

National Exams December 2016  
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:  $R_1 = 10\ \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 6\ \Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 3\ \Omega$ ,  $R_4 = 3\ \Omega$ ,  $R_5 = 6\ \Omega$ ,  $I_s = 10\ \text{A}$ , and  $V_s = 36\ \text{V}$ .

- Write Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL) equations for nodes A, B, C, and D;
- Write Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL) equations for loops ABCA and BCDB;
- Calculate current through the resistor  $R_1$ ;
- Calculate power generated by the current source  $I_s$ .

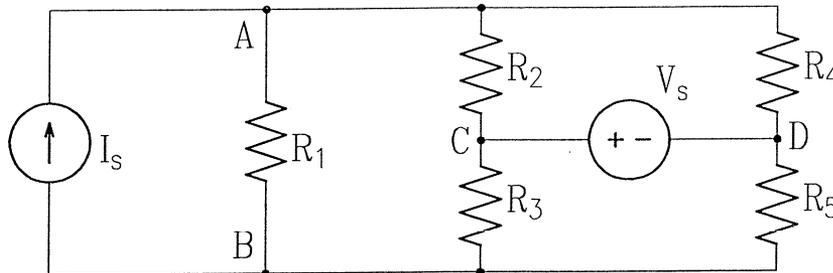


Figure 1: Circuit diagram for Question 1

**Question 2**

Consider the circuit of Figure 2. Known parameters are:  $R_1 = 50\ \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100\ \Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 50\ \Omega$ ,  $R_4 = 30\ \Omega$ ,  $R_5 = 60\ \Omega$ ,  $R_6 = 10\ \Omega$ ,  $R_7 = 30\ \Omega$ ,  $V_{s1} = 90\ \text{V}$  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  $R_L = 45\ \Omega$ .

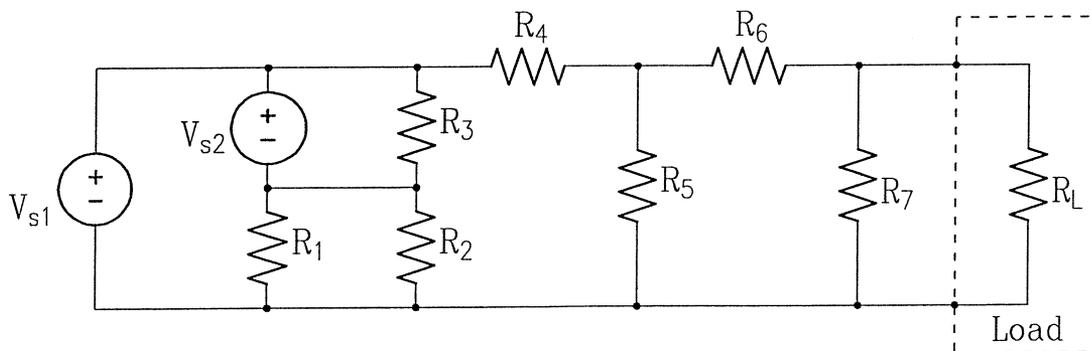


Figure 2: Circuit diagram for Question 2

**Question 3**

In the circuit of Figure 3  $R_1 = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 6 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_4 = 10 \Omega$ ,  $C_1 = 4 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_2 = 12 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_3 = 6 \mu\text{F}$ , and  $I_s = 200 \text{ mA}$ . The switch is in position 0. At  $t = 0 \text{ s}$ , the switch moves to position 1. At  $t = 5 \text{ s}$ , the switch moves to position 2. Assume that none of the capacitors has any stored energy at  $t = 0 \text{ s}$ .

- Calculate the time constant of the circuit when the switch is in position 1;
- Calculate the voltage across the capacitor  $C_1$  at  $t = 1 \text{ s}$ .
- Calculate the time constant of the circuit when the switch is in position 2;
- What is the voltage across the capacitor  $C_1$  at  $t = 6 \text{ s}$ .

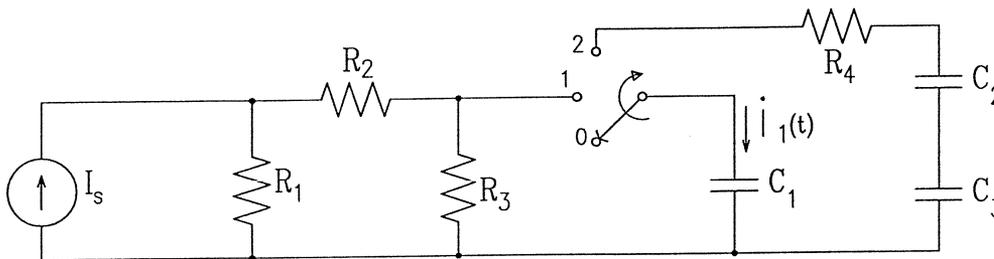


Figure 3: Circuit diagram for Question 3

**Question 4**

In the circuit of Figure 4 assume the following:  $R_{Line} = 2 \Omega$ ,  $X_{Line} = 2 \Omega$ ,  $R_{Load} = 6 \Omega$ ,  $X_{Load} = 4 \Omega$ ,  $X_C = 100 \Omega$ ,  $V_s(t) = \sqrt{2} 100 \cos(120 \pi t) \text{ V}$ . 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.

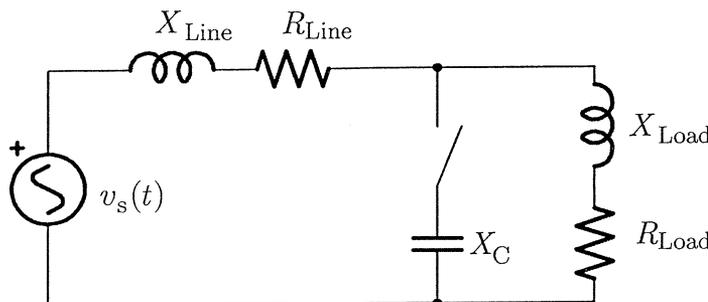


Figure 4: Circuit diagram for Question 4

**Question 5**

In the circuit of Figure 5, parameters are:  $R = 10 \Omega$ ,  $L_1 = 10 \text{ mH}$ ,  $L_2 = 0.5 \text{ H}$ ,  $C_1 = 10 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_2 = 200 \text{ pF}$ , and  $v_s(t) = 100 \cos(\omega t) \text{ V}$ .

- Assume that the source frequency is 60 Hz. Calculate active and reactive power supplied by the source when S is in position 1.
- Determine the source frequency so that the source current amplitude is maximal when S is in position 1. What is this frequency called?
- For the frequency calculated under (b) determine the active power supplied by the source.
- When S is in position 2: Determine the source frequency so that the reactive power supplied by the source is zero.

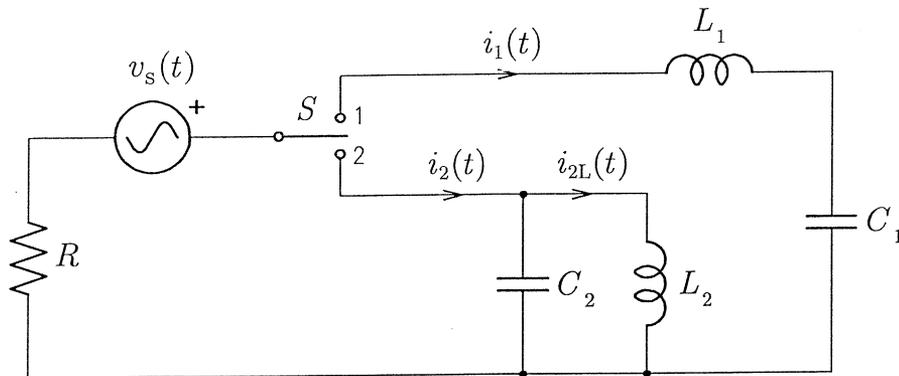


Figure 5: Circuit diagram for Question 5

**Question 6**

A full-wave bridge rectifier is used to provide a DC current to a  $50 \text{ k}\Omega$  resistive load. Rectifier is supplied by an ideal AC voltage source (50 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 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  $0.4 \text{ V}$ .
- Using a  $50 \Omega$  resistance, design an RC low-pass filter (for DC side) that can attenuate a 100 Hz sinusoidal voltage by 20 dB with respect to the DC gain.

**Question 7**

A magnetic core is shown in Figure 6. Consider that the cross section is uniform and equal to  $100 \text{ mm}^2$ , relative permeability  $\mu_r = 2000$ , number of winding turns  $N = 100$  and current  $I = 1 \text{ A}$  ( $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$ ).

- Compute the magnetomotive force.
- Calculate the equivalent reluctance of each segment of the magnetic circuit.
- Draw the analog circuit representation of the magnetic circuit from Figure 6.
- Calculate the magnetic flux, flux density and magnetic field intensity in the air gap.

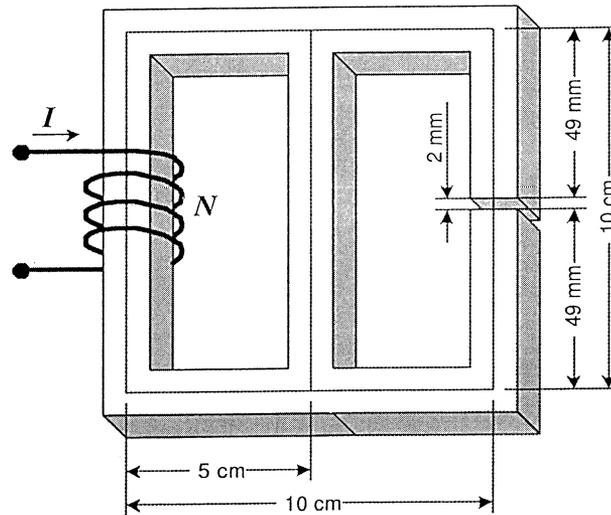


Figure 6: Magnetic core for Question 7