figure 5.16:** “Stretching” (rearranging) the circuit.

**Convert the wye of a – b – c to a delta.**

# Basic Electric Circuits

## Wye to Delta Transformation:

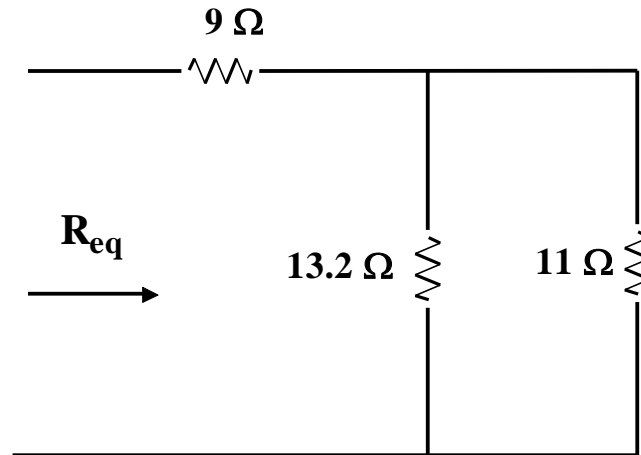
### Example 5.4: continued



# Basic Electric Circuits

## Wye to Delta Transformation:

### Example 5.4: continued



**Figure 5.18: Reduction of Figure 5.17.**

$$R_{eq} = 15\ \Omega$$

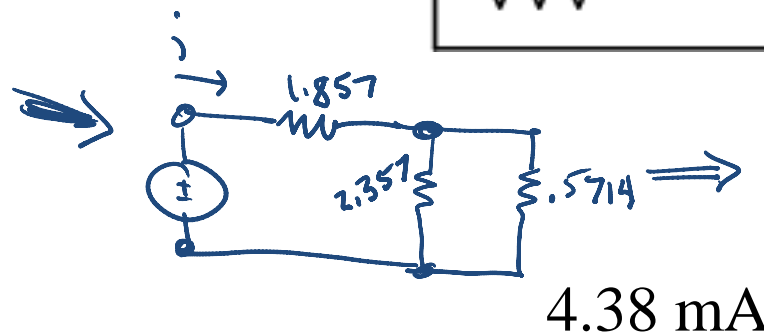
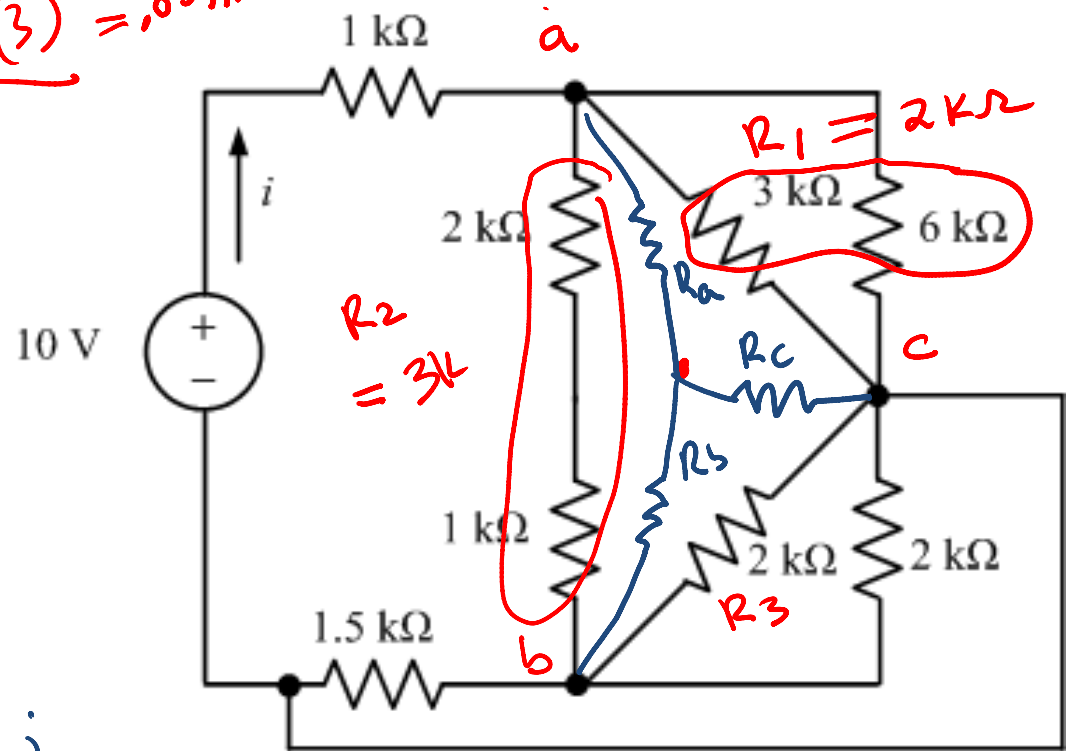
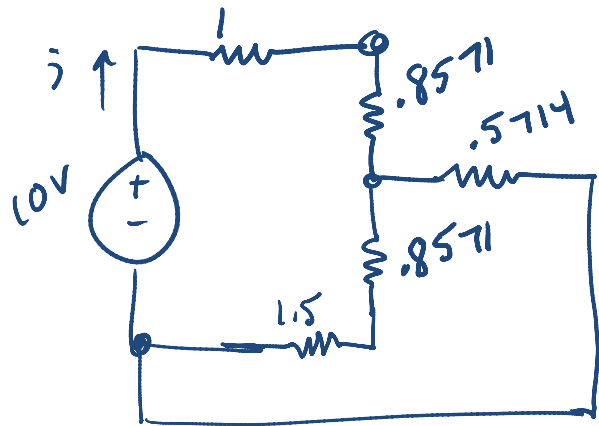
This answer checks with the delta to wye solution earlier.

Cleo: Problem 3 Find the current  $i$  in the circuit. (First find equivalent  $R$  seen by 10V) by converting the Delta to a Wye

$$R_a = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} = \frac{(2)(3)}{7} = .8571 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_b = \frac{(2)(3)}{7} = .8571 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_c = \frac{(2)(2)}{7} = .5714$$



$$R_{eq} = 2.317$$

$$i = \frac{10}{R_{eq}} = \underline{\underline{4.31 \text{ mA}}}$$

4.38 mA

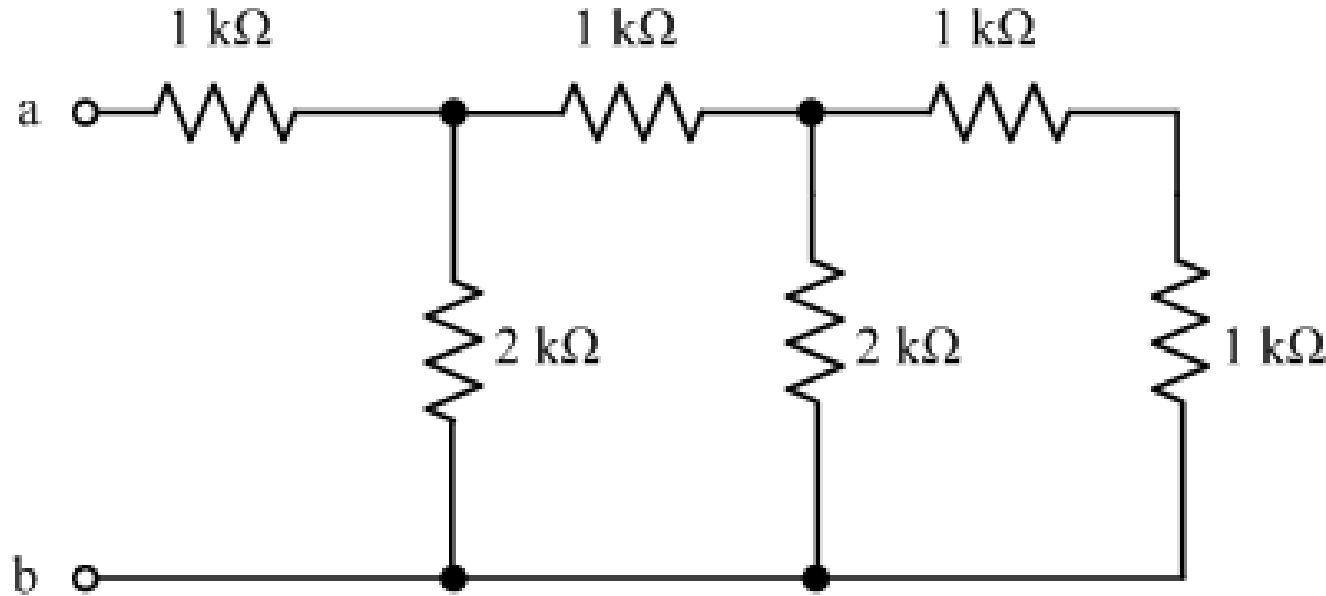
# Basic Laws of Circuits



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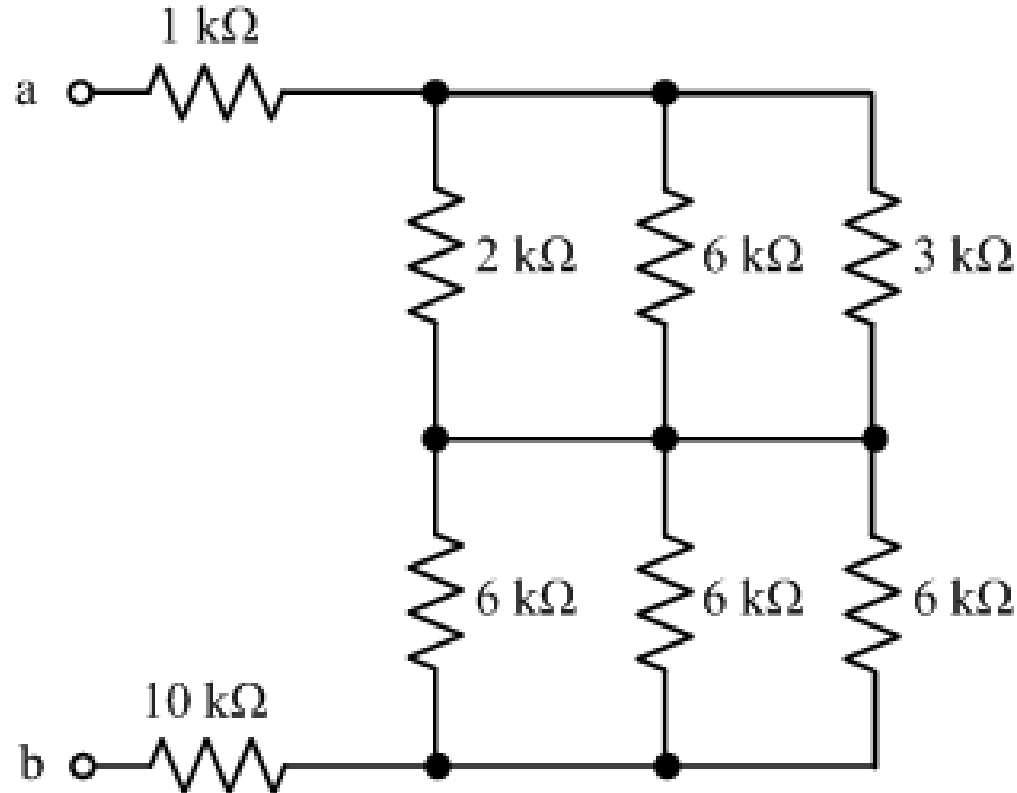
Equivalent Resistance

Cleo: [Problem 1](#) Find the equivalent resistance at terminals a and b.



(2k-ohm)

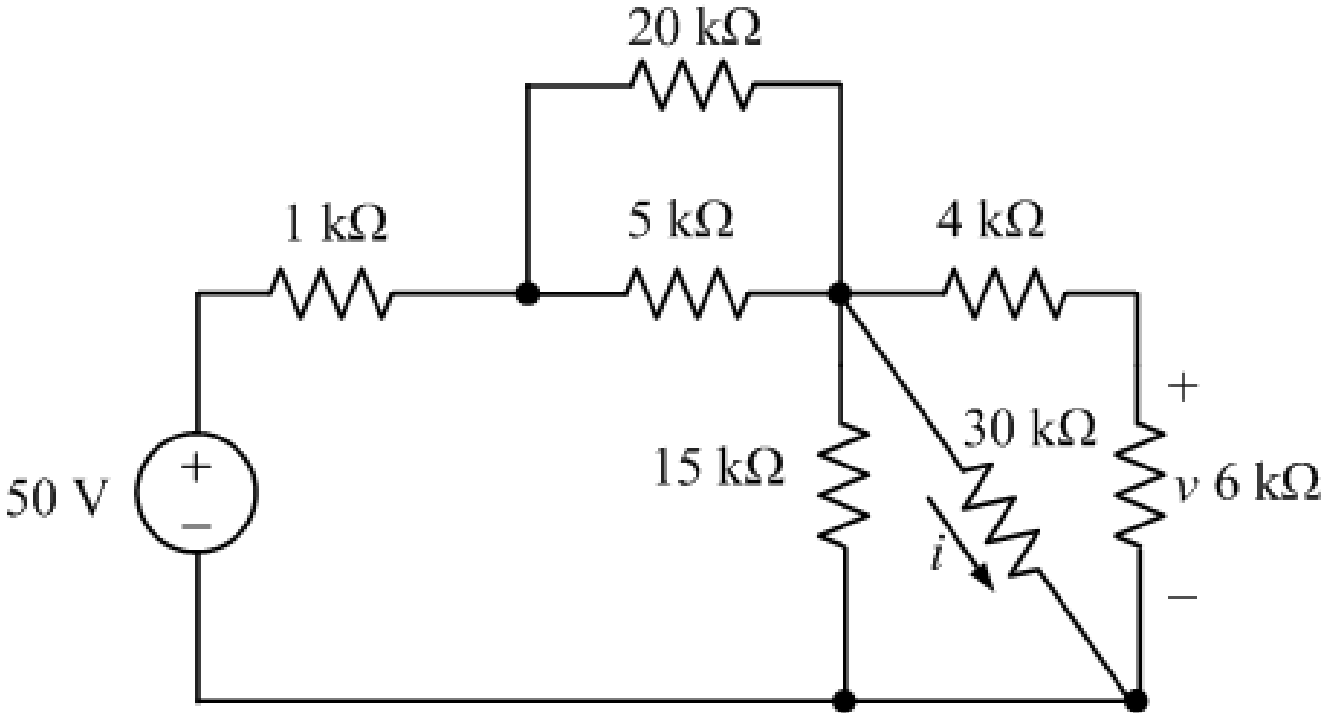
Cleo: [Problem 2](#) Reduce the circuit to a single resistor at terminals a and b.



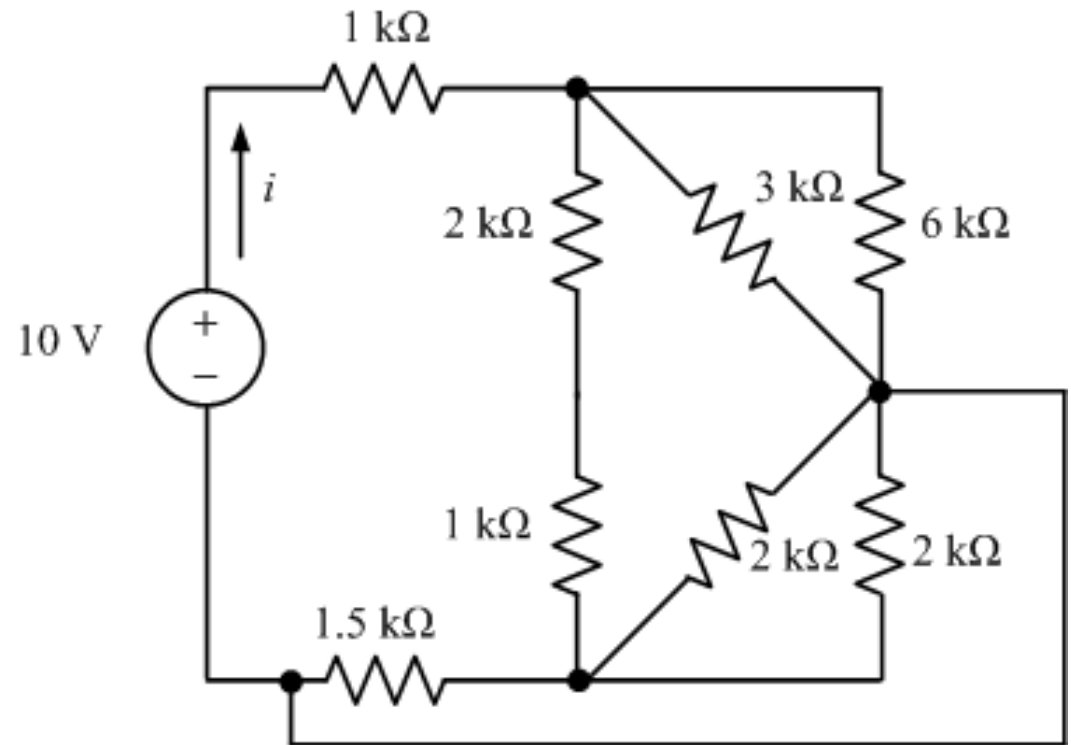
(14 k-ohm)



Find the equivalent resistance seen by the 50V source



Cleo: [Problem 3](#) Find the current  $i$  in the circuit. (First find equivalent  $R$  seen by 10V)



4.38 mA