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0.0.1 Transmission Line

 \mathbf{T}

$$n_1 \circ \cdots \circ n_3$$
 $n_2 \circ \cdots \circ n_4$
 $\mathbf{Z_0}, \mathbf{TD}$

Figure 1: T — transmission line element.

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SPICE Form:
Tname n_1 n_2 n_3 n_4 [ModelName] ZO=CharacteristicImpedance TD=TimeDelay [IC=V<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>1</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>
Tname n_1 n_2 n_3 n_4 [ModelName] \texttt{ZO} = CharacteristicImpedance
+ F=ReferenceFrequency + [NL=NormalizedElectricalLength] [IC=V_1, I_1, V_2, I_2]
where
                positive node at port 1.
           n_1
                negative node at port 1.
           n_2
                positive node at port 2.
           n_3
                negative node at port 2.
           n_4
 ModelName
                is the model name.
                is the characteristic impedance. (Z-zero)
           ZO
                 (Units: \Omega; Required; Symbol: Z_0; Default: none)
           TD
                transmission line delay.
                 (Units: s; Either TD or F Required; Symbol: T_D; Default: none)
                reference frequency.
                 (Units: Hz; Either TD or F Required; Symbol: F; Default: none)
                normalized electrical length. Normalization is with
           NL
                 respect to the wavelength in free space at the reference frequency F.
                 (Units: none; Optional; Symbol: L_{NORMALIZED}; Default: 0.25)
           IC
                is the optional initial condition
                 specification using IC= V_1, I_1, V_2, I_2 is intended for
                 use with the UIC option on the .TRAN line, when
                 a transient analysis is desired starting from other than the
                 quiescent operating point. Specification of the transient
                 initial conditions using the .IC statement is preferred
                 and is more convenient.
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Example:

T1 1 0 2 0 Z0=50 TD=10NS

TLONG 1 0 2 0 Z0=50 F=1G NL=10

TLONG 1 0 2 0 Z0=50 F=1G

Description:

The length of the line may be expressed in either of two forms. The transmission delay, TD, may be specified directly (as TD=10ns, for example). Alternatively, a frequency F may be given, together with NL, the normalized electrical length of the transmission line with respect to the wavelength in the line at the frequency F. If a frequency is specified but NL is omitted, 0.25 is assumed (that is, the frequency is assumed to be the quarter-wave frequency). Note that although both forms for expressing the line length are indicated as optional, one of the two must be specified.

Note that only 3 distinct nodes should be specified as this element describes a single propagating mode. With four distinct nodes specified, two propagating modes may exist on the actual line. If there are four distinct nodes then two lines are required.

The transmission line T element is modeled as a bidirectional ideal delay element as shown in figure ??. The maximum time step in SPICE is limited to half of the time delay along the line. Thus short transmission lines can result in many time steps in a transient analysis. Unnecessary short transmission lines should be avoided.

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Model Type

URC

URC Model

Lossy RC Transmission Line Model

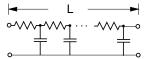


Figure 2: URC — lossy RC transmission line model.

Form

.MODEL ModelName URC([keyword = value] ...])

Example

.MODEL LONGLINE URC()

Table 1: URC model parameters.

Name	Description		Units	Default
K	Propagation Constant		-	2.0
FMAX	Maximum Frequency of interest		Hz	1.0G
RPERL	Resistance per unit length	$(I_{S,PERL})$	Ω/m	1000
CPERL	Capacitance per unit length	$(I_{S,PERL})$	F/m	1.0E-15
ISPERL	Saturation current per unit length	$(I_{S,PERL})$	A/m	
RSPERL	Diode Resistance per unit length	$(I_{S,PERL})$	Ω/m	0

The URC model was originally proposed by Gertzberrg [?] In this model a transmission line is represented by the cascade of a number of transmission line segments each of which is modeled by an RC or R-Diode subcircuit. The lengths of the line segments increases in a geometric progression towards the middle of the line. The number of line segments is

$$N = \tag{1}$$

and the length of the *i*th line segment is

$$l_i = \tag{2}$$

If ISPERL is not specified then a linear transmission line is modeled, see figure 2, with

ISPERL omitted

$$R_i = R_{\text{PERL}} l_i \tag{3}$$

$$C_i = C_{\text{PERL}} l_i$$
 (4)

If ISPERL is not then a diode loaded nonlinear transmission line is modeled, see figure 2, ISPERL specified with

$$R_i = R_{\text{PERL}}l_i \tag{5}$$

$$R_{S,i} = R_{S,PERL}l_i$$
 (6)

$$C_i = C_{J,i} \left(1 - \frac{\phi}{V_{J,i}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$
 (7)

$$I_S = I_{S,i} \left(e^{\frac{V_{J,i}}{V_{\text{TH}}}} - 1 \right) \tag{8}$$

where the zero-bias capacitance of the ith diode is

$$C_{J,i} = C_{\text{PERL}} l_i \tag{9}$$

its reverse saturation current is

$$I_{S,i} = I_{S,PERL}$$
 (10)

Notes:

The actual element in $fREEDA^{TM}$ is the tlinp4 element. See tlinp4 for full documentation.

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