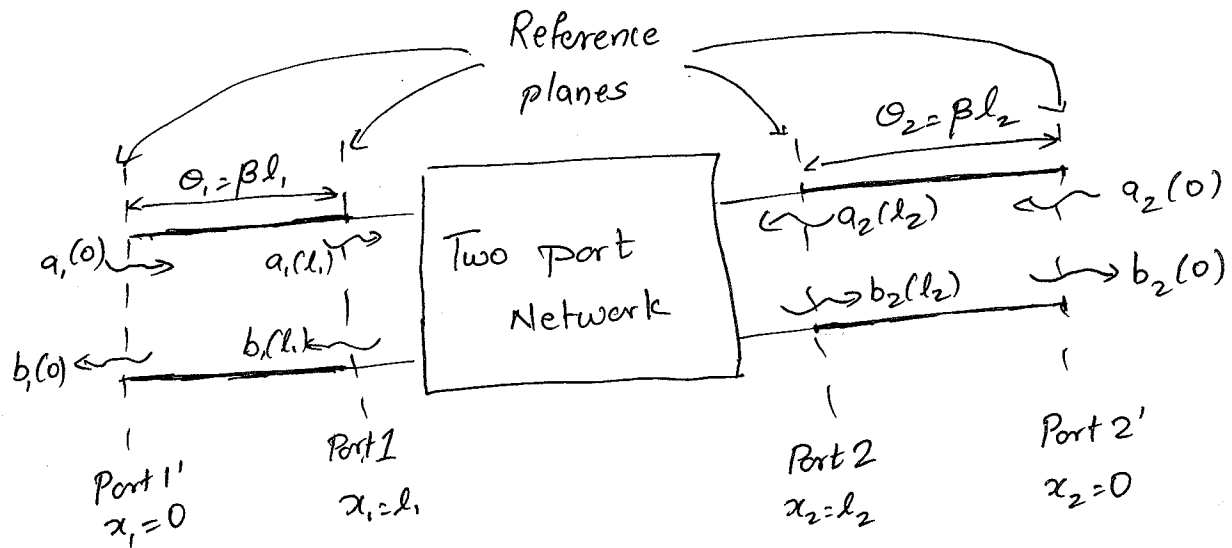


Shifting Reference Planes

Consider the two-port network as shown in the figure below



We often need to attach transmission lines to the two-port network.

Since S parameters are measured using traveling waves, we need to specify the positions where the measurements are made.

These positions are called reference planes

S parameters at reference planes located at port 1' and port 2' and relate them to the S parameters at port 1 and port 2 of the two port network

At the reference planes at port 1 and port 2, the scattering matrix can be written as: (2)

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1(l_1) \\ b_2(l_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1(l_1) \\ a_2(l_2) \end{bmatrix} \quad - (1)$$

and at port 1' and port 2' as

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1(l_1') \\ b_2(l_2') \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S'_{11} & S'_{12} \\ S'_{21} & S'_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1(l_1') \\ a_2(l_2') \end{bmatrix} \quad - (2)$$

The two port Network with transmission lines when viewed from port 1' and port 2' constitute a new two port N/w whose S parameters are defined by (2).

θ_1 & θ_2 are the electrical lengths of the transmission lines between the primed and unprimed reference planes.

$$b_1(l_1) = b_1(l_1') e^{j\theta_1}$$

$$a_1(l_1) = a_1(l_1') e^{-j\theta_1}$$

$$b_2(l_2) = b_2(l_2') e^{j\theta_2}$$

$$a_2(l_2) = a_2(l_2') e^{-j\theta_2}$$

where the factor $e^{\pm j\theta}$ accounts for the phase difference of the waves at the different reference planes

$$\left. \begin{aligned} b_1(l_1) &= b_1(0) e^{j\beta l_1} & a_1(l_1) &= a_1(0) e^{-j\beta l_1} \\ b_2(l_2) &= b_2(0) e^{j\beta l_2} & a_2(l_2) &= a_2(0) e^{-j\beta l_2} \end{aligned} \right\} - (3) \quad (3)$$

Substituting (3) in (1) we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1(0) e^{j\beta l_1} \\ b_2(0) e^{j\beta l_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1(0) e^{-j\beta l_1} \\ a_2(0) e^{-j\beta l_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1(0) \\ b_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} e^{-j2\beta l_1} & S_{12} e^{-j(\beta l_1 + \beta l_2)} \\ S_{21} e^{-j(\beta l_1 + \beta l_2)} & S_{22} e^{-j2\beta l_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1(0) \\ a_2(0) \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Comparing (4) and (0)

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11}' & S_{12}' \\ S_{21}' & S_{22}' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} e^{-j2\beta l_1} & S_{12} e^{-j(\beta l_1 + \beta l_2)} \\ S_{21} e^{-j(\beta l_1 + \beta l_2)} & S_{22} e^{-j2\beta l_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11}' e^{j2\beta l_1} & S_{12}' e^{j(\beta l_1 + \beta l_2)} \\ S_{21}' e^{j(\beta l_1 + \beta l_2)} & S_{22}' e^{j2\beta l_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties of Scattering Parameters

(4)

Two important properties

1) Matrix $[S]$ is symmetrical

$$[S]^t = [S] \quad [S]^t \rightarrow \text{Transpose matrix of } [S]$$

$$\& \\ S_{ij} = S_{ji}$$

2) Matrix $[S]$ is unitary

$$[S]^a = [S^*]^t = [S]^{-1}$$

$[S]^a$ is adjoint matrix of $[S]$

$[S^*]^t$ is conjugate of $[S]^t$

$[S]^{-1}$ is inverse matrix of $[S]$

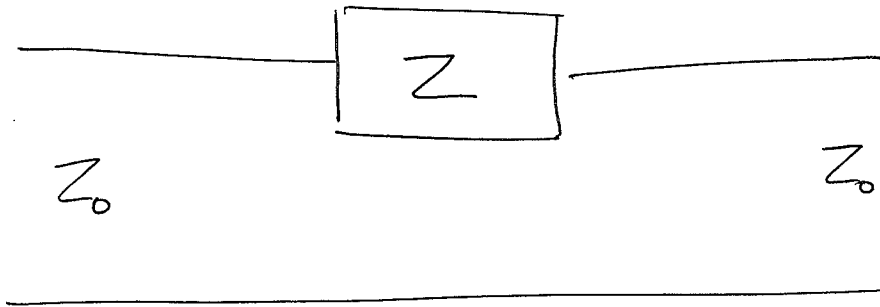
$$\sum_{i=1}^N S_{ij} S_{ik}^* = \delta_{jk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } j=k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{i=1}^N S_{ij} S_{ij}^* = \sum_{i=1}^N |S_{ij}|^2 = 1 \quad j=1, 2, 3, \dots, N$$

example

Find S parameters of a series impedance Z connected between the two ports as shown in the figure.



Soln

As explained earlier we can write

$$S_{11} = \Gamma_1 |_{a_2=0} = \frac{(Z+Z_0) - Z_0}{(Z+Z_0) + Z_0} = \frac{Z}{Z+2Z_0}$$

Similarly when $\Gamma_s=0$ (ie port 1 is terminated by a matched load)

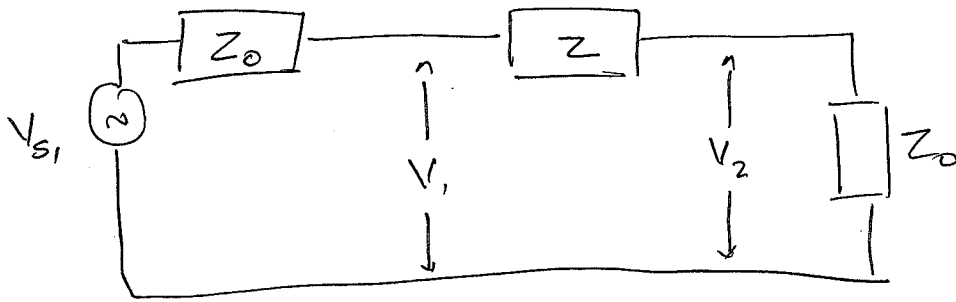
$$S_{22} = \Gamma_2 |_{a_1=0} = \frac{(Z+Z_0) - Z_0}{(Z+Z_0) + Z_0} = \frac{Z}{Z+2Z_0}$$

S_{21} and S_{12} can be determined using

$$S_{21} = \frac{2V_2}{V_{s1}} \sqrt{\frac{Z_{01}}{Z_{02}}} \quad \& \quad S_{12} = \frac{2V_1}{V_{s2}} \sqrt{\frac{Z_{02}}{Z_{01}}}$$

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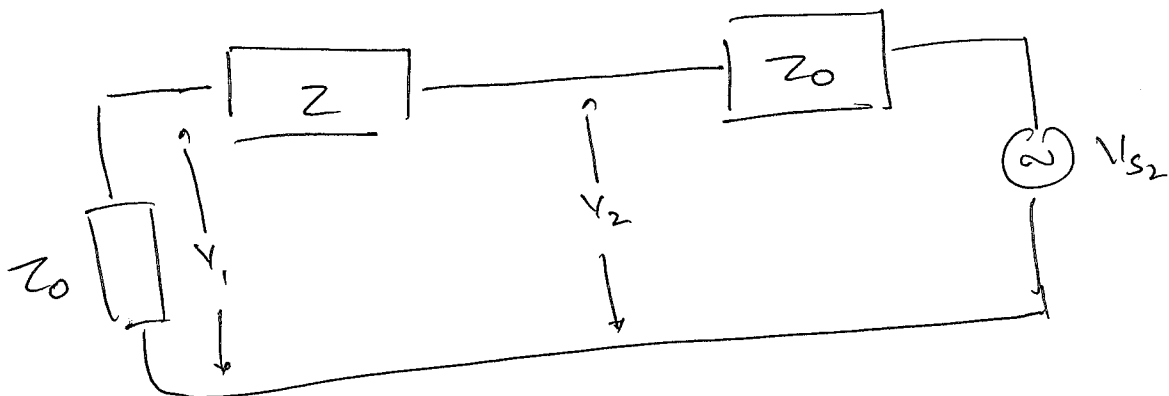
we For calculating S_{21} , we connect a voltage ^{source} at part 1 (V_{s1}) while part 2 is terminated by Z_0 . The source impedance is assumed to be Z_0



$$V_2 = V_{s1} \frac{Z_0}{Z + 2Z_0}$$

$$S_{21} = \frac{2V_2}{V_{s1}} = \frac{2Z_0}{Z + 2Z_0} = \frac{2Z_0 + Z - Z}{Z + 2Z_0} = 1 - \frac{Z}{Z + 2Z_0}$$

For calculating S_{12} , we connect a voltage source V_{s2} at part 2 while part 1 is terminated by Z_0



Using the voltage divider again, we get

$$V_1 = \frac{Z_0}{Z + 2Z_0} V_{s2}$$

$$S_{12} = \frac{2V_1}{V_{s2}} = \frac{2Z_0}{Z + 2Z_0} = 1 - \frac{Z}{Z + 2Z_0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_1 & 1 - \Gamma_1 \\ 1 - \Gamma_1 & \Gamma_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{Z}{Z + 2Z_0}$$

Looking at the matrix we can say that $S_{11} = S_{22}$.

This is because the given two port n/w is symmetrical.

If $S_{12} = S_{21}$ this means the network is Reciprocal

If the series Z in the above example is purely reactive we have

$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{jX}{jX + 2Z_0}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |S_{11}|^2 + |S_{21}|^2 &= \left| \frac{jX}{jX + 2Z_0} \right|^2 + \left| 1 - \frac{jX}{jX + 2Z_0} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{X^2}{X^2 + (2Z_0)^2} + \frac{(2Z_0)^2}{X^2 + (2Z_0)^2} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

|||^{ly} $|S_{12}|^2 + |S_{22}|^2 = 1$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} S_{11} S_{12}^* + S_{21} S_{22}^* &= \frac{jX}{jX + 2Z_0} \times \frac{2Z_0}{-jX + 2Z_0} + \frac{2Z_0}{jX + 2Z_0} \times \frac{-jX}{-jX + 2Z_0} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} S_{12} S_{11}^* + S_{22} S_{21}^* &= \frac{2Z_0}{jX + 2Z_0} \times \frac{-jX}{-jX + 2Z_0} + \frac{jX}{jX + 2Z_0} \times \frac{2Z_0}{-jX + 2Z_0} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The characteristics of the scattering matrix can be

summarized as:

$$\sum S_{ij} S_{ik}^* = S_{jk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j=k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \left. \vphantom{\sum S_{ij} S_{ik}^*} \right\} \text{unitary matrix}$$