

Microwaves

Series 3

Problem 1

A lossless transmission line is terminated with a $100\ \Omega$ load. If the SWR of the line is 1.5, find the two possible values for the characteristic impedance of the line

Solution :

$$|\Gamma| = \frac{swr - 1}{swr + 1} = \frac{0.5}{2.5} = 0.2$$
$$|\Gamma| = \left| \frac{Z_L - Z_o}{Z_L + Z_o} \right| = \left| \frac{100 - Z_o}{100 + Z_o} \right|$$

Moreover, we know that Z_o is real, thus either

$$\frac{100 - Z_o}{100 + Z_o} = 0.2 \Rightarrow Z_o = 66.7\ \Omega$$

or

$$\frac{100 - Z_o}{100 + Z_o} = -0.2 \Rightarrow Z_o = 150\ \Omega$$

Problem 2

A radio transmitter is connected to an antenna having an impedance $80 + j40\ \Omega$. with a $50\ \Omega$ coaxial cable. If the transmitter can deliver 30W to a $50\ \Omega$ load, how much power is delivered to the antenna ?

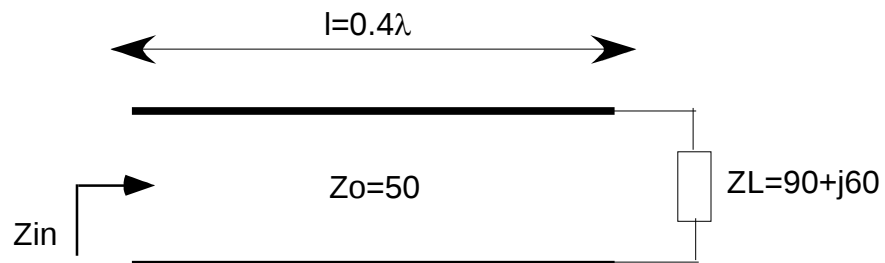
Solution :

$$\Gamma = \frac{Z_L - Z_o}{Z_L + Z_o} = \frac{30 + j40}{130 + j40} = 0.367 \angle 36^\circ$$
$$P_{Load} = P_{in} - P_{reflected} = P_{in} (1 - |\Gamma|^2) = 30 (1 - (0.367)^2) = 25.9$$

Problem 3

Use the Smith chart to find the following quantities for the transmission line circuit below :

- a) the SWR of the line
- b) the reflection coefficient at the load
- c) the load admittance
- d) the input impedance of the line



Solution : see Smith Chart

- a) $SWR = 2.8$
- b) $G = 0.45 \angle 33^\circ$
- c) $y_L = 0.38 - j0.25 \Rightarrow Y_L = 7.6 - j5 \text{ mS}$
- d) $z_{in} = 0.54 + j0.63 \Rightarrow Z_{in} = 27 + j32 \Omega$

