

4.) State and prove Maximum power transfer theorem.

Ans:- statement:

A resistance load, being connected to a dc network, receives maximum power when the load resistance is equal to the internal resistance (Thevenin's equivalent resistance) of the source network as seen from the load terminals.

Explanation:-

A variable resistance R_L is connected to a dc source network as shown in Fig-(1) while Fig-(2) represents the Thevenin voltage V_0 and Thevenin resistance R_{Th} of the source network. The aim is to determine the value of R_L such that it receives max^m power from the dc source.

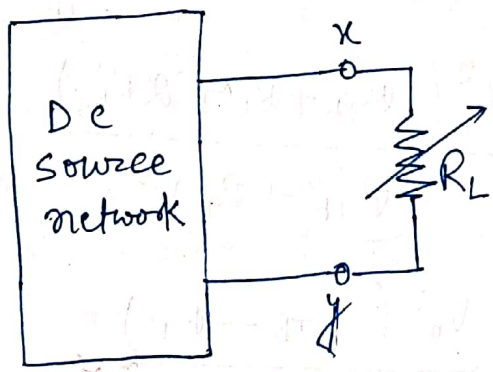
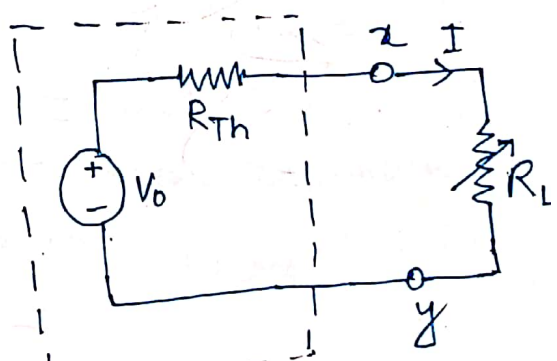


Fig-(1)
Load connected to the dc source network.



Thevenin equivalent of Dc source network
Fig-(2) Equivalent source network and load.

With reference to fig (2),

$$I = \frac{V_0}{R_{Th} + R_L}$$

While the power delivered to the resistive load is

$$P_L = I^2 R_L = \left(\frac{V_0}{R_{Th} + R_L} \right)^2 \times R_L$$

P_L can be maximised by varying R_L and hence, maximum power can be delivered when $(dP_L/dR_L) = 0$.

However,

$$\frac{dP_L}{dR_L} = \frac{1}{[(R_{Th} + R_L)^2]^2} \times$$

$$\left[(R_{Th} + R_L)^2 \frac{d}{dR_L} (V_0^2 R_L) - V_0^2 R_L \frac{d}{dR_L} (R_{Th} + R_L)^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(R_{Th} + R_L)^4} \left[(R_{Th} + R_L)^2 V_0^2 - V_0^2 R_L \times 2 (R_{Th} + R_L) \right]$$

$$= \frac{V_0^2 (R_{Th} + R_L - 2R_L)}{(R_{Th} + R_L)^3}$$

$$= \frac{V_0^2 (R_{Th} - R_L)}{(R_{Th} + R_L)^3}$$

But

$$\frac{dP_L}{dR_L} = 0$$

∴ Finally,

$$\frac{V_0^2 (R_{Th} - R_L)}{(R_{Th} + R_L)^3} = 0$$

which gives,

$$(R_{Th} - R_L) = 0$$

or, $R_{Th} = R_L$

Hence, it has been proved that power transfer from a dc source network to a resistive network is maximum when the internal resistance of the dc source network is equal to the load resistance.