



The input to this circuit is the source voltage, v_s . The output is the voltage measured by the meter, v_o . A voltage divider connects the source to the meter. Given these observations:

- A. The input $v_s = 10$ V causes the output to be $v_o = 2$ V .
- B. When $v_s = 50$ V the source supplies 5 W.

Answer the following questions:

- a. What is the value of the output when $v_s = 25$ V ?

From the given observations, the gain of the voltage divider is $g = \frac{v_o}{v_s} = \frac{2}{10} = 0.2$ V/V .

Consequently, an input of $v_s = 25$ V causes the output to be $v_o = g v_s = 0.2 \times 25 = 5$ V .

- b. What input is required to cause the output to be $v_o = 15$ V ?

$$v_o = g v_s \Rightarrow 15 = 0.2 v_s = v_s \frac{15}{0.2} = 75 \text{ V}$$

- c. How much power will the source supply when $v_s = 20$ V ?

The power supplied by the source is $p = \frac{v_s^2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{v_s^2}{R_{in}}$ where $R_{in} = R_1 + R_2$. We may not

know the resistance values, but we know that they haven't changed. From the given

observations, $R_{in} = \frac{v_s^2}{p} = \frac{50^2}{5} = \frac{2500}{5} = 500 \Omega$. Consequently, an input of $v_s = 25$ V requires

the source to supply $p = \frac{v_s^2}{R_{in}} = \frac{25^2}{500} = \frac{625}{500} = 1.25$ W .

d. How much power will the source supply when the output is $v_o = 20 \text{ V}$?

$$v_o = g v_s \Rightarrow 20 = 0.2 v_s = v_s = \frac{20}{0.2} = 100 \text{ V}$$

$$p = \frac{v_s^2}{R_{\text{in}}} = \frac{100^2}{500} = \frac{10000}{500} = 20 \text{ W}$$

e. How large can the input be if we require that the source supplies at most 1 W?

$$1 \geq \frac{v_s^2}{500} \Rightarrow v_s^2 \leq 500 \Rightarrow v_s \leq \sqrt{500} = 22.36 \text{ V}$$

f. What are the values of the resistances?

$$0.2 = g = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \text{ and } 500 = R_{\text{in}} = R_1 + R_2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} R_1 = (1 - g) R_{\text{in}} = 400 \Omega \\ R_2 = g R_{\text{in}} = 100 \Omega \end{cases}$$