EE 206: Lab #5

Thevenin Equivalents: 2 people per group

Using the resistor cube you built last week, attach +10V to one corner and 0V to the other corner. Add a resistor in parallel with R7:



Record the resistor values (should be the same as you used in Lab 1)

R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12

- Measure the voltage VL and compute the current IL for eight different values of RL (see table following page)
- 2) Plot VL vs. IL on a graph. Do the points line up on a line?
- 3) Determine the Thevenin equivalent for this circuit based upon your experimental data.
- 4) Determine the power to the load for each value of RL

What value of RL maximuzes the power to the load?

Lab #4 - Thevenin Equivalents and Maximum Power					
RL	VL (measured)	IL (computed)	Power to Load VL * IL		
0 (short circuit)			0 Watts		
infinity (open circuit)			0 Watts		

Thevenin Equivalent

Vth	Rth

