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## **DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING**

### **19ECT302 – TRANSMISSION LINES AND ANTENNAS**

III YEAR/<sub>1</sub> V SEMESTER

#### **UNIT 1 – TRANSMISSION LINE THEORY**

#### **TOPIC 6 – REFLECTION FACTOR AND REFLECTION LOSS**



- What will you say if the received signal at the load side is not same as the original signal at the transmitting side?





## TYPES OF LINE LOSSES



➤ **Answer :** Losses occurred in the line

**Types of losses are,**

- Reflection loss
- Return loss
- Insertion loss



# Reflection Coefficient



Reflection on a line not terminated in  $Z_0$

$$E = \frac{E_R (Z_R + Z_0)}{2Z_R} \left[ e^{\gamma s} + \left( \frac{Z_R - Z_0}{Z_R + Z_0} \right) e^{-\gamma s} \right]$$

$$I = \frac{I_R (Z_R + Z_0)}{2Z_0} \left[ e^{\gamma s} - \left( \frac{Z_R - Z_0}{Z_R + Z_0} \right) e^{-\gamma s} \right]$$

The component varying with  $e^{\gamma s}$  → incident wave  
→ wave travels from the sending end to the receiving end of the line.

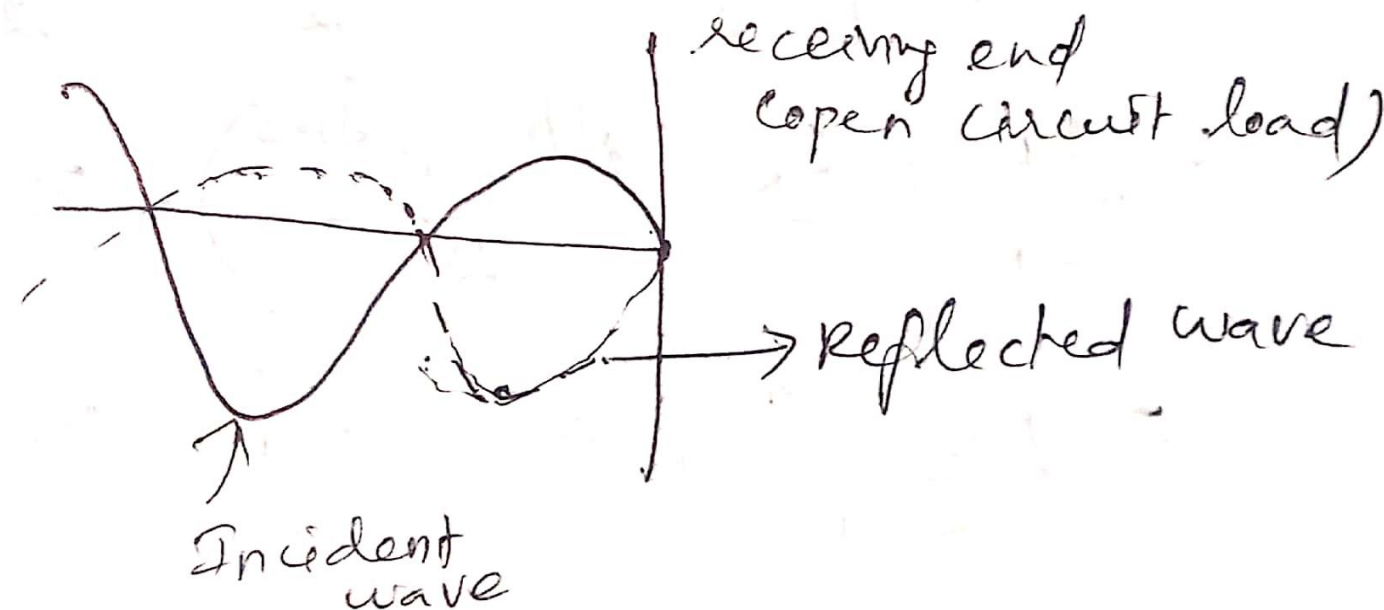
→ decreasing in amplitude as it approaches the receiving end.



# Reflection Coefficient



- The component varying with  $e^{-\gamma z}$  → reflected wave
- wave progressing from the receiving end toward the sending end
  - decreasing in amplitude from the load





# Reflection Coefficient



## Reflection coefficient

The ratio of amplitudes of the reflected and incident voltage waves at the receiving end of the line is called the reflection coefficient.

$$K = \frac{\text{reflected voltage at load}}{\text{incident voltage at load}}$$

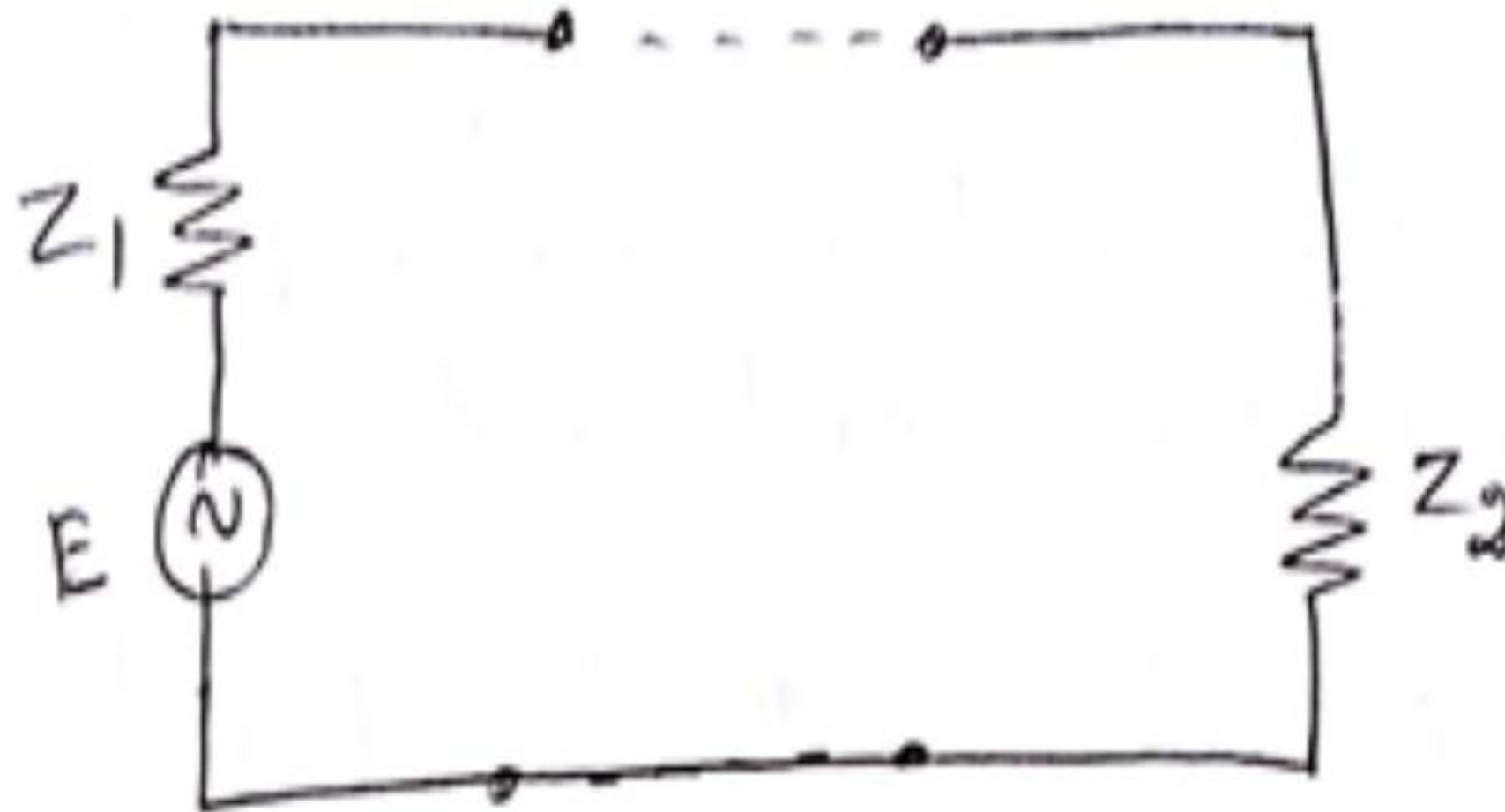
$$= \frac{Z_R - Z_0}{Z_R + Z_0}$$

$$\therefore E = \frac{E_R (Z_R + Z_0)}{2Z_R} (e^{\gamma s} + k e^{-\gamma s})$$

$$I = \frac{I_R (Z_R + Z_0)}{2Z_0} (e^{\gamma s} - k e^{-\gamma s})$$



# REFLECTION FACTOR & REFLECTION LOSS



**FIG. Generator of impedance  $Z_1$  connected to load  $Z_2$**



## REFLECTION FACTOR & REFLECTION LOSS



- **The magnitude of reflection**  
= the current actually flowing in the load under mismatched condition ( $I_2$ )  

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the current which would flow if the impedances were matched ( $I_2'$ )
- Image matching ( Transformer & Phase shifter)





# REFLECTION FACTOR & REFLECTION LOSS



According to the theory of ideal transformer

$$\frac{I_1}{I_2} = \sqrt{\frac{Z_2}{Z_1}} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Under matched conditions

$$I_1 = \frac{E}{2Z_1} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

The current  $I_2$  would flow in the load from eq  $\textcircled{1}$  &  $\textcircled{2}$

$$I_2 = I_1 \sqrt{\frac{Z_1}{Z_2}} = \frac{E}{2Z_1} \sqrt{\frac{Z_1}{Z_2}}$$

$$\boxed{|I_2| = \frac{|E|}{2\sqrt{Z_1 Z_2}}} \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$



# REFLECTION FACTOR & REFLECTION LOSS



Without Image matching

$$|I_2| = \frac{|E|}{|Z_1 + Z_2|} \rightarrow (4)$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{I_2}{I_2'} \right| = \frac{\frac{|E|}{|Z_1 + Z_2|}}{\frac{|E|}{|2\sqrt{Z_1 Z_2}|}} = \frac{|2\sqrt{Z_1 Z_2}|}{|Z_1 + Z_2|} \rightarrow (5)$$

$\hookrightarrow k$   
reflection factor



## REFLECTION FACTOR & REFLECTION LOSS



- The change in current in the load due to reflection at the mismatched junction is called the reflection factor

$$k = \left| \frac{2\sqrt{Z_1 Z_2}}{Z_1 + Z_2} \right|$$

- Reflection loss is defined as the number of nepers or decibels by which the current in the load under image matched conditions would exceed the current actually flowing in the load ( reciprocal of k)

$$\text{Reflection loss, nepers} = \ln \left| \frac{Z_1 + Z_2}{2\sqrt{Z_1 Z_2}} \right|$$

$$\text{Reflection loss, decibels} = 20 \log \left| \frac{Z_1 + Z_2}{2\sqrt{Z_1 Z_2}} \right|$$



# EFFECTS OF REFLECTION ON A LINE



- Reduction of line efficiency
- Power loss
- Cause echos
- Generator power and frequency will change
- Noise disturbance



# ASSESSMENT



1. What is reflection factor?
2. Define reflection loss.
3. Define reflection coefficient.



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