# > Thevenin's Theorem

Thevenin's theorem states that a linear two-terminal circuit can be replaced by an equivalent circuit consisting of a voltage source VTh in series with a resistor RTh, where VTh is the open-circuit voltage at the terminals and R<sub>Th</sub> is the input or equivalent resistance at the terminals when the independent sources are turned off.

According to Thevenin's theorem, the linear circuit in Fig. (a) can be replaced by that in Fig. (b). The circuit to the left of the terminals in Fig.(b) is known as the Thevenin equivalent circuit; it was developed in 1883 by M. Leon Thevenin (1857-1926), a French telegraph engineer.



(b)

The main challenge is how to find the Thevenin equivalent voltage and resistance. Thevenin's theorem is very important in circuit analysis. It helps simplify a circuit. A large circuit may be replaced by a single independent voltage source and a single resistor. This replacement technique is a powerful tool in circuit design.

• To apply this idea in finding the Thevenin resistance, we need to consider two cases.

CASE 1: If the network has no dependent source:

(1) Find the Thevenin source voltage by removing the load resistor from the original circuit and calculating voltage across the open connection points where the load resistor used to be.

(2) Find the Thevenin resistance by removing all power sources in the original circuit (voltage sources shorted and current sources open) and calculating total resistance between the open connection points.

(3) Draw the Thevenin equivalent circuit, with the Thevenin voltage source in series with the Thevenin resistance. The load resistor re-attaches between the two open points of the equivalent circuit.

(4) Analyze voltage and current for the load resistor following the rules for series circuits.



If the network has no dependent sources, we turn off all independent sources. is the input resistance of the network looking between terminals a and b, as shown in Fig.(b)

# CASE 2: If the network has dependent sources:

If the network has dependent sources, we turn off all independent sources. As with superposition, dependent sources are not to be turned off because they are controlled by circuit variables. We apply a voltage source  $v_0$  at terminals a and b and determine the resulting current i<sub>0</sub>. Then,  $R_{Th} = v_0/i_0$ , as shown in Fig.(a). Alternatively, we may insert a current source  $i_0$  at terminals a-b as shown in Fig.(b) and find the terminal voltage  $v_0$ . Again  $R_{Th} = v_0/i_0$ . Either of the two approaches will give the same result. In either approach, we may assume any value of  $v_0$  and  $i_0$ . For example, we may use  $v_0 = 1$  V or  $i_0 = 1$  A, or even use unspecified values of  $v_0$  or  $i_0$ .





Solution: To find VTh, consider the circuit in Fig.



To find  $R_{Th}$ , consider the circuit in Fig. (b). Applying KVL around the outer loop,

$$\begin{cases} 5(0.5I_x) - 1 - 3I_x = 0 & \longrightarrow & I_x = -2 \\ i = \frac{1}{4} - I_x = 2.25 \\ R_{Th} = \frac{1}{i} = \frac{1}{2.25} = 444.4 \text{ m}\Omega \end{cases}$$



# > Norton's Theorem

Norton's theorem states that a linear two-terminal circuit can be replaced by an equivalent circuit consisting of a current source I<sub>N</sub> in parallel with a resistor R<sub>N</sub>, where I<sub>N</sub> is the short-circuit current through the terminals and  $R_N$  is the input or equivalent resistance at the terminals when the independent sources are turned off.

Thus, the circuit in Fig.(a) can be replaced by the one in Fig.(b)

Steps to follow for Norton's Theorem:

(1) Find the Norton source current by removing the load resistor from the original circuit and calculating current through a short (wire) jumping across the open connection points where the load resistor used to be.

(2) Find the Norton resistance by removing all power sources in the original circuit (voltage sources shorted and current sources open) and calculating total resistance between the open connection points.

(3) Draw the Norton equivalent circuit, with the Norton current source in parallel with the Norton resistance. The load resistor re-attaches between the two open points of the equivalent circuit.

(4) Analyze voltage and current for the load resistor following the rules for parallel circuits.

The Thevenin and Norton equivalent circuits are related by a source transformation.

**Example 1.9**: Find the Norton equivalent circuit for the circuit in Fig. 4.42, at terminals a-b.



### Solution:

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From Fig. (a),  $R_N = (3+3) || 6 = 3 \Omega$ 

From Fig. (b),  $I_N = \frac{1}{2}(5+4) = 4.5A$ 

# Maximum Power Transfer

The Maximum Power Transfer Theorem states that the maximum amount of power will be dissipated by a load market the network the dissipated by a load resistance if it is equal to the Thevenin or Norton resistance of the network supplying power "Maximum power is transferred to the load when the load resistance equals the Thevenin resistance as seen from the load (B = B = 3.3)

as seen from the load  $(R_L = R_{Th})$ ."



For the given circuit above, V<sub>Th</sub> and R<sub>Th</sub> are fixed. By varying the load resistance R<sub>L</sub>, the power delivered to the load varies as sketched in Fig.We notice from Fig. that the power is small for small or large values of  $R_L$  but maximum for some value of  $R_L$  between 0 and infinity. We now want to show that this maximum power occurs when RL is equal to RTh. This is known as the RTh maximum power theorem.

> Under maximum power conditions, only half the power delivered by the source gets to the load. Now, that sounds disastrous, but remember that we are starting out with a fixed Thévenin voltage and resistance, and the above simply tells us that we must make the two resistance levels equal if we want maximum power to the load. On an efficiency basis, we are working at only a 50% level, but we are content because we are getting maximum power out of our system.

> The dc operating efficiency is defined as the ratio of the power delivered to the load  $(P_L)$  to the power delivered by the source  $(P_s)$ . That is,

$$\eta\% = \frac{P_L}{P_s} \times 100\%$$

For the situation where  $R_L = R_{Th}$ ,

$$\eta\% = \frac{I_L^2 R_L}{I_L^2 R_T} \times 100\% = \frac{R_L}{R_T} \times 100\% = \frac{R_{Th}}{R_{Th} + R_{Th}} \times 100\%$$
$$= \frac{R_{Th}}{2R_{Th}} \times 100\% = \frac{1}{2} \times 100\% = 50\%$$



We need to find the Thevenin resistance  $R_{Th}$  and the Thevenin voltage  $V_{\rm Th}$  across the terminals *a-b*. To get  $R_{\rm Th}$ , we use the circuit in Fig. and obtain



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To get  $V_{\rm Th}$ , we consider the circuit in Fig.  $-12 + 18i_1 - 12i_2 = 0, \quad i_2 = -2$  A analysis gives Solving for  $i_1$ , we get  $i_1 = -2/3$ . Applying KVL around the outer loop to get  $V_{\rm Th}$  across terminals *a-b*, we obtain  $-12 + 6i_1 + 3i_2 + 2(0) + V_{\text{Th}} = 0 \implies V_{\text{Th}} = 22 \text{ V}$ For maximum power transfer,

$$R_{i} = R_{\rm Th} = 9\,\Omega$$

and the maximum power is

$$p_{\text{max}} = \frac{V_{\text{Th}}^2}{4R_L} = \frac{22^2}{4 \times 9} = 13.44 \text{ W}$$



FIG. 9.26 Example 9.6.



FIG. 9.27 Identifying the terminals of particular importance when applying Thévenin's theorem.

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**EXAMPLE 9.6** Find the Thévenin equivalent circuit for the network in the shaded area of the network in Fig. 9.26. Then find the current through  $R_L$  for values of 2  $\Omega$ , 10  $\Omega$ , and 100  $\Omega$ .

# Solution:

Steps 1 and 2: These produce the network in Fig. 9.27. Note that the load resistor  $R_L$  has been removed and the two "holding" terminals have been defined as a and b.

Steps 3: Replacing the voltage source  $E_1$  with a short-circuit equivalent yields the network in Fig. 9.28(a), where





Determining R<sub>Th</sub> for the network in Fig. 9.27.

The importance of the two marked terminals now begins to surface. The importance of the trices which the Thévenin resistance is meas-they are the two terminals across which the Thévenin resistance is meas-They are the two terminates actual resistance as seen by the source, as deter-ured. It is no longer the total resistance of Chapter 7, 16 ured. It is no longer the total toblems of Chapter 7. If some difficulty mined in the majority of problems of Chapter 7. If some difficulty mined in the majority of product regard to whether the resistive ele-develops when determining  $R_{Th}$  with regard to whether the resistive eledevelops when determining the consider recalling that the ohmmeter sends ments are in series or parallel, consider recalling that the ohmmeter sends ments are in series of parameter sends out a trickle current into a resistive combination and senses the level of out a trickle current into a stabilish the measured resistance. out a trickle current into establish the measured resistance level. In Fig. the resulting voltage current of the ohmmeter approaches the network 9.28(b), the trickle current it reaches the junction of D 9.28(b), the interact and when it reaches the junction of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , it splits through terminal *a*, that the trickle current splits and the through terminant that the trickle current splits and then recombines at as shown. The fact that the resistors are in percent. as shown. The reveals that the resistors are in parallel as far as the ohm-the lower node reveals that the resistors are in parallel as far as the ohmthe lower needing is concerned. In essence, the path of the sensing current of meter reading is concerned how the resister and of the sensing current of the ohmmeter has revealed how the resistors are connected to the two terminals of interest and how the Thévenin resistance should be determined. Remember this as you work through the various examples in this section. Step 4: Replace the voltage source (Fig. 9.29). For this case, the opencircuit voltage  $E_{Th}$  is the same as the voltage drop across the 6  $\Omega$  resistor.

$$E_{Th} = \frac{R_2 E_1}{R_2 + R_1} = \frac{(6 \ \Omega)(9 \ V)}{6 \ \Omega + 3 \ \Omega} = \frac{54 \ V}{9} = 6 \ V$$

Applying the voltage divider rule,

It is particularly important to recognize that  $E_{Th}$  is the open-circuit potential between points *a* and *b*. Remember that an open circuit can have any voltage across it, but the current must be zero. In fact, the current through any element in series with the open circuit must be zero also. The use of a voltmeter to measure  $E_{Th}$  appears in Fig. 9.30. Note that it is placed directly across the resistor  $R_2$  since  $E_{Th}$  and  $V_{R_2}$  are in parallel. Step 5 (Fig. 9.31):

$$I_{L} = \frac{E_{Th}}{R_{Th} + R_{L}}$$

$$R_{L} = 2 \Omega; \qquad I_{L} = \frac{6 V}{2 \Omega + 2 \Omega} = 1.5 \text{ A}$$

$$R_{L} = 10 \Omega; \qquad I_{L} = \frac{6 V}{2 \Omega + 10 \Omega} = 0.5 \text{ A}$$

$$R_{L} = 100 \Omega; \qquad I_{L} = \frac{6 V}{2 \Omega + 100 \Omega} = 0.06$$

If Thévenin's theorem were unavailable, each change in  $R_L$  would require that the entire network in Fig. 9.26 be reexamined to find the new value of  $R_L$ .

**EXAMPLE 9.7** Find the Thévenin equivalent circuit for the network in the shaded area of the network in Fig. 9.32.

#### Solution:

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Steps 1 and 2: See Fig. 9.33.

Step 3: See Fig. 9.34. The current source has been replaced with an open-circuit equivalent, and the resistance determined between terminals a and b.

In this case, an ohmmeter connected between terminals a and bsends out a sensing current that flows directly through  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  (at the



Determining  $E_{Th}$  for the network in Fig. 9.27.



**FIG. 9.30** Measuring  $E_{Th}$  for the network in Fig. 9.27.



FIG. 9.31 Substituting the Thévenin equivalent circuit for the network external to R<sub>L</sub> in Fig. 9.26.



**FIG. 9.32** Example 9.7.



FIG. 9.33 Establishing the terminals of particular interest for the network in Fig. 9.32.

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FIG. 9.34 Determining  $R_{Th}$  for the network in Fig. 9.33.





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**EXAMPLE 9.8** Find the Thévenin equivalent circuit for the network in the shaded area of the network in Fig. 9.37. Note in this example that the snaded area of the network to be preserved to be at the there is no need for the section of the network to be preserved to be at the "end" of the configuration.



FIG. 9.37 Example 9.8.

#### Solution:

Steps 1 and 2: See Fig. 9.38.



Identifying the terminals of particular interest for the network in Fig. 9.37.



FIG. 9.39 Determining  $R_{Th}$  for the network in Fig. 9.38.

p 3: See Fig. 9.39. Steps 1 and 2 are relatively easy to apply, but we must be careful to "hold" onto the terminals a and b as the even in resistance and voltage are determined. In Fig. 9.39, all the maining elements turn out to be in parallel, and the network can be drawn as shown.

$$R_{Th} = R_1 \| R_2 = \frac{(6 \Omega)(4 \Omega)}{6 \Omega + 4 \Omega} = \frac{24 \Omega}{10} = 2.4 \Omega$$

p 4: See Fig. 9.40. In this case, the network can be redrawn as shown Fig. 9.41. Since the voltage is the same across parallel elements, the dage across the series resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is  $E_1$ , or 8 V. Applying the dage divider rule,

$$E_{Th} = \frac{R_1 E_1}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{(6 \ \Omega)(8 \ V)}{6 \ \Omega + 4 \ \Omega} = \frac{48 \ V}{10} = 4.8 \ V$$



FIG. 9.40 ' Determining  $E_{Th}$  for the network in Fig. 9.38.

Mep 5: See Fig. 9.42.

The importance of marking the terminals should be obvious from Exaple 9.8. Note that there is no requirement that the Thévenin voltage are the same polarity as the equivalent circuit originally introduced.





FIG. 9.41 Network of Fig. 9.40 redrawn.



FIG. 9.42 Substituting the Thévenin equivalent circuit for the network external to the resistor R<sub>4</sub> in Fig. 9.37.



FIG. 9.43 Example 9.9.

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FIG. 9.44 Identifying the terminals of particular interest for the network in Fig. 9.43.

# Solution:

Steps 1 and 2: See Fig. 9.44. Steps 1 and 2: See Fig. 9.45. In this case, the short-circuit replacement of the Step 3: See Fig. 9.45. In this case, the short-circuit replacement of the Step 3: See Fig. 9.45. In this case, where c and c' in Fig. voltage source E provides a direct connection between c and c' in Fig. voltage source E provides a direct the network around the horizontal line 9.45(a), permitting a "folding" of the network around the horizontal line of a-b to produce the configuration in Fig. 9.45(b).

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$$R_{Th} = R_{a-b} = R_1 || R_3 + R_2 || R_4$$
  
= 6 \Omega || 3 \Omega + 4 \Omega || 12 \Omega  
= 2 \Omega + 3 \Omega = 5 \Omega



FIG. 9.45 Solving for  $R_{Th}$  for the network in Fig. 9.44.

Step 4: The circuit is redrawn in Fig. 9.46. The absence of a direct connection between a and b results in a network with three parallel branches. The voltages  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  can therefore be determined using the voltage divider rule:

$$V_{1} = \frac{R_{1}E}{R_{1} + R_{3}} = \frac{(6 \Omega)(72 V)}{6 \Omega + 3 \Omega} = \frac{432 V}{9} = 48 V$$
$$V_{2} = \frac{R_{2}E}{R_{2} + R_{4}} = \frac{(12 \Omega)(72 V)}{12 \Omega + 4 \Omega} = \frac{864 V}{16} = 54 V$$



FIG. 9.46 **Determining**  $E_{Th}$  for the network in Fig. 9.44.

Assuming the polarity shown for  $E_{Th}$  and applying Kirchhoff's voltage law to the top loop in the clockwise direction results in

$$\Sigma_{C} V = +E_{Th} + V_{1} - V_{2} = 0$$
  
$$E_{Th} = V_{2} - V_{1} = 54 V - 48 V = 6 V$$

 $R_{Th} = 5 \Omega$ RL

FIG. 9.47 Substituting the Thévenin equivalent circuit for the network external to the resistor RL in Fig. 9.43.

Step 5: See Fig. 9.47.

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Thévenin's theorem is not restricted to a single passive element, as shown in the preceding examples, but can be applied across sources, whole branches, portions of networks, or any circuit configuration as hown in the following example. It is also possible that you may have to use one of the methods previously described, such as mesh analysis or superposition, to find the Thévenin equivalent circuit.

**EXAMPLE 9.10** (Two sources) Find the Thévenin circuit for the netmork within the shaded area of Fig. 9.48.

### solution:

steps 1 and 2: See Fig. 9.49. The network is redrawn. step 3: See Fig. 9.50.

> $R_{Th} = R_4 + R_1 || R_2 || R_3$ = 1.4 k\Omega + 0.8 k\Omega || 4 k\Omega || 6 k\Omega = 1.4 k\Omega + 0.8 k\Omega || 2.4 k\Omega = 1.4 k\Omega + 0.6 k\Omega = 2 k\Omega

Step 4: Applying superposition, we will consider the effects of the voltage source  $E_1$  first. Note Fig. 9.51. The open circuit requires that  $V_4 = l_1 R_4 = (0) R_4 = 0$  V, and

$$E'_{Th} = V_3$$
$$R'_T = R_2 || R_3 = 4 \text{ k}\Omega || 6 \text{ k}\Omega = 2.4 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Applying the voltage divider rule,

$$V_3 = \frac{R'_T E_1}{R'_T} = \frac{(2.4 \text{ k}\Omega)(6 \text{ V})}{2.4 \text{ k}\Omega + 0.8 \text{ k}\Omega} = \frac{14.4 \text{ V}}{3.2} = 4.5 \text{ V}$$
$$E'_{Th} = V_3 = 4.5 \text{ V}$$

For the source  $E_2$ , the network in Fig. 9.52 results. Again,  $V_4 = I_4 R_4 = 0R_4 = 0$  V, and

$$E''_{Th} = V_3$$

$$R'_T = R_1 || R_3 = 0.8 \text{ k}\Omega || 6 \text{ k}\Omega = 0.706 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$V_3 = \frac{R'_T E_2}{R'_T + R_2} = \frac{(0.706 \text{ k}\Omega)(10 \text{ V})}{0.706 \text{ k}\Omega + 4 \text{ k}\Omega} = \frac{7.06 \text{ V}}{4.706} = 1.5 \text{ V}$$

$$E''_{Th} = V_3 = 1.5 \text{ V}$$









FIG. 9.49 Identifying the terminals of particular interest for the network in Fig. 9.48.



**FIG. 9.50** Determining  $R_{Th}$  for the network in Fig. 9.49.



FIG. 9.51 Determining the contribution to  $E_{Th}$  from the source  $E_1$  for the network in Fig. 9.49.

FIG. 9.52 remining the contribution to  $E_{Th}$  from the source  $E_2$  for the network in Fig. 9.49

FIG. 9.53 Substituting the Thévenin equivalent circuit for the network external to the resistor  $R_L$  in Fig. 9.48.

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 $2k\Omega$ 

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Since  $E'_{Th}$  and  $E''_{Th}$  have opposite polarities,  $E_{Th} = E'_{Th} - E''_{Th}$ 

$$= 4.5 V - 1.5 V$$
  
= 3 V (polarity of E'<sub>Th</sub>

Step 5: See Fig. 9.53.

# **Experimental Procedures**

Now that the analytical procedure has been described in detail and a sense for the Thévenin impedance and voltage established, it is time to inc marked terminals. (If the internal resistance of the voltage and/or current sources is included in the original network, it must remain when the sources are set to zero.) Since  $R_N = R_{Th}$ , the procedure and value obtained using the approach described for Thévenin's theorem will determine the proper value of  $R_N$ .

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4. Calculate  $I_N$  by first returning all sources to their original position and then finding the short-circuit current between the marked terminals. It is the same current that would be measured by an ammeter placed between the marked terminals.

### Conclusion:

5. Draw the Norton equivalent circuit with the portion of the circuit previously removed replaced between the terminals of the equivalent circuit.

The Norton and Thévenin equivalent circuits can also be found from each other by using the source transformation discussed earlier in this chapter and reproduced in Fig. 9.60.



FIG. 9.60



**EXAMPLE 9.11** Find the Norton equivalent circuit for the network in the shaded area in Fig. 9.61.

#### Solution:

Steps 1 and 2: See Fig. 9.62.

Step 3: See Fig. 9.63, and

$$R_{N} = R_{1} \| R_{2} = 3 \Omega \| 6 \Omega = \frac{(3 \Omega)(6 \Omega)}{3 \Omega + 6 \Omega} = \frac{18 \Omega}{9} = 2 \Omega$$

Step 4: See Fig. 9.64, which clearly indicates that the short-circuit connection between terminals a and b is in parallel with  $R_2$  and eliminates its effect.  $I_N$  is therefore the same as through  $R_1$ , and the full battery voltage appears across  $R_1$  since

$$V_2 = I_2 R_2 = (0)6 \ \Omega = 0 \ V$$

Therefore,

$$I_N = \frac{E}{R_1} = \frac{9 \text{ V}}{3 \Omega} = 3 \text{ A}$$

Step 5: See Fig. 9.65. This circuit is the same as the first one considered in the development of Thévenin's theorem. A simple conversion indicates that the Thévenin circuits are, in fact, the same (Fig. 9.66).











FIG. 9.63 Determining  $R_N$  for the network in Fig. 9.62.



FIG. 9.64 Determining  $I_N$  for the network in Fig. 9.62.

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 $I_M R_N = (JA)(2\Omega) = 6V$ 



FIG. 9.65 Substituting the Norton equivalent circuit for the network external to the resistor  $R_L$  in Fig. 9.61.

FIG. 9.66 Converting the Norton equivalent circuit in Fig. 9.65 to a Thévenin equivalent circuit.

**EXAMPLE 9.12** Find the Norton equivalent circuit for the network external to the 9  $\Omega$  resistor in Fig. 9.67.

# Solution:

Steps 1 and 2: See Fig. 9.68.

Step 3: See Fig. 9.69, and

 $R_N = R_1 + R_2 = 5 \Omega + 4 \Omega = 9 \Omega$ 

Step 4: As shown in Fig. 9.70, the Norton current is the same as the current through the 4  $\Omega$  resistor. Applying the current divider rule,

$$I_N = \frac{R_1 I}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{(5 \ \Omega)(10 \ \text{A})}{5 \ \Omega + 4 \ \Omega} = \frac{50 \ \text{A}}{9} = 5.56 \ \text{A}$$

Step 5: See Fig. 9.71.







FIG. 9.67 Example 9.12.

FIG. 9.68 Identifying the terminals of particular interest for the network in Fig. 9.67.



 $R_{2} = 4 \Omega I \qquad 10 A^{R_{1}} = 5 \Omega$ 

FIG. 9.70 Determining  $I_N$  for the network in Fig. 9.68.

FIG. 9.69 Determining  $R_N$  for the network in Fig. 9.68.



FIG. 9.71 Substituting the Norton equivalent circuit for the network external to the resistor  $R_L$  in Fig. 9.67.



**EXAMPLE 9.13** (Two sources) Find the Norton equivalent circuit for the portion of the network to the left of a-b in Fig. 9.72.







FIG. 9.73 Identifying the terminals of particular interest for the network in Fig. 9.72.

 $R_2 \ge 6 \Omega$ 

Solution:

Steps 1 and 2: See Fig. 9.73. Step 3: See Fig. 9.74, and

$$R_N = R_1 \| R_2 = 4 \Omega \| 6 \Omega = \frac{(4 \Omega)(6 \Omega)}{4 \Omega + 6 \Omega} = \frac{24 \Omega}{10} = 2.4 \Omega$$

Step 4: (Using superposition) For the 7 V battery (Fig. 9.75),

$$T_N = \frac{E_1}{R_1} = \frac{7 \text{ V}}{4 \Omega} = 1.75 \text{ A}$$

For the 8 A source (Fig. 9.76), we find that both  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  have been "short circuited" by the direct connection between a and b, and

$$I''_{N} = I = 8 \text{ A}$$

The result is

$$I_N = I_N'' - I_N' = 8 \text{ A} - 1.75 \text{ A} = 6.25 \text{ A}$$

Step 5: See Fig. 9.77.





### **Experimental Procedure**

The Norton current is measured in the same way as described for the short-circuit current (Isc) for the Thévenin network. Since the Norton and Thévenin resistances are the same, the same procedures can be followed as described for the Thévenin network.



 $R_1 \gtrsim 4 \Omega$ 





FIG. 9.75 Determining the contribution to  $I_N$  from the voltage source E<sub>1</sub>.



FIG. 9.76 Determining the contribution to IN from the current source I.

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if the load resistance is fixed and does not match the applied if the load resistance is fixed and then some effort should be made (if Thévenin equivalent resistance, then some the Thévenin equival possible) to redesign the system so that the Thévenin equivalent resistance is closer to the fixed applied load.

In other words, if a designer faces a situation where the load resistance is In other words, if a designer factor whether the supply section should be re-fixed, he/she should investigate whether the supply section should be refixed, he/she should investigate intervention of resistance levels to pro-

duce higher levels of power to the load. ce higher levels of power to un total Fig. 9.84, maximum power will For the Norton equivalent circuit in Fig. 9.84, maximum power will be delivered to the load when

 $R_L = R_N$ 

This result [Eq. (9.5)] will be used to its fullest advantage in the analysis of transistor networks, where the most frequently applied transistor circuit model uses a current source rather than a voltage source. For the Norton circuit in Fig. 9.84,



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(9.5)

EXAMPLE 9.14 A dc generator, battery, and laboratory supply are connected to resistive load  $R_L$  in Fig. 9.85.

- a. For each, determine the value of  $R_L$  for maximum power transfer to  $R_L$ .
- b. Under maximum power conditions, what are the current level and the power to the load for each configuration?
- c. What is the efficiency of operation for each supply in part (b)?
- d. If a load of 1 k $\Omega$  were applied to the laboratory supply, what would the power delivered to the load be? Compare your answer to the level of part (b). What is the level of efficiency?
- e. For each supply, determine the value of  $R_L$  for 75% efficiency.









Solutions:

a. For the dc generator,





FIG. 9.84 Defining the conditions for maximum power to a load using the Norton equivalent circuit.

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For the 12 V car battery,

 $R_L = R_{Th} = R_{int} = 0.05 \ \Omega$ For the dc laboratory supply,

 $R_L = R_{Th} = R_{int} = 20 \ \Omega$ 

b. For the dc generator,

$$P_{L_{max}} = \frac{E_{Th}^2}{4R_{Th}} = \frac{E^2}{4R_{int}} = \frac{(120 \text{ V})^2}{4(2.5 \Omega)} = 1.44 \text{ kW}$$

For the 12 V car battery,

$$P_{L_{\text{max}}} = \frac{E_{Th}^2}{4R_{Th}} = \frac{E^2}{4R_{\text{int}}} = \frac{(12 \text{ V})^2}{4(0.05 \Omega)} = 720 \text{ W}$$

For the dc laboratory supply,

$$P_{L_{\text{max}}} = \frac{E_{Th}^2}{4R_{Th}} = \frac{E^2}{4R_{\text{int}}} = \frac{(40 \text{ V})^2}{4(20 \Omega)} = 20 \text{ W}$$

c. They are all operating under a 50% efficiency level because  $R_L = R_{Th}$ . d. The power to the load is determined as follows:

$$I_L = \frac{E}{R_{\text{int}} + R_L} = \frac{40 \text{ V}}{20 \Omega + 1000 \Omega} = \frac{40 \text{ V}}{1020 \Omega} = 39.22 \text{ mA}$$
  
and  $P_L = I_L^2 R_L = (39.22 \text{ mA})^2 (1000 \Omega) = 1.54 \text{ W}$ 

The power level is significantly less than the 20 W achieved in part (b). The efficiency level is

$$\eta\% = \frac{P_L}{P_s} \times 100\% = \frac{1.54 \text{ W}}{EI_s} \times 100\% = \frac{1.54 \text{ W}}{(40 \text{ V})(39.22 \text{ mA})} \times 100\%$$
$$= \frac{1.54 \text{ W}}{1.57 \text{ W}} \times 100\% = 98.09\%$$

which is markedly higher than achieved under maximum power conditions-albeit at the expense of the power level.

e. For the dc generator,

 $\eta(R_{Th} +$ nRTh +

and

and

$$\eta = \frac{P_o}{P_s} = \frac{R_L}{R_{Th} + R_L} \quad (\eta \text{ in decimal form})$$
$$\eta = \frac{R_L}{R_{Th} + R_L} \quad .$$
$$R_L) = R_L$$
$$\eta R_L = R_L$$

$$R_{I}(1-\eta)=\eta R_{Th}$$

$$R_{L} = \frac{\eta R_{Th}}{1 - \eta}$$

$$R_{L} = \frac{0.75(2.5 \Omega)}{1 - 0.75} = 7.5 \Omega$$
(9.7)

For the battery,

$$R_L = \frac{0.75(0.05\ \Omega)}{1-0.75} = 0.15\ \Omega$$

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For the laboratory supply,

$$R_L = \frac{0.75(20 \ \Omega)}{1 - 0.75} = 60 \ \Omega$$



duced equivalent in Fig. 9.86.

- a. Find the load resistance that will result in maximum power transfer to the load, and find the maximum power delivered. to the load, and find the maximum period you expect a fairly high level b. If the load were changed to  $68 \text{ k}\Omega$ , would you expect a fairly high level
- If the load were changed to do have, do not the results of part (a)? What of power transfer to the load based on the results of part (a)? What would the new power level be? Is your initial assumption verified? would the new power roter  $0.2 \text{ k}\Omega$ , would you expect a fairly high c. If the load were changed to 8.2 k $\Omega$ , would you expect a fairly high
- It the load were changed to be ad based on the results of part (a)? What would the new power level be? Is your initial assumption verified?

#### Solutions:

a. Replacing the current source by an open-circuit equivalent results in

$$R_{Th} = R_s = 40 \,\mathrm{k}\Omega$$

Restoring the current source and finding the open-circuit voltage at the output terminals results in

$$F_{-} = V_{-} = IR_{*} = (10 \text{ mA})(40 \text{ k}\Omega) = 400 \text{ V}$$

For maximum power transfer to the load,

$$R_L = R_{Th} = 40 \text{ k}\Omega$$

with a maximum power level of

$$P_{L_{\text{max}}} = \frac{E_{Th}^2}{4R_{Th}} = \frac{(400 \text{ V})^2}{4(40 \text{ k}\Omega)} = 1 \text{ W}$$

b. Yes, because the 68 k $\Omega$  load is greater (note Fig. 9.80) than the 40 k $\Omega$  load, but relatively close in magnitude.

$$I_L = \frac{E_{Th}}{R_{Th} + R_L} = \frac{400 \text{ V}}{40 \text{ k}\Omega + 68 \text{ k}\Omega} = \frac{400}{108 \text{ k}\Omega} \approx 3.7 \text{ mA}$$
$$P_L = I_L^2 R_L = (3.7 \text{ mA})^2 (68 \text{ k}\Omega \approx 0.93 \text{ W})$$

- Yes, the power level of 0.93 W compared to the 1 W level of part (a) verifies the assumption.
- c. No, 8.2 k $\Omega$  is quite a bit less (note Fig. 9.80) than the 40 k $\Omega$  value.

$$I_L = \frac{E_{Th}}{R_{Th} + R_L} = \frac{400 \text{ V}}{40 \text{ k}\Omega + 8.2 \text{ k}\Omega} = \frac{400 \text{ V}}{48.2 \text{ k}\Omega} \approx 8.3 \text{ mA}$$
$$P_L = I_L^2 R_L = (8.3 \text{ mA})^2 (8.2 \text{ k}\Omega) \approx 0.57 \text{ W}$$

Yes, the power level of 0.57 W compared to the 1 W level of part (a) verifies the assumption.

**EXAMPLE 9.16** In Fig. 9.87, a fixed load of 16  $\Omega$  is applied to a 48 V supply with an internal resistance of 36  $\Omega$ .



dc supply







For the conditions in Fig. 9.87, what is the power delivered to the <sup>b</sup> load and lost to the internal resistance of the supply?

- I fithe designer has some control over the internal resistance level of If the supply, what value should he/she make it for maximum power to the load? What is the maximum power to the load? How does it comthe load? How does it compare to the level obtained in part (a)?
- pare to the making a single calculation, if the designer could change without making a single calculation, if the designer could change the internal resistance to 22  $\Omega$  or 8.2  $\Omega$ , which value would result in more power to the load? Verify your conclusion by calculating the power to the load for each value.

# solutions:

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 $I_{L} = \frac{E}{R_{s} + R_{L}} = \frac{48 \text{ V}}{36 \Omega + 16 \Omega} = \frac{48 \text{ V}}{52 \Omega} = 923.1 \text{ mA}$   $P_{R} = I_{L}^{2}R_{s} = (923.1 \text{ mA})^{2}(36 \Omega) = 30.68 \text{ W}$   $P_{L} = I_{L}^{2}R_{L} = (923.1 \text{ mA})^{2}(16 \Omega) = 13.63 \text{ W}$ 

Be careful here. The quick response is to make the source resistance  $R_s$  equal to the load resistance to satisfy the criteria of the maximum power transfer theorem. However, this is a totally different type of problem from what was examined earlier in this section. If the load is fixed, the smaller the source resistance  $R_s$ , the more applied voltage will reach the load and the less will be lost in the internal series resistor. In fact, the source resistance should be made as small as possible. If zero ohms were possible for  $R_s$ , the voltage across the load would be the full supply voltage, and the power delivered to the load would equal

$$P_L = \frac{V_L^2}{R_l} = \frac{(48 \text{ V})^2}{16 \Omega} = 144 \text{ W}$$

which is more than 10 times the value with a source resistance of

36 12. c. Again, forget the impact in Fig. 9.80: The smaller the source resistance, the greater the power to the fixed 16  $\Omega$  load. Therefore, the 8.2  $\Omega$  resistance level results in a higher power transfer to the load than the 22  $\Omega$  resistor.

For  $R = 8.2 \Omega$ :

 $K_{Th} = K_1$ 

$$I_L = \frac{E}{R_s + R_L} = \frac{48 \text{ V}}{8.2 \Omega + 16 \Omega} = \frac{48 \text{ V}}{24.2 \Omega} = 1.983 \text{ A}$$
  
and  $P_L = I_L^2 R_L = (1.983 \text{ A})^2 (16 \Omega) \cong 62.92 \text{ W}$   
For  $R_s = 22 \Omega$ :

$$I_L = \frac{E}{R_s + R_L} = \frac{48 \text{ V}}{22 \Omega + 16 \Omega} = \frac{48 \text{ V}}{38 \Omega} = 1.263 \text{ A}$$

and 
$$P_L = I_L^2 R_L = (1.263 \text{ A})^2 (16 \Omega)$$

**EXAMPLE 9.17** Given the network in Fig. 9.88, find the value of  $R_L$  for maximum power to the load, and find the maximum power to the load.

Solution: The Thévenin resistance is determined from Fig. 9.89.

$$R + R = 3\Omega + 10\Omega + 2\Omega = 15\Omega$$



FIG. 9.88 Example 9.17.



FIG. 9.89 Determining  $R_{Th}$  for the network external  $R_L$  in Fig. 9.88.



FIG. 9.90 Determining  $E_{Th}$  for the network external to resistor  $R_L$  in Fig. 9.88.



The Thévenin voltage is determined using Fig. 9.90, where

 $V_1 = V_3 = 0$  V and  $V_2 = I_2 R_2 = I R_2 = (6 \text{ A})(10 \Omega) = 60 \text{ V}$ 

Applying Kirchhoff's voltage law:

so that

and

$$-V_2 - E + E_{Th} = 0$$

$$E_{Th} = V_2 + E = 60 \text{ V} + 68 \text{ V} = 128 \text{ V}$$

with the maximum power equal to

$$P_{L_{\text{max}}} = \frac{E_{Th}^2}{4R_{Th}} = \frac{(128 \text{ V})^2}{4(15 \text{ k}\Omega)} = 273.07 \text{ W}$$

## 9.6 MILLMAN'S THEOREM

Through the application of Millman's theorem, any number of parallel voltage sources can be reduced to one. In Fig. 9.91, for example, the three voltage sources can be reduced to one. This permits finding the current through or voltage across  $R_L$  without having to apply a method such as mesh analysis, nodal analysis, superposition, and so on. The theorem can best be described by applying it to the network in Fig. 9.91. Basically, three steps are included in its application.



FIG. 9.91 Demonstrating the effect of applying Millman's theorem.

Step 1: Convert all voltage sources to current sources as outlined in Section 8.3. This is performed in Fig. 9.92 for the network in Fig. 9.91.



grep 2: Combine parallel current sources as described in Section 8.4. The resulting network is shown in Fig. 9.93, where

$$I_T = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$$
 and  $G_T = G_1 + G_2 + G_2$ 

3: Convert the resulting current source to a voltage source, and the step desired single-source network is obtained, as shown in Fig. 9.94.

In general, Millman's theorem states that for any number of parallel voltage sources,

$$E_{\rm eq} = \frac{I_T}{G_T} = \frac{\pm I_1 \pm I_2 \pm I_3 \pm \cdots \pm I_N}{G_1 + G_2 + G_3 + \cdots + G_N}$$

or

and

Th

$$E_{\rm eq} = \frac{\pm E_1 G_1 \pm E_2 G_2 \pm E_3 G_3 \pm \cdots \pm E_N G_N}{G_1 + G_2 + G_3 + \cdots + G_N}$$
(9.8)

The plus-and-minus signs appear in Eq. (9.8) to include those cases where the sources may not be supplying energy in the same direction. (Note Example 9.18.)

The equivalent resistance is

$$R_{\rm eq} = \frac{1}{G_T} = \frac{1}{G_1 + G_2 + G_3 + \dots + G_N}$$

In terms of the resistance values,



Because of the relatively few direct steps required, you may find it easier to apply each step rather than memorizing and employing Eqs. (9.8) through (9.11).

**EXAMPLE 9.18** Using Millman's theorem, find the current through and voltage across the resistor  $R_L$  in Fig. 9.95.

Solution: By Eq. (9.10),

$$E_{eq} = \frac{+\frac{E_1}{R_1} - \frac{E_2}{R_2} + \frac{E_3}{R_3}}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}}$$

The minus sign is used for  $E_2/R_2$  because that supply has the opposite polarity of the other two. The chosen reference direction is therefore that of  $E_1$  and  $E_3$ . The total conductance is unaffected by the direction, and



FIG. 9.93 Reducing all the current sources in Fig. 9.92 to a single current source.



FIG. 9.94 Converting the current source in Fig. 9.93 to a voltage source.

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**FIG. 9.95** *Example 9.18.* 



FIG. 9.96 The result of applying Millman's theorem to the network in Fig. 9.95.



FIG. 9.97 Example 9.19.



FIG. 9.98 Converting the sources in Fig. 9.97 to current sources.



FIG. 9.99 Reducing the current sources in Fig. 9.98 to a single source.

$$E_{eq} = \frac{+\frac{10 \text{ V}}{5 \Omega} - \frac{16 \text{ V}}{4 \Omega} + \frac{8 \text{ V}}{2 \Omega}}{\frac{1}{5 \Omega} + \frac{1}{4 \Omega} + \frac{1}{2 \Omega}} = \frac{2 \text{ A} - 4 \text{ A} + 4 \text{ A}}{0.2 \text{ S} + 0.25 \text{ S} + 0.5 \text{ S}}$$
$$= \frac{2 \text{ A}}{0.95 \text{ S}} = 2.11 \text{ V}$$

with

with

$$R_{\rm eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{5\,\Omega} + \frac{1}{4\,\Omega} + \frac{1}{2\,\Omega}} = \frac{1}{0.95\,\rm S} = 1.05\,\,\Omega$$

The resultant source is shown in Fig. 9.96, and

$$I_L = \frac{2.11 \text{ V}}{1.05 \Omega + 3 \Omega} = \frac{2.11 \text{ V}}{4.05 \Omega} = 0.52 \text{ A}$$
$$V_L = I_L R_L = (0.52 \text{ A})(3 \Omega) = 1.56 \text{ V}$$

**EXAMPLE 9.19** Let us now consider the type of problem encountered in the introduction to mesh and nodal analysis in Chapter 8. Mesh analysis was applied to the network of Fig. 9.97 (Example 8.12). Let us now use Millman's theorem to find the current through the 2  $\Omega$  resistor and compare the results.

#### Solutions:

a. Let us first apply each step and, in the (b) solution, Eq. (9.10). Converting sources yields Fig. 9.98. Combining sources and parallel conductance branches (Fig. 9.99) yields

$$I_T = I_1 + I_2 = 5 \text{ A} + \frac{5}{3} \text{ A} = \frac{15}{3} \text{ A} + \frac{5}{3} \text{ A} = \frac{20}{3} \text{ A}$$
$$G_T = G_1 + G_2 = 1 \text{ S} + \frac{1}{6} \text{ S} = \frac{6}{6} \text{ S} + \frac{1}{6} \text{ S} = \frac{7}{6} \text{ S}$$

Converting the current source to a voltage source (Fig. 9.100), we obtain

$$E_{\rm eq} = \frac{I_T}{G_T} = \frac{\frac{20}{3} \,\mathrm{A}}{\frac{7}{6} \,\mathrm{S}} = \frac{(6)(20)}{(3)(7)} \,\mathrm{V} = \frac{40}{7} \,\mathrm{V}$$

' and

$$R_{\rm eq} = \frac{1}{G_T} = \frac{1}{\frac{7}{6}S} = \frac{6}{7} \,\Omega$$



FIG. 9.100 Converting the current source in Fig. 9.99 to a voltage source.



FIG. 9.105 Demonstrating the effect of knowing a current at some point in a complex network.

### 9.8 RECIPROCITY THEOREM

The **reciprocity theorem** is applicable only to single-source networks. It is, therefore, not a theorem used in the analysis of multisource networks described thus far. The theorem states the following:

The current I in any branch of a network, due to a single voltage source E anywhere else in the network, will equal the current through the branch in which the source was originally located if the source is placed in the branch in which the current I was originally measured.

In other words, the location of the voltage source and the resulting current may be interchanged without a change in current. The theorem requires that the polarity of the voltage source have the same correspondence with the direction of the branch current in each position.



FIG. 9.106 Demonstrating the impact of the reciprocity theorem.

In the representative network in Fig. 9.106(a), the current I due to the voltage source E was determined. If the position of each is interchanged as shown in Fig. 9.106(b), the current I will be the same value as indicated. To demonstrate the validity of this statement and the theorem, consider the network in Fig. 9.107, in which values for the elements of Fig. 9.106(a) have been assigned.

The total resistance is

$$R_{T} = R_{1} + R_{2} || (R_{3} + R_{4}) = 12 \Omega + 6 \Omega || (2 \Omega + 4 \Omega)$$
  
= 12 \Omega + 6 \Omega || 6 \Omega = 12 \Omega + 3 \Omega = 15 \Omega

$$=\frac{E}{R_T}=\frac{45 \text{ V}}{15 \Omega}=3 \text{ A}$$



FIG. 9.107 Finding the current I due to a source E.





$$I = \frac{3A}{2} = 1.5 A$$

For the network in Fig. 9.108, which corresponds to that in Fig.

9.106(b), we find

 $R_{T} = R_{4} + R_{3} + R_{1} || R_{2}$ = 4 \Omega + 2 \Omega + 12 \Omega || 6 \Omega = 10 \Omega  $I_{s} = \frac{E}{R_{T}} = \frac{45 \text{ V}}{10 \Omega} = 4.5 \text{ A},$ 

$$I = \frac{(6 \Omega)(4.5 A)}{12 \Omega + 6 \Omega} = \frac{4.5 A}{3} = 1.5 A$$

so that

and

with

which agrees with the above. The uniqueness and power of this theorem can best be demonstrated by considering a complex, single-source network such as the one shown

in Fig. 9.109.



# FIG. 9.109 Demonstrating the power and uniqueness of the reciprocity theorem.