# Electric circuit theorems. 

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## OUTLINE

This thesis is concerned with an attempt to gather under one heading several diverse theorems dealing with electric circuit problems the postulation of which are at present scattered through many technical joumals and texts, with the aim of aiding instructional processes now in practice in courses dealing with this subject. The Problems:- (1) Can these theorems be expressed in a more simplified and concise manner?
(2) Are any of these theorems, as now classified under diverse names, of a singular origin?
(3) Are any of these theorems adaptable to concise lecture demonstration exhibits?

Reason for Interest:- As a Professional Engineer interested in educational methods and as a college instructor with three jears experience in teaching Physics and Mathematics, I have been interested in all projects which attempt to present complex material to the student in a more vivid and concise manner with ilttle or no loss in accuracy. I am also interested in this problem as a
means of increasing my educational background in the subject of electricity with which I have had little experience.
Limitations:- Because of the numerous theorems available I have limited myself to those more popular theorems dealing with direct current and simplifled alternating current circuit theory. Procedure:-(a) I have made a diligent search through the Hournals of the electrical engineering soeieties and the trade magazines of leaders in the electrical devices manufacturing field, as well as texts available in the surrounding college and municipal libraries.
(b) I have compiled statements of theorems dealing with this subject tracing the historical development in as many cases as possible. (c) I have attempted to present a more concise and simple statement of these theorems from a college studentis point of view.
(d) Under each of the circuit theorems which I have discussed, I have presented sample circuit problems as solved by the theorem.
(e) I have designed and constructed a piece of lecture-laboratory demonstration apparatus to show the application of two of the theorems discussed.

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The student at this point is faced vith another problom because when he consults the articles found in the journals or in some texts which have ttempted to make "brief, concise statements" of the theoroms ho finds a variance in terminology - often unexplainod and with symbols which are not standardized - as well as a variance In the statoment of tho thoorem. Here again he has difficulty "soeing the tree because of the woods."

It was with these problems of the student as well as attendant probloms of the profossors conducting such courses in mind, that the author has made a search of leading technical journals and texts in tho field of electric circuit theory and presents herein some of the more popular theorems. An attempt is mado to clarify through schematic drawings and standard symbols the wording of the theoroms prosented. An attempt is also made to present in graphical manner the advantage of the theorem over the ordinary analytical or statistical methods of solution.

The author set out with the further purpose of adapting one or more of the theorems to concise lecture demonstration exhibits and succeeded to the point where he includes with in this treatise schematic drawings of a device which will illustrate two of the more important theorems, i.e. the Delta Wye theorem and the Thevenin -
or Helmholtz Theorem. This device has been constructed by the author in the Physics laboratory at Massachusotts Stato College and can be constructed in most other collego laboretories equipped for the instruction of courses in electrical circuit analysis.

Such exhibits as described herein will aid the lecturer in demonstrating to the student the adaptability of such theorems to ordinary problems thus alding in presenting complex material to the student in a more vivid and concise manner. Such methods are in the belief of the author to be encouraged as alds to the educational development of the student.

Electric circutt theorems may be defined as statements which indicate dofinito relationships existing between the component parts of an clectrical circuit if certain imposed conditions are fulfilled. Many textbooks dealing with the subject of electric circuits present at least four theorcms which have been found to be of value to the student in the computation of quantities in various branches of the circuit. As most frequently found in the textbooks which the author has surveyed the following four theorems are used or quoted for the students reference. (1) The Superposition Theorem:-

Each E.I. F., in a complex circuit acts independently of all others in producing network current.

Illustration: - (See sketch next page)
If current $I_{Q}$ flows in branch ( $a$ ) due to $\theta$.m.f. $\left(E_{a}\right)$, and an additional e.m.f. $\left(E_{b}\right)$ is inserted in branch (b) producing a current $I_{b}$ which is equal to the current which $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{b}}$ would send through branch (a) in the absence of any other E , then the current in branch (a) is equal to $I_{a}$ \& $I_{b}$
(2) The Compensation Theorem: -

If any change is made in the resistance of a branch, the effect on all of the mesh currents is the same as if an E.M.F. equal to the negative of the product of the change in the resistance multiplied by the branch current, had been inserted.

Illustration:- (see sketch)
In circuit (a) we have a current $i_{1}$ equal to the E.M.F. (E) divided by the sum of the resistances.

In circuit (b) a resistance ( $d R$ ) is added to $\left(R_{2}\right)$ and the current is correspondingly reuluced. However, if, as in circuit (c), an E.M.F. equal to the product of $\left(1_{2}\right)$ and (dR) and of opposite sign is introduced into the circuit the total current flowing in the cirauit remains at its original value ( $i_{1}$ ).
(3) The Reciprocity Theorem of Green:-

Where a resistance is common to two meshes the effect of the resistance from one mesh to another is reversible.

Superposition ano recipracity THEOREMS

(1)

Compensation Theorem

(A)

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(B)


Illustration:- (See Sketch used to 1llustrate Superposition Theorem)

The resistance $\left(R_{3}\right)$ is common to both meshes (a) and (b), that is $R_{a b}=R_{b a}$. Because the determinent used to solve for the current is the same as effected by $\left(R_{3}\right)$, the transfer conductance from mesh (a) to mosh (b) is the same as from mesh (b) to mesh (a) and an E.M.F. in branch (a) produces the sana current in branch (b) as it would produce in branch (a) if placed in branch (b).
(4) The fourth theorem usually quoted is the Thevenin Theorem in ane form or another. The author in this tratise begins at this point with an attempt at clarification of this Theorem and then presents additional theorems. The above theorems have been rather adequately di scussed in most modern texts and therefore the author does not discuss them further but would refer the interested party to texts listed in the bibliography of this treatise.

As an aid to clarity and simplicity each theorem is discussed under a separate hoading complete with summary and conclusions which can be drawn.

Since this reatise is intended as a collection of theorems as well as a discussion of their origin there has been included also a section of illustrative examples abstracted from leading authoritative texts and research papers. This section appears under a separate heading at end of treatise.

## THE THEVENIN-HELIHOLTZ THEOREM

In the discussion of this theorem, the author has been forced to use within the title the name of L. Thevenin whose name through popular misinformation has become associated with a theorem originally expostulated by the German physicist, mathematician and philosopher H.von Helmholtz, who enunciated the theorem thirty years prior to the date whon Monsieur Thevenin first published his statement apparently without knowledge of Helmholtz's research.

This theorom has been chosen as the first to be discussed also because of its popularity in present day analysis of commaication circuits involving both direct and alternating current.

Before discussing the theorem itself, a brief historical background showing the confusion which exists regarding the origin of this particular theorem seems appropriate.
II. Von Helmholtz in a paper appearing on Page 21 in the "Annalen der Physik and Chemee" for the year 1853 entibled "Wober einige Gesetze der Verthoilung elektrisher Strome in korperlichen Leitem mit anivendung ans die thierischelelctrishen Versuche" (On some laws of the distribution of electric currents and their application to experiments in

Animal mlectricity) set forth the theorem which has come to be lenow as Theveninst Theorom. Holmholtz first eitos a law of Kirchhoff which statos that if in any systom of conductors, the Electromotive Forces exist at various points, the potential at every point in the system is the algebraic sum of the potentials which would be produced by each of the E.le.F's acting alone. He then applies this low to a linear notwork and sets forth the following statement of a theorem. "If two points of a linear network are connected to other conductors, it behaves as a conductor of certain resistance, the magnitude of which can bo calcuiated by the ordinary rules for branched networks, and of an E.M.F.equal to the Potential Difference that existed between the two points before they were connected by the other conductors." In 1883. L. Thevenin published a note of little more than two pages in length in the "Comptes Rendus," Vol. 97 , pg. 159-161" on a new thearem of dynamic electricity." The statement of Thevenin was a simplo and plain statement of the Helmholtz theorem with which he was apparently unacq uainted. Thevenin's statement is as follows:-
"A current through any branch of a circuit is equal to the current through the same branch when an open circuited E.IT.F. acts in the same branch and all other E.H.F.'s are replaced by their internal impedances."

As will be show in later analysis of these two statements - essentially equal - as woll as othor statements of a more recent origin, there should be no doubt as to the origin of the theorem nor to the fact that the name of Thevenin applied to the theorem gives a wrong implication as to its founder.

Pleijel, an engineer of the Swedish Telegraphic Department, in an article appearing in the "Rovve Gon.de I'Elect.", 16, Ap. 1919 written by Pomey, is described as offering a proof of "Thevenin Theorem" which in fact followed the theorem of Holmholtz.

Helmholtz's theorem was applied to alternating current networks in 1923 by Dr.F.T.Chapman and so reported by him in a paper appoaring in lilectrical Review (30th March) entitled "The Calculation of D.C. and $\Lambda$.C.networks."

The theorem was published under the name of Helmholtz in a paper by F.Vennor, who restated tho theorem and applied it to a number of bridge problems, appearing in the "Pros.Fnys.Soc." for 1927. Wenner does not even mention Thevenin.

The same theorem has appeared in other works under different names. V.Jenkin (Revue Gen.del' Elect for 1938) called the theorem a "method of superposition." Von don Meershe("Revio Gen.del'elect for 1935) restatod the
theorem in practically the original words of Helmholtz and called it "A theorem deduced from the genoralized roeiprocity theorem of Maxwell." Since Helmholtz, himself, attributed much of the basis for his thoory to Kirchhoff and Green, there is no need to bring Ilaxwell into tho discussion.

Applications of the Helmholtz theorem of ther under the name of Thevenin or Helmholtz are very numerous with some of the more recont being articles by Freeman in "phil llag." for Sept. 1942; by Wall in the "Elect.Rev." Nov.7,1941; by Ataka in the Phil. Mag, April 1938; by Wigge in "Arch. f.Elektrol", Nov. 1936; and by Lee and MacDonald in "Wir.Eng." Nov.1935. Most of these articles are extensions of the theorem to some particular network and, depending on the author, the theorem is attributed to either Thevenin or Helmholtz with no mention of the other. In Vigge's article in the "Archiv. for Elektrotechnik" for November 1936, for example, he referred to Helmholts's theorem as applied to alternating current circuits and then proceeded to statè a new theorem called the "Dual Theorom" in which he arrived at a formula for solution of those problems which is in roality a reciprocal fomula of the original Helmholtz formula.

Little wonder is experienced after such a heterogencous historiaal career that this theorem should come down to us, less than one hundred years later, with about
as many forms in the statement thereof as there have been authors dealing with the subject. Therefore, let us consider no more than five selected statements of the theorem and examine them to note the similarity or differences. After examination let us recommend one statement and proceed to show its applications and values to various of the more prevalent problems.

First, retuming to the statement of Helmholtz which as you may recall is that "if two points of a linear network are connected to other conductors, it behaves as a conductor of certain resistance, the magnitude of which can be calculated by the ordinary rules for branched networks, and of an E.M.F. equal to the Potential Difference that existed between two points before they were connected by the other conductors."

As the simplest possible example of this seemingly complex statement, we will examine a circuit illustration as presented by Helmholtzy (see sketch I on the noxt page), In this simple circuit, there is an electromotive force ( $E$ ) and two points (a) and (b), which divide the circuit into two parts of resistance $r_{0}$ and $r_{1}$, the former part containing the source of the electromotive force. The potential difference across $8-b$ is then


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ORIGINAL HELMHOLTZ
CIRCUIT

(1)

$$
\begin{aligned}
i_{0} & =-\frac{E}{r_{0}+r_{1}}-\frac{V t_{1}}{r_{0} r_{1}+r_{0} r_{2}+r_{1} r_{2}} \\
& =-\frac{E\left(r_{1}+r_{2}\right)}{r_{0} r_{1}+r_{0} r_{2}+r_{1} r_{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

(2) $i_{1}=\frac{E}{r_{0}+r_{1}}-\frac{V_{r_{0}}}{r_{0} r_{1}+r_{0} r_{2}+r_{1} r_{2}}=\frac{E r_{2}}{r_{0} r_{1}+r_{0} r_{2}+r_{1} r_{2}}$
(3) $i_{2}=\frac{V}{R+r_{2}}=\frac{E r_{1}}{r_{1} r_{1}+r_{0} r_{2}+r_{1} r_{2}}$

Which becomes the electromotive force required for the equivalent system which is to be connected across $a-b$.

The resistance of this circuit as measured between points (a) and (b) becomes


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x_{0}+r_{1}
$$

A resistance $r_{2}$ is now connected between these two points (see sketch I). Then Fielmholtz states that according to his theorem the currents in each branch are as Indicated in formulas 1,2 , and 3 shown accompanying sketch $I$.

Helmholtz obtains $i_{0}$ and $i_{1}$ by using a device (see Sketch III) of superimposing ficticious E.M. $\mathrm{Fl}^{\prime}$ s equal to V and $-V$ in with $r_{2}$. The current due to $E$ and to $-V$ is then the first term of the currents $1_{0}$ and $i_{1}$ since no current flows at that time through $r_{2}$. The second term in each equation is the current due to $V$ acting alone.

The minus sign in formula (1) is due to Helmholtz taking the positive direction $\mathrm{i}_{0}$ in opposition to $E$ so that at point (a) the sum of $a l l$ of the currents equals zero, following the law of Kirchhoff. NOTE: -

It should be noted that if the two points (a) and (b) are shortmcircuited, the current will obviously be equal to the open-circuit voltage divided by the resistance of the

Auxiliary Circuits Tor HELMHOLTE THEOREM

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { (same ain" minus resistance } r_{2} \text { ) } \\
& r \\
& \text { Fin III } \\
& \text { (Demonstrating use of f.cticious E.M.f.s) }
\end{aligned}
$$

network as measured between (a) and (b). This is sometimes useful because the short-circuit current and the network resistance can sometimes be calculated quite simply and the open-circuit voltage thus calculated. This two other theorems which often appear under oither the title "the short-circuit link theorem" or "the break or cutting point theorem" are seen to be in reality only slightly different statements of the Helmholtz - Thevenin Theorem.

Having presented Helmholtz's original work and thus established the priority of his theorem over that of Thevenin let us now consider four selected statements of the theorem eppearing under the name of Thevenin taken from three authoritative textbooks on electric circuit analysis and from a paper published in the Philosophical Magazine and Journal of Science. These will demonstrate the diversity of statement as well as the complexity of terminology which has been introduced.

For the detailed proof as presented for each of these statements see the Abstract Section under the appropriate hoading.

From the textbook entitled "Electrical Circuits", a volume of the Principles of Electrical Engineering Series by the electrical engineoring staff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (See Bibliography) at page 146 we have the following statement.
"Any network of resistance elements and voltage sources viewed from any two points in the network may be replaced by a voltage source and a resistance in series between the points. "

From the textbook ontitled "Electrical Circuits and Wave Filters" by A.T.Starr (See Bibliography) we have another statement.
"Any system with two accessible terminals may be replaced by an E.M.F. acting in series with an impedance. The E.M.F. is that between the teminals when they are unconnected externally and the impodence is thet presented by the system to the terminals when all of the sources of E.M.F. in the system are replaced by their internal impedances."

From a paper by Hickosabura Ataka of the Heldi College of Technology in Tobaka, Japan published in the Philosophical Magazine and Joumal of Science (See Bibliography) we have the following statement of the theorem.
"A current through any branch of a circuit is equal to the current through the same branch when an open circuited E.M.F. acts in the same branch and all other E.M.F's are replaced by their original impedances."

From the textbook entitled "Basie Electicity for Comunications" by W.H.Timbie (See Bibliography) we have the following detailed "statement" of Thevenin's Theorem.
"Any two terminal network containing any number of D.C. sources and any number of resistances can be replacod by a single series circuit of one voltage source and one resistance. This equivalent series circuit will deliver to a given load the same power at the same voltage, and the same current that the original circuit will deliver to the same load.
(a) The voltage source of the equivalent circuit is equal to the open circuit voltage of the original circuit.
(b) To find the series resistance of the equivalent circuit:-
(1) Remove the voltage sources of the original circuit and roplace them with short circuits.
(2) Compute the resistance between the two open terminals of this modified circuit.
(e) The two circuits are equivalent only as far as their terminals are concernod. They do not necessarily consume the same power internally."

By inspecting the circuit diagramed on the next page it will be found that each of the above statements of the theorem will explain the transposition of current, power and voltage which can be supplied to a given resistance ( $R$ ) by the method of replacing the original circuit with an electromotive force equivalent to that existing between the

Helmholtz-Thevenin theorem
General Circuit Diagram

terminals (a) and (B) in series with a resistance equivalent to that of the original circuit. It will be noted that the power used between ( $A$ and ( $B$ ) remains constant. This theorem does not state that the power used by the equivalent circuit is the same as that of the original circuit, 1.0. the HolmholtzThevenin Theorom is not an "equivalent power" theorem.

In each of the statements the principle is set forth that, where we have an electrical circuit of any number of voltage sources and any number of resistances and are interested in the electrical properties between any two terminals, we may replace the entire network exclusive of the two terminals by a simple series circuit of one voltage source and one resistance of a size calculated to deliver the same voltage, current and power to the two terminals as was delivered by the more complex circuit.

Thus referring again to the general circuit diagram, we see that in our simple serles circuit, the electromotive force $E$ must be equal to the voltage across the terminals under consideration. 1.e. $E=V_{a b}$. The resistance of the simple circuit $R_{e}$ must be such as to supply the some current $I_{C}$ (the current supplied by the original circuit) to the load $R$ betweon terminals $A$ and B. Or by Ohm's Law

$$
\operatorname{Re}=\frac{V_{a b}}{I_{c}}
$$

where $I_{c}$ may be calculated by
haxwell's equation or from the Wye-Delta Theorem as presented
later in this treatise.
If $I_{c}$ is not known then $E$ may be calculated by computing the opon circuit voltage drop $V_{a b}$, and $R_{e}$ may be calculated from the serios parallel relationships of the originel circuit replacing the voltage sources of that circuit by short circuits. This replacing of the original EM.Fis by connections of zero resistance in order to determine $R_{\theta}$ seems to be inherent in the Helmholtz theorem. This method w111 be at best, however, only a close approximation which neglects the internal resistance of the voltage sources, but It may be used to edvantage where the resistance values of the circuit are large compared to the resistance of the voltage sources.

In the discussion of this theorem the author has used Direct Current terminology to avoid confusion, but the entire theoren can be applied as well to altermating current circuits with the substitution of the term "impedence" for "resistance". The theorem is applicable also for capacitance cireuits.

Since to attempt to maire a new statement of the theorem would in this author's opinion only add to rather than subtract from the confusion existing by the prosent multitudinous array of "statements", the statemont of the theorem as appearing in the text "Principles of Electrical Engineoring"
by the staff of M.I.T. is presented with a slight addition and a suggested change in title as the most concise and accurate statement of the theorem.

This author would use for a title:The Healmholtz - Thevenin Equivalent Circuit and state the theorem thus:-

Any network of resistance or impedance elements and voltage sources, if viewed from any two points in the network, may be repleced by sories circuit consisting of a single voltage source and a single resistance equivalent to the open circuit voltage and resistance across the points.

While it might be wise to present an illustrative problem at this point, the author, in the interest of greater clarity has deferred discussing this theorem further until he presents a second circuit theorem which will aid in the mathematical computation needed in the sample problem.

It is intcresting to note, however, at this point that Ataka, in his paper on "An Extension of Thevenin's Theorem", applies the theorem to an alternating current circuit and sets up a new statement of the theorem in which he combines the Thevenin Theorem with the compensation theorem and shows that each of these theorems are merely special cases of his extended theorem. An abstract of Ataka's work is presented in the special section of this treatise reserved for that purpose.

In this abstract Ataka's special proor and his results are adequately portrayed for the use of a student particularly interested in this phase of the worls.

## THE DELTA - WYE THEOREM

The Delta-"ye theorem attributed to A.E.Kennelly in an article flrst published in 1899 in Volume 34 of "Electrical World" has not had the diverse expression which has been noted in connection with the Helmholtz-Thevenin theorem. The theorem has been known by such other names as the "Star-Mesh Transformation" and the "Delta-Tee Pransformation" but the statement of the theorem is not subject to confusion.

Many times in the computation required to apply the Helmholtz-Thevenin theorem, conditions arise wherein the net resistance between two points in a circuit cannot be computed by series - parallel relationships. Where we have three resistances forming a triangular shapod figure (Delta), we may substitute a wyo (Y) shaped group of resistances with absolute equality. Similarly a wye shaped circuit section may be replaced by a delta. To all intents and purposes this is the statement of the theorem which we will now discuss by means of an illustration.

Let us consider the Wheatstone Bridge circuit as illustrated in Sketch (1) on the next page. By Thevenin's theorem we might want to compute the galvanometer current and thus it will be necessary to compute the net resistance between $X$ and $Y$. By considering the resistances above (sketch 2 ) and

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General Equations Expressing Relationship Between Original and Equivalent Resistances

$$
\begin{aligned}
& R_{1}+R_{2}=\frac{\left(R_{P}+R_{D}\right)\left(R_{B}\right)}{R_{P}+R_{D}+R_{B}} \\
& R_{2}+R_{3}=\frac{\left(R_{B}+R_{D}\right)\left(R_{P}\right)}{R_{P}+R_{D}+R_{B}} \\
& R_{3}+R_{1}=\frac{\left(R_{D}+R_{B}\right)\left(R_{D}\right)}{R_{P}+R_{D}+R_{B}}
\end{aligned}
$$

Solving the three equations above to get values which can be used in a transformation from a Delta to a Wye circuit, we have:-

$$
\begin{aligned}
& R_{1}=\frac{\left(R_{D}\right)\left(R_{B}\right)}{R_{B}+R_{D}+R_{P}} \\
& R_{2}=\frac{\left(R_{P}\right)\left(R_{B}\right)}{R_{B}+R_{D}+R_{P}}
\end{aligned}
$$

and $\quad R_{3}=\frac{\left(R_{P}\right)\left(R_{D}\right)}{R_{B}+R_{D}+R_{P}}$
solving the first three equations on the previous pope for values to be used in a trans formation from a hlye to a Delta circuit, we have:-

$$
R_{p}=\frac{R_{1} R_{2}+R_{2} R_{3}+R_{3} R_{1}}{R_{1}}
$$

$$
R_{D}=\frac{R_{1} R_{2}+R_{2} R_{3}+R_{3} R_{1}}{R_{2}}
$$

and $R_{B}=\frac{R_{1} R_{2}+R_{2} R_{3}+R_{3} R_{1}}{R_{3}}$
rearranging as in sketch (3) we can see the delta arrangement from which the theorem derives its name. If one of these deltas can be replaced by a wye as in sketch (4), it would be possible to have a series - parallel circuit as in sketch (5) which would be relatively simple to compute.

In order for a wye to be equivalent to a delta, the resistance $\begin{aligned} \\ \text { lewed from any pair of we terminals must be the }\end{aligned}$ same as the resistance viewed from the corresponding pair of delta terminals. Thus as viewed in sketch (4) the serles resistance totals of the wye $\left.\left(R_{1}+R_{2}\right) ; R_{2}+R_{3}\right)$; and $\left.R_{3}+R_{1}\right)$ must equal the respective parallel resistances of the delta circuit.

Accompanying the circuit sketches, we have the formulas which are used in the respective transfomations from a delta to a wye and from a wye to a delta circuit.

Thus we are now equipped with six equations which will enable us to solve any complex circuit where we can break down the original circuit into its component delta or wre forms and thus resolve the entire circuit into a series - parallel relationship which may be solved by use of the series and parallel rules for the sum of the resistances in a circuit.

Before making use of this theorem to aid in the demonstration of the application of the Helmholtz-Thevenin Theorem let us first by an illustrative problem show the value of the application of the delta-wy theorem to a complicated cireuit problem in Direct current.

The following plates in order of appearance show a circuit of eight resistances (See Plate I) in which the problem is to determine the current being drawn from the battery source. The Plates in order show first the solution of the problem by use of Maxwell's Equations involving a long tedious detorminant solution which is susceptible of many errors. Secondly a solution by means of the so-called "Doolittle" Statistical method of multiple corelation which is in reality a statistical solution of the same five simultaneous equations as are used in the first method.

Third, the author has presented the solution by the application of the Delte - Wye theorem. An examination of each of these solutions will conclusively show the comparative oaso with which a complicated chrcuit can be solved by moans of this Delta-Wye Theorem.

~ SAME ORIGINAL CIRcuIt ~ Solution by Maxwell's Equations


Maxwell Equations
(I) $25.5 u-5 v-20 v+0+0=+20$
(II) $-5 u+30 v-5 v-20 w+0=0$
(III) $-20 u-5 v+35 y+0-10 y=0$
(IV) $0-20 v+0+45 w-15 x=0$
(I) $0+0-10 v-15 w+40 x=0$

Probleire : to solve for 'u'(currext in
battery circuit)

Solution of Moxwelc's Equations Dy Determinants

$$
\begin{gathered}
u=\frac{D_{1}}{D} \\
D=\left|\begin{array}{c}
25.5-5-20+0+0 \\
-5+30-5-20+0 \\
-20-5+35+0-10 \\
0-20+0+45-15 \\
0+0-10-15+40
\end{array}\right| .
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
D_{1}=\left|\begin{array}{c}
20-5-20+0+0 \\
0+30-5-20+0 \\
0-5+35+0-10 \\
0-20+0+45-15 \\
0+0-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|
$$

Solve for $D$

$$
\begin{aligned}
D & =25.5\left|\begin{array}{l}
\text { Solve for } \\
-50-15-20+0 \\
-20+0+45-10 \\
+0-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|-(-5)\left|\begin{array}{l}
-5-20+0+0 \\
-5+35+0-10 \\
-20+0+45-15 \\
+0-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|+(-20)\left|\begin{array}{l}
-5-20+0+0 \\
+30-5-27+0 \\
-20+0+45-15 \\
+0-10-15+40
\end{array}\right| \\
& =(25.5)(30)\left|\begin{array}{l}
+35+0-10 \\
0+45-15 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|-25.5(-5)\left|\begin{array}{l}
-5-20+0 \\
+0+45-15 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|+25.5(-20)\left|\begin{array}{l}
-5-2000 \\
-3500-10 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right| \\
& +5(-5)\left|\begin{array}{c}
35+0-10 \\
0+48-15 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|-5(-5)\left|\begin{array}{l}
-20+0+0 \\
+0+45-15 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|+5(-20)\left|\begin{array}{l}
-20+0+0 \\
35+0-10 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right| \\
& -20(-5)\left|\begin{array}{c}
-5-20+10 \\
00+45-15 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|+20(30)\left|\begin{array}{l}
-20+0+0 \\
-0+45-15 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|-20(-20)\left|\begin{array}{l}
-20+0+0 \\
-5-20+0 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|
\end{aligned}
$$

Now let

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a=\left|\begin{array}{c}
35+0-10 \\
0+45-15 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|=35\left|\begin{array}{c}
45-15 \\
-15+40
\end{array}\right|-10\left|\begin{array}{c}
0+10 \\
45-15
\end{array}\right|=50,625 \\
& b=\left|\begin{array}{c}
-5-20+0 \\
+0+45-15 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|=-5\left|\begin{array}{c}
45-15 \\
-15+40
\end{array}\right|-10\left|\begin{array}{c}
-20+0 \\
45-15
\end{array}\right|=-10,875 \\
& c=\left|\begin{array}{l}
-20+0+0 \\
+0+45-15 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|=-20\left|\begin{array}{c}
45-15 \\
-15+40
\end{array}\right|-10\left|\begin{array}{c}
0+0 \\
45-15
\end{array}\right|=-31,500
\end{aligned}
$$

Solution by Determinants (cont.)
let

$$
\begin{aligned}
& d=\left|\begin{array}{c}
-5-20+0 \\
-55+0.10 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|=-5\left|\begin{array}{c}
0-10 \\
-14+40
\end{array}\right|-35\left|\begin{array}{c}
-10+0 \\
-15+40
\end{array}\right|-10\left|\begin{array}{c}
-20+0 \\
+0+10
\end{array}\right|=26,750 \\
& e=\left|\begin{array}{c}
-20+0+0 \\
+35+0-10 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|=-20\left|\begin{array}{c}
0-10 \\
-15+50
\end{array}\right|-35\left|\begin{array}{c}
0.00 \\
-15+40
\end{array}\right|-10\left|\begin{array}{c}
0.0 \\
-20+0
\end{array}\right|=3,000 \\
& f=\left|\begin{array}{l}
-20+0.0 \\
-5-20+0 \\
-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|=-20\left|\begin{array}{c}
-20+0 \\
-15+40
\end{array}\right|+5\left|\begin{array}{l}
0.0 \\
-15+40
\end{array}\right|-10\left|\begin{array}{c}
0+0 \\
-20+0
\end{array}\right|=16,000 \\
& \therefore D=25.5[50(50625)+5(-10875)-20(26750)] \\
& +5[-5(50625)+5(-31500)-20(3000)] \\
& +20[5(-10815)+30(-31500)+20(16000)]= \\
& =7,758,437.5
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& D_{1}=20\left|\begin{array}{c}
30-5-20+0 \\
-5+35+0-10 \\
-20+0+45-15 \\
0-10-15+40
\end{array}\right|=20(30)(35)\left|\begin{array}{c}
15-15 \\
-15+40
\end{array}\right|+20(30)\left(-50\left|\begin{array}{c}
0-10 \\
45-15
\end{array}\right|\right. \\
& -20(-5)(-5)\left|\begin{array}{c}
45-15 \\
-15+40
\end{array}\right|-20(-5)(-10)\left|\begin{array}{c}
-20+0 \\
45-15
\end{array}\right|+20(-20)(-5)\left|\begin{array}{c}
0.10 \\
15+40
\end{array}\right| \\
& -20(-20)(35)\left|\begin{array}{c}
-20+0 \\
-15+40
\end{array}\right|+20(-20)(-10)\left|\begin{array}{c}
-20+0 \\
0-10
\end{array}\right|= \\
& =18,587,500 \\
& \therefore u=\frac{18,587,500}{7,758,437.5}=2.4 \pm \text { amps }
\end{aligned}
$$

Solution of Maxwell's oquakows by statistieal Methods
(Nofe:-Eq. no. are same as in proulous meffod)


Solution by stat. Metiods (ext.)

By Eq. I'

$$
x=0.8485 \text { amps }
$$

By Eq IV'

$$
W=.3798+.7502(.5485)=1.01642 \mathrm{mps}
$$

By Eq m'

$$
\begin{aligned}
y & =1.0193+.3709(1.0164)+1.6034)(.8485)= \\
& =1.9083 \mathrm{mps}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { By Eq II } \\
& V=-.1351+.3709(1.9083)+(.6892)\left(1.016<^{\prime}\right)= \\
&=1.273120 .0^{5}
\end{aligned}
$$

By Eq $^{\prime \prime}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mu & =.7843+(.1861)(1.2731)+(.7843)(1.908 J)= \\
& =2.5306 \text { dr rips }
\end{aligned}
$$

Note:. this is the value desired

Comparisex of values obtained by three Methods

| Method 1 | - | $2.4 \pm$ | amp. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| .1 | 2 | $-2.4 \pm$ | 11 |
| . | 3 | - | 2.53 |



Resistance $A P=\frac{10 \times 20}{35}=5.72 \Omega$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { " } C P=\frac{5 \times 20}{35}=2.86 \Omega \\
& " \quad O P=\frac{5 \times 10}{35}=1.45 \Omega
\end{aligned}
$$

TRANSFORMATION OF DELTA ACO TO EQUIVALENT WYE


Resistance

$$
\begin{aligned}
& O Q=\frac{15 \times 20}{45}=6.67 \Omega \\
& Q D=\frac{15 \times 10}{45}=3.34 \Omega \\
& Q B=\frac{20 \times 10}{45}=4.45 \Omega
\end{aligned}
$$

TRANSFORMATION OF DELTA ODE to equivalent Wye


REVISED CIRCUIT AFTER First Two Transformations

$$
21=
$$




$$
\text { Resistance } \begin{aligned}
A B & =3.26+\frac{(9.07)(9.30)}{18.37} \\
& =7.85 \Omega
\end{aligned}
$$

Note: of $\left.\begin{array}{rl}E & =20 \mathrm{~V} \\ t & =0.5 \Omega\end{array}\right\} I=\frac{20}{8.35}=2.4 \pm \mathrm{dmps}$
Final Form of Equivaltint SERIES - PARALLEL CIRCUIT

## ILLUSTRATION OF THE HELMHOLPZ-THEVENIN THEOREM

To illustrate the Helmholtz-Thevenin theorem a bridge circuit has again been chosen. In this case the entire circuit problem has been based upon a plece of demonstration apparatus conctructed by the author in the Physics Laboratory at Messachusetts State College. This apparatus was designed for the prime purpose of illustrating to a class or laboratory group the practicality of using both the Delta-liye Theorem and the Helmholtz Theorem for equivalent cirouits where knowledge of the properties of a particular portion of a given circuit are required.

Let us say that, in the bridge circuit as illustrated on the next page, we are interested in the properties of the circuit between teminals $C$ and $D$ or in other words we would like to know the current flowing through resistance $R_{5}$ which is representative of a galvanometer of 200 ohms resistance.

Since the resistance of equivalent circuit by the Helmholtz-Thevenin thoorem must be such as to supply the same current to resistance $R_{5}$ as was supplied by the original circuit, it is necessary to compute the voltage drop across $c$ - d. Instead of using the circuit formulas of Maxwell and the resultant determinant solution, we will first transform the delta $A C D$ into its equivalent wye and derive a series -
parallel circuit which can be solved then for the voltage drop across c-d. This value obtained will be the required E for the Helmholtz circuit.

By replacing the voltage of the original source by a short circuit $a-b$ and neglecting the internal battery resistance and the resistance between (c) and (d) we compute the equivalent resistance of the circuit. By use of Ohm's Law for the relationship between voltage, resistance and current, the calculation of the current through $R_{5}$ (or through a galranometer) would then be the equivalent voltage found above divided by the resistance of the equivalent circuit as found above.

A calculation of the currents by the Maxwell equations plus a statistical solution of the three equations indicates that the current as found by the Helmholtz-Thevenin circuit is equal to the current calculated by the ordinary means.

An adaptation of this same bridge circuit where the characteristics of tho circuit between points (B) and (D) are cissired is also illustrated in the following pages.

original circuit
Find correct then $R_{5}=$ ?


$$
A P=P C=P D=\frac{(A C)(A D)}{\sum R}=\frac{200 \times 200}{600}=66.7 \Omega
$$

Series-rarallel Equivalent by $\Delta-Y$ (Note $R_{5}$ is omitted

Thevenin Circuits


Hbove circuit to det. Re
 Fig (4)

F(na) trousformed circuit

Computations
From fig 2

$$
V_{c, ~}=R_{3} I_{3}-R_{4} I_{4}
$$

where

$$
I_{3}=\frac{R_{P D O}}{R_{A P} R_{P C, O}+R_{A P} R_{P O B}+R_{P C D} R_{P D O}}=.00162 \mathrm{amp}
$$

And similevly $I_{4}=.00205$ amps

$$
\therefore V_{c D}=400(.00162)-300(.00205)=.031 \text { volts }
$$

From Fig 3

$$
\begin{aligned}
R_{e} & =\frac{\left(R_{A C D}\right)\left(R_{A D B}\right)\left(R_{A B}\right)}{\left(R_{A D}\right)\left(R_{A C D}\right)+\left(R_{A D}\right)\left(R_{A D B}\right)+\left(R_{A C O}\right)\left(R_{A D B}\right)} \\
& =50.33 \Omega
\end{aligned}
$$

From Fig 4
The current then $R_{s}$ -

$$
=I=\frac{R}{R_{e}+R_{5}}=\frac{.031}{250.33}=.0001242 \mathrm{mps}
$$

Note:-
Acheck on this value is shown on the nextpape
Computations made on the basis of E.M.F:Ivolt Using proper multiplier other E.M.f's may be used.

Solution of LaO. Circuit by "Mtancll"

$$
\left.\begin{array}{r}
600 u-300 v-200 w=1 \\
-300 u+900 v-200 w=0 \\
-200 u-200 v+600 w=0
\end{array}\right\}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& I^{\prime}-1+.6+.33=-.0017 \\
& \left.\left.\begin{array}{rl}
\pi & -300+900-200
\end{array}\right)=0, ~ \begin{array}{rl}
300-150-100 & =.5 \\
\varepsilon_{2} & 750-300
\end{array}\right\} \\
& \text { 硅 } \quad-1+.4=-.00067 \\
& \left.\begin{array}{rr}
\text { IIT } & -200-200+600-0 \\
33 & 200-100-67=.33 \\
.4 \varepsilon_{2} & 300-120=.20 \\
\varepsilon_{3} & 413=.53
\end{array}\right\} \\
& \therefore W=\frac{.53}{413}=.00128 \\
& V=000118 \\
& u=0.00271 \\
& V_{C O}=v-v \\
& =.001532 \mathrm{mps}
\end{aligned}
$$

THIS VALNE CHECKS THE PREVIOUSLY OBTAINEN VALNE AS WELL AS THE EXPERIMENTNL VNLVE OF . OO/4 OMPS.

Circuit Diagram To
DEMONSTRATE A.Y \& ThCuCxin THEOREMS


They. Ciroult shown across $R_{4}$ could be shown across any two formindls

Directions for Circuit Demonstration
(1) Close switches $A, B, C, \not D$ as indicated
(2) Reverse $A, C \& D$ to demonstrate equivalent $Y$ (no changeinmetion reading?
(3) Open main line switch
(4) Reverse $B$ to determine chora.teristics of $R_{4}$

## A REACTANCE THEOREN FOR A RESONATOR

A theoren, which was first stated by G.A.Campbell In the Bell System Technical Journal for November 1922 and later restatea by Ronald M. Foster in the Bell Journal, April 1924 and which has come to be lmown as Foster's Theorom gives the driving point impedance (- the ratio of an impressed electromotive force at a point in a branch of a network to the resulting current at that point -) of any network composed of a finite number of self-inductances, mutual inductances, an capacitances. It shows that the impedance is pure reactance with a number of resonant and anti-resonant frequencies which alternate with each other. It shows also how any such impedances may be physically realized by either a simple parallel-series or a simple seriesoparallel networts of inductinces and capacitances, provided the resistances can be made negligibly small.

Foster's Theorem in effect states that the driving point reactance of any non-dissipative network is an odd retional function of the frequency with an always positive slope. Foster worked out his proof based upon a solution of an analogous dynamical problem of the small oscillations of a system about a position of equilibrium with no frictional forces acting.
W. R. Maclean in a paper published in "Proc. I.R.E." for August 1945 has applied the reactance theorem of Foster to a Resonator and has in effect extended the theorem to any configuration, not necessarily with a finite number of degreas of freedom as in Foster's theorem, as long as the configuration fulfills the one requirement that it must have a driving point impedance. It is with this theorem of Maccean's that we will deal since it is a more general theorem then that of Foster although MacLean does call his discussion "an extension of the Fostor reactance Theorem.

To have an impedance in the first place, it is necessary to have a definable voltage and current whose ratio can be taken. In the completely general case, since no scalarpotential function exists, there is no such thing as voltage and hence no impedance. Therefore the in-put to the system must be so arranged that a voltage exists at some point, or the theorem has no meaning. A1so, if the system is to have no resistance component of input impedance, it must not only be non-dissipative but also non-radiative. Hence, it must be considered to be made of perfect conductors and to be completely surrounded with a perfectly conducting shield.

Suppose then, that one has such an enclosure whose internal configuration is any whatezer, but which is fed through an attacher concentric transmission line, or simply
a grounded, shielded, and uniform line. If the frequency is below that required for the propagation of higher modes within the line, and if the line is of sufficient length and fed in any manner whatever at the far ond, there will exist at any point which is some diameter distant from the resonator and also from the far end, a field pattern which is purely that of the principal mode. For this mode, the curl of the electric fleld lies in the transverse planes, and honce in theso planos a scalar potential exists. This defines a difference of potential between the outer and the inner conductor which is the ordinary "voltage in the line."

A value of current can be defined as the net flow through the center conductor toward the resonator that crosses the same transverse used for the voltage. The ratio of these two gives the input impedance to tho resonator at a fixed point in the transmission line which needs only to be a few diameters distant from the resonator. This "definition" is valld from direct durrent up to frequencies whose wavelengths. become comparable with the diameter of the transmission line, and coincides with the usual concept of impedence.

Since with a given apparatus there is a limit to the region of frequency in which the impedence is defined, we cannot hope to be able to evaluate the function by a knowledge of its poles and roots. But it is possible to show that,
within the range of definition, the reactance function is odd, and has a positive slope.

To show that the roactance function is odd we may proceed in the following manner. Having decided on a certain connective feeder, and having picked a transverso plane (0) (Seo sketch on the next page) through this ine at which the impedence is to be detemined, one considers the cavity bounded by the perfectly conducting metal surfaces and by the annular ring cut out of ( 0 ) by the transmission line. Within this region, the theorem can bo applied in the following way.

In formula (I), (N) is the complex poynting vector,
(T) is tho total (time averaged) magnotic enorgy, and (U) is the total (time averaged) electric onergy. The integral is taken over the bounding surface with outwardly directed normal. Due to the perfectiy conducting metal, tho integral vanishes except over the annular ring. If $(\mathbb{i})$ is loss than the value of ( $w_{0}$ ) at which the impedance definition breaks dom, the integral can be evaluated over the ring since the mode is lnown to be the principal one. A little computation leads to formula (2) where (V) and (I) are the complex voltage and current at (0). Instoad we could write formulas (3) and (4) where $(x)$ is the input reactance.

Substituting ( $-w$ ) for ( $w$ ) will produce no change in the energies since there is no physical change involved, therefore we derive formula (5) and we see that the function is odd.

(1) $-\int_{s} \bar{N} d S=j 2 \omega(T-u)$
(2) $\bar{V} \bar{I}=j 2 \omega(T-U)$
(3) $Z=j 2 \omega \frac{(T-v)}{I^{2}}$
(4) $x=j 2 \omega \frac{(T-u)}{I^{2}}$
(5) $\quad x(-\omega)=-x(\omega)$
(6) $x=-R_{0} \tan \left(\frac{2 \pi w l}{c}\right)$
(7) $\quad \frac{d x}{d v}=-R_{0} \sec ^{2}\left(\frac{2 \pi v l}{c}\right)\left(\frac{2 \pi}{c}\right)\left(\frac{v d l}{d v}+l\right)$
(8) $\quad \delta(r w)=0$
(8) $\quad \frac{\sigma W}{W}=\frac{\sigma V}{v}$
(9) $F=\omega$
(10) $-\frac{d w}{d l}-w$
(11) $\frac{1}{w}\left(\frac{d v}{d l}\right)=\frac{1}{w} \frac{d w}{d l}=-\frac{w}{w}$
(12) $\sim \frac{d l}{d v}=-\frac{w}{w}$
(13) $\frac{d x}{d v}=R_{0} \sec ^{c}\left(\frac{2 \pi \nu l}{c}\right)\left(\frac{2 \pi}{c}\right)\left(\frac{w-\omega l}{\omega}\right)$

To demonstrate that the slope is always positive, we first imagine the concentric feeder extended indefinitely behind the plane (0) and finally closed with a frictionless plug at a distance (1) from (0). This is shown schematically on the sketch page. Wo than pick a starting frequency $(v)$ es low as we please and dotermine the reactance $(x)$ at $(0)$ of the resonator for this frequency. (1) is then adjusted so that we have formula (6) where $\left(R_{0}\right)$ is the characteristic resistance of the concentric line. As a result, there is a conjugate match at ( 0 ) at this irequency. Consequently the system, resonator, and line out to the plug has a natural mode at this frequency and if started in oscillation would continue indefinitely since there is no dissipation.

We now start it oscillating at this lowest frequency, and then move the plug with infinite, uniform slowness toward the resonator. This movement will take place against a radiation pressure. Hence it will increase tho energy of the mode, but it will also change the frequency. The frequency will always be such that a conjugate match exists at every position on the line where an impedance exists. By this principle the impedance of the resonator at ( 0 ) will be given by formula ( 6 ) evon when $(v),(x)$, and ( 1 ) have been modified from thoir starting values.

As a result of the infinitely slow deformation ( $\nabla$ ) will be a function of (1), and ( $x$ ) will be a function of oither $(\nabla)$ or (1). Thus we detcmine the slope as show in formula

To prove the stated proposition, we must show that the right hand side of equation (7) is positive. 111 guantities are intrinsically positive except the negative sign and the final bracket. Information concerning the sign of the final bracket can be obtained by relating the change in the frequency to the change in energy of the mode.

Such a relation is given by the fact that the action of a resonator is an adiabatic invariant, i.e. If (iV) is the energy and ( $r$ ) the period, the product of ( $x$ W) cannot be changed by a deformation. We thus can write formulas (8) and $(8 \mathrm{a})$.

Since one is putting energy in moving the plug towards the resonator, the frequency is thereby continually increased. ( $\nabla 1$ ) is hence monotonic and $I(v)$ is single valued.

Now, however, the radiation pressure gives information concerning the chango in energy and leads to the desired result.

First it can be shown by a variety of means that the electromagnetic force (F) in the plug is equal to the linear density of the time averaged energy (w) along the ine - see formulas (9) and (10).

Combining formulas $(9)$ and (10) with $\left(8_{\mathrm{a}}\right)$ and then substituting in (12 we get formula (13) where(wl) is only the energy contained in part of the transmission line, whereas (W) Is the entire energy of the oscillating cavity. Hence the
deriative of $(x)$ with respect to ( $v$ ) is always positive while the plug moves from its original position up to (0). When the plug has reached ( 0 ), the frequenty has risen to a value say $\left(v_{1}\right)$. We than stop the oscillating and move the plug back some large whole number of wave lengths of this now frequency. In this new position, the system has a mode of the same frequency since the conjugate match principle at ( 0 ) is maintained.

We create this mode and again push the plug toward the resonator. Hence it is seen that the slope of the reactance curve is always positive up to those frequencies for which the impedance is no longer fixed or defined.

## ALTERNATIVE EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT FOR THE THEYMIONIC VALVE

An important theorem dealing with the advantages of an equivalent circuit for the themionic valve is stated in its most general form as follows:-
"It can be shown that any constant voltage generator of voltage ( $E$ ), having an internal series resistance ( $R$ ), is equivalent to a constant current generator of current equal to $(E)$ divided by $(R)$ with on internal shunt resistance equal to (R)."

The classic deriviation of an equivalent circuit for the anode circuit of a valve has been set forth at creat length by H.W.Wichol in his article in the Physicel Review (Sbe Bibllography) and consists of a voltage (me) in series with a resistance $(x)$, where $(m)$ is the amplification factor of the valve, (c) is the applied grid voltage and $(x)$ is the A.C. resistance of the valve.

Thus accepting this equivalent circuit, another can be obtained consisting of a constant current generator of current equal to (ke)with a shunt resistance ( r ). ( $k$ ) is equal to the mutual conductance of the valve and can be found by dividing ( $m$ ), the amplification factor, by ( $x$ ).

Pointing out the advantages of this circuit, N.R.Bligh
states that the valve capacities fall as usual between the
points representing the grid, anode, and filament of the valve and he represents the two equivalent circuits as shown in Figures I and II on the next page.

The great advantage of the method of representation shown in Figure II is that all of the oxternal impedences of the anode circuit are thrown in parallel with $(r)$ and $\left(C_{3}\right)$ and the combination of series and shunt impedences is avoided. If all the impedances are expressed as admittances, the case becomes still simpler.

For instance, in the case of a resistance coupled amplifier, the anode and grid coupling resistances and the valve resistance can all be considered in parallel over the range where the reactance of the coupling condenser is small. Thus it can be seen that it is advantageous to use a valve of high A.C. resistance, consistent with good mutual conductance, since coupling impedances are generally limited from the point of view of frequency characteristics.

Another example is afforded by the use of a tuned circuit as the coupling impedance. Using the constant current circuit the effect of the shunt resistance $(r)$ on the resonance curve can easily be seen and for the greatest selectivity ( $r$ ) should be large.

The input impedance of the valve can be obtained by using this circuit. If we call the impedance other than that


$3: 3$
due to the grid filament capacity the Additional Input Impedance, this can be evaluated by using the circuit of FIgure III.

The vector impodance of the grid anode capacity is shown as (a), the vector impedance of the a node filament epapacity and ( $x$ ) in parallel as (b), and $(z)$ as the external load.

Then from Figure III, since (e) is equal to the sum of the voltages across (a) and across $(b)$ and $(z)$ in parallel and since the sum of the currents(by Kirchhoff) arriving at ( $A$ ) is zero we detemine equations (1) and (2) from which we can solve for the current in the first branch (Equation 3). The Additional Input Impedance is then determined by dividing (e) by this current (Equation 4).

The voltage amplification may be obtained by considering the combined impedance of (b) and ( $z$ ) together with the current ( $I_{2}$ ) (Equation 5) flowing into them. The voltage across $(z)$ is shown by equation ( 6 ) and the resultant magnification by equation (7).


$$
33.4
$$

(1) $e=a i_{1}+i_{2} \frac{b z}{b+z}$
(2) $i_{1}-i_{2}-K e=0$
(3) $\quad i=e \frac{z(1+b k)+b}{z(a+b)+a b}$
(4) $z_{1}=\frac{e}{i,}=\frac{z(a+b)+a b}{z(1+b k)+b}$
(5) $\quad i_{2}=e \frac{(b-a k)(b+z)}{z(a+b)+a b}$
(6) $e_{z}=\frac{i_{z} z l}{z+b}$
(7) mag. $=\frac{z(1-a k) b}{z(a+b)+a b}$

# ON AN EXTENSION OF THEVENIN'S THEOREM 

## BY HIKOSABURO ATARA

This note deals with some properties of electrical circuits, consisting of any number of linear impedances and any number of generators of the same frequency, connected in any manner, whatsoever.

Theorem:- A current $\operatorname{Im}$ through any branch ( m ) is equal to the sum of the current $I_{\text {mo }}$ through the branch ( $m$ ) whell any branch ( $n$ ) is open circuited, and a current $I_{m}$ thraigh the branch ( $m$ ) when an open circuited E.M.F., Eno acts in the branch $(n)$ and all other E.M.F.is in the circuit are replaced by their internal impedances.

The theorem is expressed by the Cormulas listed under (1) on the next page.

Proof:- The branches $(m)$ and $(n)$ are supposed to be drawn out of the eircuit, then there will be formed an active four terminal circuit: as represented in Figure I.

Let $Z_{n}$ and $Z_{n}$ bo the impedances of the branches (m) and ( $n$ ) respectivelW, and Fno be the open circuited E.M.F. of the branch n. Two E.M.Fis are supposed to be placed oppositely in series in the branch $(n)$. Then by the principle of superposition, the current $I_{m}$ can be considered as being made up of two parts.

$$
F \text { GUREI }
$$



$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
I_{m}=I_{m 0}+I_{m}^{\prime} \\
I_{m}=I_{m 0}+\frac{E_{n 0}}{Z_{t}}
\end{array}\right\}(1)
$$

$Z_{E}=$ transfer 1 mpedance belween branch ( $m$ ) and ( $n$ )
(A) a current $I_{\text {mo }}$ when the branch ( $n$ ) is open circuited and all E.M.F.'s in the circuit are present, and
(B) A current $I_{m}$ whon the E.M.F., $E_{n o}$ is placed in the branch ( $n$ ) and all other E.M.F.'s in the circuit are absent. See Figure II.

In the case (B) all E.M.F's are absent in the rectangular Irame, and it may be taken to be a passive four terminal circuit.

Denoting the constants of the four terminal circuit by $A, B, C$, and $D$, we have the fompulas appearing under number (2).

The transfer impedance between branches ( $m$ ) and ( $n$ ) can then be calculated and we arrive at formulas $(3)$ and $(3 A)$.

The theorem which is expressed by formula (3A) will be found to be an extension of Thevenin's theorem. Two special cases as applied to this formula will be of interest.

$$
\text { Case I:- In this case, we will let }(m) \text { equal }(n) \text {, }
$$

In which event the four terminal network degenerates into a two terminal circuit, the relationships of which are expressed under formulas (4). The values of the current in branches (m) and ( $n$ ) will then be given by formula (5), which we can then restate as Thevenin's Theorem. "A current through any branch is equal to a current through the same branch when an opencircuited E.M.F. acts in the same branch and all other E.M.F.'s are replaced by their internal impedances."


Case II:- Here we let the impedance of the branch $(n)$ be varied by a smail increment and thus we will have a variation in the current due to this change which will be a small increment of the original current.

Wo can restate formulas (1) by formula (6) and then the now current with its additional increment will be given by formula (7) and solve for the additional current increment as in formula ( 8 ). We can apply Thevenin's Theorem to get the value of $I_{m}$ as in formula (9) and by substituting (9) in (8) we get an expression (formula 10) which can be stated as follows.
"If the circuit is altered by making a small change In the impedance of a branch, the change in current in the other branch is equal to that which will be produced by an equivalent E.M.F. acting in series with the modified branch." Thus it will be found that "Thevenin Theorem" and the above "Compensation Theorem", which have been treated hitherto almost independently, can be wholly covored by an extension of Thevenin's Thoorem.

$$
\begin{align*}
& I_{m}=I_{m}=\frac{E_{m o}}{Z_{m}+Z_{m 0}} \\
& I_{m}=I_{m 0}+\frac{E_{m 0}}{\left(C Z_{m}+A\right) Z_{m}+\left(D Z_{m}+D\right)}  \tag{6}\\
& I_{m}+\delta I_{m}=I_{m 0}+\frac{E_{m 0}}{\left(C z_{m}+A\right)\left(Z_{n}+d Z_{n}\right)+\left(D Z_{m}+B\right)}  \tag{7}\\
& \delta I_{m}=\frac{-E_{m e}\left(C Z_{m}+A\right) d Z_{n}}{\left[\left(C Z_{m}+A\right)\left(Z_{m}+d Z_{m}\right)+D Z_{m}+B\right]\left[\left(E Z_{m}(A) Z_{m}+D Z_{m}+B\right]\right.}  \tag{8}\\
& I_{m}=\frac{\text { Eno }_{n}}{Z_{m}+\frac{D Z_{m}+B}{c z+A}} \\
& =\frac{E_{m}\left(C z_{m}+A\right)}{\left(C z_{m}+A\right) z_{m}+D Z_{m}+B}  \tag{9}\\
& I_{m}=\frac{-I_{m} d z_{n}}{\left(C z_{m}+A\right)\left(z_{n}+\delta z_{n}\right)+\left(O z_{m}+B\right)} \\
& =\frac{-I_{n} d Z_{n}}{Z_{t}^{\prime}}
\end{align*}
$$

## THEVENIN:S THEOREM <br> From <br> "ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS" - M.I.T. <br> (see citation in Bibliography)

Theorem:- Any network of resistance elements and voltage sources if viewred from any two points in the networiz may be replaced by a voltage source and a resistance in series between these two points.

In figure (A) any network is represented, and (a) and (b) are any two points in it. Figure (B) represents the equivalent of the network as viewed from ( $a$ ) and (b)

In order to use the equivalent, $R_{n}$ and $E$ must be detemined, which requires two conditions. The conditions of open and short-circuit across (a) and (b) serve as well as any.

For the open circuit, (E) is equal to the voltage drop across (a) and (b) of the original network ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{ab}}$ ).

For the short-circuit (I) is given by formula (1), where $R_{n}$ is the resistance measured at the terminals of the original network with all of its voltage sources replaced by connections of zero resistance. If a resistance ( $R$ ) is connected across $a-b$ the current in it is then given by formula (2).

It must be remembered that $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{ab}}$ is the voltage
across $a-b$ when ( $A$ ) is absent. If the resistance ( $R$ ) is in series with a voltage source El the current then is found by

(A)

(B)
(1) $I=\frac{E}{R_{n}}$
(2) $I_{r}=\frac{V_{a b}}{R_{m}+R}$
(3) $I_{R}=\frac{V_{a b} \pm E^{\prime}}{R_{m}+R}$
(4) I $\frac{V_{a b} \pm V_{a b}^{\prime}}{R_{m}+R_{m}^{\prime}}$
formula (3) or if the two networks are inter-connected, the interchange current is then shown in formule (4).

An illustrative example is presented on the following pages to show the advantage of the theorem when the current in one element of a network is particularly desired or when the current in an additional element is desired.

Illustrative Problem


Find current $I_{b e}$
In the absemer
of $\mathrm{ra}_{5}$ :-

$$
\begin{aligned}
V_{u} & =E_{2}-\left(\frac{E_{2}-\varepsilon_{1}}{1+r_{2}+r_{3}+r_{4}}\right)\left(r_{3}+r_{14}\right) \\
& =4-\left(\frac{4-2}{30.3}\right)(20.2)=2.67 \text { volt }
\end{aligned}
$$

Net Rest. of cir $=$

$$
R_{n}=\frac{\left(r r_{1}+r_{2}\right)\left(r_{1}+v_{4}\right)}{r_{1}+r_{2}+r_{3}+v_{4}}=\frac{(0.1)(20,2)}{30.3}=6.730 \mathrm{hms}
$$

whence

$$
I_{b e}=\frac{V_{b c}}{R_{b}+v_{5}}=\frac{2.67}{6.73+5.0}=0.228 \mathrm{amps}
$$

## $\frac{\text { THEVENIN'S THEOREMA }}{\text { From }}$

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## Application to an Aerial Circuit

If we wish to know how the input impedance of a radio receiver affects the magnitude of the received signal, we can replace the signal and aerial systems as shown in the accompanying Figure (I) by an E.M.F. oqual to (V) and impodance $(Z)$, which are independent of any frequency, in a straight forward manner.

The receiver signal is then given by the formula (1) and its variation with $Z_{y}$ can be computed.

## Example 2:-

In figure (2) we have an E.M.F. acting in series with a condenser $\left(C_{1}\right)$ and a resistance $(R)$ in parallel (representing an aerial, say) with a tuned circuit ( $L, r, 0$ ). The voltage across ( $C$ ) which is ( $v$ ), is put on the grid circuit of the recelving circuit. It is required to see how (v) varies with ( $C$ ), ( $C_{1}$ ) and (R).

The arrangements to the left of $A B$ may be replaced as in figure (3) by (c') in series with the parallel combination of $(C),\left(C_{1}\right)$, and $(R)$. ( $\left.C^{\prime}\right)$ can then be calculated by means of formula (2).

If we are considering a reasonably narrow band of

$\therefore \because$


FIGURE (3)

$$
\geq 9 B
$$

frequencies the ( $\theta$ ) $\left(C_{1}\right)$ and ( $R$ ) may be replaced by a capacitance and resistance of values shown in formula (3) resulting in a circuit as pictured in Figure(4). The voltage ( $v$ ) is a maximum when the reactance (1) neutralizes the reactance of (C) plus $\left(C_{1}\right)$. When this happens the current and voltage are approximately equal to the values es shown in formules (4) and (5).

The influence of the aerial resistance and capacitance on the amplitude of the received signal as well as the effect on selectivity can thus be observed.


$$
\text { (2) } \begin{aligned}
& e^{\prime}=\frac{e\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[s w c]{ }}\right)}{\frac{1}{\operatorname{swc}}+\frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega c t}+\frac{1}{R}}} \\
&=1+\frac{\frac{e}{c}}{c_{1}+\frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega} R}} \\
&=\frac{e}{1+\frac{e}{c_{1}} \quad \text { (sincelt is much }} \\
& \text { Grester than } \frac{1}{\sin },
\end{aligned}
$$

(3)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& C_{2}=C+C_{1} \\
& r_{1}=\frac{1}{\omega^{2}(c+C)^{2} R}
\end{aligned}
$$

(4) $i=\frac{e^{\prime}}{r_{1}+r}$
(5)

$$
\begin{aligned}
v & =\frac{j \omega L e^{\prime}}{v+v_{1}} \\
& =\frac{e j \omega L}{\left(1+\frac{c}{c_{1}}\right)\left[r+\frac{1}{\omega^{2}\left(e+c_{1}\right)^{2} R}\right]}
\end{aligned}
$$

Symbols

$$
\begin{aligned}
j & =\sqrt{-1} \\
= & =\text { nearly equal to" } \\
\omega & =\text { Pulsatance } \\
& -2 \pi \text { (frequency) }
\end{aligned}
$$

Two Basic Circuits For AN ExTENDED EMPLOYMENT OF THEUENIN


$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { If } t=0 \\
\operatorname{and} T=R C \\
\therefore i=\frac{E}{R} e^{-\frac{t}{T}} \\
v_{R}=E e^{-\frac{t}{T}} \\
v_{c}=E\left(1-e^{-\frac{t}{T}}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

Note:- these tue circuits pie e the basic relationships needed for eiveurt computations in Fop 3, 4, 5


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { if } t=0 \quad T=R C \\
& N=I R\left(1-e^{-t / r}\right) \\
& i_{c}=I e^{-t / r} \\
& i_{R}=I\left(1-e^{-t /}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Extended Employment of Thevexin

$$
i=G_{G}(3)
$$

(a)
(e)
(c)

$(b)+(c)$ are دpplications of Thevenix's Theorem $t_{0}$ (a)
In (c)

$$
v_{1}=\frac{E R_{1}}{R_{1}+R_{2}}\left(1-e^{-t / R_{c}}\right)=\frac{E R}{R_{2}}\left(1-e^{-t / t}\right)
$$

where $T=R C=\frac{R_{1} R_{2}}{R_{1}+R_{2}} C$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\therefore v_{2} & =E-w_{1} \\
& =E\left(1-\frac{R_{1}}{R_{1}+R_{2}}+\frac{R_{1}}{R_{1}+R_{2}} e^{-t / R_{2}}\right) \\
& =E\left(\frac{R}{R_{1}}+\frac{R}{R_{2}} e^{-t / R_{C}}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

F, GURE (4)

(a)
(b)

(c)

(d)

For equations for solution of Problem Circuit appcamingin (a) see next page

Employing the constont corveat theovem we serive at circuit $(b)$ in which

$$
\dot{C} \equiv E\left(\frac{1}{R_{2}}+C_{2} D\right) \quad\binom{\text { wherc } D=p r o c e s s}{\text { of time diffcientiction }}
$$

This circuit (b) reduces to (c)
where

$$
\begin{aligned}
R & =\frac{R_{1} R_{2}}{R_{1}+R_{2}} \\
\text { and } C & =C_{1}+C_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Tronsforming (c) to (d)
wehave

$$
e=i R-E R\left(\frac{1}{r_{2}}+c_{2} 0\right)
$$

Thus $w_{1}=e\left(1-e^{-t_{r}}\right) \equiv \frac{E R}{R_{2}}\left(1-e^{-t / r}\right)+\frac{E R C_{2} D}{R_{2}}\left(1-e^{-t_{t}}\right)$
By differcitioting

$$
\begin{aligned}
v_{1} & =\frac{E R_{1}}{R_{1}+R_{2}}\left(1-e^{-t / r}\right)+\left(\frac{E C_{2} R_{1}}{R_{1}+R_{2}}\right)\left(\frac{R_{2}}{R_{C}}\right) e^{-t / r} \\
& =\frac{E R_{1}}{R_{1}+R_{2}}\left(1-\left(1-\frac{T}{\tau}\right) e^{-t / r}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $T_{2}=R_{2} C_{2}$

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