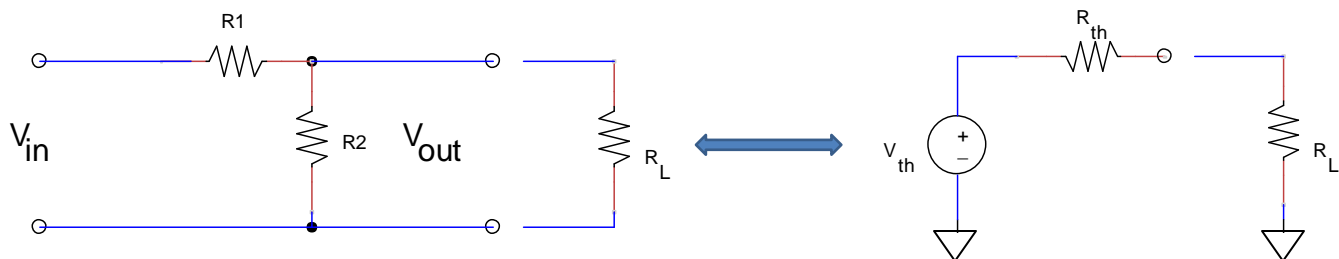


Voltage Divider



Consider the voltage divider above, and its Thevenin equivalent circuit:

- Predict the Thevenin equivalents V_{th} and R_{th} , and the short-circuit current, for $V_{in} = 15V$
- Construct this voltage divider, with $R_1 = R_2 = 10k$: Apply $V_{in} = 15V$. Measure V_{out} . Compare with Prelab prediction.
- Attach a $10k$ load across V_{out} . Measure this new V_{out} . Explain (quantitatively, show calculation) why V_{out} drops when the load is attached. ▽
- Remove the $10k$ load. Insert an ammeter in series with V_{out} and measure this short-circuit current. Find $R_{th} = V_{th} / I_{sc}$ and compare with Prelab prediction.
- From your measurements, calculate the Thevenin equivalent parameters: V_{th} and R_{th} and sketch the Thevenin equivalent circuit.
- Build the Thevenin equivalent circuit, and repeat parts a - c. You should get the same results.
- Change the resistors to $10M$ (megohm) and repeat your measurements. Figure out why they're different.