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Lecture 09
Scattering Matrix (S-Parameters) Part-1

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Ref: K. C. Gupta, "Microwaves", New Age Publishers 2002

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The scattering parameters can be measured directly from instruments called network analyzers so, let us consider an N port network and at the Nth port let us define, the parameter a_n which is voltage V_n plus the incident voltage at the Nth port, normalized with respect to square root of Z_0^n the Z_0^n being the impedance of the Nth port, similarly we define b_n is V_n minus divided by root Z_0^n . So to illustrate, let us consider a 2 port network.

So, these parameters a_1 and b_1 there the incident and reflected parameters, they represent the incident and reflected waves, in port 1 similarly a_2 b_2 represents the incident and reflected waves at port 2. And we can write the reflected waves b_1 as $S_{11} a_1$ plus $S_{12} a_2$; similarly b_2 $S_{21} a_1$ plus $S_{22} a_2$, and this can be written in the form of matrix b_s a now this s matrix it is the scattering matrix for this 2 port network.

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The current at the n^{th} port

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \frac{1}{Z_{0n}} (V_n^+ - V_n^-) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z_{0n}}} (a_n - b_n) \end{aligned}$$

Power flow at the n^{th} port is given by

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}(V_n I_n^*) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}\{(a_n + b_n)(a_n - b_n)^*\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}\{a_n a_n^* - b_n b_n^* + (a_n^* b_n - b_n^* a_n)\} \end{aligned}$$

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Similarly, the current at the N^{th} port is defined as $I_N = \frac{1}{Z_0^N} (V_N^+ - V_N^-)$, and therefore, we can write I_N to be equal to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{Z_0^N}} (a_N - b_N)$. And if we calculate the power flow at the N^{th} port, then it is half real part of $V_N I_N^*$ conjugate and when we substitute V_N and I_N we get, P_N is half real part of $(a_N + b_N)(a_N - b_N)^*$. When it is expanded, we can write in this form $a_N a_N^* - b_N b_N^* + (a_N^* b_N - b_N^* a_N)$. Plus a conjugate b_N minus b_N conjugate a_N .

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$$\therefore P_n = \frac{1}{2} (a_n a_n^* - b_n b_n^*)$$

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Now this term can be shown to be purely imaginary and therefore, we can write P_n is equal to half an an conjugate minus $b_n b_n$ conjugate. Now this term half an an conjugate, which can be written as $\text{mod } V_n$ plus square divided by Z_0^n . it is the power carried to the N^{th} port by the incident wave. Similarly, half b_n conjugate is b_n minus magnitude square divided by $2 Z_0^n$ it is the power reflected back from the N^{th} port.

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$$\therefore [V] = [Z][I]$$

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Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} [V^+] + [V^-] &= [Z] \frac{1}{Z_0} ([V^+] - [V^-]) \\ &= [Z'] ([V^+] - [V^-]) \end{aligned}$$

where $[Z'] = \frac{[Z]}{Z_0}$

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Now let us discuss the symmetry property of s matrix. Now we have already seen that for a reciprocal network z matrix is symmetric. Now let us start over discussion, with the assumption that all the port impedances are same that means Z_0^n is equal to z Naught. So we can write V matrix as V plus and V matrix and I matrix and replace by 1 by z Naught V plus minus V minus. And that can be written as Z dash V plus minus V minus.

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Rearranging the terms we can write

$$([Z'] + [U])[V^-] = ([Z'] - [U])[V^+]$$

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So if we rearrange the terms that mean we take V minus, a terms in one side and V plus terms on the other side then, we can write, this u is the unity matrix and similarly when we have all the port impedances are same equal to z Naught the scattering matrix be is equal to S a this term can be written as V minus S, V plus and from this term above we can find V minus to be equal to Z dash plus U inverse into z dash minus U into V plus. If we compare these 2, then we get s equal to z dash plus u inverse into z dash minus u. so these expressions establish a relationship between the s matrix and the z matrix rather z dash matrix where we have normalized z matrix by z Naught. We can also have an alternative form of representation for the scattering matrix.

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An alternate form for the scattering matrix can be derived as follows:

At the n^{th} port

$$V_n = V_n^+ + V_n^-$$

$$I_n = \frac{1}{Z_0}(V_n^+ - V_n^-)$$

$$\therefore V_n^+ = \frac{1}{2}(V_n + Z_0 I_n)$$

$$V_n^- = \frac{1}{2}(V_n - Z_0 I_n)$$

$$[V^+] = \frac{1}{2}([V] + Z_0[I]) = \frac{1}{2}([Z] + Z_0[U])[I] \quad \text{and}$$

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We can derive it like this at the Nth port, we have V_n equal to V_n plus plus V_n minus and I_n is 1 by z Naught, V_n plus minus V_n minus. So, we can write, we can find out the expression for V_n plus and V_n minus from these 2, and then we can write, V_n plus as half the voltage matrix for the incident wave, V plus is equal to half Z plus Z Naught U I and similarly, for the voltage matrix for the reflected waves we can write in this form.

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$$[I] = 2([Z] + Z_0[U])^{-1}[V^+]$$

$$\therefore [V^-] = ([Z] - Z_0[U])([Z] + Z_0[U])^{-1}[V^+]$$

$$[V^-] = ([Z'] - [U])([Z'] + [U])^{-1}[V^+]$$

$$\therefore [S] = ([Z'] - [U])([Z'] + [U])^{-1}$$

From our earlier derivation we have

$$[S] = ([Z'] + [U])^{-1}([Z'] - [U])$$

Since $[Z']$ & $[U]$ are symmetrical matrices

$$(([Z'] + [U])^{-1})^t = ([Z'] + [U])^{-1} \quad \& \quad ([Z'] - [U])^t = ([Z'] - [U])$$

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Now from these 2 relation we can find S scattering matrix, so once we make all these substitutions, we finally get the expression for s, which is s is equal to z dash minus U, multiplied by Z dash plus U inverse. So, this is another expression for scattering matrix S in terms of this normalized impedance matrix. And from our earlier derivation we got, this expression, now since Z dash and U that, these 2 matrix are symmetrical, so if we take transverse of these, then we can find S is equal to S transpose.

Because once, we take the transverse of this matrix, this inverse transpose will be same as the inverse for a symmetric matrix and Z dash minus U transpose will be equal to Z dash minus U. From this we can find that S is equal to S transpose, and this shows that the scattering matrix for a microwave network is symmetric.

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When the port impedances Z_{0n} are all different we can write

$$\bar{V}_n = (V_n^+ + V_n^-) / \sqrt{Z_{0n}} = V_n / \sqrt{Z_{0n}} = a_n + b_n$$

$$\bar{I}_n = (V^+ - V^-) / \sqrt{Z_{0n}} = I_n \sqrt{Z_{0n}} = a_n - b_n$$

We define,

$$[\sqrt{Z_{0n}}] = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{Z_{01}} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \sqrt{Z_{02}} & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \sqrt{Z_{0N}} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and}$$

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We can also show that when all the port impedances z_{0n} are different then also this property holds. So in order to show that we write V_n bar to be equal to V_n plus V_n minus divided by root z_{0n} , and this is actually an plus b_n and in the same manner I_n bar becomes an minus b_n . And we introduce 2 square matrixes 1 is a matrix of root z_{0n} which is all the diagonal elements as root z_{0n} and of the diagonal elements are zero. And another matrix where the diagonal elements are 1 by root z_{0n} .

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Using these two matrices we can write

$$[V] = [\sqrt{z_{0n}}][\bar{V}]$$

$$[I] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{z_{0n}}} \end{bmatrix} [\bar{I}]$$

$\therefore [V] = [Z][I]$ can be written as

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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore [\bar{V}] &= [\sqrt{z_{0n}}]^{-1} [Z] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{z_{0n}}} \end{bmatrix} [\bar{I}] \\ &= [\bar{Z}][\bar{I}] \end{aligned}$$

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Now if we introduce these 2 matrices we can write the voltage matrix V can be related to normalized voltage V bar and similarly, current matrix I can be related to normalized current matrix I bar. And this equation V matrix is equal to z matrix into I matrix can be written as shown here, in terms of the normalized voltages and currents. And then we find that this normalized voltage matrix is related to the current matrix in this manner, where we have a matrix root z0n inverse then, the matrix z another matrix 1 by root z0n.

So, we denote this as Z bar and therefore, we have now V bar is equal to Z bar, I bar. Please note that this matrix Z bar is symmetric, because the component matrix z0n, 1 by z0n, z they are all symmetric matrices and Z bar is the product of these symmetric matrices.

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$$[a] + [b] = [\bar{V}]$$

$$[a] - [b] = [\bar{I}]$$

$$[a] + [b] = [\bar{V}] = [\bar{Z}][\bar{I}]$$

$$= [\bar{Z}]([a] - [b])$$

$$\therefore [b] + [\bar{Z}][\bar{b}] = [\bar{Z}][a] - [a]$$

$$\therefore ([U] + [\bar{Z}])[\bar{b}] = ([\bar{Z}] - [U])[a]$$

$$\therefore [\bar{b}] = ([U] + [\bar{Z}])^{-1}([\bar{Z}] - [U])[a]$$

$$\therefore [S] = ([\bar{Z}] + [U])^{-1}([\bar{Z}] - [U])$$

Symmetry of S-matrix

$$\begin{aligned} [a] + [b] &= [\bar{V}] \\ [a] - [b] &= [\bar{I}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [a] + [b] &= [\bar{V}] = [\bar{Z}][\bar{I}] \\ &= [\bar{Z}]([a] - [b]) \end{aligned}$$

Since $[U]$ and $[\bar{Z}]$ are symmetric, $[S]$ is symmetric.

$$\therefore [b] + [\bar{Z}][b] = [\bar{Z}][a] - [a]$$

Thus, for any linear, and reciprocal network (i.e. where $[Z]$ matrix is symmetric), the scattering matrix $[S]$ is symmetric.

$$\therefore ([U] + [\bar{Z}])[b] = ([\bar{Z}] - [U])[a]$$

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So, we can relate the normalized voltage matrix to matrices a and b as shown. Similarly, the normalized current matrix can be related to matrices a and b as, a minus b equal to I bar. Now V bar can be replaced at Z bar I bar and then, we replaced I bar and then, rearranging the terms we can write, b to be U plus Z bar inverse into Z bar minus U a. now this essentially gives the s matrix the scattering matrix S in terms of the unity matrix U normalized Z matrix.

Now since, U and Z bar they are symmetric S is also symmetric and therefore, for any linear and reciprocal network, that is where Z matrix is symmetric, the scattering matrix S is also symmetric.

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$$\text{We have seen that } P_n = \frac{1}{2}(a_n a_n^* - b_n b_n^*)$$

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$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_N b_n b_n^* = \sum_N a_n a_n^*$$

$$\text{Since, } [b] = [S][a]$$

$$b_n = \sum_{i=1}^N S_{ni} a_i$$

Therefore, we can write

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \left| \sum_{i=1}^N S_{ni} a_i \right|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n a_n^*$$

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Now let us consider the scattering matrix representation for a lossless junction. By a lossless junction, we mean that whatever power it enters the network, through different ports same power will leave the network and we have seen that the power in the N th port P_n is given by half an an conjugate minus $b_n b_n$ conjugate, this is the incident power and this is the reflected power. So, when the junction is lossless total power leaving all N ports must be equal to the sum of the incident powers, and we will have $\sum P_n$ equal to 0, and from there, we can write, summation of $b_n b_n$ conjugate, is equal to summation of $a_n a_n$ conjugate.

Now since, we have b is equal to $S a$ we can write, b_n to be equal to sum of $S_{ni} a_i$. So, b_n is the N th element of the b vector and that can be obtained by multiplying the corresponding N th elements of N th row with the elements of vector I and summing them, over I to N . and then, if we substitute here, in this expression, b_n and b_n conjugate then essentially we will get modules of summation of $S_{ni} a_i$ square and this side we will get, summation of $a_n a_n$ conjugate.

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Since a_n parameters are independent, if we set all the a_n except a_i to be zero.

For this the equation $\sum_{n=1}^N |\sum_{i=1}^N S_{ni} a_i|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n a_n^*$ reduces to:

$$\sum_{n=1}^N |S_{ni} a_i|^2 = a_i a_i^* = |a_i|^2$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^N |S_{ni}|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N S_{ni} S_{ni}^* = 1$$

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Now this parameters are these are the input parameters and therefore, they can be chosen independently and if we set all the a_n except a_i to be 0 then, this equation what we have written, reduces to this. So it becomes this summation becomes, mod of a_i square and this summation it becomes a single term $S_{ni} a_i$ (magnitu) root square and therefore, what we see that, summation of S_{ni} square which is actually summation of $S_{ni} S_{ni}$ conjugate is equal to 1.

Now this S_{ni} essentially represents the element of the i th column of the scattering matrix. And this is the conjugate of the elements of the i th column and therefore, we can write that, the dot product of any column of scattering matrix S with the conjugate of that of the same column gives unity. And please note that here, this i may take any value from 1 to N . so, this relationship will be held for any column of the S matrix.

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Let us now consider another property of scattering parameters of a lossless junction.

Let us set all the a_n except a_s and a_r to be zero.

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$$\sum_{n=1}^N |S_{ns} a_s + S_{nr} a_r|^2 = a_s a_s^* + a_r a_r^* = |a_s|^2 + |a_r|^2$$

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Scattering Matrix for a Lossless Junction

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Now let us consider another property of the scattering parameters of a lossless junction. Now in this case what we will do, we consider a_s and a_r to be non-zero, and all other a_n is zero. Then, from this equation if we expand, we can write summation of 1 to N $S_{ns} a_s$ plus $S_{nr} a_r$ magnitude square, and on the right-hand side it becomes, a_s conjugate plus a_r conjugate, and this becomes a_s square plus a_r square. So, if we expand these product terms then, we find that we will have terms like summation of small n is equal to 1 to capital N. mod of S_{ns} square mod of a_s square.

Now these summations of mod of S_{ns} square as we have seen it will become 1. So, we will have mod of a_s square. Similarly, product of these 2 terms will give mod of a_r square and that will get cancelled with these 2 terms and making this simplification from this expression, we will get a relation of these form, which is summation of 1 to N $S_{nr} a_r S_{ns}^* a_s^*$ plus $S_{ns} a_s S_{nr}^* a_r^*$ is equal to zero.

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conjugate plus S_{nr} into S_{ns} conjugate is equal to zero. And if instead, we choose as equal r that means with a_r equal to real, that means this is as is purely imaginary and a_r is real, if we chose as a_r and a_s in this form, then we get another equation and we get, summation of $S_{ns} S_{nr}$ conjugate minus $S_{nr} S_{ns}$ conjugate equal to 0.

Now in this equation, you see that, we are getting the sum of these 2 terms and, here we are getting the difference of these 2 terms and in the both cases right hand side is equal to 0. So, neither a_r nor a_s is zero, the above 2 conditions can be satisfied only, if we have summation of $S_{ns} S_{nr}$ conjugate is equal to 0. and s is not equal to r . so, this can be put in this form therefore, we find that the dot product of a column of a scattering matrix of a lossless junction. With the complex conjugate of any another column is zero. So only condition we require is that, s is not equal to r that means the 2 columns are to be different.

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Now whatever, we discuss so far regarding the properties of the lossless junction, this can be derived using a different approach which is as follows, we have for a lossless junction. summation of $b_n b_n$ conjugate, is equal to summation of an a_n conjugate. And therefore, this term is essentially transpose of b into b conjugate and similarly, an conjugate. Can be written as transverse of a and a conjugate.

Now if we substitute b to be equal to $S a$ and then we take the transpose we get, a transpose S transpose, S conjugate, a conjugate, equal to a transpose a conjugate. That means this term will be a unity matrix.

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^N (S_{ns} a_s + S_{nr} a_r) (S_{ns} a_s + S_{nr} a_r)^* &= |a_s|^2 + |a_r|^2 \\ |a_s|^2 \sum_{n=1}^N S_{ns} S_{ns}^* + \sum_{n=1}^N (S_{nr} a_r S_{ns}^* a_s^* + S_{ns} a_s S_{nr}^* a_r^*) &+ |a_r|^2 \sum_{n=1}^N S_{nr} S_{nr}^* = |a_s|^2 + |a_r|^2 \\ \sum_{n=1}^N (S_{nr} a_r S_{ns}^* a_s^* + S_{ns} a_s S_{nr}^* a_r^*) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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So, s transverse s conjugate equal to u can be written as summation k equal to 1 to N , $S_{ki} S_{kj}^*$ conjugate is equal to δ_{ij} . Now this δ_{ij} is equal to 1 for i equal to j and δ_{ij} is equal to 0 for i not equal to j . and therefore, whenever i equal to j ., we can write k is equal to 1 to N $S_{ki} S_{ki}^*$ conjugate is equal to 1. So, this the condition we derived earlier, this essentially represents the dot product of the elements of 1 column, with the conjugate of the same column that means the i th column. And when i is not equal to j , that means the columns i and j are different in that case, if we take the dot product of the i th and j th column, S_{ki} and S_{kj}^* conjugate then this summation becomes zero.

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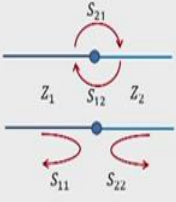
Example 1: Scattering matrix for the junction of two transmission lines

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Now let us consider one example to explain some of the things that we have discussed in this lecture, so we take this example, scattering matrix for the junction of 2 transmission lines, so it is shown here, here we can see a junction between 2 transmission line, this transmission line has the characteristic impedance of Z_1 and this is characteristic impedance of Z_2 . And this is S_{11} , and S_{22} these are essentially the reflection coefficient at the junction. And S_{21} and S_{12} these are the transmission coefficient for the junction.

And let us find out these S parameters S_{11} , S_{12} , S_{21} , S_{22} , so we have b_1 , b_2 this is equal to S_{11} , S_{12} , S_{21} , S_{22} in to a_1 , a_2 . And from this matrix relation we see that, S_{11} is essentially b_1 by a_1 when, a_2 equal to 0. Now we have defined a_2 to be V_2 plus divided by root z_0 to or here it is z_2 . So when a_2 equal to zero. It means V_2 plus is equal to 0. So we can write similarly, V_1 can be written as V_1 minus by root z_1 and a_1 can be written as V_1 plus divided by root z_1 and hence, S_{11} we can write as V_1 minus divided by V_1 plus when V_2 plus equal to zero.

Now if we take, this junction we can write, the voltage on the left hand side of the junction. It is V_1 plus, plus V_1 minus. On the right hand side of the junction we have already argued that, V_2 plus is zero, so we can write, V_1 plus V_1 minus is equal to V_2 minus, and if we equate the currents, then we can write, 1 by z_1 V_1 plus minus V_1 minus this is equal to V_2 minus by z_2 .

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$$\text{Therefore, } V_1^+ + V_1^- = \frac{Z_2}{Z_1} (V_1^+ - V_1^-)$$

$$\text{and } S_{11} = \left. \frac{V_1^-}{V_1^+} \right|_{V_2^+=0} = \frac{Z_2 - Z_1}{Z_2 + Z_1}$$

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And therefore, rearranging the terms we can write, $V_1 + V_1 - V_1 = z_2 V_1 / z_1$, $V_1 + V_1 - V_1 = z_2 V_1 / z_1$, $V_1 + V_1 - V_1 = z_2 V_1 / z_1$, when $V_2 = 0$. This can be put in this form, $z_2 - z_1$ divided by $z_2 + z_1$. And this is same as the reflection coefficient at the junction. And if you proceed in the same manner, you can show that, S_{22} is equal $z_1 - z_2$ divided by $z_1 + z_2$ and this is equal to minus S_{11} .

Now let us evaluate S_{21} , S_{21} is b_2 / a_1 when, $a_2 = 0$, and this can be written once, we substitute b_2 and a_1 , we can write $V_2 = V_2 - V_1 \sqrt{z_2}$, and a_1 is $V_1 + V_1 \sqrt{z_1}$. So, it can be written as S_{21} is equal to $\sqrt{z_1} / \sqrt{z_2} (V_2 - V_1) / (V_1 + V_1)$ for $V_2 = 0$, so we have seen that $V_1 + V_1 - V_1 = V_2 - V_1$ and from the current relationship we can write $1 / z_1 (V_1 + V_1) - V_1 = V_2 - V_1 / z_2$. and this can be once, we take z_1 in this side we can write, in this form.

And therefore, if we add this 2, we get $2 V_1 + V_1 = 1 + z_1 / z_2 (V_2 - V_1)$, and therefore, $V_2 - V_1 = V_1 + V_1$ when $V_2 = 0$, is $2 z_2$ divided by $z_1 + z_2$. So now we have this part evaluated and S_{21} we get, by scaling these with $\sqrt{z_1} / \sqrt{z_2}$ and then, we get S_{21} equal to $2 \sqrt{z_1} / \sqrt{z_2}$ divided by $z_1 + z_2$ and since, this junction is the reciprocal junction we will have, S_{12} equal to S_{21} .

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$$b_2 = S_{21} a_1 + S_{22} a_2 = -a_2$$

$$a_2 = -\frac{S_{21}}{1 + S_{22}} a_1$$

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We now consider second example, where what we do we find the reflection coefficient at the port 1 of a 2 port, when the port 2 is terminated to a short circuit, so let the S parameters for the 2 port we given, as S11, S12, S21, S22. And next what we do, in this 2 port we connect a short circuit, at the port 2. So when we put a short circuit, at the port 2. V2 becomes 0 and V2 is V2 plus, plus V2 minus so, when this term becomes zero, essentially a2 becomes equal to minus b2, and now if we take this b2 is equal to S21 a1 plus S22 a2 this can be written as minus a2 and from here, we can solve a2 equal to minus S21 divided by 1 plus S22 a1 and if you consider b1 then b1 is equal to S11 a1 plus S12 a2.

So, the reflection coefficient is V1 minus divided by V1 plus which is b1 by a1 and can be found as S11 and we replace a2 by this term, so S11 minus S21 divided by 1 plus S22.