



Lecture (04)

Transient Response of Transmission Lines

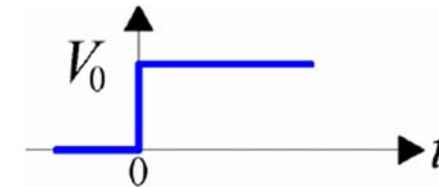
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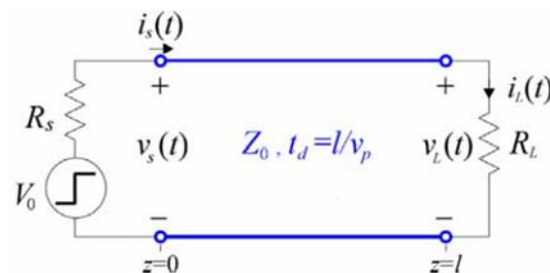
- When there is an interface between different materials (ϵ, μ), discontinuity exists,
- \Rightarrow partial reflection & transmission,
- \Rightarrow total v, i are determined by superposition
- Goal: Transient response of a terminated transmission line or cascaded lines excited by a step-like voltage source



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Proof 01: find reflection coefficient in terms of Z_0, R_L

- A step voltage source of amplitude V_0 and internal resistance R_s
- drives a lossless transmission line of characteristic impedance Z_0 , length l , phase velocity v_p
- (one-way signal traveling time $t_d = l/v_p$), and is terminated by a load resistance R_L



- a voltage signal starts to propagate in the $Z+$ direction with velocity v_p

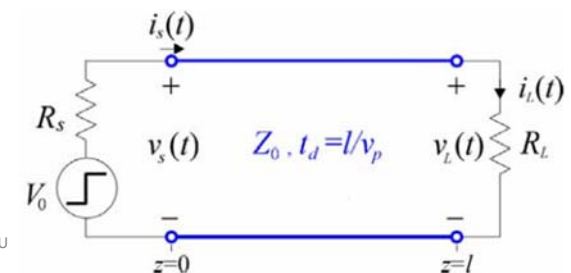
At $t = 0$

$$v_1^+(z, t) = \begin{cases} V_1^+, & \text{if } z < v_p t \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (valid for all $t > 0$, but is only interested during $z \in [0, l]$),

where $V_1^+ = \frac{Z_0}{Z_0 + R_s} V_0$

$$I_s = \frac{V_0}{Z_0 + R_s} = \frac{V_1^+}{Z_0}$$



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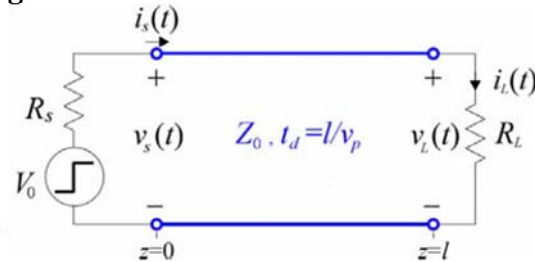
- When the disturbance $V^+(z, t)$ arrives at the load ($z = L$) At $t = t_d$,

- voltage wave will be reflected

$$v_1^-(z, t) = \begin{cases} V_1^-, & \text{if } z > l - v_p(t - t_d) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

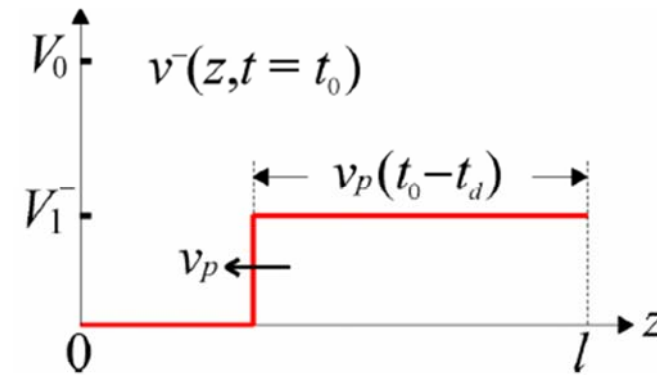
- (valid for all $t_d > t$)

- will be generated and propagate in the $-z$ direction.



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- The total voltage at the load at $t = td^+$ is equal to their superposition:

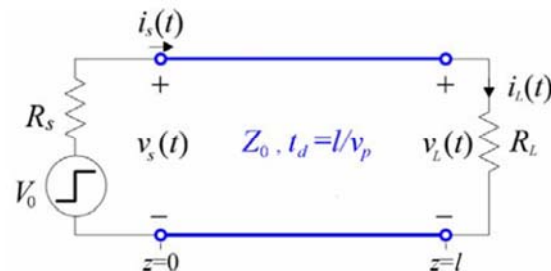
$$v_L(t) = v_1^+(l, t) + v_1^-(l, t)$$

- but

$$Z_0 = \frac{v^+(z, t)}{i^+(z, t)} = -\frac{v^-(z, t)}{i^-(z, t)}$$

- the total current at $L = Z, t = td^+$ is

$$i_L(t) = \frac{v_1^+(l, t)}{Z_0} - \frac{v_1^-(l, t)}{Z_0}$$



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$$i_L(t) = \frac{v_1^+(l, t)}{Z_0} - \frac{v_1^-(l, t)}{Z_0}$$

$$v_L(t) = v_1^+(l, t) + v_1^-(l, t)$$

- Ohm's law

$$v_L(t) = i_L(t) \cdot R_L(t)$$

- Substitute in previous equation

$$v_1^+(l, t) + v_1^-(l, t) = \frac{R_L}{Z_0} [v_1^+(l, t) - v_1^-(l, t)].$$

- Divide by $V_1^+(L, t)$

$$1 + \frac{V_1^-(l, t)}{v_1^+(l, t)} = \frac{R_L}{Z_0} \left[1 + \frac{V_1^-(l, t)}{v_1^+(l, t)} \right]$$

- Γ_L (gamma) defining the load voltage reflection coefficient

$$\Gamma_L \equiv \frac{v_1^-(l, t)}{v_1^+(l, t)}$$

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- substitute with Γ_L

$$1 + \Gamma_L = \frac{R_L}{Z_0} (1 - \Gamma_L)$$

$$1 + \Gamma = \frac{RL}{Z_0} (1 - \Gamma)$$

$$1 + \Gamma = \frac{RL}{Z_0} - \frac{RL}{Z_0} \Gamma$$

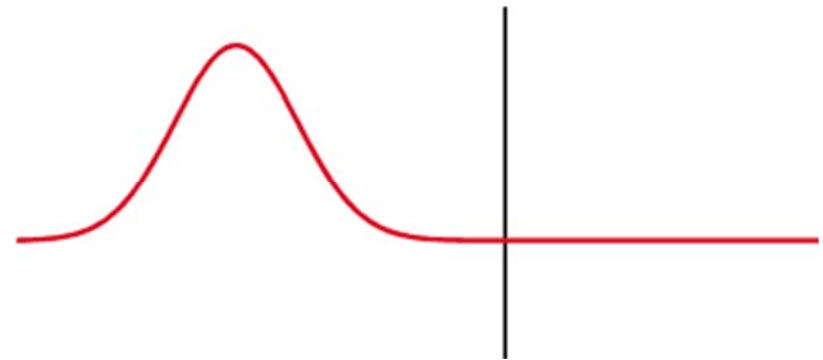
$$1 - \frac{RL}{Z_0} = -\frac{RL}{Z_0} \Gamma - \Gamma$$

$$\frac{Z_0 - RL}{Z_0} = -\Gamma \left(\frac{RL - Z_0}{Z_0} \right)$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{RL - Z_0}{RL + Z_0}$$

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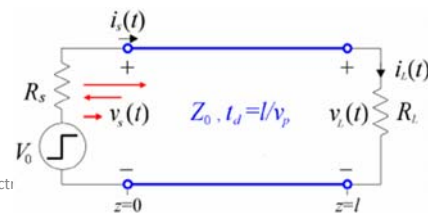


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Proof2: Steady state response if TX is as if there were no line

- The reflected voltage wave $V_1^-(z, t)$ will arrive at the source ($z = 0$) at $t_d = 2t$
- generating a reflected voltage

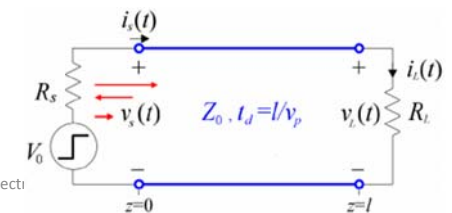
$$v_2^+(z, t) = \begin{cases} V_2^+, & \text{if } z < v_p(t - 2t_d) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{valid for all } t > 2t_d)$$



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- propagating in the + z direction.
- This process can be viewed as a voltage disturbance propagating on a line of characteristic impedance Z_0 and being incident on a resistance of R_s
- The source voltage réflexion coefficient Γ_S is:

$$\Gamma_S \equiv \frac{v_2^+(l, t)}{v_1^-(l, t)} = \frac{R_s - Z_0}{R_s + Z_0}$$



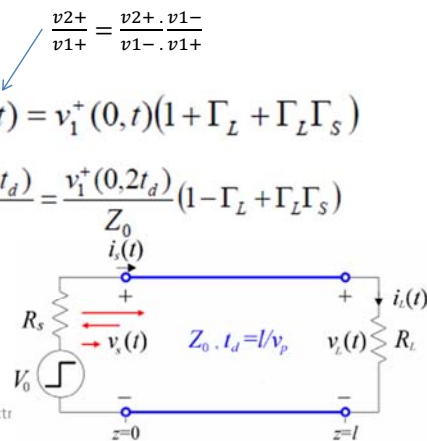
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- Note that $V_1^+(z, t)$ is created at $t = 0$, and will continue to exist "forever".
- The total voltage and current at the source at $t = 2t_d^+$ are formulated as

$$v_s(t) = v_1^+(0, t) + v_1^-(0, t) + v_2^+(0, t) = v_1^+(0, t)(1 + \Gamma_L + \Gamma_L \Gamma_S)$$

$$i_s(2t_d) = \frac{v_1^+(0, 2t_d)}{Z_0} - \frac{v_1^-(0, 2t_d)}{Z_0} + \frac{v_2^+(0, 2t_d)}{Z_0} = \frac{v_1^+(0, 2t_d)}{Z_0}(1 - \Gamma_L + \Gamma_L \Gamma_S)$$

$$Z_0 = \frac{v^+(z, t)}{i^+(z, t)} = -\frac{v^-(z, t)}{i^-(z, t)}$$



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- This process will continue indefinitely.
- The total voltage at the source will converge to:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v_s(t) = v_1^+(0, t \rightarrow \infty) \cdot (1 + \Gamma_L + \Gamma_L \Gamma_S + \Gamma_L^2 \Gamma_S^2 + \Gamma_L^3 \Gamma_S^3 + \dots)$$

$$= V_1^+ \cdot [(1 + \Gamma_L) + \Gamma_L \Gamma_S (1 + \Gamma_L) + \Gamma_L^2 \Gamma_S^2 (1 + \Gamma_L) + \dots] = V_1^+ \frac{1 + \Gamma_L}{1 - \Gamma_L \Gamma_S}$$

$$I_s = \frac{V_0}{Z_0 + R_s} = \frac{V_1^+}{Z_0}$$

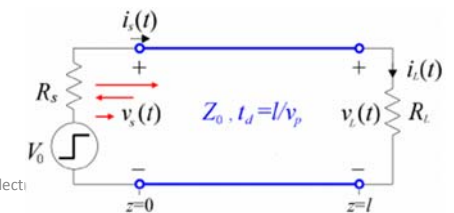
geometric progression

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (ar^k) = a \left(\frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \right)$$

Power of infinity

$$k^\infty = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } k > 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 < k < 1 \end{cases}$$

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$$= V_1^+ \cdot [(1 + \Gamma_L) + \Gamma_L \Gamma_S (1 + \Gamma_L) + \Gamma_L^2 \Gamma_S^2 (1 + \Gamma_L) + \dots] = V_1^+ \frac{1 + \Gamma_L}{1 - \Gamma_L \Gamma_S}$$

$$\Gamma_L = \frac{R_L - Z_0}{R_L + Z_0} \quad \Gamma_S = \frac{R_S - Z_0}{R_S + Z_0} \quad V_1^+ = \frac{Z_0}{Z_0 + R_s} V_0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v_s(t) = V_1^+ \frac{1 + \Gamma_L}{1 - \Gamma_L \Gamma_S}$$

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$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v_s(t) = V_1^+ \frac{1 + \Gamma_L}{1 - \Gamma_L \Gamma_S}$$

$$= v_0 \frac{Z_0}{Z_0 + R_s} \frac{1 + \frac{Rl - Z_0}{Rl + Z_0}}{1 - \frac{Rl - Z_0}{Rl + Z_0} \frac{Rs - Z_0}{Rs + Z_0}}$$

$$= v_0 \frac{Z_0}{Z_0 + R_s} \frac{Rl + Z_0 + Rl - Z_0}{(Rl + Z_0)(Rs + Z_0) - (Rl - Z_0)(Rs - Z_0)}$$

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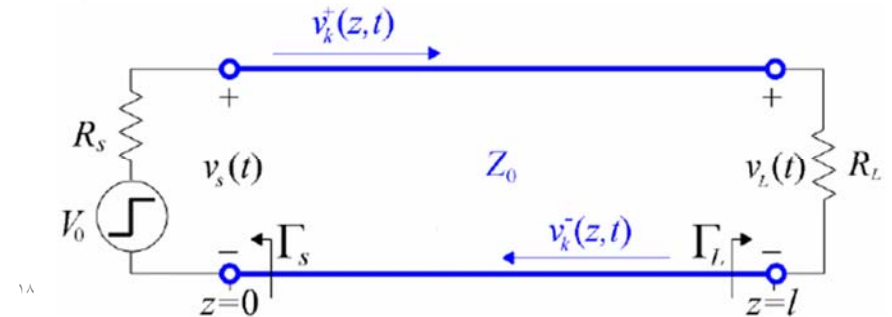
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= v_0 \frac{Z_0}{Z_0 + R_s} \frac{\frac{2R_L}{R_L + Z_0} ((R_L + Z_0)(R_s + Z_0))}{(R_L + Z_0)(R_s + Z_0) - (R_L - Z_0)(R_s - Z_0)} \\
 &= v_0 \frac{Z_0}{Z_0 + R_s} \frac{2R_L R_s + R_L Z_0 + R_s Z_0 + Z_0^2 - R_L R_s - Z_0^2 + R_L Z_0 + R_s Z_0}{2R_L (R_s + Z_0)} \\
 &= v_0 \frac{2R_L Z_0}{2R_L Z_0 + 2R_s Z_0}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v_s(t) = \frac{R_L}{R_s + R_L} V_0$$

Steady state response is as if there were no line

Bounce diagram

- Bounce diagram is a distance vs. time plot, illustrating successive reflections along a transmission line driven by a "step voltage source."
- Bounce diagram is a convenient tool to solve for transient response of a TX line driven by a step voltage and terminated by a resistor.

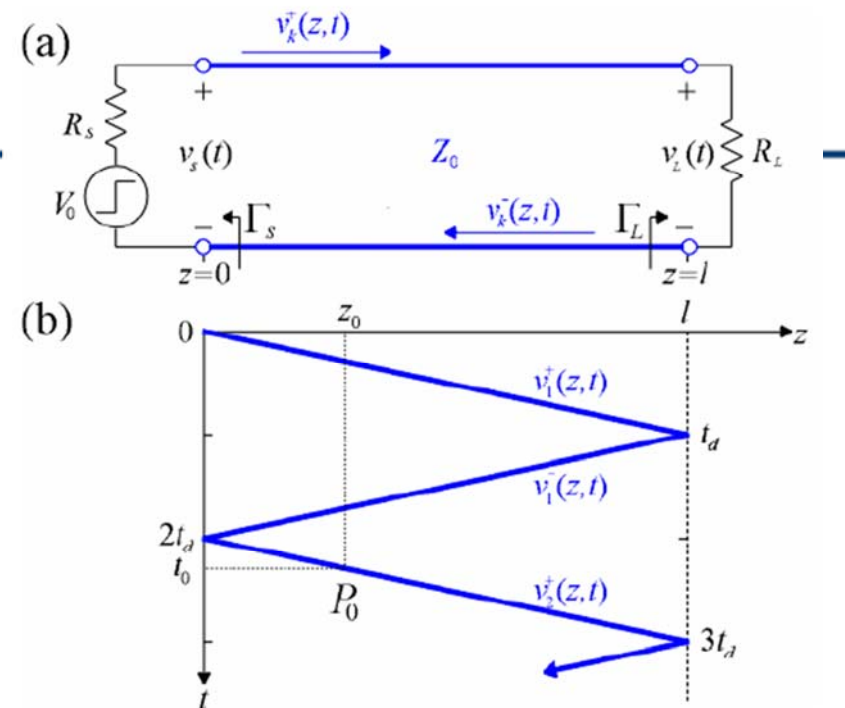
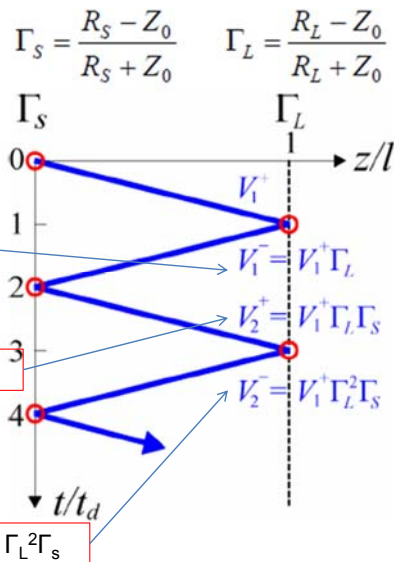


Draw a 2D window with $0 < z/l < 1, t/t_d > 0$. Denote the two reflection coefficients Γ_s, Γ_L .

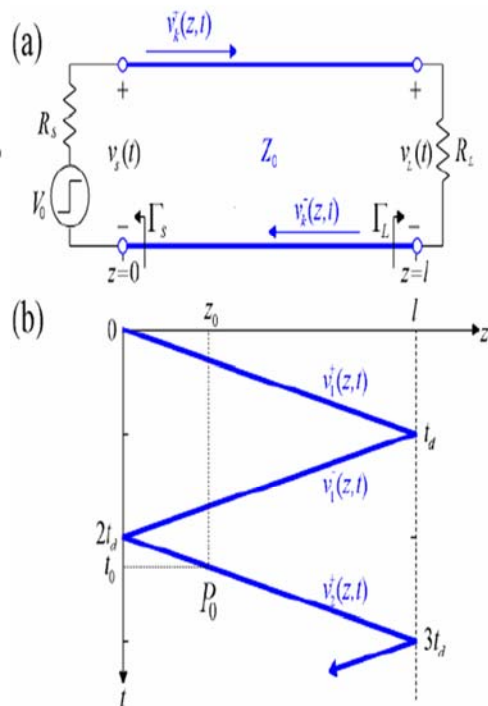
Mark the points $(0, 2n)$ and $(1, 2n+1)$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Connecting the points by zigzag lines.

Mark the voltage amplitude of each component wave.



- The temporal voltage distribution at some position $v(z_a, t)$:
- Draw a vertical line $z_a = z$,
- intersecting with the lines of the plot at successive times $t = t_k^+, t_k^-$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$), which
- are the instants when the voltage wave $v_k^+(z, t)$, $v_k^-(z, t)$ arrives at the point of interest $z = z_a$.



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- The spatial voltage distribution at some instant $V(z, t_0)$: Mark a point $P_0(z, t_0)$ on the plot

$$v(z, t_0) = \begin{cases} V_{left}, & \text{for } 0 < z < z_0; \\ V_{right}, & \text{for } z_0 < z < l \end{cases}$$

- where V_{left} , V_{right} result from the superposition of proper numbers of bouncing voltage waves

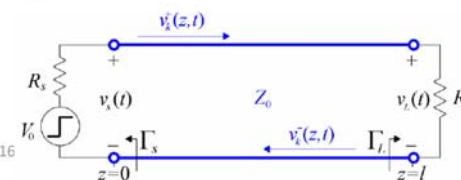
$$V_{left} = v_1^+(z, t) + v_1^-(z, t) + v_2^+(z, t) = V_1^+(1 + \Gamma_L + \Gamma_L \Gamma_S),$$

$$v_1^- = v_1^+ \Gamma_L$$

$$v_2^+ = v_1^- \Gamma_S = v_1^+ \Gamma_L \Gamma_S$$

$$V_{right} = v_1^+(z, t) + v_1^-(z, t) = V_1^+(1 + \Gamma_L).$$

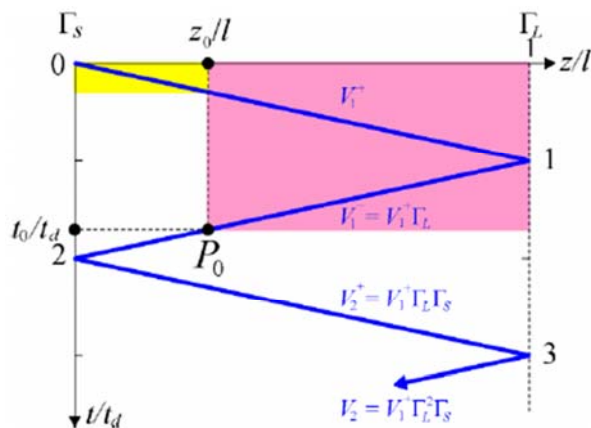
$$v_1^- = v_1^+ \Gamma_L$$



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- The determination of V_{left} and V_{right} has two cases.
- If P_0 falls on a line with **positive** slope:

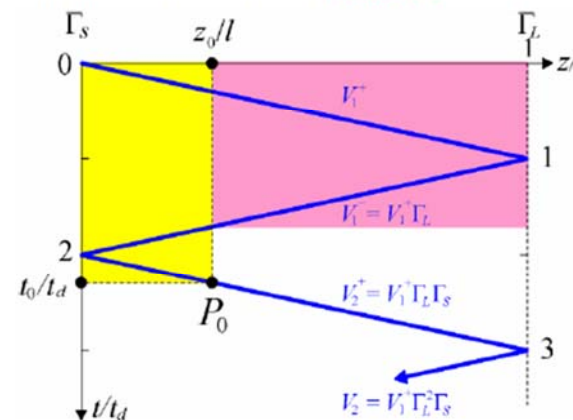


$$V_{left} = V_1^+$$

$$V_{right} = V_1^+ + V_1^- = V_1^+(1 + \Gamma_L)$$

V_{right} has one more component.

If P_0 falls on a line with **negative** slope:



$$V_{left} = V_1^+ + V_1^- + V_2^+ = V_1^+(1 + \Gamma_L + \Gamma_L \Gamma_S)$$

$$V_{right} = V_1^+ + V_1^- = V_1^+(1 + \Gamma_L)$$

V_{left} has one more component.

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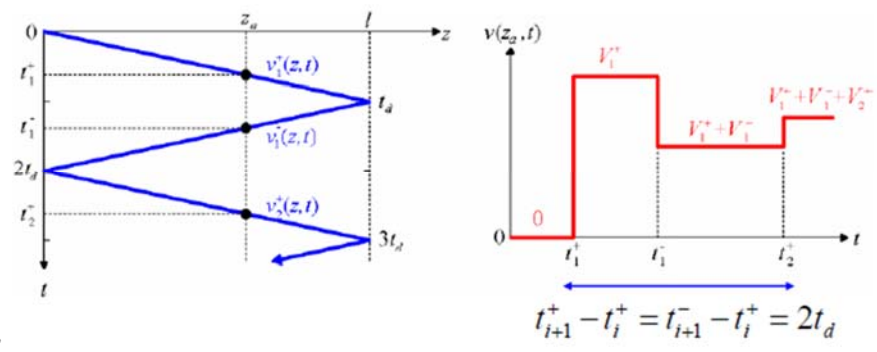
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The solution becomes:

$$v(z_a, t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 0 < t < t_1^+ \\ V_1^+, & \text{if } t_1^+ < t < t_1^- \\ V_1^+(1 + \Gamma_L), & \text{if } t_1^- < t < t_2^+ \\ V_1^+(1 + \Gamma_L + \Gamma_L \Gamma_S), & \text{if } t_2^+ < t < t_2^- \\ \dots, & \dots \end{cases}$$

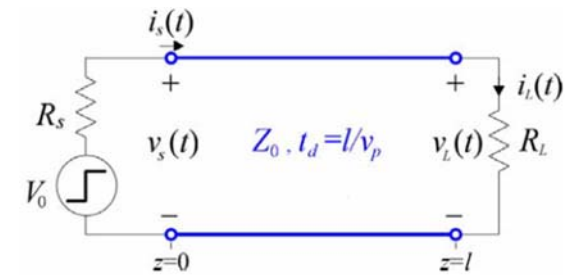
$v(z_a, t)$ must have constant voltages switched at a series of time instants.

Draw a vertical line $z = z_a$, intersecting with the zigzag lines at $t = t_1^+, t_1^-, t_2^+, \dots$



Example 01 (Single TX line with open termination)

Consider a system shown in Fig. where $R_s = 0.25Z_0$, $R_L = \infty$ (open circuited load). Find the terminal voltages $v_s(t)$, $v_L(t)$.

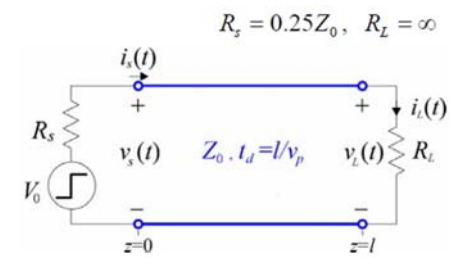


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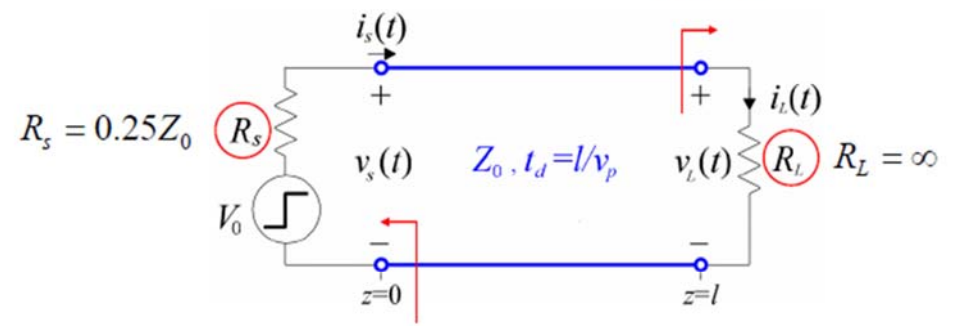
$$V_1^+ = \frac{Z_0}{Z_0 + R_s} V_0$$

$$\Gamma_S = \frac{R_s - Z_0}{R_s + Z_0}$$

$$\Gamma_L = \frac{R_L - Z_0}{R_L + Z_0}$$

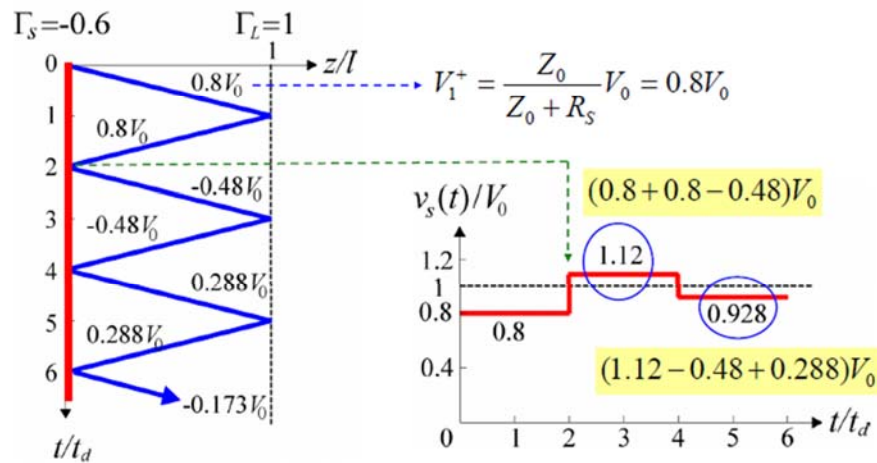


$$\Gamma_L = \frac{R_L - Z_0}{R_L + Z_0} = 1$$

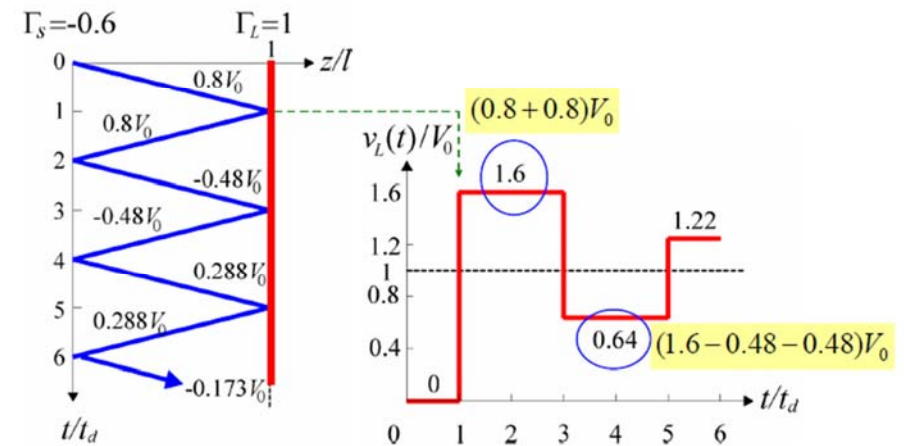


$$\Gamma_S = \frac{R_s - Z_0}{R_s + Z_0} = -0.6$$

(1) $z = 0$: $t_1^+ = 0, t_1^- = t_2^+ = 2t_d, t_2^- = t_3^+ = 4t_d, \dots$



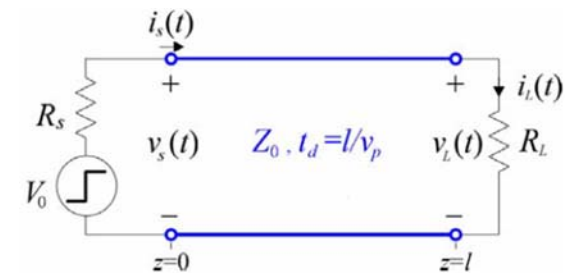
(2) $z = l$: $t_1^- = t_1^+ = t_d, t_k^+ = t_k^- = (2k-1)t_d, \dots$



Example 02 (Single TX line with matched termination)

- Conclusion
- Overshooting and ringing effects during the transient state could be harmful for circuits

- Consider a system shown in Fig. where $R_s = 4Z_0$, $R_L = Z_0$ (matched load). Find the terminal voltages $v_s(t)$, $v_L(t)$.



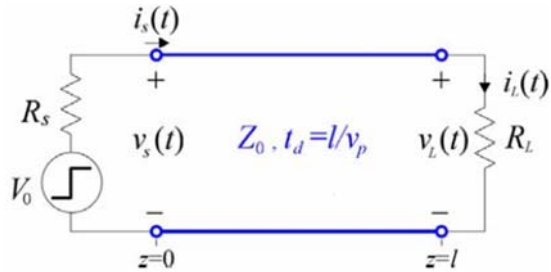
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$$V_1^+ = \frac{Z_0}{Z_0 + R_s} V_0$$

$$\Gamma_s = \frac{R_s - Z_0}{R_s + Z_0}$$

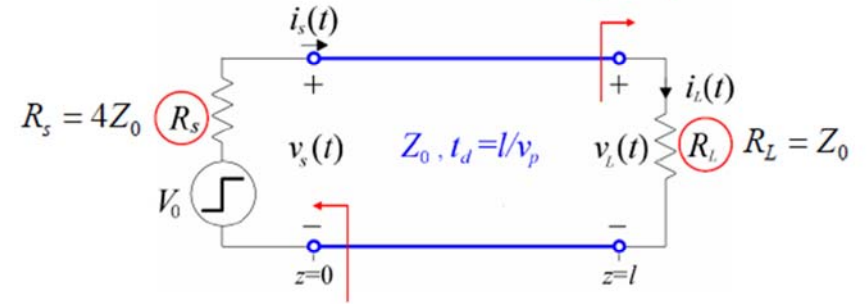
$$\Gamma_L = \frac{R_L - Z_0}{R_L + Z_0}$$

$$R_s = 4Z_0, \quad R_L = Z_0$$



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$$\Gamma_L = \frac{R_L - Z_0}{R_L + Z_0} = 0$$

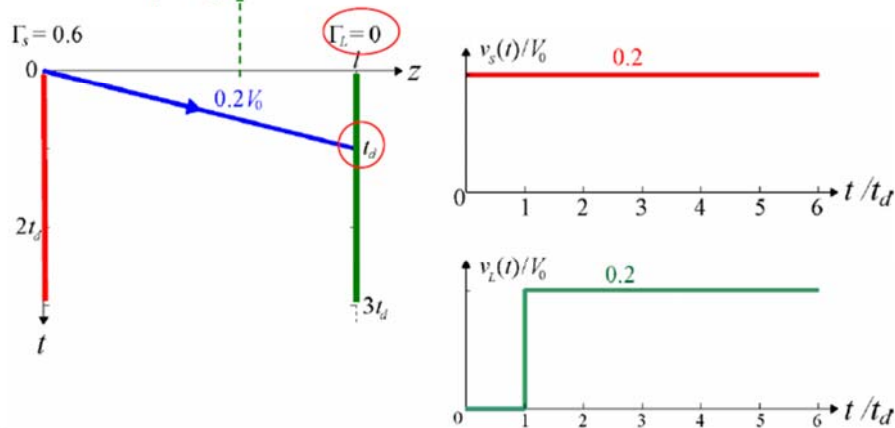


$$\Gamma_s = \frac{R_s - Z_0}{R_s + Z_0} = 0.6$$


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$$V_1^+ = \frac{Z_0}{Z_0 + R_s} V_0 = 0.2V_0$$

No overshooting & ringing (good!)



- Conclusion
- No overshooting and ringing for the matched load prevents successive reflections



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