Topic 7e – Finite-Difference Analysis of Transmission Lines

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Introduction to Transmission Lines

What Are Transmission Lines?

Transmission lines are essentially high-frequency electrical cables composed of two or more metal wires.

- **Homogeneous**
  - Has TEM mode.
  - Has TE and TM modes.

- **Inhomogeneous**
  - Supports only quasi-(TEM, TE, & TM) modes.

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Transmission Line Parameters

RLGC

We can think transmission lines as being composed of millions of tiny little circuit elements that are distributed along the length of the line.

In fact, these circuit elements are not discrete, but continuous along the length of the transmission line.

RLGC Circuit Model

This model is accurate when the size $\Delta z$ of the equivalent circuit is very small compared to the wavelength of the signal on the transmission line.

$$\lim_{\Delta z \to 0}$$
Distributed TL Parameters

**Distributed Circuit Parameters**

- **$R$ (Ω/m)**
  Resistance per unit length. Arises due to resistivity in the conductors.

- **$L$ (H/m)**
  Inductance per unit length. Arises due to stored magnetic energy around the line.

- **$G$ (1/Ω·m)**
  Conductance per unit length. Arises due to conductivity in the dielectric separating the conductors.
  
  \[ G \neq \frac{1}{R} \]

- **$C$ (F/m)**
  Capacitance per unit length. Arises due to stored electric energy between the conductors.

There are many possible circuit models for transmission lines, but most produce the same equations after analysis.

Characteristic Impedance, $Z_0$

The characteristic impedance is the voltage divided the current at any point along the transmission line.

\[ Z_0 = \frac{V}{I} \]

If we perform a circuit analysis of the equivalent circuit, we get

\[ Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{R + j\omega L}{G + j\omega C}} \]

When we ignore loss (usually accurate to do this), we get

\[ Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \]
Surprisingly, almost all transmission lines have parameters very close to these same values.
As we back away from the load, the impedance experienced by the source changes!

Short circuits can look like open circuits, open circuits can look like short circuits, inductors can look like capacitors, capacitors can look like inductors,...it’s crazy!

\[ Z_{in}(-\ell) = Z_0 \frac{Z_L + jZ_0 \tan(\beta\ell)}{Z_0 + jZ_L \tan(\beta\ell)} \]
Impedance Matching

Similar to the anti-reflection layer for waves, we can match a transmission line to a load impedance by inserting a quarter-wave section of a second transmission line.

\[ Z_L = \sqrt{Z_0 Z_T} \]

\[ \beta_{ar} \]

We must perform an electromagnetic analysis of the transmission line to determine \( \beta_{ar} \).

\[ \ell = \frac{\lambda}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2 \beta_{ar}} \]

Multi-Segment Circuits

We can design filters, pulse shaper, and much more.
High Level Solution Approach

Maxwell’s Equations

Maxwell’s equations describe classical electromagnetics.

\[ \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho \quad \text{Gauss’ law} \]
\[ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \text{Gauss’ law for magnetic fields} \]
\[ \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\partial \vec{B}/\partial t \quad \text{Faraday’s law} \]
\[ \nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} + \partial \vec{D}/\partial t \quad \text{Ampère’s circuit law} \]

The constitutive relations describe how the electromagnetic fields interact with matter.

\[ \vec{D} = \varepsilon \vec{E} \quad \text{Electric response} \]
\[ \vec{B} = \mu \vec{H} \quad \text{Magnetic response} \]

\( \varepsilon \) = permittivity (F/m)
\( \mu \) = permeability (H/m)
Physical Constants

The permittivity and permeability are usually expressed in terms of the relative parameters.

\[ \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r \quad \text{Permittivity} \]
\[ \mu = \mu_0 \mu_r \quad \text{Permeability} \]

\[ \varepsilon_0 = 8.8541878176 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m} \]
\[ \mu_0 = 1.2566370614 \times 10^{-6} \text{ H/m} \]

where \( 1 \leq \varepsilon_r < \infty \)
\[ 1 \leq \mu_r < \infty \]

\( \varepsilon_r \) is commonly called the dielectric constant.

The speed of light in free space can be calculated from the permittivity and permeability as follows.

\[ c_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}} = 299,792,458 \text{ m/s} \]

\[ c_0 \text{ = speed of light in vacuum (m/s)} \]

Electrostatic Approximation

Transmission lines are waveguides. To be rigorous, they should be modeled as such. This can be rather computationally intensive. An alternative is to analyze transmission lines in the electrostatic approximation using Laplace’s equation.

The dimensions of a transmission are typically much smaller than the operating wavelength so the wave nature is less important to consider. Therefore, we can solve Maxwell’s equations assuming static fields.

\[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \]
\[ \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho_v \]
\[ \nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} \]
\[ \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \]

\[ \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \]
\[ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \]
\[ \nabla \times \vec{H} = \vec{J} \]
Electric Potential $V$

The vector electric field $\vec{E}$ and the scalar electric potential $V$ describe the same physical phenomenon. This allows equations to be solved in terms of a scalar quantity instead of a vector quantity.

In electrostatics, we have $\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$.

In vector calculus, the curl of a gradient is always zero, $\nabla \times (\nabla V) = 0$.

Based on this, if a vector field does not have any curl, it must be possible to express it as the gradient of a scalar field.

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V$$

The negative sign is incorporated to be consistent with the sign conventions used with charges and fields.

Inhomogeneous Laplace’s Equation

Away from charges $\rho_v$, the divergence condition for the electric field is

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = 0 \quad \text{Eq. (1)}$$

But, we know that $\vec{D} = \varepsilon \vec{E}$, so Eq. (1) can be written in terms of $\vec{E}$.

$$\nabla \cdot (\varepsilon \vec{E}) = 0 \quad \text{Eq. (2)}$$

The electric field $\vec{E}$ is related to the scalar potential $V$ as follows.

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla V \quad \text{Eq. (3)}$$

The inhomogeneous Laplace’s equation is derived by substituting Eq. (3) into Eq. (2).
Homogeneous Laplace’s Equation

When the transmission line is embedded in a homogeneous dielectric, the permittivity is not a function of position and drops out of Laplace’s equation.

\[ \nabla \cdot \left[ \varepsilon_r (\nabla V) \right] = 0 \]
\[ \varepsilon_r \nabla \cdot \left[ (\nabla V) \right] = 0 \]
\[ \nabla \cdot (\nabla V) = 0 \]
\[ \nabla^2 V = 0 \]

Distributed Capacitance

In the electrostatic approximation, the transmission line is a capacitor. The total energy stored in a capacitor is the total energy in the fields:

\[ U = \frac{1}{2} \int_A (\boldsymbol{D} \cdot \boldsymbol{E}) \, dA \]

The integral is taken over the entire cross section of device. For open devices like microstrips, this is an infinite area. In practice, we integrate over a large enough area to incorporate as much of the electric field as possible.

From circuit theory, the capacitance is related to the total stored energy through

\[ U = \frac{CV_o^2}{2} \]

\( V_o \) is the voltage across the capacitor.

If we set the above equations equal, we derive the equation to calculate the distributed capacitance from the electric field functions \( D \) and \( E \).

\[ C = \frac{1}{V_o^2} \int_A (\boldsymbol{D} \cdot \boldsymbol{E}) \, dA \]
Distributed Inductance

The voltage along the transmission line embedded in a homogeneous material travels at the same velocity as the electric field so we can write

\[ v_r = v_E \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r}} \rightarrow LC = \frac{\mu_r \epsilon_r}{c_0^2} \]

Solving this equation for \( L \), we get

\[ L = \frac{\mu_r \epsilon_r}{c_0^2 C_h} \]

This means that for transmission lines embedded in homogeneous materials, we can calculate the distributed inductance \( L \) directly from the distributed capacitance \( C \).

Dielectric materials should not alter the inductance. However if we use the value of \( C \) calculated previously, it will. This is incorrect. The solution is to calculate distributed capacitance with air dielectric \( C_h \) and then calculate the distributed inductance \( L \) from this.

\[ L = \frac{\mu_{r,h}}{c_0^2 C_h} \]

For most materials \( \mu_r = 1 \).

Calculating Transmission Line Parameters

The characteristic impedance \( Z_c \) is calculated from the distributed inductance \( L \) and distributed capacitance \( C \) through

\[ Z_c = \frac{L}{\sqrt{C}} \]

The velocity of a signal travelling along the transmission line is

\[ v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \]

The effective refractive index is therefore

\[ n = \frac{c_0}{v} = c_0 \sqrt{LC} \]

Both \( Z_c \) and \( n \) are needed to analyze transmission line circuits.
Two Step Modeling Approach

Step 1 – Homogeneous Case
- Outer conductor
- Inner conductor
- Air
- Distributed inductance \( L \)

Step 2 – Inhomogeneous Case
- Outer conductor
- Inner conductor
- Air
- Distributed capacitance \( C \)

How We Will Analyze Transmission Lines

Step 1
Construct homogeneous TL

Step 2
Construct and solve matrix equation
- \( \nabla^2 V_i = 0 \)
- \( \nabla \cdot V_i = 0 \)
- \( L_i \nabla V_i = v_{src} \)
- \( V_i = L_i^{-1} v_{src} \)

Step 3
Calculate distributed inductance
- \( \tilde{E}_i = -\nabla V_i \)
- \( C_i = \frac{\varepsilon_i}{\varepsilon_0} \int \left( \frac{\tilde{D}_i \cdot \tilde{E}_i}{\mu_0} \right) dA \)
- \( L = \frac{\mu_0}{\varepsilon_0^2 C_0} \)

Step 4
Construct inhomogeneous TL

Step 5
Construct and solve matrix equation
- \( \nabla \cdot [\varepsilon_r (\nabla V)] = 0 \)
- \( \nabla \cdot V = 0 \)
- \( L V = v_{src} \)
- \( V = L^{-1} v_{src} \)

Step 6
Calculate distributed capacitance
- \( \tilde{E} = -\nabla V \)
- \( C = \frac{\varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon_0} \int \left( \frac{\tilde{D} \cdot \tilde{E}}{\varepsilon_0} \right) dA \)

Step 7
Calculate TL parameters
- \( Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \)
- \( \mu = c_0 \sqrt{LC} \)
Formulation: Derivation of Governing Equations

Equations of Electrostatics

Any electromagnetic analysis begins with Maxwell’s equations.

We start with the following for electrostatic problems.

\[ \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = 0 \quad \text{Eq. (1)} \]
\[ \vec{D} = [\varepsilon] \vec{E} \quad \text{Eq. (2)} \]
\[ \vec{E} = -\nabla V \quad \text{Eq. (3)} \]
**Expand Equations**

\[ \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = 0 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \\ D_z \end{bmatrix} = 0 \]

\[ \vec{D} = [\varepsilon] \vec{E} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \\ D_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ \vec{E} = -\nabla V \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} \partial / \partial x \\ \partial / \partial y \\ \partial / \partial z \end{bmatrix} V \]

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**2D Analysis of Cross Section**

We wish to analyze a transmission line that is uniform in the direction that the wave propagates.

Let this direction be \( z \).

Since the device is uniform in \( z \), nothing changes in the \( z \) direction.

\[ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = 0 \]
Reduced Equations for 2D

\[ \nabla \cdot \bar{D} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \end{bmatrix} = 0 \]

\[ \bar{D} = \sigma \bar{E} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \end{bmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ \bar{E} = -\nabla V \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} \partial/\partial x \\ \partial/\partial y \end{bmatrix} V \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} \partial/\partial x \\ \partial/\partial y \end{bmatrix} V \]

\[ D_z = E_z = 0 \quad \text{This implies TEM.} \]

Final Governing Equations

\[ \frac{\partial D_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial D_y}{\partial y} = 0 \]

\[ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \end{bmatrix} = 0 \]

\[ \begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} \partial/\partial x \\ \partial/\partial y \end{bmatrix} V \]

\[ D_x = \varepsilon_{xx} E_x \]

\[ D_y = \varepsilon_{yy} E_y \]

\[ E_x = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \]

\[ E_y = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \]
Formulation: Finite-Difference Approximation of Governing Equations

Grid Strategy (1 of 2)

The manner in which we stagger the functions across the grid comes from the governing equations themselves.

From the constitutive equations, we see that $D_x$ and $\varepsilon_{xx}$ will lie on the same points as $E_x$.

$$D_x = \varepsilon_{xx} E_x \quad \Rightarrow \quad D_x^{i,j} = \varepsilon_{xx}^{i,j} E_x^{i,j}$$

Similarly, $D_y$ and $\varepsilon_{yy}$ will lie on the same points as $E_y$.

$$D_y = \varepsilon_{yy} E_y \quad \Rightarrow \quad D_y^{i,j} = \varepsilon_{yy}^{i,j} E_y^{i,j}$$

Thus, the constitutive relations do not require any staggering.
Grid Strategy (2 of 2)

Next, we inspect the equations relating $\vec{E}$ and $V$.

We see that $V$ will need to be staggered around $E_x$ in the $x$ direction.

$$E_x = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad E_x^{i,j} = -\frac{V^{i+1,j} - V^{i,j}}{\Delta x}$$

We see that $V$ will need to be staggered around $E_y$ in the $y$ direction.

$$E_y = \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \quad \Rightarrow \quad E_y^{i,j} = -\frac{V^{i,j+1} - V^{i,j}}{\Delta y}$$

Actual staggered grid showing the true position of the function values.

An alternative view of the staggered grid that more clearly conveys which cell each function value resides in.

Grid Strategy (3 of 3)

Putting all of this together, we arrive at our staggered grid...
Matrix Form of Governing Equations

We have five coupled equations. We can immediately write these in matrix form as:

\[ \frac{\partial D_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial D_y}{\partial y} = 0 \]
\[ \frac{D_{ij}^{i,j} - D_{ij}^{i-1,j}}{\Delta x} + \frac{D_{ij}^{i,j} - D_{ij}^{i,j-1}}{\Delta y} = 0 \]
\[ D_x^i d_x + D_y^i d_y = 0 \]

\[ D_x = \varepsilon_{xx} E_x \]
\[ D_y = \varepsilon_{yy} E_y \]
\[ D_{ij}^{i,j} = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_{xx} E_{ij}^{i,j} \]
\[ D_{ij}^{i,j} = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_{yy} E_{ij}^{i,j} \]
\[ d_x = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_{xx} e_x \]
\[ d_y = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_{yy} e_y \]

\[ E_x = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \]
\[ E_y = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \]
\[ E_{ij}^{i,j} = -\frac{V_{ij}^{i+1,j} - V_{ij}^{i,j}}{\Delta x} \]
\[ E_{ij}^{i,j} = -\frac{V_{ij}^{i,j+1} - V_{ij}^{i,j}}{\Delta y} \]
\[ e_x = -D_x^i v \]
\[ e_y = -D_y^i v \]

Block Matrix Form

We write our matrix equations in block matrix form.

\[ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \end{bmatrix} = 0 \]
\[ \begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \end{bmatrix} \]
\[ \begin{bmatrix} d_x \\ d_y \end{bmatrix} = \varepsilon_0 \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_x \\ e_y \end{bmatrix} \]
\[ \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y \end{bmatrix} V \]
\[ \begin{bmatrix} e_x \\ e_y \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} D_x^i \\ D_y^i \end{bmatrix} v \]
**Eliminate $D$ Field**

We can eliminate the $D$ field by substituting the second equation into the first.

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
D_x^e & D_y^e
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
d_x \\
d_y
\end{bmatrix} = 0
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
D_x^e & D_y^e
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\varepsilon_{xx} & 0 & e_x \\
0 & \varepsilon_{yy} & e_y
\end{bmatrix} = 0
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
D_x^e & D_y^e
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\varepsilon_{xx} & 0 & e_x \\
0 & \varepsilon_{yy} & e_y
\end{bmatrix} = 0
\]

**Eliminate $E$ Field**

We can similarly eliminate the $E$ field

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
D_x^e & D_y^e
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\varepsilon_{xx} & 0 & e_x \\
0 & \varepsilon_{yy} & e_y
\end{bmatrix} = 0
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
D_x^e & D_y^e
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\varepsilon_{xx} & 0 & e_x \\
0 & \varepsilon_{yy} & e_y
\end{bmatrix} = 0
\]

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\begin{bmatrix}
D_x^e & D_y^e
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\varepsilon_{xx} & 0 & e_x \\
0 & \varepsilon_{yy} & e_y
\end{bmatrix} = 0
\]

We now have a single scalar differential equation in matrix form.
Final Matrix Equations

Our final matrix equation is the matrix form of the inhomogeneous Laplace’s equation.

**Inhomogeneous Laplace’s Equation**

\[
\nabla \cdot \left[ \epsilon_r \left( \nabla V \right) \right] = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} D_x^c & D_y^c \\ D_x^e & D_y^e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_x^e \\ D_y^e \end{bmatrix} v = 0
\]

**Homogeneous Laplace’s Equation**

We can easily write the block matrix form of the homogeneous Laplace’s equation from this result because \( \epsilon_r = 1 \) everywhere.

\[
\nabla^2 V_h = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} D_x^e & D_y^e \\ D_x^e & D_y^e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_x^e \\ D_y^e \end{bmatrix} v = 0
\]
Grid Representation of a Microstrip Transmission Line

The spacer regions are needed so that the transmission line is not affected by the edges of the grid.

Four Arrays to Describe a Transmission Line ($\varepsilon_r = 6$)

Note: If you wish to simulate a transmission line with more than two conductors, you will need one array for each conductor in addition to the two permittivity arrays.
Building the Diagonal Matrices $\varepsilon_{xx}$ and $\varepsilon_{yy}$

1. Build $ER_{xx}$ and $ER_{yy}$ using the 2x grid technique.
2. Reshape these 2D arrays into 1D arrays (column vectors).
   $$ER_{xx} = ER_{xx}(:);$$
   $$ER_{yy} = ER_{yy}(:);$$
3. Declare the 1D arrays as sparse.
   $$ER_{xx} = \text{sparse}(ER_{xx});$$
   $$ER_{yy} = \text{sparse}(ER_{yy});$$
4. Convert the 1D sparse arrays into sparse diagonal matrices.
   $$ER_{xx} = \text{diag}(ER_{xx});$$
   $$ER_{yy} = \text{diag}(ER_{yy});$$

Actually, we can do all of this in a single line:

$$ER_{xx} = \text{diag}(\text{sparse}(ER_{xx}(:)));$$
$$ER_{yy} = \text{diag}(\text{sparse}(ER_{yy}(:)));$$

The Forced Potentials Grid

\[ v_f(x, y) \]

Reshaped to a column vector.
\[ vf = vf(:); \]
Implementation:
2× Grid Technique

2× Grid Technique (1 of 9)

We define our ordinary “1×” grid as usual.

The output of this step is the number of cells in the grid, \( Nx \) and \( Ny \), and the size of the cells in the grid, \( dx \) and \( dy \).
Recall how the various functions overlay onto the grid.

Functions assigned to the same grid cell are in physically different positions and may reside in different materials as a result.

\[ \text{DEFINE GRID} \]
\[ N_x = 5; \]
\[ N_y = 6; \]
\[ dx = 1; \]
\[ dy = 1; \]

It is like we are getting twice the resolution due to the staggering of the functions.

In order to sort out what values go where, we construct a “2x” grid at twice the resolution of the original grid.

The 2x grid occupies the same physical amount of space as the original grid.

\[ \text{DEFINE GRID} \]
\[ N_x = 5; \]
\[ N_y = 6; \]
\[ dx = 1; \]
\[ dy = 1; \]

\[ \text{2X GRID} \]
\[ N_{x2} = 2*N_x; \]
\[ N_{y2} = 2*N_y; \]
\[ dx2 = dx/2; \]
\[ dy2 = dy/2; \]
Let's say we wish to construct a cylinder of radius 2 on our grid.

We start by building our object on the 2x grid, ignoring anything about our original grid for now.
2× Grid Technique (6 of 9)

Given the object on the 2× grid, we extract \( ER_{xx} \) by grabbing values from \( ER_2 \) that correspond to the locations of \( ER_{xx} \).

\[
\begin{align*}
&\% \text{ DEFINE GRID} \\
&N_x = 5; \\
&N_y = 6; \\
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&dy = 1; \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
&\% \text{ 2X GRID} \\
&N_{x2} = 2*N_x; \\
&N_{y2} = 2*N_y; \\
&dx2 = dx/2; \\
&dy2 = dy/2; \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
&\% \text{ CREATE CYLINDER} \\
&r = 2; \\
x_{a2} = [0:N_{x2}-1]*dx2; \\
y_{a2} = [0:N_{y2}-1]*dy2; \\
x_{a2} = x_{a2} - \text{mean}(x_{a2}); \\
y_{a2} = y_{a2} - \text{mean}(y_{a2}); \\
[Y_{a2},X_{a2}] = \text{meshgrid}(y_{a2},x_{a2}); \\
ER_2 &= (X_{a2}^2 + Y_{a2}^2) <= r^2; \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
&\% \text{ EXTRACT 1X GRID PARAMETERS} \\
&ER_{xx} = ER_2(2:2:N_{x2},1:2:N_{y2}); \\
\end{align*}
\]

2× Grid Technique (7 of 9)

We then extract \( ER_{yy} \) by grabbing values from \( ER_2 \) that correspond to the locations of \( ER_{yy} \).

\[
\begin{align*}
&\% \text{ DEFINE GRID} \\
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\]

\[
\begin{align*}
&\% \text{ EXTRACT 1X GRID PARAMETERS} \\
&ER_{xx} = ER_2(2:1:2:N_{x2},1:2:N_{y2}); \\
&ER_{yy} = ER_2(1:2:2:N_{x2},2:1:N_{y2}); \\
\end{align*}
\]
Grid Technique (8 of 9)

After building ERxx and ERyy, the 2× grid is no longer used anywhere. All of the 2× grid parameters may be deleted at this point because they are no longer needed.
Implementation:
Solving the Matrix Equation

Are We Ready to Solve?

So far we have discussed:
(1) Construction of the permittivity matrices, $\varepsilon_{xx}$ and $\varepsilon_{yy}$.
(2) Construction of the derivative operators, $D_x^+$ and $D_y^+.$
(3) Construction of the matrix problem.

That puts us here:

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
D_x^+ & D_y^+
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\varepsilon_{xx} & 0 \\
0 & \varepsilon_{yy}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
D_x^-

\end{bmatrix}v = 0
$$

How do we solve this for $v$?

$$
L = \begin{bmatrix}
D_x^d & D_y^d
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\varepsilon_{xx} & 0 \\
0 & \varepsilon_{yy}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
D_x^d

\end{bmatrix}
$$

$Lv = 0$

$v = L^{-1}0 = 0$  We can only find a trivial solution!
What is Missing?

\[ \mathbf{Lv} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{v} = 0 \]

We are missing the excitation \( \mathbf{b} \rightarrow \) The forced potentials. The metals of the transmission line must be set to some known voltage.

\[ \mathbf{L}'\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{L}^{-1}\mathbf{b} \]

How do we construct \( \mathbf{b} \)?

Constructing \( \mathbf{b} \) (1 of 2)

It turns out we must also modify \( \mathbf{L} \) in addition to constructing \( \mathbf{b} \).

For each point where there is a forced potential, we do the following to the corresponding row in the matrix equation:

1. Replace entire row in \( \mathbf{L} \) with all zeros.
2. Place a 1 along the diagonal element.
3. Place the forced potential in \( \mathbf{b} \).

The applied voltages are usually just 0 and \( V_0 \), but you may use other values if you are doing something special.

\[ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \ldots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ \vdots \\ V_{N,N-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{\text{apply}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad V_m = V_{\text{apply}} \]
Constructing $\mathbf{b}$ (2 of 2)

Define two functions:

- $\mathbf{F} \equiv$ Force matrix
  
  Diagonal matrix containing 1's in the diagonal positions corresponding to values we wish to force (i.e. metals). 0's otherwise.

- $\mathbf{v}_f \equiv$ forced potentials
  
  Column vector containing the forced potentials. Numbers in positions not being forced are ignored.

1. Replace rows in $\mathbf{L}$ with all zeros that correspond to metals on the grid.
   
   $\mathbf{L}' = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{F}) \mathbf{L}$

2. Then place a 1 in the diagonal element by adding $\mathbf{F}$ to $\mathbf{L}'$.
   
   $\mathbf{L}'' = \mathbf{L}' + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{F}) \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{L}'$

3. Place the forced potentials in $\mathbf{b}$. The remaining elements in $\mathbf{b}$ must be 0 in order to be consistent with Laplace's equation.

   $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{Fv}_f$

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The Force Matrix

The force matrix $\mathbf{F}$ starts off as an array $F(x,y)$ containing 1’s in the positions we wish to force to some potential and 0’s everywhere else.

We already have two arrays defined this same way that describe the two conductors of the transmission line.

We simply combine all of the conductor arrays to construct the force array.

Last, we construct the force matrix by diagonalizing the force array.

$\mathbf{F} = \text{diag}(\text{sparse}(\mathbf{F}(:)))$;
Complete Matrix Solution

We are now ready to solve the problem. The scalar potential is calculated as

\[ \mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{L}')^{-1} \mathbf{b} \]

We can then calculate the \( E \) field from \( V \).

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
    e_x \\
    e_y
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
    D_x' \\
    D_y'
\end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}
\]

We can then calculate the \( D \) field from the \( E \) field and the permittivity tensor.

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
    d_x \\
    d_y
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
    \varepsilon_{xx} & 0 \\
    0 & \varepsilon_{yy}
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
    e_x \\
    e_y
\end{bmatrix}
\]

There should be an \( \varepsilon_0 \) here. We have removed it from this equation and will incorporate it in our final calculation of distributed capacitance in order to keep our functions normalized.

Extract the Vector Components

We must extract the terms \( e_x \) and \( e_y \) from column vectors.

\[
\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{L}\backslash \mathbf{b}; \\
\mathbf{e} = -[\mathbf{DVX}; \mathbf{DVY}] \ast \mathbf{v}; \\
\mathbf{e} = -\begin{bmatrix}
    D_x' \\
    D_y'
\end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
    e_x \\
    e_y
\end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{e}
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
    \mathbf{e}_x \\
    \mathbf{e}_y
\end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{e}
\]

Reshape Back to 2D Arrays

The terms $v$, $e_x$, $e_y$, $d_x$, and $d_y$ are column vectors, or 1D arrays.

These need to be reshaped back to 2D arrays before they can be visualized.

$$ v = \text{reshape}( v, Nx, Ny ); $$
$$ ex = \text{reshape}( ex, Nx, Ny ); $$
$$ ey = \text{reshape}( ey, Nx, Ny ); $$

Implementation: Calculating the Transmission Line Parameters
Distributed Capacitance, $C$

The distributed capacitance $C$ is calculated by numerical integration of

$$C = \frac{\varepsilon_0}{V_0^2} \oint_A (\vec{D} \cdot \vec{E}) dA$$

This is where we incorporate the constant $\varepsilon_0$.

Assuming $V_0 = 1$, this integral is easily evaluated as

$$C = d^T e \left( \varepsilon_0 \Delta x \Delta y \right)$$

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Distributed Inductance, $L$

First, the distributed capacitance $C_h$ for the homogeneous case is calculated.

$$C_h = d^T_h e_h \left( \varepsilon_0 \Delta x \Delta y \right)$$

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Second, the distributed inductance $L$ is calculated from $C_h$.

$$L = \frac{\mu_{r,h}}{c_0^2 C_h}$$

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Characteristic Impedance, $Z_0$

Given the distributed inductance $L$ and distributed capacitance $C$, the characteristic impedance of the transmission line is

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

$$Z_0 = \text{sqrt}(L/C);$$

Effective Refractive Index, $n_{\text{eff}}$

Given the distributed inductance $L$ and distributed capacitance $C$, the effective refractive index $n_{\text{eff}}$ of the transmission line is

$$n = c_0 \sqrt{LC}$$

$$n_{\text{eff}} = c_0 \cdot \text{sqrt}(L \cdot C);$$
Example – Weird Coax

Step 1: Choose a Coaxial Transmission Line

Choose a transmission line.

Look only at the cross section.

\[
\begin{align*}
    r_1 &= 0.15 \text{ mm} \\
    r_2 &= 2.5 \text{ mm} \\
    r_3 &= 2.7 \text{ mm} \\
    \varepsilon_{r1} &= 2.3 \\
    \varepsilon_{r2} &= 2.3
\end{align*}
\]
Step 2: Build Materials Arrays

\% BUILD INNER CONDUCTOR
\text{CIN} = (R\text{SQ}<r1^2);

\% BUILD DIELECTRIC
\text{r23} = (r2 + r3)/2; % middle of outer conductor
\text{ER2} = \text{ones}(\text{Nx2},\text{Ny2}); % air
\text{ER2} = \text{ER2} + (\text{er1} - 1)\cdot(\text{R\text{SQ}<r23^2 & X2<0}); % dielectric 1
\text{ER2} = \text{ER2} + (\text{er2} - 1)\cdot(\text{R\text{SQ}<r23^2 & X2>0}); % dielectric 2

\% BUILD OUTER CONDUCTOR
\text{COUT} = (R\text{SQ}<r3^2 & R\text{SQ}>r2^2);

\% BUILD OUTER CONDUCTOR
\text{ER2} = \text{ER2} + (\text{er1} - 1)\cdot(\text{R\text{SQ}<r23^2 & X2<0}); % dielectric 1
\text{ER2} = \text{ER2} + (\text{er2} - 1)\cdot(\text{R\text{SQ}<r23^2 & X2>0}); % dielectric 2

Step 3: Form Diagonal Materials Matrices

This task reshapes the dielectric functions into 1D arrays and then places them along the diagonal of two matrices.

\% EXTRACT ERxx AND ERyy FROM ER2
\text{ERxx} = \text{ER2}(2:2:\text{Nx2},1:2:\text{Ny2});
\text{ERyy} = \text{ER2}(1:2:\text{Nx2},2:2:\text{Ny2});

\% FORM DIAGONAL PERMITTIVITY MATRICES
\text{ERxx} = \text{diag}\text{(sparse}(\text{ERxx}(:)));
\text{ERyy} = \text{diag}\text{(sparse}(\text{ERyy}(:)));

\% FORM PERMITTIVITY TENSOR
\text{Z} = \text{sparse}(\text{Nx*Ny,Nx*Ny});
\text{ER} = [ \text{ERxx} , \text{Z} ; \text{Z} , \text{ERyy} ];
Step 4: Construct Derivative Operators

This task will be performed by the function `tlder()`.

```
% CALL FUNCTION TO CONSTRUCT DERIVATIVE OPERATORS
NS = [Nx Ny];                       %grid size
RES = [dx dy];                       %grid resolution
[Dvx,Dvy,ddx,ddy] = tlder(NS,RES);   %build matrices
```

Step 5: Build Matrix Equations

**Inhomogeneous Laplace’s Equation**

\[
L = \begin{bmatrix}
D_x^r & D_y^r \\
0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\epsilon_{xx} & 0 \\
0 & \epsilon_{yy}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
D_x^v \\
D_y^v
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
L = [DEX \ DEY] * ER * [DVX; DVY];
\]

**Homogeneous Laplace’s Equation**

\[
L_h = \begin{bmatrix}
D_x^r & D_y^r \\
D_x^v & D_y^v
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
L_h = [DEX \ DEY] * [DVX; DVY];
\]
Step 6: Force Known Potentials

This same procedure should be done for both the inhomogeneous and homogeneous matrix equations.

\[ V = 0 \text{ everywhere in the outer conductor.} \]
\[ V = 1 \text{ everywhere in the inner conductor.} \]

\[ V = 0 \]
\[ V = 1 \]

% FORCE MATRIX
\[ F = \text{CIN | COUT;} \]
\[ F = \text{diag} \left( \text{sparse}(F(:)) \right); \]

% FORCED POTENTIALS
\[ v_f = 1 \times \text{CIN} + 0 \times \text{COUT;} \]

% FORCE KNOWN POTENTIALS
\[ I = \text{spye} (K,M); \]
\[ L = (I - F) \times L + F; \]
\[ L_h = (I - F) \times L_h + F; \]
\[ b = F \times v_f(:); \]

Step 7: Compute the Fields

Compute the Potentials
\[ v = (L')^{-1} b \]
\[ v_h = (L_h')^{-1} b \]

WARNING: DO NOT compute the inverse of \( L \).

% COMPUTE POTENTIALS
\[ v = L \backslash b; \]
\[ v_h = L_h \backslash b; \]

% COMPUTE E FIELDS
\[ e = - \left[ \text{DVX ; DVY} \right] \times v; \]
\[ e_h = - \left[ \text{DVX ; DVY} \right] \times v_h; \]

Note: We dropped the \( \epsilon_0 \) in these equations and will incorporate that when we calculate \( C \).

% COMPUTE D FIELDS
\[ d = \epsilon R \times e; \]
\[ d_h = \epsilon R \times e_h; \]
Step 8: Calculate TL Parameters

Distributed Capacitance

\[ C = \frac{\varepsilon_0}{V_0^2} \iint_D (\vec{D} \cdot \vec{E}) \, dA \]

Note: We added the \( \varepsilon_0 \) constant here.

\[ \% \text{ DISTRIBUTED CAPACITANCE} \]
\[ C = d.*e*(e0*dx*dy); \]
\[ \text{We have assumed } V_0 = 1. \]

Distributed Inductance

\[ C_h = \frac{\varepsilon_0}{V_0^2} \iint_D (\vec{B}_h \cdot \vec{E}_h) \, dA \]

\[ L = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0^2 C_h} \]

Recall that we have \( \mu_0 = \varepsilon_0 = 1 \)

\[ \% \text{ DISTRIBUTED INDUCTANCE} \]
\[ Ch = dh.*eh*(e0*dx*dy); \]
\[ L = 1/(c0^2*Ch); \]
\[ \text{We have assumed } V_0 = 1. \]

Characteristic Impedance

\[ Z_0 = \frac{L}{\sqrt{C}} \]

\[ \% \text{ CHARACTERISTIC IMPEDANCE} \]
\[ Z0 = sqrt(L/C); \]

Effective Refractive Index

\[ n = c0*sqrt(LC) \]

\[ \% \text{ EFFECTIVE REFRACTIVE INDEX} \]
\[ neff = c0*sqrt(L*C); \]

Step 9: Reshape the Data

We need to reshape the column vectors back to a 2D grid.

\[ \% \text{ RESHAPE THE FUNCTIONS BACK TO A 2D GRID} \]
\[ Vh = reshape(Vh,Nx,Ny); \]
\[ V = reshape(V,Nx,Ny); \]
Step 10: Show the results!

Problem definition:

Standard RG-59

\[ r_1 = 0.3 \text{ mm} \]
\[ r_2 = 2.5 \text{ mm} \]
\[ r_3 = 2.7 \text{ mm} \]
\[ \varepsilon_1 = 2.3 \]
\[ \varepsilon_2 = 2.3 \]

\[ C \approx 70.73 \text{ pF/m} \]
\[ L \approx 361.8 \text{ nH/m} \]
\[ Z_0 \approx 71.5 \Omega \]
\[ n \approx 1.52 \]

Problem results:

Step 10: Another Case

Problem definition:

\[ r_1 = 0.1 \text{ mm} \]
\[ r_2 = 1.5 \text{ mm} \]
\[ r_3 = 1.6 \text{ mm} \]
\[ \varepsilon_1 = 3.0 \]
\[ \varepsilon_2 = 9.0 \]
\[ C \approx 121.1 \text{ pF/m} \]
\[ L \approx 551.2 \text{ nH/m} \]
\[ Z_0 \approx 67.5 \Omega \]
\[ n \approx 2.45 \]

Problem results: