



Lecture (02)

Transmission Lines Fundamentals

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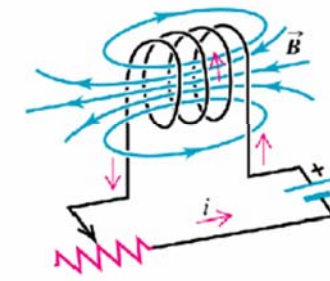
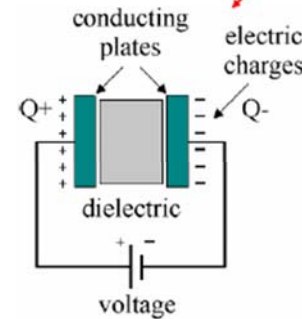
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- Models of linear circuit elements:

$$v = R \cdot i$$

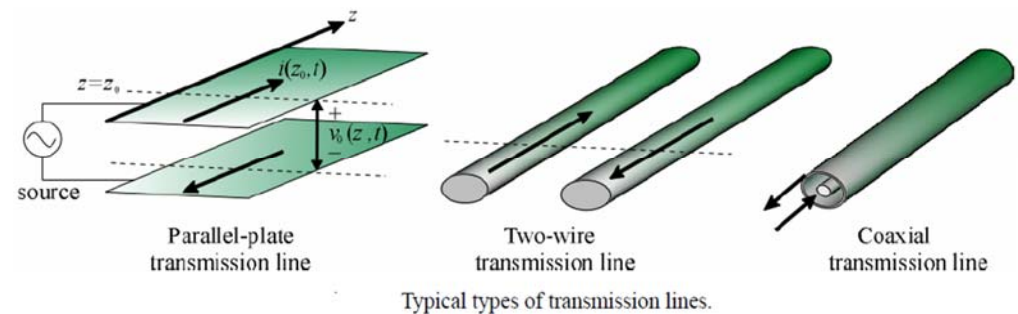
$$i = C \cdot \frac{d}{dt} v$$

$$v = L \cdot \frac{d}{dt} i$$



Equivalent Circuit and Equations of Transmission Lines

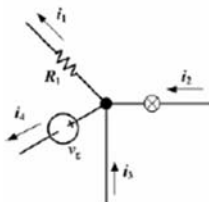
- Geometry of transmission lines



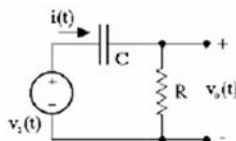
- Typical transmission lines consist of two long conductors separated by some insulating material

Kirchhoff's laws :

$$\sum_k i_k = 0$$



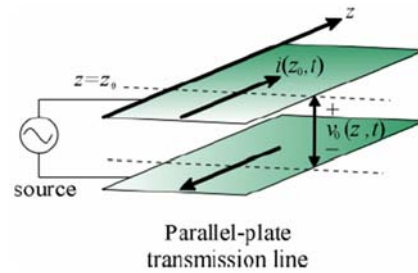
$$\sum_k v_k = 0$$



- when the two electrodes of a (voltage or current) source are connected to the transmission line.

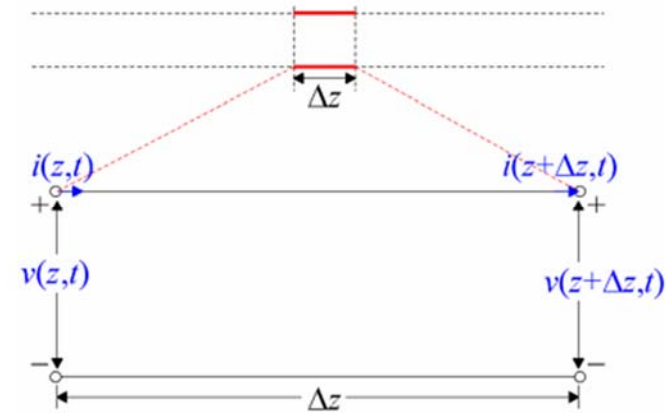
At any transverse plane

- $z = z_0$
- voltage drop $v(z_0, t)$ between the two conductors exists
- currents $\pm i(z_0, t)$ with equal magnitude but opposite directions flow along the two conductors,



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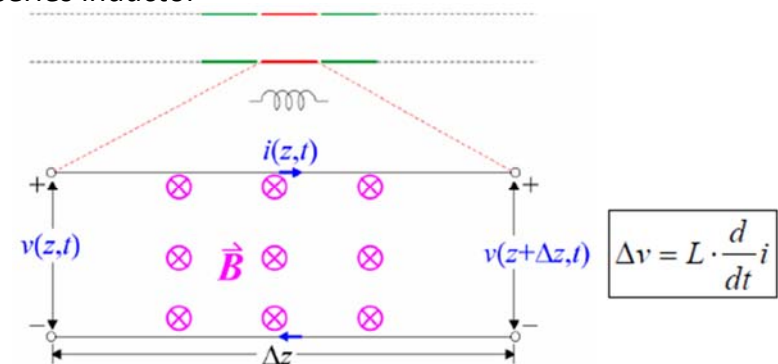
- Since the voltage, current can vary with z , \Rightarrow use of distributed circuit model, i.e. a TX line consists of tiny many coupled lines of tiny length Δz



Equivalent circuit

- Since the voltage and current of a transmission line vary with position z (and time t), we have to characterize it by a “distributed” circuit model.
- (1) Consider an tiny line of length Δz , the currents set up magnetic field between the conductors (by Ampere’s law), causing magnetic flux.
- (2) When currents are time-varying, so is the magnetic flux, and a voltage variation “along” the conductor (electromotive force) is induced (by Faraday’s law), in an attempt to drive the currents oppositely (by Lenz’s law).

- Currents on a short line set up magnetic field (Ampere’s law), \Rightarrow magnetic flux
- Time-varying current (flux), \Rightarrow voltage changes along the line (Faraday’s law) to counter the change of current (Lenz’s law), \Rightarrow series inductor

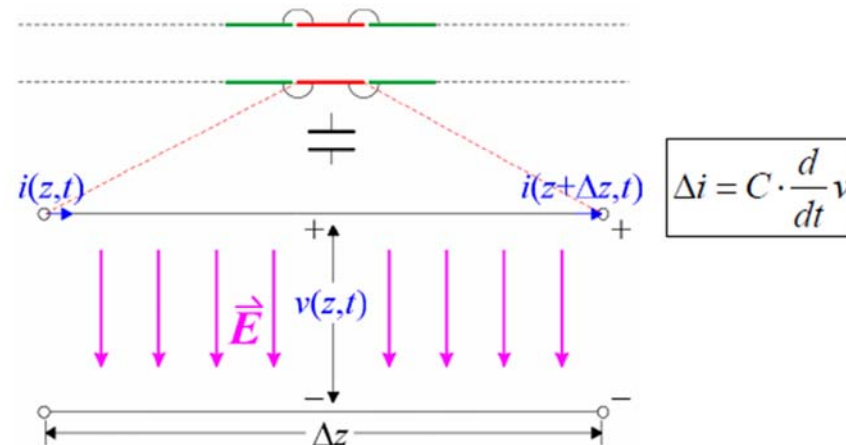


- (3) This behavior can be modeled by a **series inductor**

$$v = L \cdot \frac{d}{dt} i$$

- (4) Meanwhile, two separated conductors form a capacitor. Since the upper and lower conductors of adjacent tiny lines are connected respectively, the capacitive behavior of an tiny line can be modeled by a **shunt capacitor**.

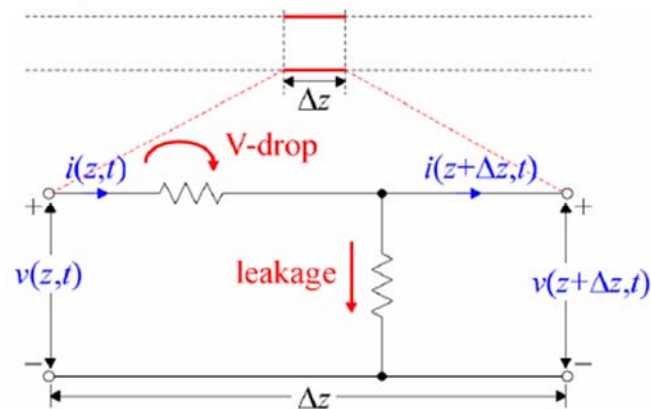
- The upper and lower conductors of the adjacent short lines are connected respectively, \Rightarrow shunt capacitor



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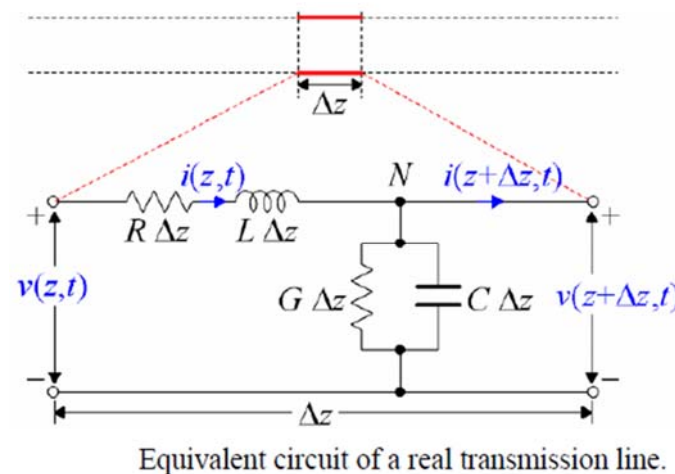
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- Imperfect conducting materials, \Rightarrow voltage drop along the conducting line, \Rightarrow series resistor
- Imperfect insulating materials, \Rightarrow leakage current between conductors, \Rightarrow shunt conductor



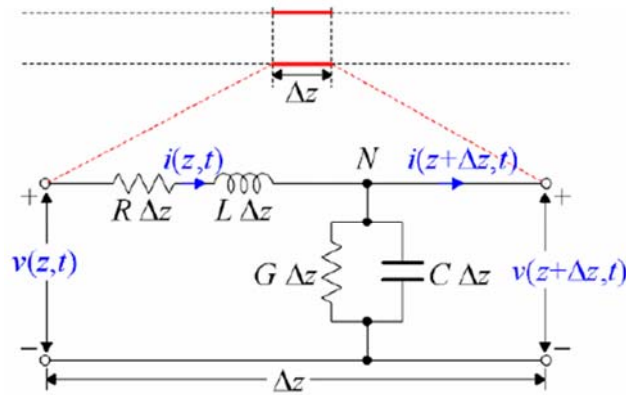
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- (finally) which can be modeled by a series resistor and a shunt conductor, respectively



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- where R, L, G, C represent resistance, inductance, conductance, and capacitance per unit length.
- Transmission line is lossless in the absence of R and G .



Equivalent circuit of a real transmission line.

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- 1) By using the equivalent circuit, analysis of electric and magnetic vector fields is substituted by that of scalar voltage between and current along the line, greatly simplifying the math.
- 2) Values of R, L, G, C depend on geometry and material characteristics of transmission line. We will discuss how to calculate them in the subsequent lectures.

Total and partial derivative

- $\partial f/\partial x$ is the partial derivative: f is differentiated w.r.t. to x while *all* other variables are considered constants in x .
- df/dx is the total derivative: f is differentiated w.r.t. to x while *nothing* is assumed about the other variables; they are considered variables in x . (some variables might be, in fact, constants in x .)

$$f(x, v) = x^2 + v(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial v} = 1$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = 2x + \frac{\partial v(x)}{\partial x}$$

Limits and differentiation

• The geometric meaning of the derivative

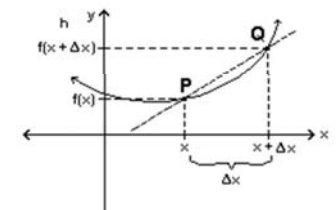
$$f'(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx}$$

is the slope of the line tangent to $y = f(x)$ at x .

Let's look for this slope at P :

The **secant** line through P and Q has slope

$$\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{(x + \Delta x) - x} = \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$



We can approximate the **tangent** line through P by moving Q towards P , decreasing Δx . In the limit as $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$, we get the tangent line through P with slope

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

We define

$$f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)^*}{\Delta x}$$

* If the limit as $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ at a particular point does not exist, $f'(x)$ is undefined at that point.

We derive all the basic differentiation formulas using this definition.

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Proof 01: 1.find Lossless transmission line waves propagation equations

2. finding wave propagation speed

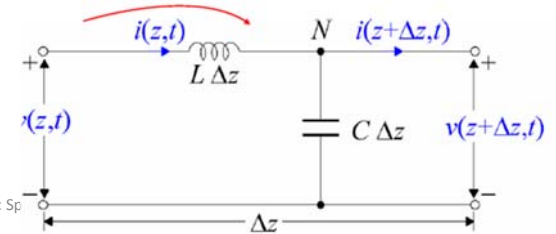
• Assuming $R = 0$, $G = 0$ (lossless line) in

• Applying ohm's law

$$v_L(t) = (L\Delta z) \cdot \frac{d}{dt} i_L(t)$$

• Applying Kirchhoff's voltage law:

$$v(z + \Delta z, t) = v(z, t) - (L\Delta z) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} i(z, t)$$



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$$v(z + \Delta z, t) = v(z, t) - (L\Delta z) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} i(z, t)$$

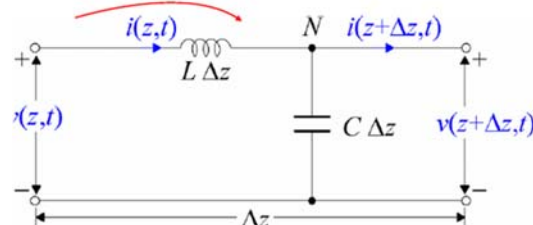
$$\Rightarrow v(z + \Delta z, t) - v(z, t) = -(L\Delta z) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} i(z, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v(z + \Delta z, t) - v(z, t)}{\Delta z} = -(L) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} i(z, t)$$

Let $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v(z, t) = -L \frac{\partial}{\partial t} i(z, t)$$

1st-order PDE with 2 unknown functions v and i

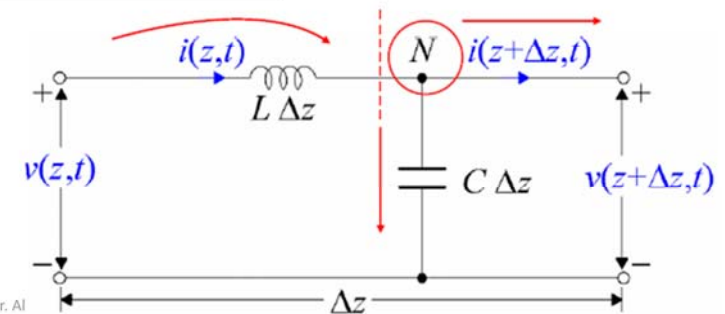


• Applying ohm's law

$$i_c(t) = (C\Delta z) \cdot \frac{d}{dt} v_c(t)$$

• Applying Kirchhoff's current law @ N:

$$i(z, t) = i(z + \Delta z, t) + (C\Delta z) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(z + \Delta z, t)$$



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$$i(z, t) = i(z + \Delta z, t) + (C\Delta z) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(z + \Delta z, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow i(z, t) - i(z + \Delta z, t) = (C\Delta z) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(z + \Delta z, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{i(z, t) - i(z + \Delta z, t)}{\Delta z} = (C) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(z + \Delta z, t)$$

Let $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$,

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial z} i(z, t) = -C \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(z, t)}$$

1st-order PDE with **2** unknown functions v and i

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• Taking $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ for both sides of $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} v(z, t) = -L \frac{\partial}{\partial t} i(z, t)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} v(z, t) = -L \frac{\partial}{\partial t} i(z, t) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} v(z, t) = -L \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z \partial t} i(z, t)$$

Taking $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ for both sides of $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} i(z, t) = -C \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(z, t)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} i(z, t) = -C \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(z, t) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z \partial t} i(z, t) = -C \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} v(z, t)$$

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$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} v(z, t) = -L \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z \partial t} i(z, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z \partial t} i(z, t) = -C \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} v(z, t)$$

- Combine the two equations

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} v(z, t) = LC \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} v(z, t)$$

- 2nd-order PDE with 1 unknown function v

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} v(z, t) = LC \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} v(z, t)}$$

Similarly, $i(z, t)$ is governed by the same PDE:

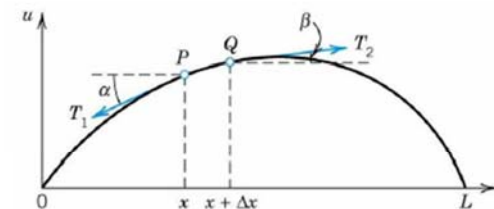
$$\boxed{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} i(z, t) = LC \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} i(z, t)}$$

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• Compare $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} v(z, t) = LC \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} v(z, t)$ (TX line eq.)

with $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u(x, t) = c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(x, t)$ (1-D wave eq.)



$v(z, t) \sim$ a **wave** propagating with velocity $v_p \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$

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Proof 02 : To verify the fact

$$v_p = 1/\sqrt{LC}$$

any function $f(\cdot)$ of variable $\tau = t - \frac{z}{v_p}$ is a

let $v(z,t) = f(\tau), \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = \frac{df}{d\tau} \cdot \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{v_p} \frac{df}{d\tau} \quad \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{v_p}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} = -\frac{1}{v_p} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{df}{d\tau} \right) =$$

$$-\frac{1}{v_p} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{df}{d\tau} = -\frac{1}{v_p} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \left(\frac{df}{d\tau} \right) =$$

$$-\frac{1}{v_p} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \left(\frac{df}{d\tau} \right) = \frac{1}{v_p^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \left(\frac{df}{d\tau} \right) = \frac{1}{v_p^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \tau^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{v_p^2} f''(\tau) \Big|_{\tau=t-z/v_p}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{v_p^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \tau^2} = \frac{1}{v_p^2} f''(\tau) \Big|_{\tau=t-z/v_p}$$

let $v(z,t) = f(\tau), \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \frac{df}{d\tau} \cdot \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial t} = \frac{df}{d\tau} \quad \because \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial t} = 1,$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{df}{d\tau} \right) = \frac{d^2 f}{d\tau^2} = f''(\tau) \Big|_{\tau=t-z/v_p}$$

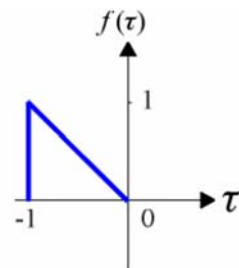
$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} = \frac{f''(\tau)}{v_p^2} = \frac{1}{v_p^2} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2}$$

consistent with $\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} v(z,t) = LC \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} v(z,t) \right]$ regardless of the functional form $f(\cdot)$

Proof 03: wave propagation through Tx doesn't change its shape

- the waveform through tx line is displaced by constant value within t_0 sec (speed equals = v m/s) without changing its shape
- $f(t - z/v_p)$ represents a distortion-free wave traveling in the +z direction with phase velocity V_p

$$f(t - z/v_p) = f(\tau) = \begin{cases} -\tau, & \text{if } -1 < \tau < 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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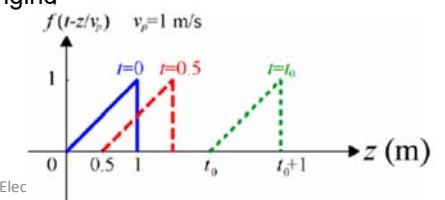
- @ $v_p = 1$ m/s. At $t = 0$

$$f(t - z/v_p) = f(-z) = \begin{cases} z, & \text{if } 0 < z < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- @ $v_p = 1$ m/s. At: $t = 0.5$ sec,

$$f(t - z/v_p) = f(0.5 - z) = \begin{cases} z - 0.5, & \text{if } 0.5 < z < 1.5 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

the waveform is displaced by +0.5 m within 0.5 sec (speed equals = $V_p = 1$ m/s) without changing its shape



$$f(t - z/v_p) = f(\tau) = \begin{cases} -\tau, & \text{if } -1 < \tau < 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- The wave propagation property continues for any $t = t_0$ sec, where

$$f(t - z/v_p) = f(t_0 - z) = \begin{cases} z - t_0, & \text{if } t_0 < z < 1 + t_0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

