

# Fields and Waves I

## Lecture 4

Pulses on Transmission Lines

Lossy Transmission Lines

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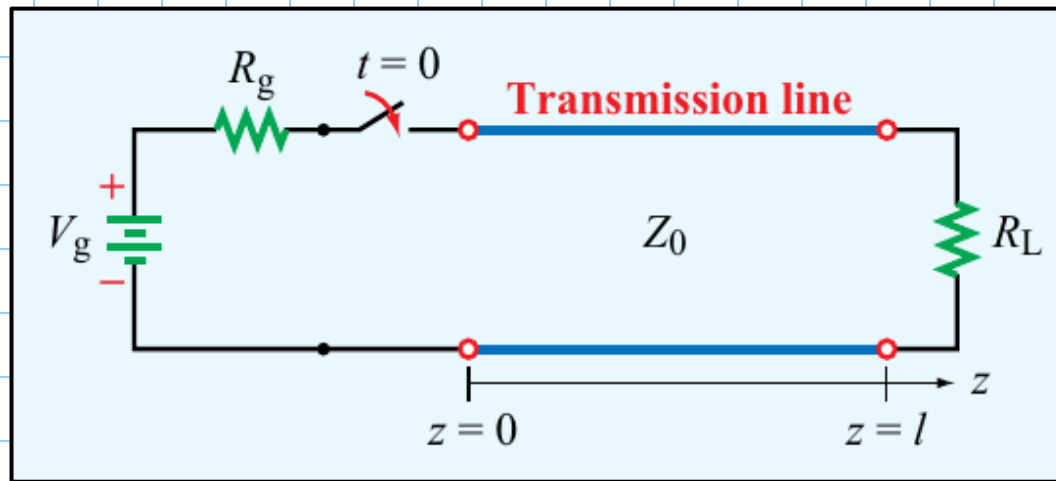
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# Wrap-Up

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- Exam 1 coming up a week from Monday (2/5).
  - Covers lectures 1-6 and the Unit 1 Core Skills (which will be released ASAP)
  - I will release practice problems next week.
  - Exams use standardized crib sheets

# Transients On T-Lines

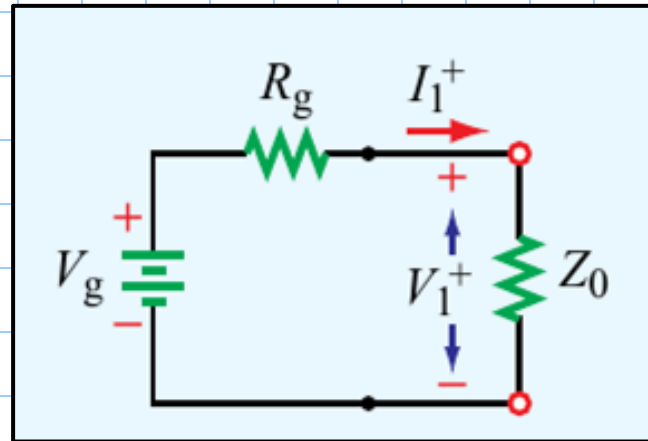


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Consider the circuit above. At  $t=0$ , the switch closes and a voltage pulse begins moving forward down the line.

- Is there a backwards traveling wave at this point?
- Are there any standing waves?
- What is the ratio of current and voltage on the line at this moment?

# Transients On T-Lines



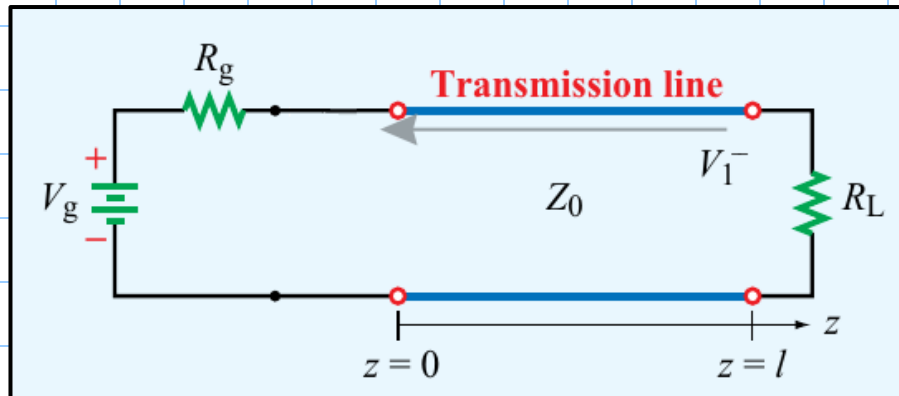
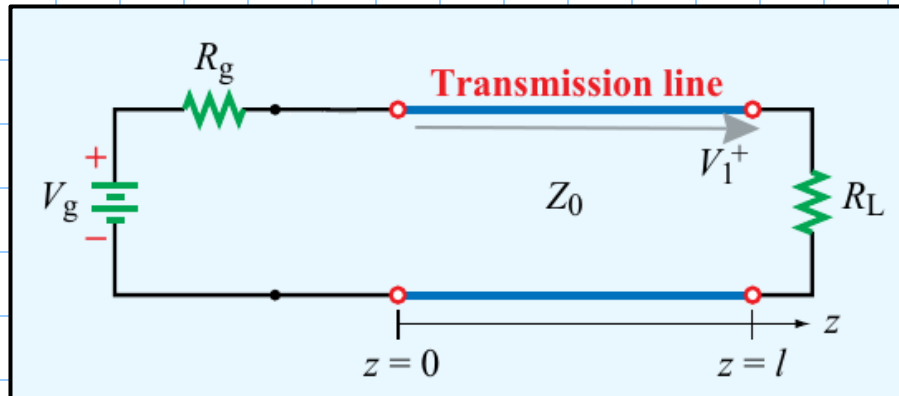
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At  $t=0$ , the t-line circuit therefore behaves equivalently to this one. So what are the current and voltage expressions for the load?

$$V_1^+ = \frac{V_g Z_0}{Z_g + Z_0}$$

$$I_1^+ = \frac{V_g}{Z_g + Z_0}$$

# Transients On T-Lines



$$V_1^- = \Gamma V_1^+$$

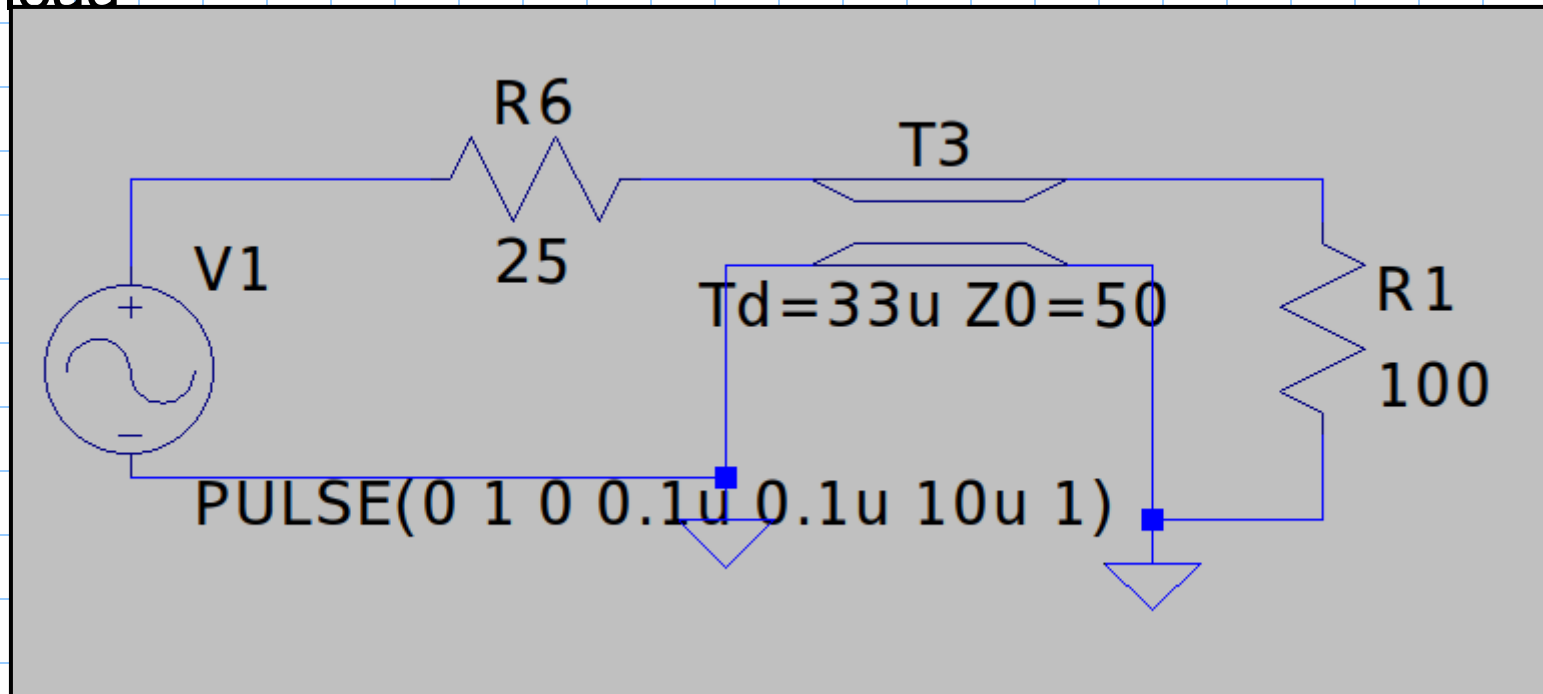
$$\Gamma = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{V_0^-}{V_0^+} = -\frac{I_0^-}{I_0^+}$$

This voltage pulse still reflects at the load as governed by the reflection coefficient.

# Transients On T-Lines

Next example - Square pulse, mismatched source and load

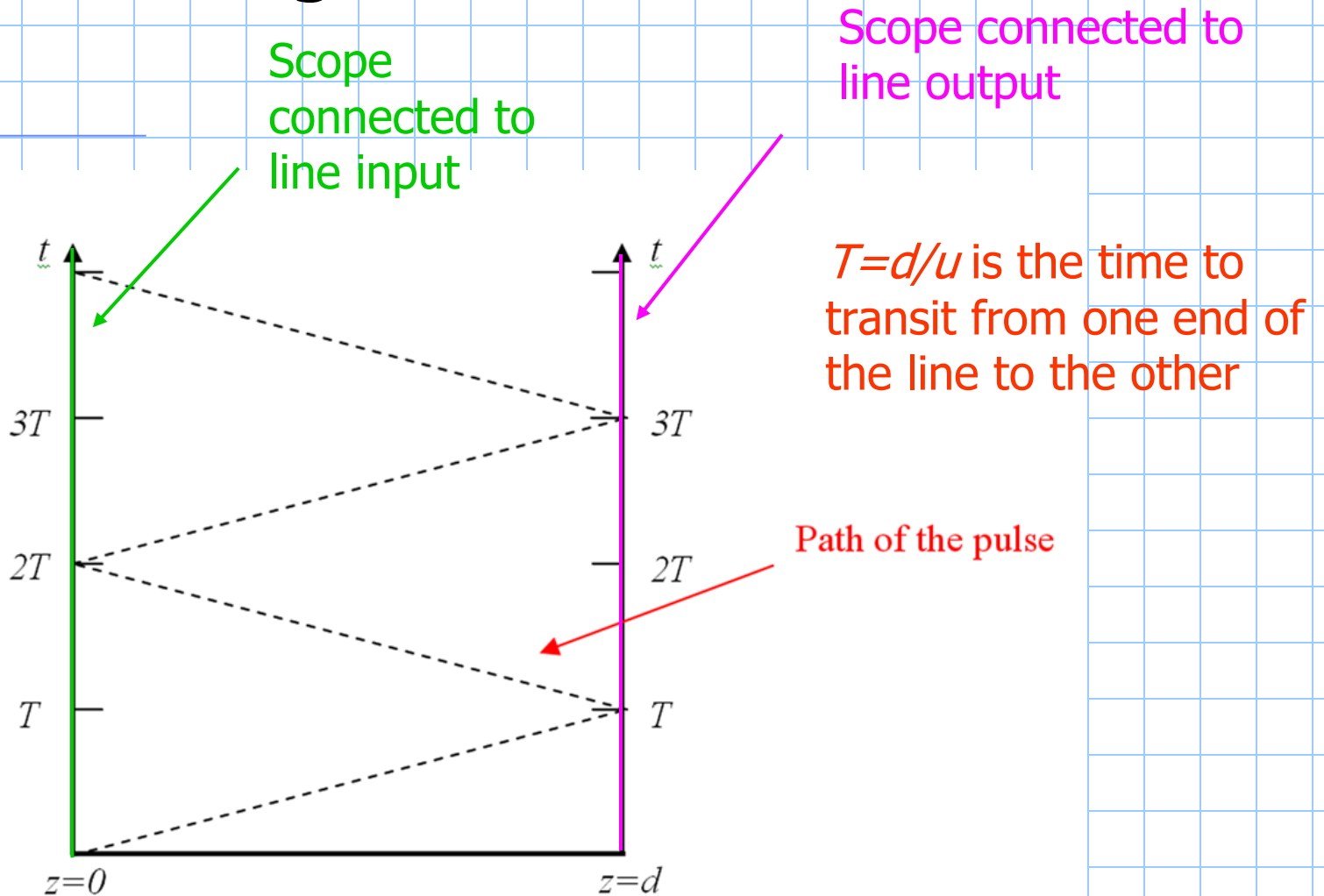


# Bounce Diagram

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- There is a systematic method for applying this information using what is called a bounce diagram or lattice diagram
- Each step of the process is included
- Space and time information are included

# Bounce Diagram

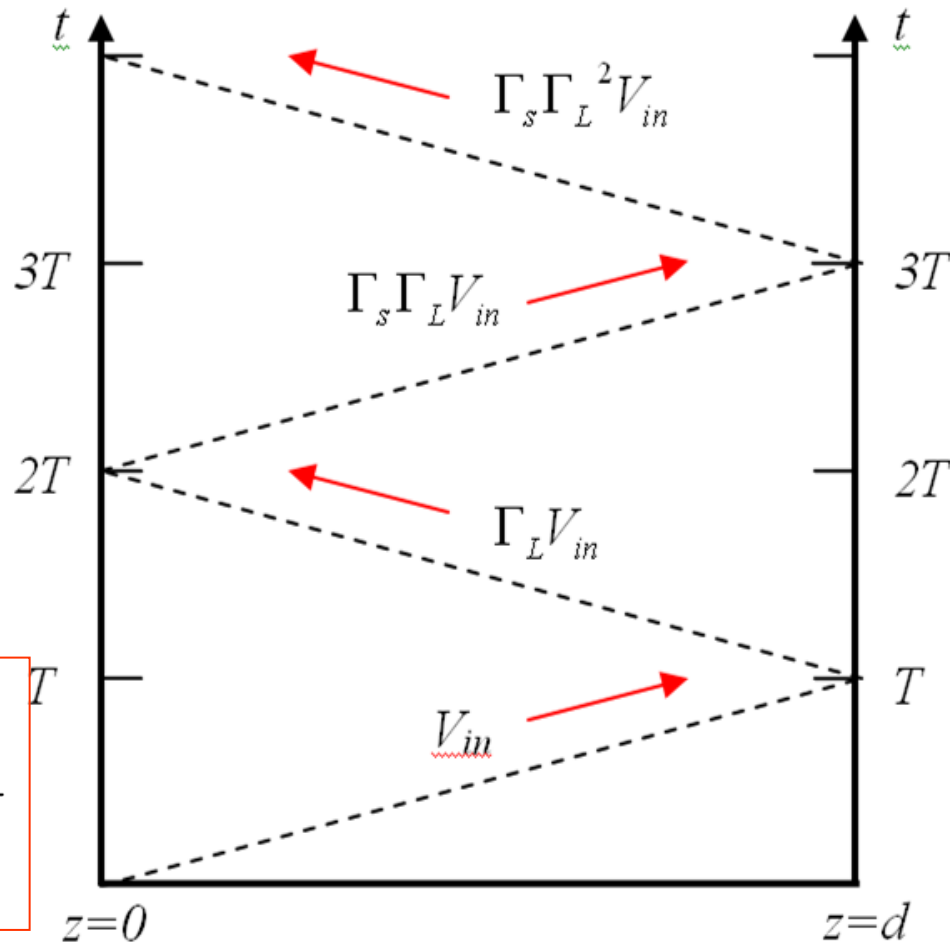




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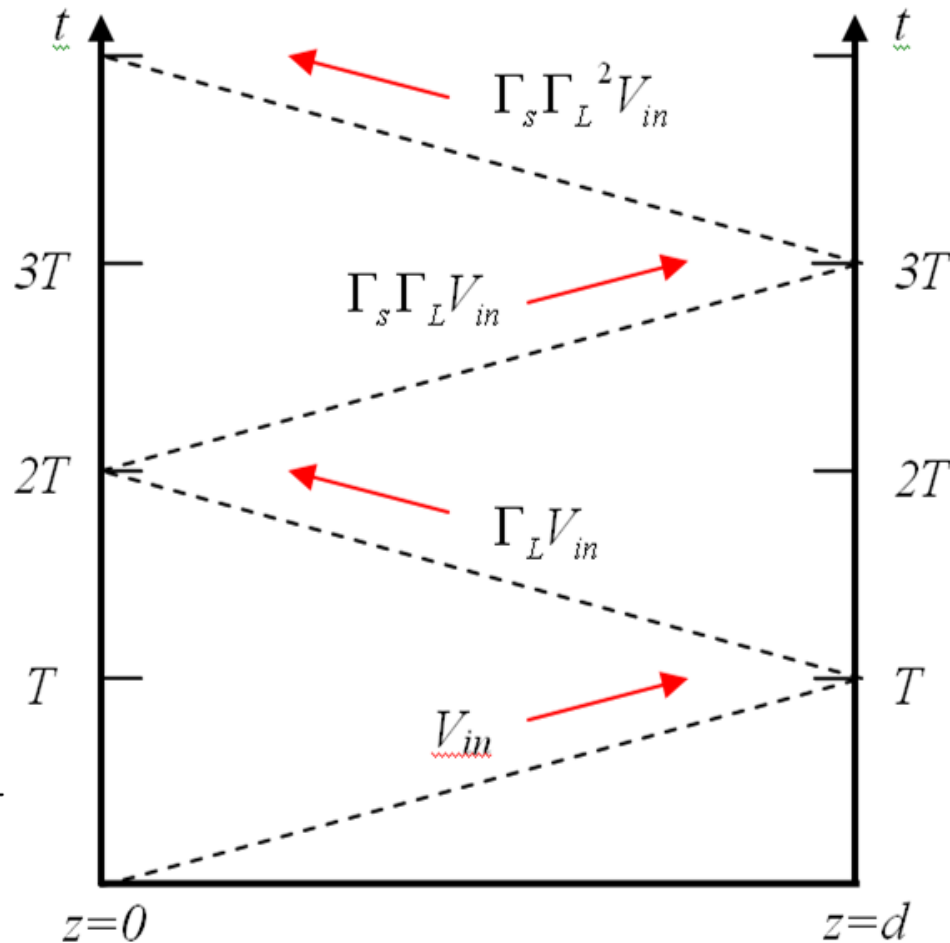
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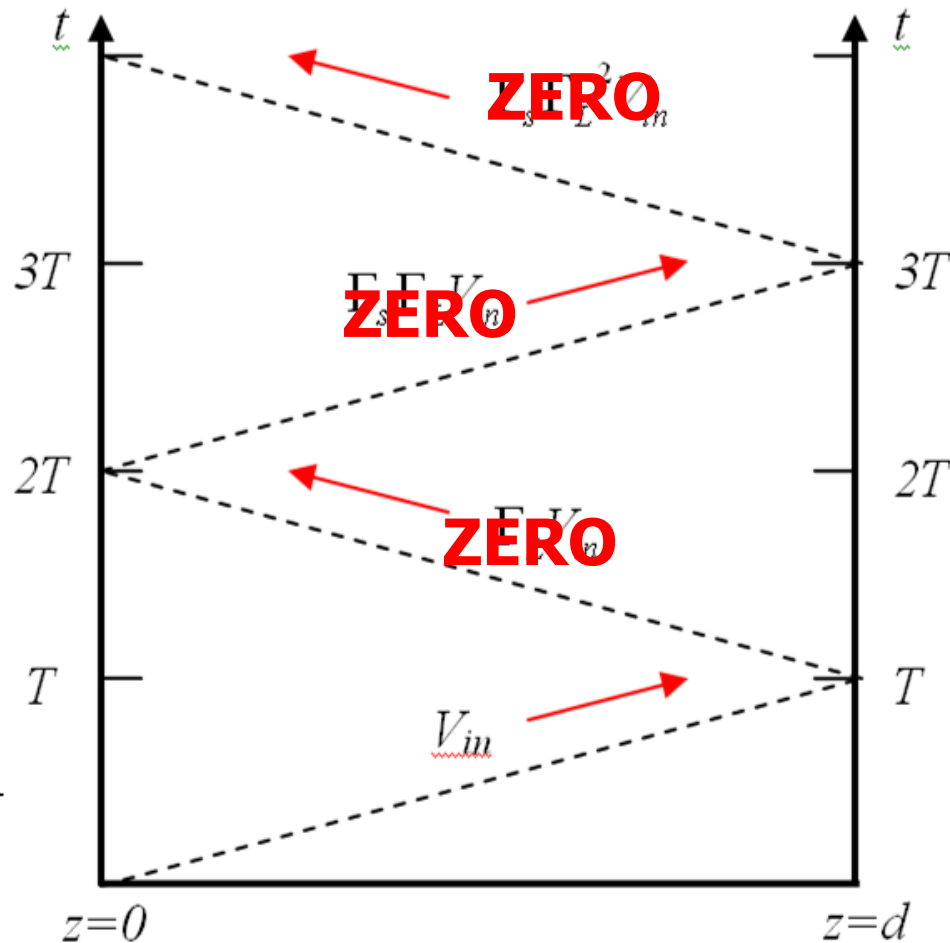
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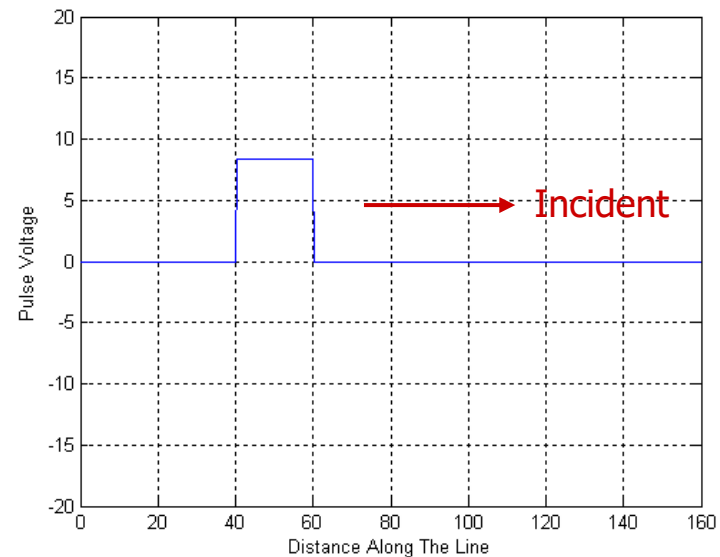
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- If the pulse width is much less than the transit time  $T$ , then only a single incident and reflected pulse will occur at the load or source end while reflection occurs.
- This is much simpler to consider.

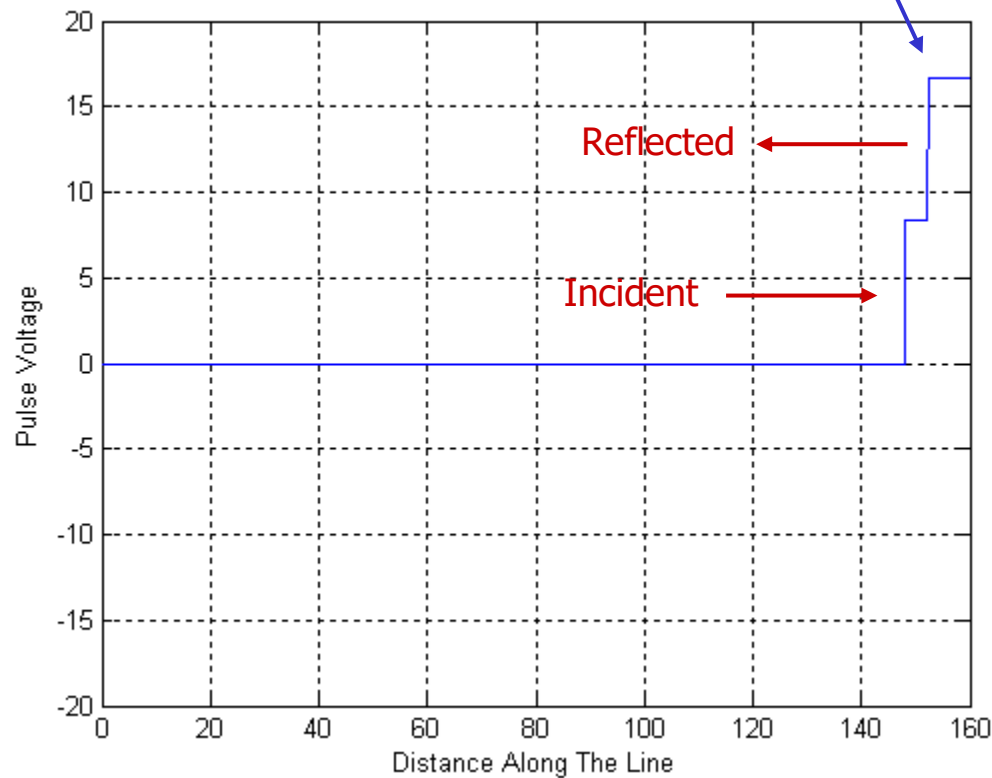
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- Zooming in allows us to see how reflection actually occurs.

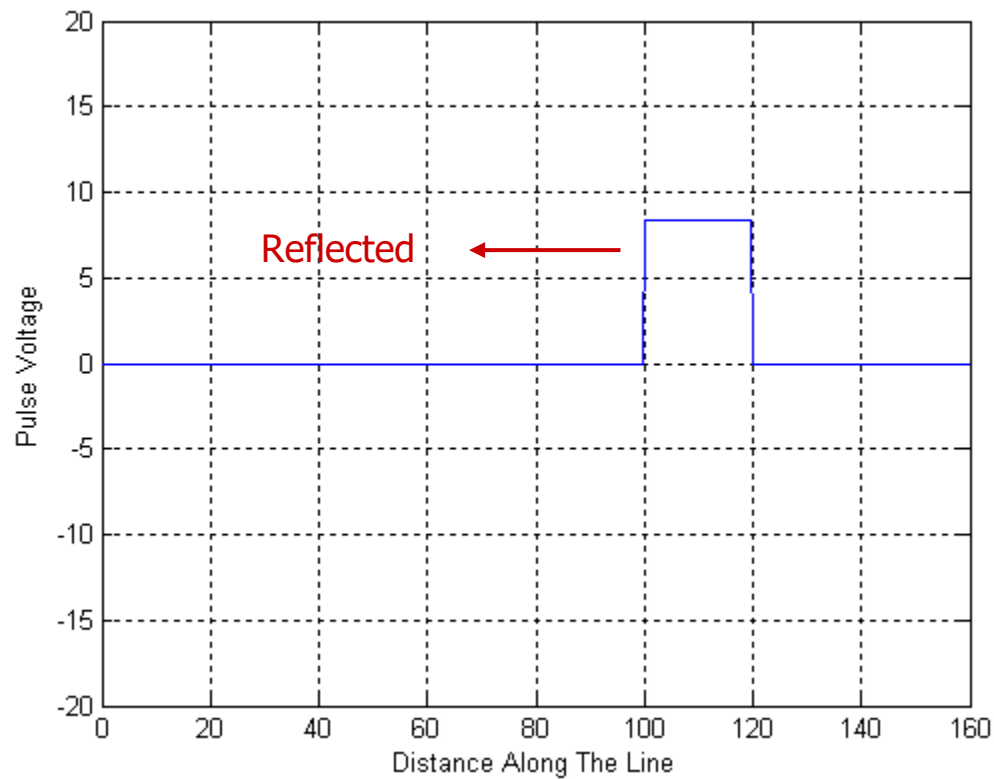


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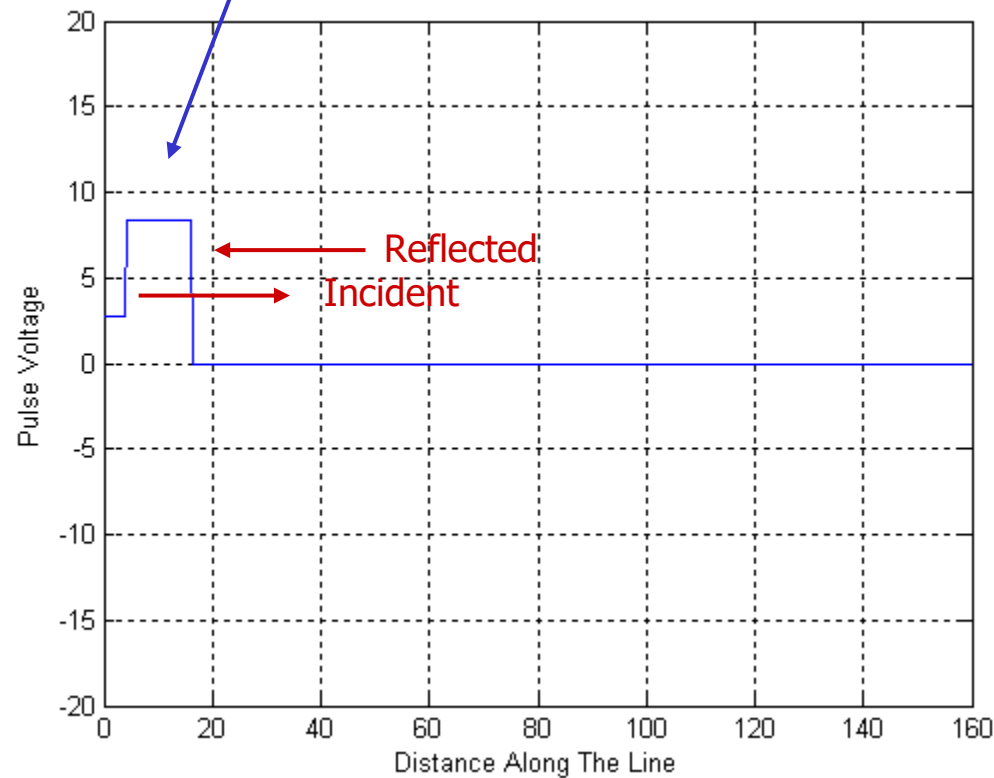


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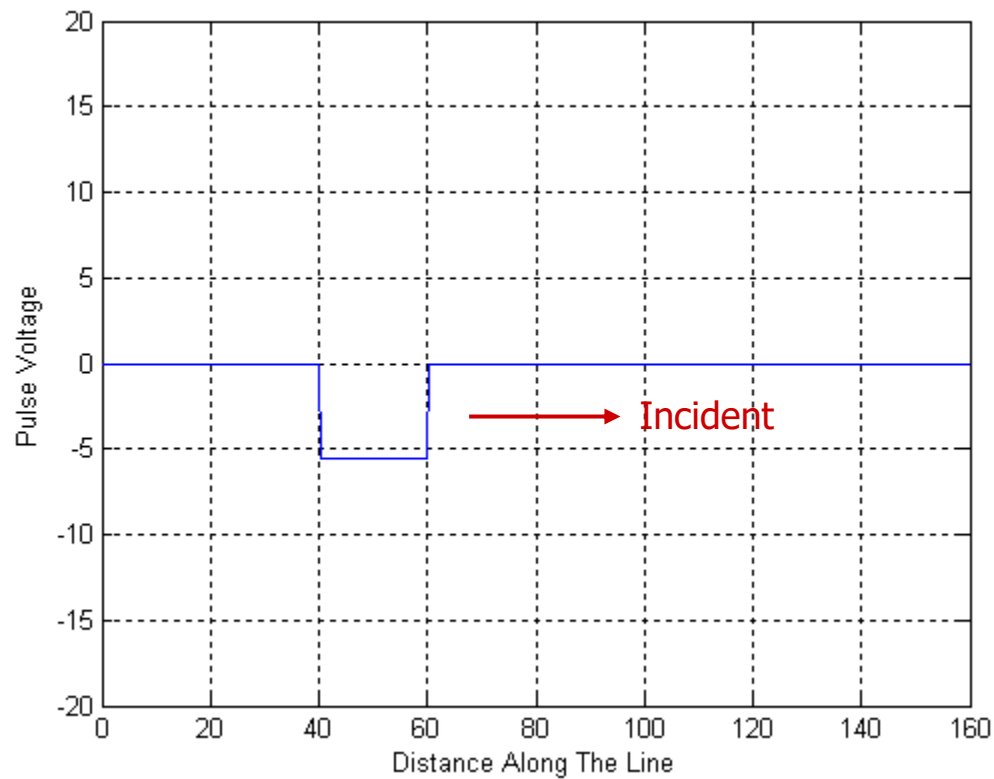
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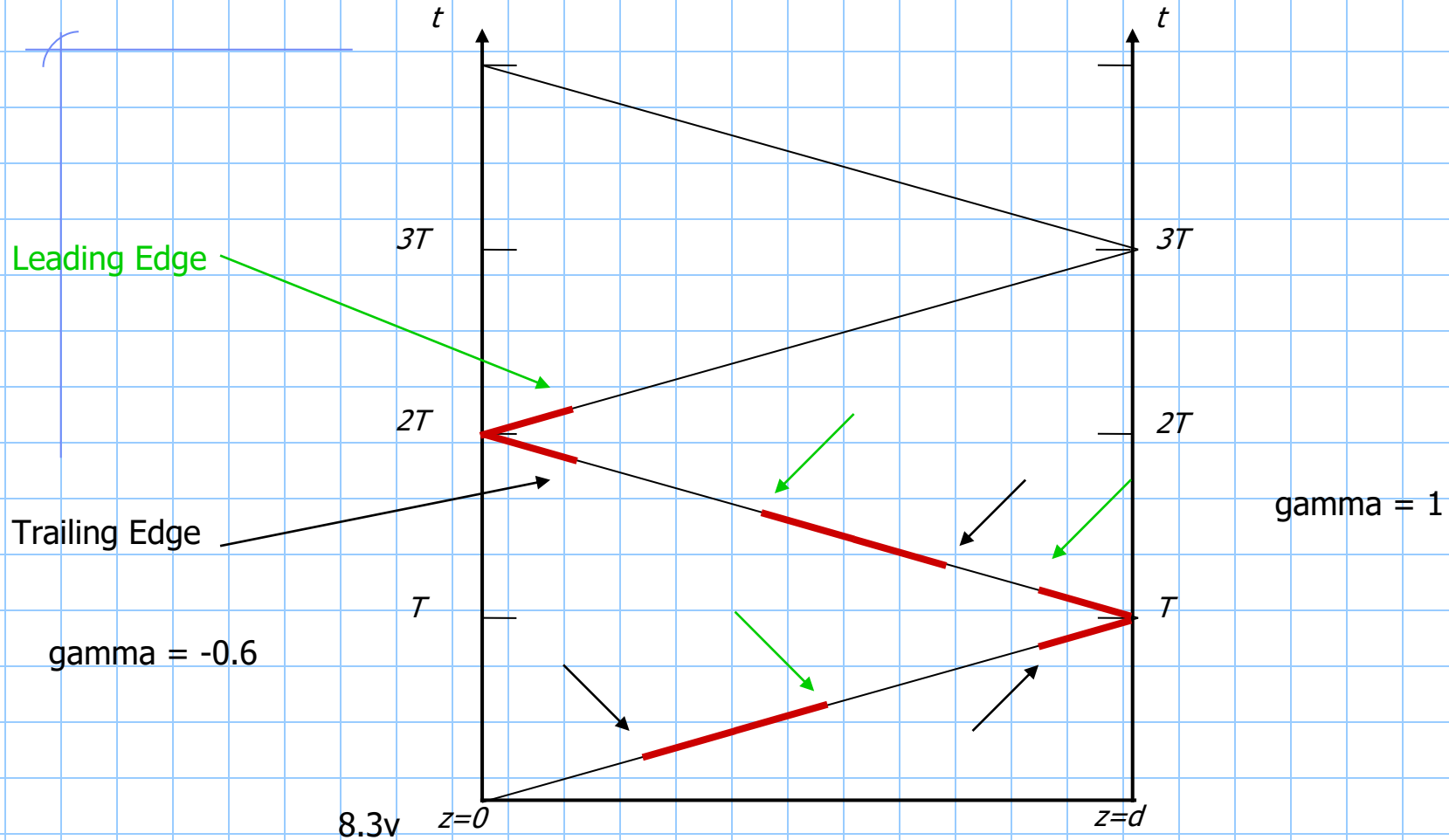


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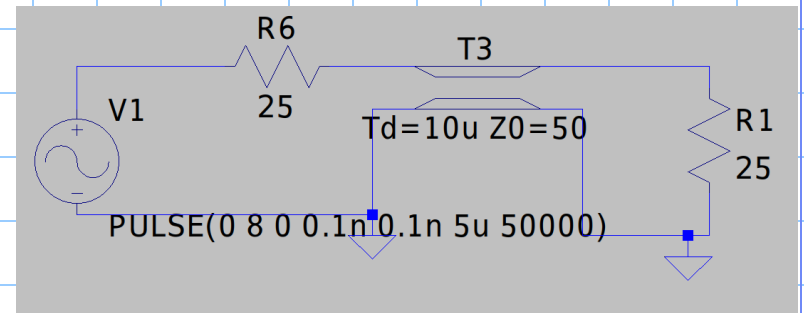
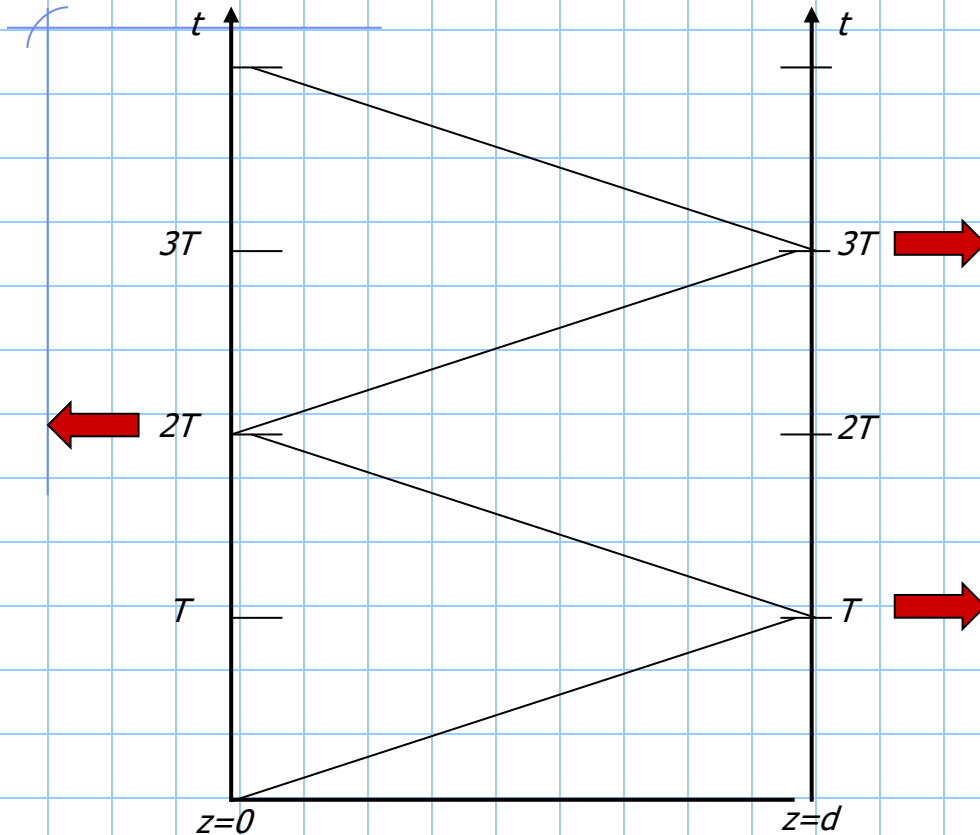


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Again, expanding the pulse for clarity, we see that incident and reflected pulses exist simultaneously

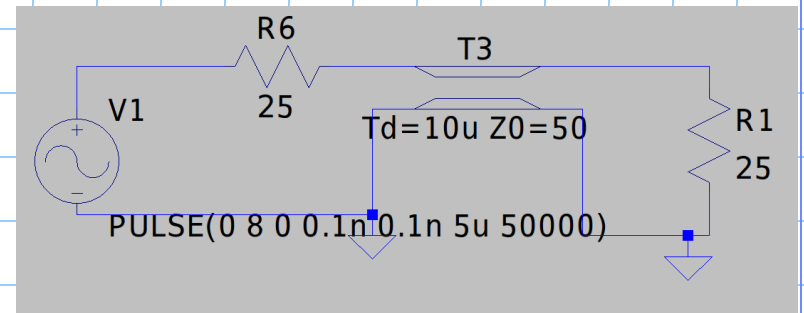
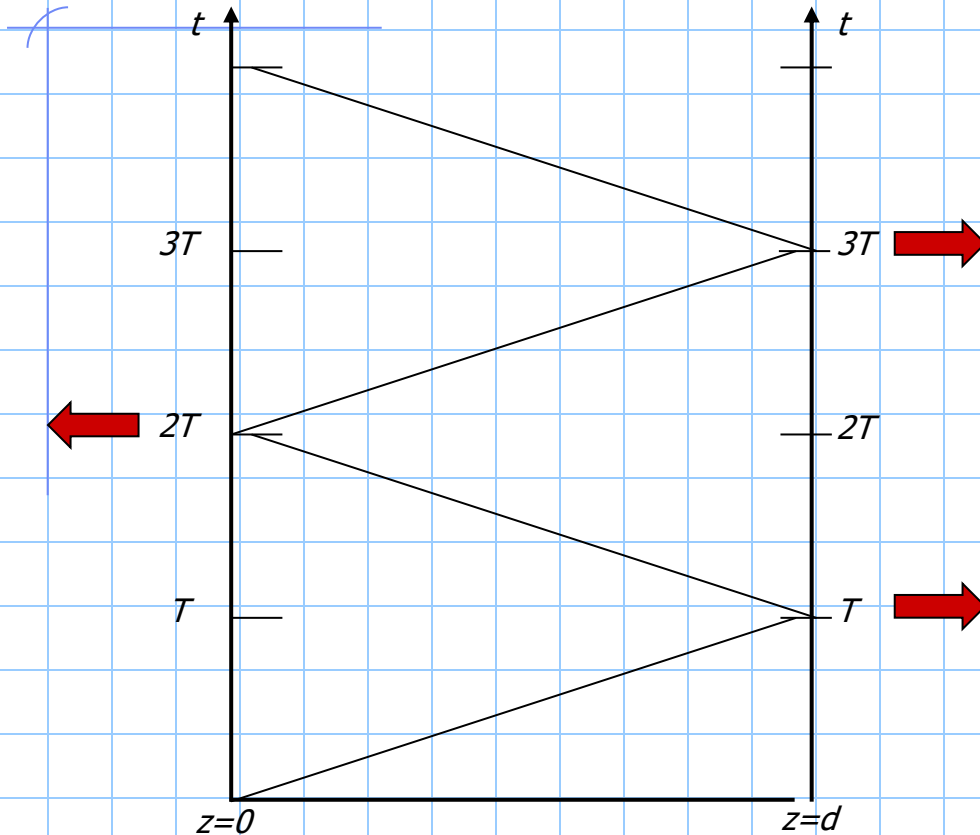


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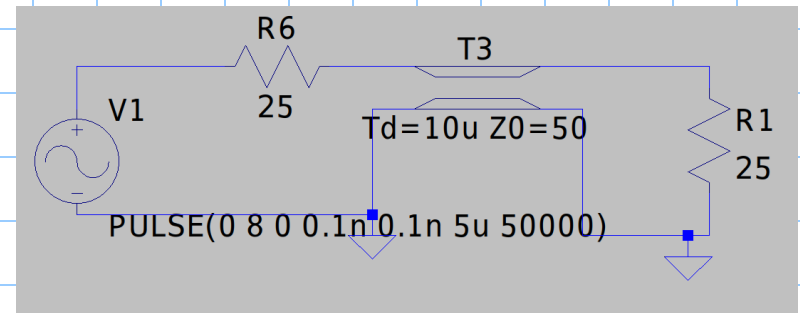
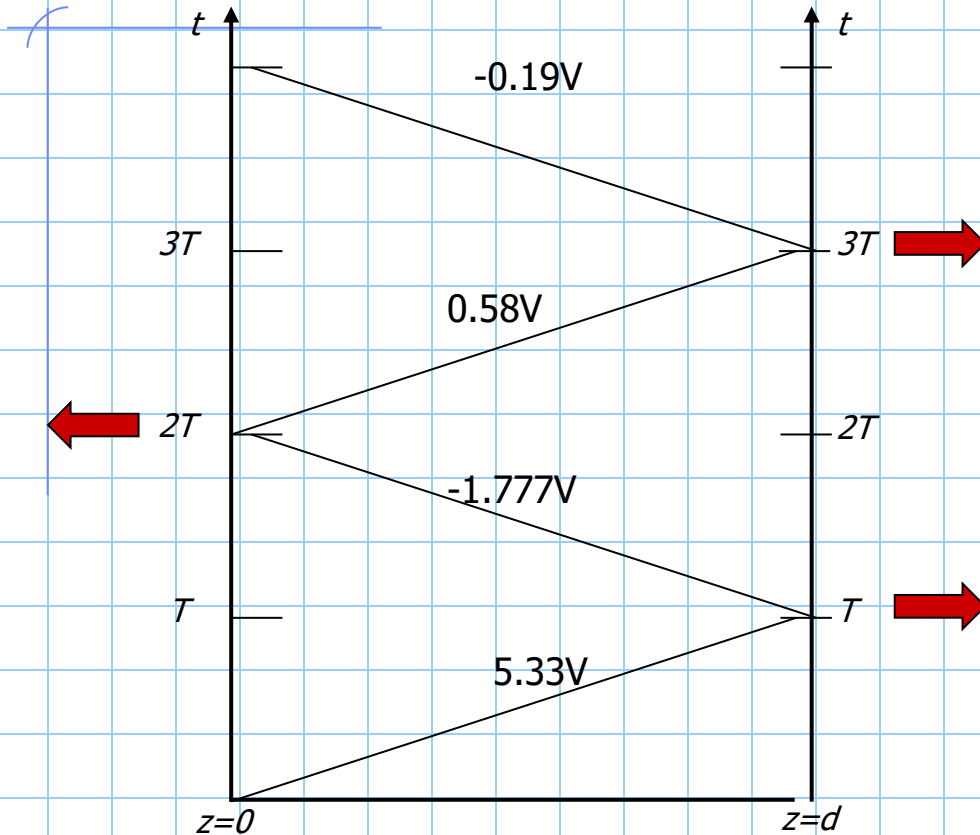
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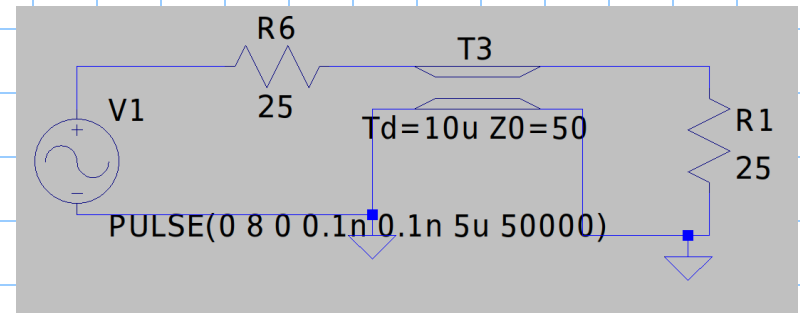
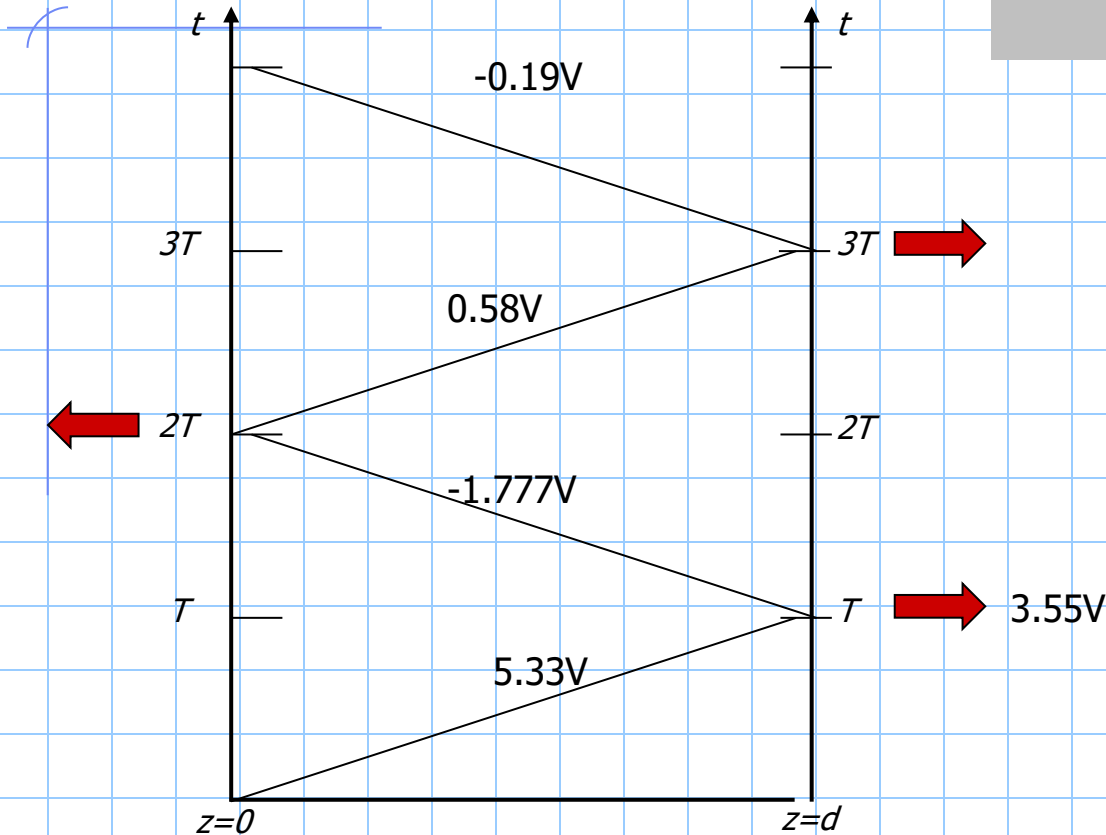
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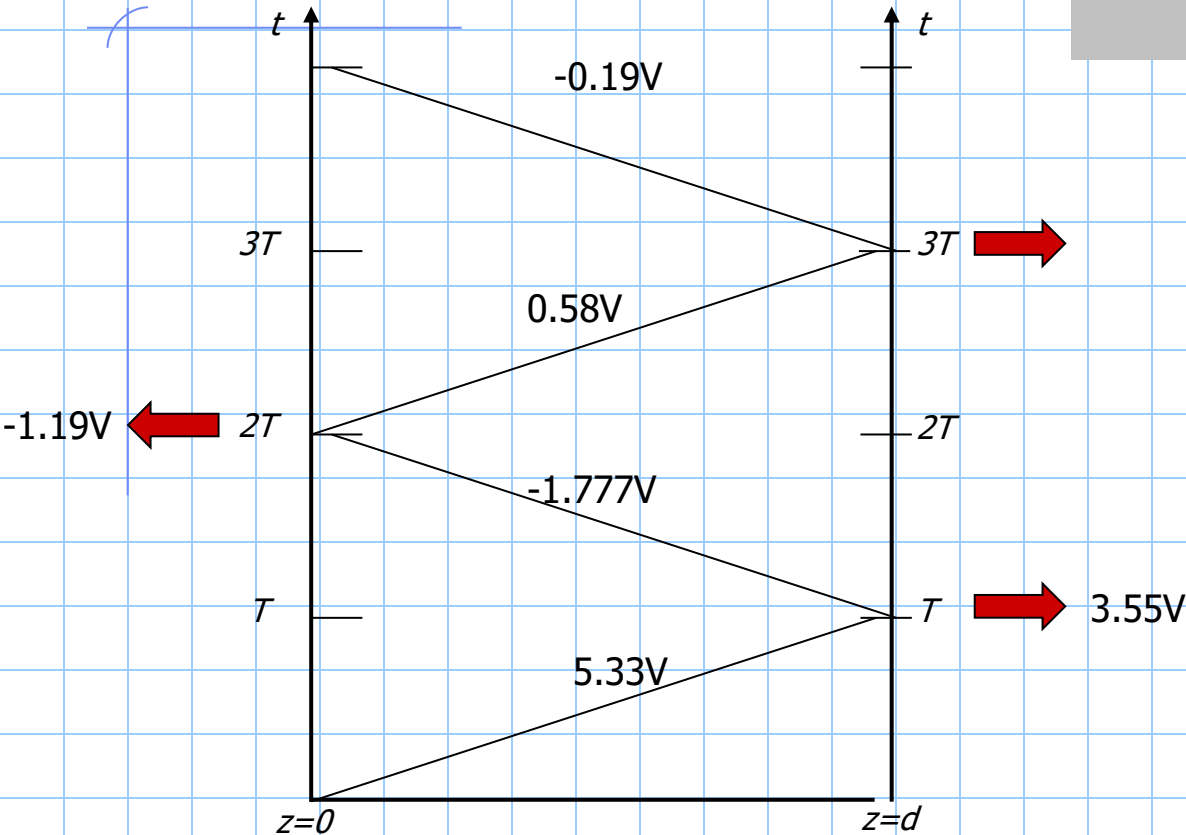
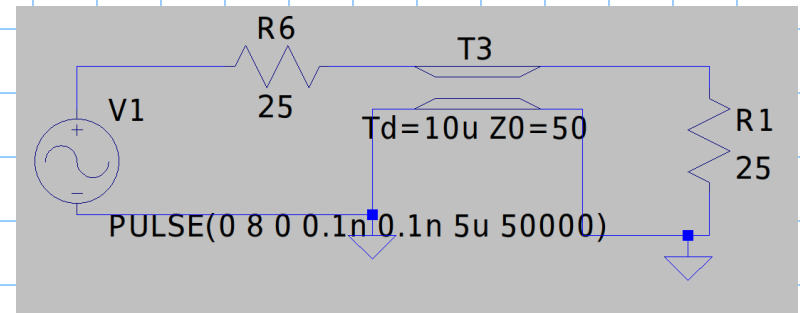
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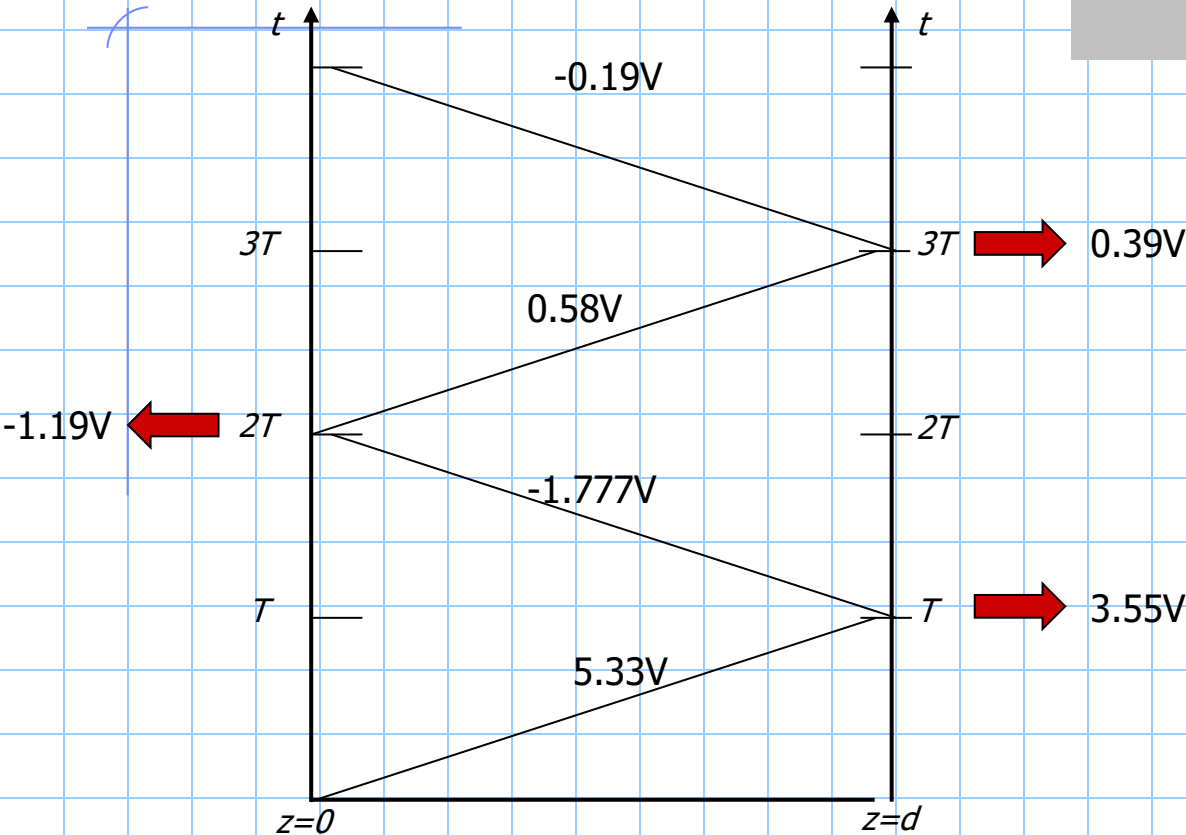
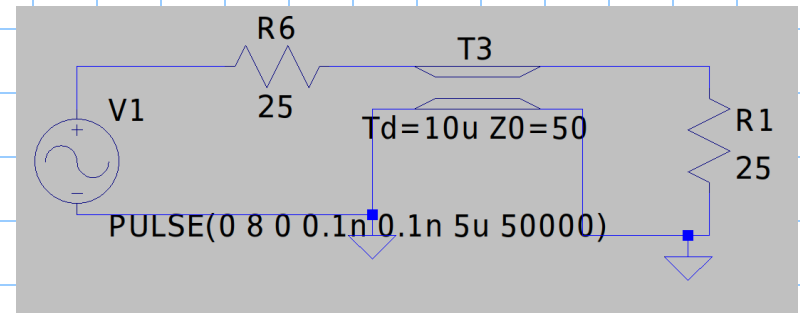
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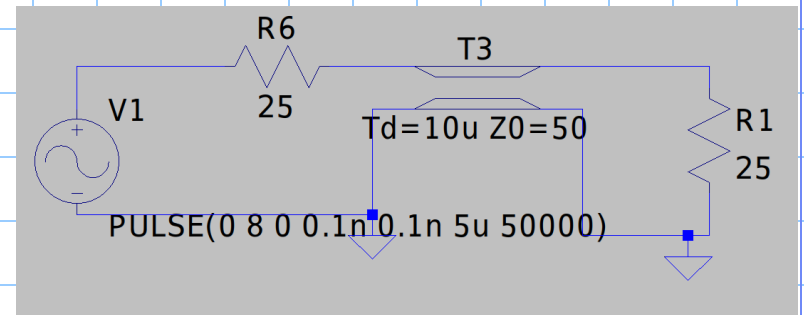
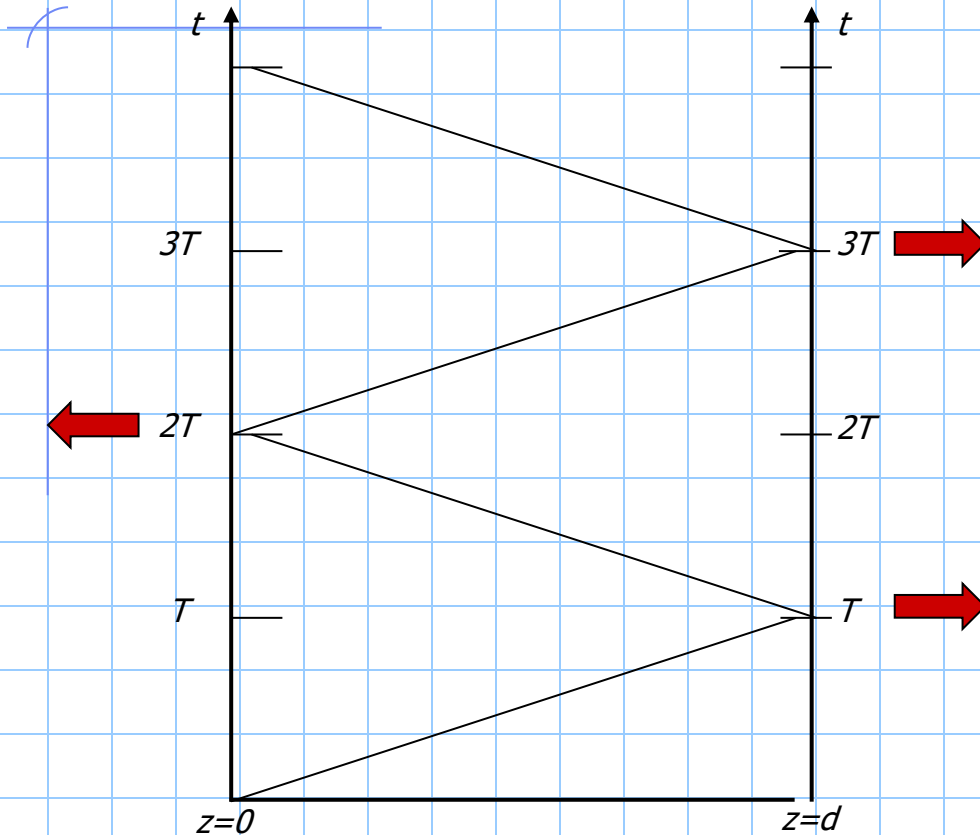
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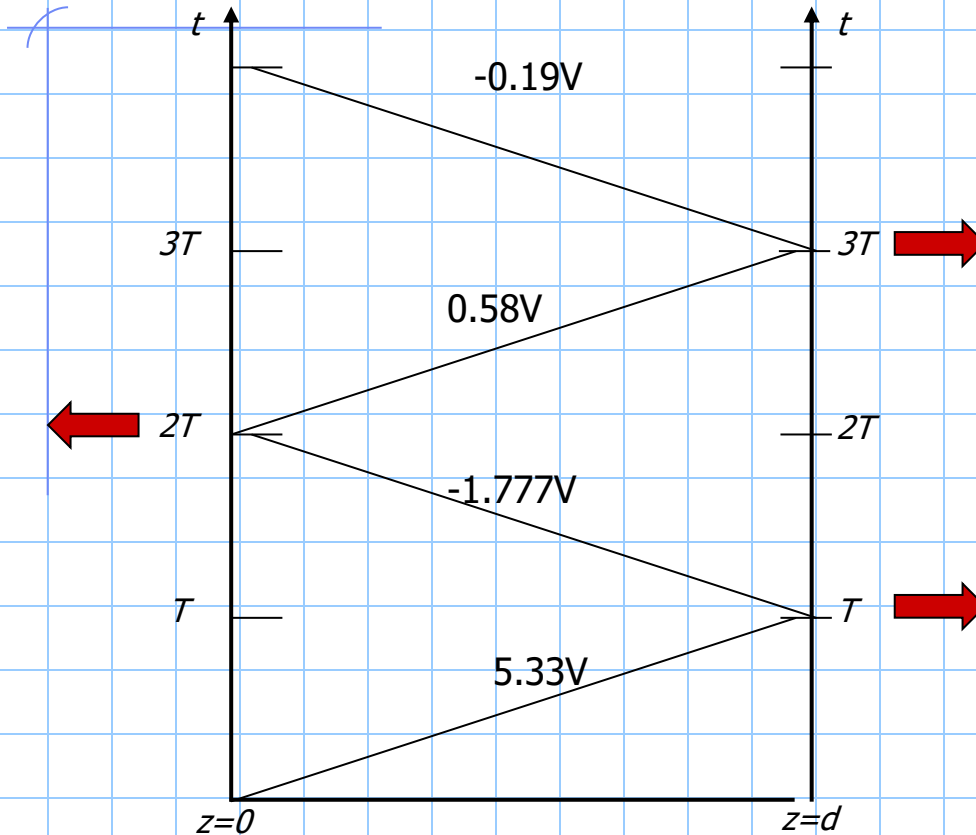
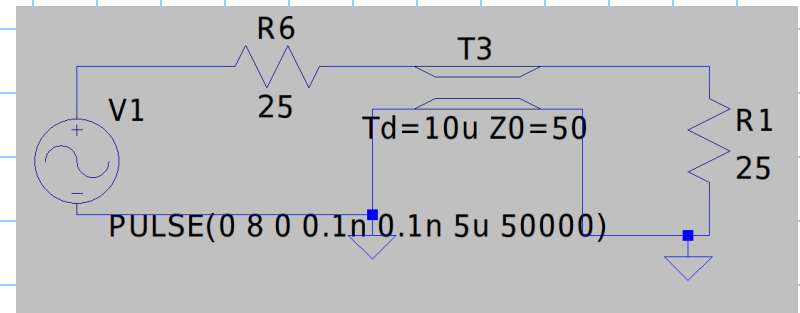


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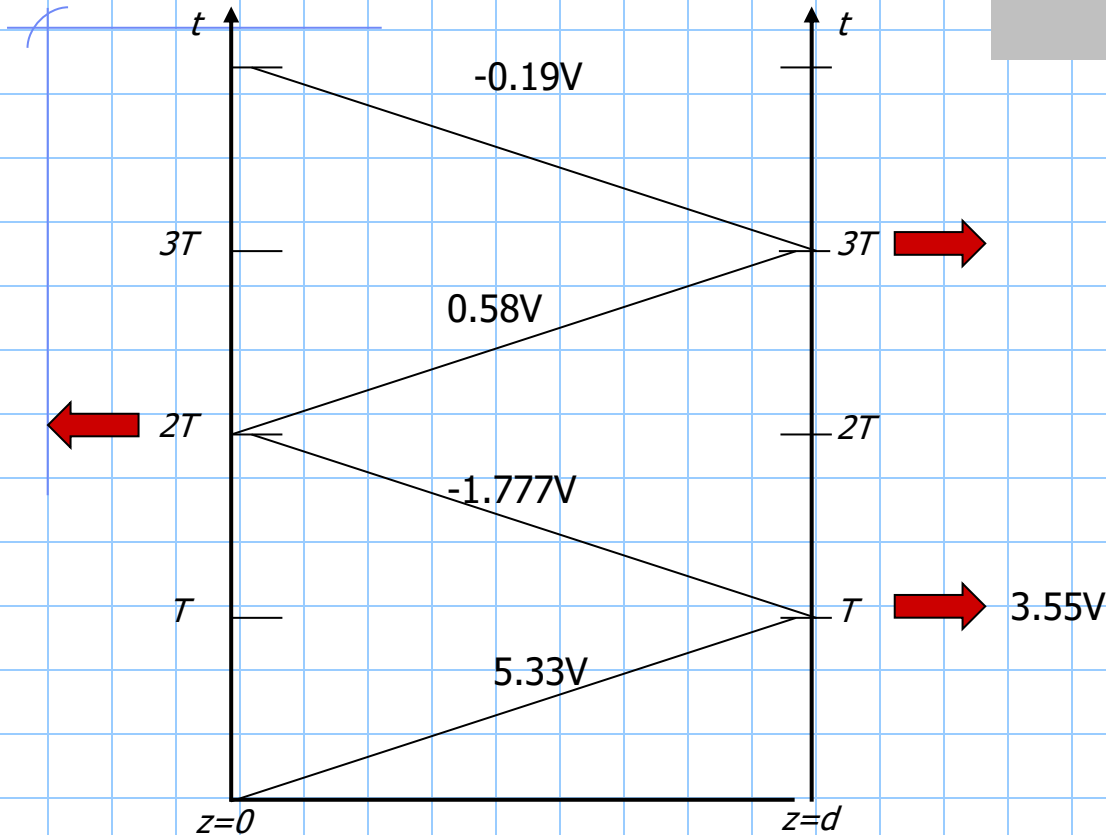
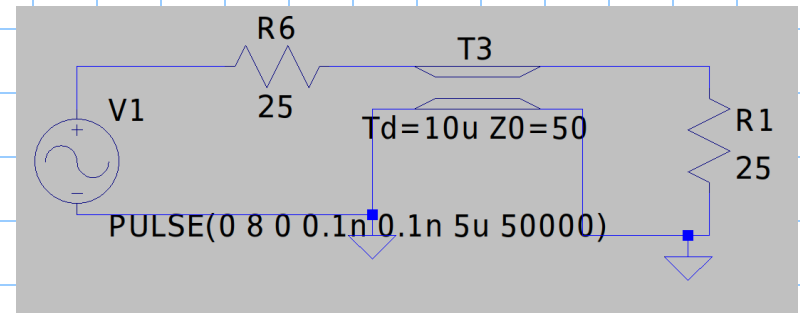
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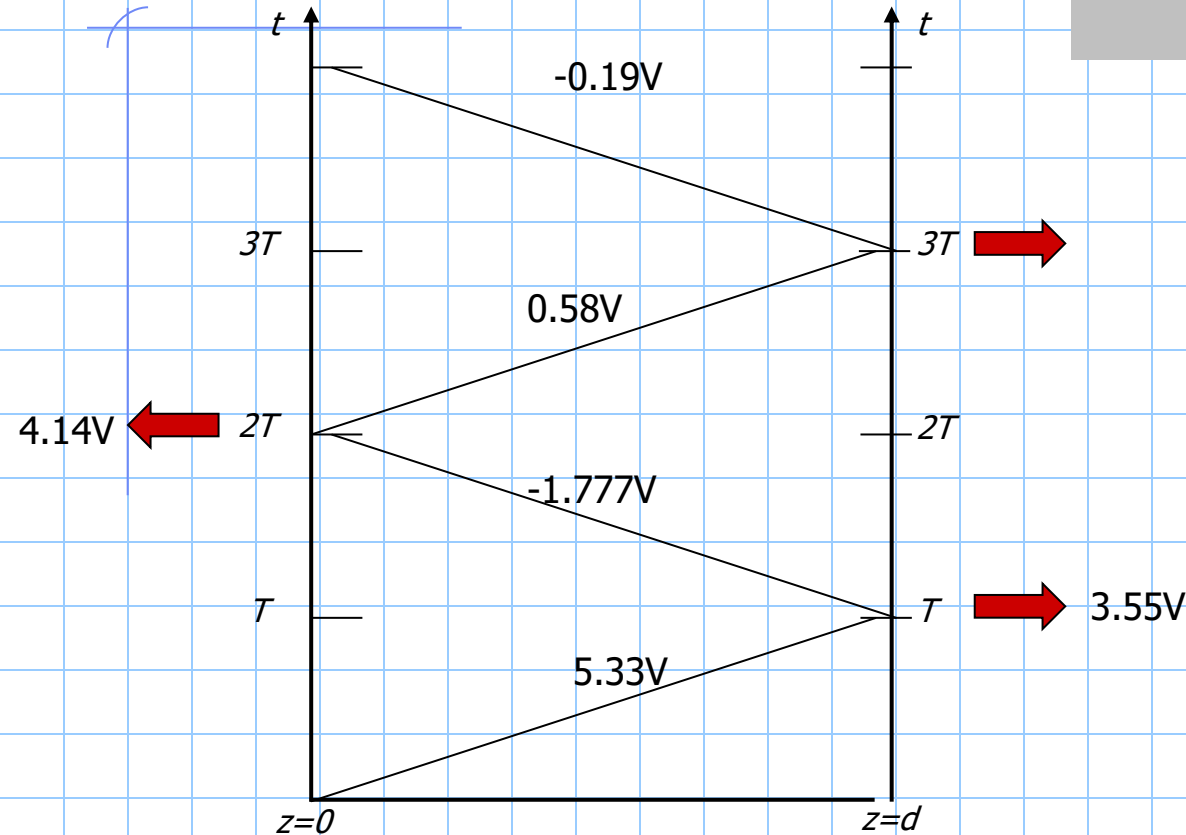
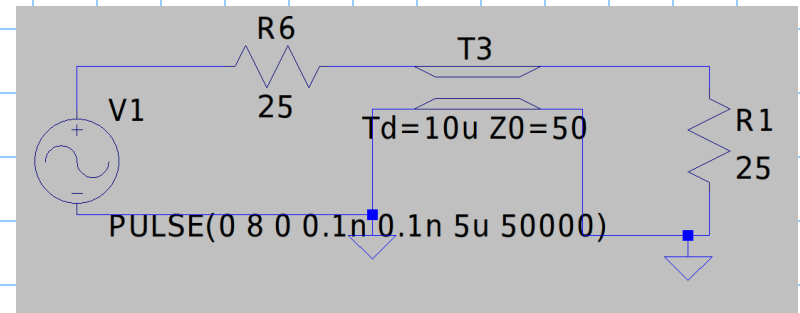
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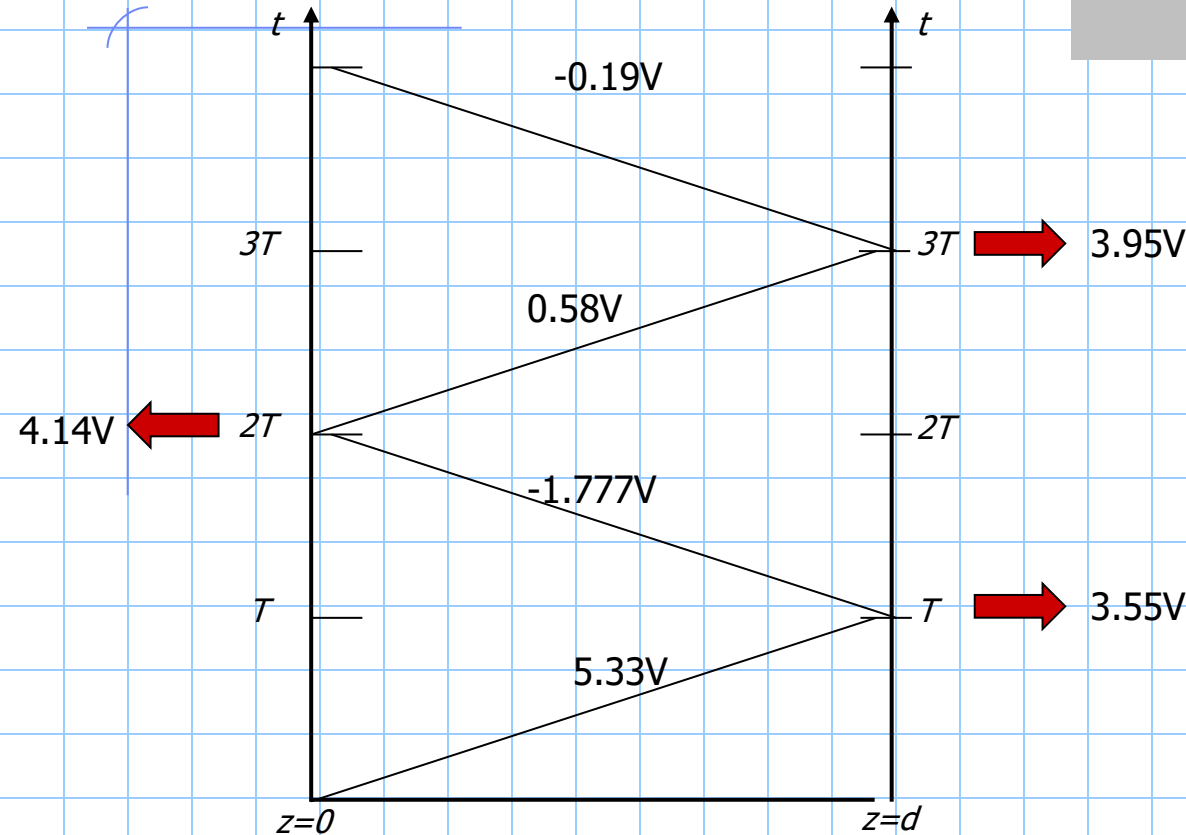
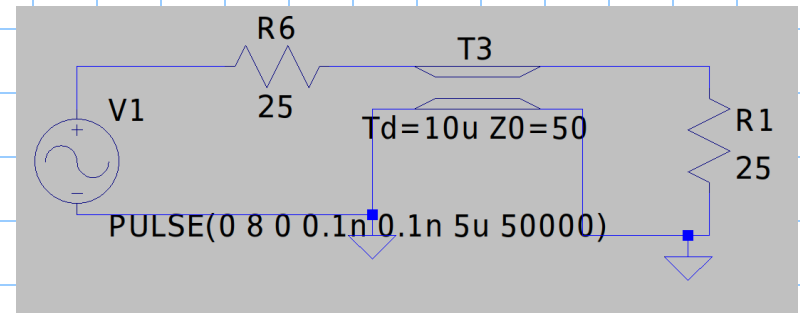
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$$5.33\text{V} - 1.77\text{V} + 0.58\text{V} - 0.19\text{V} = 3.95\text{V}$$

# Review

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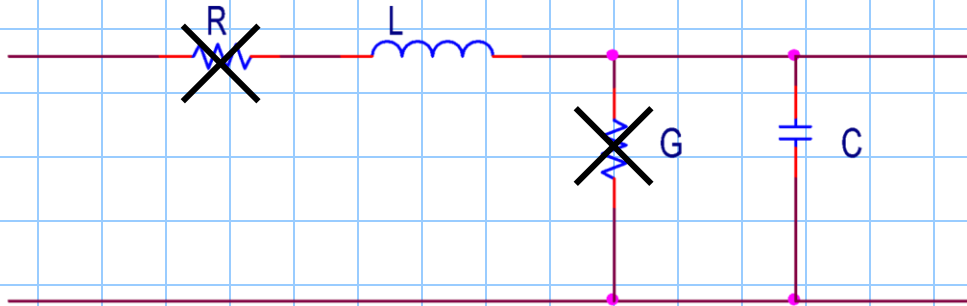
- Do Lecture 5 Exercise 1 on Gradescope. You may work in groups of up to 4.

# Lossy T-Lines

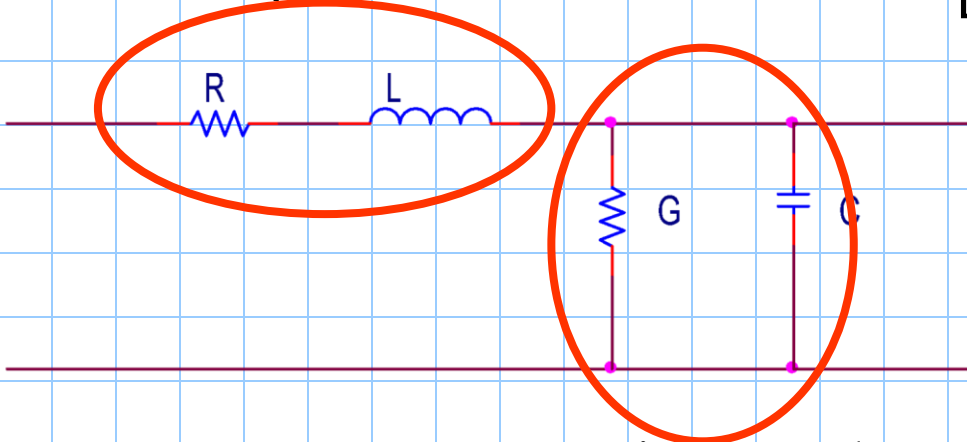
- In our discussion of transmission lines so far, we have assumed that the lines are lossless.
- Real transmission lines are never lossless. So how do we generalize what we've learned to “lossy” lines?

# Lossy T-Lines

Lossless Model of TL has no R or G ( $R'=G'=0$ ):



Lossy Model of TL:



Loss effects due to Resistances:

R - resistance of conductors

G - conductivity of insulators

- both are ideally small

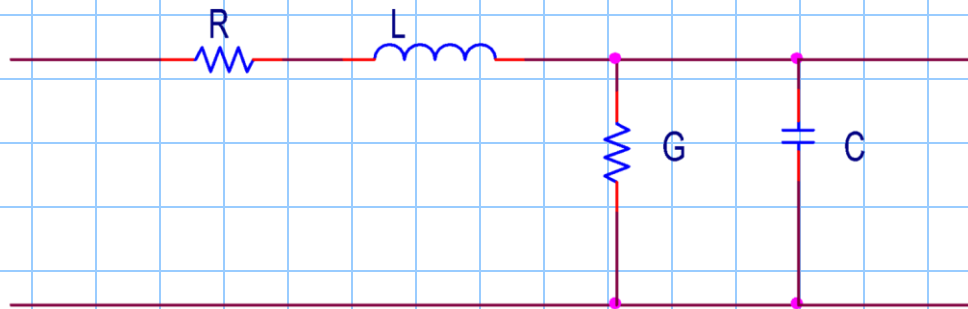


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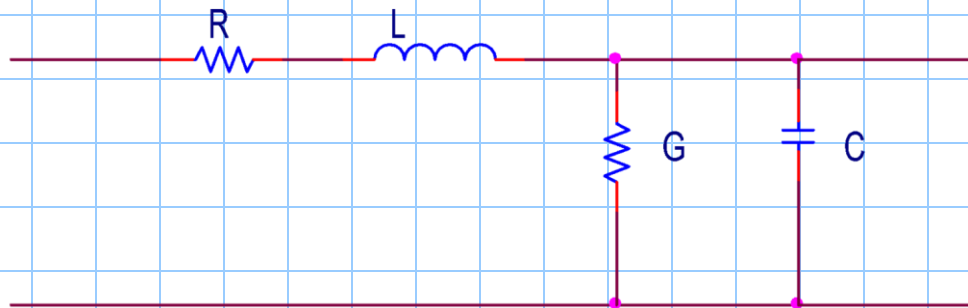
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  - We mean that the series per unit length resistance  $R'$  is 0 (short circuit) and the parallel per unit length admittance  $G'$  is 0 (open circuit)



# Lossy T-Lines

Lossless Telegrapher Equations

$$\frac{\partial i}{\partial z} = -c \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = -l \frac{\partial i}{\partial t}$$

We have the following phasor property:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(z(t)) \Leftrightarrow j \omega \tilde{Z}$$

Therefore:

$$-\frac{d \tilde{V}(z)}{dz} = j \omega l \tilde{I}(z)$$

$$-\frac{d \tilde{I}(z)}{dz} = j \omega c \tilde{V}(z)$$

# Lossy T-Lines

Lossy Telegrapher Equations

$$-\frac{d\tilde{V}(z)}{dz} = (r + j\omega l)\tilde{I}(z)$$

$$-\frac{d\tilde{I}(z)}{dz} = (g + j\omega c)\tilde{V}(z)$$

# Lossy T-Lines

Lossless Telegrapher Equations

Combining the two equations, we get two wave equations:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{V}(z)}{\partial z^2} - (j\omega l)(j\omega c)\tilde{V}(z) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{I}(z)}{\partial z^2} - (j\omega l)(j\omega c)\tilde{I}(z) = 0$$

We make a substitution:

$$u^2 = (j\omega l)(j\omega c)$$

$$u = \sqrt{(j\omega l)(j\omega c)}$$

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Alternatively:

$$\frac{d^2 \tilde{V}(z)}{dz^2} - \gamma^2 \tilde{V}(z) = 0 \qquad \frac{d^2 \tilde{I}(z)}{dz^2} - \gamma^2 \tilde{I}(z) = 0$$

where  $\gamma = \sqrt{(r + j\omega l)(g + j\omega c)}$

# Lossy T-Lines

Lossy Telegrapher Equations

$$\gamma = \sqrt{(r + j\omega l)(g + j\omega c)}$$

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$$

$$\alpha = \Re \left\{ \sqrt{(r + j\omega l)(g + j\omega c)} \right\}$$

$$\beta = \Im \left\{ \sqrt{(r + j\omega l)(g + j\omega c)} \right\}$$

For a lossless line,  $\alpha=0$  because  $r=g=0$ .



# Lossy T-Lines

## Lossy Wave Equation Forms

$$v(z) = V^+ e^{-\gamma z} + V^- e^{+\gamma z} \quad v(z) = V^+ e^{-\gamma z} + V^- e^{+\gamma z}$$

$$i(z) = I^+ e^{-\gamma z} + I^- e^{+\gamma z} \quad i(z) = \frac{V^+}{Z_o} e^{-\gamma z} - \frac{V^-}{Z_o} e^{+\gamma z}$$

$$v(z) = V^+ \left( e^{-\gamma z} + \Gamma_L e^{+\gamma z} \right)$$

$$i(z) = \frac{V^+}{Z_o} \left( e^{-\gamma z} - \Gamma_L e^{+\gamma z} \right)$$

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# Lossy T-Lines

For lossless systems:

$$\beta = \omega\sqrt{lc}$$

For lossy systems:

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = \sqrt{(r + j\omega l)(g + j\omega c)}$$

The phasors have the factor:

$$e^{-\gamma z} = e^{-\alpha z} \cdot e^{-j\beta z}$$

Attenuation/loss factor due to resistance

# Lossy T-Lines

Lossless Characteristic Impedance

Our two phasor expressions are now related....

$$\tilde{V}(z) = V_o^+ e^{-uz} + V_o^- e^{uz}$$

$$\tilde{I}(z) = \frac{u}{j\omega l} (V_o^+ e^{-uz} - V_o^- e^{uz})$$

... such that the voltage/current ratio is a constant. (In other words, we have an expression for **impedance!**)

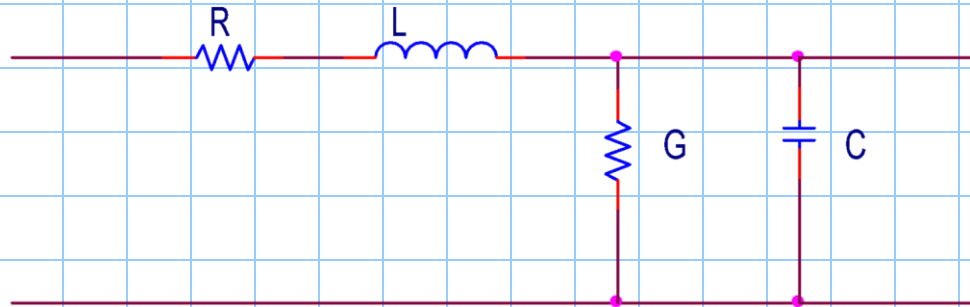
$$\frac{V_o^+}{I_o^+} = \frac{-V_o^-}{I_o^-} = \frac{j\omega l}{u} = \frac{j\omega l}{\sqrt{(j\omega l)(j\omega c)}} = \sqrt{\frac{l}{c}}$$

# Lossy T-Lines

## Lossy Characteristic Impedance

For a lossless system,  $Z_o$  represents  $= \frac{\hat{V}}{\hat{I}}$

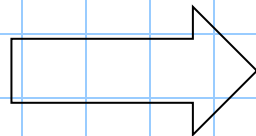
$$Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{l}{c}}$$



Replace  $j\omega l$  with  $r + j\omega l$

Replace  $j\omega c$  with  $g + j\omega c$

Characteristic  
Impedance



$$Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{r + j\omega l}{g + j\omega c}}$$

The lossy  $Z_o$  can be complex (and therefore have a phase)!

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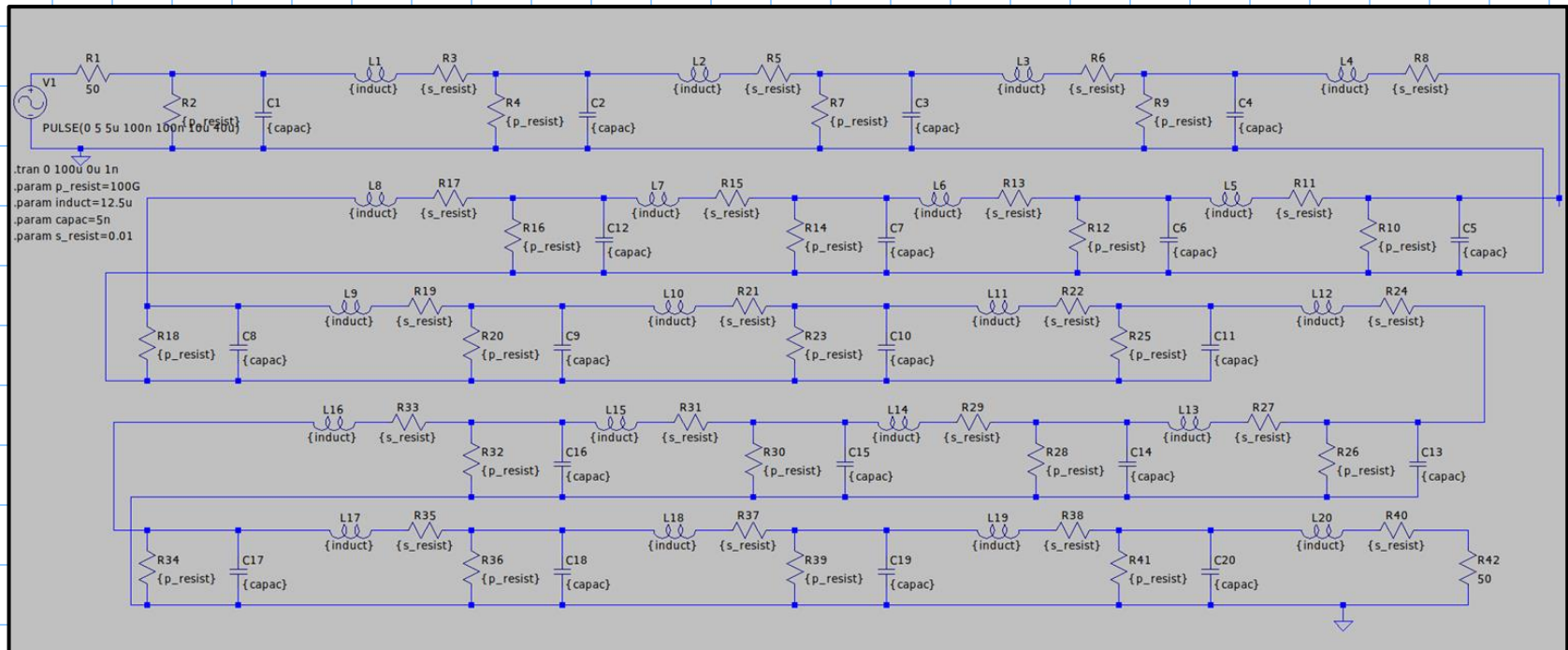
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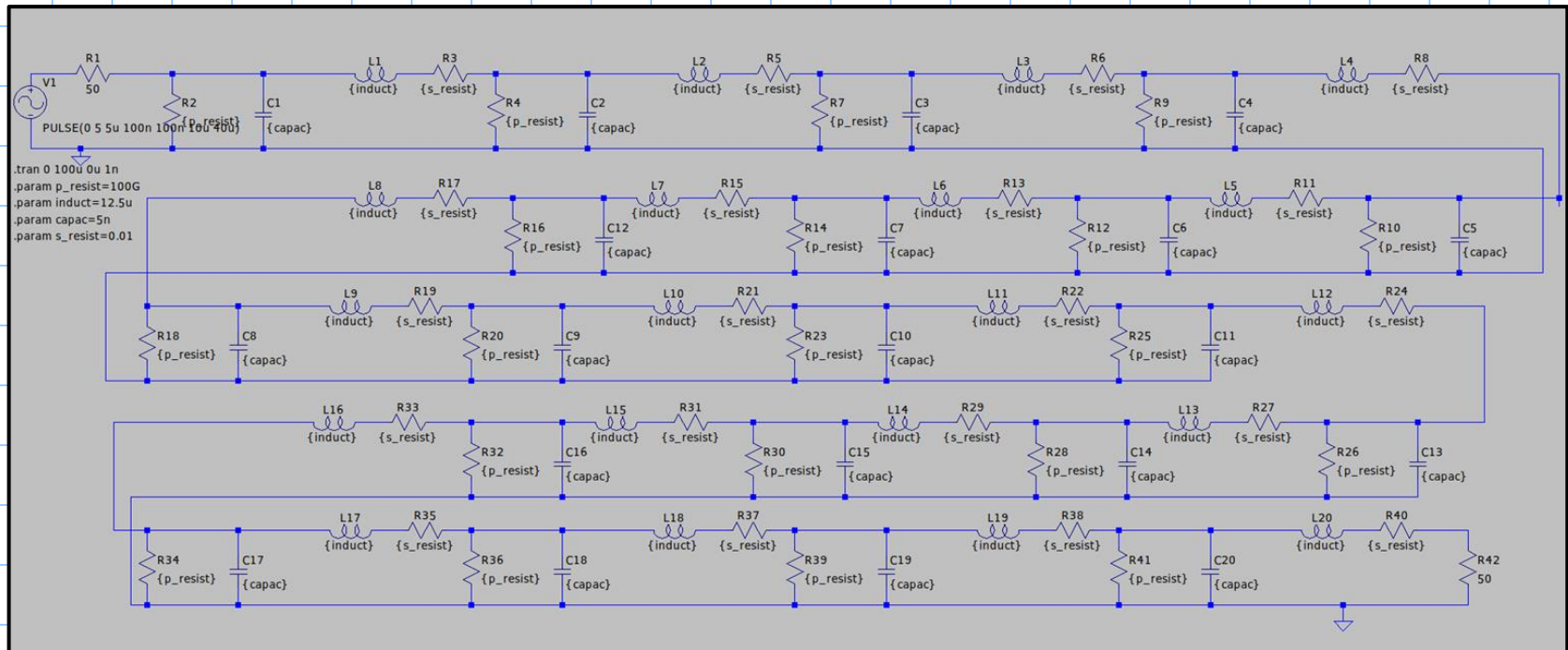
Example 1 - 1 km of RG-58 cable

With 20 segments, how much length does each segment represent?



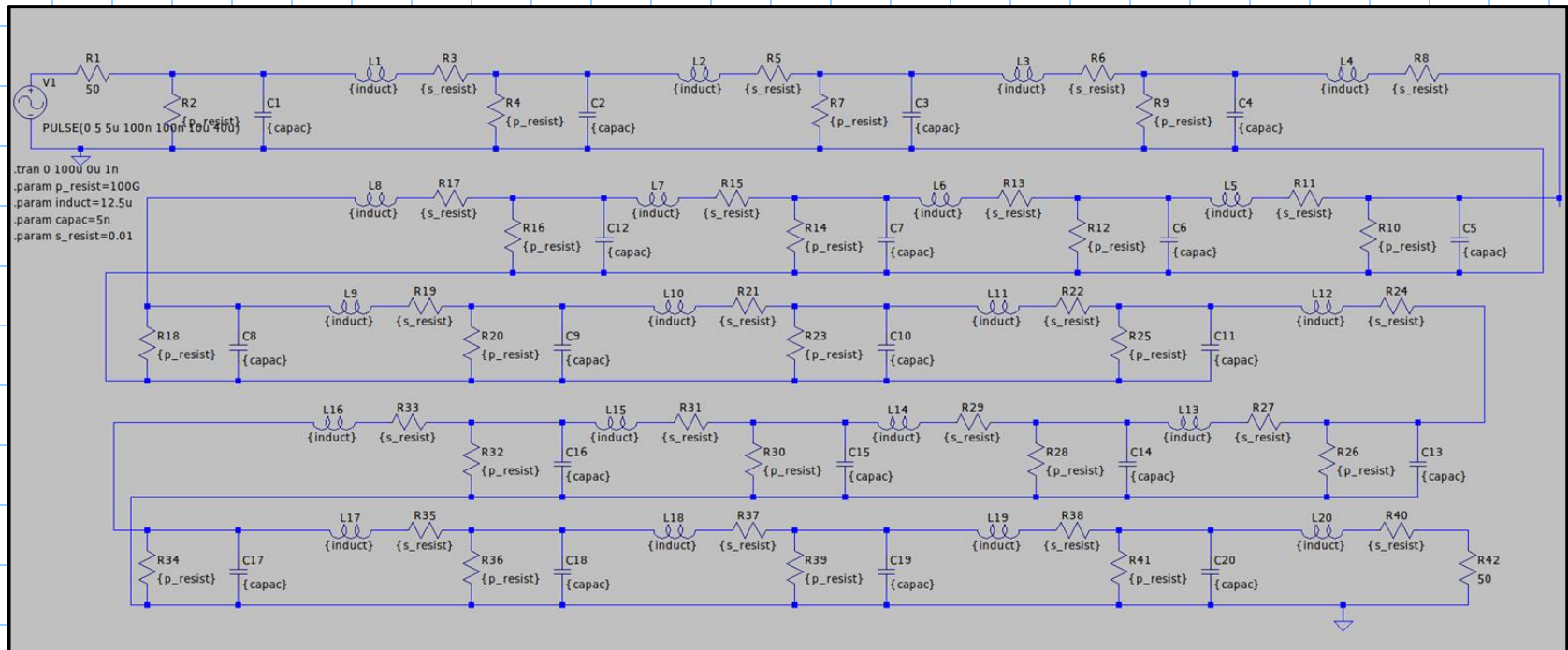
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Velocity factor of RG-58 cable is  $\frac{2}{3}$  the speed of light (L's and C's have been scaled accordingly.) 1 km of cable will therefore have a time delay of  $5\mu\text{s}$ .



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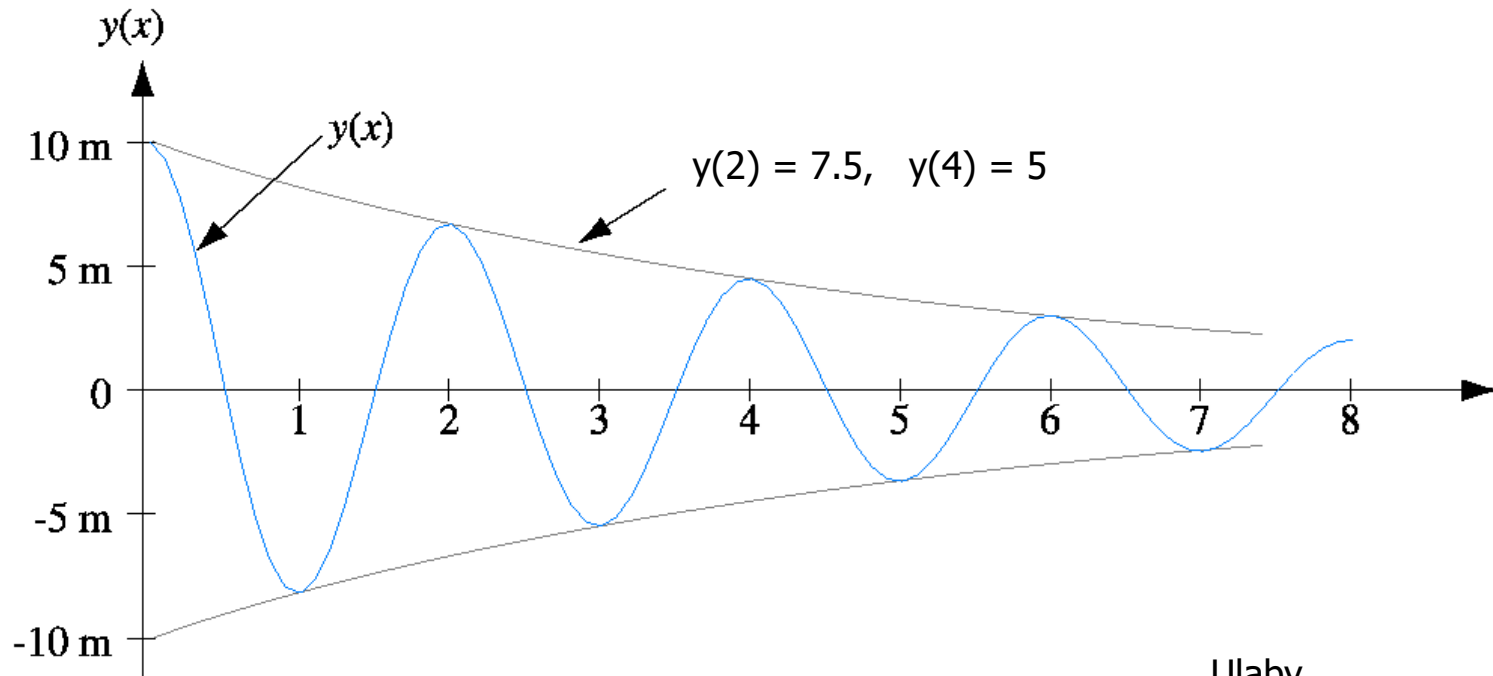
Let's change the series resistance to 10 per segment.  
What changes do you observe?





# Lossy T-Lines

- The attenuation factor  $\alpha$  is due to ohmic losses on the line.
- Looking at a plot like the one below, how do you find  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ?



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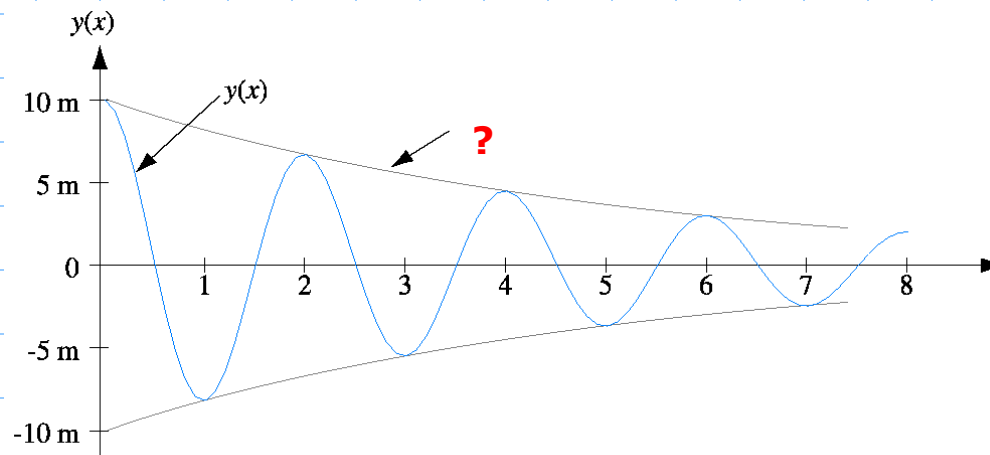
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$$v(z) = V^+ \left( e^{-\gamma z} + \Gamma_L e^{+\gamma z} \right)$$

$$e^{-\gamma z} = e^{-(\alpha + j\beta)z} = e^{-\alpha z} e^{-j\beta z}$$

Attenuation factor (ohmic losses)

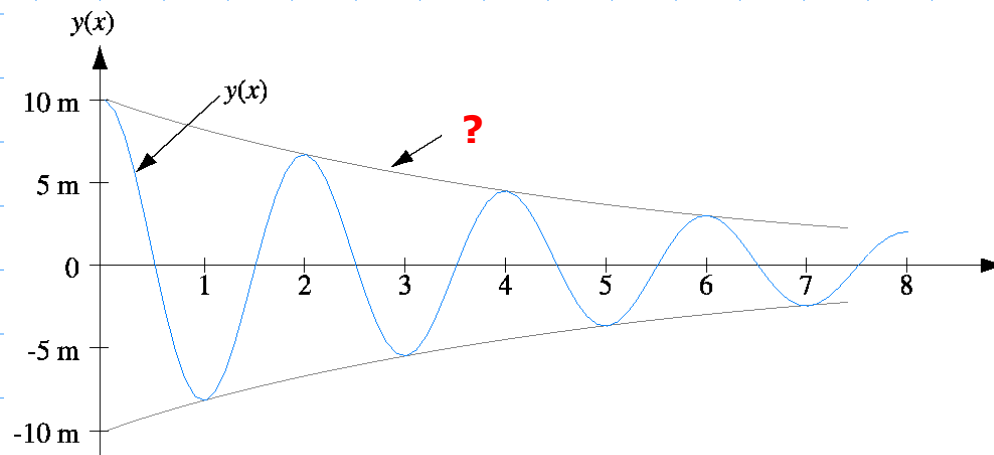
Phase factor (wave propagation)



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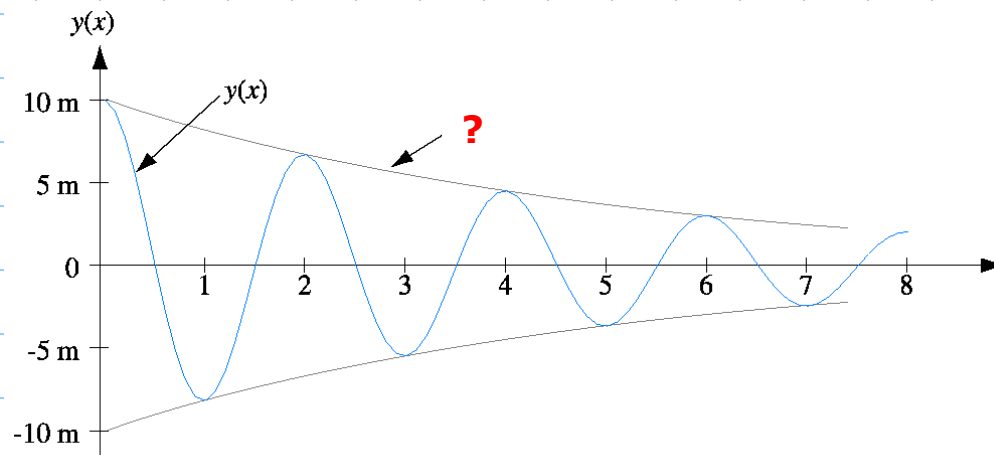
$$10e^{-4\alpha} = 5 \quad e^{-4\alpha} = 0.5$$

$$-4\alpha = \ln(0.5) \quad \alpha = \frac{-\ln(0.5)}{4} = 0.173$$



# Lossy T-Lines

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



# Lossy T-Lines

- Do Lecture 5 Exercise 2 on Gradescope in groups of up to 4.

# Low-Loss Lines

- Although real transmission lines are not lossless, in practice the loss of a well-engineered t-line is quite low.
- **Example:** Assume the following:  $f = 1\text{MHz}$  & standard RG58 cable parameters &  $r$  per unit length of 0.1 Ohm per meter, the wave is seen to attenuate markedly in *2000 meters*.

# Low-Loss Lines

- Using the Binomial Theorem  $\sqrt{1+x} \approx 1 + \frac{x}{2}$  for  $x \ll 1$ .

$$Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{r + j\omega l}{g + j\omega c}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{r + j\omega l}{j\omega c}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{j\omega l}{j\omega c}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{r}{j\omega l}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{l}{c}} \left( 1 - j \frac{r}{2\omega l} \right)$$

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Note that in the low-loss case, the following will be true:

$$|Z_o| \approx \left| \sqrt{\frac{l}{c}} \left(1 - j \frac{r}{2\omega l}\right) \right| \approx \sqrt{\frac{l}{c}}$$

This equation is sufficient when you do not care about the phase of  $Z_o$ . (This angle is small and may often be ignored in practice.)



# Low-Loss Lines

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta \approx j\omega\sqrt{lc}\left(1 - j\frac{r}{2\omega l}\right)$$

- The propagation and attenuation constants become

$$j\beta \approx j\omega\sqrt{lc} \quad \alpha \approx \omega\sqrt{lc}\left(\frac{r}{2\omega l}\right) = \frac{r}{2\sqrt{\frac{l}{c}}} = \frac{r}{2Z_0}$$

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$$\alpha = \frac{r}{2Z_0} = \frac{0.1}{(2)(50)} = 0.001$$

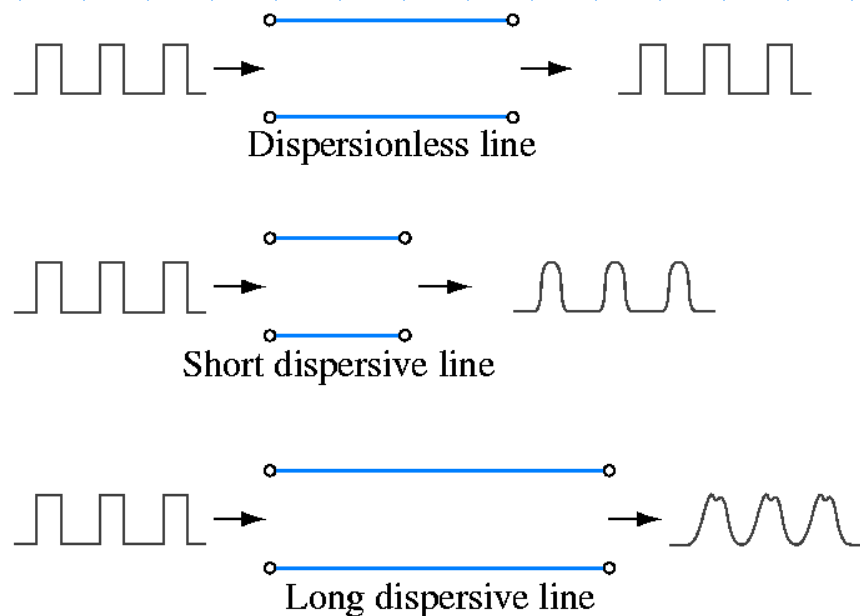
$$\beta = \omega\sqrt{lc} = (10^6)\sqrt{(0.25 * 10^{-6})(100 * 10^{-12})} = 0.005$$

# T-Line Parameters

- Aside from attenuation (loss of amplitude), what other problems could you have with your signal after running it through a very long transmission line with losses?

# T-Line Parameters

**Dispersion:** A dispersive transmission line will have frequency-dependent impedance behavior, leading to distortion of signals. (Keep in mind that a square pulse is composed of a series of harmonic frequencies)



# T-Line Parameters

- Note that the propagation constant varies with frequency

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = \sqrt{(r + j\omega l)(g + j\omega c)}$$

- $Z_o$  is also frequency dependent and not purely resistive

$$Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{r + j\omega l}{g + j\omega c}}$$

# Distortionless Lines

- Distortion in a transmission line limits its useful length. Attenuation can be addressed by adding amplification. However, distorted signals cannot generally be undistorted, so a method needed to be found to eliminate it.
- Remarkably, lines can be made distortionless by adding loss. That is, we can trade additional attenuation for clarity of signal.

# Distortionless Lines

For practical lines, the conductance per unit length  $g$  is negligible. Thus, we will add loss between the conductors so that

$$\frac{r}{l} = \frac{g}{c}$$

This is called the **Heaviside condition** and it can be achieved with periodic lumped shunt resistors.

# Distortionless Lines

- For this combination of parameters

$$\gamma = \alpha + j\beta = \sqrt{(r + j\omega l)\left(\frac{rc}{l} + j\omega c\right)} = \sqrt{\frac{c}{l}}(r + j\omega l)$$

$$\alpha = r \sqrt{\frac{c}{l}}$$

$$\beta = \omega \sqrt{lc}$$



# Distortionless Lines

- The characteristic impedance also simplifies

$$Z_o = \sqrt{\frac{r + j\omega l}{g + j\omega c}} = \sqrt{\frac{r + j\omega l}{\frac{rc}{l} + j\omega c}} = \sqrt{\frac{l}{c}} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{r}{l} + j\omega}{\frac{r}{l} + j\omega}} = \sqrt{\frac{l}{c}}$$

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$$g = 0.2mS/m$$

$$(0.2mS/m)(50m) = 10mS$$

$$\frac{1}{10mS} = 100\Omega$$

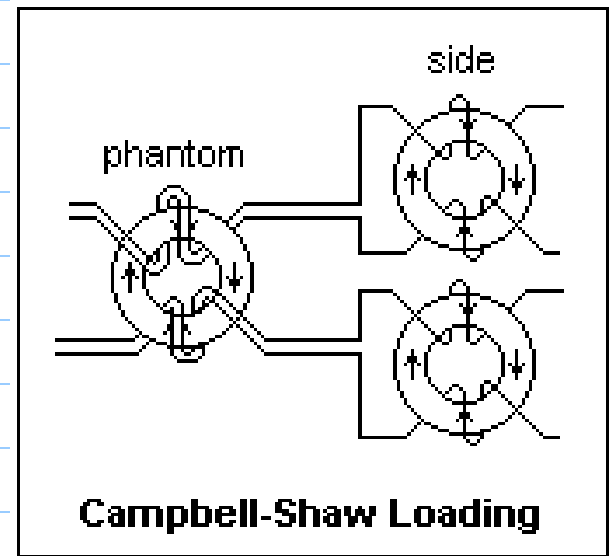
(value of each parallel resistor  
in the t-line simulation,  
equivalent to 50m)

$$r = \frac{100\Omega}{50m} = 2\Omega/m$$

# Distortionless Lines

- In the early days of telephony, Heaviside proposed making lines distortionless. This was done by adding inductance rather than conductance since the losses were not increased significantly.

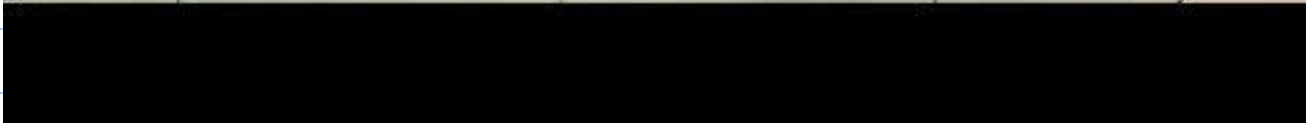
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# Distortionless Lines

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- Adding these components made it possible for phone calls to go from NY to Chicago.
- Then in the 1850s an even more impressive engineering feat was achieved: the first transatlantic undersea cable. This would not have been possible without knowledge of the Heaviside Condition.



# Wrap-Up

Modern submarine cable with repeaters



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