EE 206 Simulation 5 Maximum Power Transfer

- 1. Use PSpice schematics to draw the circuit given below. With RL removed, use PSpice to find the Thévenin equivalent voltage, V_{TH} , and the Thévenin's equivalent resistance, R_{TH} . (To obtain the latter value, use PSpice to determine the short circuit current, I_{sc} , and then calculate R_{TH} using the standard equivalent circuit relationship.)
- 2. Use PSpice to find the maximum power consumed by a load resistor RLOAD by plotting power vs. RLOAD for various values of the load resistor. Vary the value of RLOAD from 7.0 kΩ to 20.0 kΩ with a 200 Ω increment. [Hint Set the value of your load resistor to a variable {RL}, and add part PARAM from the *special library* of PSpice. Set the value of parameter RL to 7.0 kΩ. Use global parameter sweep to vary the value of RL. Also, use DC sweep for a single step for V1 (DC 10V 10V 1V). Use the Probe feature of PSpice to plot power consumed by RLOAD as it is varied through the RL values.]
- 3. Find the maximum power consumed by RLOAD by plotting power vs. RLOAD using MATLAB (via Thévenin values from step 1). Vary the value of RLOAD from 7.0 k Ω to 20.0 k Ω with a 200 Ω increment.
- 4. Discuss your results. What can you conclude from the results?
- 5. Describe an alternate approach (different than that used in step 1.) for using PSpice Schematics to determine R_{TH} and V_{TH} .



Your simulation report should include the PSpice schematics you used in both steps 1 and 2 along with the PSpice results and plot, the programs and plot from MATLAB, and the discussion from both steps 4 and 5.

Your report is due at the beginning of your next recitation period.