Lecture 27
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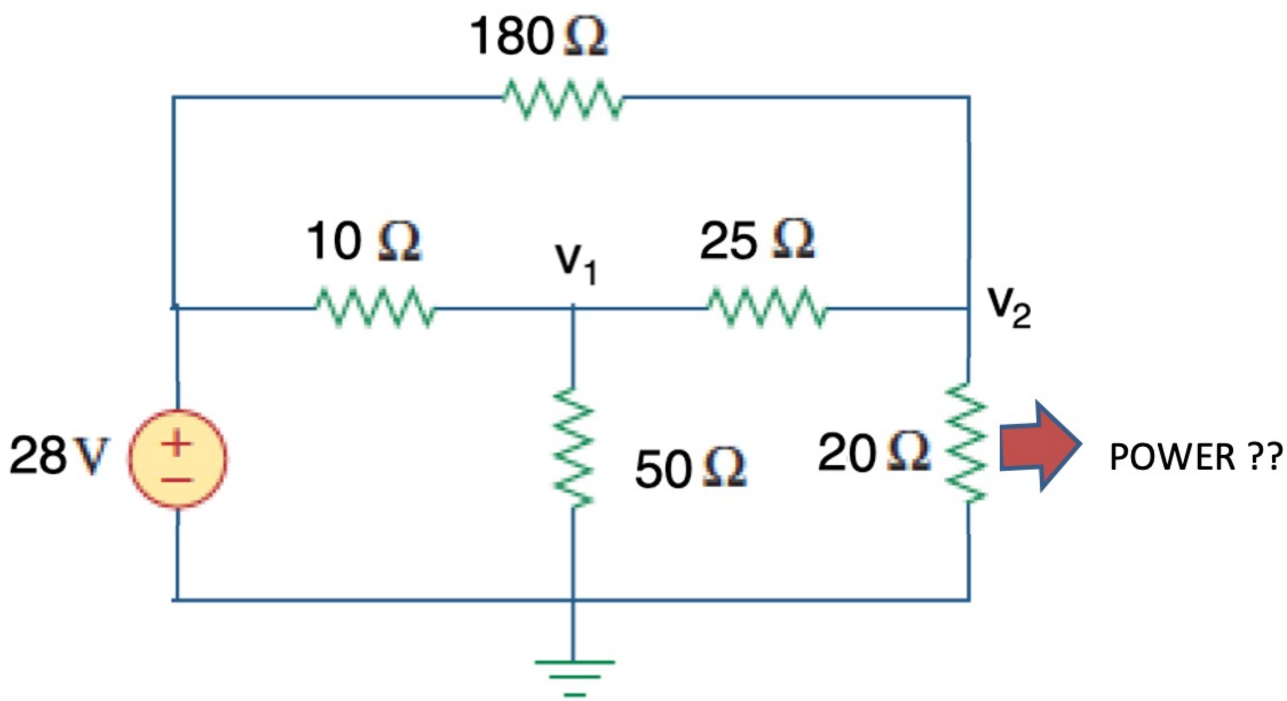
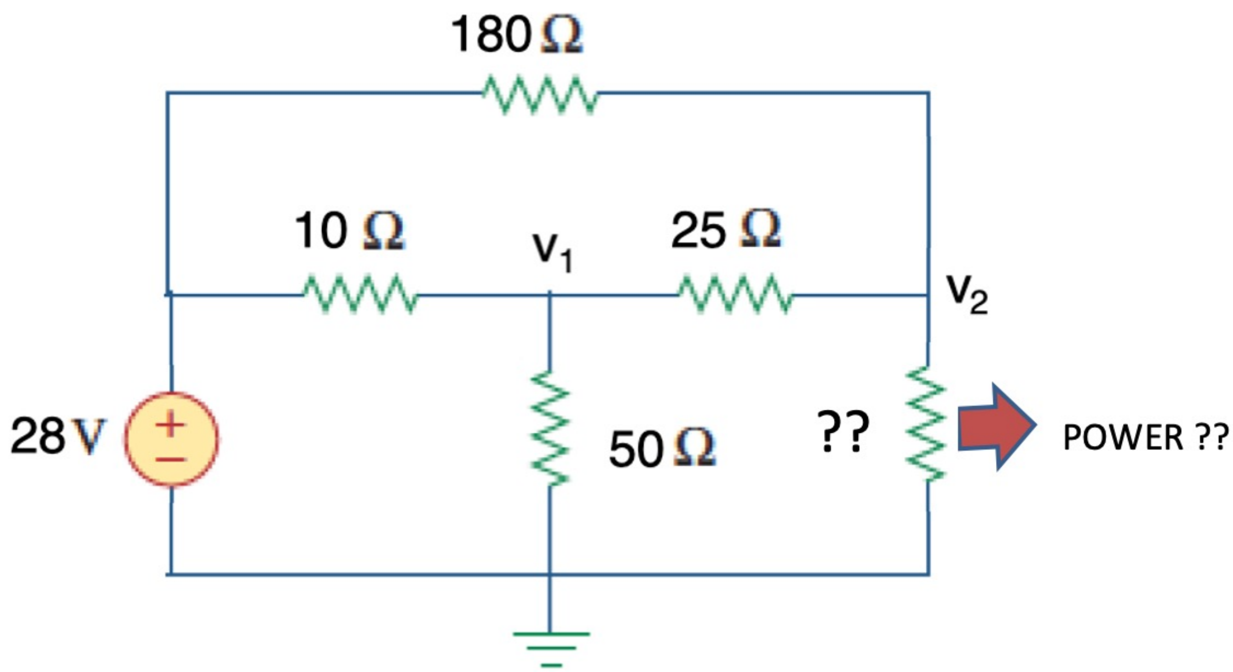
maximum power transfer

Power Transfer

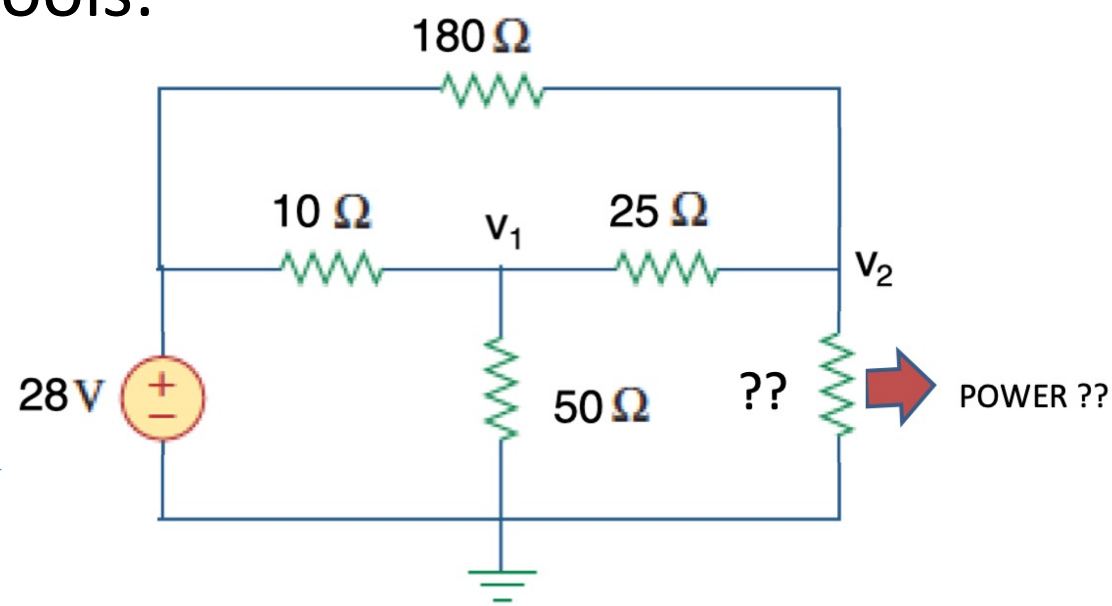


- How much power is dissipated in the 20 Ω resistor?
  - Method: node analysis → $v_2 = 10\text{ V}$
  - Power calculation $P = \frac{{v_2}^2}{20} = \frac{10^2}{20} = 5\text{ W}$

- Question – if the resistance was larger/smaller than 20 Ω could it take more power from the circuit?



- Approach 1 – solve for power in terms of R
  - MatLab symbolic tools:

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%% setup problem
syms v1 v2 R
[s1,s2] = solve( v1/50+(v1-28)/10+(v1-v2)/25==0, ...
   v2/R+(v2-v1)/25+(v2-28)/180==0,v1,v2)
pow = s2^2/R;
%% check for R = 20 ohms
subs(s2,R,20)
subs(pow,R,20)
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ans =
10
ans =
5
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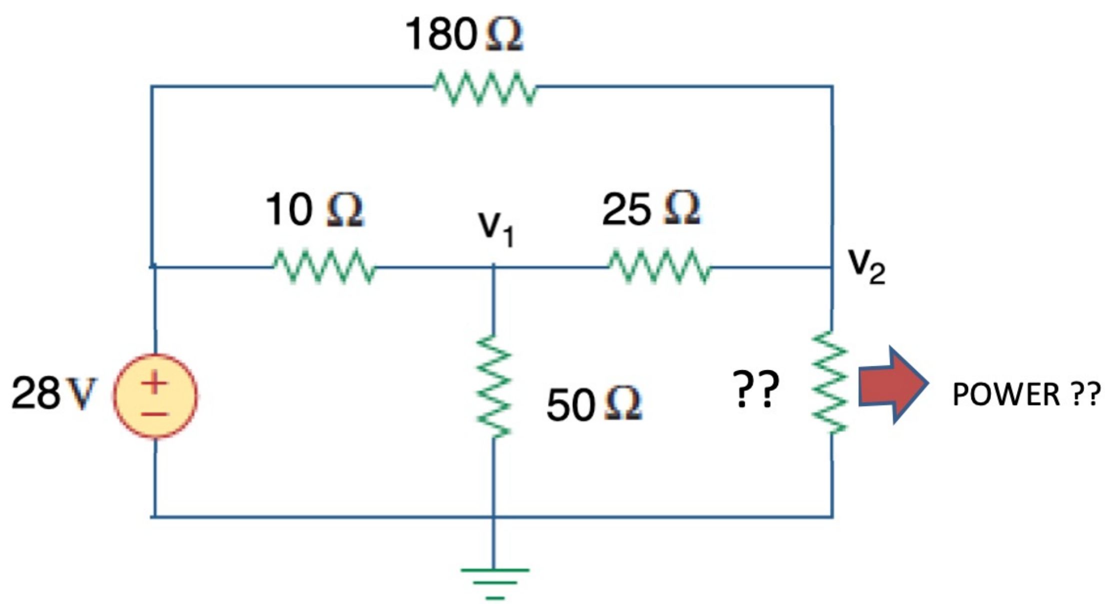
- Optimize

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% optimize over R
dpow = diff(pow,R);
Rstar = solve(dpow)
eval( subs(pow,R,Rstar) )
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Rstar =
225/8
ans =
   5.1467e+00
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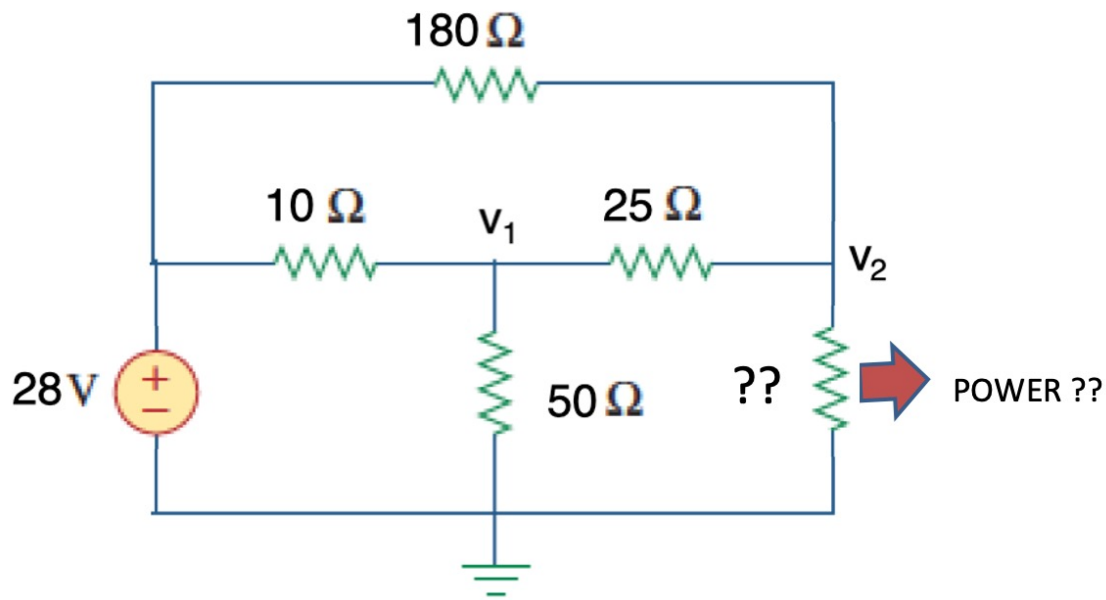
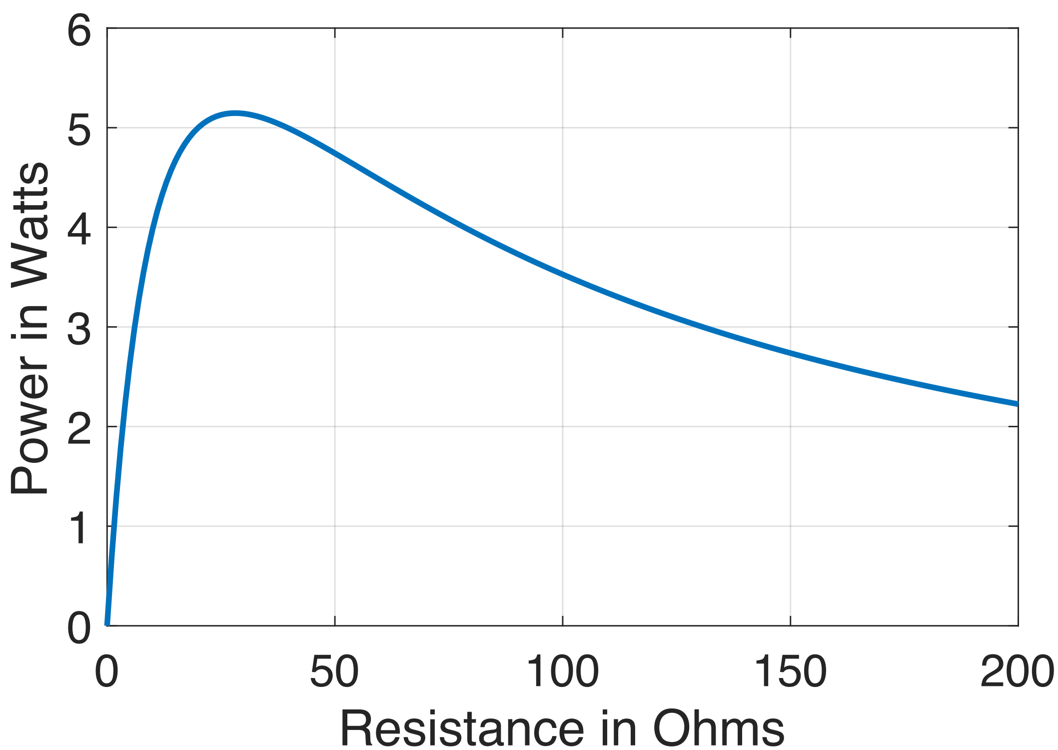
$$R^* = \frac{225}{8} = 28.1\ \Omega \qquad P_{max} = 5.15\ W$$

- What's going on?

$$P = \frac{148225\,R}{4\,(8R + 225)^2}$$



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Rv = 0:200;
Pv = subs(pow,Rv);
plot(Rv,Pv)
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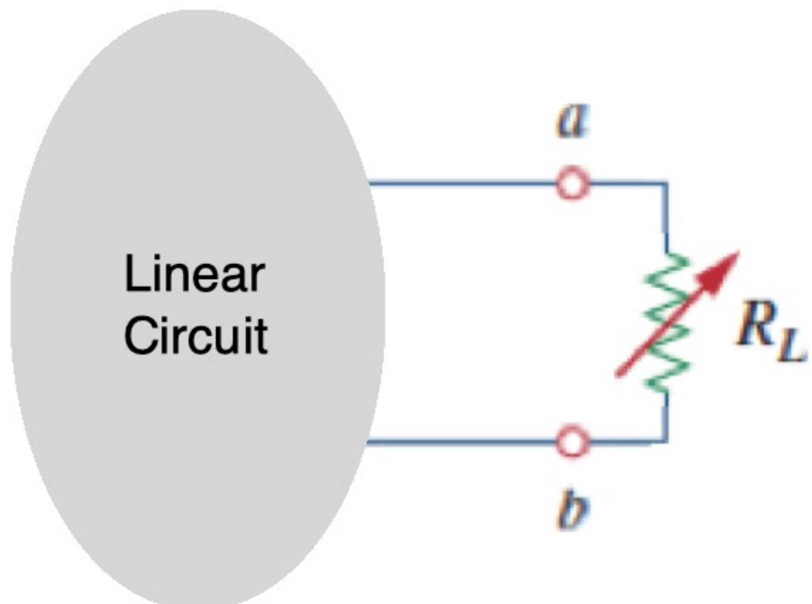
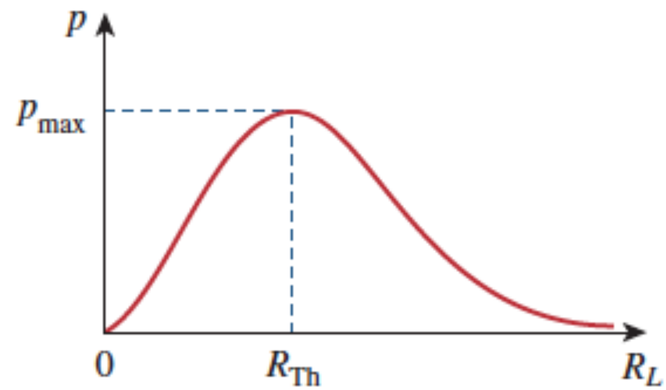
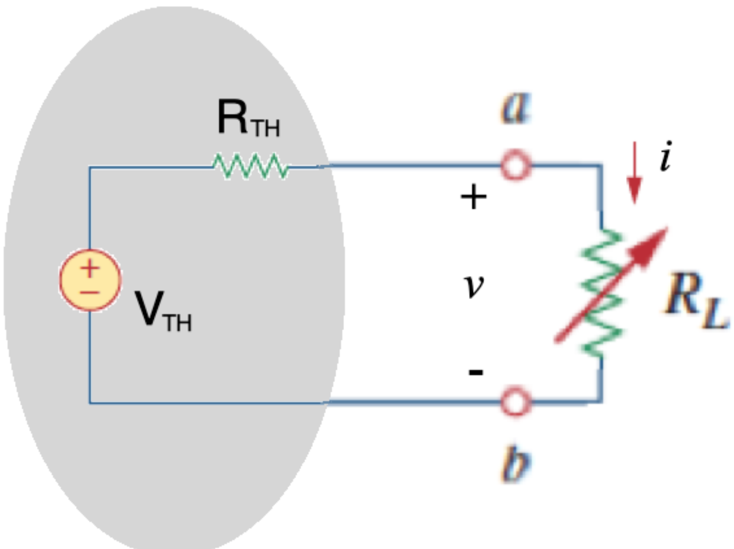
Maximum Power Transfer

- Consider connecting a "load" resistance, R_L, across two points of a circuit
- What happens as it varies?
  - Current
  - Voltage
  - Power



- Use the Thevenin model





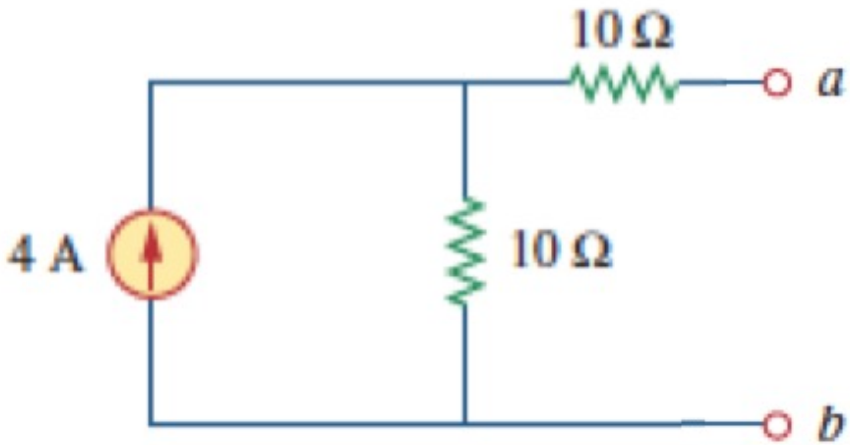
$$v = \frac{R_L}{R_L+R_{th}} v_{th}$$

$$p = \frac{v^2}{R_L} = \frac{R_L}{(R_L + R_{th})^2} v_{th}^2$$

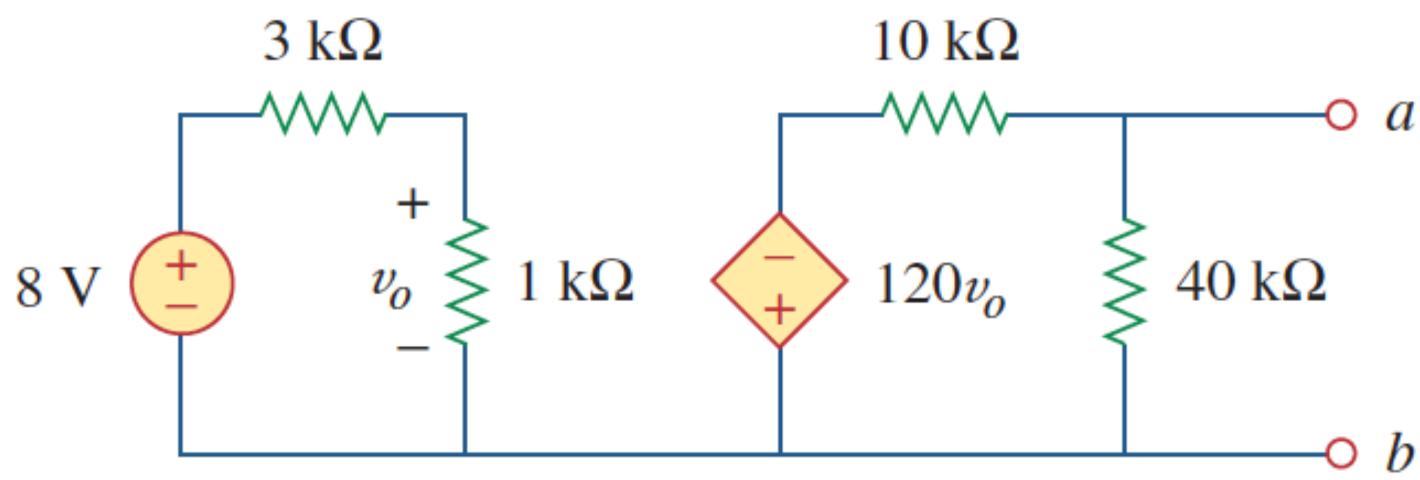
- $\frac{\partial p}{\partial R_L} = 0$ yields a max of $P_{max} = \frac{V_{th}^2}{4R_{th}}$ when $R_L = R_{th}$

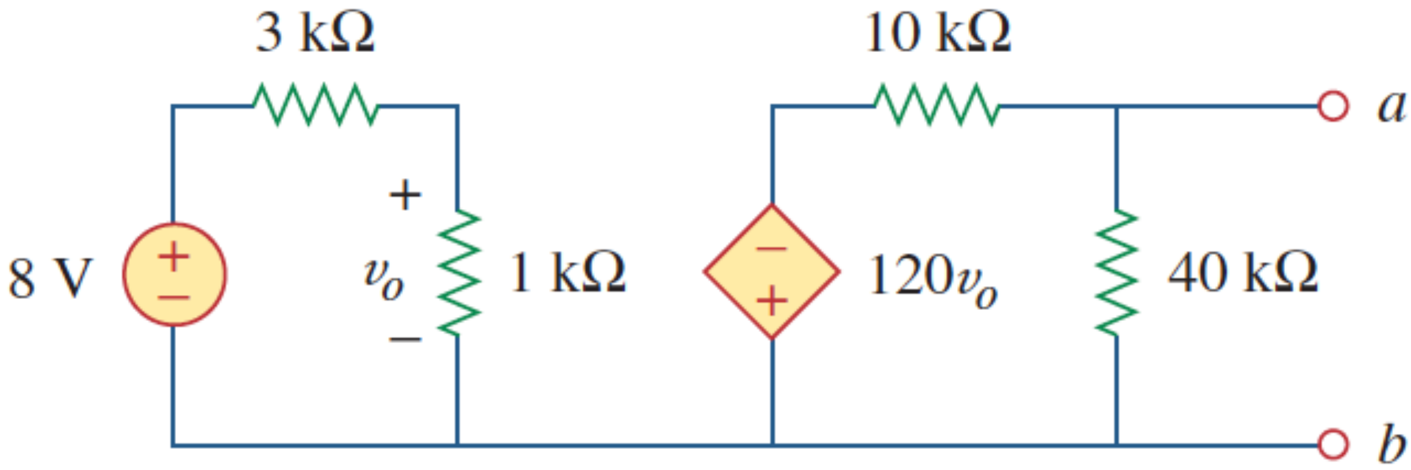
Example: find a load resistance to dissipate maximum power

$20\ \Omega, 20\ W$



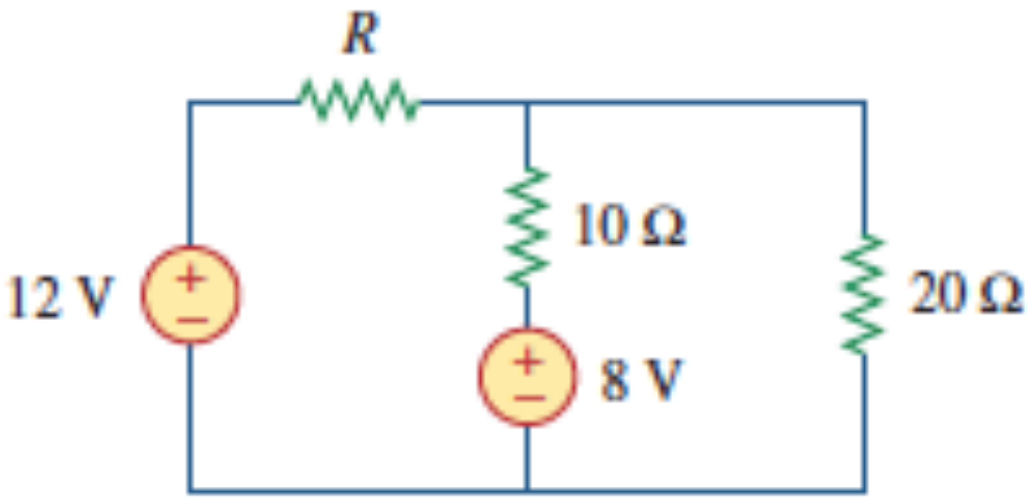
Example: find the load that dissipates maximum power





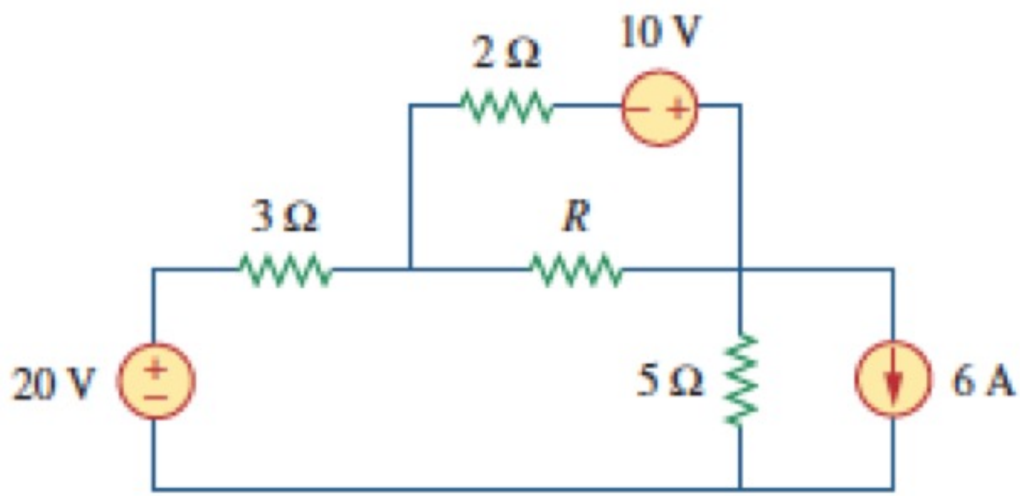
$8\ k\Omega$

Example (trick): find R to maximum the power delivered to the 10 ohm resistor



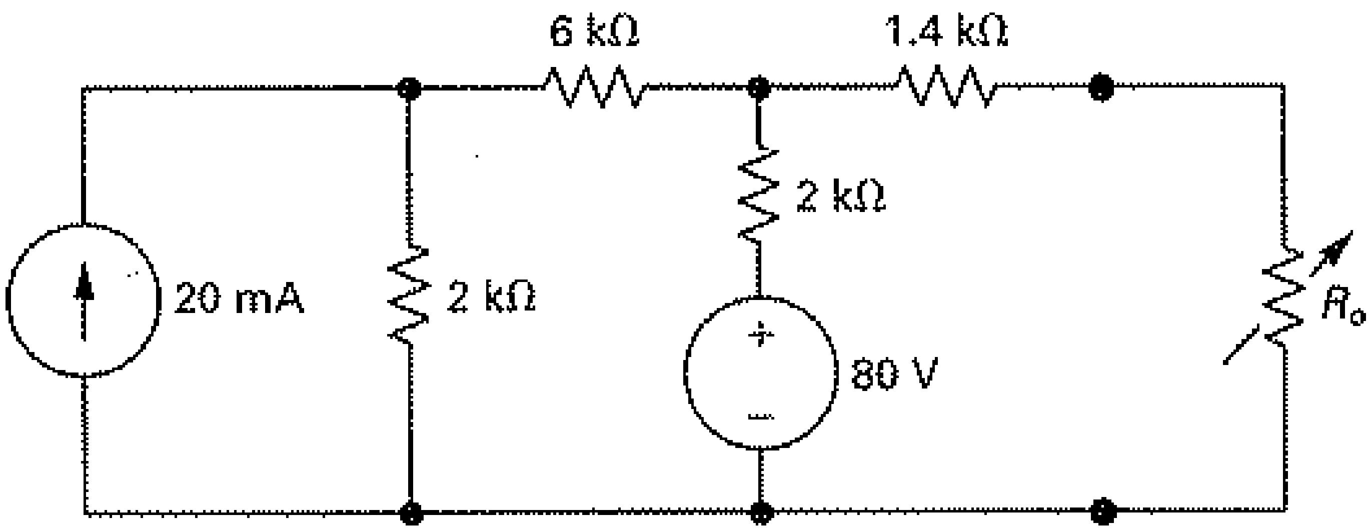
$1.6\ \Omega, \frac{5}{8}\ W$

Practice problem: maximize the power to R



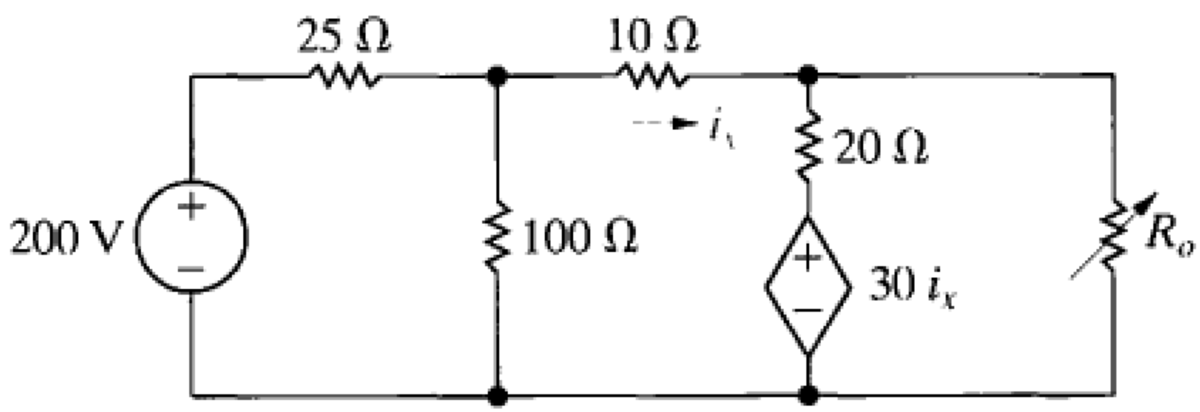
$3\ k\Omega, 468\ mW$

Practice problem: maximize the power to R_o



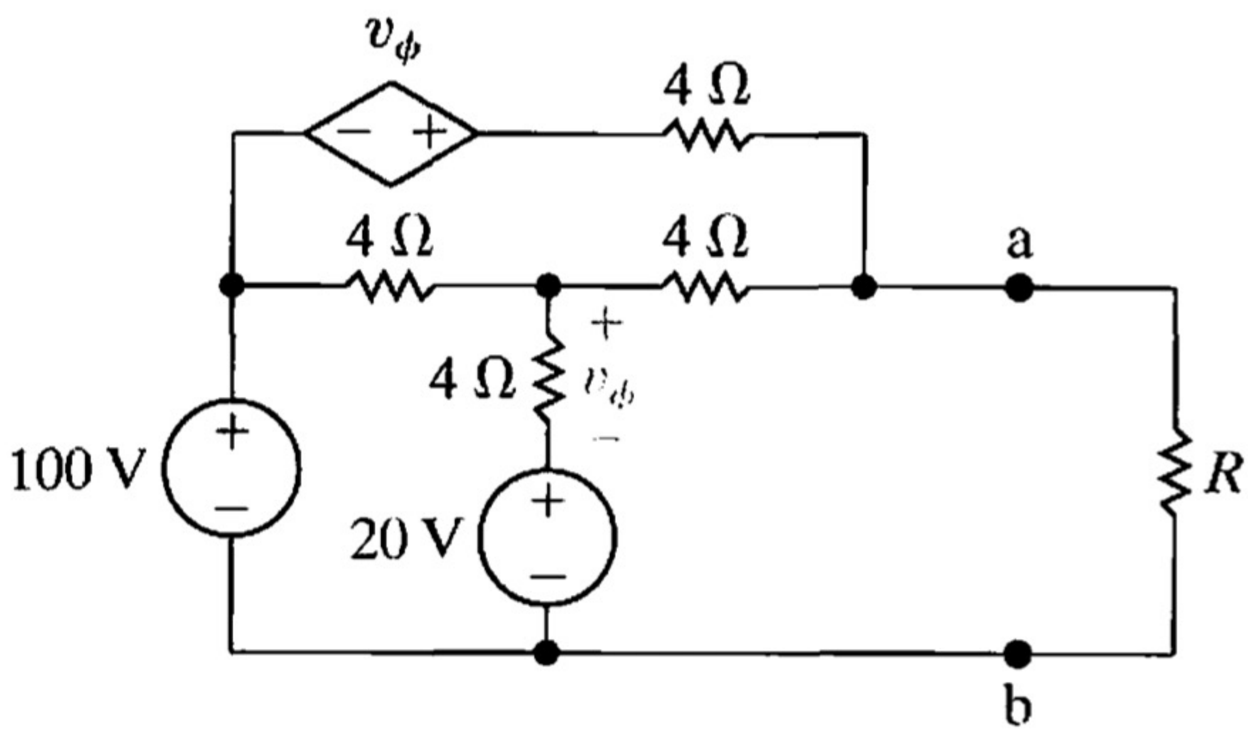
$7.5\ \Omega, 333\ W$

Practice problem: maximize the power to R_o



$3\ \Omega, 1.2\ kW$

Practice problem: maximize the power to R



$4\ k\Omega, 9\ mW$

Practice problem: maximize the power to R_L