

## **Superposition**

- Introduction and Discussion
- Example with DC and AC Sources
  - Work as we go in your calculator
  - Uses voltage divider instead of current divider (text)
- ICP with two AC Sources of the Same Frequency
  - Uses current divider (special case)

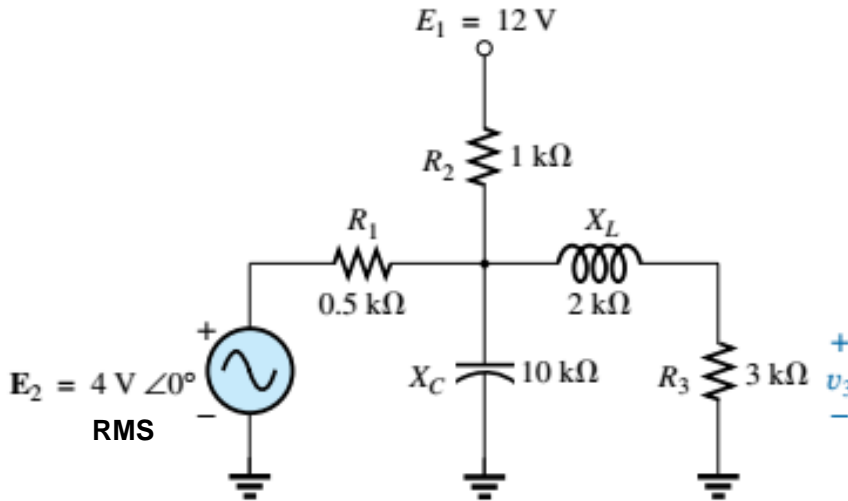
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- You will recall from Chapter 9 that the superposition theorem eliminated the need for solving simultaneous linear equations by considering the effects of each source independently.
- To consider the effects of each source, we had to remove the remaining sources.
- This was accomplished by setting voltage sources to zero (short-circuit representation) and current sources to zero (open-circuit representation).
- The current through, or voltage across, a portion of the network produced by each source was then added algebraically to find the total solution for the current or voltage.
- Requires REDRAWING and ANALYZING as many circuits as there are sources in a specific problem

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- The only variation in applying this method to ac networks with independent sources is that we are now working with impedances and phasors instead of just resistors and real numbers.
- The superposition theorem is not directly applicable to power effects in ac networks since we are still dealing with a nonlinear relationship.
- It can be applied to networks with sources of different frequencies only if the total response for each frequency is found independently and the results are expanded in a nonsinusoidal expression. -> CH26 material
- Superposition is often used to analyze electronic systems where we determine the DC characteristics of a network (operating point) and the AC characteristics (small signal analysis) separately.

## Example – DC and AC Analysis (follow along in your calculator, slightly different approach than the text)

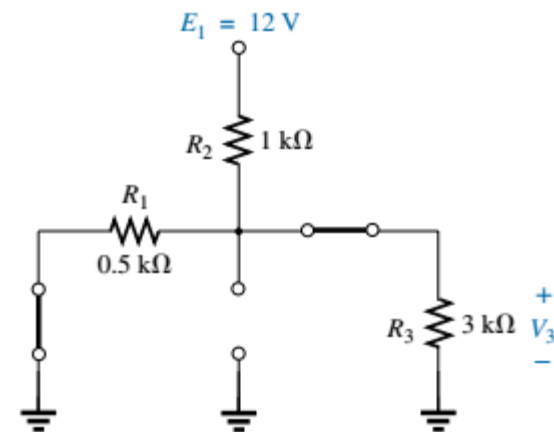


**Find:** the voltage across  $R_3$ ,  $v_3(t)$

Two sources:  $E_1$  (DC) and  $E_2$  (AC)

For source  $E_1$  active, **redraw the circuit:**

- Replace  $E_2$  with a s/c
- Replace the capacitors and inductors with their DC equivalents
- Find  $V_3$ , the DC value of  $v_3(t)$



$R_1$  and  $R_3$  are in parallel, therefore:

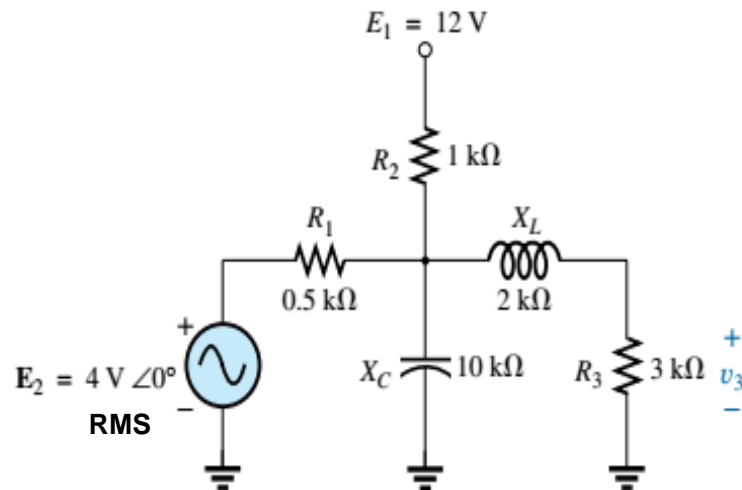
$$R' = R_1 \parallel R_3 = 0.5\text{ k}\Omega \parallel 3\text{ k}\Omega = 0.429\text{ k}\Omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_3 &= \frac{R' E_1}{R' + R_2} \\ &= \frac{(0.429\text{ k}\Omega)(12\text{ V})}{0.429\text{ k}\Omega + 1\text{ k}\Omega} \end{aligned}$$

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3.6VDC due to source  $E_1$

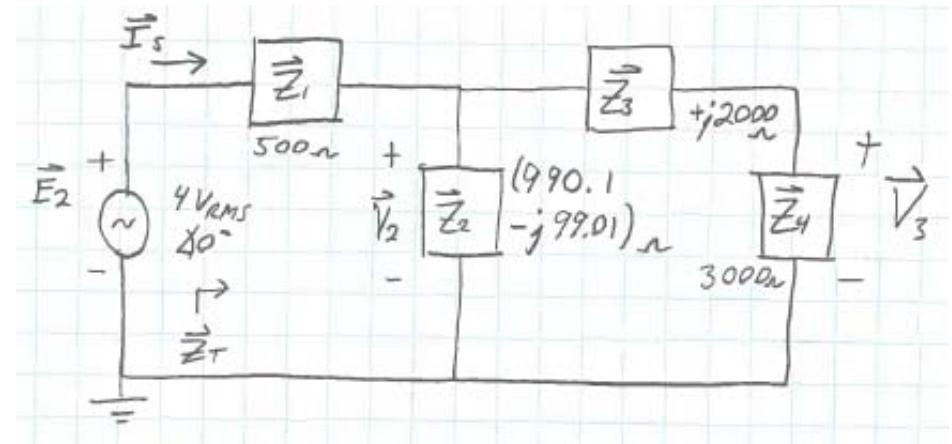
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$V_3 = 3.60V$ , the DC component

For source  $E_2$  active, **redraw the circuit:**

- Replace  $E_1$  with a s/c
- Use the impedance box convention
- Find  $V_3$ , the AC value of  $v_3(t)$



Develop an Approach to find  $V_3$ :

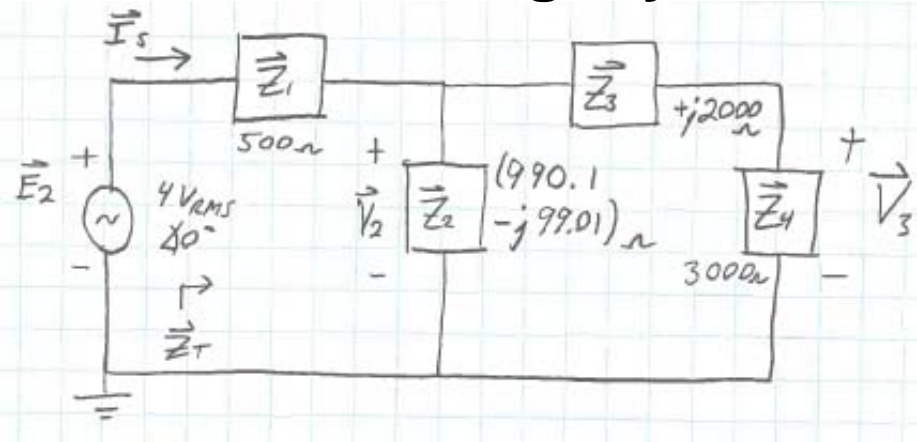
- Find  $Z_T$  (series/parallel combinations)
- Calculate  $I_s$  (Ohm's Law)
- Find  $V_2$  (KVL/Ohm's Law)
- Find  $V_3$  (Voltage Divider)

$$\vec{Z}_T = \left[ \left( \vec{Z}_3 + \vec{Z}_4 \right) \parallel \vec{Z}_2 \right] + \vec{Z}_1$$

$(3000 + j2000) \parallel (990.1 - j99.01) \Omega$   
 $(810.9 + j35.48) \Omega$

$$\vec{Z}_T = (1,311 + j35.48) \Omega$$

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$$\vec{Z}_T = (1,311 + j35.48)\Omega$$

$$\vec{I}_s = \frac{\vec{E}_2}{\vec{Z}_T} = \frac{4V_{RMS} \angle 0^\circ}{(1311 + j35.48)\Omega}$$

$$= \underline{3.050 mA_{RMS} \angle -7.550^\circ}$$

$$\vec{V}_2 = \vec{E}_2 - \vec{I}_s \vec{Z}_1$$

$$= 4V_{RMS} \angle 0^\circ - 1.525V_{RMS} \angle -1.550^\circ$$

$$= \underline{2.476V_{RMS} \angle 0.955^\circ}$$

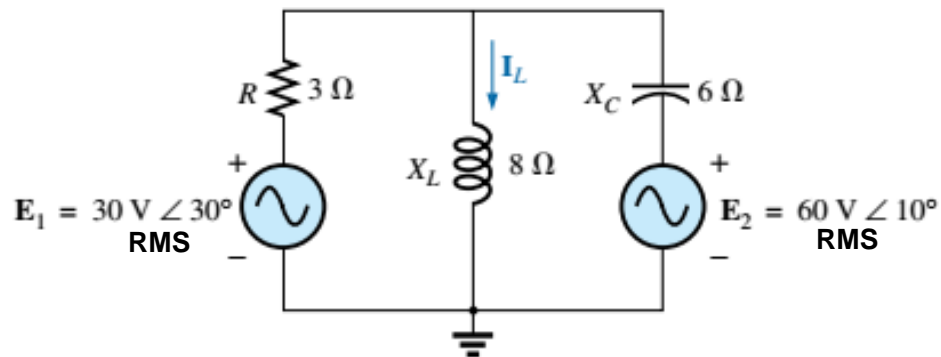
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{V}_3 &= \vec{V}_2 \left( \frac{\vec{Z}_4}{\vec{Z}_4 + \vec{Z}_3} \right) \\ &= (2.476V_{RMS} \angle 0.955^\circ) (0.8321 \angle 33.69^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{V}_3 = 2.06V_{RMS} \angle -32.7^\circ}$$

So we have 3.60 VDC + 2.06V<sub>RMS</sub> < -32.7° or:

$$V_3(t) = 3.60 + 2.91 \sin(\omega t - 32.7^\circ) \text{ V}$$

## In Class Problem



**Find:**

- The current through the inductor,  $I_L$

**Approach:**

- Use superposition
- 2 Sources, 2 Circuits to **REDRAW**  
**and ANALYZE**