

## Lecture 2-Transmission Lines

**Exercise 1:** How much does a cable's resistance increase when the gauge size increases by 6? By 3? Hint: a wire's resistance is proportional to its cross-sectional area.

gauge increase of 6 halves the diameter.

the cross-sectional area changes by  $\times \frac{1}{4}$   
 $(A = \pi (\frac{D}{2})^2)$  and the resistance by  $\times 4$ .

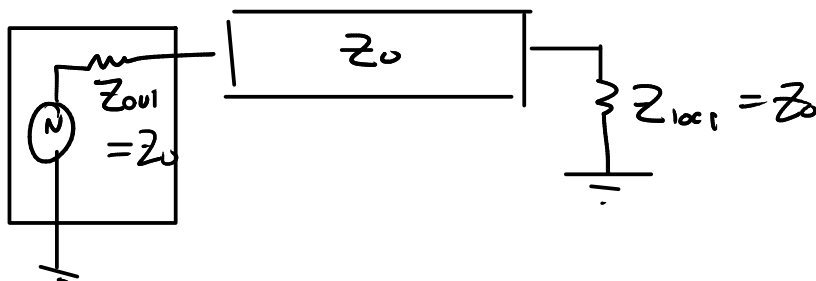
Each increase of +1 in gauge decreases the diameter by  $\times 2^{-\frac{1}{6}}$   $((2^{-\frac{1}{6}})^6 = \frac{1}{2}) = 0.891$

$\therefore$  +3 in gauge is  $\times (0.891)^3 = \times 0.71$  in diameter  
 $\& \times \frac{1}{2}$  in area.  $\therefore$  resistance is doubled.

**Exercise 2:** What is the characteristic impedance of a lossless cable with an inductance of 94 nH per foot and capacitance of 17 pF/ft?

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = \sqrt{\frac{94 \times 10^{-9}}{17 \times 10^{-12}}} \approx \sqrt{5000} \approx 75$$

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow \approx 100 \\ \searrow \approx 20 \end{matrix}$



**Exercise 3:** What is the characteristic impedance of UTP made from 24-gauge wire with polyethylene insulation ( $\epsilon_r = 2.2$ ) of 0.25mm thickness?

24 AWG = 0.5mm  
 $\epsilon_r = 2.2$

$r = \frac{0.5}{2} = 0.25\text{mm}$   
 $t = 0.25\text{mm}$

$S = 2(r + t)$   
 $S = 2(0.25 + 0.25) = 1\text{mm}$

$Z_0 = \frac{120}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \ln\left(\frac{2S}{D}\right)$

$Z_0 = \frac{120}{\sqrt{2.2}} \ln\left(\frac{2 \cdot 1}{0.5}\right)$

$= 112 \Omega$

DEG	W-VIEW
$\frac{120}{\sqrt{2.2}} \ln\left(\frac{2 \cdot 1}{0.5}\right) =$	
112.1567361	

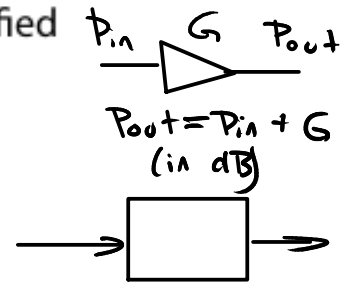
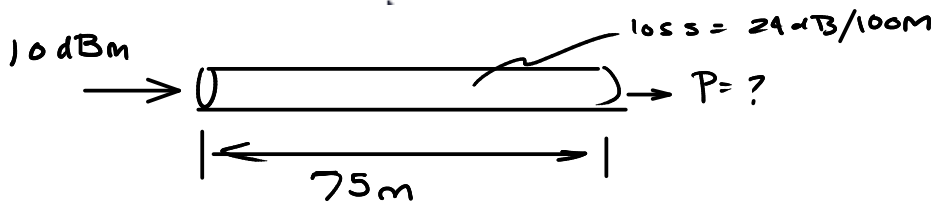
**Exercise 4:** What is the characteristic impedance of a co-ax cable with a 0.8mm diameter center conductor, 3.5mm diameter shield and foamed polyethylene between them that has a dielectric constant of 1.5?

$$Z_0 = \frac{60}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \ln\left(\frac{D}{d}\right) = \frac{60}{\sqrt{1.5}} \ln\left(\frac{3.5}{0.8}\right)$$

$$= 72 \Omega$$

50  $\Omega$  also popular for radio application

**Exercise 5:** An 800 MHz signal is output from a CATV amplifier at a power level of 10dBm. What power level would you expect at the other end of a 75m run of co-ax whose loss is specified as 24dB/100m at 800 MHz?



$$\text{loss} = \frac{75}{100} \times 24 \text{ dB} = 18 \text{ dB} \quad (\text{gain of } -18 \text{ dB})$$

$$P_{in} = 10 \text{ dBm} \quad P_{out} = P_{in} + \text{Gain} = 10 + (-18) = -8 \text{ dBm}$$

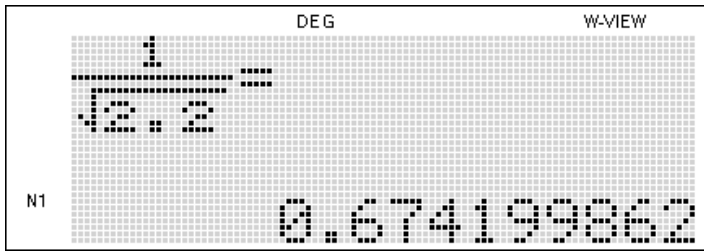
$$-8 = 10 \log \left( \frac{P_{out}}{1 \text{ mW}} \right)$$

$$P_{out} = 10^{-0.8} \cdot 1 \text{ mW} = \underline{\underline{0.16 \text{ mW}}}$$

$$\frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} = 10 \log \left( \frac{\frac{(V_{out})^2}{R}}{\frac{(V_{in})^2}{R}} \right) = 20 \log \left( \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \right)$$

**Exercise 6:** What is the velocity factor for a cable with polyethylene insulation ( $\epsilon_r = 2.2$ )? How long would it take for a signal to propagate 100m? For a cable with air dielectric?

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$



$$v_p = VF \cdot c \approx 2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = \frac{d}{t} \quad t = \frac{d}{v_p} = \frac{100}{2 \times 10^8} \approx 0.5 \mu\text{s}$$

for air  $\epsilon_r \approx 1 \quad \therefore t = \frac{d}{c} = \frac{100}{3 \times 10^8} \approx 0.33 \mu\text{s}$

$$\therefore VF \approx 1$$

**Exercise 7:** If the optical signal wavelength is 1330nm what is the frequency?

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= 10^6 \\ \text{G} &= 10^9 \\ \text{T} &= 10^{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$c = \lambda f$$

$$f = \frac{c}{\lambda} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{1.3 \times 10^{-6}} = 2.3 \times 10^{14} \approx 2.3 \times 10^{12}$$

$$\approx 230 \text{ THz}$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2.4 \text{ GHz} \\ 5 \text{ GHz} \end{array} \right\}$  common wireless frequencies

mmWave: 10's of GHz (max. used today)

**Exercise 8:** A point-to-point link uses a transmit power of 1 Watt, transmit and receive antennas with gains of 20dB and operates at 3 GHz. How much power is received by a receiver 300m away?

$$c = \lambda f$$

$$P = 10 \log \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)$$

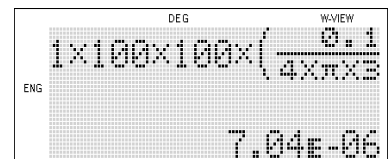
$$f = 3 \text{ GHz} = 3 \times 10^9$$

$$P_R = P_T G_T G_R \left( \frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^2$$

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^9} = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

$$G_T = G_R = 10^{\left(\frac{20}{10}\right)} = 100$$

$$P_R = 1 \cdot 100 \cdot 100 \cdot \left( \frac{0.1}{4\pi \cdot 300} \right)^2 = 7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W}$$



**Exercise 9:** Rank each of twisted-pair, co-ax, optical fiber and free space media according to cost of the medium, cost of the interface, media size and immunity to interference.

	cost of media	cost of i/f	media size	immunity to i/f
T.P.	M L	L	M	M L
co-ax	M H	M L	M	M H
F.O.	H	M H	S	H
free-space	L	H	?	L