Example

Find the Power Delivered to a Load connected at the output of a lossless transmission line



Given the following parameters for a lossless transmission line:

Vg =15.0 (peak), Zc = 75 Ω , Yc = 1/Zc, ZL = (60 - j 40) Ω , Zg= 75 Ω , d = 0.7 λ Find the power delivered to the load using three different methods.

(a) Power delivered to the input of transmission line

$$\Gamma_{\rm L} = \frac{Z_{\rm L} - Z_{\rm c}}{Z_{\rm L} + Z_{\rm c}} \qquad \Gamma = -0.021 - j \ 0.303$$

$$Z_{in} = Z_c \frac{Z_L + j Z_c \tan(\beta d)}{Z_c + J Z_L \tan(\beta d)}$$
 $Z_{in} = 48.187 + j27.32 \Omega$

Using the voltage division

$$P_{in} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}\left[\left(\left|\frac{V_g}{Z_g + Z_{in}}\right|\right)^2 Z_{in}\right] \qquad \text{Pin} = 0.34 \text{ W.}$$
(1)

(b) Using the formula for power delivered to the load

$$P_{L} = \frac{1}{2 Z_{c}} |V^{+}|^{2} (1 - |\Gamma_{L}|^{2})$$
(2)

To find V^+ : The current at the input of the transmission line is

$$I(z=-d) = \frac{V_g}{Z_g + Z_{in}} = \frac{1}{Z_c} \left[V^+ e^{j\beta d} - V^- e^{-j\beta d} \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{Z_c} V^+ \left[e^{j\beta d} - \frac{V}{V^+} e^{-j\beta d} \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{Z_c} V^+ \left[e^{j\beta d} - \Gamma_L e^{-j\beta d} \right]$$

Solving for V^+

$$V^{+} = \frac{V_{g}}{(Z_{g} + Z_{in}) (e^{-j\beta d} - \Gamma_{L} e^{j\beta d})} Z_{c} = -2.318 + j7.133 V$$

Substituting the values into Eq.2, we find PL=0.34 W which is equal to Pin.

c) Using the Thevenin equivalent voltage. The open circuit voltage at the output of the line is

$$V_{th} = \frac{2 V_g e^{-j \beta d}}{(1 + Y_c Z_g) + (1 - Y_c Z_g) e^{-j \beta d}} = -4.635 + j14.266$$

The Thevenin impedance is found by shorting the Vg and evaluating the impedance seen at the output terminals of the line with Zg as the load. This gives Zth=Zg, since the line characteristic impedance is also 75 Ω . The current flowing into the load is

$$I_L = \frac{V_{th}}{Z_{th} + Z_L} = -0.06 + j \ 0.088 \ \text{Amp}$$

Thus the power delivered to the load is

$$P_{\rm L} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{|I_{\rm L}|^2}{Z_{\rm L}} \right) = 0.34 \,\mathrm{W}$$
 (3)

As can be seen that for a lossless line, the three different methods provide the same result.

Note: In this example Vg(peak)=15V used. If Vg(rms) is used the power calculated here will be multiplied by 2.