

Transmission Line Equations and Traveling Waves

Note Title

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* Definitions:

* Lumped parameters: size is very small compared to the applied signal's wave length.

(concentrated)

* Distributed parameters: the quantities are distributed over tens or hundreds of miles.

(Transmission Lines)

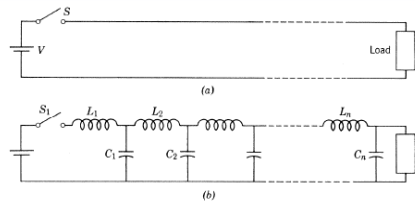
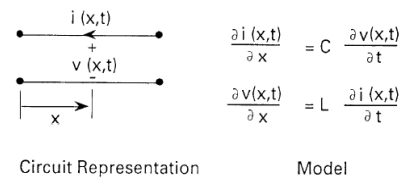


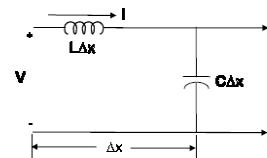
Fig. 9.1. (a) Two-wire transmission line. (b) "Lumpy" representation of a two-wire line.



* After a time Δt a length Δx of the line has been charged:

$$Q = CV \Delta x$$

$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt} \Rightarrow I = VC \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = VC \frac{dx}{dt} = VC v$$



* Similarly, when the current has penetrated Δx , the flux ϕ is:

$$\phi = L \Delta x I = L \Delta x CV v$$

$$\text{emf} = \frac{d\phi}{dt} = LC v \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = LC v v' = V$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \rightarrow \text{velocity of the waves propagation}$$

in per unit length

* Alternatively stated:

$$I = CVv = \frac{CV}{\sqrt{LC}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{V}{I} = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = Z_0 \quad \text{characteristic impedance}$$

For overhead lines

- ◆ $225 \Omega < Z_0 < 450 \Omega$
- ◆ $v \approx c \approx 3 \times 10^8$ meters/second (speed of light)

For cables

- ◆ $25 \Omega < Z_0 < 60 \Omega$
- ◆ $v \approx 1/3$ to $1/2 c$

Surge impedance by voltage range:

System kV	O/H Line Ω	Cable Ω
115	375	28
230	365	35
345	290	42
500	250	-

* The Wave Equation:

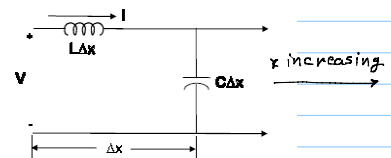
* The voltage across this section:

$$-\Delta V = L \Delta x \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -L \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

* The current to charge ΔC is:

$$-\Delta I = C \Delta x \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$



Solving for the voltage

differentiate $\textcircled{1}$ w.r.t x :

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = -L \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial t \partial x}$$

differentiate $\textcircled{2}$ w.r.t t :

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial t \partial x} = -C \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = LC \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial t^2} \rightarrow (3)$$

(3) & (4) are the wave equations

If we solve for the current:

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial x^2} = LC \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial t^2} \rightarrow (4)$$

* The general solution of (3) & (4):

$$I = f \left[x \pm \frac{t}{\sqrt{LC}} \right] \Rightarrow I(x, t) = f_1(x - vt) + f_2(x + vt)$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(x, t) &= L v [f_1(x - vt) - f_2(x + vt)] \\ &= Z_0 [f_1(x - vt) - f_2(x + vt)] \end{aligned}$$

* If V and I waves are traveling in $+x$, they have same signs.

* If they travel in the negative direction, they have opposite signs.

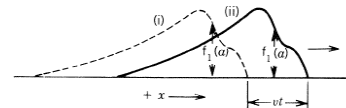
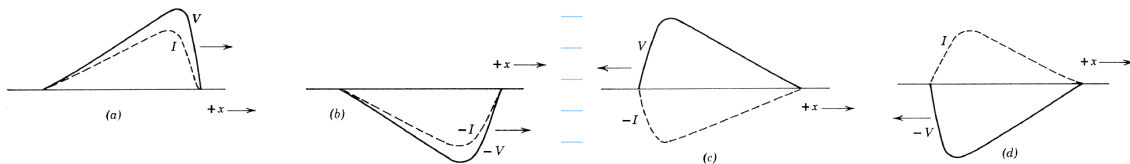


Fig. 9.4. The function $(x - vt)$ at (i) $t = 0$ and (ii) $t = \tau$.



* Another forms:

$$I(x, t) = f_1\left(\frac{x}{v} - t\right) + f_2\left(\frac{x}{v} + t\right), \quad V(x, t) = Z_0 f_1\left(\frac{x}{v} - t\right) - Z_0 f_2\left(\frac{x}{v} + t\right)$$