

1) Plot reflection coefficient $\Gamma = 0.707 \angle -45^\circ$ for a 50Ω transmission line

- Use straight edge to draw radial line from center of Smith chart through the -45° mark on “ANGLE OF REFLECTION COEFFICIENT IN DEGREES” scale (inner ring surrounding Smith chart).
- Use “REFL. COEFF. V or I” scale at bottom right of chart to set compass to $|\Gamma| = 0.707$, and draw arc, centered on Smith chart, through -45° radial line.
- The intersection of radial line & arc marks $\Gamma = 0.707 \angle -45^\circ$ on Smith chart.

2) Read normalized impedance z corresponding to $\Gamma = 0.707 \angle -45^\circ$

- On Smith chart, at $\Gamma = 0.707 \angle -45^\circ$ point, locate and read/interpolate value of appropriate “ r ” circle (family of circles centered on horizontal axis and with values shown on horizontal axis) as $r = 1$.
- On Smith chart, at $\Gamma = 0.707 \angle -45^\circ$ point, locate and read/interpolate value of appropriate “ x ” arc (reactance values shown on inside of outer ring of Smith chart; values above horizontal axis are positive/inductive while those below are negative/capacitive) as $x = -2$.
- Put together to get normalized impedance $z = 1 - j2 \Omega/\Omega$.
- Find impedance corresponding to $\Gamma = 0.707 \angle -45^\circ$ by multiplying z w/ characteristic impedance to get $Z = Z_0 z = 50(1 - j2) \Rightarrow$ $Z = 50 - j100 \Omega$.

3) Read standing wave ratio SWR (VSWR) corresponding to $\Gamma = 0.707 \angle -45^\circ$

- Use “REFL. COEFF. V or I” scale at bottom right to set your compass to $|\Gamma| = 0.707$.
- Draw 0.707 arc, centered on Smith chart scales, through SWR (VSWR) scale on bottom left.
- Read standing wave ratio to be $VSWR = 5.8$.

Simple Smith Chart

$$Z_0 = 50 \Omega$$

