



For the lossless transmission line circuits above:  $f = 1 \text{ GHz}$ ,  $u = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $Z_0 = 50 \Omega$ , and the transmission line has length  $l_{\text{tape}} = 63.6 \text{ cm}$  as measured by a tape measure. The wavelength is calculated to be  $\lambda = u/f = 3 \times 10^8 / 1 \times 10^9 = 30 \text{ cm}$ .

### Open Circuit Termination

For an open circuit, we know  $z_{OC} = Z_{OC} \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\Gamma_{OC} = 1$ . For the left hand circuit, an input impedance of  $Z_{in,OC} = -j50 \Omega$  is measured.

#### 1) Normalize and plot open circuit termination input impedance

- Normalize  $z_{in,OC} = Z_{in,OC} / Z_0 = (-j50) / 50 \Rightarrow \underline{z_{in,OC} = -j1 \Omega/\Omega}$ .
- Plot  $z_{in,OC}$  on Smith chart by finding the intersection of the  $r = 0$  circle (outer edge) with the  $x = -1$  arc.

#### 2) Find length of transmission line

- Use straight-edge to draw radial line from center of Smith chart through  $z_{in,OC}$  and outer rings of Smith chart. Where the radial line crosses the “WAVELENGTHS TOWARD LOAD” scale reads 0.125.
- The  $z_{OC} \rightarrow \infty$  point, on the right edge of the Smith chart, reads 0.25 on the “WAVELENGTHS TOWARD LOAD” scale. The distance toward the load from  $z_{in,OC}$  is then  $l = (0.25 - 0.125) \lambda + n\lambda/2 = 0.125\lambda + n\lambda/2$ .
- Using  $\lambda = 30 \text{ cm}$ , the transmission line length must be  $l = 3.75 + n15 \text{ cm}$ . When  $n = 4$ ,  $l = 3.75 + (4)15 \Rightarrow \underline{l = 63.75 \text{ cm}}$ , quite close to  $l_{\text{tape}} = 63.6 \text{ cm}$ .

## Unknown Load Termination

For the right hand circuit, an input impedance of  $Z_{in} = 10 \Omega$  is measured.

### 1) Normalize and plot unknown load input impedance

- Normalize  $z_{in} = Z_{in} / Z_0 = 10 / 50 \Rightarrow \underline{z_{in} = 0.2 \Omega/\Omega}$ .
- Plot  $z_{in}$  on Smith chart by finding the intersection of the  $r = 0.2$  circle with the  $x = 0$  arc/line (i.e., horizontal/real axis).

### 2) Find unknown load impedance

- Note that horizontal axis passes through  $z_{in}$  where the “WAVELENGTHS TOWARD LOAD” scale reads 0.
- Draw a radial line from the center of the Smith chart through 0.125 (i.e., the TL length) on the “WAVELENGTHS TOWARD LOAD” scale.
- Draw an arc, centered on Smith chart, through  $z_{in}$  that connects it to the radial line at 0.125 on “WAVELENGTHS TOWARD LOAD” scale.
- Read/interpolate value of normalized load resistance at intersection of arc and line as  $\underline{r_L = 0.385}$ .
- Read/interpolate value of normalized load reactance at intersection of arc and line as  $\underline{x_L = -0.925}$ .
- Put together to get normalized load impedance  $\underline{z_L = 0.385 - j0.925 \Omega/\Omega}$ .
- Find load impedance by multiplying  $z_L$  by characteristic impedance  $Z_0$  to get  $Z_L = z_L Z_0 = (0.385 - j0.925) 50 \Rightarrow \underline{Z_L = 19.25 - j 46.25 \Omega}$ .

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