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Lecture 11.

Transmission lines

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Transmission lines

- What is it?
- Types
 - Microstrip lines
 - Impedance
 - Skin effect resistance
- Theory
- Parameters
- Impedance matching
- Bergeron's method
- EMC

Transmission lines

- Asymmetric
- Symmetric

- Shielded asymmetric
- Shielded symmetric
- Microstrip





Microstrip line



Microstrip line



FIGURE 16.24 Impedance for different relative widths (substrate dielectric constant: 4.2).

Microstrip line



Skin effect resistance
$$R_s = \sqrt{\frac{\pi f \mu_0}{\sigma}}$$

Transmission lines - theory

- For rectangular pulses of edge rise/ fall time t_r significant components of frequency spectrum are in the $f_{max} < \frac{1}{\pi t_r}$
- For the highest significant frequency the transmission line should be electrically short

$$\begin{split} u &= \frac{c}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_r}} \\ u \cdot t_p &= l < 0.1 \ \lambda \ = 0.1 \frac{u}{f_{max}} = 0.1 \ \pi \ u \ t_r \\ t_p &< 0.314 \ t_r \end{split}$$

Transmission lines - theory

• Characteristic (surge) impedance:

$$Z_{0} = \sqrt{\frac{R + j\omega L}{G + j\omega C}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = R_{0}$$

$$R \Delta z \qquad L \Delta z$$

$$G \Delta z \qquad C \Delta z$$

$$\Delta z$$

- $R_{in}, R_L \neq R_0 \rightarrow \text{reflections}$
- Reflection coefficient $\Gamma_L = \frac{R_L Z_0}{R_L + Z_0}, \quad \Gamma \in \langle -1, 1 \rangle$

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$$\Gamma = -1$$
 short $R_L = 0$

•
$$\Gamma = 1$$
 open $R_L = \infty$

•
$$\Gamma = 0$$
 match $R_L = R_0$

- Impedance matching is used in order to avoid reflections
- In digital systems, reflections may cause incorrect system operation and cause an EM field emission increase.
- In RF systems, getting the right level of matching is much more important than in digital circuits.
- The matching system should be a lossless system.



 In practice, we usually deal with a situation where the line is stimulated from a source with an impedance less than the characteristic impedance of the line, and the load is mainly of a capacitive nature.



Line input impedance matching

Rs + R = Zo





• Line output impedance matching

 $R_L \mid \mid R = Zo$





Figure 6-27: LVTTL Bidirectional Termination



Figure 6-42: Differential HSTL (1.5V) Class I DCI Unidirectional Termination







- Matching at the input does not eliminate the reflection from the end of the line. The problem is the different output impedance of the gates in the low and high state.
- Adaptation at the output causes the power consumption in a transient state and allows to obtain a lower voltage value than the input matching.
- For splited lines, good results can only be achieved by matching the input and output impedance at the same time.

Transmission lines – theory continued

Reflection coefficient (at output)

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

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Transmission lines – theory













Line reflections – TTL gate



Line reflections – Bergeron method SN74AS00 TTL





Line reflections – measurement



Measured Line Reflections (Line Length = 3 m, Z_0 = 50 Ω)

Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)

- The device is electromagnetically compatible if
 - do not cause interference with a level dangerous for other devices
 - do not disturb himself
 - works correctly in the presence of disturbances at a fixed level.
- Permissible levels of generated and received disturbances, at which the device should work correctly are included in the compatibility standards.
- Each device should undergo appropriate tests before being placed on the market.



FIGURE 1.2 The four basic EMC subproblems: (a) radiated emissions; (b) radiated susceptibility; (c) conducted emissions; (d) conducted susceptibility.

Electromagnetic compatibility



Electromagnetic compatibility



Max radiated emission (class A)



Max conducted emission (class A)



Electromagnetic compatibility

• Practical test:



Electromagnetic compatibility



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