

Lec16 Microwave Resonators (I)

微波谐振器

Microwave resonators applications:

Filters (滤波器)

Oscillators (振荡器) ,

frequency meters (频率计)

and tuned amplifiers (可调谐放大器) .

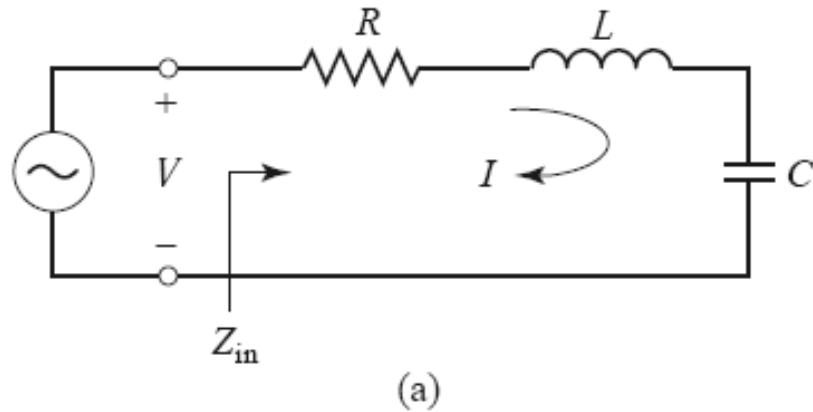
Resonators classification:

1. Lumped-element resonators: series RLC resonant circuits
and parallel RLC resonant circuits.
2. Microwave resonators : transmission lines,
rectangular waveguides,
circular waveguides,
and dielectric cavities.

6.1 SERIES AND PARALLEL RESONANT CIRCUITS

谐振的条件是什么？

Series Resonant Circuit



The input impedance is

$$Z_{\text{in}} = R + j\omega L - j\frac{1}{\omega C},$$

the complex power delivered to the resonator is

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{in}} &= \frac{1}{2}VI^* = \frac{1}{2}Z_{\text{in}}|I|^2 = \frac{1}{2}Z_{\text{in}}\left|\frac{V}{Z_{\text{in}}}\right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}|I|^2\left(R + j\omega L - j\frac{1}{\omega C}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The power dissipated by the resistor R is

$$P_{\text{loss}} = \frac{1}{2}|I|^2R,$$

the average magnetic energy stored in the inductor L is

$$W_m = \frac{1}{4} |I|^2 L,$$

the average electric energy stored in the capacitor C is

$$W_e = \frac{1}{4} |V_c|^2 C = \frac{1}{4} |I|^2 \frac{1}{\omega^2 C},$$

Then the complex power can be rewritten as

$$P_{\text{in}} = P_{\text{loss}} + 2j\omega(W_m - W_e),$$

the input impedance is

$$Z_{\text{in}} = \frac{2P_{\text{in}}}{|I|^2} = \frac{P_{\text{loss}} + 2j\omega(W_m - W_e)}{\frac{1}{2}|I|^2}.$$

Resonance occurs when the average stored magnetic and electric energies are equal, or $W_m = W_e$. Then the input impedance is

$$Z_{\text{in}} = \frac{P_{\text{loss}}}{\frac{1}{2}|I|^2} = R,$$

$W_m = W_e$ implies that the resonant frequency, ω_0 , can be defined as

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}.$$

Quality factor (品质因数) is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \omega \frac{\text{average energy stored}}{\text{energy loss/second}} \\ &= \omega \frac{W_m + W_e}{P_{\text{loss}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Q is a measure of the loss of a resonant circuit—lower loss implies a higher Q.

For the series resonant circuit at resonance,

$$Q_0 = \omega_0 \frac{2W_m}{P_{\text{loss}}} = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R} = \frac{1}{\omega_0 RC},$$

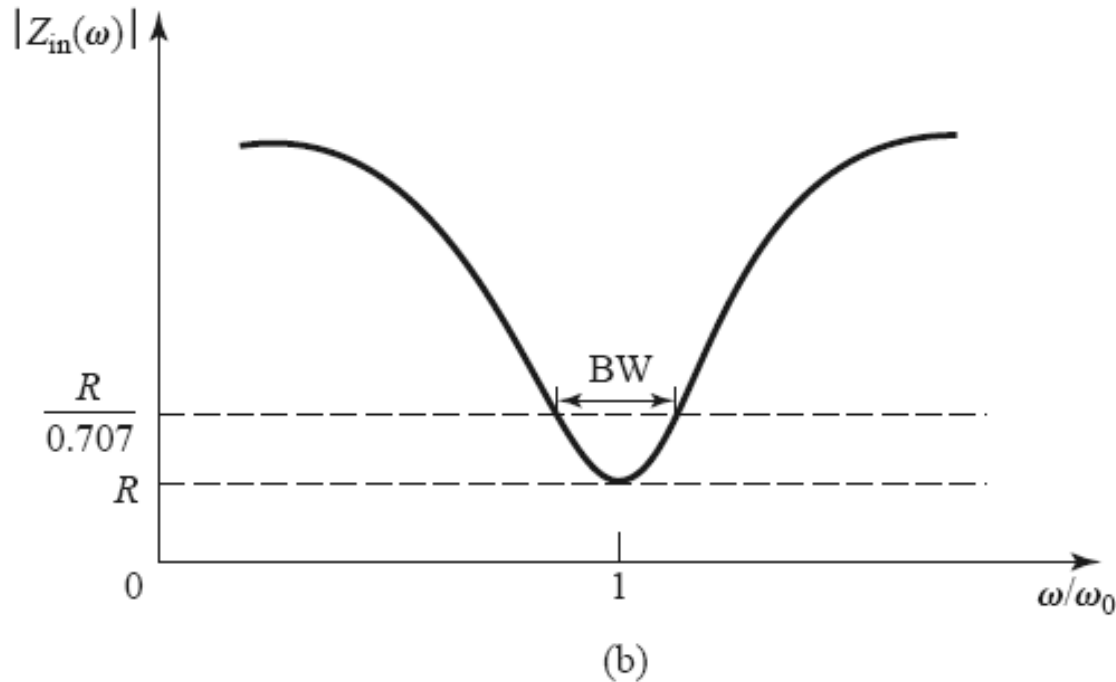
Next, consider the behavior of the input impedance of this resonator near its resonant frequency. Let $\omega = \omega_0 + \omega$, where ω is small. The input impedance can then be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{in}} &= R + j\omega L \left(1 - \frac{1}{\omega^2 LC} \right) \\ &= R + j\omega L \left(\frac{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2}{\omega^2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

Now $\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 = (\omega - \omega_0)(\omega + \omega_0) = \Delta\omega(2\omega - \Delta\omega) \simeq 2\omega\Delta\omega$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{in}} &\simeq R + j2L\Delta\omega \\ &\simeq R + j \frac{2RQ_0\Delta\omega}{\omega_0} = R + j2L\Delta\omega, \end{aligned}$$

The half-power fractional bandwidth of the resonator.



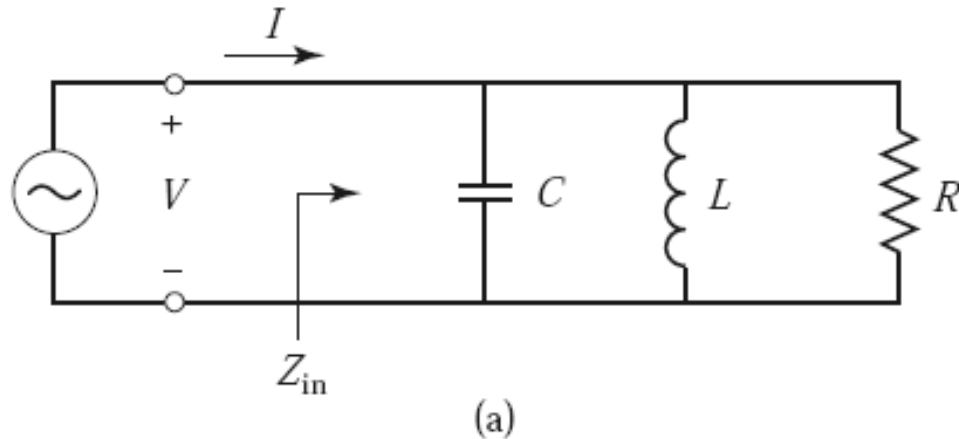
When the frequency is such that $|Z_{in}|^2 = 2R^2$, then the average (real) power delivered to the circuit is one-half that delivered at resonance.

$\Delta\omega/\omega_0 = BW/2$ at the upper band edge.

$$|R + jRQ_0(BW)|^2 = 2R^2,$$

$$BW = \frac{1}{Q_0}.$$

Parallel Resonant Circuit



$$P_{in} = P_{loss} + 2j\omega(W_m - W_e),$$

The power dissipated by the resistor, R , is $P_{loss} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|V|^2}{R}$,

The average electric energy stored in the capacitor, C , is $W_e = \frac{1}{4} |V|^2 C$,

The average magnetic energy stored in the inductor, L , is

$$W_m = \frac{1}{4} |I_L|^2 L = \frac{1}{4} |V|^2 \frac{1}{\omega^2 L},$$

The input impedance is

$$Z_{in} = \left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{j\omega L} + j\omega C \right)^{-1},$$

the complex power delivered to the resonator is

$$\begin{aligned} P_{in} &= \frac{1}{2} VI^* = \frac{1}{2} Z_{in} |I|^2 = \frac{1}{2} |V|^2 \frac{1}{Z_{in}^*} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |V|^2 \left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{j}{\omega L} - j\omega C \right). \end{aligned}$$

As in the series case, resonance occurs when $W_m = W_e$. Then the input impedance is

$$Z_{\text{in}} = \frac{P_{\text{loss}}}{\frac{1}{2}|I|^2} = R,$$

$W_m = W_e$ implies that the resonant frequency, ω_0 , can be defined as

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}},$$

the unloaded Q of the parallel resonant circuit can be expressed as

$$Q_0 = \omega_0 \frac{2W_m}{P_{\text{loss}}} = \frac{R}{\omega_0 L} = \omega_0 RC,$$

Again letting $\omega = \omega_0 + \omega$, where ω is small,

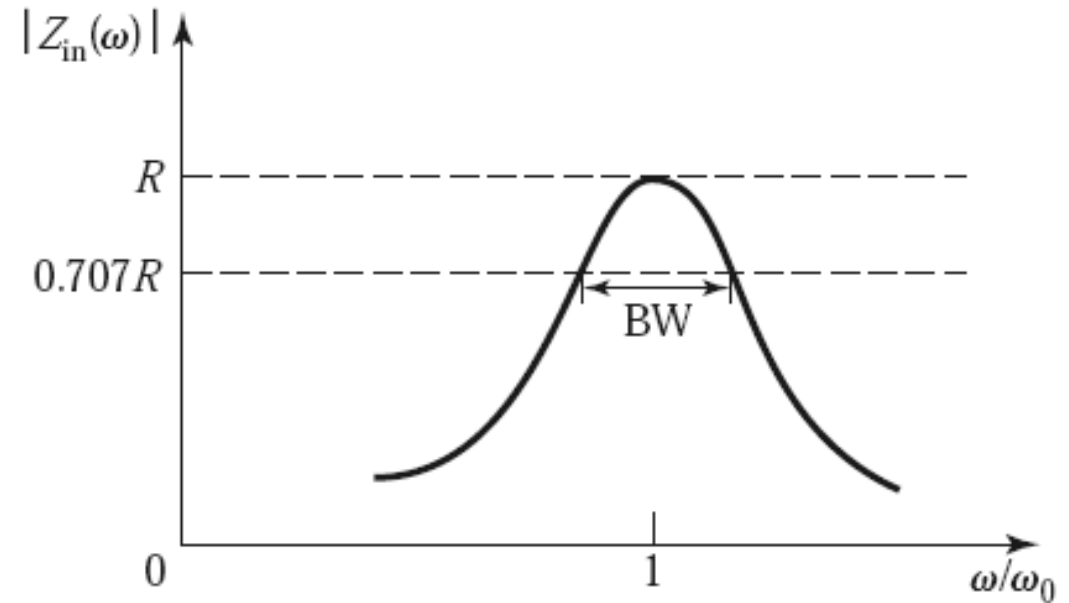
$$Z_{\text{in}} \simeq \frac{R}{1 + 2j\Delta\omega RC} = \frac{R}{1 + 2jQ_0\Delta\omega/\omega_0},$$

The half-power bandwidth edges occur at frequencies

$$|Z_{\text{in}}|^2 = \frac{R^2}{2},$$

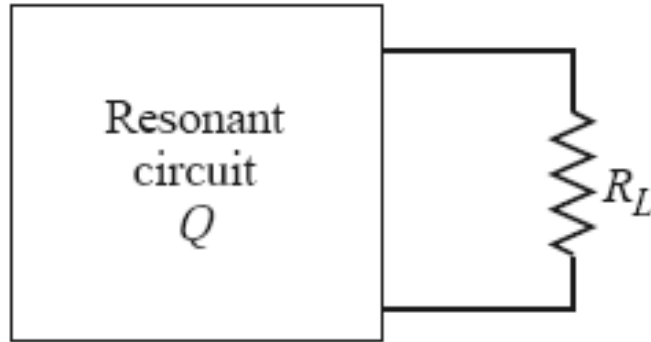
The bandwidth is

$$BW = \frac{1}{Q_0},$$



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Loaded and Unloaded Q



A resonant circuit connected to an external load, RL

The unloaded Q , Q_0 is a characteristic of the resonator itself in the absence of any loading.

The loaded Q , Q_L is a characteristic of the resonator with the external load resistor, RL .

□ If the resonator is a **series RLC circuit**, the load resistor $\mathbf{R_L}$ **adds in series with \mathbf{R}** , so the effective resistance is $\mathbf{R + R_L}$.

□ If the resonator is a **parallel RLC circuit**, the load resistor $\mathbf{R_L}$ **combines in parallel with \mathbf{R}** , so the effective resistance is $\mathbf{RR_L / (R + R_L)}$.

If we define an external Q, Q_e , as

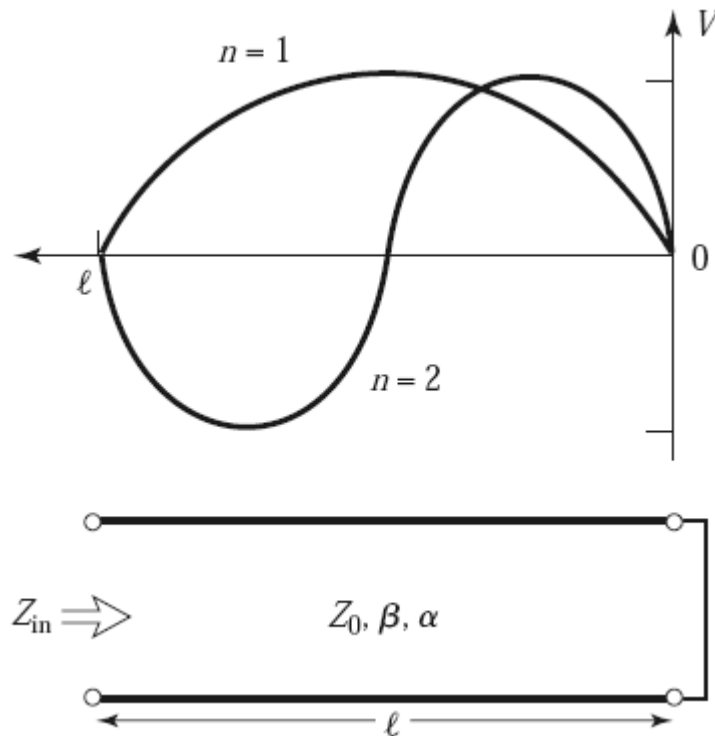
$$Q_e = \begin{cases} \frac{\omega_0 L}{R_L} & \text{for series circuits} \\ \frac{R_L}{\omega_0 L} & \text{for parallel circuits,} \end{cases}$$

then the loaded Q can be expressed as

$$\frac{1}{Q_L} = \frac{1}{Q_e} + \frac{1}{Q_0}.$$

6.2 TRANSMISSION LINE RESONATORS (传输线谐振器)

Short-Circuited $\lambda/2$ Line



The input impedance Z_{in} at a distance ℓ from the load is

$$Z_{in} = \frac{V(-\ell)}{I(-\ell)} = Z_0 \frac{Z_L + Z_0 \tanh \gamma \ell}{Z_0 + Z_L \tanh \gamma \ell}.$$

Then the input impedance of a short-circuited line is

$$Z_{in} = Z_0 \tanh(\alpha + j\beta)\ell.$$

$$Z_{\text{in}} = Z_0 \frac{\tanh \alpha l + j \tan \beta l}{1 + j \tan \beta l \tanh \alpha l}.$$

Observe that $Z_{\text{in}} = jZ_0 \tan \beta l$ if $\alpha = 0$ (a lossless line).

In practice it is usually desirable to use a low-loss transmission line, so we assume that $\alpha l \ll 1$, and then $\tanh \alpha l \simeq \alpha l$. Again let $\omega = \omega_0 + \Delta\omega$, where $\Delta\omega$ is small. Then, assuming a TEM line, we have

$$\beta l = \frac{\omega l}{v_p} = \frac{\omega_0 l}{v_p} + \frac{\Delta\omega l}{v_p},$$

Because $l = \lambda/2 = \pi v_p/\omega_0$

$$\beta l = \pi + \frac{\Delta\omega\pi}{\omega_0},$$

$$\tan \beta l = \tan \left(\pi + \frac{\Delta\omega\pi}{\omega_0} \right) = \tan \frac{\Delta\omega\pi}{\omega_0} \simeq \frac{\Delta\omega\pi}{\omega_0}.$$

$$Z_{\text{in}} \simeq Z_0 \frac{\alpha l + j(\Delta\omega\pi/\omega_0)}{1 + j(\Delta\omega\pi/\omega_0)\alpha l} \simeq Z_0 \left(\alpha l + j \frac{\Delta\omega\pi}{\omega_0} \right),$$

It is of the form

$$Z_{\text{in}} = R + 2jL \Delta\omega,$$

which is the input impedance of **a series RLC resonant circuit** with

the equivalent resistance $R = Z_0 \alpha l,$

the equivalent inductance $L = \frac{Z_0 \pi}{2\omega_0}.$

the equivalent capacitance $C = \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 L}.$

Resonance also occurs for $l = n\lambda/2, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

The unloaded Q of this resonator is

$$Q_0 = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R} = \frac{\pi}{2\alpha l} = \frac{\beta}{2\alpha},$$

since $\beta = \pi$ at the first resonance. This result shows that the Q decreases as the attenuation of the line increases.

EXAMPLE 6.1 Q OF HALF-WAVE COAXIAL LINE RESONATORS

A $\lambda/2$ resonator is made from a piece of copper coaxial line having an inner conductor radius of 1 mm and an outer conductor radius of 4 mm. If the resonant frequency is 5 GHz, compare the unloaded Q of an air-filled coaxial line resonator to that of a Teflon-filled coaxial line resonator.

Solution

We first compute the attenuation of the coaxial line, using the results of Examples 2.6 or 2.7. From Appendix F, the conductivity of copper is $\sigma = 5.813 \times 10^7 \text{ S/m}$. The surface resistivity at 5 GHz is

$$R_s = \sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu_0}{2\sigma}} = 1.84 \times 10^{-2} \Omega.$$

The attenuation due to conductor loss for the air-filled line is

$$\alpha_c = \frac{R_s}{2\eta \ln b/a} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1.84 \times 10^{-2}}{2(377) \ln (0.004/0.001)} \left(\frac{1}{0.001} + \frac{1}{0.004} \right) = 0.022 \text{ Np/m.}$$

For Teflon, $r = 2.08$ and $\tan \delta = 0.0004$, so the attenuation due to conductor loss for the Teflon-filled line is

$$\alpha_c = \frac{1.84 \times 10^{-2} \sqrt{2.08}}{2(377) \ln (0.004/0.001)} \left(\frac{1}{0.001} + \frac{1}{0.004} \right) = 0.032 \text{ Np/m.}$$

The dielectric loss of the air-filled line is zero, but the dielectric loss of the Teflon-filled line is

$$\alpha_d = k_0 \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}{2} \tan \delta$$

$$= \frac{(104.7) \sqrt{2.08} (0.0004)}{2} = 0.030 \text{ Np/m.}$$

Thus

$$Q_{\text{air}} = \frac{\beta}{2\alpha} = \frac{104.7}{2(0.022)} = 2380,$$

$$Q_{\text{Teflon}} = \frac{\beta}{2\alpha} = \frac{104.7 \sqrt{2.08}}{2(0.032 + 0.030)} = 1218.$$

Short-Circuited $\lambda/4$ Line

The input impedance of a shorted line of length l is

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{in}} &= Z_0 \tanh(\alpha + j\beta)l \\ &= Z_0 \frac{\tanh \alpha l + j \tan \beta l}{1 + j \tan \beta l \tanh \alpha l} \\ &= Z_0 \frac{1 - j \tanh \alpha l \cot \beta l}{\tanh \alpha l - j \cot \beta l}, \end{aligned}$$

Now assume that $l = \lambda/4$ at $\omega = \omega_0$, and let $\omega = \omega_0 + \Delta\omega$. Then, for a TEM line

$$\begin{aligned} \beta l &= \frac{\omega_0 l}{v_p} + \frac{\Delta\omega l}{v_p} = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi \Delta\omega}{2\omega_0}, \\ \cot \beta l &= \cot \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi \Delta\omega}{2\omega_0} \right) = -\tan \frac{\pi \Delta\omega}{2\omega_0} \simeq \frac{-\pi \Delta\omega}{2\omega_0}, \\ Z_{\text{in}} &= Z_0 \frac{1 + j\alpha l \pi \Delta\omega / 2\omega_0}{\alpha l + j\pi \Delta\omega / 2\omega_0} \simeq \frac{Z_0}{\alpha l + j\pi \Delta\omega / 2\omega_0}, \end{aligned}$$

This result is of the same form as the impedance of a parallel *RLC* circuit,

$$Z_{\text{in}} = \frac{1}{(1/R) + 2j\Delta\omega C}.$$

the resistance of the equivalent circuit as

$$R = \frac{Z_0}{\alpha\ell}$$

the capacitance of the equivalent circuit as

$$C = \frac{\pi}{4\omega_0 Z_0}.$$

the capacitance of the equivalent circuit as

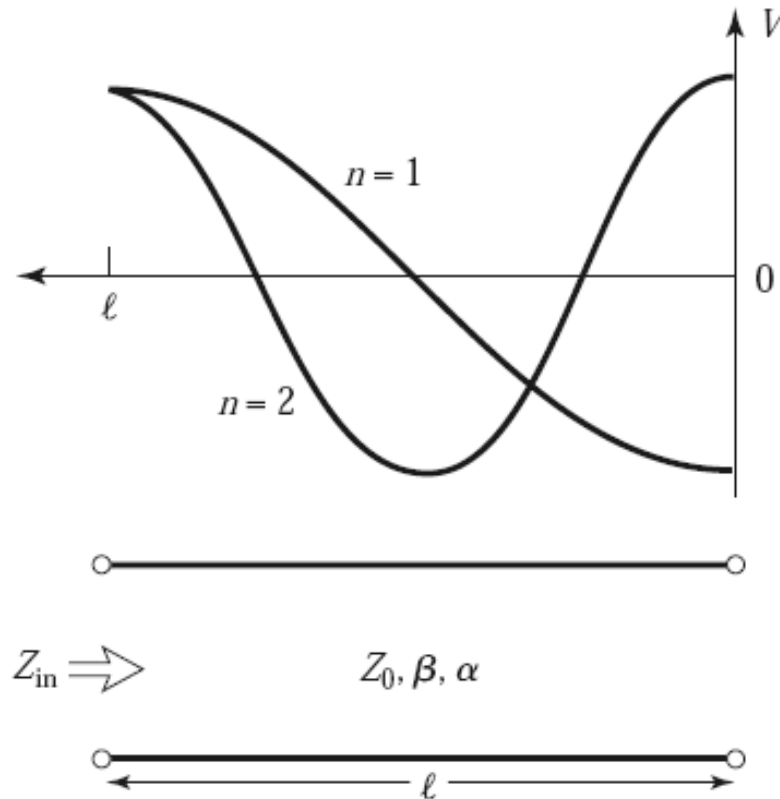
$$L = \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 C}.$$

has a parallel-type resonance for $l = \lambda/4$, with an input impedance at resonance of

$$Z_{\text{in}} = R = Z_0/\alpha\ell.$$

$$Q_0 = \omega_0 RC = \frac{\pi}{4\alpha\ell} = \frac{\beta}{2\alpha},$$

Open-Circuited $\lambda/2$ Line



This resonator will behave as a parallel resonant circuit when the length is $\lambda/2$, or multiples of $\lambda/2$.

The input impedance of an open-circuited lossy transmission line of length l is

$$Z_{\text{in}} = Z_0 \coth(\alpha + j\beta)l = Z_0 \frac{1 + j \tan \beta l \tanh \alpha l}{\tanh \alpha l + j \tan \beta l}.$$

As before, assume that $l = \lambda/2$ at $\omega = \omega_0$, and let $\omega = \omega_0 + \Delta\omega$. Then,

$$\beta l = \pi + \frac{\pi \Delta\omega}{\omega_0},$$

$$\tan \beta l = \tan \frac{\Delta\omega\pi}{\omega} \simeq \frac{\Delta\omega\pi}{\omega_0},$$

$$Z_{\text{in}} = \frac{Z_0}{\alpha l + j(\Delta\omega\pi/\omega_0)}.$$

Comparison with the input impedance of a parallel resonant circuit,

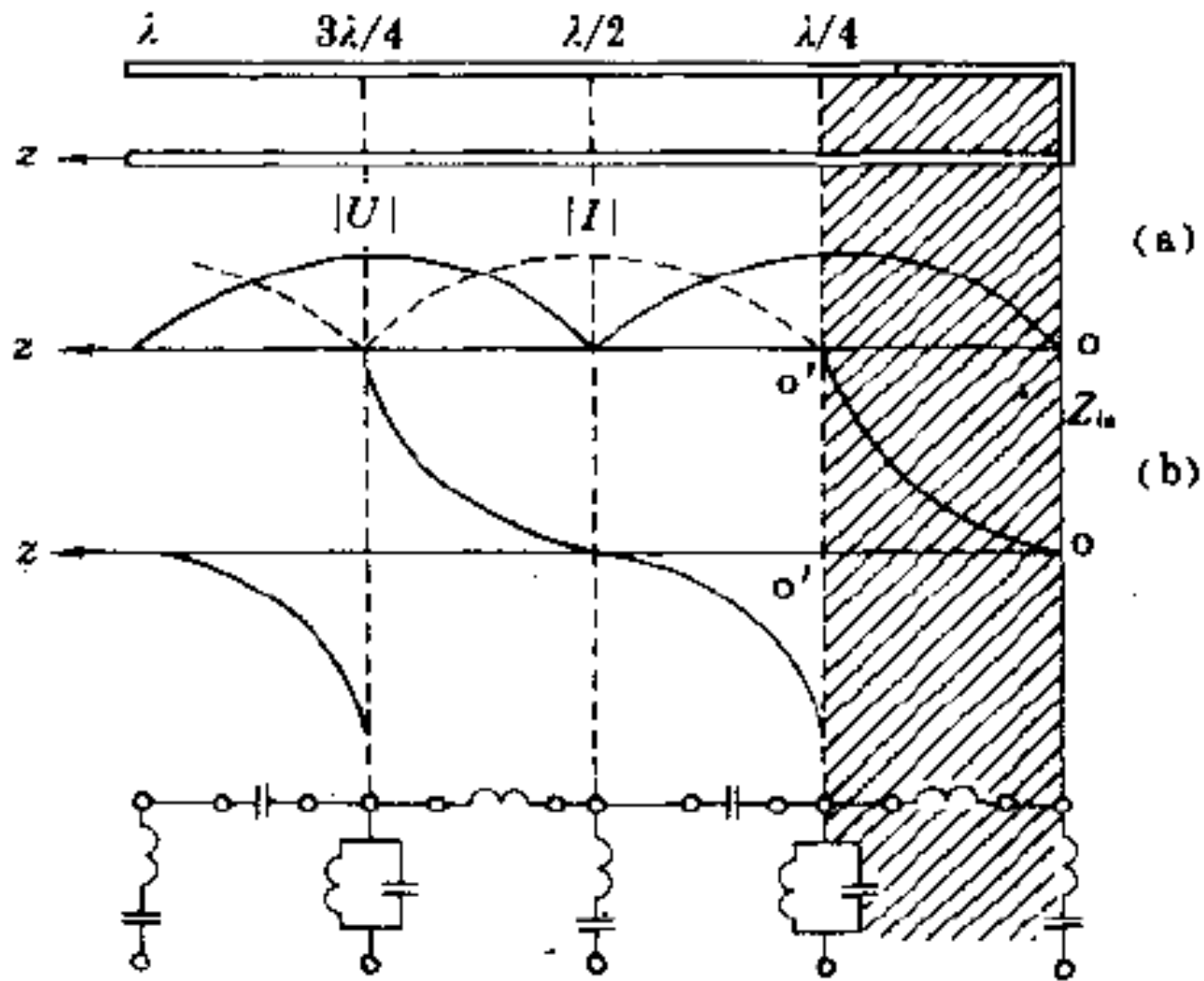
$$Z_{\text{in}} = \frac{1}{(1/R) + 2j\Delta\omega C}.$$

the resistance of the equivalent circuit as $R = \frac{Z_0}{\alpha l},$

the capacitance of the equivalent circuit as $C = \frac{\pi}{2\omega_0 Z_0}.$

the inductance of the equivalent circuit as $L = \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 C}.$

the unloaded Q is $Q_0 = \omega_0 RC = \frac{\pi}{2\alpha l} = \frac{\beta}{2\alpha},$



开路 $\lambda/4$ 传输线是何种谐振电路？

图 2.5 无耗开路线的驻波特性

(a)电压、电流振幅分布图;(b)阻抗特性曲线

EXAMPLE 6.2 A HALF-WAVE MICROSTRIP RESONATOR

Consider a microstrip resonator constructed from a $\lambda/2$ length of 50 Ω open circuited microstrip line. The substrate is Teflon ($\epsilon_r = 2.08$, $\tan \delta = 0.0004$), with a thickness of 0.159 cm, and the conductors are copper. Compute the required length of the line for resonance at 5 GHz, and the unloaded Q of the resonator. Ignore fringing fields at the end of the line.

Solution:

From

$$\frac{W}{d} = \begin{cases} \frac{8e^A}{e^{2A} - 2} & \text{for } W/d < 2 \\ \frac{2}{\pi} \left[B - 1 - \ln(2B - 1) + \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{2\epsilon_r} \left\{ \ln(B - 1) + 0.39 - \frac{0.61}{\epsilon_r} \right\} \right] & \text{for } W/d > 2, \end{cases} \quad (3.197)$$

$$A = \frac{Z_0}{60} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_r + 1}{2}} + \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 1} \left(0.23 + \frac{0.11}{\epsilon_r} \right)$$

$$B = \frac{377\pi}{2Z_0\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

the width of a 50ohm microstrip line on this substrate is found to be $W = 0.508 \text{ cm}$, and the effective permittivity is $\epsilon_e = 1.80$. The resonant length can then be calculated as

$$\ell = \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{v_p}{2f} = \frac{c}{2f\sqrt{\epsilon_e}} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{2(5 \times 10^9)\sqrt{1.80}} = 2.24 \text{ cm.}$$

The propagation constant is

$$\beta = \frac{2\pi f}{v_p} = \frac{2\pi f\sqrt{\epsilon_e}}{c} = \frac{2\pi(5 \times 10^9)\sqrt{1.80}}{3 \times 10^8} = 151.0 \text{ rad/m.}$$

the attenuation due to conductor loss is

$$\alpha_c = \frac{R_s}{Z_0 W} = \frac{1.84 \times 10^{-2}}{50(0.00508)} = 0.0724 \text{ Np/m,}$$

the attenuation due to dielectric loss is

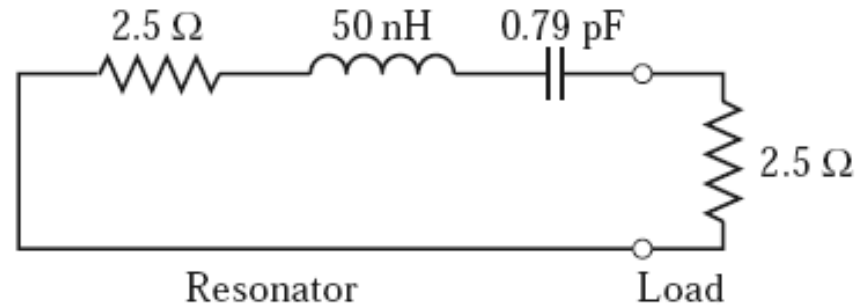
$$\alpha_d = \frac{k_0 \epsilon_r (\epsilon_e - 1) \tan \delta}{2 \sqrt{\epsilon_e} (\epsilon_r - 1)} = \frac{(104.7)(2.08)(0.80)(0.0004)}{2 \sqrt{1.80}(1.08)} = 0.024 \text{ Np/m.}$$

the unloaded Q is

$$Q_0 = \frac{\beta}{2\alpha} = \frac{151.0}{2(0.0724 + 0.024)} = 783.$$

Homework

6.1 A series RLC resonator with an external load is shown below. Find the resonant frequency, the unloaded Q, and the loaded Q.



6.3 A transmission line resonator is fabricated from a $\lambda/4$ length of open-circuited line. Find the unloaded Q of this resonator if the complex propagation constant of the line is $\alpha + j\beta$.

- 6.5** A resonator is constructed from a 3.0 cm length of 100 Ω air-filled coaxial line, shorted at one end and terminated with a capacitor at the other end, as shown below.
- (a) Determine the capacitor value to achieve the lowest order resonance at 6.0 GHz.
- (b) Now assume that loss is introduced by placing a 10,000 Ω resistor in parallel with the capacitor. Calculate the unloaded Q.

