
ECE1236H Microwave and Millimeter-Wave Techniques: Transmission lines. Taught by Prof. G.V. Eleftheriades

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1.1 Requirements

A transmission line requires two conductors as sketched in fig. 1.1, which shows a 2-wire line such a telephone line, a coaxial cable as found in cable TV distribution, and a microstrip line as found in cell phone RF interconnects.

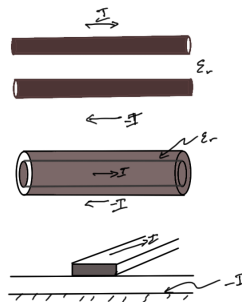


Figure 1.1: Transmission line examples.

A two-wire line becomes a transmission line when the wavelength of operation becomes comparable to the size of the line (or higher spectral component for pulses). In general a transmission line much support (TEM) transverse electromagnetic modes.

1.2 Time harmonic solutions on transmission lines

In fig. 1.2, an electronic representation of a transmission line circuit is sketched.

In this circuit all the elements have per-unit length units. With $I = CdV/dt \sim j\omega CV$, $v = IR$, and $V = LdI/dt \sim j\omega LI$, the KVL equation is

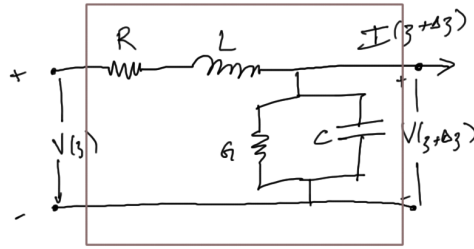


Figure 1.2: Transmission line equivalent circuit.

$$V(z) - V(z + \Delta z) = I(z)\Delta z (R + j\omega L), \quad (1.1)$$

or in the $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$ limit

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = -I(z) (R + j\omega L). \quad (1.2)$$

The KCL equation at the interior node is

$$-I(z) + I(z + \Delta z) + (j\omega C + G) V(z + \Delta z) = 0, \quad (1.3)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial z} = -V(z) (j\omega C + G). \quad (1.4)$$

This pair of equations is known as the telegrapher's equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} = -I(z) (R + j\omega L) \\ \frac{\partial I}{\partial z} = -V(z) (j\omega C + G). \end{cases} \quad (1.5)$$

The second derivatives are

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = -\frac{\partial I}{\partial z} (R + j\omega L) \\ \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial z^2} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} (j\omega C + G), \end{cases} \quad (1.6)$$

which allow the V, I to be decoupled

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = V(z) (j\omega C + G) (R + j\omega L) \\ \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial z^2} = I(z) (R + j\omega L) (j\omega C + G), \end{cases} \quad (1.7)$$

With a complex propagation constant

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma &= \alpha + j\beta \\
 &= \sqrt{(j\omega C + G)(R + j\omega L)} \\
 &= \sqrt{RG - \omega^2 LC + j\omega(LG + RC)},
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

the decouple equations have the structure of a wave equation for a lossy line in the frequency domain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} - \gamma^2 V &= 0 \\
 \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial z^2} - \gamma^2 I &= 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

We write the solutions to these equations as

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(z) &= V_0^+ e^{-\gamma z} + V_0^- e^{+\gamma z} \\
 I(z) &= I_0^+ e^{-\gamma z} - I_0^- e^{+\gamma z}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.10}$$

Only one of V or I is required since they are dependent through eq. (1.5), as can be seen by taking derivatives

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} &= \gamma (-V_0^+ e^{-\gamma z} + V_0^- e^{+\gamma z}) \\
 &= -I(z)(R + j\omega L),
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.11}$$

so

$$I(z) = \frac{\gamma}{R + j\omega L} (V_0^+ e^{-\gamma z} - V_0^- e^{+\gamma z}). \tag{1.12}$$

Introducing the characteristic impedance Z_0 of the line

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_0 &= \frac{R + j\omega L}{\gamma} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{R + j\omega L}{G + j\omega C'}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.13}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(z) &= \frac{1}{Z_0} (V_0^+ e^{-\gamma z} - V_0^- e^{+\gamma z}) \\
 &= I_0^+ e^{-\gamma z} - I_0^- e^{+\gamma z},
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.14}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_0^+ &= \frac{V_0^+}{Z_0} \\
 I_0^- &= \frac{V_0^-}{Z_0}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.15}$$

1.3 Mapping TL geometry to per unit length C and L elements

Example 1.1: Coaxial cable.

From electrostatics and magnetostatics the per unit length induction and capacitance constants for a co-axial cable can be calculated. For the cylindrical configuration sketched in fig. 1.3

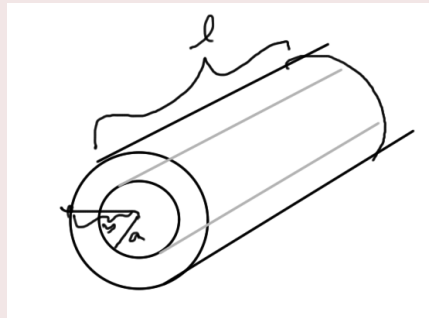


Figure 1.3: Coaxial cable.

From Gauss' law the total charge can be calculated assuming that the ends of the cable can be neglected

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} dV \\ &= \oint \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{A} \\ &= \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r E (2\pi r) l, \end{aligned} \tag{1.16}$$

This provides the radial electric field magnitude, in terms of the total charge

$$E = \frac{Q/l}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r (2\pi r)}, \tag{1.17}$$

which must be a radial field as sketched in fig. 1.4.

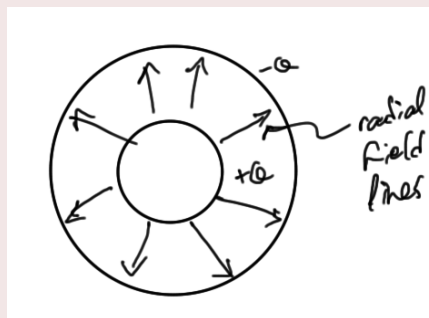


Figure 1.4: Radial electric field for coaxial cable.

The potential difference from the inner transmission surface to the outer is

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \int_a^b E dr \\
 &= \frac{Q/l}{2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \int_a^b \frac{dr}{r} \\
 &= \frac{Q/l}{2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \ln \frac{b}{a}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.18}$$

Therefore the capacitance per unit length is

$$C = \frac{Q/l}{V} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}{\ln \frac{b}{a}}. \tag{1.19}$$

The inductance per unit length can be calculated from Ampere's law

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int (\nabla \times \mathbf{H}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} &= \int \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \\
 &= I \\
 &= \oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} \\
 &= H(2\pi r) \\
 &= \frac{B}{\mu_0}(2\pi r)
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.20}$$

The flux is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi &= \int \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A} \\
 &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \int_A \frac{1}{r} ddr \\
 &= \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi} \int_a^b \frac{1}{r} l ddr \\
 &= \frac{\mu_0 I l}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.21}$$

The inductance per unit length is

$$L = \frac{\Phi/l}{I} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}. \tag{1.22}$$

For a lossless line where $R = G = 0$, we have $\gamma = \sqrt{(j\omega L)(j\omega C)} = j\omega\sqrt{LC}$, so the phase velocity for a (lossless) coaxial cable is

$$\begin{aligned}
v_\phi &= \frac{\omega}{\beta} \\
&= \frac{\omega}{\text{Im}(\gamma)} \\
&= \frac{\omega}{\omega\sqrt{LC}} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{1.23}$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned}
v_\phi^2 &= \frac{1}{L} \frac{1}{C} \\
&= \frac{2\pi}{\mu_0 \ln \frac{b}{a}} \frac{\ln \frac{b}{a}}{2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \\
&= \frac{1}{\mu_0\epsilon_0\epsilon_r} \\
&= \frac{1}{\mu_0\epsilon}.
\end{aligned} \tag{1.24}$$

So

$$v_\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon\mu_0}}, \tag{1.25}$$

which is the speed of light in the medium (ϵ_r) that fills the co-axial cable.

This is not a coincidence. In any two-wire homogeneously filled transmission line, the phase velocity is equal to the speed of light in the unbounded medium that fills the line.

The characteristic impedance (again assuming the lossless $R = G = 0$ case) is

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_0 &= \sqrt{\frac{R + j\omega L}{G + j\omega C}} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a} \frac{\ln \frac{b}{a}}{2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_r}} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon} \frac{\ln \frac{b}{a}}{2\pi}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{1.26}$$

Note that $\eta = \sqrt{\mu_0/\epsilon_0} = 120\pi\Omega$ is the intrinsic impedance of free space. The values a, b in eq. (1.26) can be used to tune the characteristic impedance of the transmission line.

1.4 Lossless line.

The lossless lossless case where $R = G = 0$ was considered above. The results were

$$\gamma = j\omega\sqrt{LC}, \quad (1.27)$$

so $\alpha = 0$ and $\beta = \omega\sqrt{LC}$, and the phase velocity was

$$v_\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}, \quad (1.28)$$

the characteristic impedance is

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}, \quad (1.29)$$

and the signals are

$$\begin{aligned} V(z) &= V_0^+ e^{-j\beta z} + V_0^- e^{j\beta z} \\ I(z) &= \frac{1}{Z_0} (V_0^+ e^{-j\beta z} - V_0^- e^{j\beta z}) \end{aligned} \quad (1.30)$$

In the time domain for an infinite line, we have

$$\begin{aligned} v(z, t) &= \text{Re} (V(z)e^{j\omega t}) \\ &= V_0^+ \text{Re} (e^{-j\beta z} e^{j\omega t}) \\ &= V_0^+ \cos(\omega t - \beta z). \end{aligned} \quad (1.31)$$

In this case the shape and amplitude of the waveform are preserved as sketched in fig. 1.5.

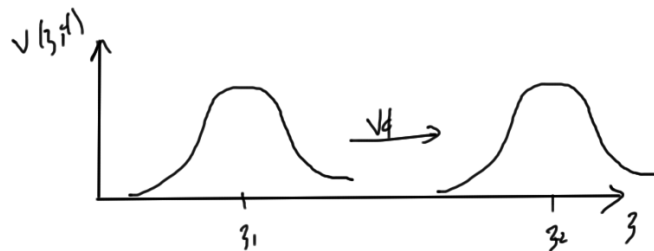


Figure 1.5: Lossless line signal preservation.

1.5 Low loss line.

Assume $R \ll \omega L$ and $G \ll \omega C$. In this case we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma &= \sqrt{(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)} \\
 &= j\omega\sqrt{LC} \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{R}{j\omega L}\right) \left(1 + \frac{G}{j\omega C}\right)} \\
 &\approx j\omega\sqrt{LC} \left(1 + \frac{R}{2j\omega L}\right) \left(1 + \frac{G}{2j\omega C}\right) \\
 &\approx j\omega\sqrt{LC} \left(1 + \frac{R}{2j\omega L} + \frac{G}{2j\omega C}\right) \\
 &= j\omega\sqrt{LC} + j\omega \frac{R\sqrt{C/L}}{2j\omega} + j\omega \frac{G\sqrt{L/C}}{2j\omega} \\
 &= j\omega\sqrt{LC} + \frac{1}{2} \left(R\sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} + G\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \right),
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.32}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha &= \frac{1}{2} \left(R\sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} + G\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \right) \\
 \beta &= \omega\sqrt{LC}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.33}$$

Observe that this value for β is the same as the lossless case to first order. We also have

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_0 &= \sqrt{\frac{R + j\omega L}{G + j\omega C}} \\
 &\approx \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}},
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.34}$$

also the same as the lossless case. We must also have $v_\phi = 1/\sqrt{LC}$. To consider a time domain signal note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(z) &= V_0^+ e^{-\gamma z} \\
 &= V_0^+ e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z},
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.35}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}
 v(z, t) &= \text{Re} \left(V(z) e^{j\omega t} \right) \\
 &= \text{Re} \left(V_0^+ e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z} e^{j\omega t} \right) \\
 &= V_0^+ e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z).
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.36}$$

The phase factor can be written

$$\omega t - \beta z = \omega \left(t - \frac{\beta}{\omega} z \right) = \omega (t - z/v_\phi), \quad (1.37)$$

so the signal still moves with the phase velocity $v_\phi = 1/\sqrt{LC}$, but in a diminishing envelope as sketched in fig. 1.6.

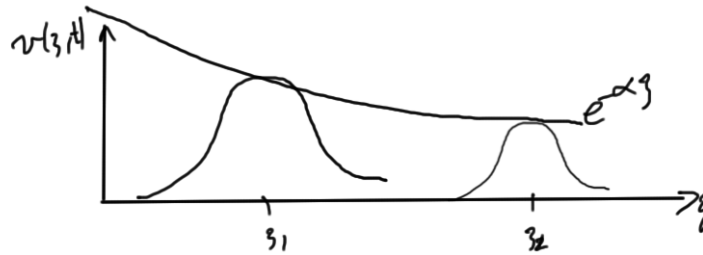


Figure 1.6: Time domain envelope for loss line.

Notes

- The shape is preserved but the amplitude has an exponential attenuation along the line.
- In this case, since $\beta(\omega)$ is a linear function to first order, we have no dispersion. All of the Fourier components of a pulse travel with the same phase velocity since $v_\phi = \omega/\beta$ is constant. i.e. $v(z, t) = e^{-\alpha z} f(t - z/v_\phi)$. We should expect dispersion when the $R/\omega L$ and $G/\omega C$ start becoming more significant.

1.6 Distortionless line.

Motivated by the early telegraphy days, when low loss materials were not available. Therefore lines with a constant attenuation and constant phase velocity (i.e. no dispersion) were required in order to eliminate distortion of the signals. This can be achieved by setting

$$\frac{R}{L} = \frac{G}{C}. \quad (1.38)$$

When that is done we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma &= \sqrt{(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)} \\
 &= j\omega\sqrt{LC}\sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{R}{j\omega L}\right)\left(1 + \frac{G}{j\omega C}\right)} \\
 &= j\omega\sqrt{LC}\sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{R}{j\omega L}\right)\left(1 + \frac{R}{j\omega L}\right)} \\
 &= j\omega\sqrt{LC}\left(1 + \frac{R}{j\omega L}\right) \\
 &= R\sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} + j\omega\sqrt{LC} \\
 &= \sqrt{RG} + j\omega\sqrt{LC}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.39}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha &= \sqrt{RG} \\
 \beta &= \omega\sqrt{LC}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.40}$$

The phase velocity is the same as that of the lossless and low-loss lines

$$v_\phi = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}. \tag{1.41}$$

1.7 Terminated lossless line.

Consider the load configuration sketched in fig. 1.7.

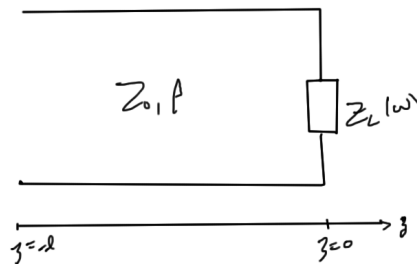


Figure 1.7: Terminated line.

Recall that

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(z) &= V_0^+ e^{-j\beta z} + V_0^- e^{+j\beta z} \\
 I(z) &= \frac{V_0^+}{Z_0} e^{-j\beta z} - \frac{V_0^-}{Z_0} e^{+j\beta z}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.42}$$

At the load ($z = 0$), we have

$$\begin{aligned} V(0) &= V_0^+ + V_0^- \\ I(0) &= \frac{1}{Z_0} (V_0^+ - V_0^-) \end{aligned} \quad (1.43)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} Z_L &= \frac{V(0)}{I(0)} \\ &= Z_0 \frac{V_0^+ + V_0^-}{V_0^+ - V_0^-} \\ &= Z_0 \frac{1 + \Gamma_L}{1 - \Gamma_L}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.44)$$

where

$$\Gamma_L \equiv \frac{V_0^-}{V_0^+}, \quad (1.45)$$

is the reflection coefficient at the load.

The phasors for the signals take the form

$$\begin{aligned} V(z) &= V_0^+ (e^{-j\beta z} + \Gamma_L e^{+j\beta z}) \\ I(z) &= \frac{V_0^+}{Z_0} (e^{-j\beta z} - \Gamma_L e^{+j\beta z}). \end{aligned} \quad (1.46)$$

Observe that we can rearranging for Γ_L in terms of the impedances

$$(1 - \Gamma_L) Z_L = Z_0 \frac{1 + \Gamma_L}{1 - \Gamma_L}, \quad (1.47)$$

or

$$\Gamma_L (Z_0 + Z_L) = Z_L - Z_0, \quad (1.48)$$

or

$$\Gamma_L = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_0 + Z_L}. \quad (1.49)$$

Power The average (time) power on the line is

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{av}} &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} (V(Z)I^*(z)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \left(V_0^+ (e^{-j\beta z} + \Gamma_L e^{+j\beta z}) \left(\frac{V_0^+}{Z_0} \right)^* (e^{j\beta z} - \Gamma_L^* e^{-j\beta z}) \right) \\ &= \frac{|V_0^+|^2}{2Z_0} \text{Re} (1 + \Gamma_L e^{2j\beta z} - \Gamma_L^* e^{-2j\beta z} - |\Gamma_L|^2) \\ &= \frac{|V_0^+|^2}{2Z_0} (1 - |\Gamma_L|^2). \end{aligned} \quad (1.50)$$

where we've made use of the fact that $Z_0 = \sqrt{L/C}$ is real for the lossless line, and the fact that a conjugate difference $A - A^* = 2j \text{Im}(A)$ is purely imaginary.

This can be written as

$$P_{\text{av}} = P^+ - P^-, \quad (1.51)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P^+ &= \frac{|V_0^+|^2}{2Z_0} \\ P^- &= \frac{|V_0^+|^2}{2Z_0} |\Gamma_L|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (1.52)$$

This difference is the power delivered to the load. This is not z -dependent because we are considering the lossless case. Maximum power is delivered to the load when $\Gamma_L = 0$, which occurs when the impedances are matched.

1.8 Return loss and insertion loss. Defined.

Return loss (dB) is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RL} &= 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_{\text{inc}}}{P_{\text{refl}}} \\ &= 10 \log_{10} \frac{1}{|\Gamma|^2} \\ &= -20 \log_{10} |\Gamma|. \end{aligned} \quad (1.53)$$

Insertion loss (dB) is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{IL} &= 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_{\text{inc}}}{P_{\text{trans}}} \\ &= 10 \log_{10} \frac{P^+}{P^+ - P^-} \\ &= 10 \log_{10} \frac{1}{1 - |\Gamma|^2} \\ &= -10 \log_{10} (1 - |\Gamma|^2). \end{aligned} \quad (1.54)$$

1.9 Standing wave ratio

Consider again the lossless loaded configuration of fig. 1.7. Now let $z = -l$, where l is the distance from the load. The phasors at this point on the line are

$$\begin{aligned} V(-l) &= V_0^+ \left(e^{j\beta l} + \Gamma_L e^{-j\beta l} \right) \\ I(-l) &= \frac{V_0^+}{Z_0} \left(e^{j\beta l} - \Gamma_L e^{-j\beta l} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (1.55)$$

The absolute voltage at this point is

$$\begin{aligned} |V(-l)| &= |V_0^+| \left| e^{j\beta l} + \Gamma_L e^{-j\beta l} \right| \\ &= |V_0^+| \left| 1 + \Gamma_L e^{-2j\beta l} \right| \\ &= |V_0^+| \left| 1 + |\Gamma_L| e^{j\Theta_L} e^{-2j\beta l} \right|, \end{aligned} \quad (1.56)$$

where the complex valued Γ_L is given by $\Gamma_L = |\Gamma_L| e^{j\Theta_L}$.

This gives

$$|V(-l)| = |V_0^+| \left| 1 + |\Gamma_L| e^{j(\Theta_L - 2\beta l)} \right|. \quad (1.57)$$

The voltage magnitude oscillates as one moves along the line. The maximum occurs when $e^{j(\Theta_L - 2\beta l)} = 1$

$$V_{\max} = |V_0^+| |1 + |\Gamma_L||. \quad (1.58)$$

This occurs when $\Theta_L - 2\beta l = 2k\pi$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. The minimum occurs when $e^{j(\Theta_L - 2\beta l)} = -1$

$$V_{\min} = |V_0^+| |1 - |\Gamma_L||, \quad (1.59)$$

which occurs when $\Theta_L - 2\beta l = (2k - 1)\pi$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots$. The standing wave ratio is defined as

$$\text{SWR} = \frac{V_{\max}}{V_{\min}} = \frac{1 + |\Gamma_L|}{1 - |\Gamma_L|}. \quad (1.60)$$

This is a measure of the mismatch of a line. This is sketched in fig. 1.8.

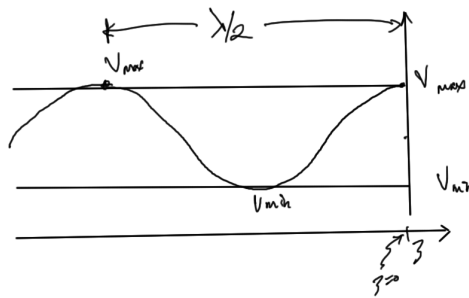


Figure 1.8: SWR extremes.

Notes:

- Since $0 \leq |\Gamma_L| \leq 1$, we have $1 \leq \text{SWR} \leq \infty$. The lower bound is for a matched line, and open, short, or purely reactive termination leads to the infinities.
- The distance between two successive maxima (or minima) can be determined by setting $\Theta_L - 2\beta l = 2k\pi$ for two consecutive values of k . For $k = 0$, suppose that V_{\max} occurs at d_1

$$\Theta_L - 2\beta d_1 = 2(0)\pi, \quad (1.61)$$

or

$$d_1 = \frac{\Theta_L}{2\beta}. \quad (1.62)$$

For $k = 1$, let the max occur at d_2

$$\Theta_L - 2\beta d_2 = 2(1)\pi, \quad (1.63)$$

or

$$d_2 = \frac{\Theta_L - 2\pi}{2\beta}. \quad (1.64)$$

The difference is

$$\begin{aligned} d_1 - d_2 &= \frac{\Theta_L}{2\beta} - \frac{\Theta_L - 2\pi}{2\beta} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\beta} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2\pi/\lambda} \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.65)$$

The distance between two consecutive maxima (or minima) of the SWR is $\lambda/2$.

1.10 Impedance Transformation.

Referring to fig. 1.9, let's solve for the impedance at the load where $z = 0$ and at $z = -l$.

At any point on the line we have

$$V(z) = V_0^+ e^{-j\beta z} (1 + \Gamma_L e^{2j\beta z}), \quad (1.66)$$

so at the load and input we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_L &= V_0^+ (1 + \Gamma_L) \\ V(-l) &= V^+ (1 + \Gamma_L(-1)), \end{aligned} \quad (1.67)$$

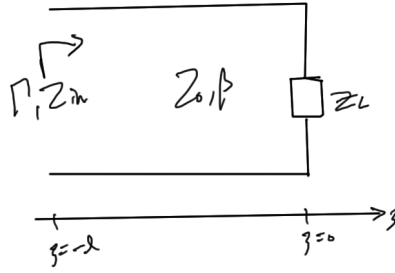


Figure 1.9: Configuration for impedance transformation.

where

$$\begin{aligned} V^+ &= V_0^+ e^{j\beta l} \\ \Gamma_L(-l) &= \Gamma_L e^{-2j\beta l} \end{aligned} \quad (1.68)$$

Similarly

$$I(-l) = \frac{V^+}{Z_0} (1 - \Gamma_L(-l)). \quad (1.69)$$

Define an input impedance as

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{in} &= \frac{V(-l)}{I(-l)} \\ &= Z_0 \frac{1 + \Gamma_L(-l)}{1 - \Gamma_L(-l)} \end{aligned} \quad (1.70)$$

This is analogous to

$$Z_L = Z_0 \frac{1 + \Gamma_L}{1 - \Gamma_L} \quad (1.71)$$

From eq. (1.49), we have

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{in} &= Z_0 \frac{Z_0 + Z_L + (Z_L - Z_0) e^{-2j\beta l}}{Z_0 + Z_L - (Z_L - Z_0) e^{-2j\beta l}} \\ &= Z_0 \frac{(Z_0 + Z_L) e^{j\beta l} + (Z_L - Z_0) e^{-j\beta l}}{(Z_0 + Z_L) e^{j\beta l} - (Z_L - Z_0) e^{-j\beta l}} \\ &= Z_0 \frac{Z_L \cos(\beta l) + jZ_0 \sin(\beta l)}{Z_0 \cos(\beta l) + jZ_L \sin(\beta l)}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.72)$$

or

$$Z_{in} = \frac{Z_L + jZ_0 \tan(\beta l)}{Z_0 + jZ_L \tan(\beta l)}. \quad (1.73)$$

This can be thought of as providing a reflection coefficient function along the line to the load at any point as sketched in fig. 1.10.

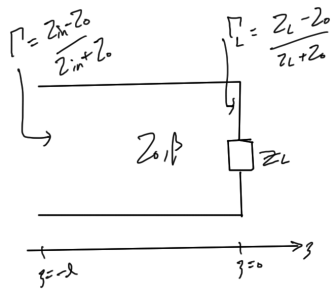


Figure 1.10: Impedance transformation reflection on the line.

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