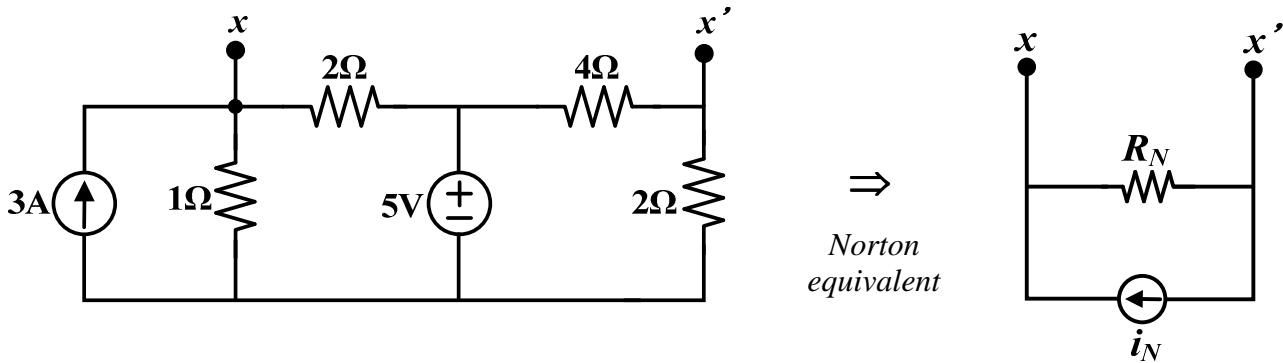


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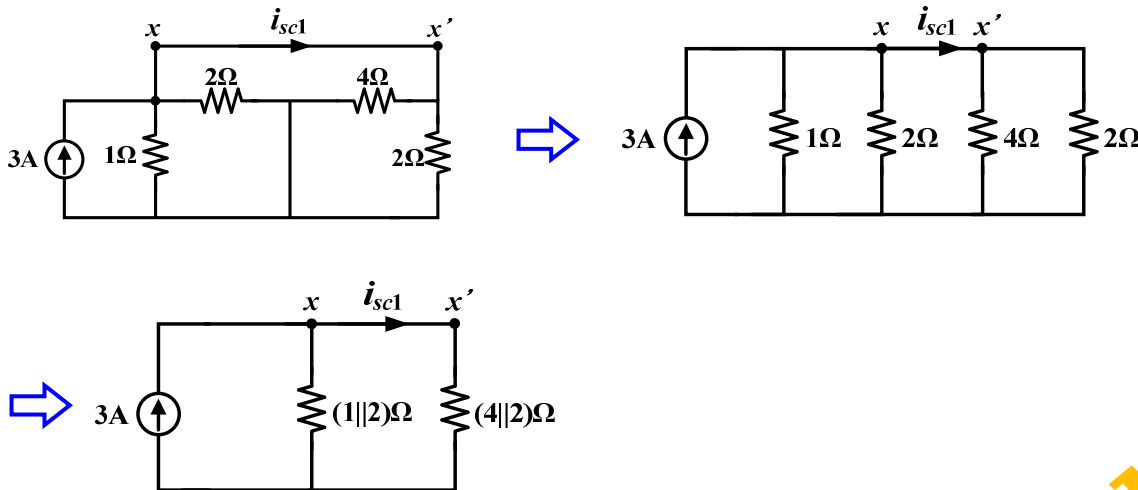
Find the Norton equivalent circuit of the network as shown at the terminals marked  $xx'$  in the circuit. (100%)



Solution:

The first step is to find the Norton equivalent current  $i_N$ , this short circuit current can be found by using superposition method.

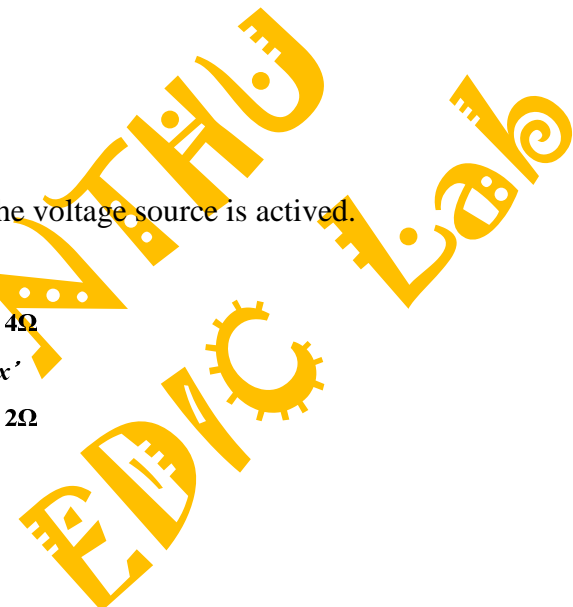
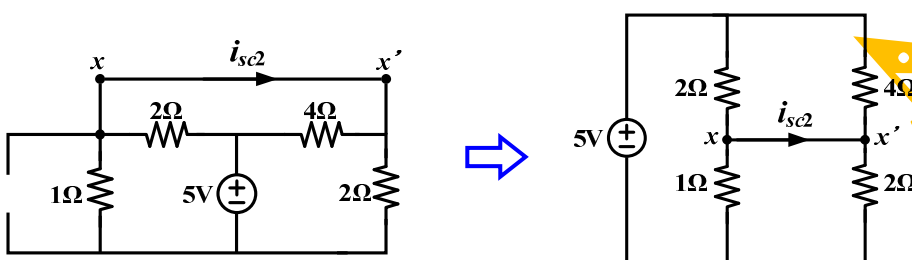
First, let us find the short circuit current  $i_{sc1}$  for ports  $xx'$  when only the current source is activated.



Thus, the short circuit current  $i_{sc1}$  can be found to be,

$$i_{sc1} = 3 \times \frac{(1 \parallel 2)}{(1 \parallel 2) + (4 \parallel 2)} = 1\text{A}$$

Then, let us find the short circuit current  $i_{sc2}$  for ports  $xx'$  when only the voltage source is activated.



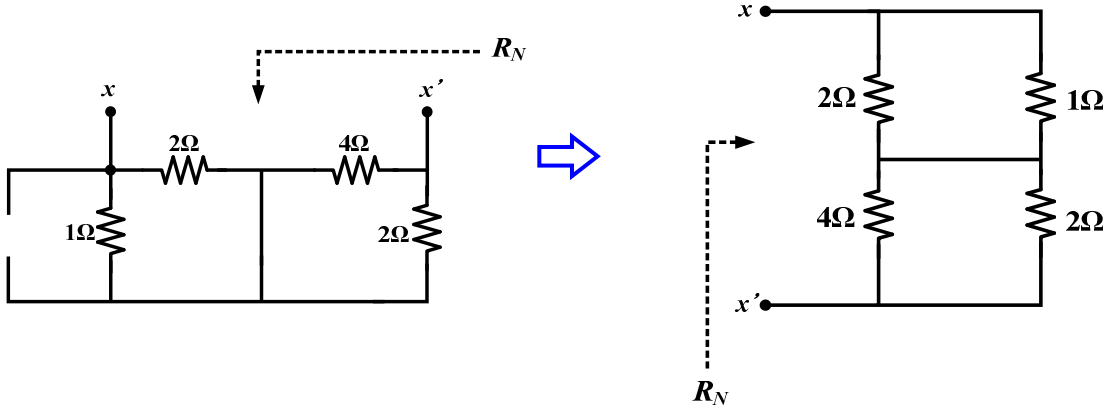
This is the Wheatstone bridge circuit since  $\frac{2\Omega}{4\Omega} = \frac{1\Omega}{2\Omega}$ . It is well known for Wheatstone bridge circuit that

$$i_{sc2} = 0A.$$

Then the Norton current  $i_N$  is superposition of this two current:

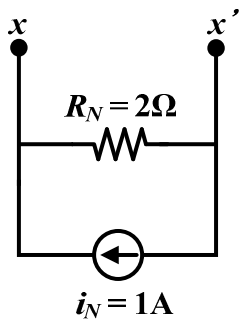
$$i_N = i_{sc1} + i_{sc2} = 1A.$$

The second step is to find the Norton resistance  $R_N$ . The Norton resistance  $R_N$  can be found by measuring the open-circuit network seen from the  $xx'$  ports with independent source set to zero.



$$R_N = (2 \parallel 1) + (4 \parallel 2) = 2\Omega$$

Finally, the Norton equivalent circuit of this circuit network can be drawn as follows:



$$i_N = \underline{\quad 1A \quad}, R_N = \underline{\quad 2\Omega \quad}.$$