

Power flow along transmission lines

At any distance d , we can use an equivalent impedance $Z(d)$ to represent the stuff to the right of d .

Question: What is the impedance “felt” by the incident wave at d ?

Let’s now have a quantitative look at the energy flowing along the transmission line.

Let’s first do this with the “real quantities” instead of phasors.

$$v(d, t) = \text{Re} \left(\tilde{V}(d) e^{j\omega t} \right)$$

We forgo the convenience for the moment, in order not to forget the real world quantities.

The incident wave

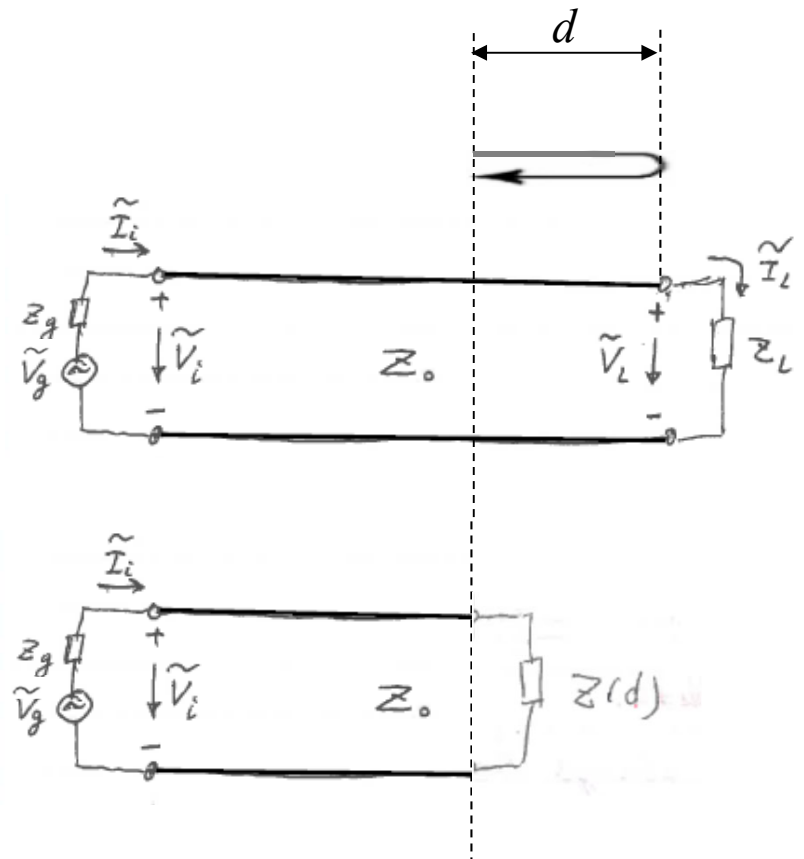
$$v_{inc}(d, t) = \text{Re} \left(\underbrace{V_0^+}_{\text{a complex number}} e^{j\beta d} e^{j\omega t} \right)$$

$$= \text{Re} \left(|V_0^+| e^{j(\omega t + \beta d + \phi^+)} \right)$$

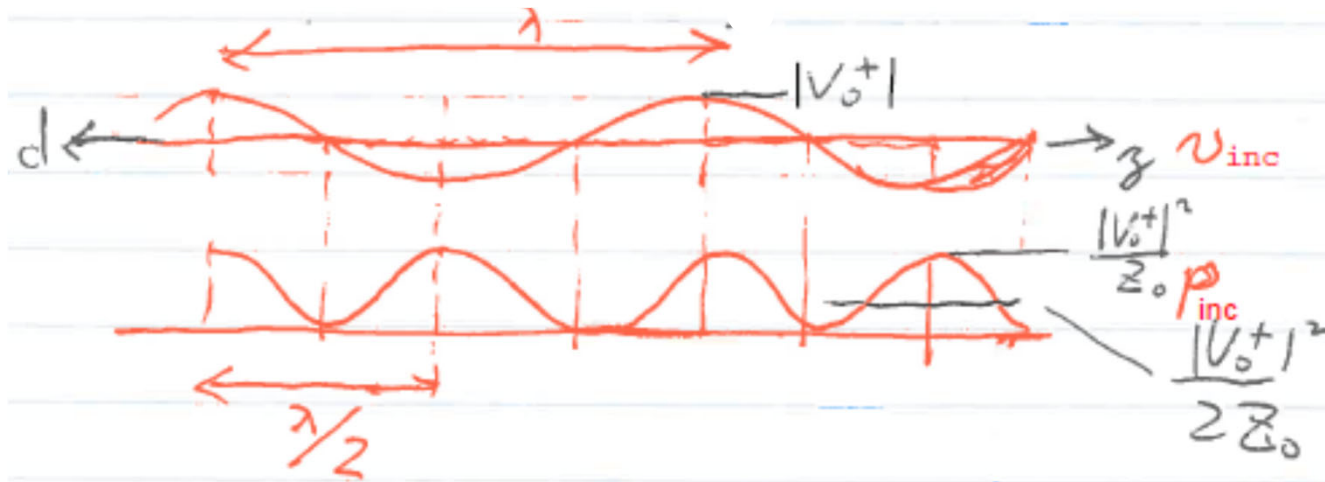
$$V_0^+ = |V_0^+| e^{j\phi^+}$$

$$= |V_0^+| \cos(\omega t + \beta d + \phi^+)$$

Make sure you can do the conversion



The incident wave $v_{inc}(d,t) = |V_0^+| \cos(\omega t + \beta d + \phi^+)$



$$P_{inc} = \frac{v_{inc}^2}{Z_0} = \frac{|V_0^+|^2}{Z_0} \cos^2(\omega t + \beta d + \phi^+)$$

talk about Z_0 why.

Notice that we are talking about lossless transmission lines thus Z_0 is real. Also notice that P_{inc} is always positive.

The average flow:

$$P_{inc,av} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T P_{inc}(d,t) dt = \frac{|V_0^+|^2}{2Z_0}$$

Similarly, the reflected wave

$$\begin{aligned}v_{\text{ref}}(d,t) &= \text{Re} \left(\Gamma V_0^+ e^{-j\beta d} e^{j\omega t} \right) \\&= \text{Re} \left[|\Gamma| |V_0^+| e^{j(\omega t - \beta d + \phi^+ + \theta_r)} \right] \\&= |\Gamma| |V_0^+| \cos(\omega t - \beta d + \phi^+ + \theta_r)\end{aligned}$$

reflected

$$P_{\text{ref}} = - \frac{v_{\text{ref}}^2}{Z_0} = - |\Gamma|^2 \frac{|V_0^+|^2}{Z_0} \cos^2(\omega t - \beta d - \phi^+ + \theta_r)$$

$$P_{\text{ref,av}} = - |\Gamma|^2 \frac{|V_0^+|^2}{2Z_0}$$

The average total or net energy flow is

$$P_{\text{av}} = P_{\text{inc,av}} + P_{\text{ref,av}} = \frac{|V_0^+|^2}{2Z_0} (1 - |\Gamma|^2)$$

You may do it the phasor way and just get the average values.

$$P_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(\tilde{V} \tilde{I}^*) \quad (1)$$

Apply the same to the incident, the reflected, and the total or net. You will get:

$$P_{inc, av} = \frac{|V_o^+|^2}{2Z_0}$$

$$P_{ref, av} = -|\Gamma|^2 \frac{|V_o^+|^2}{2Z_0}$$

$$P_{av} = \frac{|V_o^+|^2}{2Z_0} (1 - |\Gamma|^2) \quad (2)$$

Now, look at them. Are they just intuitively obvious?

Do it on your own:

For the total or net power flow, derive Eq (2) from (1) on your own.

Think about a special case: $|\Gamma| = 0 \Rightarrow P_{av} = \frac{|V_0^+|^2}{2Z_0}$

$$P_{av} = P_{inc, av} = \frac{|V_0^+|^2}{2Z_0}$$

$$P_{ref, av} = -|\Gamma|^2 \frac{|V_0^+|^2}{2Z_0} = 0$$

Consider a class of special cases: $|\Gamma| = 1$

Review Textbook Section 2-9.
Finish HW3.