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# Unified construction of two $n$ -order circuit networks with diodes

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# Motivation

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1. The method of simulating problems by constructing circuit network models, which is widely used in physics, material science and other fields, has gradually become an effective method to solve theoretical and engineering technical problems.
2. The recursion-transform (RT) method is based on recursive technology and variable transformation technology, which is commonly used for studying all kinds of finite and infinite circuit networks.
3. Two different resistor networks are considered to be unified into a single network model. It is an interesting and novel aspect of the relevant research.

# Method

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The RT method is used to study the unified network model. It can be divided into four steps:

Step 1 is to build an equivalent circuit model according to equivalent idea.

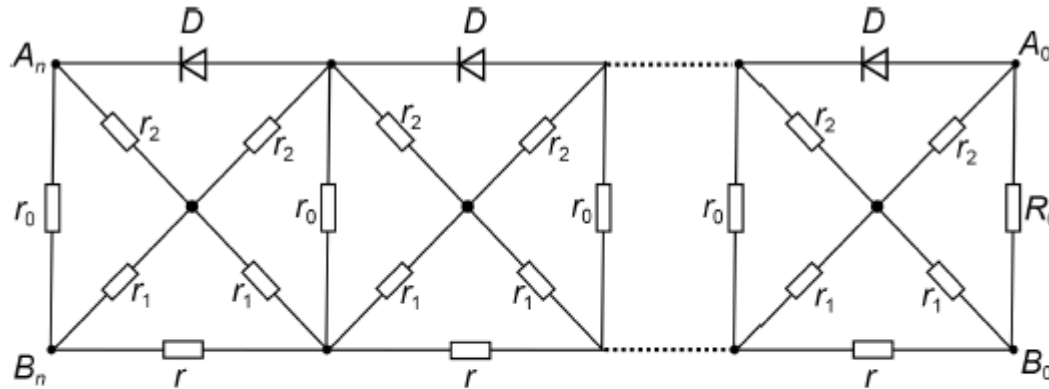
Step 2 is to create a nonlinear difference equation model using Kirchhoff's laws.

Step 3 is to construct the method of equivalent transformation to obtain the general solution.

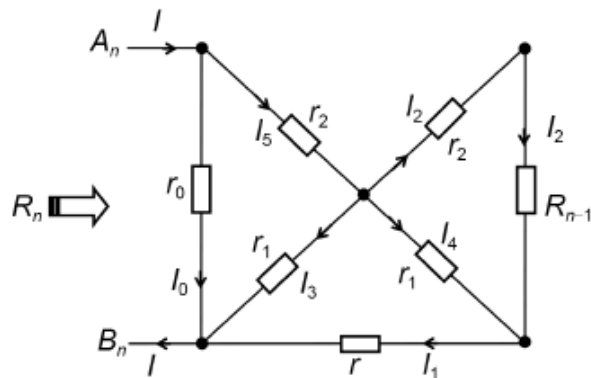
Step 4 is to discuss special situations and verify the correctness of the conclusion.

# A unified model

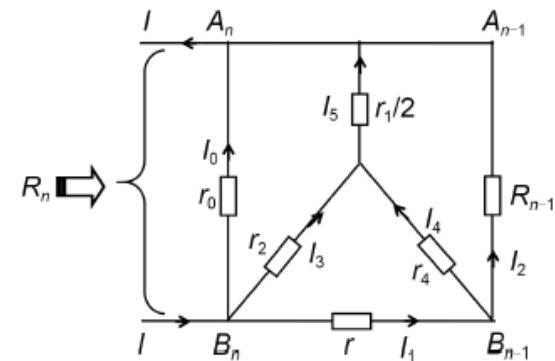
The unified structure (Fig. 2) is divided into two structures (Fig. 3, Fig. 4)



**Fig. 2** A multi-functional  $n$ -order resistor network with X circuits and diodes, which contains five different resistor elements (including  $R_0$ ) and ideal diodes in the upper boundary



**Fig. 3** Equivalent model of a two-terminal circuit network with triangular structure



**Fig. 4** Equivalent model of a two-terminal circuit network with Y circuits

# The equivalent resistance values

Structure 1

$$R_n(A_n \rightarrow B_n) = \frac{(R_0 - \lambda_1)F_{n+1}^{(1)} + F_{n+2}^{(1)}}{(R_0 - \lambda_1)F_n^{(1)} + F_{n+1}^{(1)}} - \frac{a_1 + r_0}{b_1}$$

$$F_n^{(1)} = \frac{\alpha_1^n - \beta_1^n}{\alpha_1 - \beta_1} \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{r_0}{b_1}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2b_1} \left( a_1 + 2r_0 + \sqrt{(a_1 + 4r_0b_1)a_1} \right)$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{1}{2b_1} \left( a_1 + 2r_0 - \sqrt{(a_1 + 4r_0b_1)a_1} \right)$$

$$a_1 = \frac{r(r_2 + r_1) + 2r_1r_2}{(r + r_1)(r_1 + r_2) + r_1r_2} (r_1 + r_2)$$

$$b_1 = 1 + \frac{(r + 2r_1)r_0}{(r + r_1)(r_1 + r_2) + r_1r_2}$$

Structure 2

$$R_n(B_n \rightarrow A_n) = \frac{(R_0 - \lambda_2)F_{n+1}^{(2)} + F_{n+2}^{(2)}}{(R_0 - \lambda_2)F_n^{(2)} + F_{n+1}^{(2)}} - \frac{a_2 + r_0}{b_2}$$

$$F_n^{(2)} = \frac{\alpha_2^n - \beta_2^n}{\alpha_2 - \beta_2} \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{r_0}{b_2}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{2b_2} \left( a_2 + 2r_0 + \sqrt{(a_2 + 4r_0b_2)a_2} \right)$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{1}{2b_2} \left( a_2 + 2r_0 - \sqrt{(a_2 + 4r_0b_2)a_2} \right)$$

$$a_2 = \frac{2rr_1(r_1 + r_2)}{2(r_1 + r_2)(r_1 + r) - r_2r}$$

$$b_2 = 1 + \frac{2r_0(r + 2r_1)}{2(r_1 + r_2)(r_1 + r) - r_2r}$$

The two structures have a unified form of equivalent resistance values.

# Special cases

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**Case 1.** In the network of Fig. 2, when  $r_1 = \infty$

$$R(A_n \rightarrow B_n) = \frac{(R_0 - r_0)F_{n+1}^{(1)} + F_{n+2}^{(1)}}{(R_0 - r_0)F_n^{(1)} + F_{n+1}^{(1)}} - (r + r_0 + 2r_2)$$

$$R(B_n \rightarrow A_n) = \frac{(R_0 - r_0)F_{n+1}^{(2)} + F_{n+2}^{(2)}}{(R_0 - r_0)F_n^{(2)} + F_{n+1}^{(2)}} - (r + r_0)$$

**Case 2.** In the network of Fig. 2, when  $r_1 = 0$

$$R(A_n \rightarrow B_n) = \alpha_1 - r_2 = \frac{r_2 r_0}{r_2 + r_0} \quad R(B_n \rightarrow A_n) = \frac{R_0 \alpha_2}{nR_0 + \alpha_2}$$

**Case 3.** In the network of Fig. 2, when  $n = 0$

$$R_0(A_0 \rightarrow B_0) = (R_0 - \lambda_1) + F_2^{(1)} - \frac{a_1 + r_0}{b_1} = R_0$$

$$R_0(B_0 \rightarrow A_0) = (R_0 - \lambda_2) + F_2^{(2)} - \frac{a_2 + r_0}{b_2} = R_0$$

**Case 4.** In the network of Fig. 2, when  $n = 1$

$$R_1(A_1 \rightarrow B_1) = \frac{R_0 + a_1}{b_1 R_0 + a_1 + r_0} r_0 \quad R_1(B_1 \rightarrow A_1) = \frac{R_0 + a_2}{b_2 R_0 + a_2 + r_0} r_0$$

# Conclusions

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1. A unified  $n$ -order resistor network model with  $X$  circuits and diodes is proposed and is studied for the first.
2. The recursion-transform (RT) method is used to evaluate the equivalent resistance of this new resistor network. A unified difference model is established. The general solution of the unified difference equation is given.
3. Based on the general equivalent resistance, a series of special equivalent resistance conclusions are derived. It is also applicable to the study of complex impedance networks.



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