

5.1 Microwave Networks 'S' parameter and its properties

Module:5 Microwave Passive components

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- Microwave Networks - ABCD, 'S' parameter and its properties. E-Plane Tee, H-Plane Tee, Magic Tee and Multi-hole directional coupler. Principle of Faraday rotation, isolator, circulator and phase shifter.
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- Conventional impedance and admittance matrices that use the **equivalent total** voltages and currents become abstraction at high frequency networks.
- The ideas of **incident, reflected and transmitted waves** is used in Scattering matrix.

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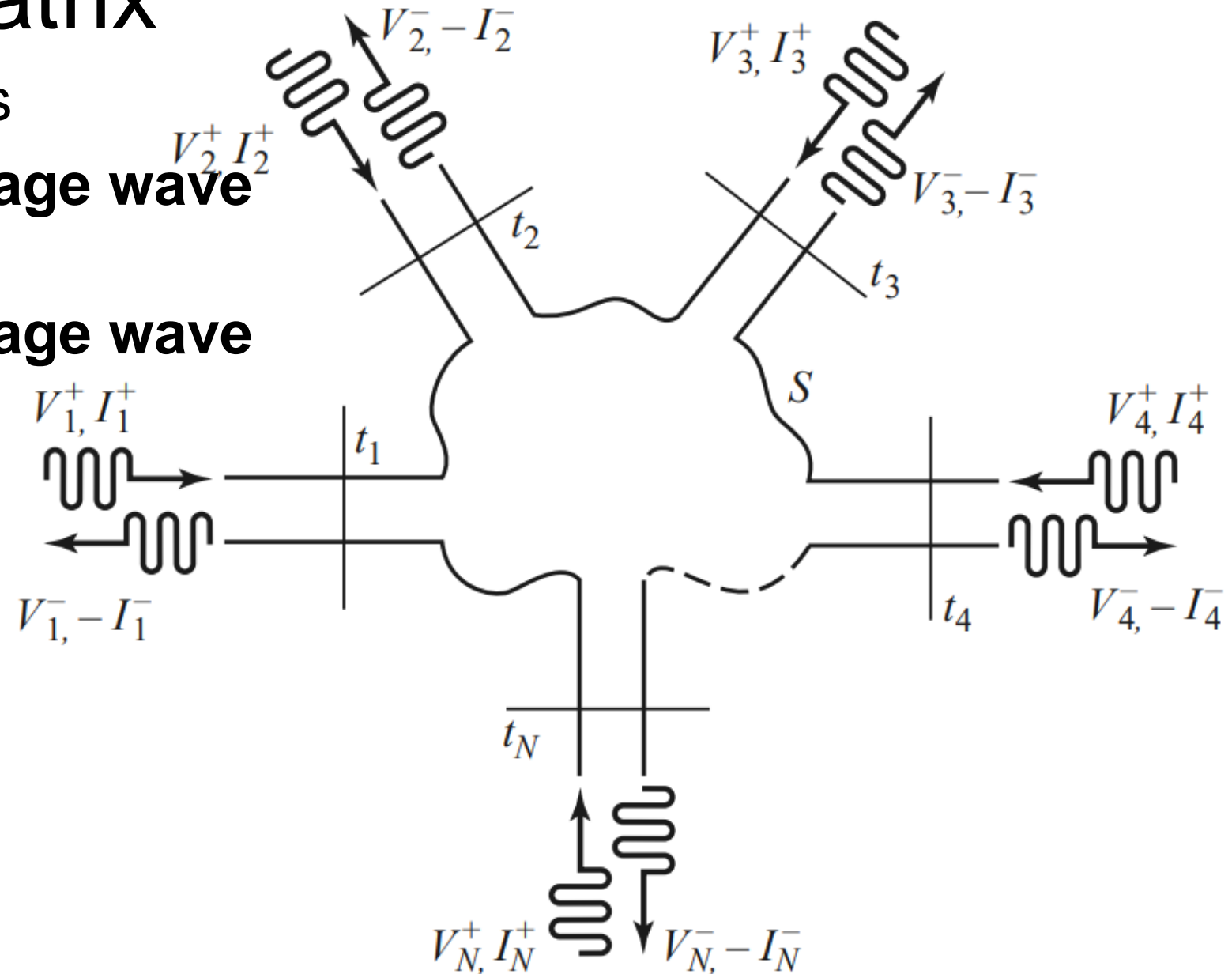
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- Otherwise, **S parameters are measured using vector network analyzer.**



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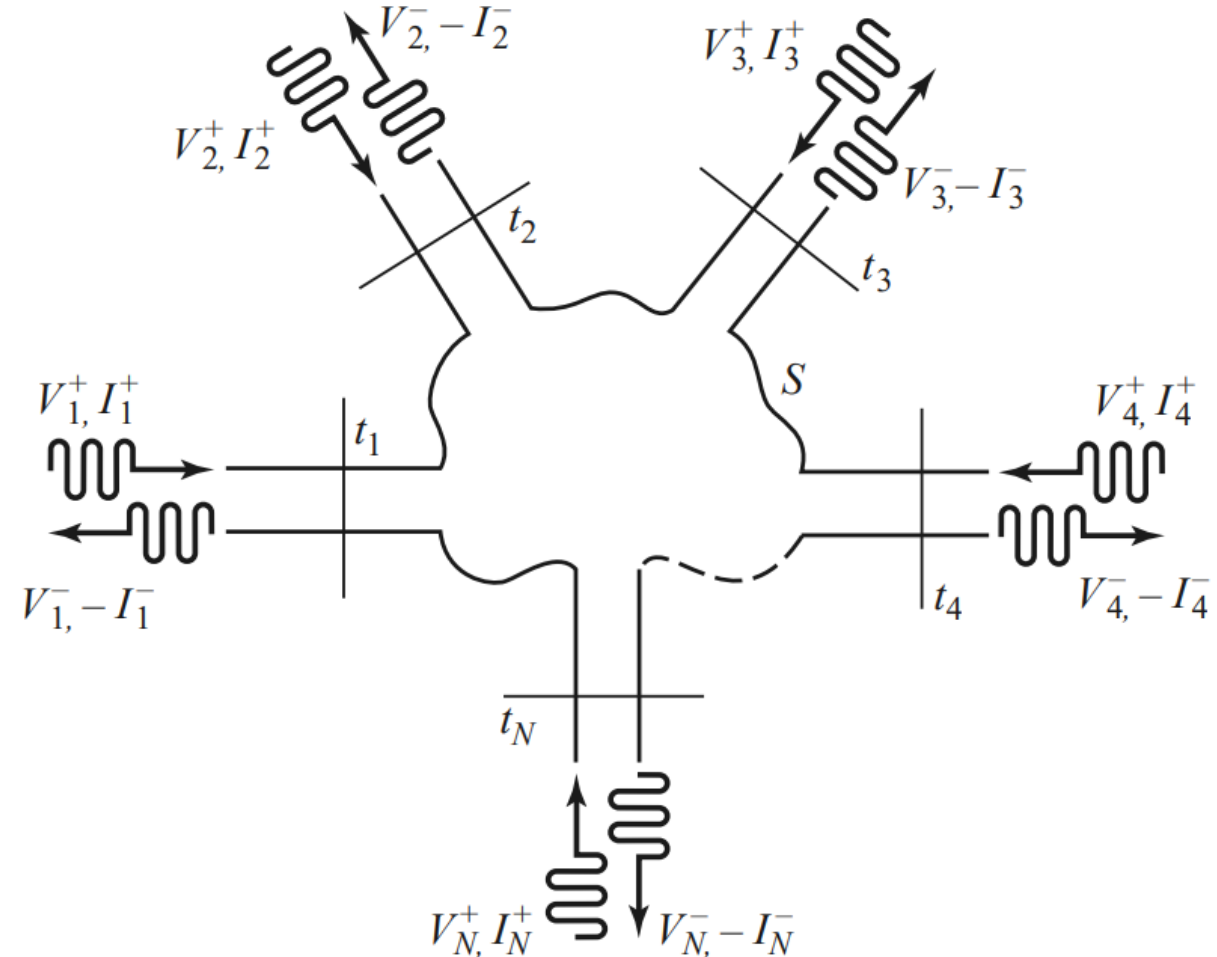


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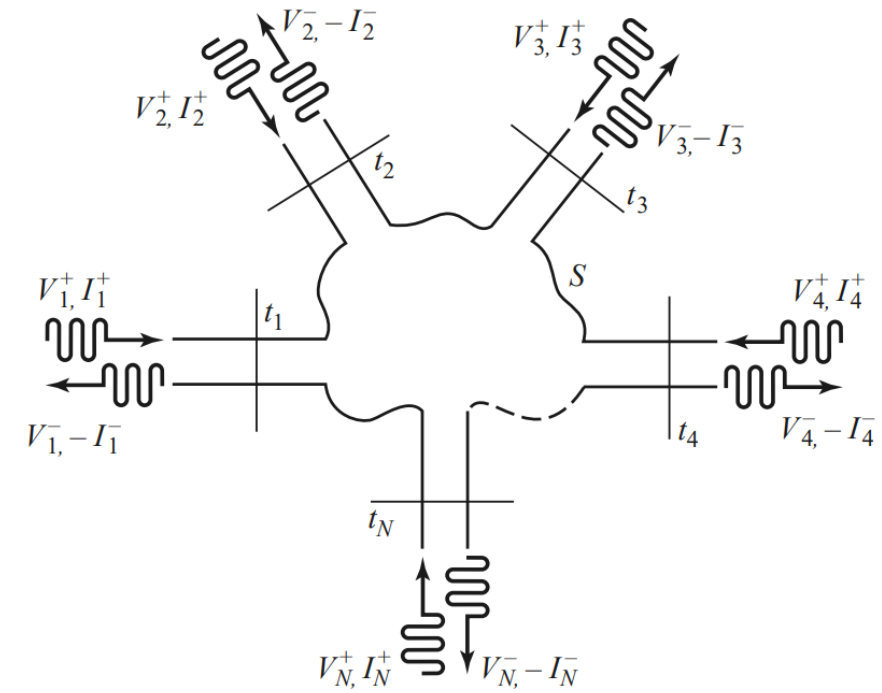
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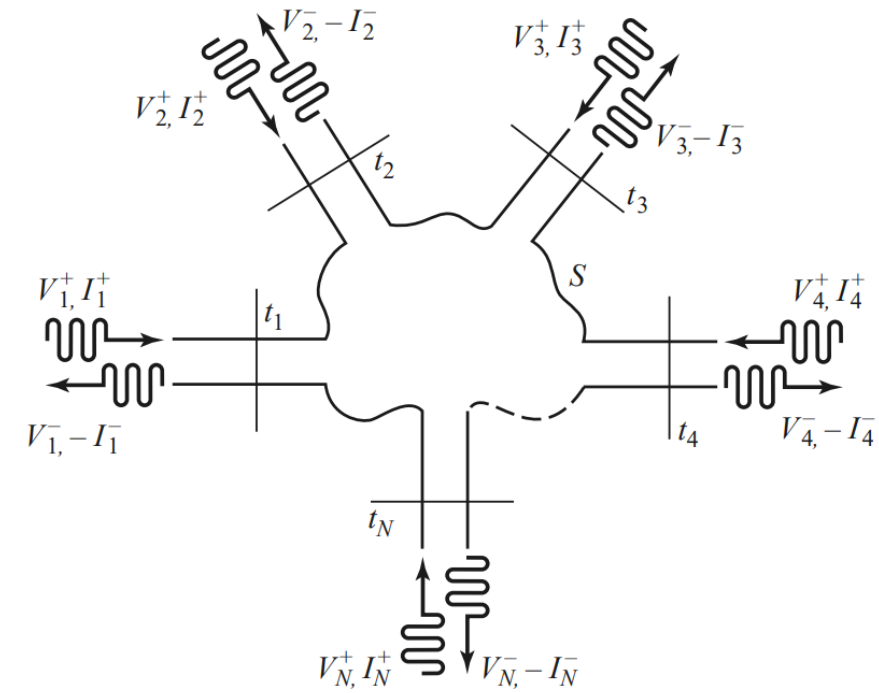
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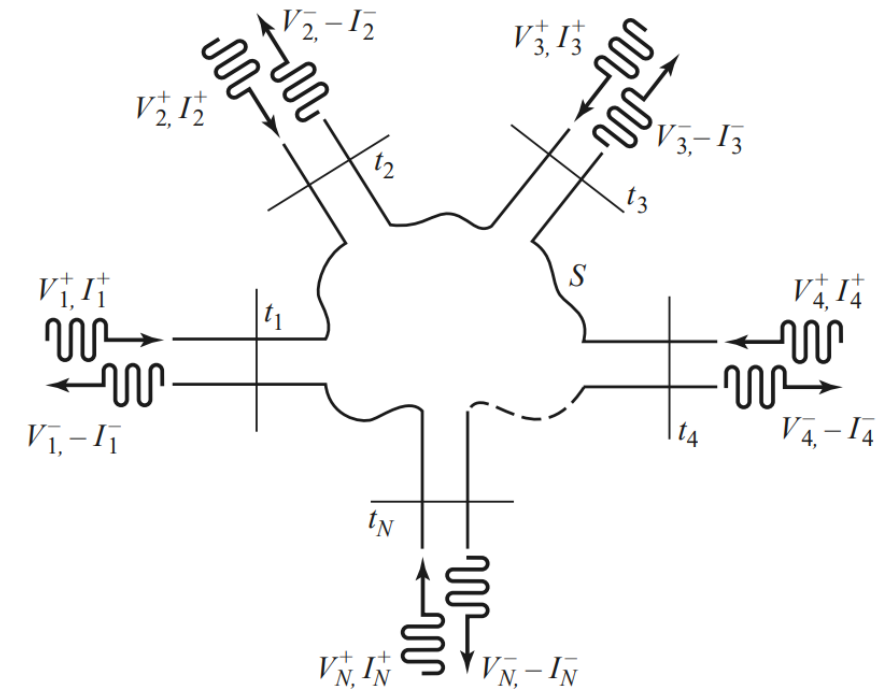
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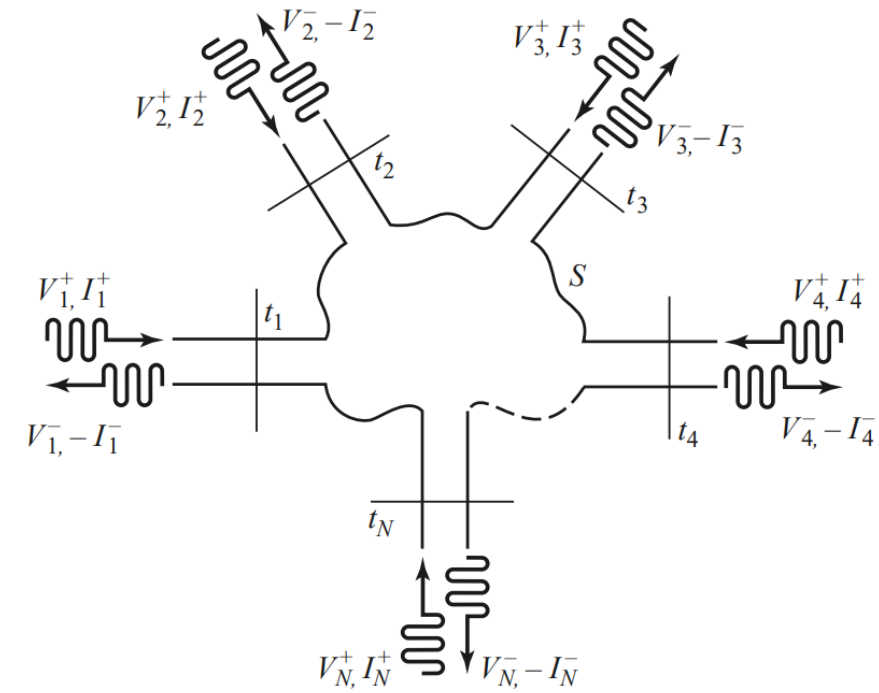


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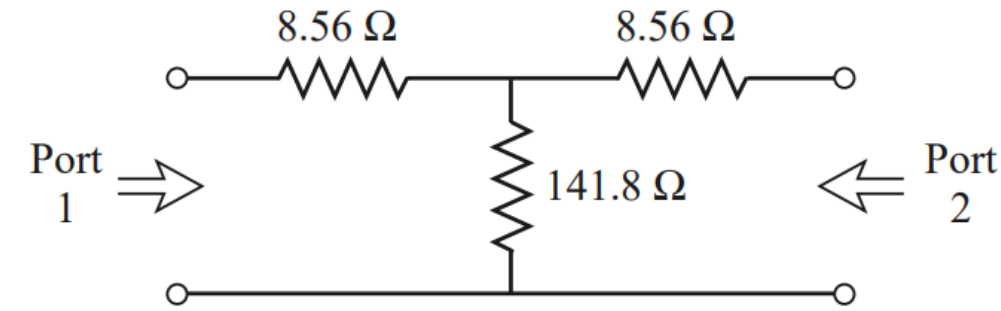
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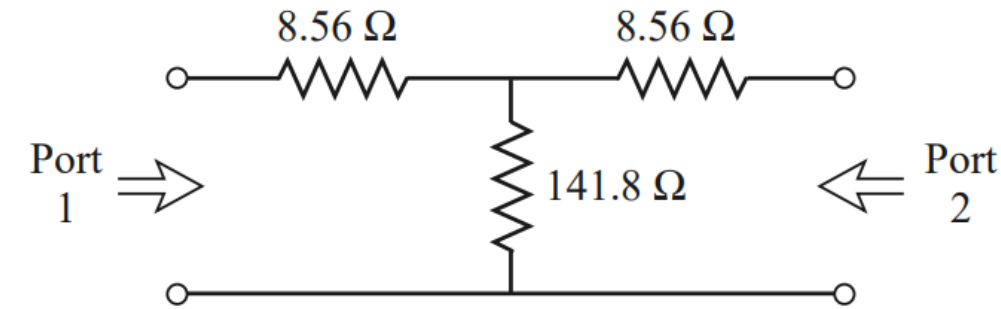


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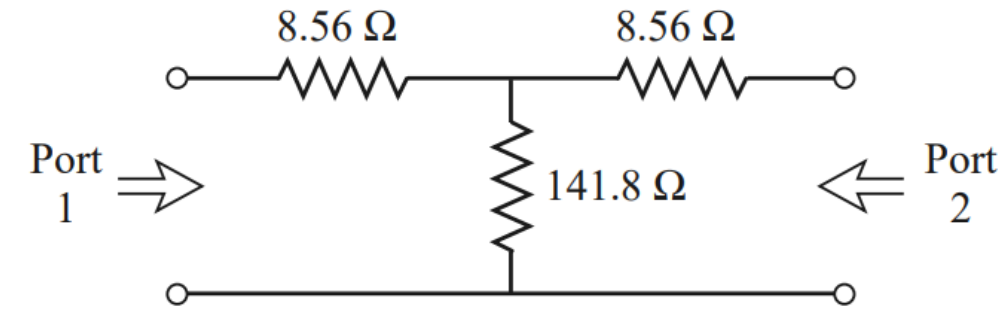


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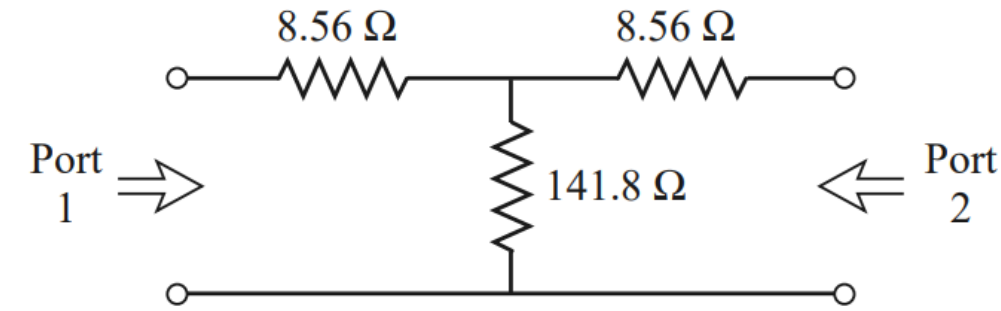
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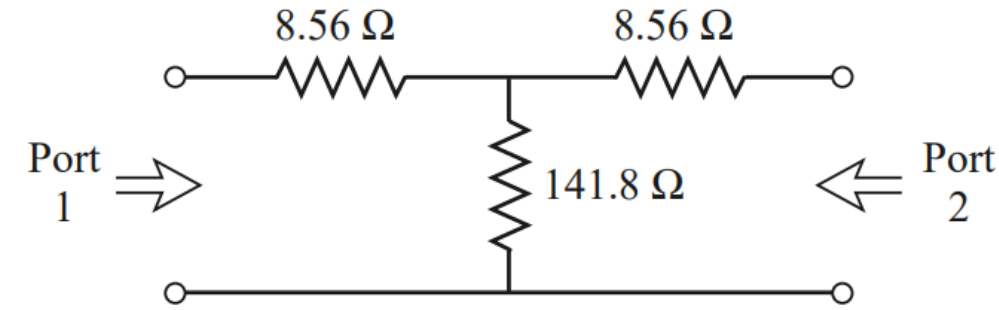
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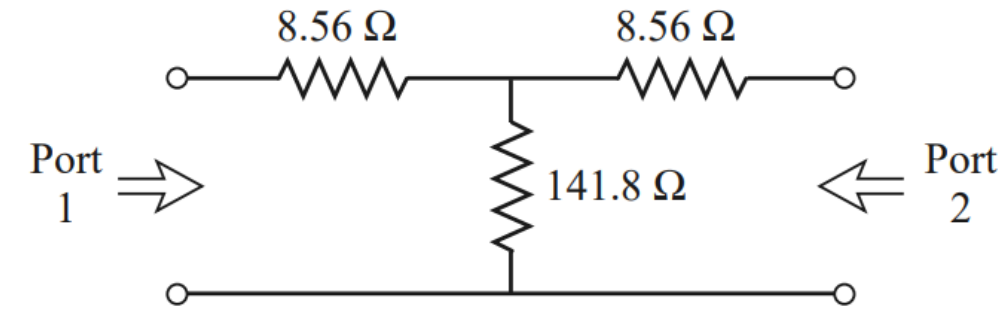
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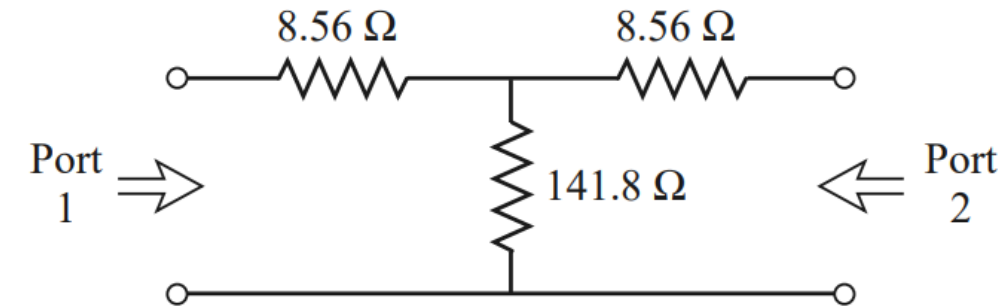
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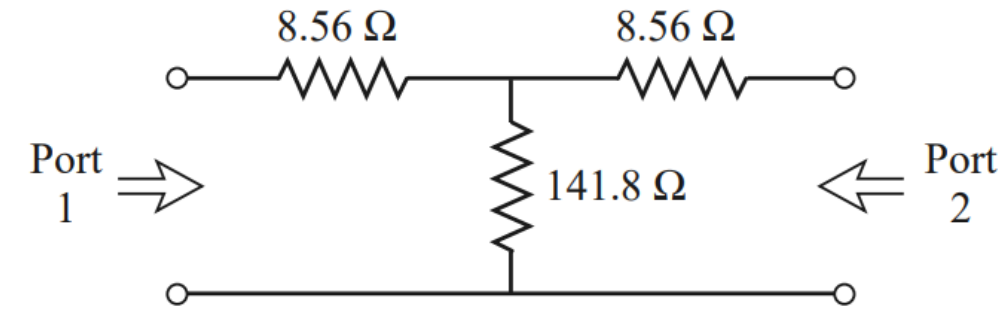
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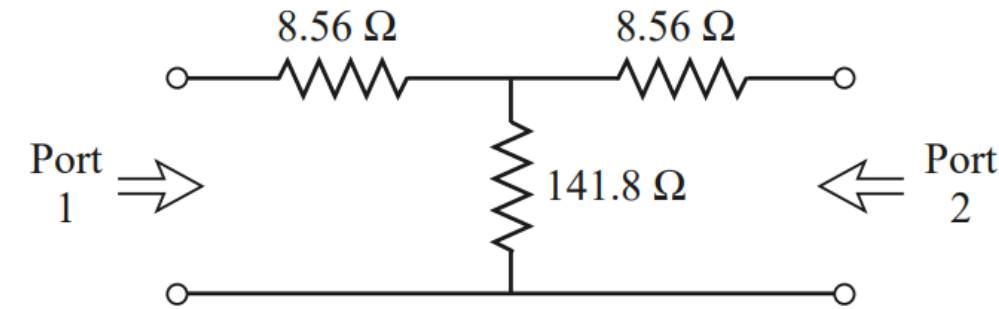
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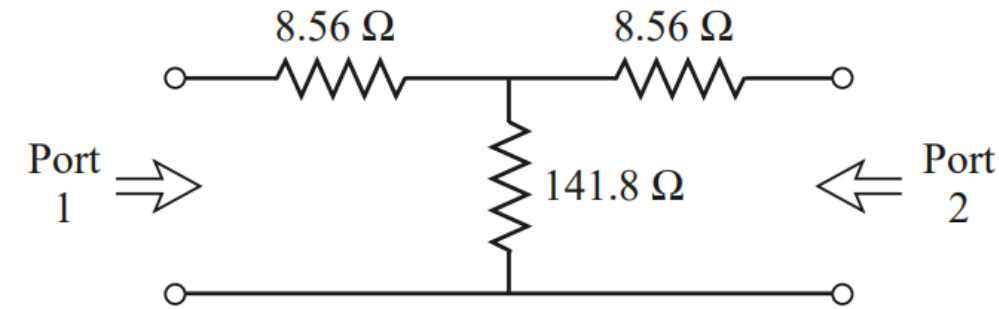
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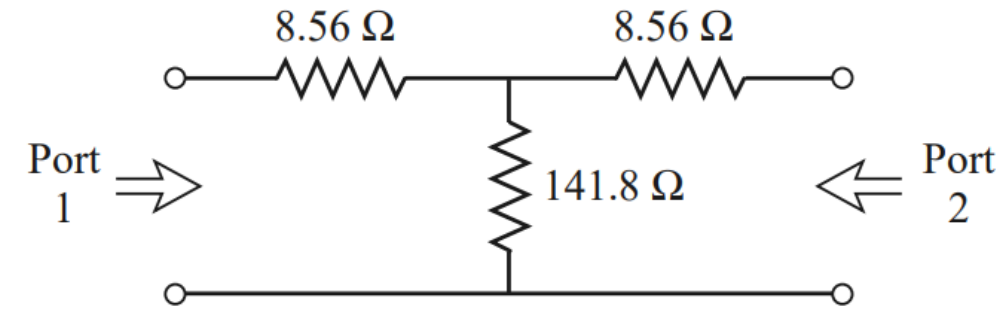
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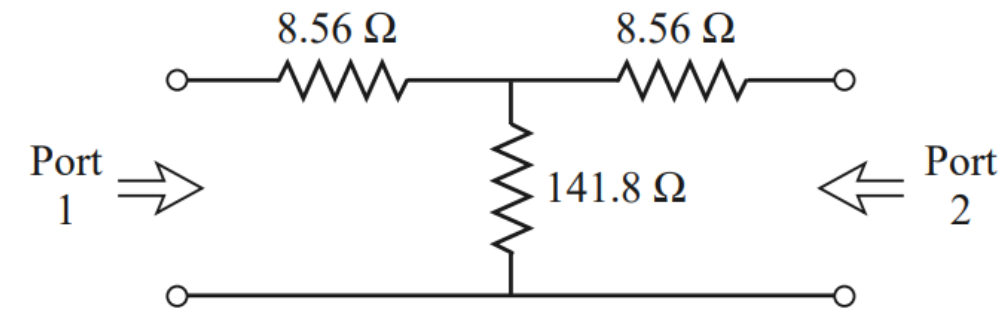
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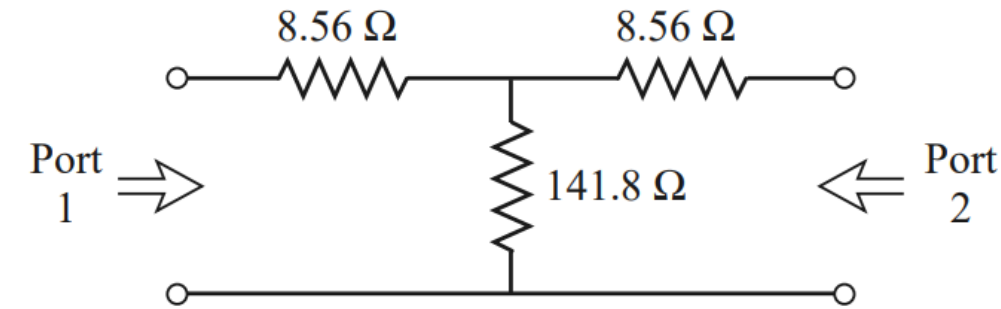
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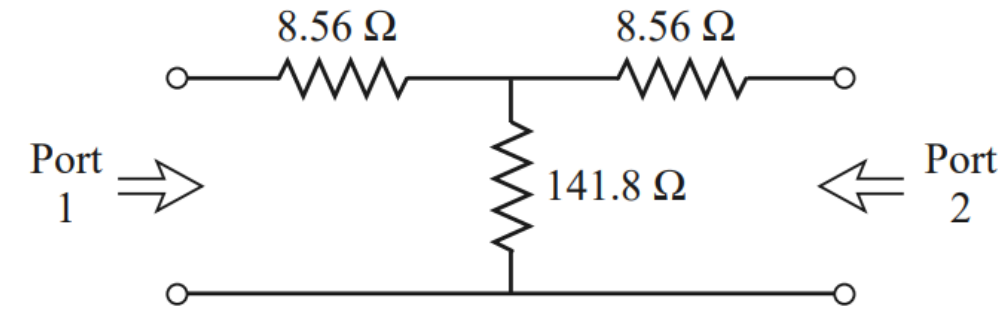
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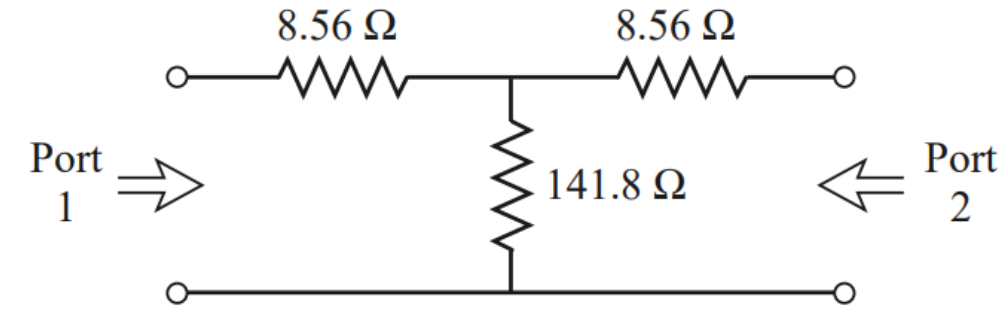
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5. Reciprocal networks and Lossless networks

- **Reciprocal:** Not containing active devices or non reciprocal media (ferrites, plasmas, etc)
 $Z_{ij} = Z_{ji}$ and $Y_{ij} = Y_{ji}$ (symmetric matrices)
- **Lossless:** Z_{ij} or Y_{ij} are **purely imaginary**

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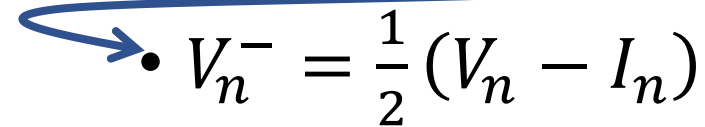
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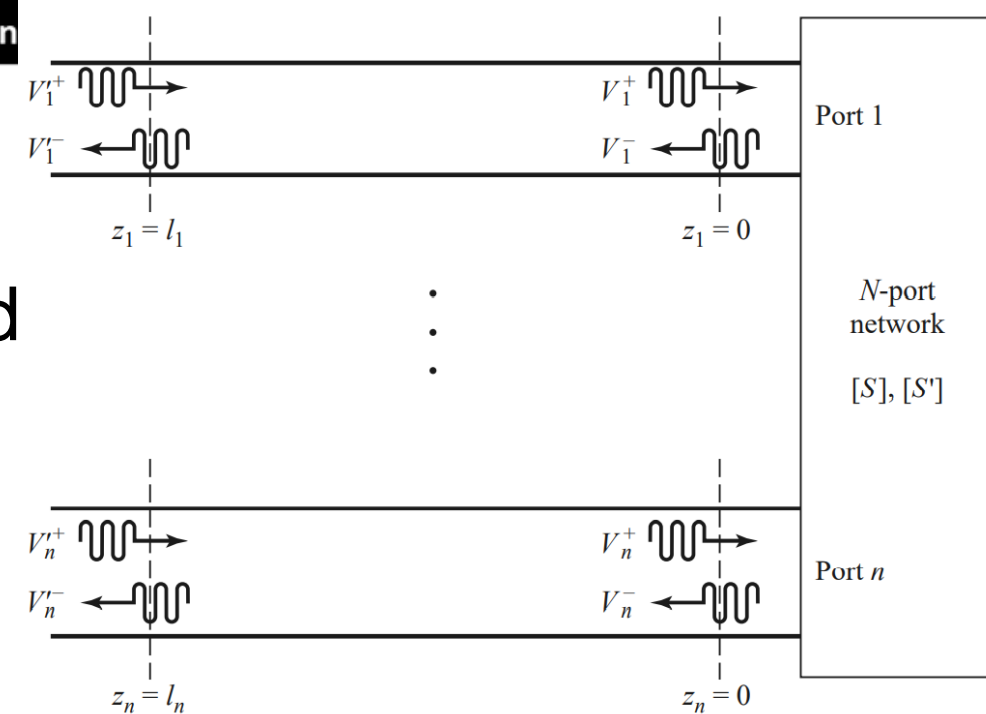
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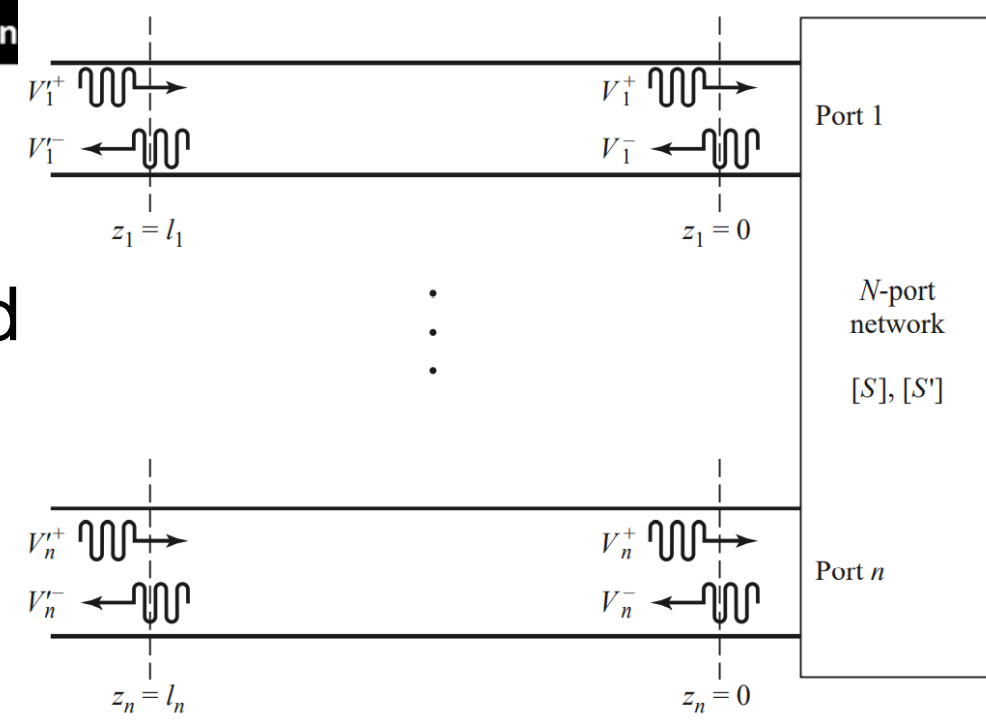
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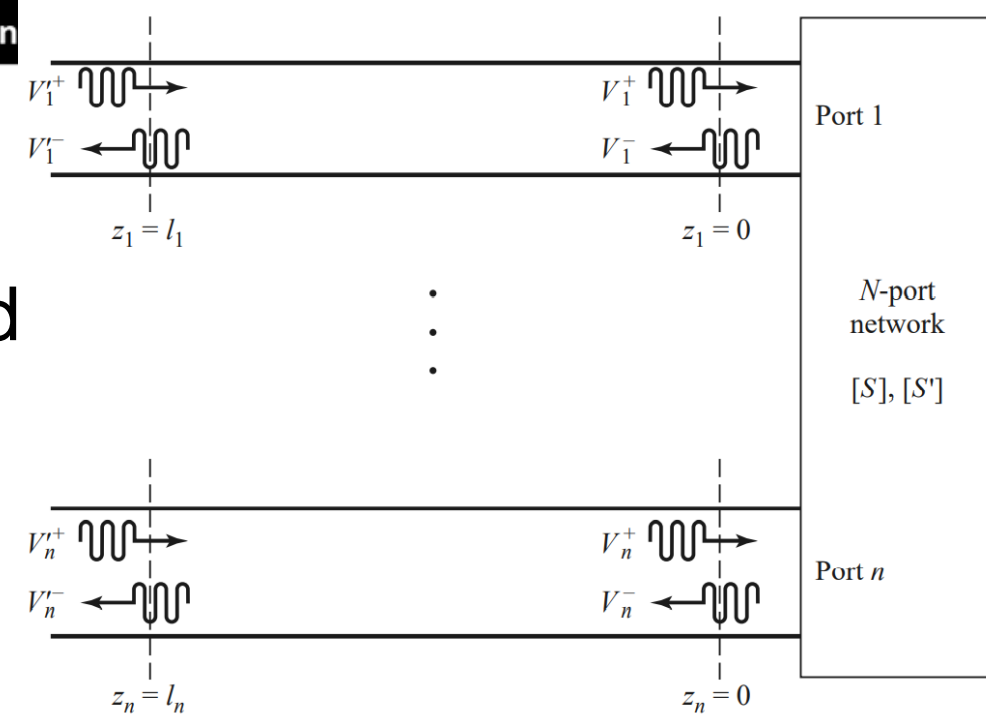
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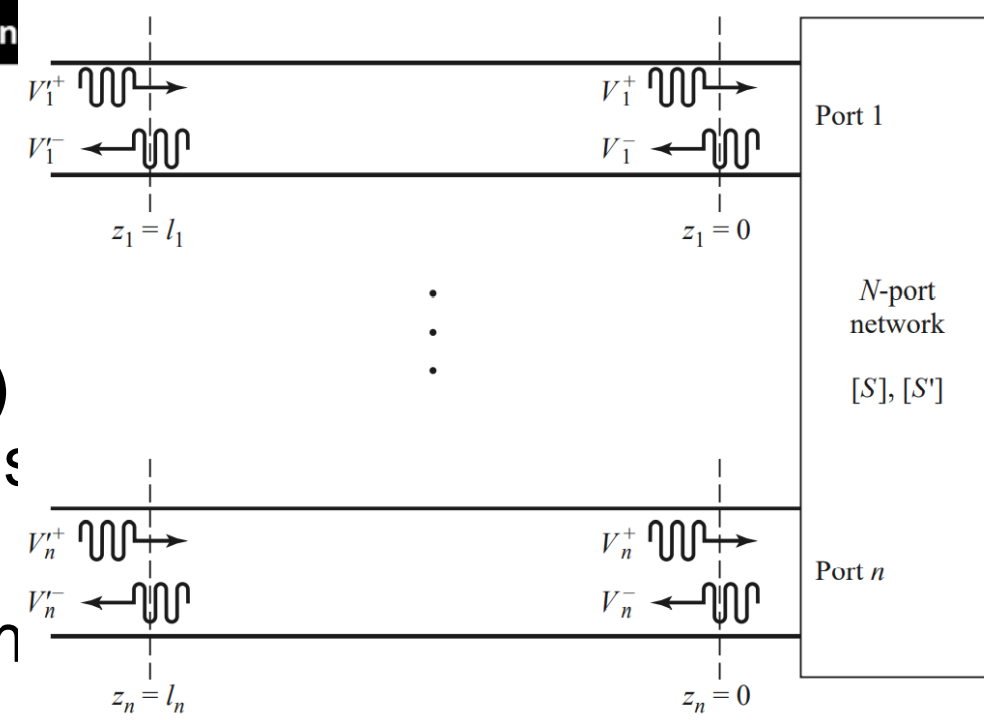
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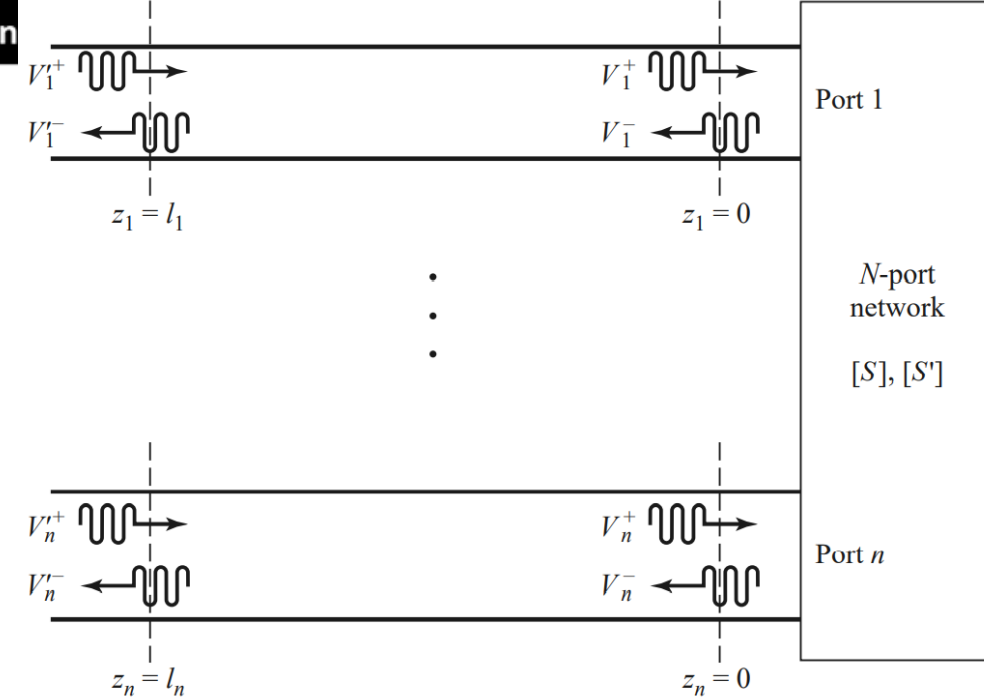
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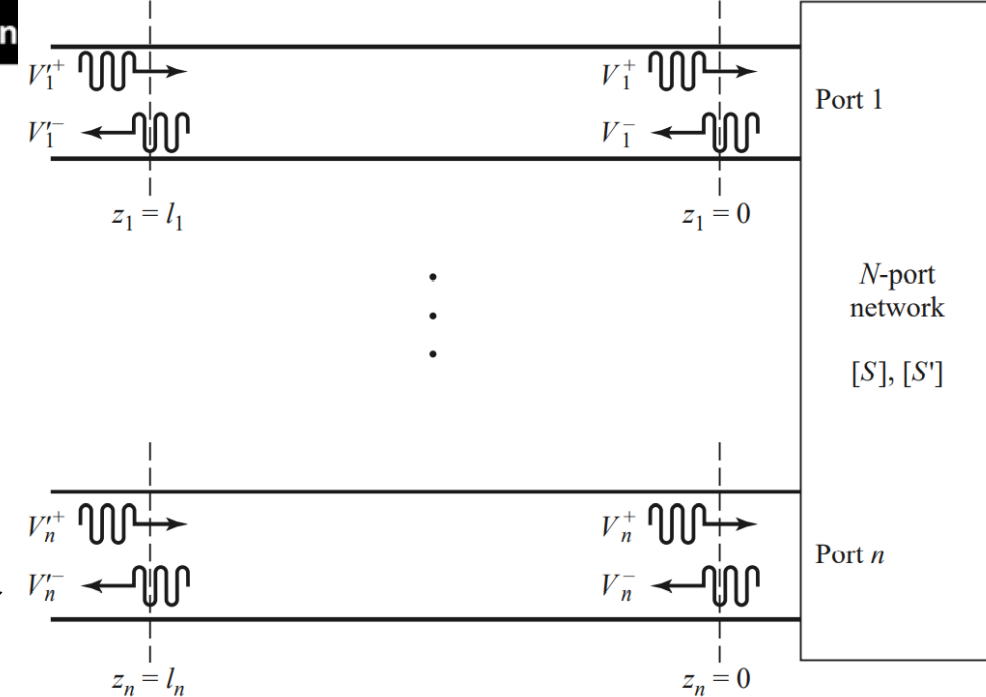
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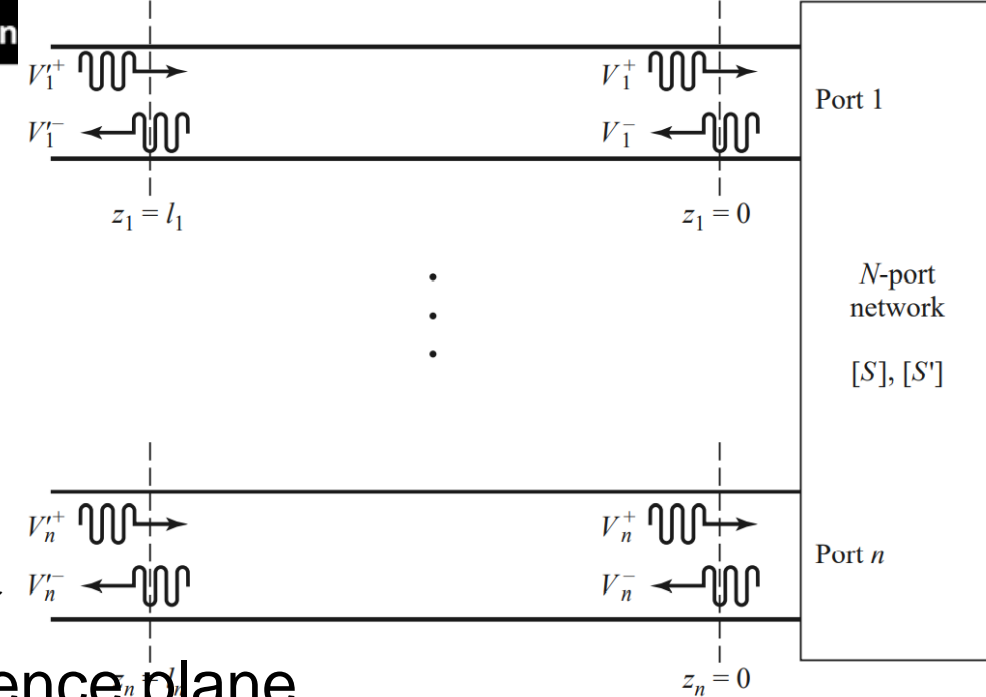
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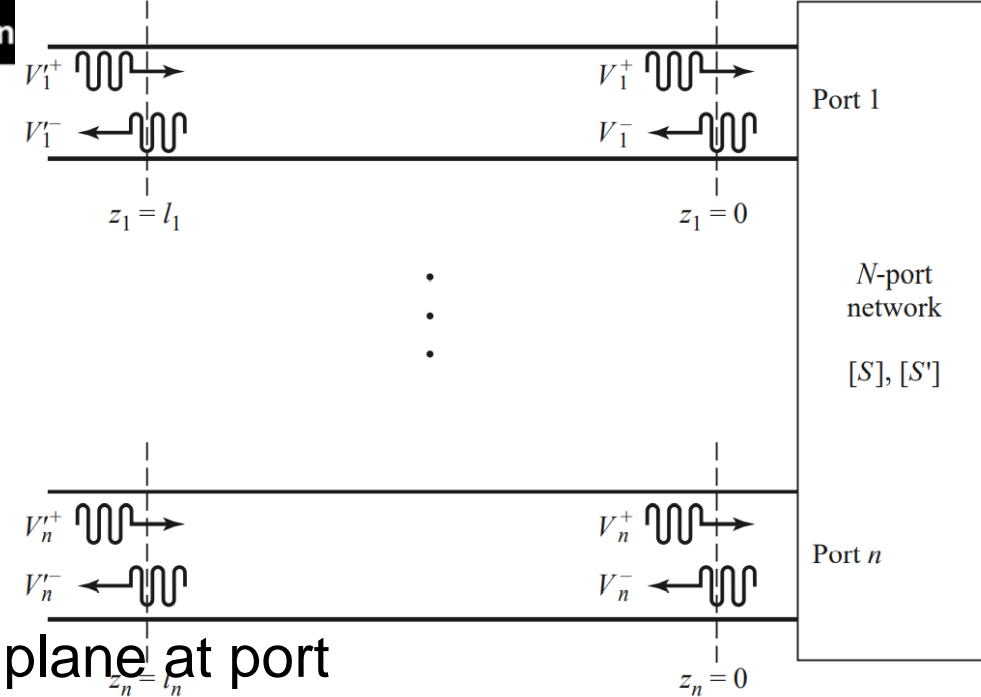
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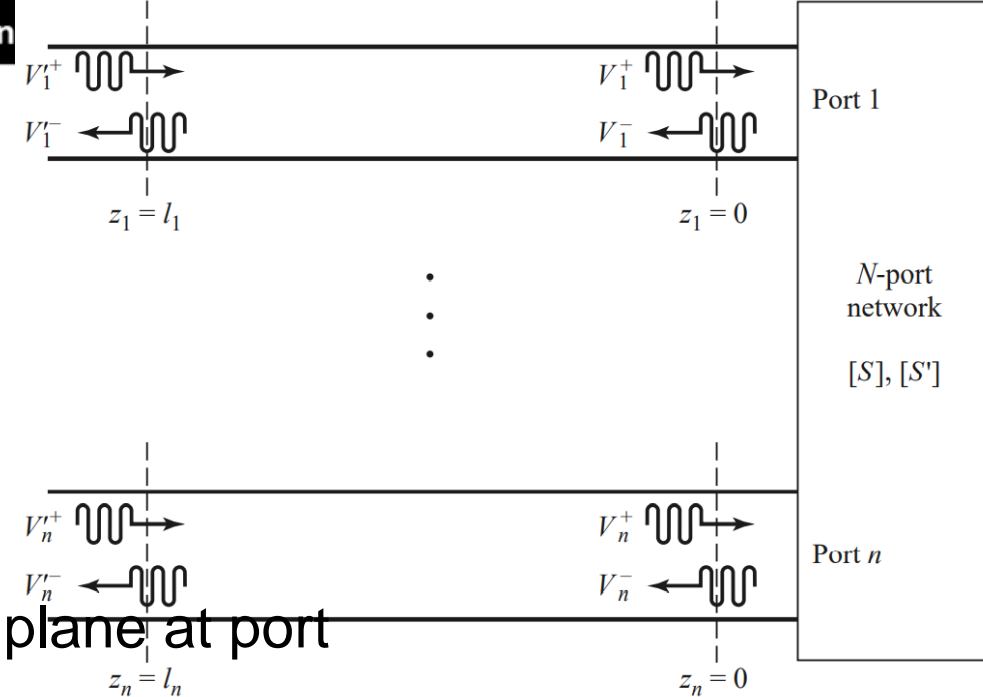
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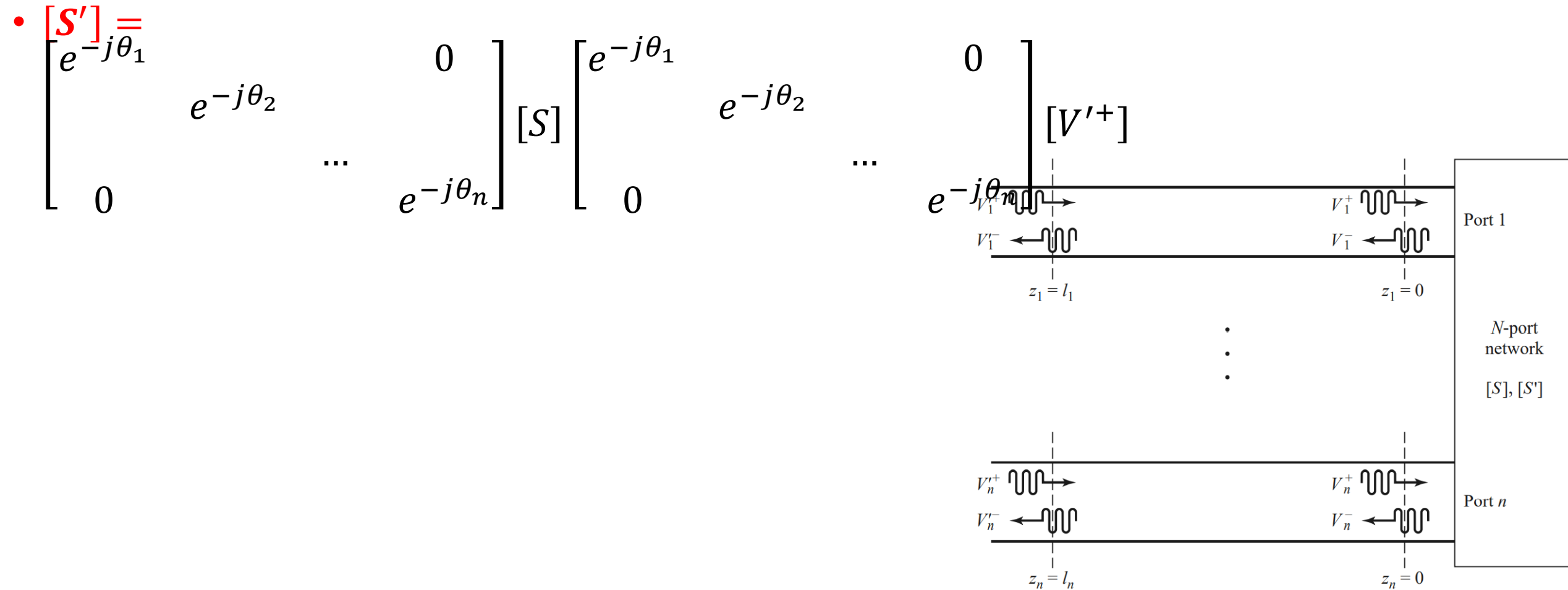
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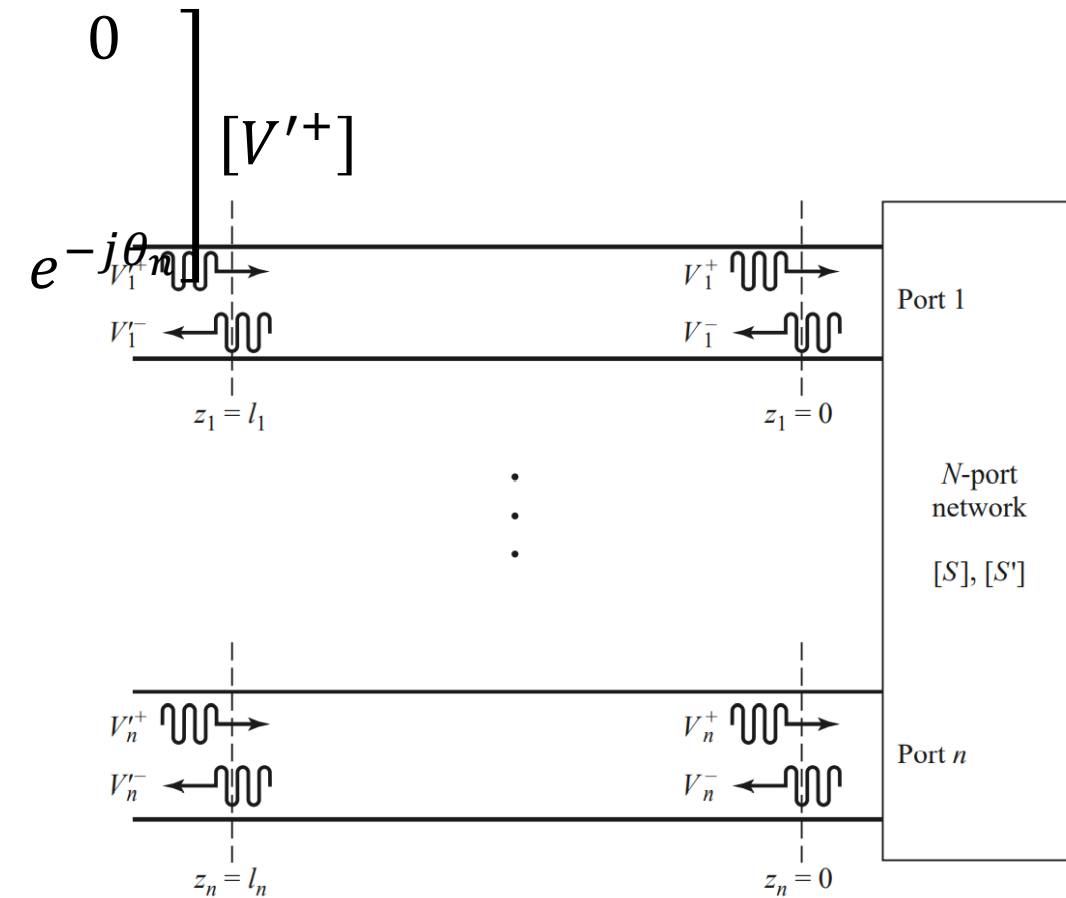
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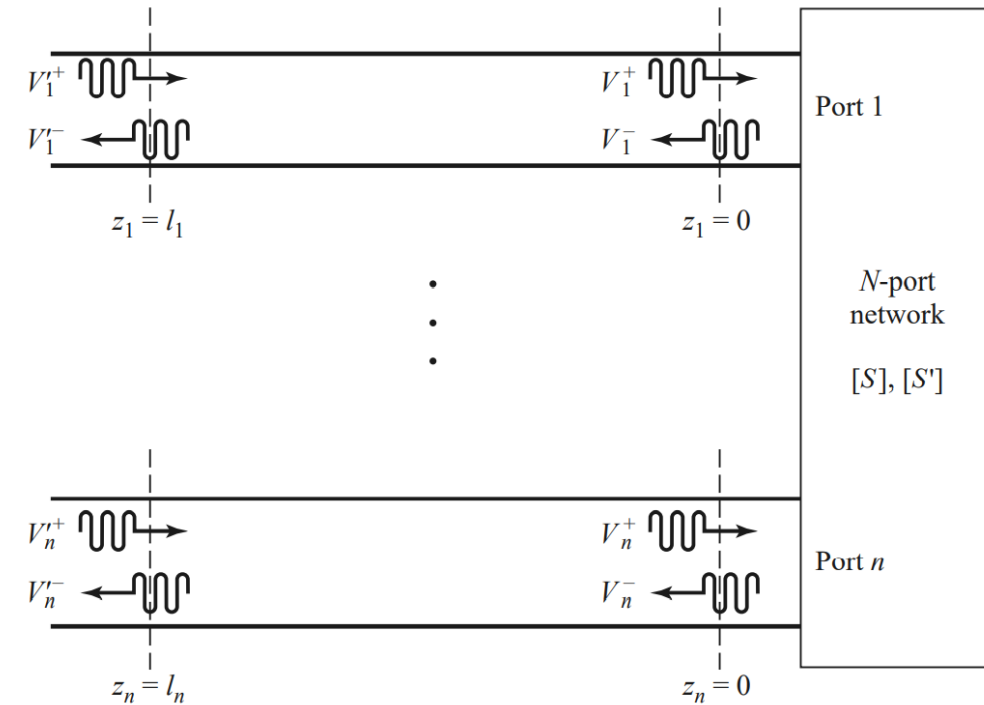
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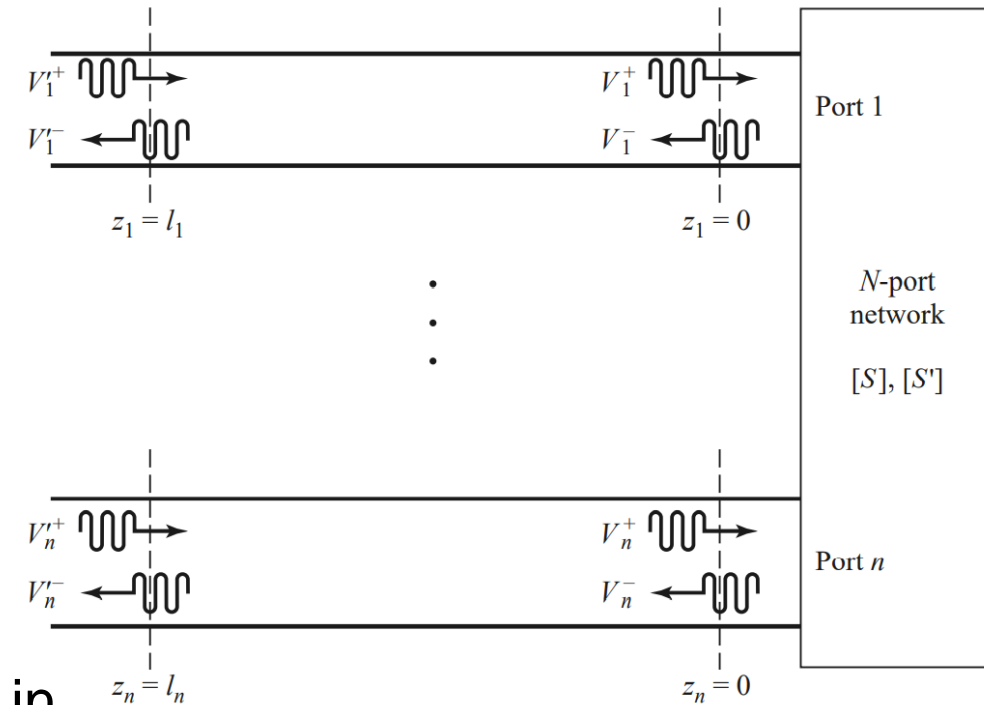
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This is similar to change in reflection coefficient due to shift in reference plane