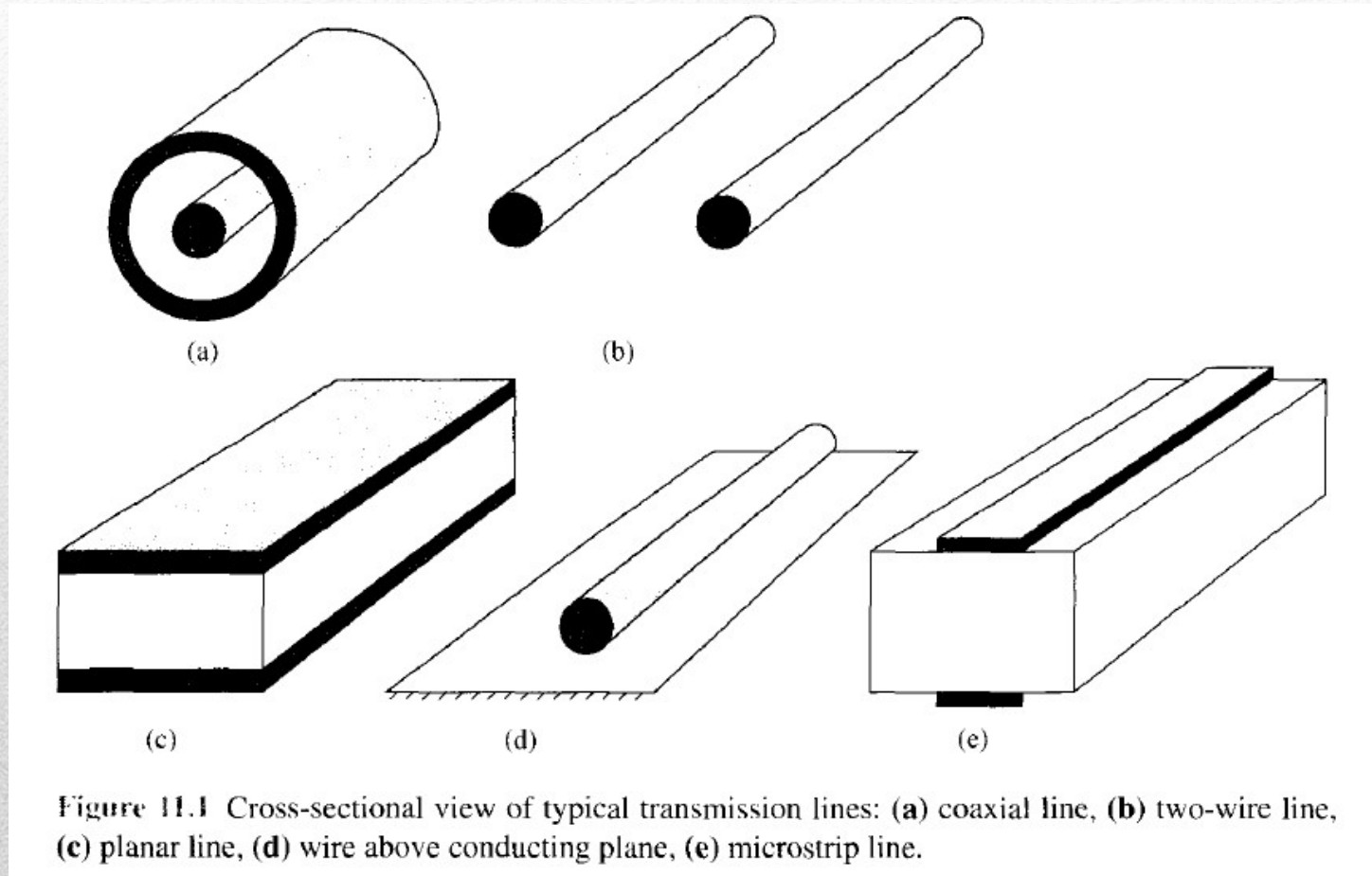




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TABLE 11.1 Distributed Line Parameters at High Frequencies*

Parameters	Coaxial Line	Two-Wire Line	Planar Line
R (Ω/m)	$\frac{1}{2\pi\delta\sigma_c} \left[\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right]$ ($\delta \ll a, c - b$)	$\frac{1}{\pi a \delta \sigma_c}$ ($\delta \ll a$)	$\frac{2}{w \delta \sigma_c}$ ($\delta \ll t$)
L (H/m)	$\frac{\mu}{2\pi} \ln \frac{b}{a}$	$\frac{\mu}{\pi} \cosh^{-1} \frac{d}{2a}$	$\frac{\mu d}{w}$
G (S/m)	$\frac{2\pi\sigma}{\ln \frac{b}{a}}$	$\frac{\pi\sigma}{\cosh^{-1} \frac{d}{2a}}$	$\frac{\sigma w}{d}$
C (F/m)	$\frac{2\pi\epsilon}{\ln \frac{b}{a}}$	$\frac{\pi\epsilon}{\cosh^{-1} \frac{d}{2a}}$	$\frac{\epsilon w}{d}$ ($w \gg d$)

* $\delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi f \mu_c \sigma_c}}$ = skin depth of the conductor; $\cosh^{-1} \frac{d}{2a} = \ln \frac{d}{a}$ if $\left[\frac{d}{2a} \right]^2 \gg 1$.

$$LC = \mu\epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{G}{C} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon}$$

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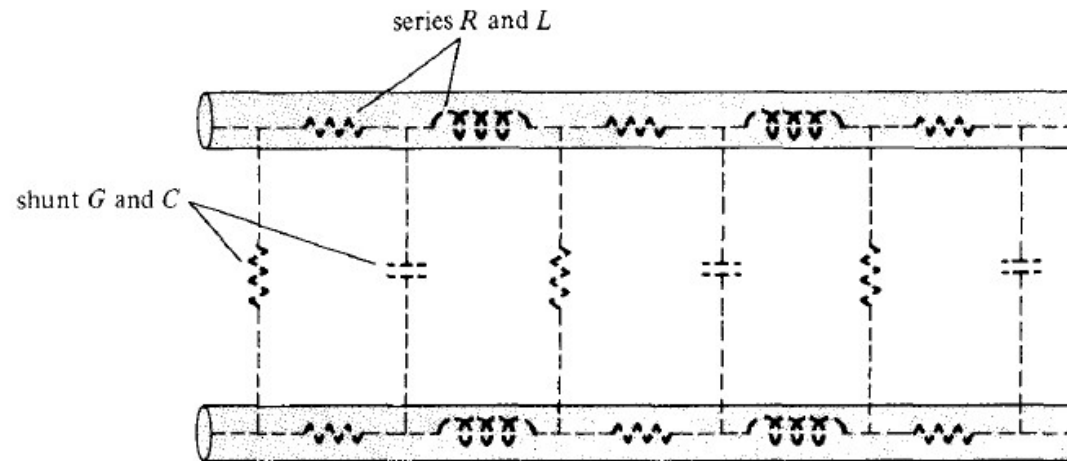


Figure 11.3 Distributed parameters of a two-conductor transmission line.

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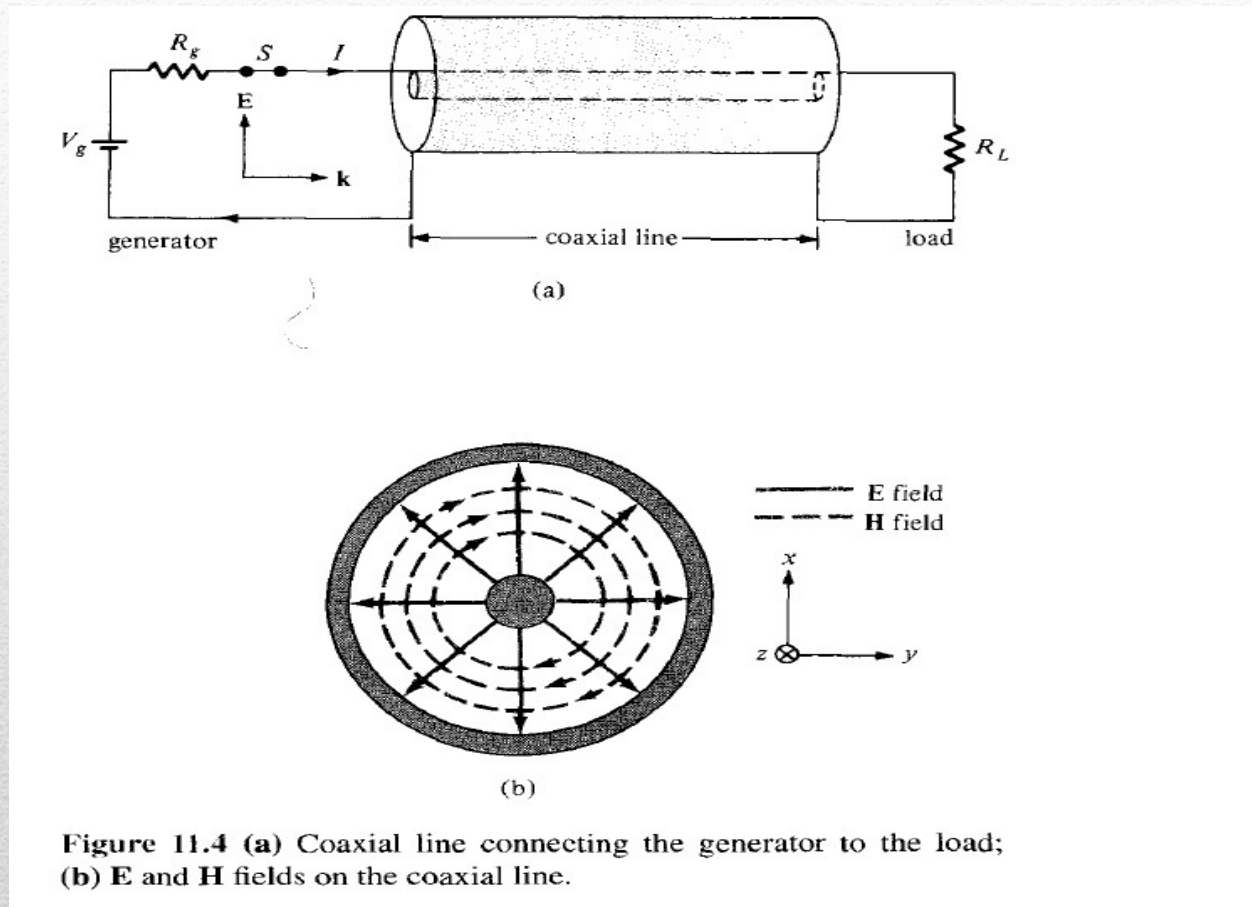


Figure 11.4 (a) Coaxial line connecting the generator to the load; (b) \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} fields on the coaxial line.

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An important property of TEM waves is that the fields \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} are uniquely related to voltage V and current I , respectively:

$$V = - \int \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}, \quad I = \oint \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

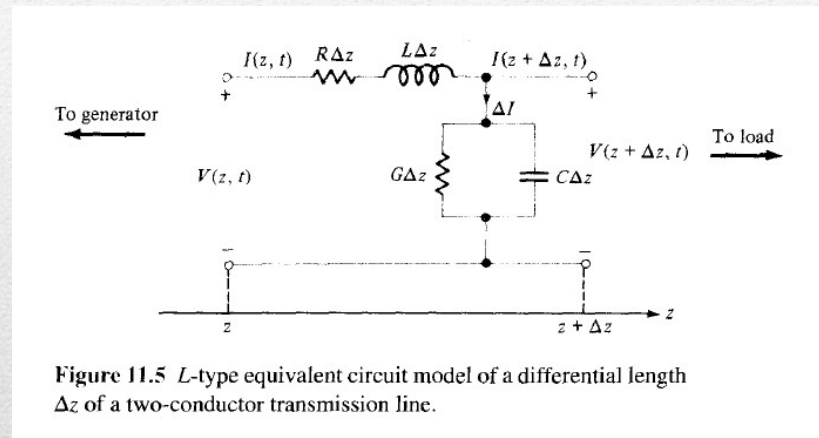


Figure 11.5 L-type equivalent circuit model of a differential length Δz of a two-conductor transmission line.

By applying Kirchhoff's voltage law to the outer loop of the circuit in Figure 11.5, we obtain

$$V(z, t) = R \Delta z I(z, t) + L \Delta z \frac{\partial I(z, t)}{\partial t} + V(z + \Delta z, t)$$

or

$$\frac{V(z + \Delta z, t) - V(z, t)}{\Delta z} = R I(z, t) + L \frac{\partial I(z, t)}{\partial t} \quad (11.3)$$

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Taking the limit of eq. (11.3) as $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$ leads to

$$-\frac{\partial V(z, t)}{\partial z} = RI(z, t) + L \frac{\partial I(z, t)}{\partial t} \quad (11.4)$$

Similarly, applying Kirchoff's current law to the main node of the circuit in Figure 11.5 gives

$$\begin{aligned} I(z, t) &= I(z + \Delta z, t) + \Delta I \\ &= I(z + \Delta z, t) + G \Delta z V(z + \Delta z, t) + C \Delta z \frac{\partial V(z + \Delta z, t)}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\frac{I(z + \Delta z, t) - I(z, t)}{\Delta z} = G V(z + \Delta z, t) + C \frac{\partial V(z + \Delta z, t)}{\partial t} \quad (11.5)$$

As $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$, eq. (11.5) becomes

$$-\frac{\partial I(z, t)}{\partial z} = G V(z, t) + C \frac{\partial V(z, t)}{\partial t} \quad (11.6)$$

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If we assume harmonic time dependence so that

$$V(z, t) = \text{Re} [V_s(z) e^{j\omega t}] \quad (11.7a)$$

$$I(z, t) = \text{Re} [I_s(z) e^{j\omega t}] \quad (11.7b)$$

where $V_s(z)$ and $I_s(z)$ are the phasor forms of $V(z, t)$ and $I(z, t)$, respectively, eqs. (11.4) and (11.6) become

$$-\frac{dV_s}{dz} = (R + j\omega L) I_s \quad (11.8)$$

$$-\frac{dI_s}{dz} = (G + j\omega C) V_s \quad (11.9)$$

In the differential eqs. (11.8) and (11.9), V_s and I_s are coupled. To separate them, we take the second derivative of V_s in eq. (11.8) and employ eq. (11.9) so that we obtain

$$\frac{d^2 V_s}{dz^2} = (R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C) V_s$$

or

$$\frac{d^2 V_s}{dz^2} - \gamma^2 V_s = 0 \quad (11.10)$$

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$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta}$$

$$u = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = f\lambda$$

$$V_s(z) = V_o^+ e^{-\gamma z} + V_o^- e^{\gamma z}$$

→ +z -z ←

$$I_s(z) = I_o^+ e^{-\gamma z} + I_o^- e^{\gamma z}$$

→ +z -z ←

$$V(z, t) = \text{Re} [V_s(z) e^{j\omega t}]$$
$$= V_o^+ e^{-\alpha z} \cos(\omega t - \beta z) + V_o^- e^{\alpha z} \cos(\omega t + \beta z)$$

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The **characteristic impedance** Z_0 of the line is the ratio of positively traveling voltage wave to current wave at any point on the line.

$$Z_0 = \frac{V_o^+}{I_o^+} = -\frac{V_o^-}{I_o^-} = \frac{R + j\omega L}{\gamma} = \frac{\gamma}{G + j\omega C}$$

or

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{R + j\omega L}{G + j\omega C}} = R_0 + jX_0$$

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A. Lossless Line ($R = 0 = G$)

A **transmission line** is said to be **lossless** if the conductors of the line are perfect ($\sigma_c \approx \infty$) and the dielectric medium separating them is lossless ($\sigma \approx 0$).

For such a line, it is evident from Table 11.1 that when $\sigma_c \approx \infty$ and $\sigma \approx 0$.

$$R = 0 = G \quad (11.20)$$

This is a necessary condition for a line to be lossless. Thus for such a line, eq. (11.20) forces eqs. (11.11), (11.14), and (11.19) to become

$$\alpha = 0, \quad \gamma = j\beta = j\omega \sqrt{LC} \quad (11.21a)$$

$$u = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = f\lambda \quad (11.21b)$$

$$X_o = 0, \quad Z_o = R_o = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \quad (11.21c)$$

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B. Distortionless Line ($R/L = G/C$)

A signal normally consists of a band of frequencies; wave amplitudes of different frequency components will be attenuated differently in a lossy line as α is frequency dependent. This results in distortion.

A distortionless line is one in which the attenuation constant α is frequency independent while the phase constant β is linearly dependent on frequency.

From the general expression for α and β [in eq. (11.11)], a distortionless line results if the line parameters are such that

$$\boxed{\frac{R}{L} = \frac{G}{C}} \quad (11.22)$$

Thus, for a distortionless line,

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

or

$$\alpha = \sqrt{RG}, \quad \beta = \omega\sqrt{LC} \quad (11.23a)$$

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showing that α does not depend on frequency whereas β is a linear function of frequency.

Also

$$Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{R(1 + j\omega L/R)}{G(1 + j\omega C/G)}} = \sqrt{\frac{R}{G}} = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = R_o + jX_o$$

or

$$R_o = \sqrt{\frac{R}{G}} = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}, \quad X_o = 0 \quad (11.23b)$$

and

$$u = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = f\lambda \quad (11.23c)$$

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Note that

1. The phase velocity is independent of frequency because the phase constant β linearly depends on frequency. We have shape distortion of signals unless α and u are independent of frequency.
2. u and Z_0 remain the same as for lossless lines.
3. A lossless line is also a distortionless line, but a distortionless line is not necessarily lossless. Although lossless lines are desirable in power transmission, telephone lines are required to be distortionless.

TABLE 11.2 Transmission Line Characteristics

Case	Propagation Constant $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$	Characteristic Impedance $Z_0 = R_0 + jX_0$
General	$\sqrt{(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)}$	$\sqrt{\frac{R + j\omega L}{G + j\omega C}}$
Lossless	$0 + j\omega\sqrt{LC}$	$\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} + j0$
Distortionless	$\sqrt{RG} + j\omega\sqrt{LC}$	$\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} + j0$

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EXAMPLE 11.1

An air line has characteristic impedance of 70Ω and phase constant of 3 rad/m at 100 MHz . Calculate the inductance per meter and the capacitance per meter of the line.

Solution:

An air line can be regarded as a lossless line since $\sigma \approx 0$. Hence

$$R = 0 = G \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = 0$$

$$Z_0 = R_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \quad (11.1.1)$$

$$\beta = \omega \sqrt{LC} \quad (11.1.2)$$

Dividing eq. (11.1.1) by eq. (11.1.2) yields

$$\frac{R_0}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\omega C}$$

or

$$C = \frac{\beta}{\omega R_0} = \frac{3}{2\pi \times 100 \times 10^6 (70)} = 68.2 \text{ pF/m}$$

From eq. (11.1.1),

$$L = R_0^2 C = (70)^2 (68.2 \times 10^{-12}) = 334.2 \text{ nH/m}$$

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EXAMPLE 11.2

A distortionless line has $Z_o = 60 \Omega$, $\alpha = 20 \text{ mNp/m}$, $u = 0.6c$, where c is the speed of light in a vacuum. Find R , L , G , C , and λ at 100 MHz.

Solution:

For a distortionless line,

$$RC = GL \quad \text{or} \quad G = \frac{RC}{L}$$

and hence

$$Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \quad (11.2.1)$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{RG} = R\sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} = \frac{R}{Z_o} \quad (11.2.2a)$$

or

$$R = \alpha Z_o \quad (11.2.2b)$$

But

$$u = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \quad (11.2.3)$$

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From eq. (11.2.2b),

$$R = \alpha Z_0 = (20 \times 10^{-3})(60) = 1.2 \Omega/\text{m}$$

Dividing eq. (11.2.1) by eq. (11.2.3) results in

$$L = \frac{Z_0}{u} = \frac{60}{0.6 (3 \times 10^8)} = 333 \text{ nH/m}$$

From eq. (11.2.2a),

$$G = \frac{\alpha^2}{R} = \frac{400 \times 10^{-6}}{1.2} = 333 \mu\text{S/m}$$

Multiplying eqs. (11.2.1) and (11.2.3) together gives

$$uZ_0 = \frac{1}{C}$$

or

$$C = \frac{1}{uZ_0} = \frac{1}{0.6 (3 \times 10^8) 60} = 92.59 \text{ pF/m}$$
$$\lambda = \frac{u}{f} = \frac{0.6 (3 \times 10^8)}{10^8} = 1.8 \text{ m}$$

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Let the transmission line extend from $z = 0$ at the generator to $z = \ell$ at the load. First of all, we need the voltage and current waves in eqs. (11.15) and (11.16), that is

$$V_s(z) = V_o^+ e^{-\gamma z} + V_o^- e^{\gamma z} \quad (11.24)$$

$$I_s(z) = \frac{V_o^+}{Z_o} e^{-\gamma z} - \frac{V_o^-}{Z_o} e^{\gamma z} \quad (11.25)$$

where eq. (11.18) has been incorporated. To find V_o^+ and V_o^- , the terminal conditions must be given. For example, if we are given the conditions at the input, say

$$V_o = V(z = 0), \quad I_o = I(z = 0) \quad (11.26)$$

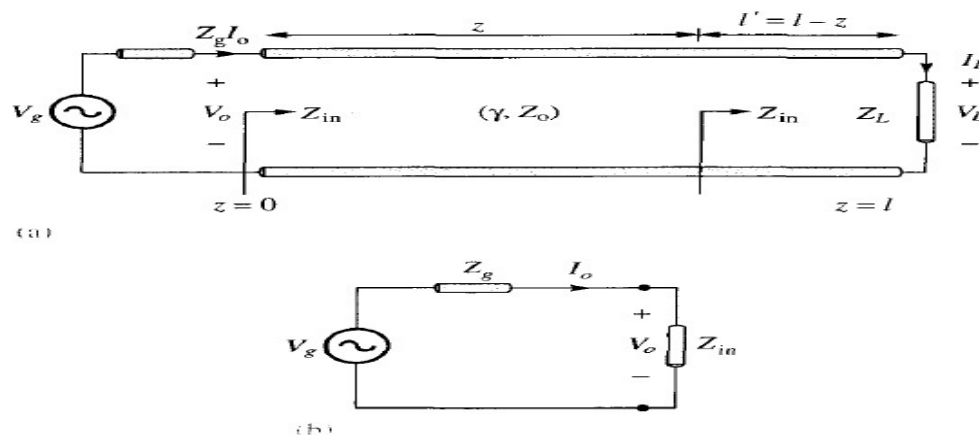


Figure 11.6 (a) Input impedance due to a line terminated by a load; (b) equivalent circuit for finding V_o and I_o in terms of Z_{in} at the input.

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substituting these into eqs. (11.24) and (11.25) results in

$$V_o^+ = \frac{1}{2} (V_o + Z_o I_o) \quad (11.27a)$$

$$V_o^- = \frac{1}{2} (V_o - Z_o I_o) \quad (11.27b)$$

If the input impedance at the input terminals is Z_{in} , the input voltage V_o and the input current I_o are easily obtained from Figure 11.6(b) as

$$V_o = \frac{Z_{in}}{Z_{in} + Z_g} V_g, \quad I_o = \frac{V_g}{Z_{in} + Z_g} \quad (11.28)$$

On the other hand, if we are given the conditions at the load, say

$$V_L = V(z = \ell), \quad I_L = I(z = \ell) \quad (11.29)$$

Substituting these into eqs. (11.24) and (11.25) gives

$$V_o^+ = \frac{1}{2} (V_L + Z_o I_L) e^{\gamma \ell} \quad (11.30a)$$

$$V_o^- = \frac{1}{2} (V_L - Z_o I_L) e^{-\gamma \ell} \quad (11.30b)$$

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Next, we determine the input impedance $Z_{in} = V_s(z)/I_s(z)$ at any point on the line. At the generator, for example, eqs. (11.24) and (11.25) yield

$$Z_{in} = \frac{V_s(z)}{I_s(z)} = \frac{Z_o(V_o^+ + V_o^-)}{V_o^+ - V_o^-} \quad (11.31)$$

Substituting eq. (11.30) into (11.31) and utilizing the fact that

$$\frac{e^{\gamma\ell} + e^{-\gamma\ell}}{2} = \cosh \gamma\ell, \quad \frac{e^{\gamma\ell} - e^{-\gamma\ell}}{2} = \sinh \gamma\ell \quad (11.32a)$$

or

$$\tanh \gamma\ell = \frac{\sinh \gamma\ell}{\cosh \gamma\ell} = \frac{e^{\gamma\ell} - e^{-\gamma\ell}}{e^{\gamma\ell} + e^{-\gamma\ell}} \quad (11.32b)$$

we get

$$Z_{in} = Z_o \left[\frac{Z_L + Z_o \tanh \gamma\ell}{Z_o + Z_L \tanh \gamma\ell} \right] \quad (\text{lossy}) \quad (11.33)$$

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Although eq. (11.33) has been derived for the input impedance Z_{in} at the generation end, it is a general expression for finding Z_{in} at any point on the line. To find Z_{in} at a distance ℓ' from the load as in Figure 11.6(a), we replace ℓ by ℓ' . A formula for calculating the hyperbolic tangent of a complex number, required in eq. (11.33), is found in Appendix A.3.

For a lossless line, $\gamma = j\beta$, $\tanh j\beta\ell = j \tan \beta\ell$, and $Z_o = R_o$, so eq. (11.33) becomes

$$Z_{in} = Z_o \left[\frac{Z_L + jZ_o \tan \beta\ell}{Z_o + jZ_L \tan \beta\ell} \right] \quad (\text{lossless}) \quad (11.34)$$

showing that the input impedance varies periodically with distance ℓ from the load. The quantity $\beta\ell$ in eq. (11.34) is usually referred to as the *electrical length* of the line and can be expressed in degrees or radians.

We now define Γ_L as the *voltage reflection coefficient* (at the load). Γ_L is the ratio of the voltage reflection wave to the incident wave at the load, that is,

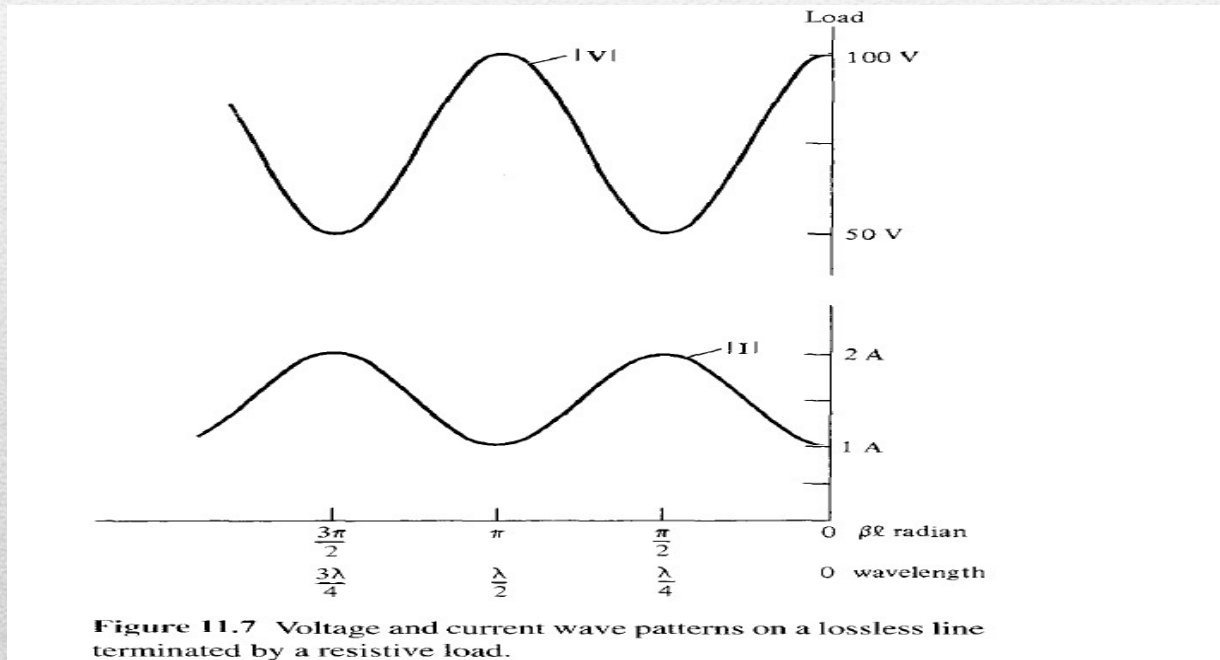
$$\Gamma_L = \frac{V_o^- e^{\gamma\ell}}{V_o^+ e^{-\gamma\ell}} \quad (11.35)$$

Substituting V_o^- and V_o^+ in eq. (11.30) into eq. (11.35) and incorporating $V_L = Z_L I_L$ gives

$$\Gamma_L = \frac{Z_L - Z_o}{Z_L + Z_o} \quad (11.36)$$

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As a way of demonstrating these concepts, consider a lossless line with characteristic impedance of $Z_0 = 50 \Omega$. For the sake of simplicity, we assume that the line is terminated in a pure resistive load $Z_L = 100 \Omega$ and the voltage at the load is 100 V (rms). The conditions on the line are displayed in Figure 11.7. Note from the figure that conditions on the line repeat themselves every half wavelength.



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$$P_{\text{ave}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} [V_s(\ell) I_s^*(\ell)]$$

where the factor $\frac{1}{2}$ is needed since we are dealing with the peak values instead of the rms values. Assuming a lossless line, we substitute eqs. (11.24) and (11.25) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{ave}} &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \left[V_o^+ (e^{j\beta\ell} + \Gamma e^{-j\beta\ell}) \frac{V_o^{+*}}{Z_o} (e^{-j\beta\ell} - \Gamma^* e^{j\beta\ell}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \left[\frac{|V_o^+|^2}{Z_o} (1 - |\Gamma|^2 + \Gamma e^{-2j\beta\ell} - \Gamma^* e^{2j\beta\ell}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Since the last two terms are purely imaginary, we have

$$P_{\text{ave}} = \frac{|V_o^+|^2}{2Z_o} (1 - |\Gamma|^2) \quad (11.40)$$

The first term is the incident power P_i , while the second term is the reflected power P_r . Thus eq. (11.40) may be written as

$$P_t = P_i - P_r$$

where P_t is the input or transmitted power and the negative sign is due to the negative-going wave since we take the reference direction as that of the voltage/current traveling toward the right. We should notice from eq. (11.40) that the power is constant and does not depend on ℓ since it is a lossless line. Also, we should notice that maximum power is delivered to the load when $\Gamma = 0$, as expected.

We now consider special cases when the line is connected to load $Z_L = 0$, $Z_L = \infty$, and $Z_L = Z_o$. These special cases can easily be derived from the general case.

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A. Shorted Line ($Z_L = 0$)

For this case, eq. (11.34) becomes

$$Z_{sc} = Z_{in} \Big|_{Z_L=0} = jZ_o \tan \beta \ell \quad (11.41a)$$

Also,

$$\Gamma_L = -1, \quad s = \infty \quad (11.41b)$$

We notice from eq. (11.41a) that Z_{in} is a pure reactance, which could be capacitive or inductive depending on the value of ℓ . The variation of Z_{in} with ℓ is shown in Figure 11.8(a).

B. Open-Circuited Line ($Z_L = \infty$)

In this case, eq. (11.34) becomes

$$Z_{oc} = \lim_{Z_L \rightarrow \infty} Z_{in} = \frac{Z_o}{j \tan \beta \ell} = -jZ_o \cot \beta \ell \quad (11.42a)$$

and

$$\Gamma_L = 1, \quad s = \infty \quad (11.42b)$$

The variation of Z_{in} with ℓ is shown in Figure 11.8(b). Notice from eqs. (11.41a) and (11.42a) that

$$Z_{sc}Z_{oc} = Z_o^2 \quad (11.43)$$

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C. Matched Line ($Z_L = Z_0$)

This is the most desired case from the practical point of view. For this case, eq. (11.34) reduces to

$$Z_{in} = Z_0 \quad (11.44a)$$

and

$$\Gamma_L = 0, \quad s = 1 \quad (11.44b)$$

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EXAMPLE 11.3

A certain transmission line operating at $\omega = 10^6$ rad/s has $\alpha = 8$ dB/m, $\beta = 1$ rad/m, and $Z_o = 60 + j40 \Omega$, and is 2 m long. If the line is connected to a source of $10\angle 0^\circ$ V, $Z_g = 40 \Omega$ and terminated by a load of $20 + j50 \Omega$, determine

- The input impedance
- The sending-end current
- The current at the middle of the line

Solution:

(a) Since $1 \text{ Np} = 8.686 \text{ dB}$,

$$\alpha = \frac{8}{8.686} = 0.921 \text{ Np/m}$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = 0.921 + j1 \text{ /m}$$

$$\gamma\ell = 2(0.921 + j1) = 1.84 + j2$$

Using the formula for $\tanh(x + jy)$ in Appendix A.3, we obtain

$$\tanh \gamma\ell = 1.033 - j0.03929$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{in} &= Z_o \left(\frac{Z_L + Z_o \tanh \gamma\ell}{Z_o + Z_L \tanh \gamma\ell} \right) \\ &= (60 + j40) \left[\frac{20 + j50 + (60 + j40)(1.033 - j0.03929)}{60 + j40 + (20 + j50)(1.033 - j0.03929)} \right] \\ Z_{in} &= 60.25 + j38.79 \Omega \end{aligned}$$

(b) The sending-end current is $I(z = 0) = I_o$. From eq. (11.28),

$$\begin{aligned} I(z = 0) &= \frac{V_g}{Z_{in} + Z_g} = \frac{10}{60.25 + j38.79 + 40} \\ &= 93.03 \angle -21.15^\circ \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

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(c) To find the current at any point, we need V_o^+ and V_o^- . But

$$I_o = I(z = 0) = 93.03 \angle -21.15^\circ \text{ mA}$$

$$V_o = Z_{in} I_o = (71.66 \angle 32.77^\circ)(0.09303 \angle -21.15^\circ) = 6.667 \angle 11.62^\circ \text{ V}$$

From eq. (11.27),

$$\begin{aligned} V_o^+ &= \frac{1}{2} (V_o + Z_o I_o) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [6.667 \angle 11.62^\circ + (60 + j40)(0.09303 \angle -21.15^\circ)] = 6.687 \angle 12.08^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$V_o^- = \frac{1}{2} (V_o - Z_o I_o) = 0.0518 \angle 260^\circ$$

At the middle of the line, $z = \ell/2$, $\gamma z = 0.921 + j1$. Hence, the current at this point is

$$\begin{aligned} I_s(z = \ell/2) &= \frac{V_o^+}{Z_o} e^{-\gamma z} - \frac{V_o^-}{Z_o} e^{\gamma z} \\ &= \frac{(6.687 e^{j12.08^\circ}) e^{-0.921 - j1}}{60 + j40} - \frac{(0.0518 e^{j260^\circ}) e^{0.921 + j1}}{60 + j40} \end{aligned}$$

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Note that $j1$ is in radians and is equivalent to $j57.3^\circ$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} I_s(z = \ell/2) &= \frac{6.687e^{j12.08^\circ} e^{-0.921} e^{-j57.3^\circ}}{72.1e^{j33.69^\circ}} - \frac{0.0518e^{j260^\circ} e^{0.921} e^{j57.3^\circ}}{72.1e^{j33.69^\circ}} \\ &= 0.0369e^{-j78.91^\circ} - 0.001805e^{j283.61^\circ} \\ &= 6.673 - j34.456 \text{ mA} \\ &= 35.10/281^\circ \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$