



Simple applications of Kirchhoff's laws

CLASS-XII

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Wheatstone Bridge:

Currents through the arms are assumed by applying Kirchhoff's Junction Rule.

Applying Kirchhoff's Loop Rule for:

Loop ABDA:

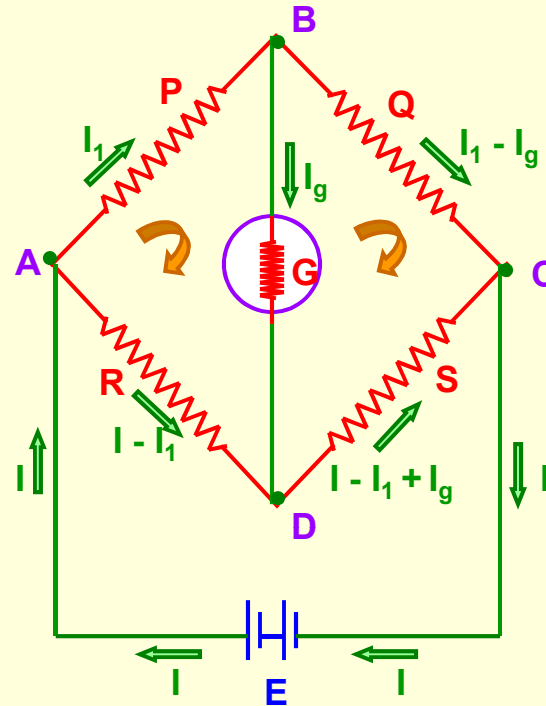
$$I_1 \cdot P + I_g \cdot G - (I - I_1) \cdot R = 0$$

Loop BCDB:

$$(I_1 - I_g) \cdot Q - (I - I_1 + I_g) \cdot S - I_g \cdot G = 0$$

When $I_g = 0$, the bridge is said to be balanced.

By manipulating the above equations, we get



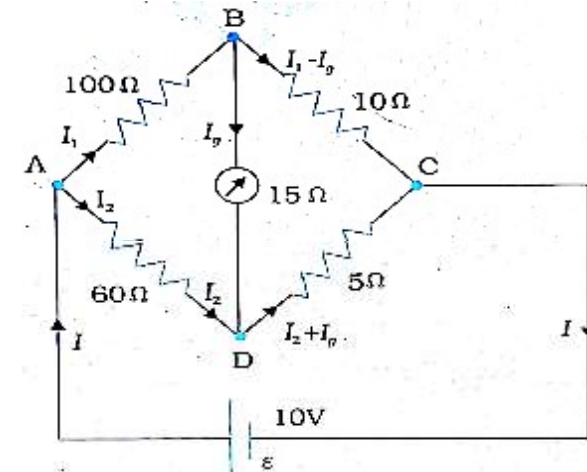
$$\frac{P}{Q} = \frac{R}{S}$$

Numerical

Question: The four arms of a Wheatstone bridge have the following resistances:

$AB = 100\Omega$, $BC = 10\Omega$, $CD = 5\Omega$, and $DA = 60\Omega$

A galvanometer of 15Ω is connected across BD . Calculate the current through the galvanometer when a potential difference of $10V$ is maintained across AC .



Numerical

Solution: Current distribution is shown by using KCL.

Using KVL, in the loop ABDA, $100I_1 - 60(I - I_1) + 15(I_g) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -60I + 160I_1 + 15I_g = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

In the loop BCDB; $10(I_1 - I_g) - 5(I - I_1 + I_g) - 15I_g = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -5I + 15I_1 - 30I_g = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

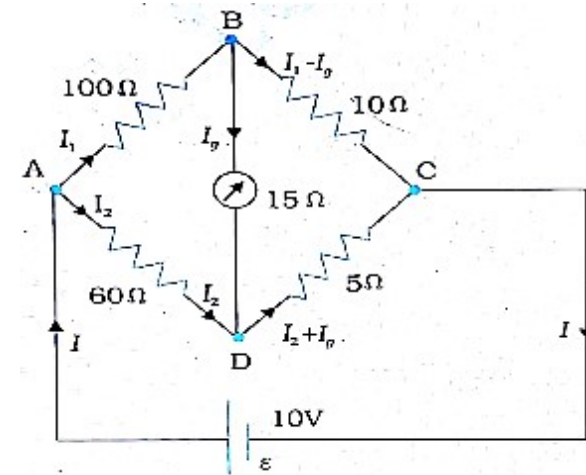
In the loop ABCEA; $100I_1 + 10(I_1 - I_g) = 10$

$$\Rightarrow 110I_1 - 10I_g = 10 \quad \dots\dots\dots(iii)$$

Subtracting $[12 \times \text{equation}(ii)]$ from $\text{equation}(i)$ we have

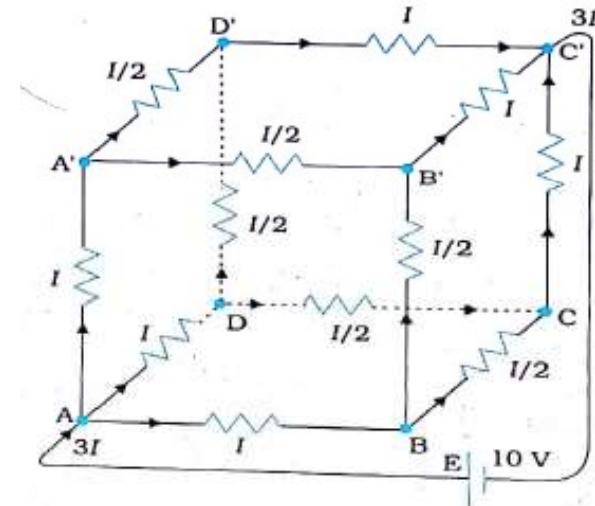
$$-20I_1 + 375I_g = 0 \Rightarrow I_1 = \frac{375}{20}I_g \quad \dots\dots\dots(iv)$$

Using equation (iv) in equation (iii) we get ; $110 \times \frac{375}{20}I_g - 10I_g = 10 \Rightarrow I_g = 0.00487A = 4.87mA$



Numerical

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Solution :

The current is distributed using symmetry and KCL.

Using KVL in the loop ABCC'EA; $1 \cdot I + 1 \cdot I/2 + 1 \cdot I = 10$

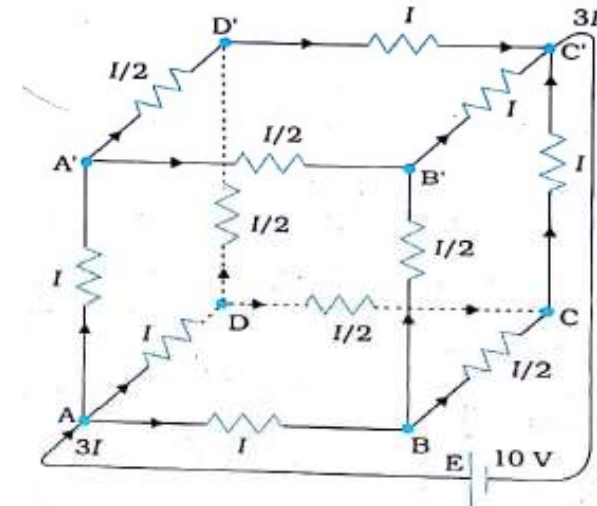
$$\Rightarrow I = 4A$$

Total current entering into the network = $3I = 12A$

$$\therefore R_{eq} = \frac{V}{3I} = \frac{10V}{12A} = \frac{5}{6}\Omega$$

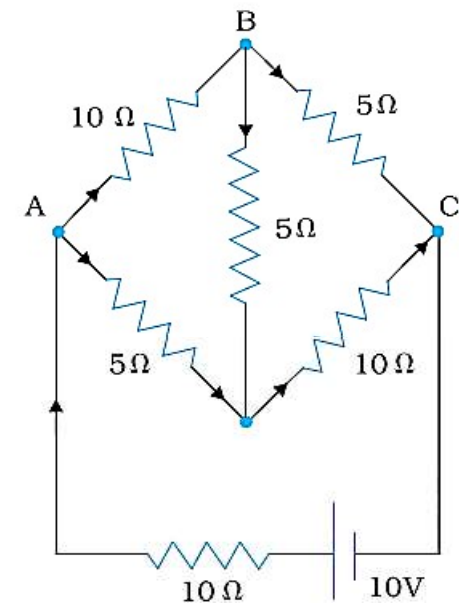
Now currents along arms AB, AD, AA', D'C', BC', CC' = 4A

Currents through arms; DC, DD', BC, BB', A'B', A'D' = $I/2 = 2A$



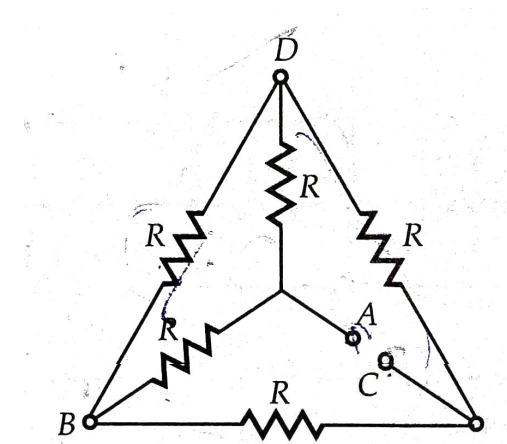
Numerical

Question: Determine the current in each branch of the network shown in the figure.(NCERT)



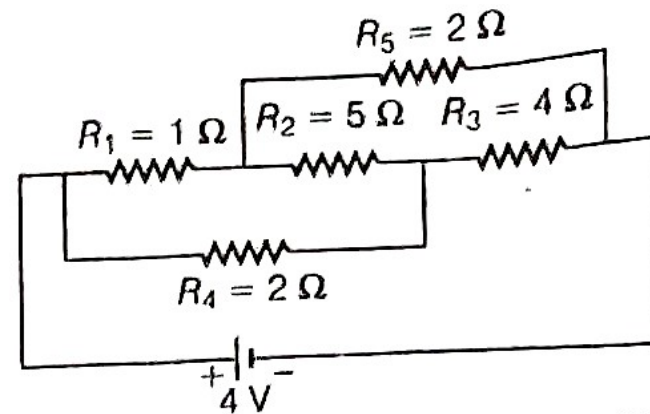
Numerical

Question: Each of the resistance in the network equals R . find the resistance between two terminals A and C



HOME ASSIGNMENT

1. Calculate the current drawn from the battery in the given network



2. Answer the following:

a) State Kirchhoff's rules.

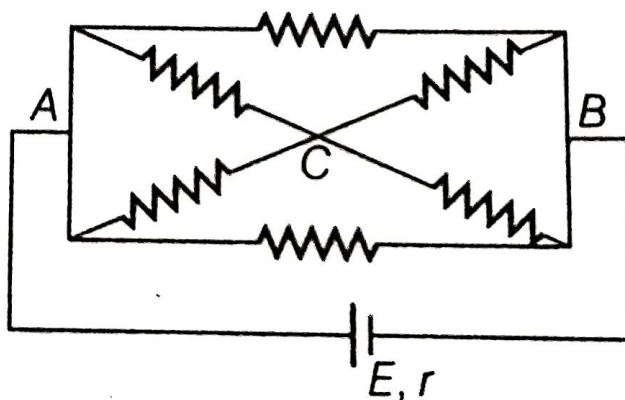
b) A battery of 10 V and negligible internal resistance is connected across the diagonally opposite corners of a cubical network consisting of 12 resistors each of $1\ \Omega$ resistance. Use Kirchhoff's rules to determine

- the equivalent resistance of the network and
- the total current in the network

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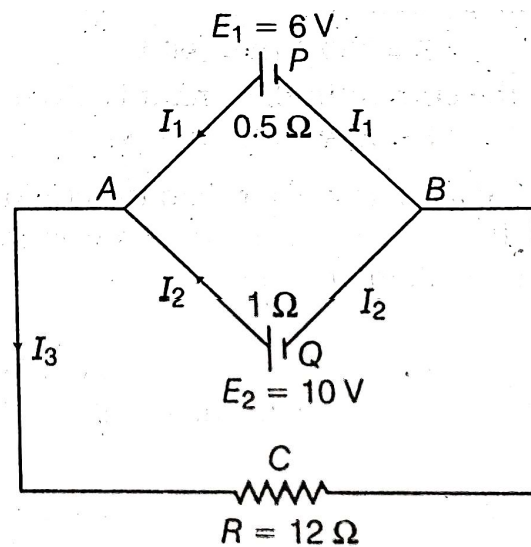
3. Answer the following:

- State the two Kirchhoff's laws. Explain briefly, how these rules are justified?
- The current is drawn from a cell of emf E and internal resistance r connected to the network of resistors each of resistance r as shown in the figure. Obtain the expression for
 - the current drawn from the cell and
 - the power consumed in the network.



Home Assignment

4. State Kirchhoff's rules. Apply Kirchhoff's rules to the loops .ACBPA and ACBQA to write the expressions for the currents I_1 , I_2 and I_3 in the network.



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