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## E84 Homework 3

1. While various voltage sources such as batteries are very common in everyday life, current sources are not widely available. One type of current source is the photocells, which generates current proportional to the intensity of the incoming light. Also, certain specially designed transistor circuits can generate to output constant current. Moreover, as discussed in class, any current source can be obtained by converting a corresponding voltage source. Design a current source with  $I_0 = 10 \text{ mA}$  and  $R_0 = 1 \text{ K}\Omega$  by converting a voltage source. Find its voltage  $V_0$  and internal resistance  $R_0$ .

**Solution:**  $R_0 = 1 \text{ K}\Omega$ ,  $V_0 = I_0 \times R_0 = 10 \text{ mA} \times 1000 \Omega = 10 \text{ V}$ .

2. The output resistance of the power amplification circuit of a Hi-Fi system is  $R_{out} = 8\Omega$  and the output voltage is  $V_{out} = 20\text{V}$ . Find the power received by the speaker, the total power consumption, and the power efficiency of the circuit, for each of the three possible speaker resistances:  $R_L = 4$ ,  $R_L = 8$ , or  $R_L = 16$

**Solution:** The power received by the load (speaker) is

$$P_L = \frac{V_{out}^2}{(R_{out} + R_L)^2} R_L$$

and the power efficiency is

$$\eta = \frac{P_L}{P_{total}} = \frac{R_L}{R_{out} + R_L}$$

where  $V_{out} = 20\text{V}$ ,  $R_{out} = 8\Omega$ .

- When  $R_L = 4\Omega$ ,  $P_L = 100/9 = 11.1 \text{ Watts}$ ,  $\eta = 1/3$ , the total power is

$$P_{total} = 100/3 = 33.3 \text{ Watts.}$$

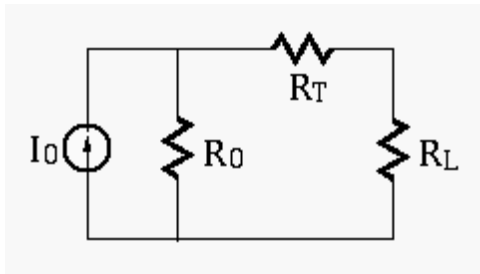
- When  $R_L = 8\Omega$ ,  $P_L = 100/8 = 12.5 \text{ Watts}$ ,  $\eta = 1/2$ , the total power is

$$P_{total} = 100/4 = 25 \text{ Watts.}$$

- When  $R_L = 16\Omega$ ,  $P_L = 100/9 = 11.1 \text{ Watts}$ ,  $\eta = 2/3$ , the total power is

$$P_{total} = 100/3 = 33.3 \text{ Watts.}$$

3. Find the optimal load resistance  $R_L$  so that it receives maximal power from the current source  $I_0 = 10A$  with internal resistance  $R_0 = 1\Omega$  and power transmission line resistance  $R_T = 9\Omega$ . Find the maximum load power and the power loss along the transmission line.



To verify your choice of load resistance, show that the power consumption of the load will always be lower than this maximum when its resistance is either increased or decreased by ten percent.

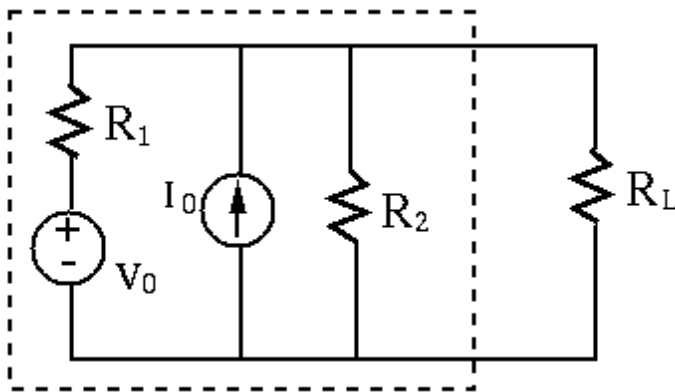
**Solution:**

First convert current source to voltage source with  $V_0 = I_0 R_0 = 10V$  and  $R_0 = 1\Omega$ . To maximize load power consumption, let  $R_L = R_0 + R_T = 10\Omega$ . The current is  $I = 10V/20\Omega = 0.5A$ . Load power is

$$I^2 R_L = 10/4 = 2.5W, \text{ power loss on transmission line is } I^2 R_T = 9/4A \text{ When } R_L = 11\Omega,$$

$$I = 10V/21\Omega, W_L = I^2 R_L = 2.494 \text{ When } R_L = 9\Omega, I = 10V/19\Omega, W_L = I^2 R_L = 2.493$$

4. Convert the following circuit into (a) an equivalent current source  $(I_{cs}, R_{cs})$  and then (b) an equivalent voltage source  $(V_{vs}, R_{vs})$ . Give an expression for the load  $R_L$  so that it will receive maximum power from the source.



**Solution:**

- (a) Convert voltage source  $(V_0, R_1)$  on the left to a current source  $(I'_0 = V_0/R_1, R_1)$  in parallel with the current source  $(I_0, R_2)$ . The overall current source is therefore:

$$I_{cs} = I_0 + \frac{V_0}{R_1}, \quad R_{cs} = R_1 || R_2 = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

(b) Convert the overall current source above to a voltage source:

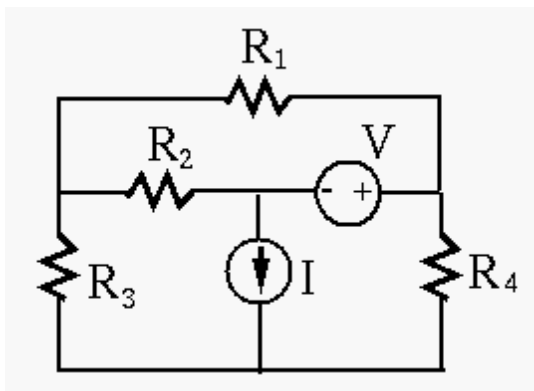
$$V_{vs} = I_{cs} R_{cs} = \left(I_0 + \frac{V_0}{R_1}\right) \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = I_0 \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} + V_0 \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}, \quad R_{vs} = R_{cs}$$

(c) Thevenin't theorem:

$$R_{th} = R_1 || R_2, \quad V_{Th} = I_0 \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} + V_0 \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

(d) For  $R_L$  to receive maximum power, we need  $R_L = R_{cs} = R_{vs} = R_1 || R_2$

5. Find all node voltages in the circuit with respect to the bottom node as ground, where  $R_1 = 100\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 5\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 200\Omega$ ,  $R_4 = 50\Omega$ ,  $V = 50V$ ,  $I = 0.2A$ . Use both node voltage and loop current methods to solve this circuit. Choose independent loops and nodes wisely to simplify your computation.



**Note:** To simplify the analysis while using node voltage or loop current method, it is preferable to

- choose independent loops so that no current source is shared by two loops;
- choose ground node so that one of the voltage sources is connected to ground.

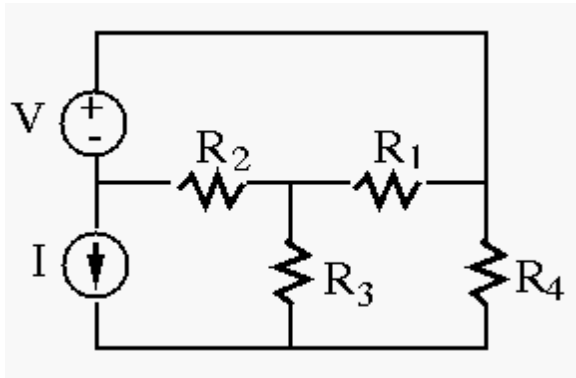
**Solution:**

- **Node voltage:** Let the bottom node be ground and other node voltages be  $V_1$  (left),  $V_2$  (middle) and  $V_3$  (right).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{left node:} & \quad V_1/200 + (V_1 - V_2)/5 + (V_1 - V_3)/100 = 0 \\ \text{right node:} & \quad (V_3 - V_1)/100 + V_3/50 + (V_2 - V_1)/5 + 0.2 = 0 \\ \text{voltage source:} & \quad V_3 = V_2 + V = V_2 + 50 \end{aligned}$$

Solving this we get:

$$V_1 = -45.23, \quad V_2 = -48.69, \quad V_3 = 1.31$$



Alternatively, rearrange the components as shown in the figure above and assume the node between the current and voltage sources is grounded  $V_2 = 0$ , then  $V_3 = 50V$ , and denote previous ground by  $V_0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{middle node } V_1: & \quad V_1/5 + (V_1 - V_0)/200 + (V_1 - 50)/100 = 0 \\ \text{bottom node } V_0: & \quad (V_0 - V_1)/200 + (V_0 - 50)/50 = 0.2 \end{aligned}$$

Solving this we get:

$$V_1 = 3.46, \quad V_0 = 48.7, \quad V_3 = 50, \quad V_2 = 0$$

Treating  $V_0$  as ground, we get the same result as before:

$$V_1 = -45.2, \quad V_0 = 0, \quad V_3 = 1.3, \quad V_2 = -48.7$$

We see that the second method is easier. Lesson: if one of two ends of a voltage source is treated as the ground, the number of equations is reduced by one.

- **Loop current:** Let the loop currents be  $I_a$  (top),  $I_b$  (left) and  $I_c$  (right).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{top loop:} & \quad 100I_a + 50 + 5(I_a - I_b) = 0 \\ \text{current source:} & \quad I_b - I_c = I = 0.2 \\ \text{bottom loop:} & \quad 200I_b + 5(I_b - I_a) - 50 + 50I_c = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solving this we get:

$$I_a = -0.465, \quad I_b = 0.226, \quad I_c = 0.026$$

Alternatively, use the figure on the right and assume loop currents  $I_a$  through voltage source  $V$ ,  $I_b = -0.2$  through current source and  $I_c$  through  $R_4$ . We have

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{top loop:} & 100(I_a - I_c) + 5(I_a + 0.2) = 50 \\ \text{right loop:} & 100(I_c - I_a) + 50I_c + 200(I_c + 0.2) = 0 \end{array}$$

Solving this we get:

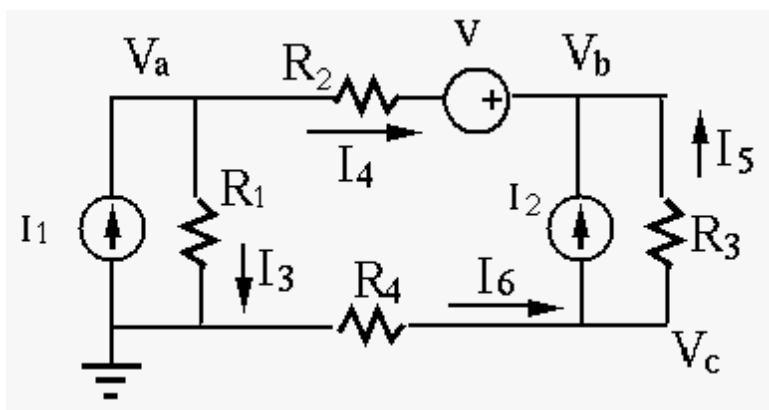
$$I_a = 0.49, \quad I_b = -0.2, \quad I_c = 0.026$$

Current through  $R_1$  is  $I_c - I_a = -0.464$ , current through  $R_3$  is  $I_c + 0.2 = 0.226$ , same as before.

We see that the second method is easier. Lesson: if a current source is in a single loop, then the number of equations is reduced by one.

6. Solve the circuit shown in the diagram below with  $I_1 = 2$ ,  $I_2 = 3$ ,  $V = 9$ ,  $R_1 = R_3 = 1$ ,  $R_2 = 2$ ,  $R_4 = 4$ , to find  $V_a$ ,  $V_b$ ,  $V_c$ ,  $I_3$ ,  $I_4$ ,  $I_5$ , and  $I_6$  (all currents are in A, voltages in V, and resistances in  $\Omega$ ).

Resolve the problem when  $V = 1$ .



**Solution:**

- Method I: Convert  $I_1$  and  $R_1$  into a voltage source with  $V_1 = 2$  in series with  $R_1 = 1$ . Convert  $I_2$  and  $R_3$  into a voltage source with  $V_2 = 3$  in series with  $R_3 = 1$ . The sum of all four

resistances in the loop is  $2 + 9 - 3 = 8$ . The sum of all three voltage sources in series is 8,  $I_4 = 1$ ,  $I_6 = -1$ ,  $V_a = 1$ ,  $V_b = 8$ ,  $V_c = 4$ .

o Method II - Loop current method: Identify three loops:

1.  $I_1$  and  $R_1$  with loop current  $I_1$
2.  $I_2$  and  $R_3$  with loop current  $I_2$
3.  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $V$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  with clockwise loop current  $I = I_4 = -I_6$

$$(I - I_1)R_1 + IR_2 - V + (I + I_2)R_3 + IR_4 = I - 2 + 2I - 9 + I + 3 + 4I = 8I - 8 = 0, \quad I = 1$$

$$I_3 = I_1 - I = 2 - 1 = 1, \quad I_5 = -(I_2 + I) = -(3 + 1) = -4$$

o Method III - Node voltage method:

$$-I_1 + \frac{V_a}{R_1} + \frac{V_a - V_b + 9}{R_2} = -2 + V_a + \frac{V_a - V_b + 9}{2} = 0$$

$$I_2 + \frac{V_a - V_b + 9}{R_2} + \frac{V_c - V_b}{R_3} = 3 + \frac{V_a - V_b + 9}{2} + V_c - V_b = 0$$

$$\frac{V_c}{R_4} + I_2 + \frac{V_c - V_b}{R_3} = \frac{V_c}{4} + 3 + V_c - V_b = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} 3V_a - V_b & = -5 \\ V_a - 3V_b + 2V_c & = -15 \\ -4V_b + 5V_c & = -12 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} V_a = 1 \\ V_b = 8 \\ V_c = 4 \end{cases}$$

If  $V = 1$ , the sum of all three voltage sources is 0, then we get  $I_4 = I_6 = 0$ ,  $V_a = 2$ ,  $V_b = 3$ ,  $V_c = 0$ ,  $I_3 = 2$ ,  $I_5 = -3$ .

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