Chapter 4: Systematic Analysis Methods

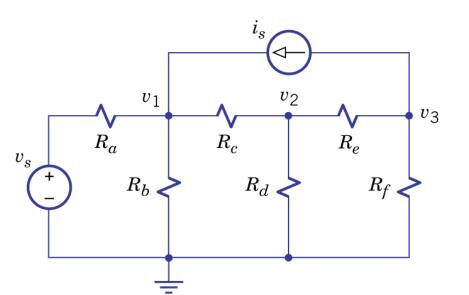
Chapter 4: Outline

Systematic Methods (still KCL, KVL)

Node Analysis 🔶 Mesh Analysis **KCL** (Dual) Node voltages Branch voltages Branch current Voltage controlled, non-voltage controlled Matrix form (observation) With Controlled sources

How to Analyze a Circuit?

• Find all voltages and currents.



- A possible solution:
 - Start with node voltages
 - Then find all branch voltages
 - Then find all currents
- Potential issues:
 - Use node KCL to find node voltages
 - How many equations?
 - Voltage controlled?
- Duality: node \rightarrow mesh

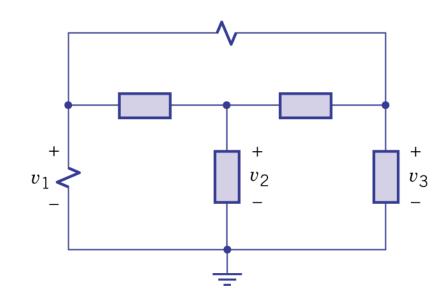
Node Analysis

Node Analysis

- A systematic circuit analysis method using node voltages.
- Reference node: a specific node in a circuit for measuring electric potentials. Denoted by the ground symbol. \perp
- Node voltage: the potential at a nonreference node with respect to the reference node.
- Branch voltage: the potential difference between the two nodes of a branch.

$$v_{nm} = v_n - v_m$$

Node Analysis



(a) Circuit with four nodes and three node voltages

 R_b v_1 R_a v_2 v_3 r_a

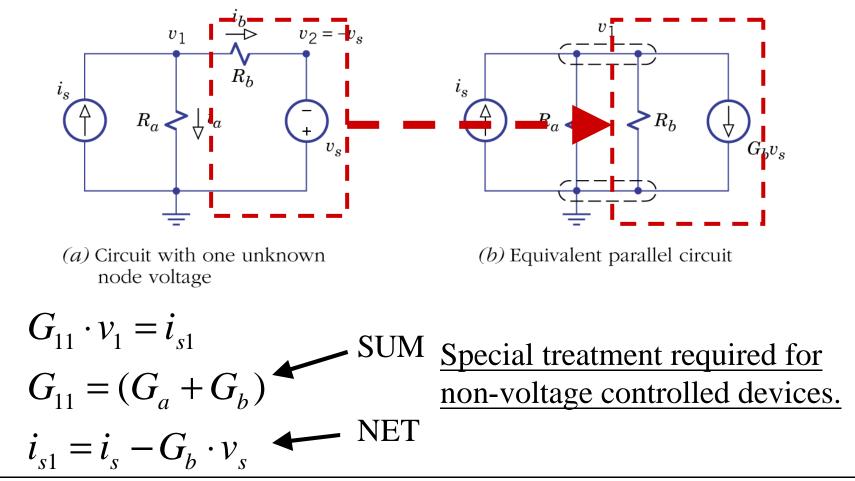
+ v13 -

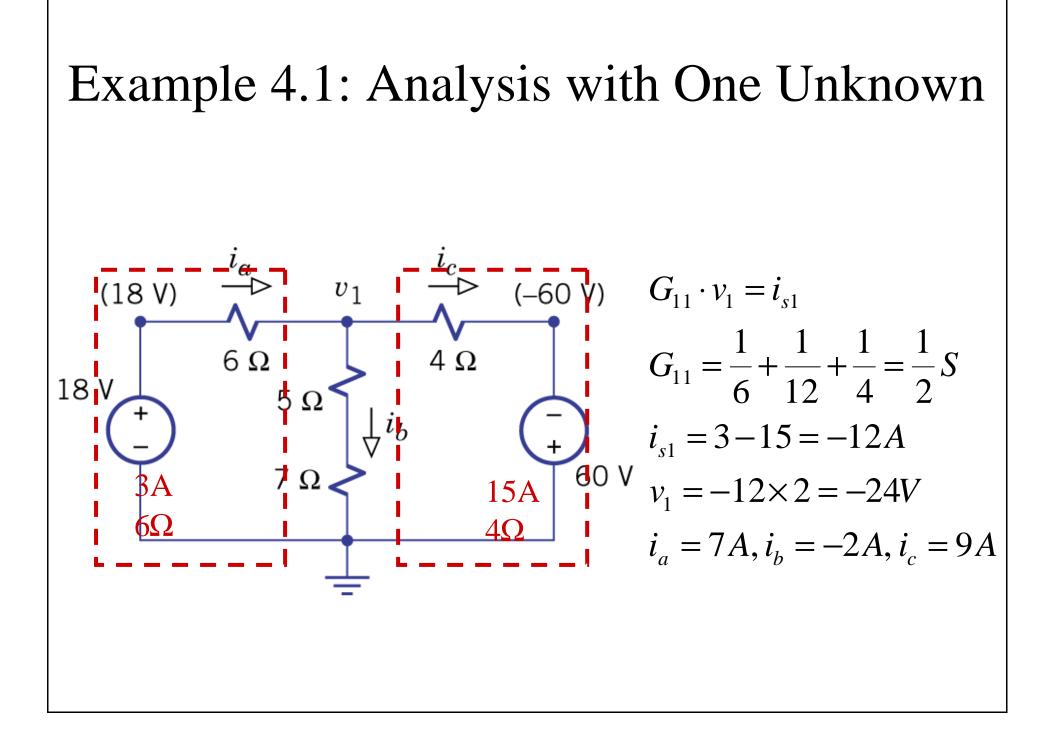
(b) Relating other branch variables to node voltages

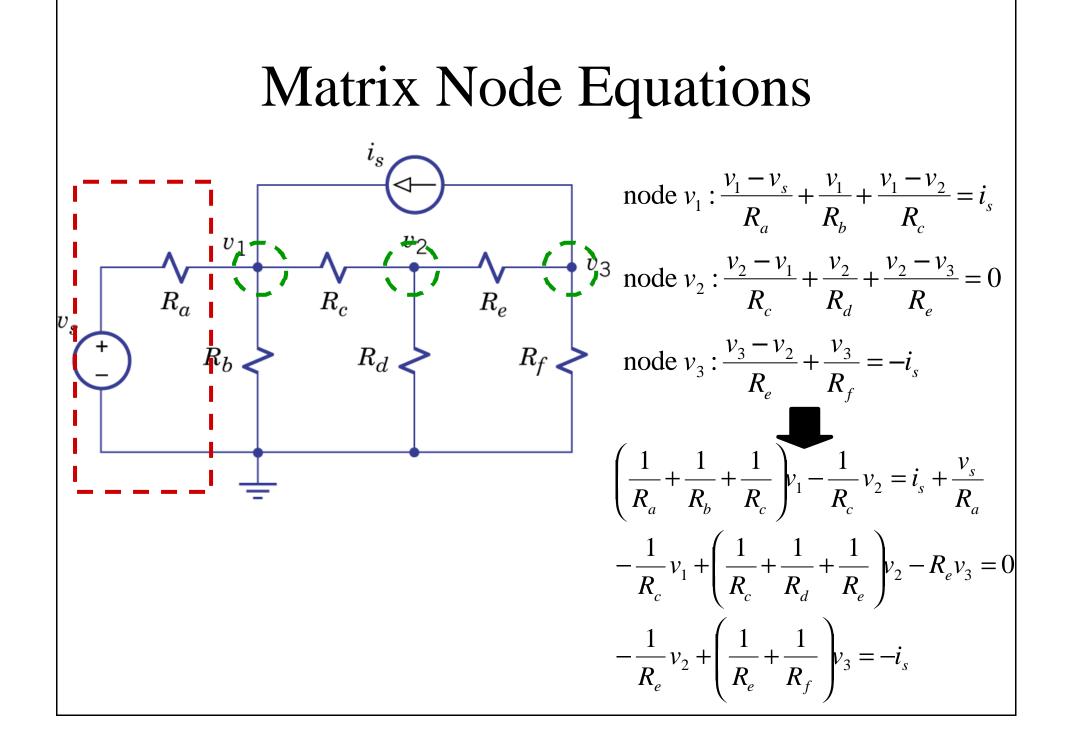
- Circuit analysis procedures: node voltages -> branch voltages -> branch currents. Voltage controlled assumption

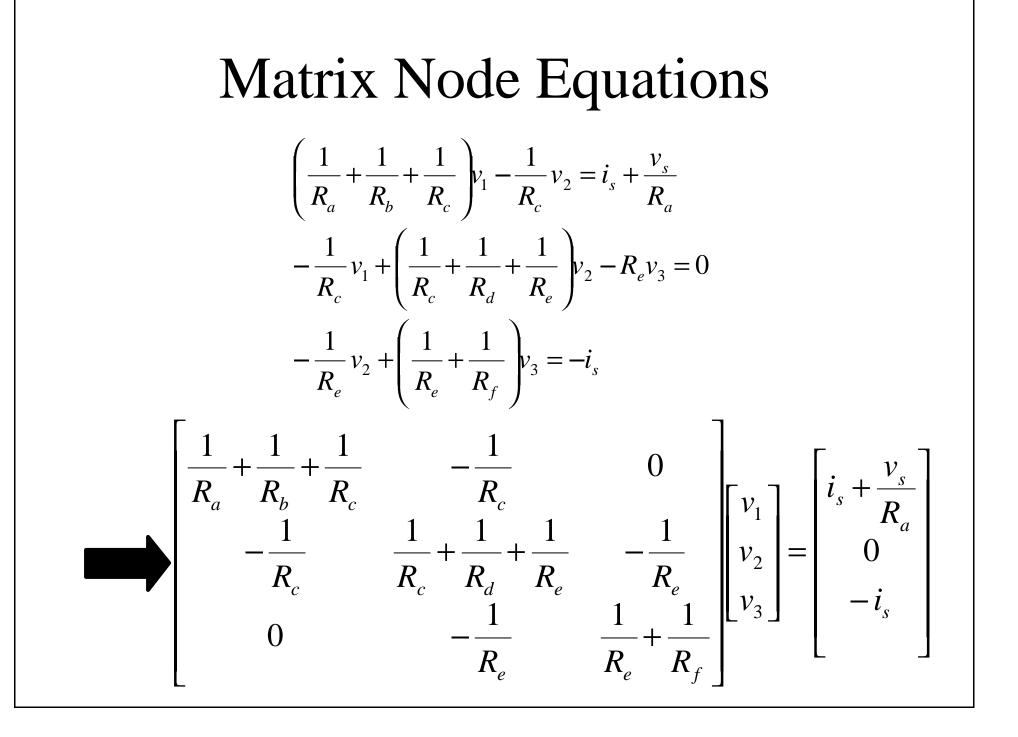
Node Equations

• KCL equations at the specified nodes (excluding the reference node).

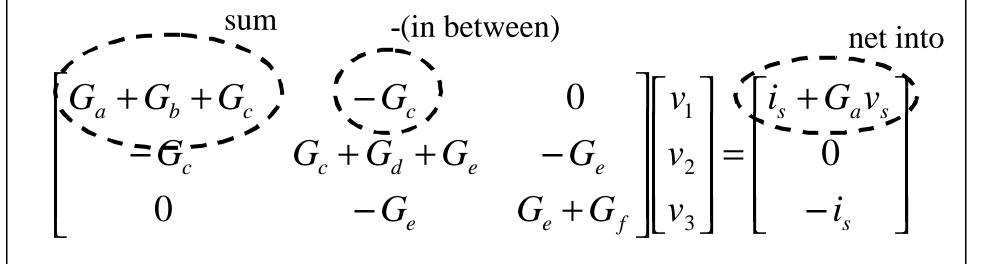








Matrix Node Equations



 $[G] \cdot [v] = [i_s] \quad \Longrightarrow \quad [v] = [G]^{-1} \cdot [i_s]$

Conductance Matrix

$$[G] = \begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & & -G_{12} \\ -G_{21} & & G_{22} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ -G_{N1} & -G_{N2} & \cdots & G_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$

where G_{nn} = sum of conductance connected to node n, $G_{nm} = G_{mn}$ =equivalent conductance directly connected nodes n and m.

How Many Node Equations?

• The minimum number of unknown node voltages is determined by suppressing all sources, counting the remaining sources and subtracting one for the reference node.

Node Analysis: General Approach

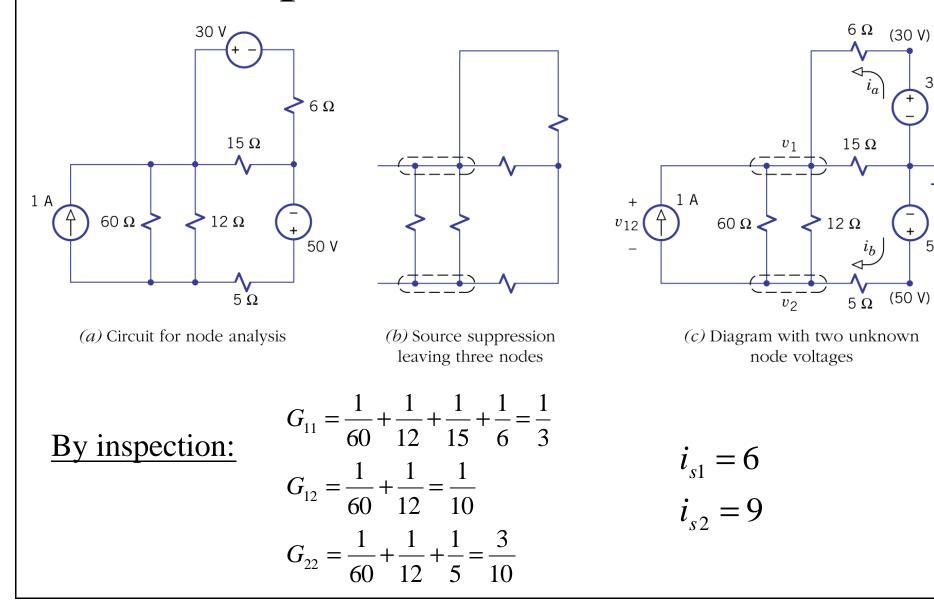
- Determine the number of node KCL equations.
- Write down G and $i_{s:}$
 - By inspection.
 - Treatment for non-voltage controlled devices.
 - Controlled sources.
- Solve node voltages.
- Solve branch voltages and branch currents.

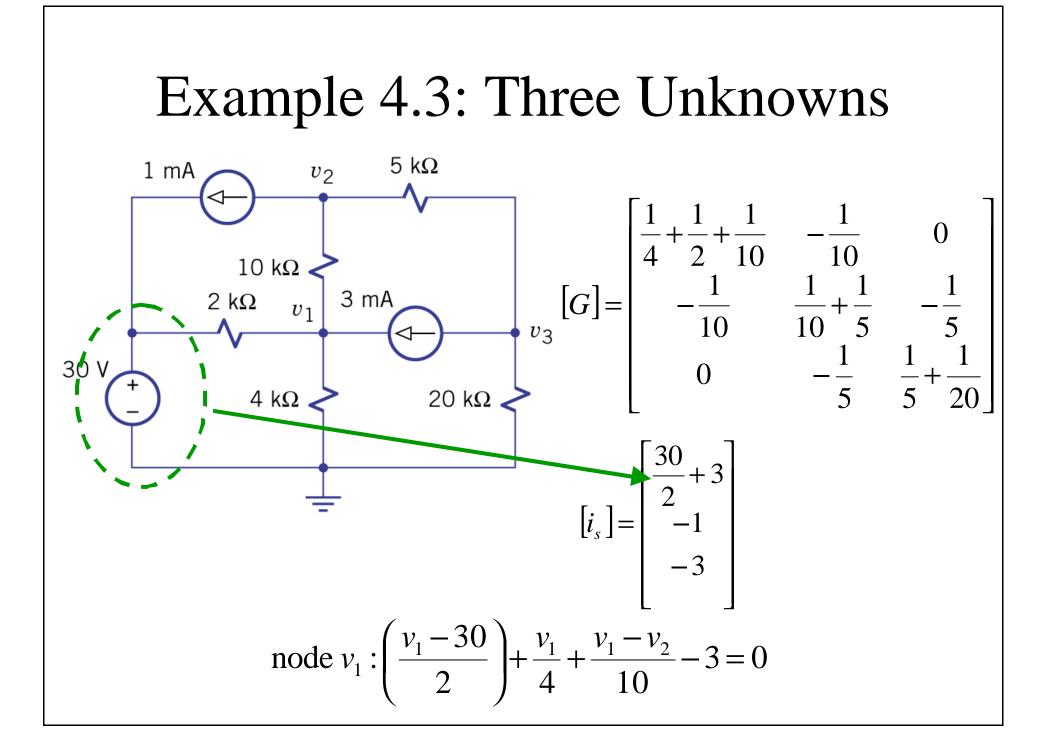
Example 4.2: Two Unknowns

30 V

÷

50 V

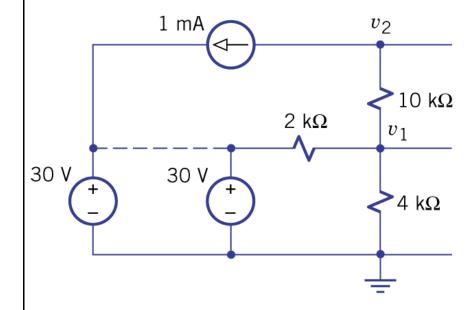




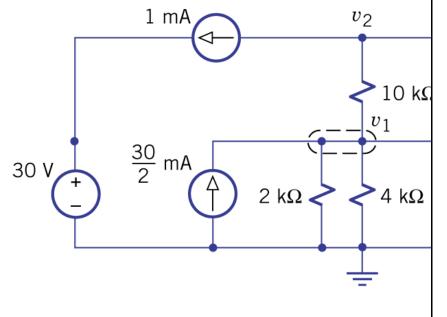
How to Handle Voltage Sources?

- <u>A voltage source is non-voltage controlled, i.e.,</u> <u>one cannot specify its current given a voltage.</u>
- Source node splitting.
- Floating voltage sources:
 - With series resistance \rightarrow Source conversion.
 - Floating ideal sources → Introduce a new variable (or use supernode KCL).

Source Node Splitting



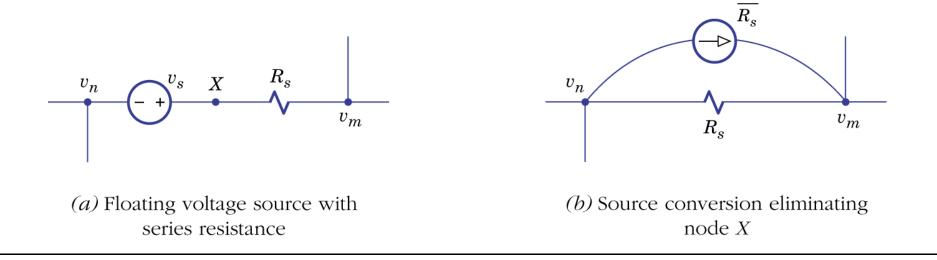
(a) Adding parallel voltage source

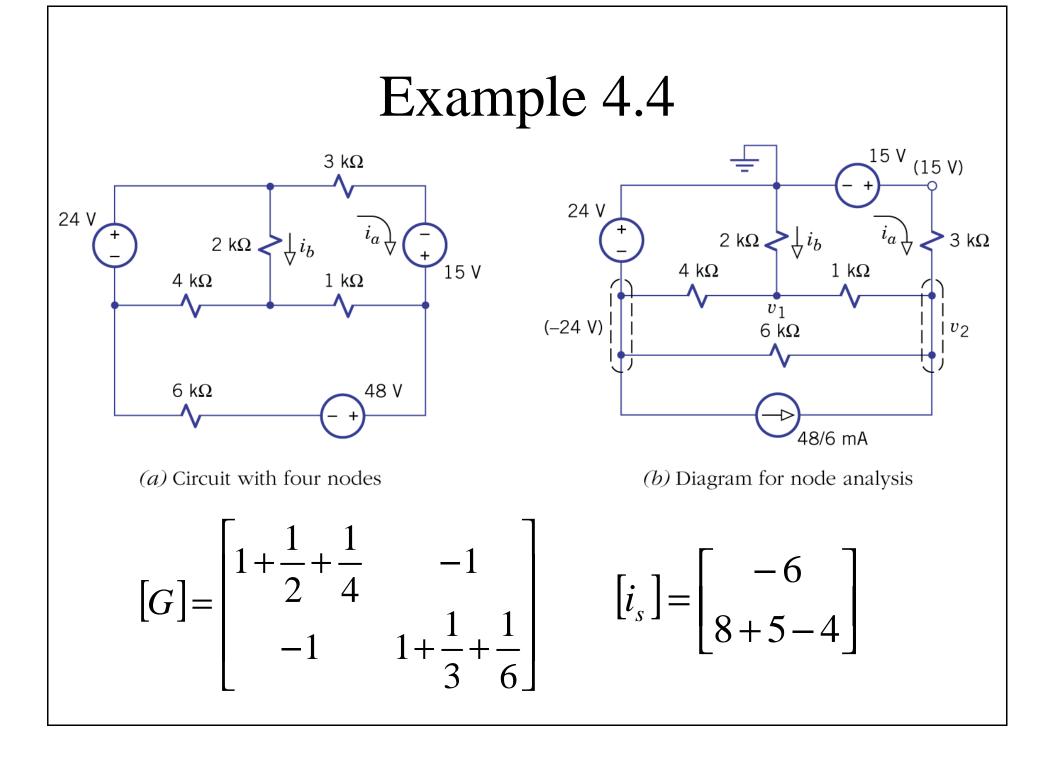


(b) After source conversion

Floating Voltage Sources

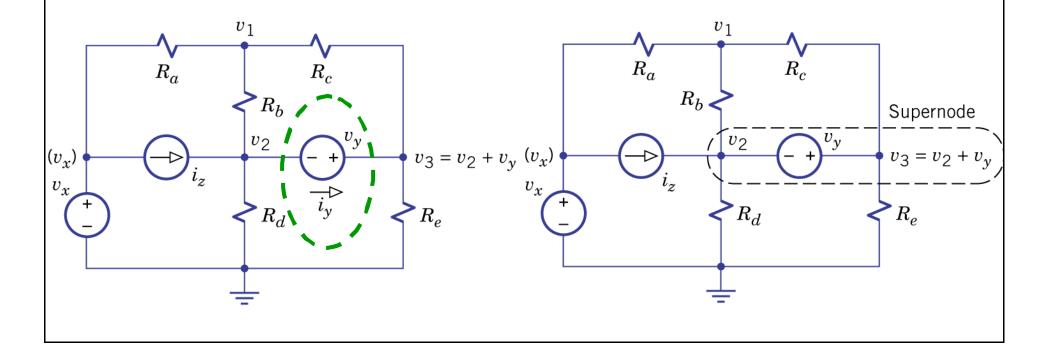
- Floating Voltage Sources: a voltage source is floating if it lacks direct connections to the reference node.
- The reference node should be chosen such that it ties to one terminal of as many voltage sources as possible.
- For floating sources with series resistance, perform source conversion.

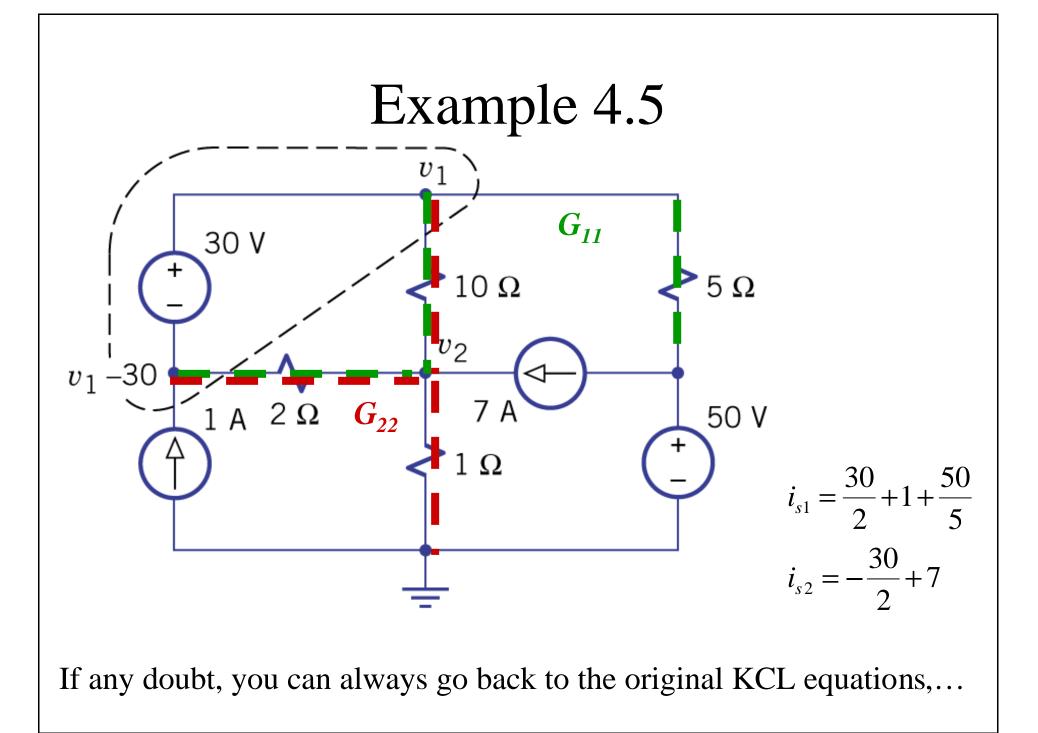




Floating Ideal Sources

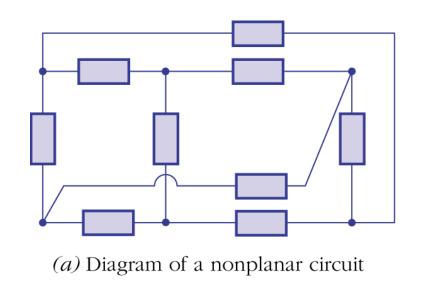
• For floating ideal sources, introduce a new circuit variable (a fictitious source current) and an extra node equation. Alternatively, use a supernode to encircle the floating ideal voltage source.

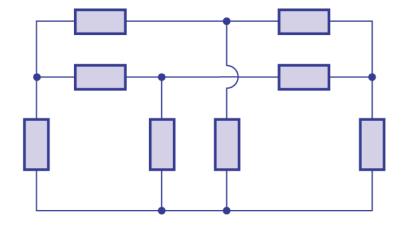




- Node analysis and mesh analysis:
 - Structural dual
 - Node vs. Mesh
 - KCL vs. KVL
 - Non-voltage controlled vs. Non-current controlled
 - Voltage source vs. Current source
 - Conductance matrix G vs. Resistance matrix R

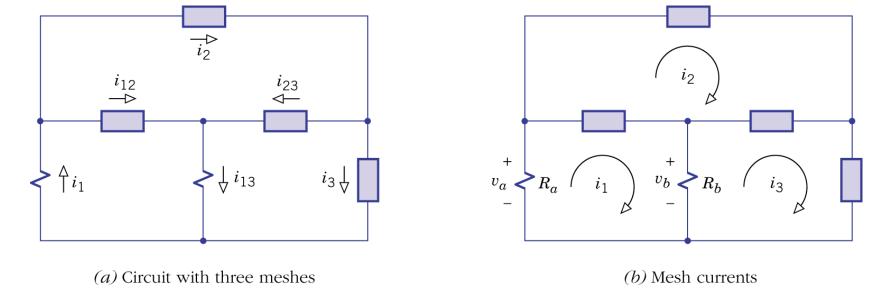
- Structural dual of node analysis. Node voltage vs. Mesh current.
- Planar circuit: the diagram of the circuit can be drawn without hop-overs for crossing branches.



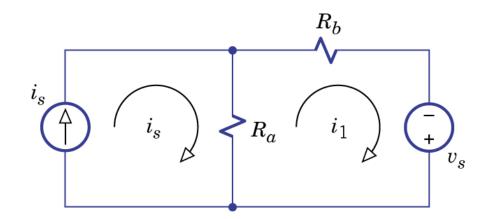


(b) Diagram of a planar circuit that could be redrawn without a hop-over

- Mesh: a closed current path that contains no closed paths within it. Note the difference between a mesh and a loop.
- Mesh current: the current that circulates completely around a mesh.
- Reference convention: all mesh currents circulate in the same direction, either clockwise or counterclockwise.



An Example with Source Conversion



 $R_a i_s$ + i_1 \downarrow v_s

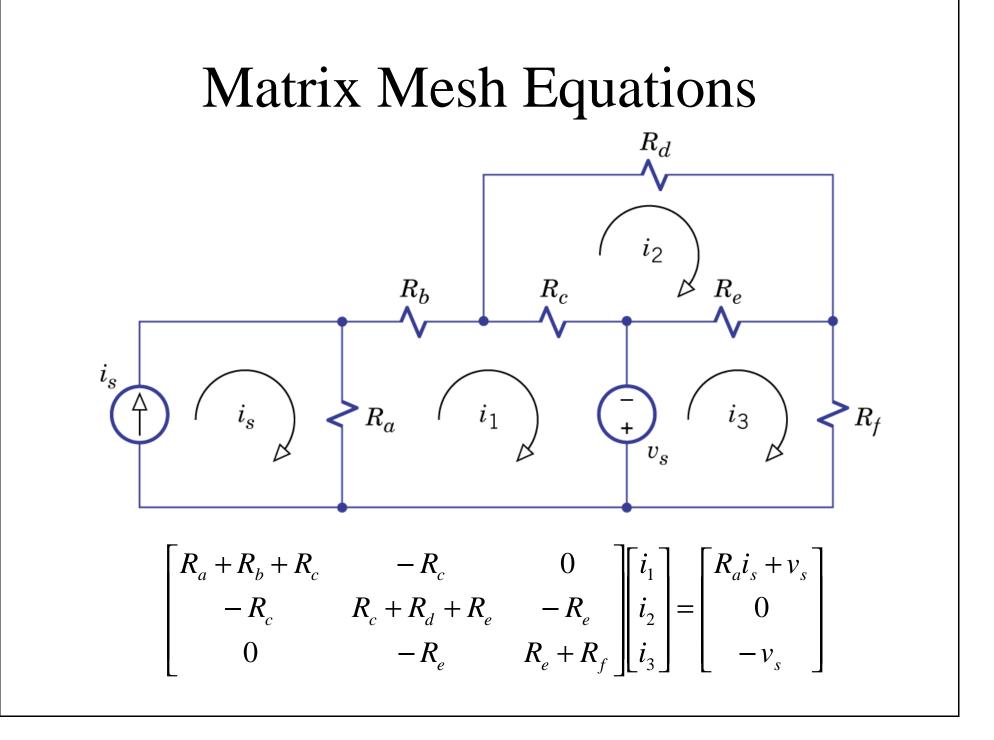
(a) Circuit with one unknown mesh current

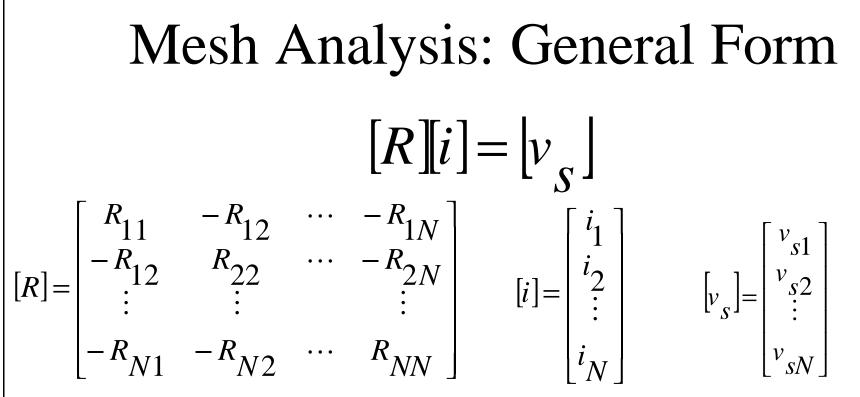
(b) Equivalent series circuit

Mesh equation:
$$(R_a + R_b)i_1 = v_s + R_a i_s$$

Mesh Analysis: General Approach

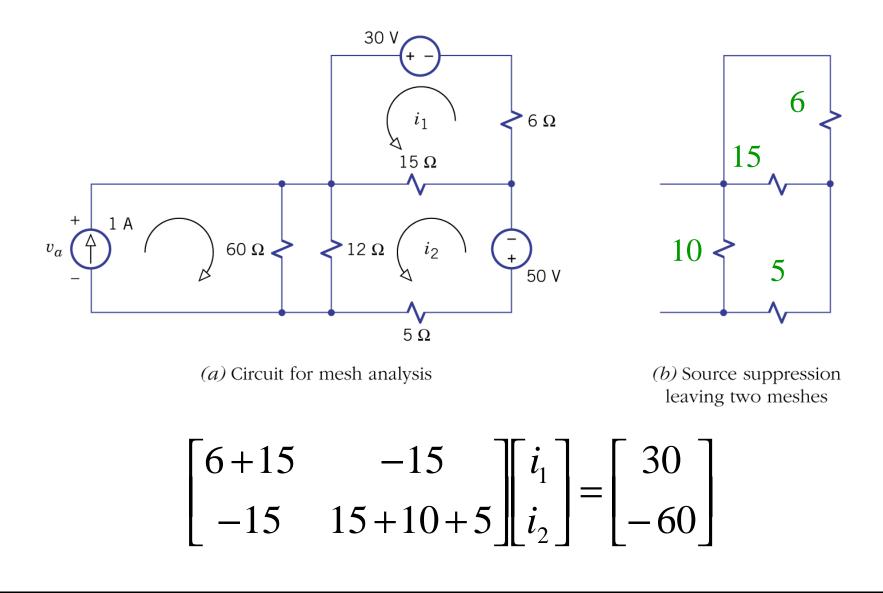
- Determine the number of mesh KVL equations.
- Write down *R* and $v_{s:}$
 - By inspection.
 - Treatment for non-current controlled devices.
 - Controlled sources.
- Solve mesh currents.
- Solve branch voltages and branch currents.



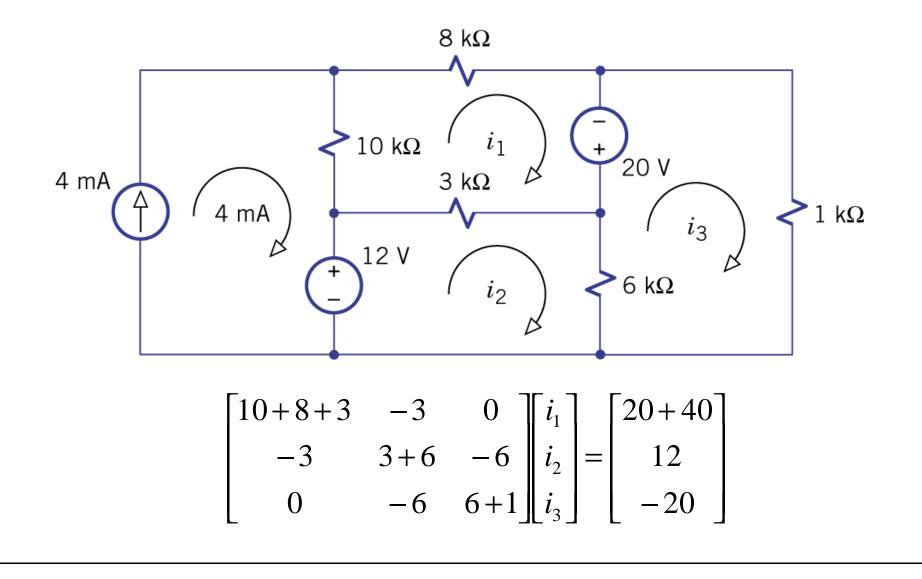


- [*R*] is the resistance matrix, R_{nn} = sum of resistances around mesh *n*, $R_{nm} = R_{mn}$ = equivalent resistance shared by meshes *n* and *m*.
- Similar to node analysis, the minimum number of unknown mesh currents is determined by suppressing all sources and counting the remaining meshes.

Example 4.6: Two unknowns

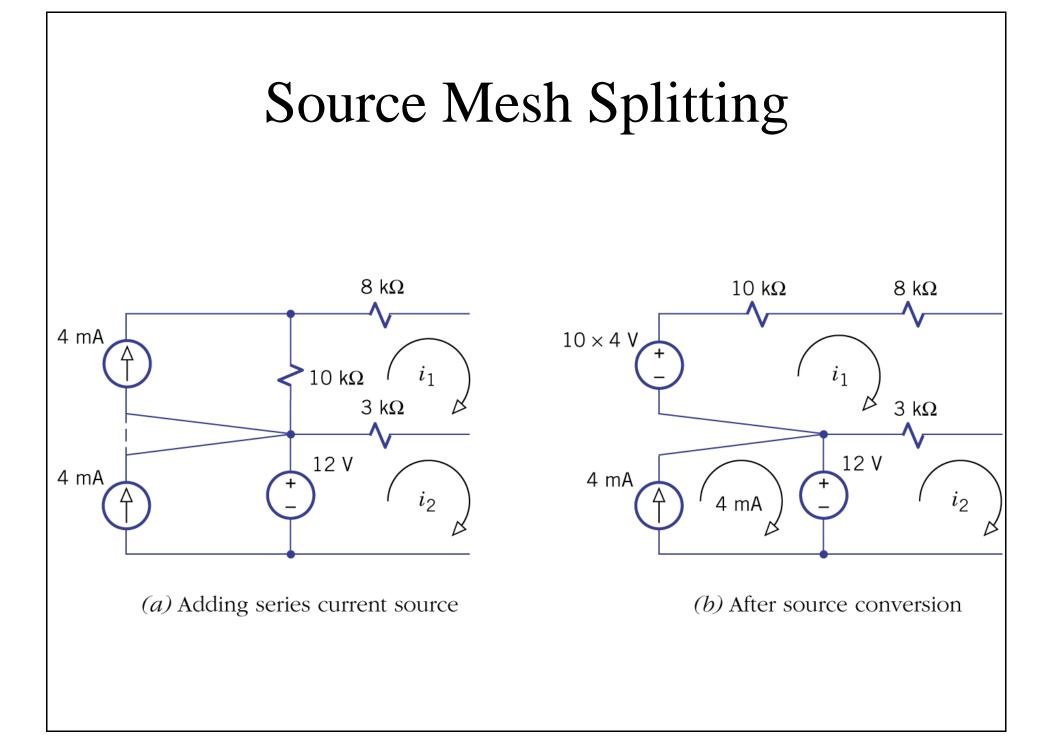


Example 4.7: Three Unknowns

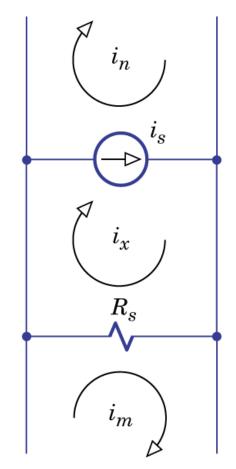


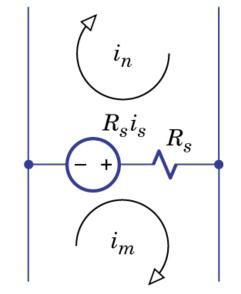
How to Handle Current Sources?

- <u>A current source is non-current controlled, i.e.,</u> one cannot specify its voltage given a current.
- Source mesh splitting.
- Interior current sources:
 - With parallel resistance \rightarrow Source conversion.
 - Interior ideal sources→ Introduce a new variable (or use supermesh KVL).



Interior Current Source with Parallel Resistance → Source Conversion

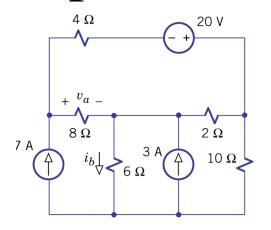


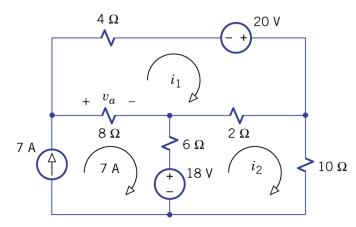


(a) Interior current source with parallel resistance

(b) Source conversion eliminating i_x

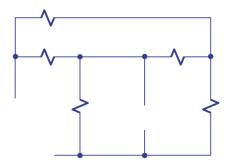
Example 4.8: Source Conversion





(a) Circuit with four meshes

(c) Diagram for mesh analysis

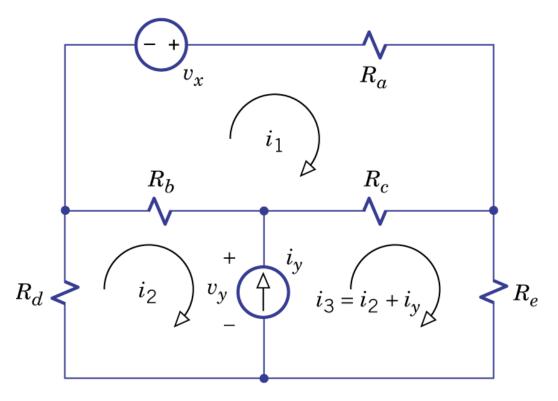


(b) Source suppression leaving two meshes

(d) Partial diagram for i_x

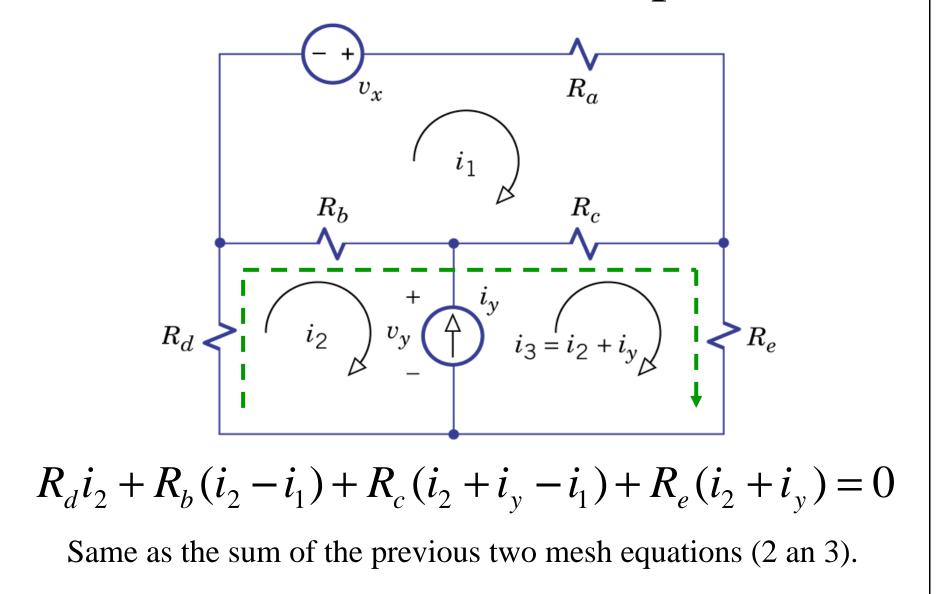
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4+2+8 & -2 \\ -2 & 6+2+10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20+56 \\ 18+42 \end{bmatrix}$$

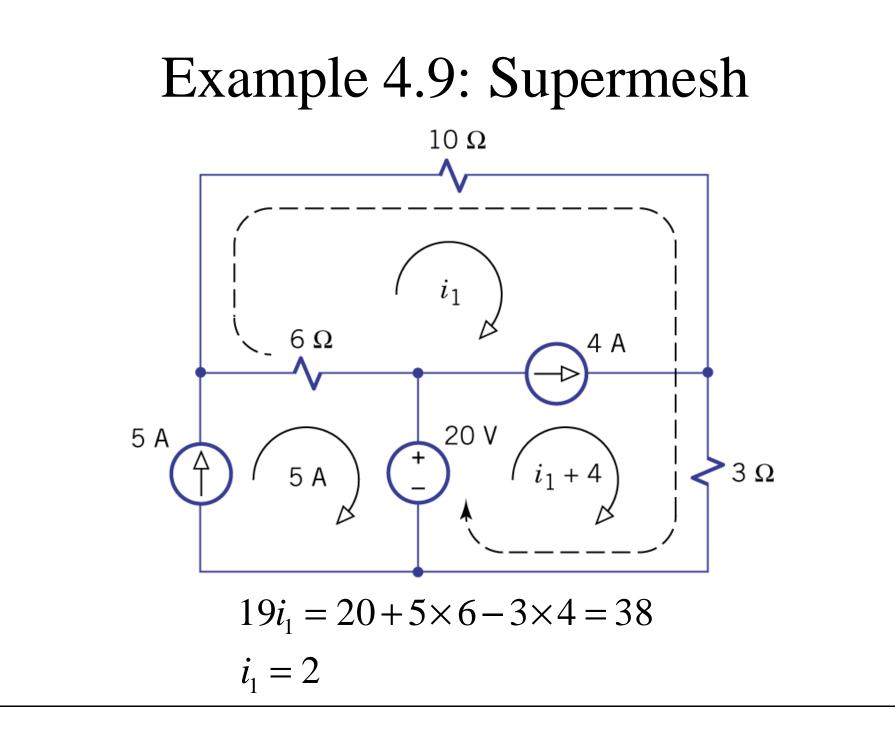
Interior Ideal Sources: A New Variable



- v_v as a fictitious source voltage.
- Three mesh equations with three unknowns: i_1 , i_2 and v_y .
- v_v can be eliminated.

Interior Ideal Sources: Supermesh



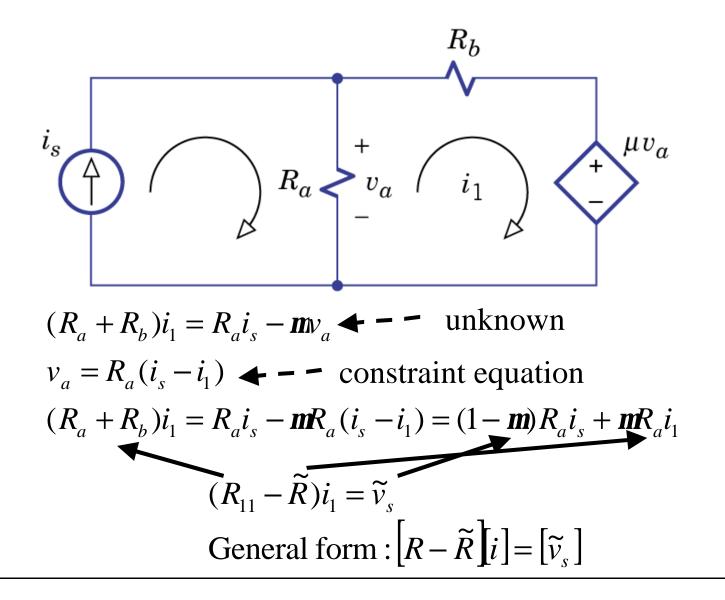


Systematic Analysis with Controlled Sources

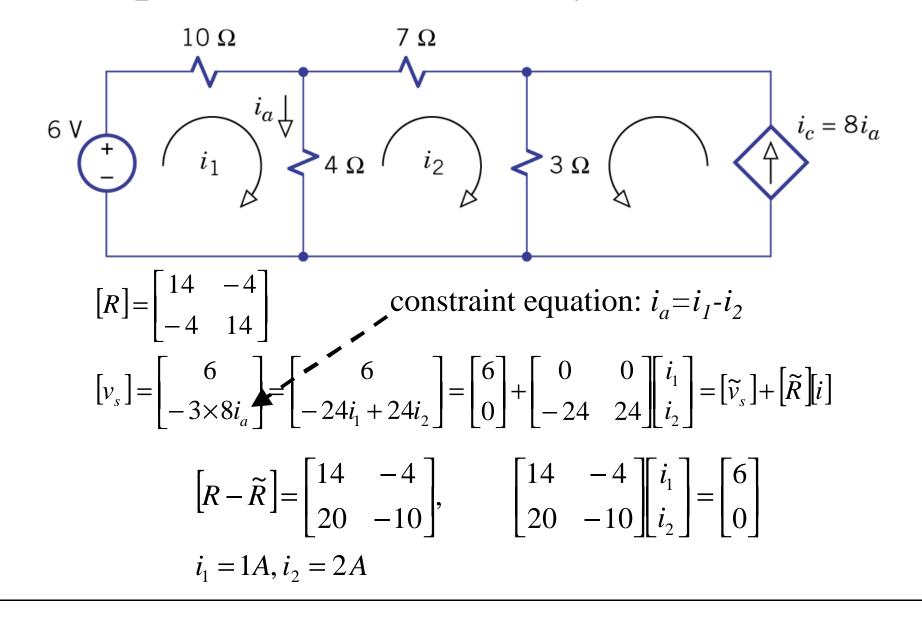
Circuits with Controlled Sources

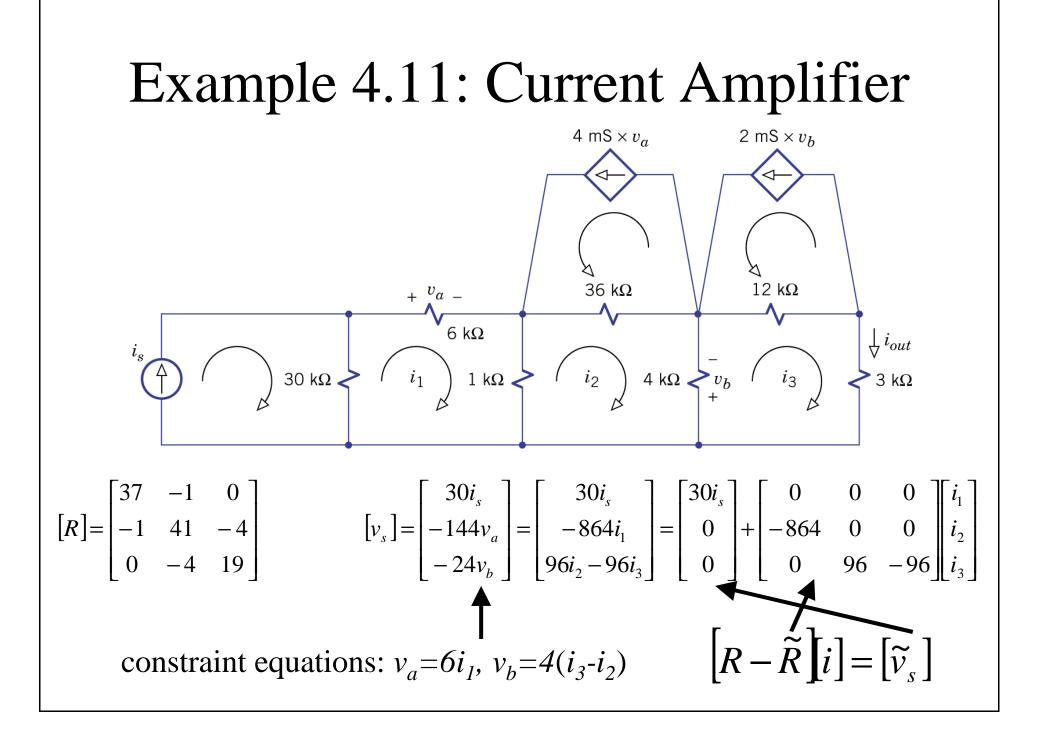
- In the presence of controlled sources, symmetry of the resistance/conductance matrices does not exist.
- Since controlled sources introduce new variables, new equations (constraint equations) are needed. The constraint equations are written in terms of known constants and/or unknown mesh currents/node voltages.

Mesh Analysis with a Controlled Source



Example 4.10: Mesh Analysis with CCCS

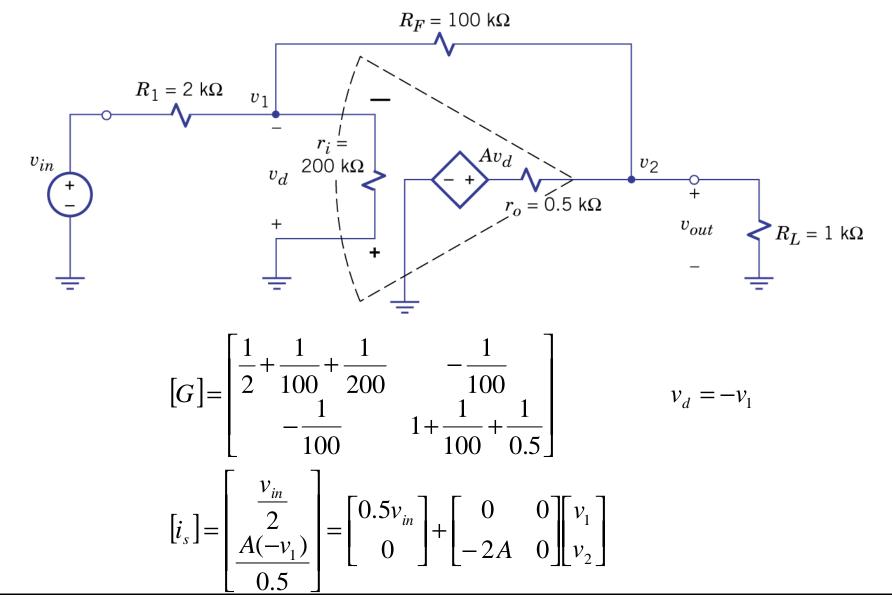




Node Analysis with Controlled Sources

$\left[G - \widetilde{G}\right]v = \left[\widetilde{i}_{s}\right]$

Example 4.12: Inverting Amplifier



Chapter 4: Problem Set

• 1, 5, 8, 11, 17, 23, 32, 34, 38, 44, 49, 51, 60