

National Exams Dec 2018  
04-BS-4 Electric Circuits and Power

**3 hours duration**

**Notes:**

1. If doubt exists as to the interpretation of any question, the candidate is urged to submit with the answer paper, a clear statement of assumptions made;
2. Candidates may use one of two calculators, a Casio or Sharp approved models. This is a **Closed Book** exam. **One** aid sheet written on both sides is permitted.
3. Any five questions constitute a complete paper. Only the first five questions as they appear in your answer book will be marked.

**Marking Scheme**

- Question 1: (a) 5 marks, (b) 5 marks, (c) 5 marks, (d) 5 marks.  
Question 2: (a) 5 marks, (b) 5 marks, (c) 5 marks, (d) 5 marks.  
Question 3: (a) 5 marks, (b) 5 marks, (c) 5 marks, (d) 5 marks.  
Question 4: (a) 5 marks, (b) 5 marks, (c) 5 marks, (d) 5 marks.  
Question 5: (a) 5 marks, (b) 5 marks, (c) 5 marks, (d) 5 marks.  
Question 6: (a) 5 marks, (b) 5 marks, (c) 5 marks, (d) 5 marks.  
Question 7: (a) 5 marks, (b) 5 marks, (c) 5 marks, (d) 5 marks.

**Question 1**

In the DC circuit of Figure 1 assume the following:  $R_1 = 3\ \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 6\ \Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 10\ \Omega$ ,  $R_4 = 11\ \Omega$ ,  $R_5 = 12\ \Omega$ ,  $R_6 = 34\ \Omega$ ,  $R_7 = 2\ \Omega$ , and  $V_s = 28\ \text{V}$ . It is observed that  $V_7 = 1\ \text{V}$ .

- Write Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL) equations for nodes A, B, and C;
- Write Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL) equations for loops  $R_1R_3R_4R_5V_s$  and  $R_5R_6R_7$ ;
- Calculate power dissipated in resistor  $R_7$ .
- Calculate  $I_s$ ;

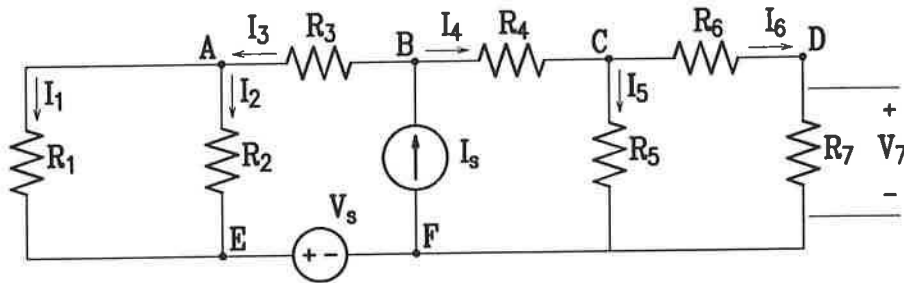


Figure 1: Circuit diagram for Question 1

**Question 2**

Consider the circuit of Figure 2. Known parameters are:  $R_1 = 50\ \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100\ \Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 50\ \Omega$ ,  $R_4 = 100\ \Omega$ ,  $R_5 = 100\ \Omega$ ,  $R_6 = 20\ \Omega$ ,  $R_7 = 80\ \Omega$ ,  $V_{s1} = 20\ \text{V}$ ,  $I_s = 20\ \text{A}$  and  $V_{s2} = 5\ \text{V}$ . Determine the following:

- Thevenin equivalent voltage seen by the load;
- Thevenin equivalent resistance seen by the load;
- What is the load resistance corresponding to the maximum power transfer to  $R_L$ ?  
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- What is the power transferred to the load, if the load resistance is  $R_L = 100\ \Omega$ .

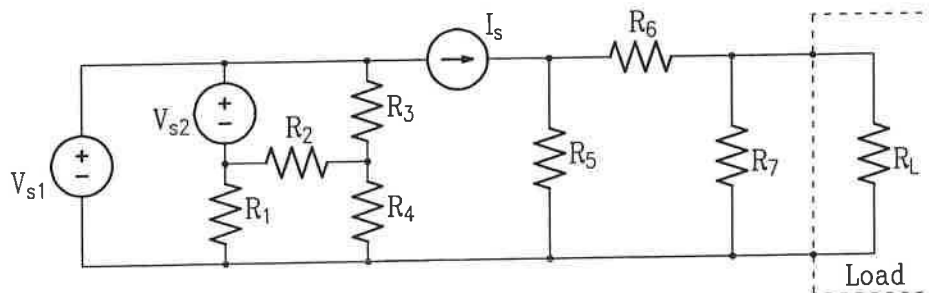


Figure 2: Circuit diagram for Question 2

**Question 3**

In the circuit of Figure 3  $R_1 = 3\ \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 3\ \Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 6\ \Omega$ ,  $R_4 = 4\ \Omega$ ,  $R_5 = 4\ \Omega$ ,  $R_6 = 8\ \Omega$ ,  $L = 20\ \text{mH}$ , and  $V_s = 12\ \text{V}$ . The switch  $S$  is closed for a long time. At  $t = 0\ \text{s}$ , the switch  $S$  opens.

- Calculate the voltage across the resistor  $R_4$  and the inductor current in steady-state while the switch  $S$  is closed.
- What is the energy stored in the inductor before the switch is opened.
- Calculate the time constant of the circuit when the switch is open;
- Plot the current  $I_L(t)$  from  $t = -5\ \text{ms}$  to  $t = 25\ \text{ms}$ ;

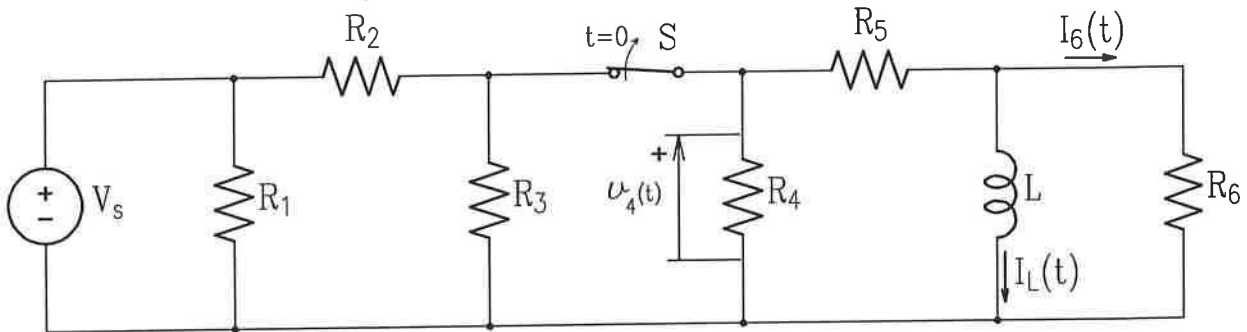


Figure 3: Circuit diagram for Question 3

**Question 4**

In the circuit of Figure 4, parameters are:  $R_1 = 5\ \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 10\ \Omega$ ,  $L_1 = 10\ \text{mH}$ ,  $L_2 = 5\ \text{H}$ ,  $C_1 = 10\ \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_2 = 200\ \text{pF}$ , and  $V_s(t) = 100 \cos(\omega t)\ \text{V}$ .

- Assume that the source frequency is  $60\ \text{Hz}$ . Calculate active and reactive power supplied by the source.
- Determine the source frequency so that current  $I_2$  is in phase with voltage  $V_2$ . What is this frequency called?
- For the frequency calculated under (b) calculate currents  $I_1(t)$  and  $I_2(t)$ .
- For the frequency calculated under (b) calculate the reactive power supplied by the source.

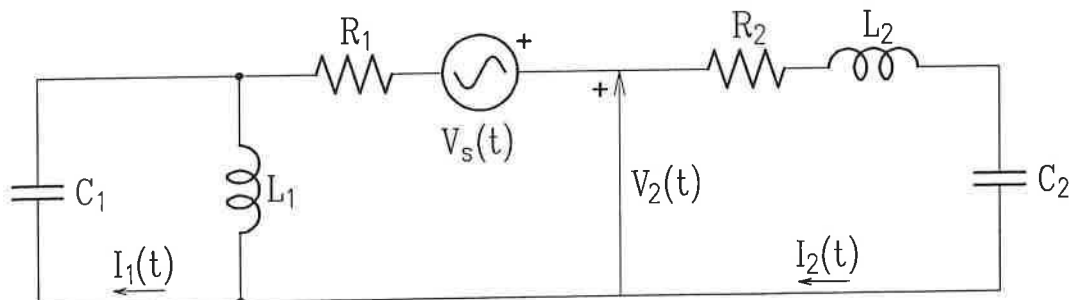


Figure 4: Circuit diagram for Question 4

**Question 5**

In the circuit of Figure 5 assume the following:  $R_{Line} = 2\ \Omega$ ,  $X_{Line} = 2\ \Omega$ ,  $R_{Load} = 6\ \Omega$ ,  $X_{Load} = 4\ \Omega$ ,  $X_C = 100\ \Omega$ ,  $V_s(t) = \sqrt{2} 100 \cos(120\pi t)$  V. Two steady-state operating conditions, with switch open or closed, are possible. Calculate the following:

- When the switch is open: Determine the magnitude of the source current and the real power supplied by the source ;
- When the switch is open: Determine the real power absorbed by the line impedance and the real power absorbed by the load;
- When the switch is closed: Determine the magnitude of the source current;
- When the switch is closed: Determine the real power absorbed by the line impedance and the real power absorbed by the load.

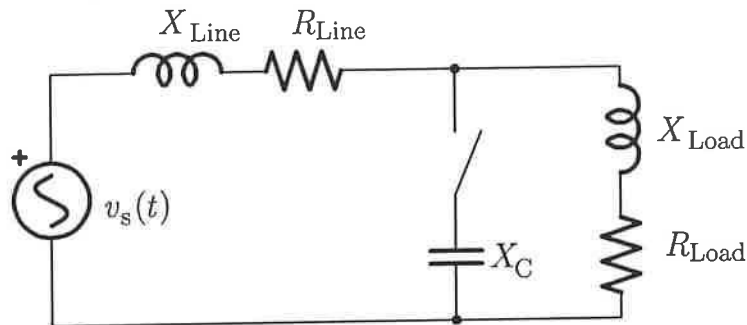


Figure 5: Circuit diagram for Question 5

**Question 6**

A diode bridge rectifier is used to provide a DC current to a  $50\ \text{k}\Omega$  resistive load. Rectifier will be supplied by an ideal AC voltage source (60 Hz,  $20\ \text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$ ).

- Draw the rectifier schematic diagram. Sketch the input voltage, the output voltage, the output current, and the current through each of the four rectifier diodes.
- Find the peak and the average current in the load.
- Sketch the input and the output voltage if the rectifier diode has on-state voltage drop of  $0.5\ \text{V}$ .
- Using a  $100\ \Omega$  resistance, design an RC low-pass filter (for DC side) that can attenuate a  $120\ \text{Hz}$  sinusoidal voltage by  $20\ \text{dB}$  with respect to the DC gain.

**Question 7**

A magnetic circuit consisting of a fixed horseshoe core and a moveable core element (relay armature) is shown in Figure 6. Consider the relative permeability of the core  $\mu_r = 2000$ , total number of turns on both legs  $N = 1000$ , and the current  $i = 1\text{A}$ .

- Calculate the total magnetomotive force in both windings.
- Calculate the equivalent reluctance of each part of the magnetic circuit.
- Calculate the magnetic flux, flux density and magnetic field intensity in the air gap.
- Calculate the total electromagnetic force acting on the relay armature.

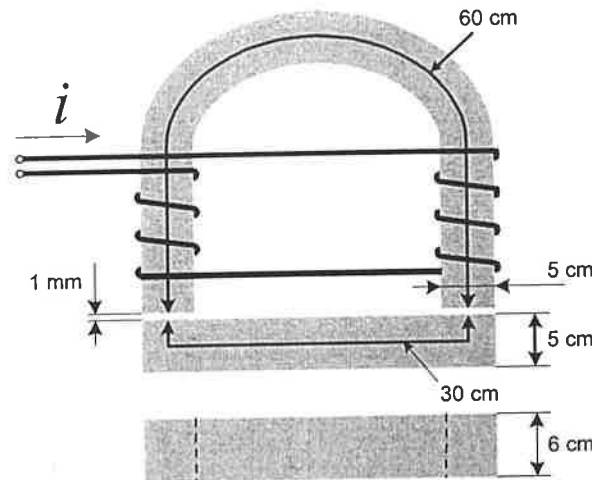


Figure 6: Magnetic core for Question 7