

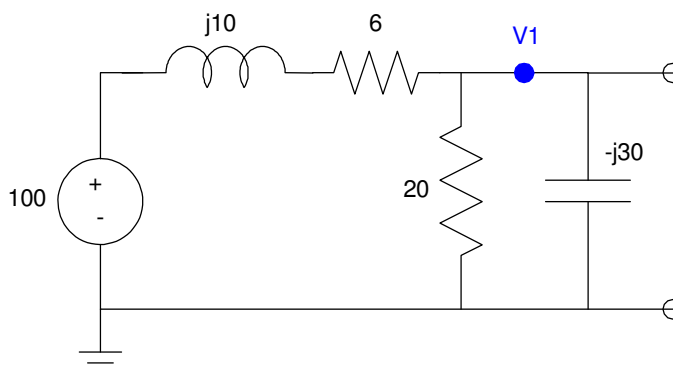
Thevenin Equivalents with Phasors

| | VI relationship | Phasor Notation |
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| Voltage | $v(t) = a \cos(\omega t) + b \sin(\omega t)$ | $V = a - jb$ |
| Resistor | $v = iR$ | $Z_R = R$ |
| Inductor | $v = L \frac{di}{dt}$ | $Z_L = j\omega L$ |
| Capacitor | $i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$ | $Z_C = \frac{1}{j\omega C}$ |

Thevenin equivalents also work with phasors - only you get complex numbers for the Thevenin voltage and Thevenin resistance.

Example 1: Determine

- The Thevenin equivalent for the following circuit,
- Z_L for max power transfer, and
- The maximum power to a load



Solution: Combine the 20 Ohms and -j30 Ohms in parallel:

$$20 \parallel -j30 = (13.846 - j9.231) \Omega$$

The Thevenin voltage by voltage division is

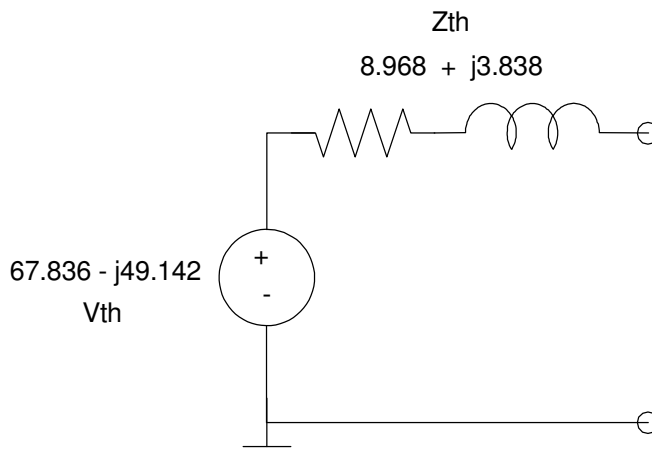
$$V_{th} = \left(\frac{(13.846 - j9.231)}{(13.846 - j9.231) + (6 + j10)} \right) 100 = 67.836 - j49.142$$

The Thevenin resistance is (turn off the voltage source and measure the resistance looking in:

$$Z_{th} = (-j30) \parallel (20) \parallel (6 + j10)$$

$$Z_{th} = 8.968 + j3.838$$

So the Thevenin equivalent is



Thevenin Equivalent: Same as before only now with complex numbers

AC Power

At DC, power is

$$P = VI = \frac{V^2}{R} = I^2 R$$

For AC, it's slightly different. Recall that AC voltages can be written three different ways

V_p = peak voltage

V_{pp} = peak-to-peak voltage

V_{rms} = rms voltage (DC equivalent voltage)

Power for AC deals with complex numbers for V , I , and Z . The general equation for AC power is

$$P = V_{rms} \cdot I_{rms}^* = \frac{1}{2} V_p \cdot I_p$$

P has two parts: real and complex

- The real part of P is the work done (or heat produced),
- The complex part of P is the energy that bounces back and forth (usually between inductors and capacitors).

Substituting

$$V = I \cdot Z$$

you get

$$P = Z \cdot I_{rms} \cdot I_{rms}^* = \frac{1}{2} \cdot Z \cdot I_p \cdot I_p^*$$

$$P = |I_{rms}|^2 \cdot Z = \frac{1}{2} |I_p|^2 \cdot Z$$

| AC Power | | |
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| $P = V_{rms} \cdot I_{rms}^*$ | $P = I_{rms} ^2 \cdot Z$ | $P = \frac{ V_{rms} ^2}{Z^*}$ |

The power to the load is the real part of P. Just like the DC case, this is a maximum when

$$\text{real}(Z_L) = \text{real}(Z_{th})$$

The complex part of the impedance reduces the current to the load. The maximum current is when the complex parts cancel, i.e.

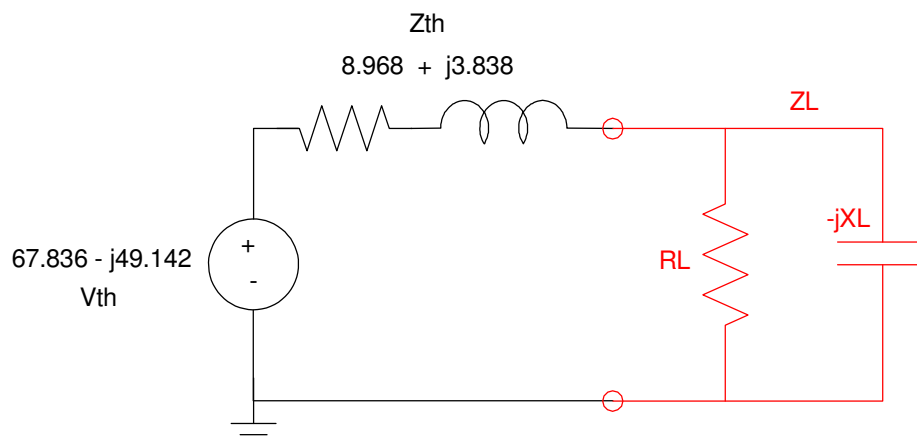
$$\text{imag}(Z_L) = -\text{imag}(Z_L)$$

The net result is

$$\text{The maximum power to the load is when } Z_L = Z_{th}^*$$

Example: Determine

- The load, Z_L , which maximizes the power to the load, and
- The power to the load (real and complex power)



Solution: The load should be the complex conjugate of Z_{th}

$$Z_L = (8.968 + j3.838)^*$$

$$Z_L = 8.968 - j3.838$$

To find R_L and jX_L , add the inverses (since they are in parallel):

$$\frac{1}{Z_L} = \frac{1}{R_L} + \frac{1}{-jX_L}$$

$$R_L = 10.611\Omega$$

$$-jX_L = -j24.793\Omega$$

The power to the load is then

$$V_L = \left(\frac{(8.968 - j3.838)}{(8.969 - j3.838) + (8.968 + j3.838)} \right) \cdot (67.836 - j49.142)$$

$$V_L = 23.402 - j39.087$$

Assuming units are rms:

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{|V_{rms}|^2}{Z^*} = \frac{|23.402 - j39.087|}{(8.969 - j3.838)^*} \\ &= \frac{(45.557)^2}{8.969 + j3.838} \\ &= 4.293 - j1.837 \text{ Watts} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2: "Capacitors add Voltage"

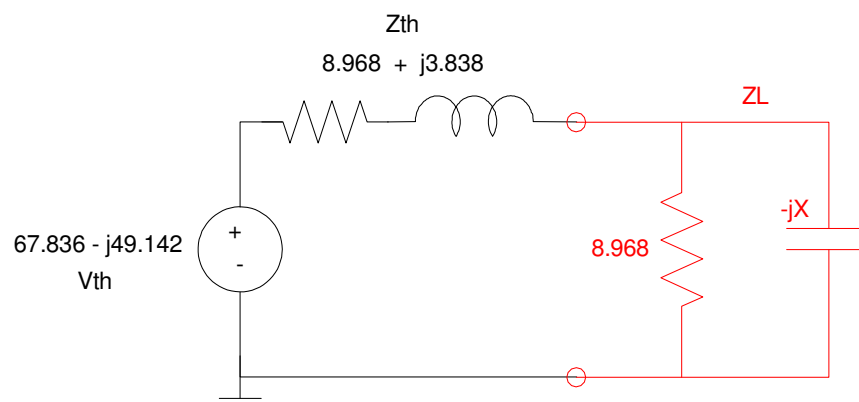
A saying you'll hear in the power industry is "capacitors add voltage". Utilities often add capacitors at the end of a transmission line to bring the voltage up. This works due to the load that utilities see are often inductive (all the motors attached to the line add +jX reactance). This is similar to the previous example.

By adding capacitors to the load,

- The +jX reactance is reduced, which
- Increases the current to the load, which
- Increases the voltage at the load.

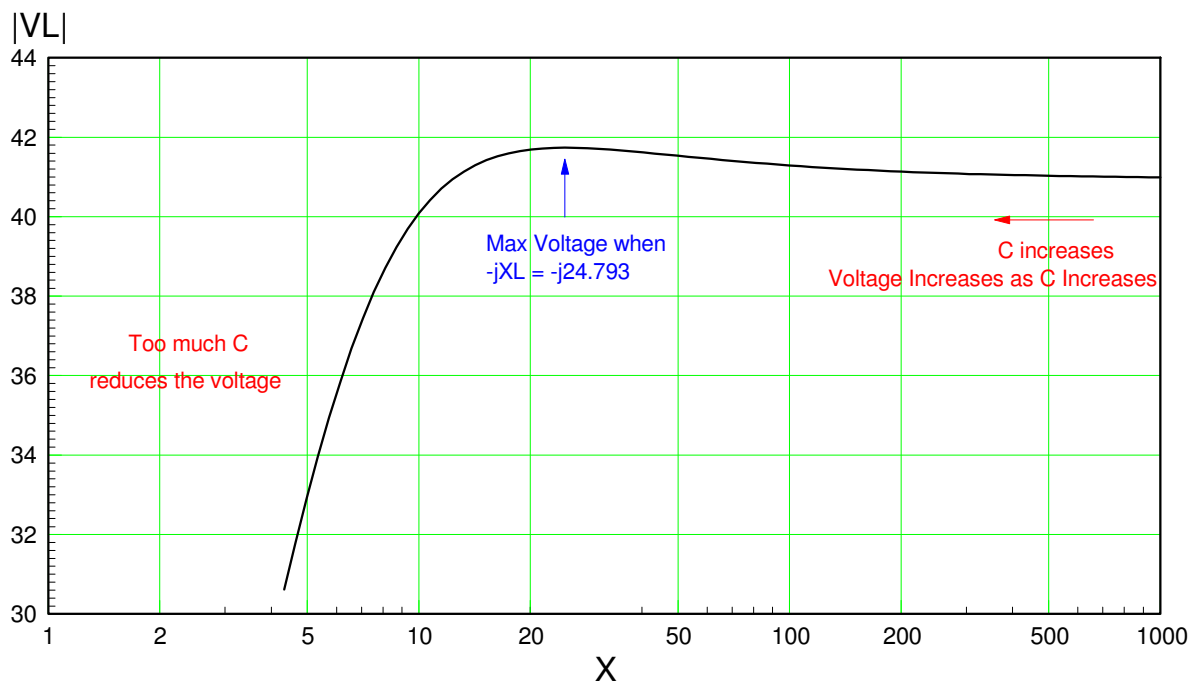
This only works up to a point: once you have cancelled all of the inductance (+jX), adding more capacitors will actually reduce the voltage.

For example, determine the voltage of the following circuit vs. -jX:



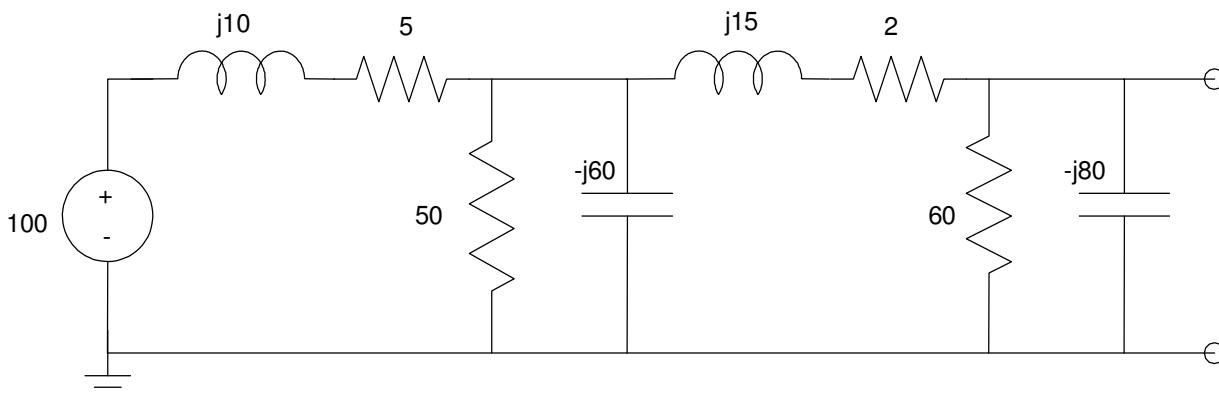
In Matlab:

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X = logspace(0,3,100)';  
Vth = 67.836 - j*49.142;  
Zth = 8.968 + j*3.838;  
  
VL = 0*X;  
  
for i=1:length(X)  
    ZL = 1 / ( 1/8.968 + 1/(-j*X(i)) );  
    VL(i) = abs( ( ZL / (ZL + Zth) ) * Vth );  
end  
  
plot(X, VL);
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Example 3: Source Transformations

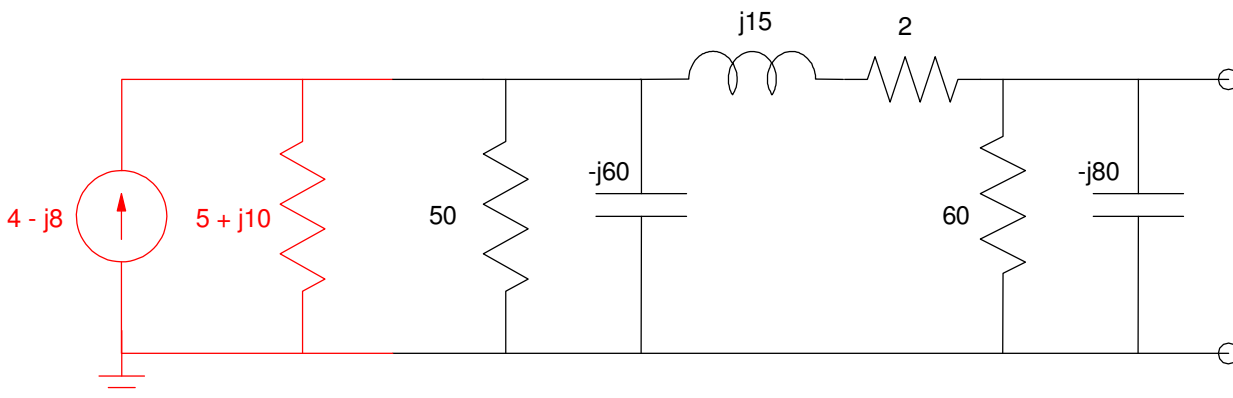
Source transformations also work with complex numbers. For example, determine the Thevenin equivalent for the following circuit:



Step 1: Convert to a Norton equivalent

$$Z_N = Z_{th} = 5 + j10$$

$$I_N = \frac{V_{th}}{Z_{th}} = 4 - j8$$



Combine impedances in parallel

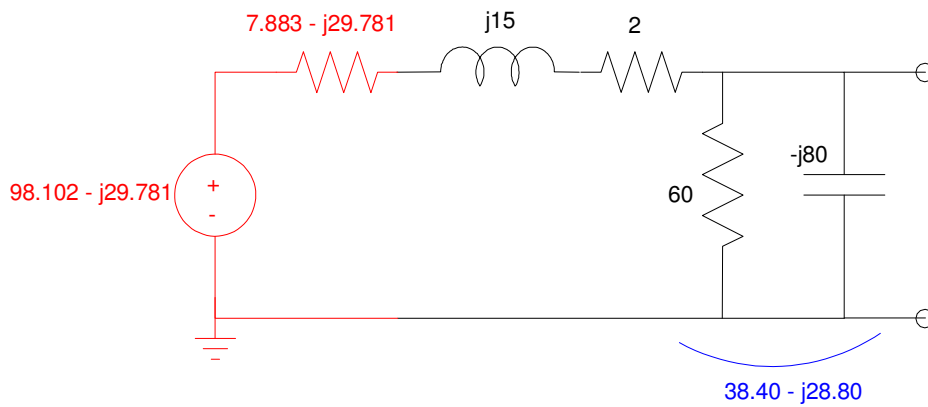
$$(5 + j10) \parallel (50) \parallel (-j60) = 7.883 + j8.321$$

Convert to Thevenin

$$Z_{th} = Z_N = 7.883 + j8.321$$

$$V_{th} = I_N \cdot Z_N = (4 - j8) \cdot (7.883 + j8.321)$$

$$V_{th} = 98.102 - j29.781$$



Now find the Thevenin equivalent.

By voltage division:

$$V_{th} = \left(\frac{(38.40 - j28.80)}{(38.40 - j28.80) + (7.883 - j29.781) + (2 + j15)} \right) (98.102 - j29.781)$$

$$V_{th} = 68.701 - j74.405$$

Z_{th} : Turn off the source and measure the impedance

$$Z_{th} = ((7.83 - j29.781) + (2 + j15)) \parallel (60) \parallel (-j80)$$

$$Z_{th} = 20.077 + j14.931$$

