Problem 3.2 Apply nodal analysis to determine V_x in the circuit of Fig. P3.2.



Figure P3.2: Circuit for Problem 3.2.

Solution: At node *V*, application of KCL gives

$$\frac{V}{2+1} - 3 + \frac{V}{2+4} = 0,$$

which leads to

$$V = 6 \text{ V}.$$

By voltage division,

$$V_x = \frac{V \times 4}{2+4} = \frac{6 \times 4}{6} = 4$$
 V.

Problem 3.3 Use nodal analysis to determine the current I_x and amount of power supplied by the voltage source in the circuit of Fig. P3.3.



Figure P3.3: Circuit for Problem 3.3.

Solution: At node V, application of KCL gives

$$-9 + \frac{V}{2} + \frac{V}{4} + \frac{V - 40}{8} = 0$$
$$V\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8}\right) = 9 + \frac{40}{8}$$
$$\frac{7V}{8} = 9 + 5$$
$$V = 16 \text{ V}.$$

The current I_x is then given by

$$I_x = \frac{V}{4} = \frac{16}{4} = 4$$
 A.

To find the power supplied by the 40-V source, we need to first find the current I flowing into its positive terminal,

$$I = \frac{V - 40}{8} = \frac{16 - 40}{8} = -3 \text{ A}.$$

Hence,

$$P = VI = 40 \times (-3) = -120 \text{ W}$$

(The minus sign confirms that the voltage source is a supplier of power.)

Problem 3.4 For the circuit in Fig. P3.4:

- (a) Apply nodal analysis to find node voltages V_1 and V_2 .
- (b) Determine the voltage $V_{\rm R}$ and current *I*.

$$16 V + 1 \Omega + V_R - 1 \Omega$$

Figure P3.4: Circuit for Problem 3.4.

Solution: (a) At nodes V_1 and V_2 ,

Node 1:
$$\frac{V_1 - 16}{1} + \frac{V_1}{1} + \frac{V_1 - V_2}{1} = 0$$
 (1)

Node 2:
$$\frac{V_2 - V_1}{1} + \frac{V_2}{1} + \frac{V_2}{1} = 0$$
 (2)

Simplifying Eqs. (1) and (2) gives:

$$3V_1 - V_2 = 16 (3)$$

$$-V_1 + 3V_2 = 0. (4)$$

Simultaneous solution of Eqs. (3) and (4) leads to:

 $V_1 = 6 V, V_2 = 2 V.$

(b)

$$V_{\rm R} = V_1 - V_2 = 6 - 2 = 4 \text{ V}$$

 $I = \frac{V_2}{1} = \frac{2}{1} = 2 \text{ A}.$

Problem 3.10 The circuit in Fig. P3.10 contains a dependent current source. Determine the voltage V_x .



Figure P3.10: Circuit for Problem 3.10.

Solution: In terms of the node voltage V_x , KCL gives

$$\frac{V_x-6}{2} + \frac{V_x}{3} - 2V_x + \frac{V_x}{6} = 0,$$

whose solution leads to

$$V_x = -3 \text{ V}.$$

Problem 3.14 Apply nodal analysis to find the current I_x in the circuit of Fig. P3.14.



Figure P3.14: Circuit for Problem 3.14.

Solution: Application of KCL to the designated node voltages V_1 , V_2 , and V_3 gives

$$\frac{V_1 - 2}{0.1} + \frac{V_1 - V_2}{0.5} + \frac{V_1 - V_3 - 4}{0.2} = 0$$
(1)

$$\frac{V_2 - V_1}{0.5} + \frac{V_2}{0.1} + \frac{V_2 - V_3}{0.5} = 0$$
(2)

$$\frac{V_3 - V_1 + 4}{0.2} + \frac{V_3 - V_2}{0.5} + \frac{V_3 - 3}{0.1} = 0$$
(3)

Simplification, followed with simultaneous solution, leads to

 $V_1 = 2.865 \text{ V}, \qquad V_2 = 0.625 \text{ V}, \qquad V_3 = 1.51 \text{ V},$

and

$$I_x = \frac{V_2}{0.1} = \frac{0.625}{0.1} = 6.25 \text{ A}.$$

Problem 3.26 Apply mesh analysis to find the mesh currents in the circuit of Fig. P3.26. Use the information to determine the voltage V.



Figure P3.26: Circuit for Problem 3.26.

Solution: Application of KVL to the two loops gives:

Mesh 1:
$$-16 + 2I_1 + 3(I_1 - I_2) = 0$$
,
Mesh 2: $3(I_2 - I_1) + (2 + 4)I_2 + 12 = 0$,

which can be simplified to

$$5I_1 - 3I_2 = 16 \tag{1}$$

$$-3I_1 + 9I_2 = -12. (2)$$

Simultaneous solution of (1) and (2) leads to

$$I_1 = 3 \text{ A}, \qquad I_2 = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ A}.$$

Hence,

$$V = 3(I_1 - I_2) = 3\left(3 + \frac{1}{3}\right) = 10 \text{ V}.$$

Problem 3.31 Apply mesh analysis to determine the amount of power supplied by the voltage source in Fig. P3.31.



Figure P3.31: Circuit for Problem 3.31.

Solution:

Mesh 1:
$$2I_1 + 3(I_1 - I_3) + 2(I_1 - I_2) + 48 = 0$$

Mesh 2: $-48 + 2(I_2 - I_1) + 6(I_2 - I_3) + 4I_2 = 0$
Mesh 3: $I_3 = -4$ A.

Solution is:

$$I_1 = -8.4 \text{ A}, \qquad I_2 = 0.6 \text{ A}, \qquad I_3 = -4 \text{ A}.$$

Current entering "+" terminal of voltage source is:

$$I = I_1 - I_2 = -8.4 - 0.6 = -9$$
 A.

Hence,

$$P = VI = 48 \times (-9) = -432 \text{ W}.$$

Problem 3.34 Apply mesh analysis to the circuit in Fig. P3.34 to determine V_x .



Figure P3.34: Circuit for Problem 3.34.

Solution:

| Mesh 1: | $-6 + 2I_1 + 3(I_1 - I_2) = 0$ |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Supermesh: | $3(I_2 - I_1) + 6I_3 = 0$ |
| Auxiliary 1: | $I_3 - I_2 = 2V_x$ |
| Auxiliary 2: | $V_x = 6I_3$ |

Solution is:

$$I_1 = 4.5 \text{ A}, \quad I_2 = 5.5 \text{ A}, \quad I_3 = -0.5 \text{ A}.$$

 $V_x = 6I_3 = 6 \times (-0.5) = -3 \text{ V}.$