

Transmission line (T.L.) module

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What is transmission line(T.L.)?

Transmission line is device that transfer energy from one point to another.

The energy may be electrical signal direct current (DC), alternating current(AC), radio frequency(RF) or light or electromagnetic wave (EMW).

The energy contains data about voice, data and video.

A transmission line is used for the transmission of electrical power from generating substation to the various distribution units.

Transmission lines(T.L.)



Transmission Lines

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Types of transmission lines(T.L.)

- Transmission line **made of two conductor** such as **twisted copper cable** and **coaxial cable**.
- Transmission line **made of Single conductor** such as **waveguide**.
- Transmission line **made of dielectric** such as **optical fiber**.

What is twisted copper pairs?

They are Two (or pair) of insulated copper wires twisted together of about 1 mm diameters, with a full twist every 2 to 6 inches in helical form. The insulation is plastic.

Types of twisted copper pairs

Twisted copper pairs are classified according to its twisting.

Category 3 (CAT3): twisted pairs, two insulated wires gently twisted. It handles signal up to 16 MHz. CAT3 transmits data with speed up to 10 Mbps.

Category 4 (CAT4): handles signal up to 20 MHz.

Types of twisted copper pairs

Category 5(CAT5): twisted pair has more twist per centimeter. It handles signal up to 100 MHz. It has less cross talk, better signal quality over longer distances. CAT5 transmits data with speed up to 100 Mbps

Category 6(CAT6): up to 250MHz.

Category 7(CAT7): up to 600 MHz

Advantages and disadvantages of twisted copper pairs

Advantages

- It is the least expensive. Thus, it is the most widely used.
- It is the easier to work with .
- It is easier to install.

Disadvantages

- It is limited in distance, bandwidth and data rate.
- It is susceptible to EMI (electromagnetic interference) and noise

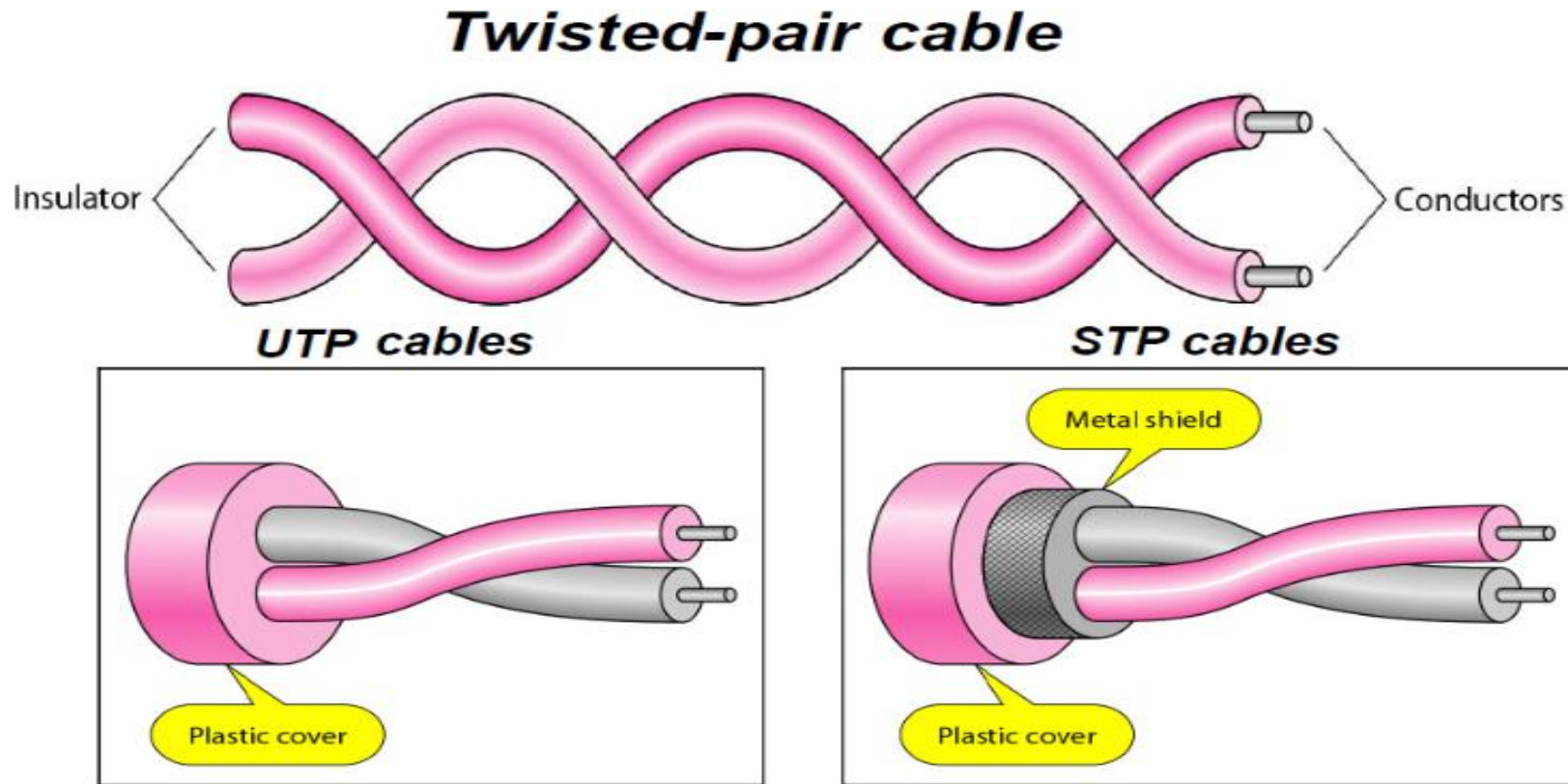
American wire Gauge (AWG) or simply Gauge

The diameter of wires varies from 19 Gauge to 26 Gauge. 26 gauge corresponds to 0.016 inch. 24 gauge corresponds to 0.020 inch diameter. 22 gauge corresponds to 0.025 inch diameter. 19 gauge corresponds to 0.036 inch diameter.

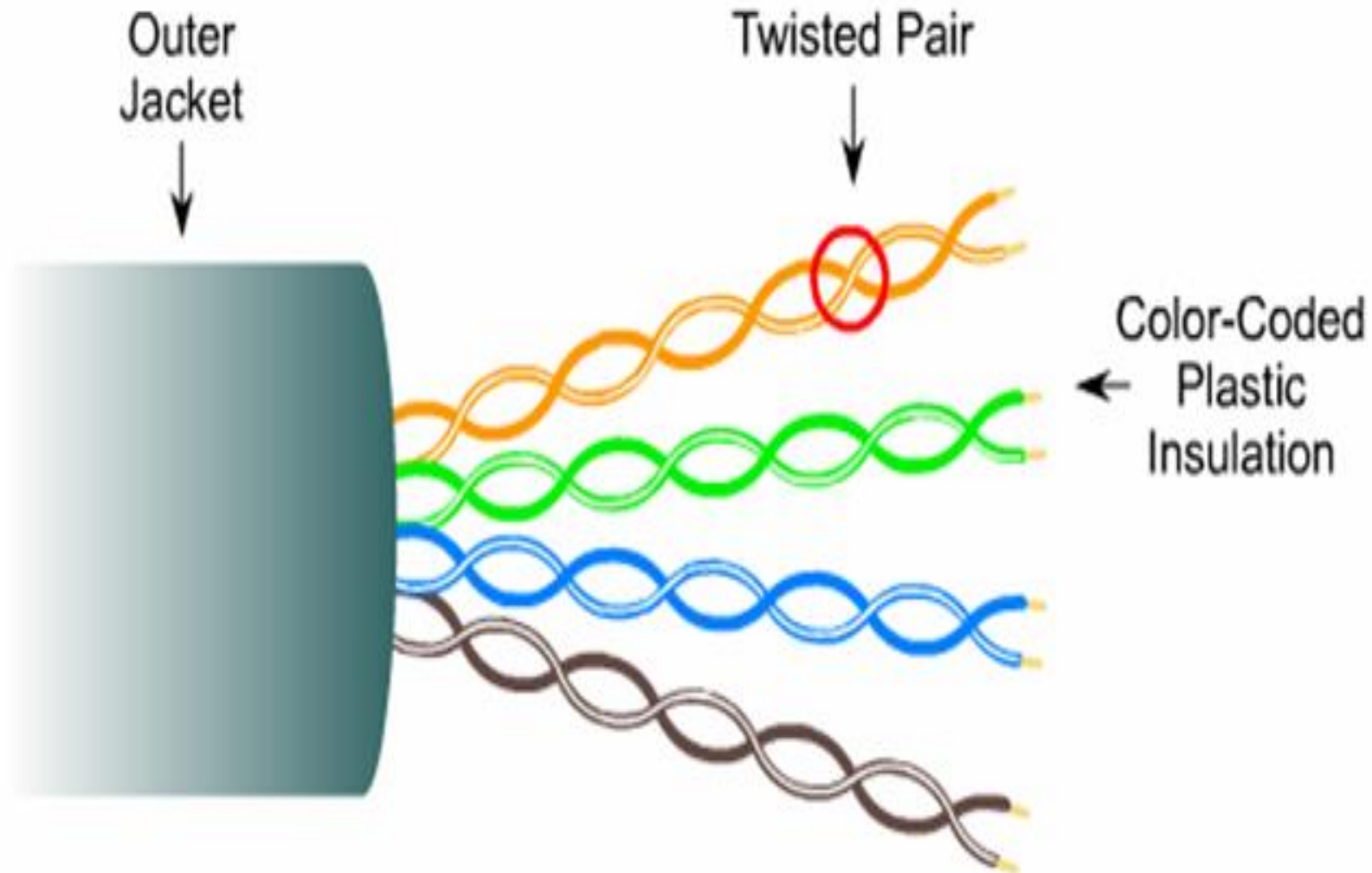
American wire Gauge (AWG)

| Diameter in inch | Diameter in AWG |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 0.016 | 26 |
| 0.020 | 24 |
| 0.025 | 22 |
| 0.036 | 19 |

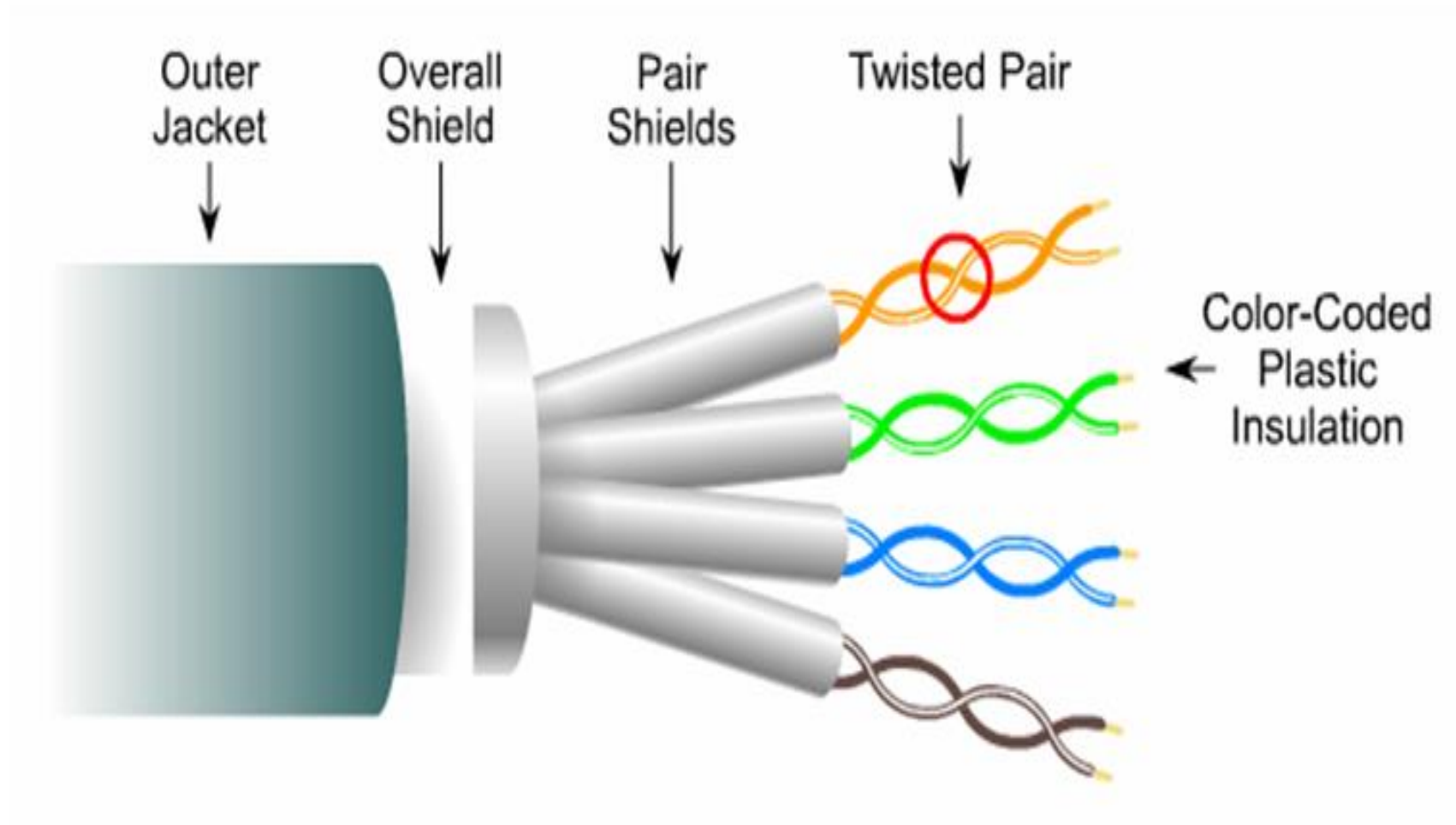
Twisted Copper pairs cable



Twisted Copper pairs cable(UTP)



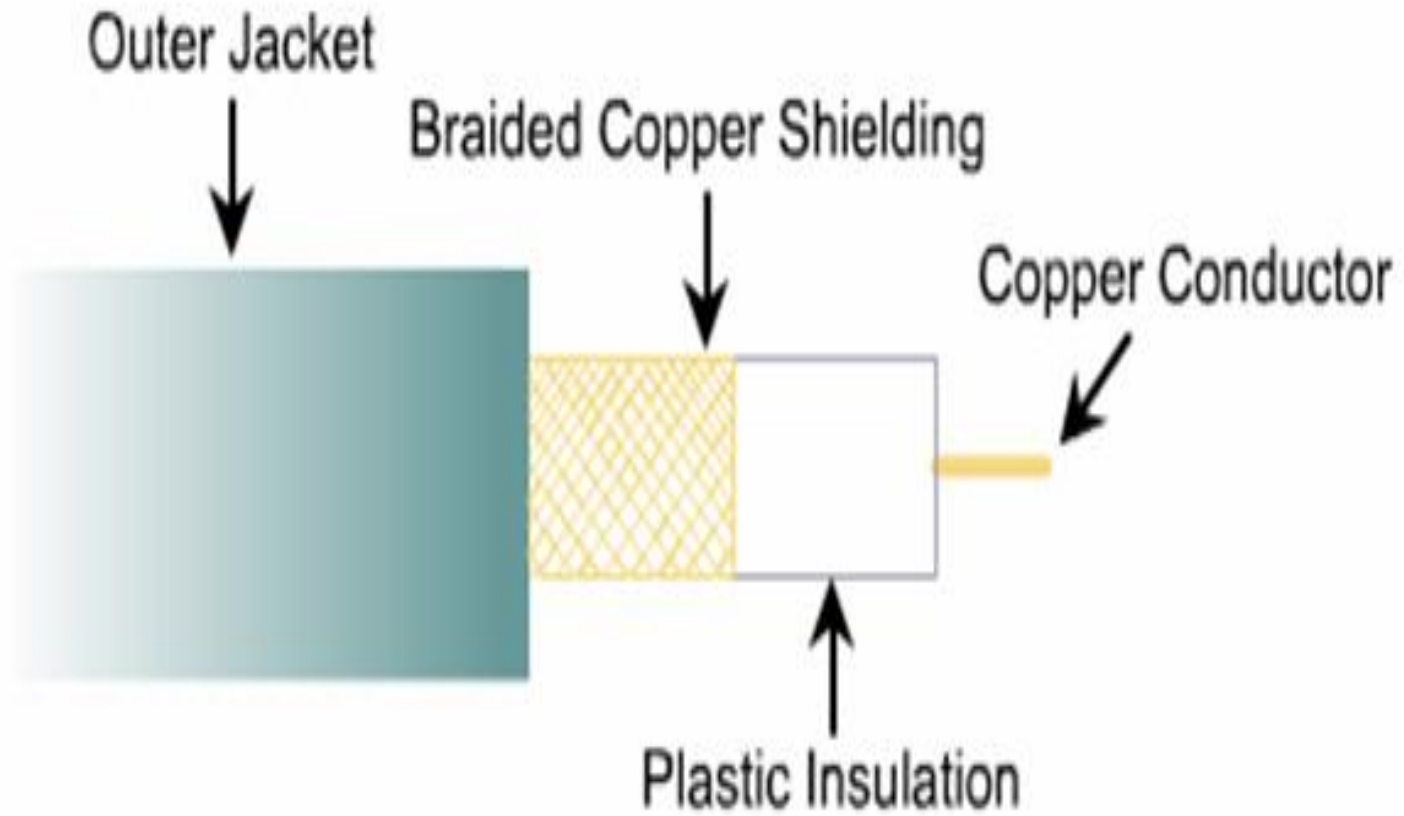
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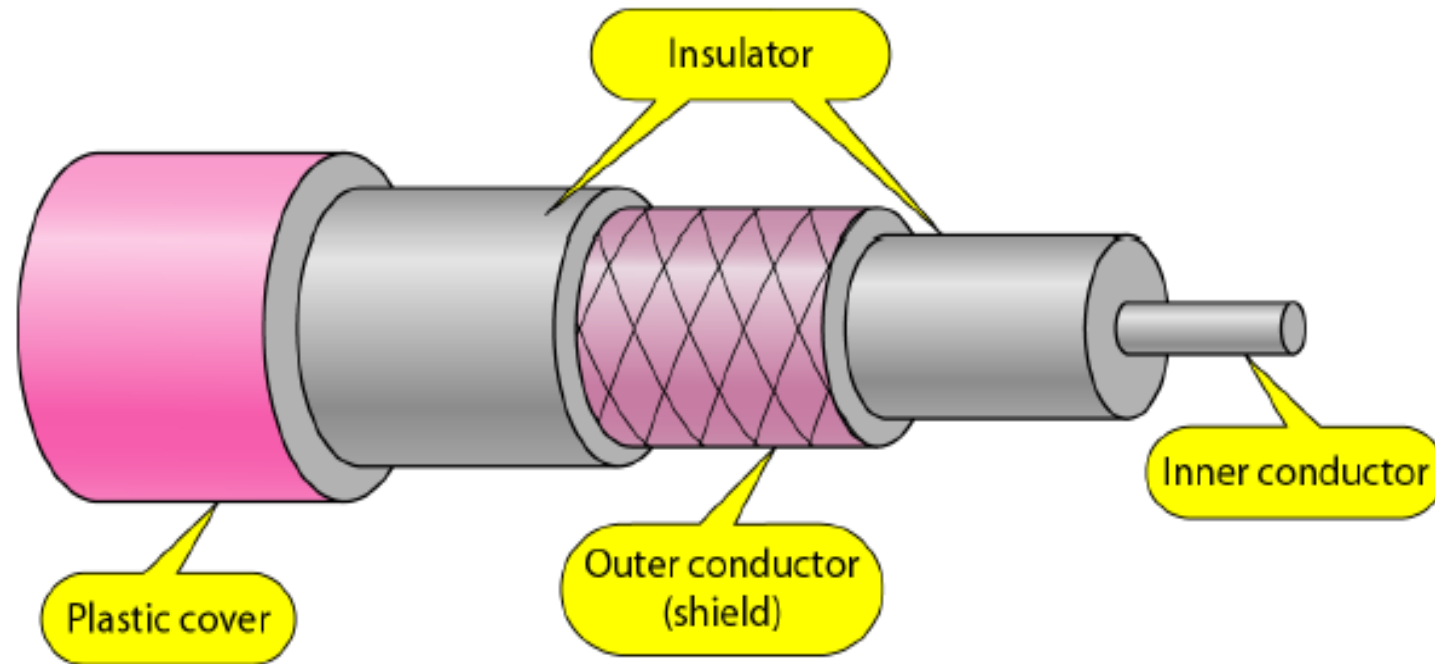
Coaxial cable

It consists of two concentric conductors: **inner copper wire conductor** surrounded by an insulating material encased by a cylindrical closely woven braided **outer conductor**. Finally it is covered by protective plastic cover

Coaxial cable



Coaxial cable



Coaxial cable

Advantages and Disadvantages of coaxial cable

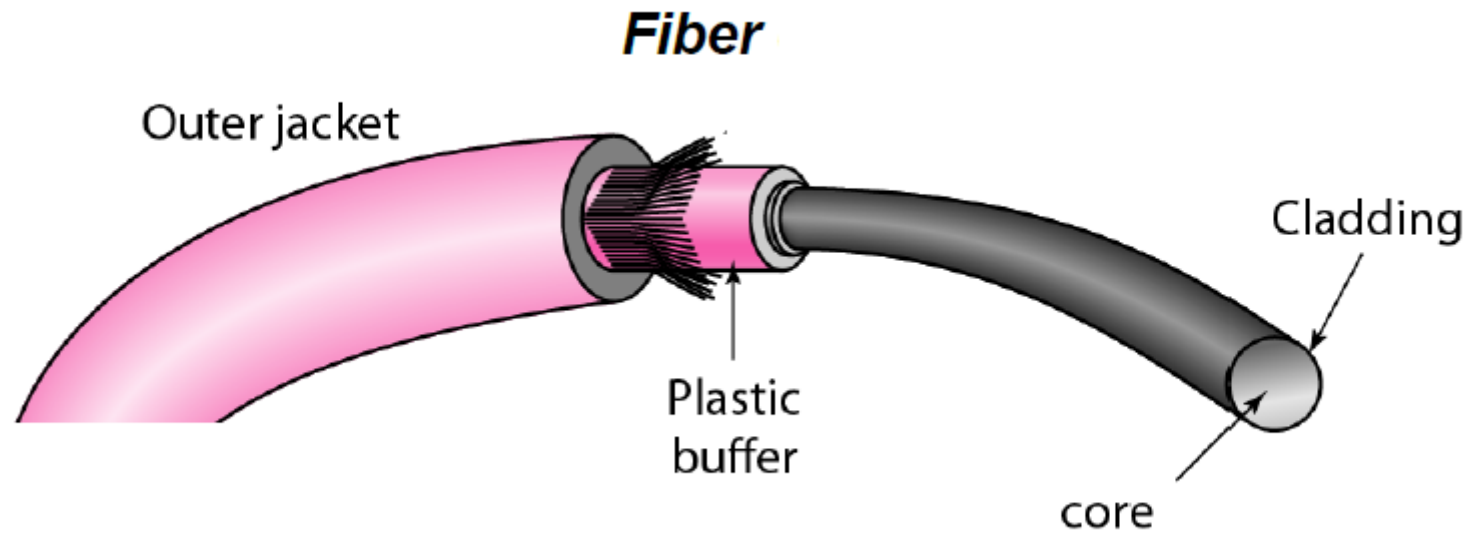
Advantages

- It has better shielding than twisted pairs. Thus, it has much less susceptible to electromagnetic interference (EMI) and cross talk.
- It has high bandwidth up to 1 GHz and has greater capacity.
- It has excellent noise immunity.
- It is cheap to install.
- It conforms to standards and thus are widely used .

Disadvantages

- It is limited in distance.
- It is limited in number of connections.
- Its termination and connectors must be done properly.

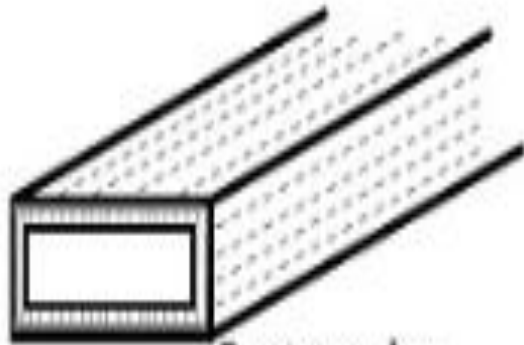
Optical fiber communication channel



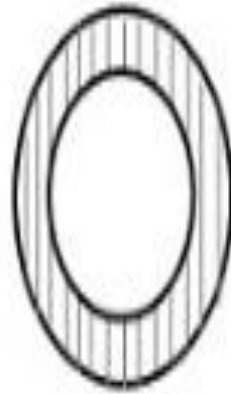
Wave guides

- It is made of one conductor. It is hollow pipe .
- It may be rectangular or circular cross section
- It operates in frequency band from 1GHz to 300 GHz

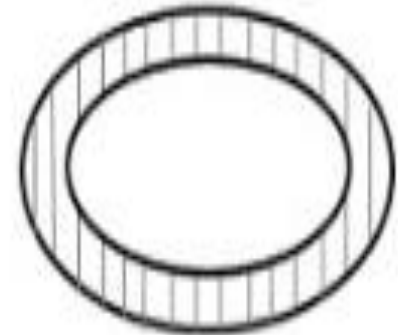
Types of wave guides



Rectangular
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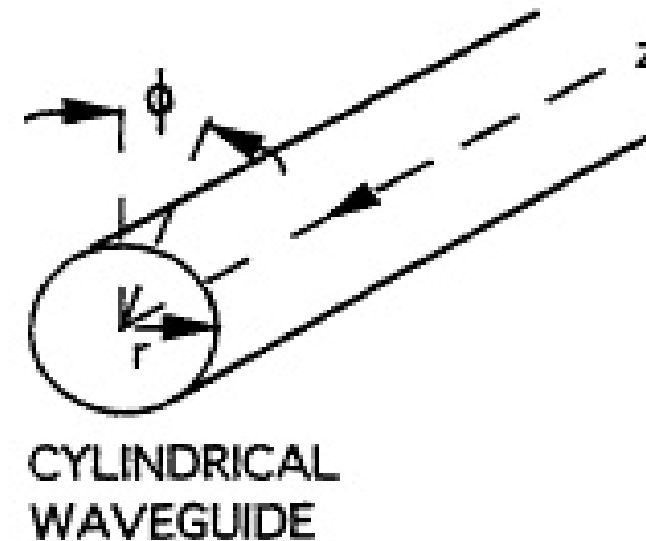
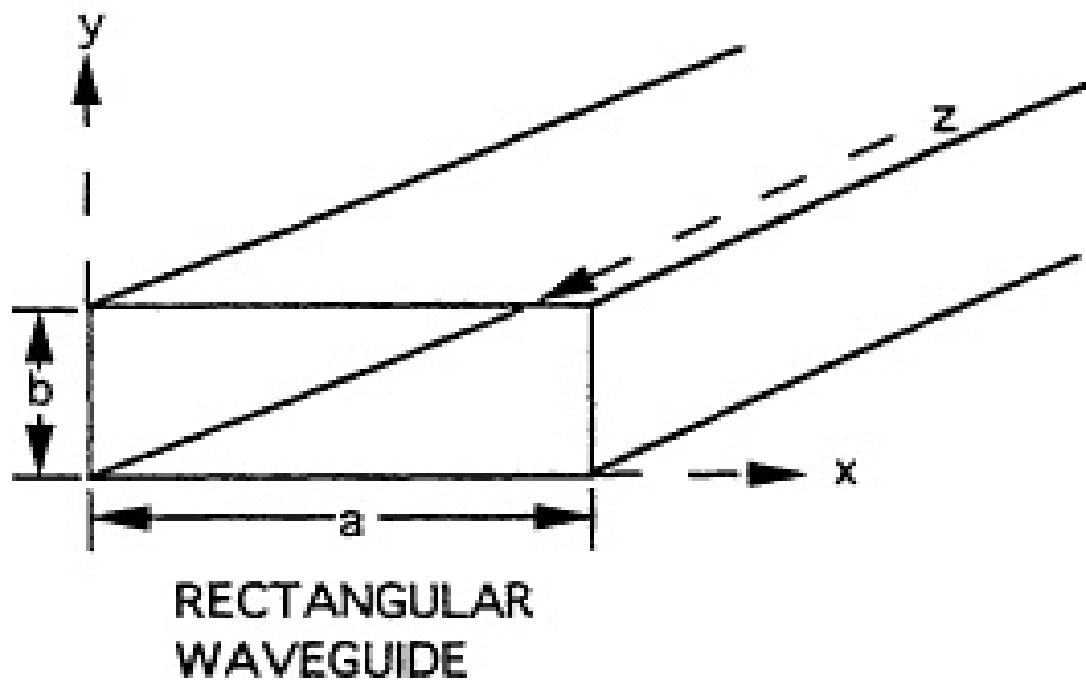


Circular
waveguide

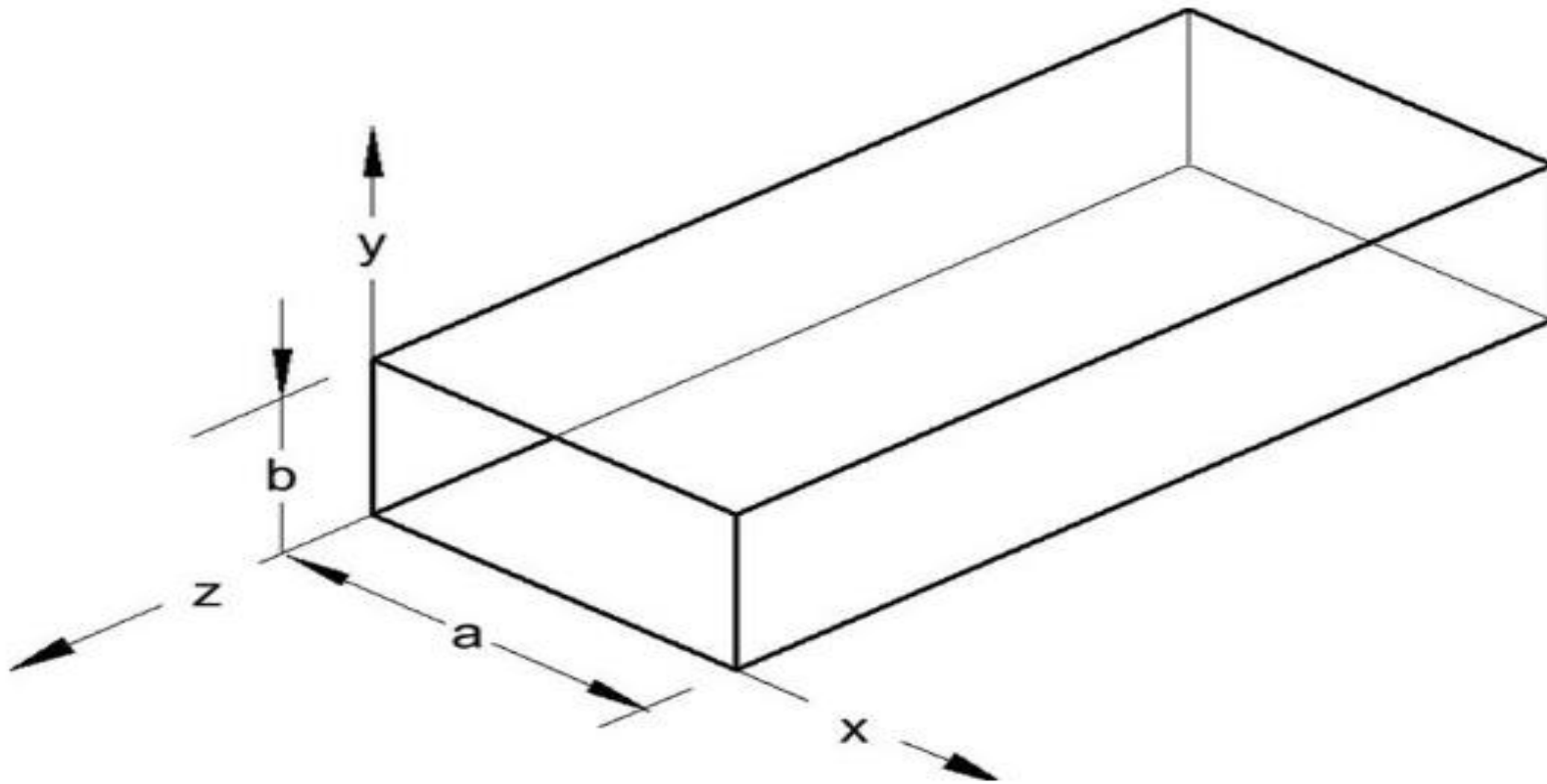


Elliptical waveguide

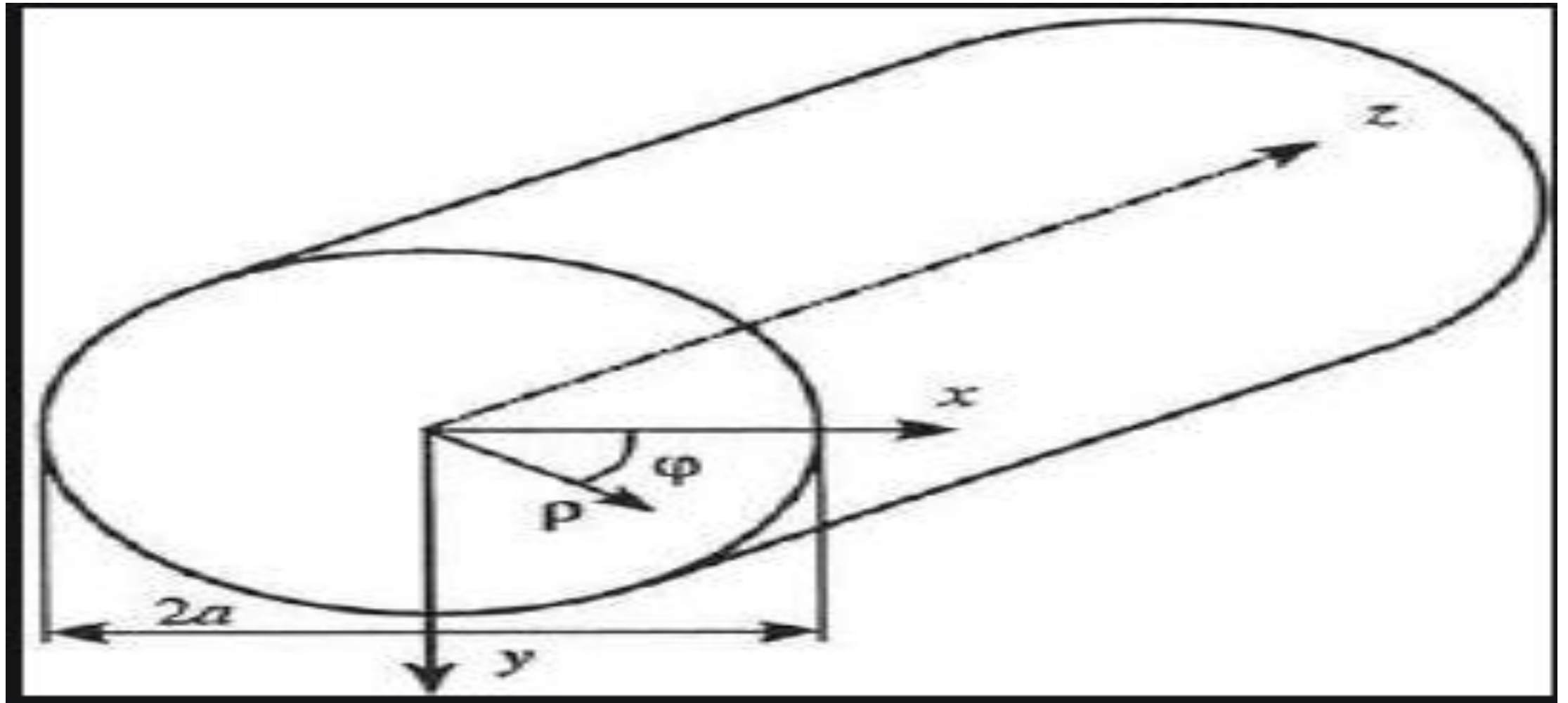
Types of wave guides



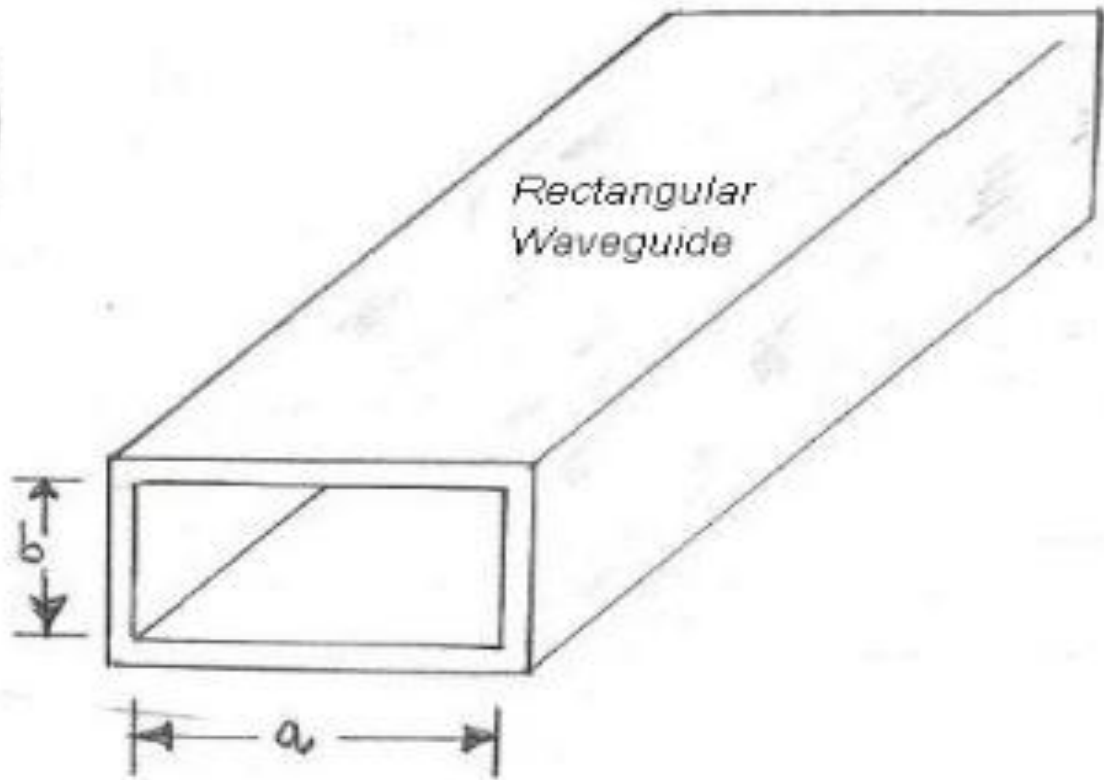
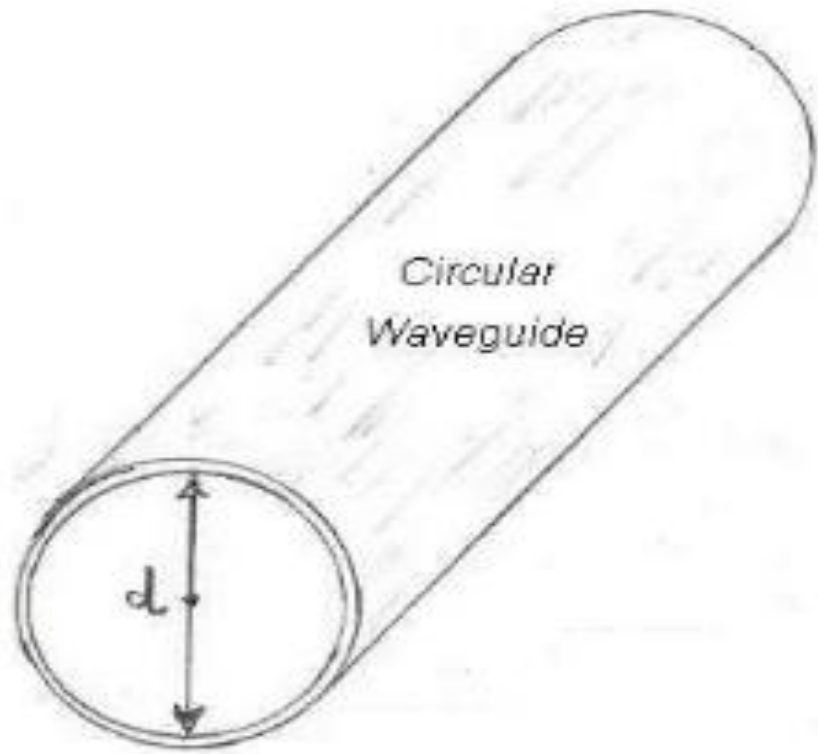
Rectangular wave guides



Circular wave guide



Types of wave guides



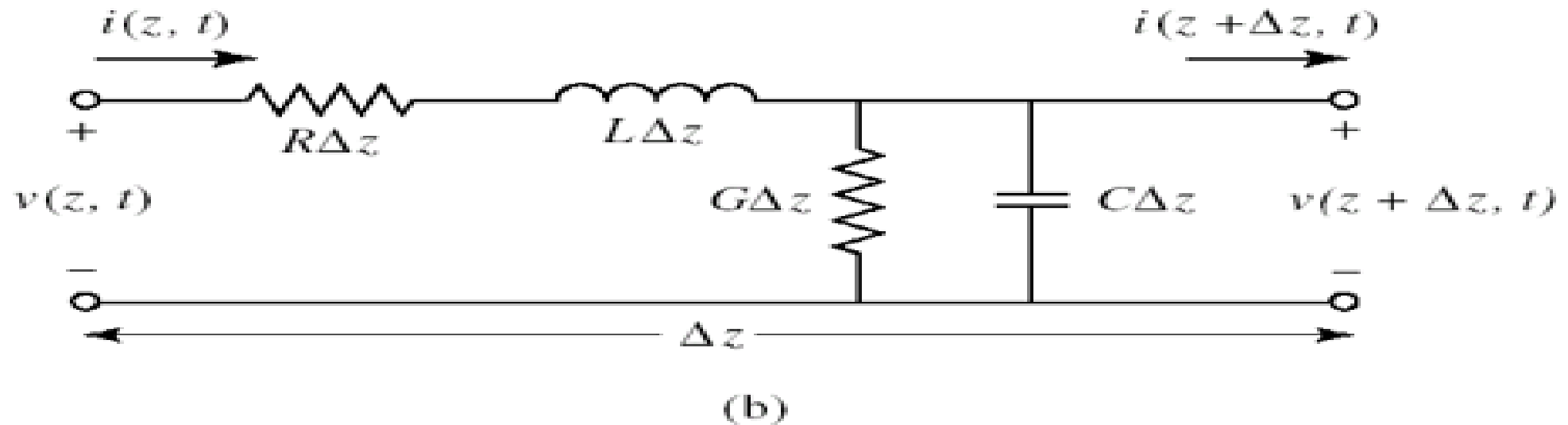
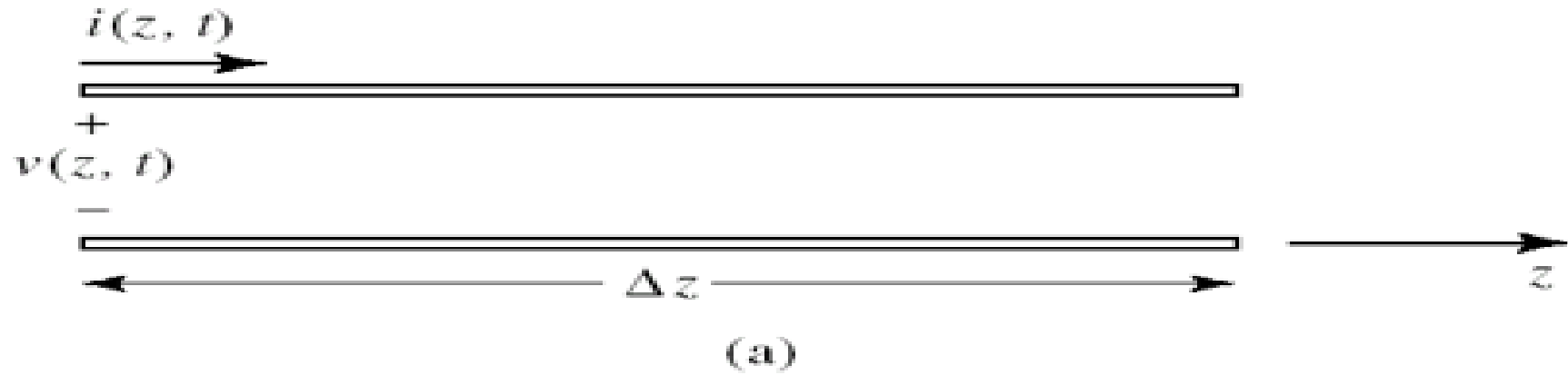
Comparison among different transmission lines



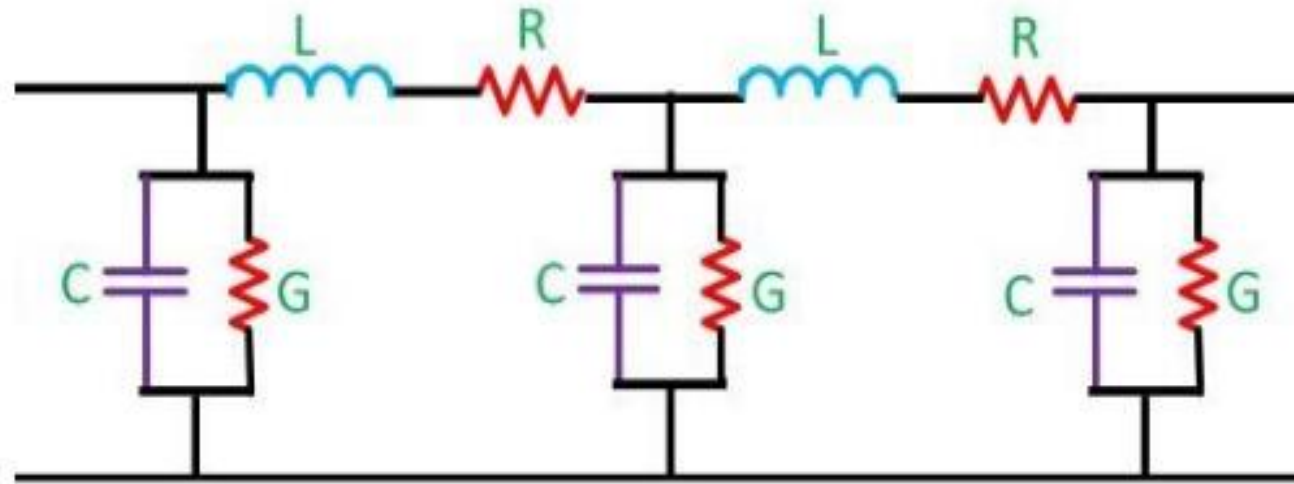
| Transmission line type | Convey what | Frequency range | Applications |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| Twisted copper pairs cables | DC and AC | From 16 MHz to 700 MHz | It is used to convey electrical power as distribution network from production source to consumers. it is used in telephone networks to convey telephone signals in buried cables |
| Coaxial cable | DC, AC and RF | From 100 KHz to 500 MHz From 3MHz to 3 GHz | It is used as transmitter feeder, receiver feeder and TV feeder |
| Wave guides | Microwave (μW) | From 1 to 26 GHz | It is used as feeders in satellite communications earth station (ES). |
| Optical fiber | Light | From 10^{14} to 10^{16} Hz | It is used in LAN,MAN and WAN communication networks |



T.L. equivalent circuit diagram



T.L. equivalent circuit diagram

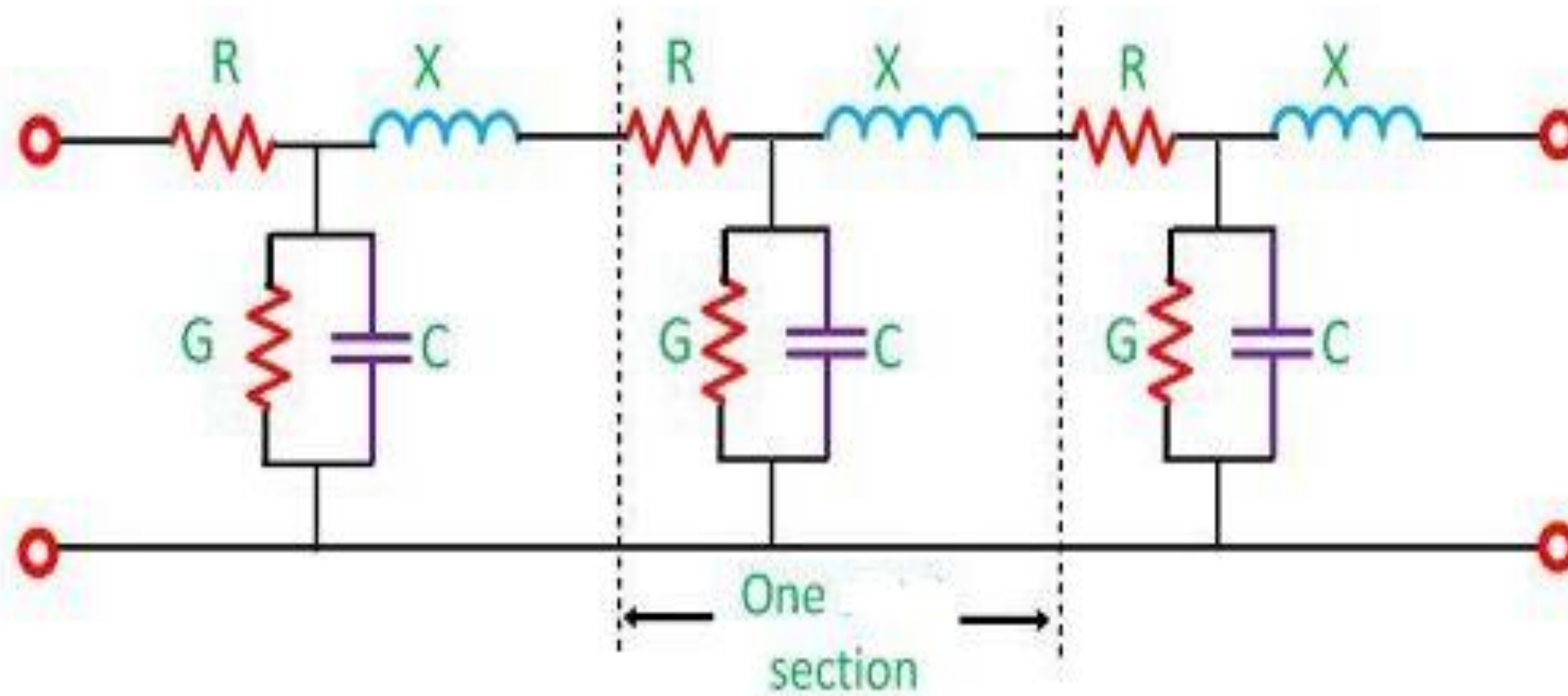


Transmission Line Model

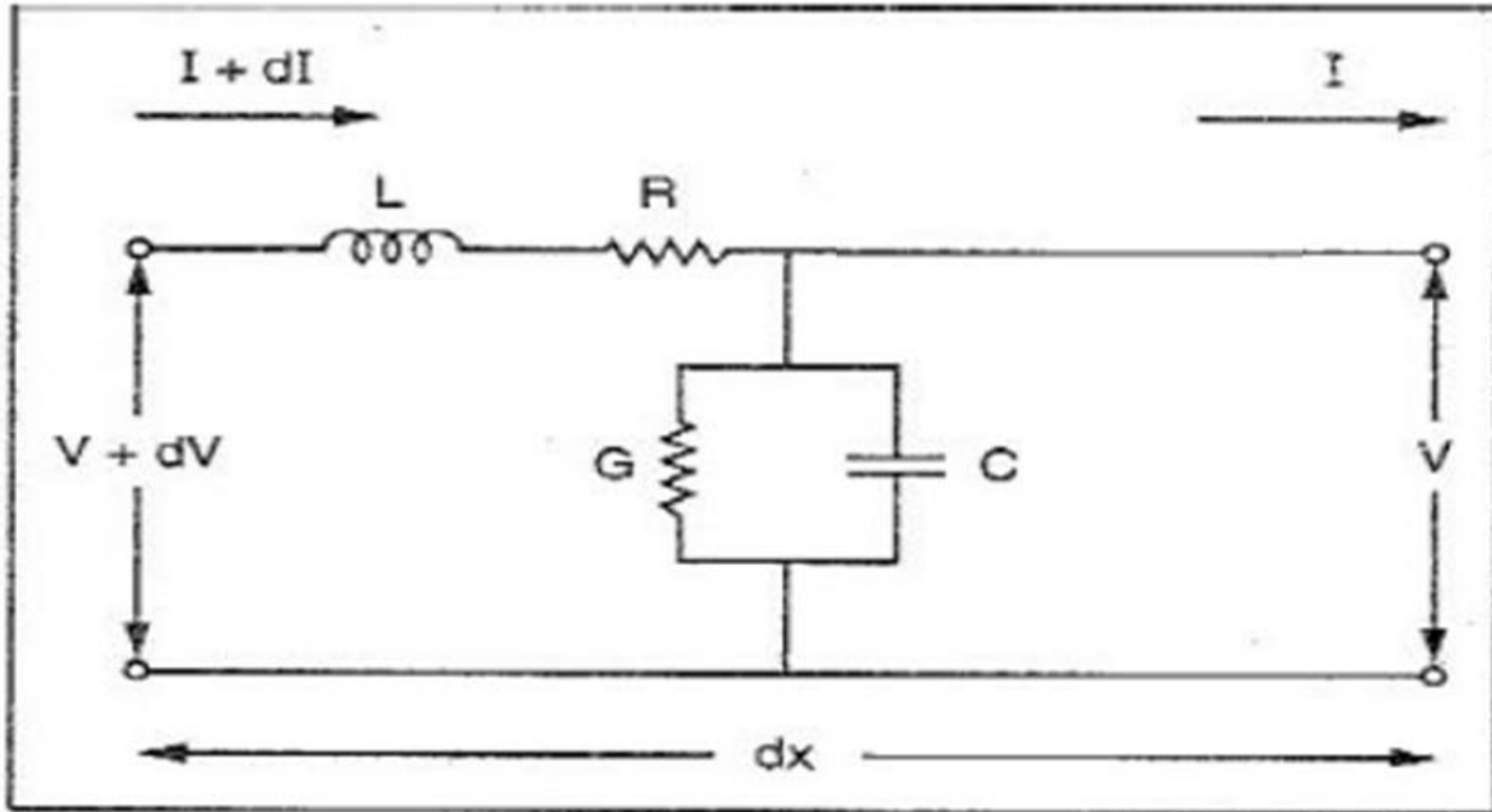
$$Z = R + j\omega L, Y = G + j\omega C$$

Circuit Globe

T.L. equivalent circuit diagram



T.L. equivalent circuit diagram (one section)



Transmission line equivalent circuit diagram

The equivalent circuit consists of the following: series combination of inductor and resistance and is expressed by:

$$\mathbf{Z = R + j\omega L.}$$

and parallel combination of capacitance and conductance and is expressed by:

$$\mathbf{Y = G + j\omega C}$$

R = series resistance per unit length for both conductors

L = series inductance per unit length for both conductors

G = shunt conductance per unit length

C = shunt capacitance per unit length

The primary parameters of transmission line

- R is Resistance per unit length [Ω/m]
- L is inductance per unit length [H/m], it is associated with magnetic flux linking in the transmission line
- C is capacitance per unit length [F/m], it is associated with electric charge in the transmission line
- G is conductance per unit length [S/m], it is associated with leakage current in the transmission line

The secondary parameters of transmission line

- The propagation coefficient(γ)
- The attenuation coefficient(α)
- The phase shift coefficient (β)
- The characteristic impedance (Z_o)
- The propagation (or phase) velocity(V_p)
- The wave length (λ)

In general case (lossy transmission line)

1. The propagation coefficient

$$\gamma = \sqrt{(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)}$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \quad [\text{m}^{-1}]$$

2. The attenuation coefficient(α)

It is the real part of γ and its unit is [Np/meter]

3. The phase shift coefficient (β)

It is the imaginary part of γ and its unit is [radian/meter].

4. The characteristic impedance (Z_o) in ohm

$$Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{(R + j\omega L)}{(G + j\omega C)}} \quad [\Omega]$$

Where

Z_o is the ratio of traveling wave voltage and the current when no reflection.

$$Z_o = \frac{V'}{I'}$$

$$Z_o = R_o + jX_o$$

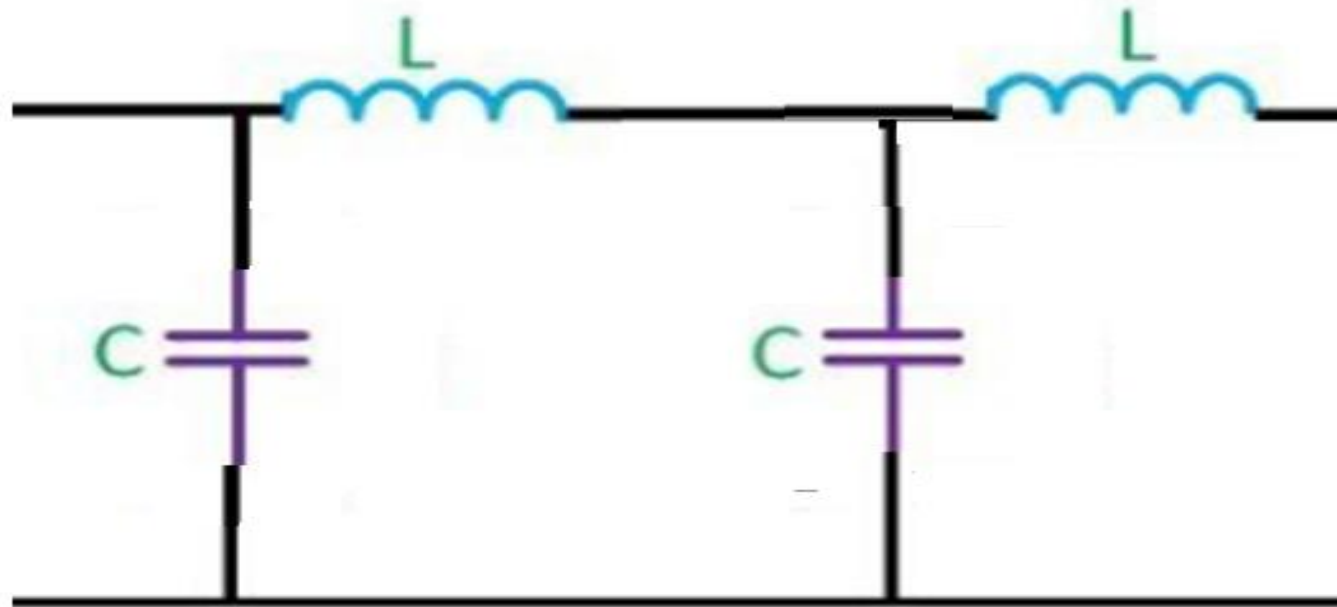
5. The propagation (or phase) velocity

$$V_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta} \quad [\text{meter/sec ond}]$$

6. The wave length

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

Lossless T.L. Equivalent circuit diagram



Lossless transmission lines secondary parameters

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = \sqrt{(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)}$$

where γ the complex propagation constant.

α = attenuation constant,

β = phase constant,

$R = G = 0$ gives $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{LC}$ or

$$\beta = \omega\sqrt{LC}, \quad \alpha = 0$$

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

Lossless transmission lines secondary parameters

The wavelength of the waves:

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

The phase velocity of the wave is defined as the speed at which a constant phase point travels down the line,

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{\beta}$$

In case of lossless transmission line

1. The propagation coefficient

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \quad [\text{m}^{-1}]$$

$$R = 0$$

$$G = 0$$

$$\gamma = j\omega\sqrt{LC} \quad [\text{m}^{-1}]$$

2. The attenuation coefficient

$$\alpha = 0 \quad [\text{Np/m}]$$

3. The phase shift coefficient

$$\beta = \omega\sqrt{LC} \quad [\text{radian/meter}]$$

4. The characteristic impedance

$$Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \quad [\Omega]$$

$$R_o = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

$$X_o = 0$$

5. The phase propagation velocity

$$V_P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \quad [\text{meter/sec ond}]$$

6. The wave length

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

Lossy T.L. versus lossless T.L.

| T.L. Type Parameters | Lossy T.L. | Lossless T.L. |
|--|--|---|
| Propagation coefficient [m^{-1}] | $\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$ | $\gamma = j\beta = j\omega\sqrt{LC}$ |
| Attenuation coefficient [Np/m] | $\gamma = \sqrt{(R + j\omega L)(G + j\omega C)}$ | $\alpha = 0$ |
| Phase shift coefficient [radian/m] | | $\beta = \omega\sqrt{LC}$ |
| Propagation phase velocity [meter/second] | $V_P = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$ | $V_P = \frac{\omega}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$ |
| Characteristic impedance [Ω] | $Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{R + j\omega L}{G + j\omega C}}$ | $Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \quad R_o = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$ |

Relation ship between decibel and Neper

$$\alpha|_{dB} = 10 \log \frac{P_1}{P_2}$$

$$\alpha|_{NP} = 10 \ln \frac{P_1}{P_2}$$

$$\alpha|_{NP} = 8.686 * \alpha|_{dB}$$

$$\alpha|_{dB} = 0.115 * \alpha|_{NP}$$