



**ECE 344**

# Microwave Fundamentals

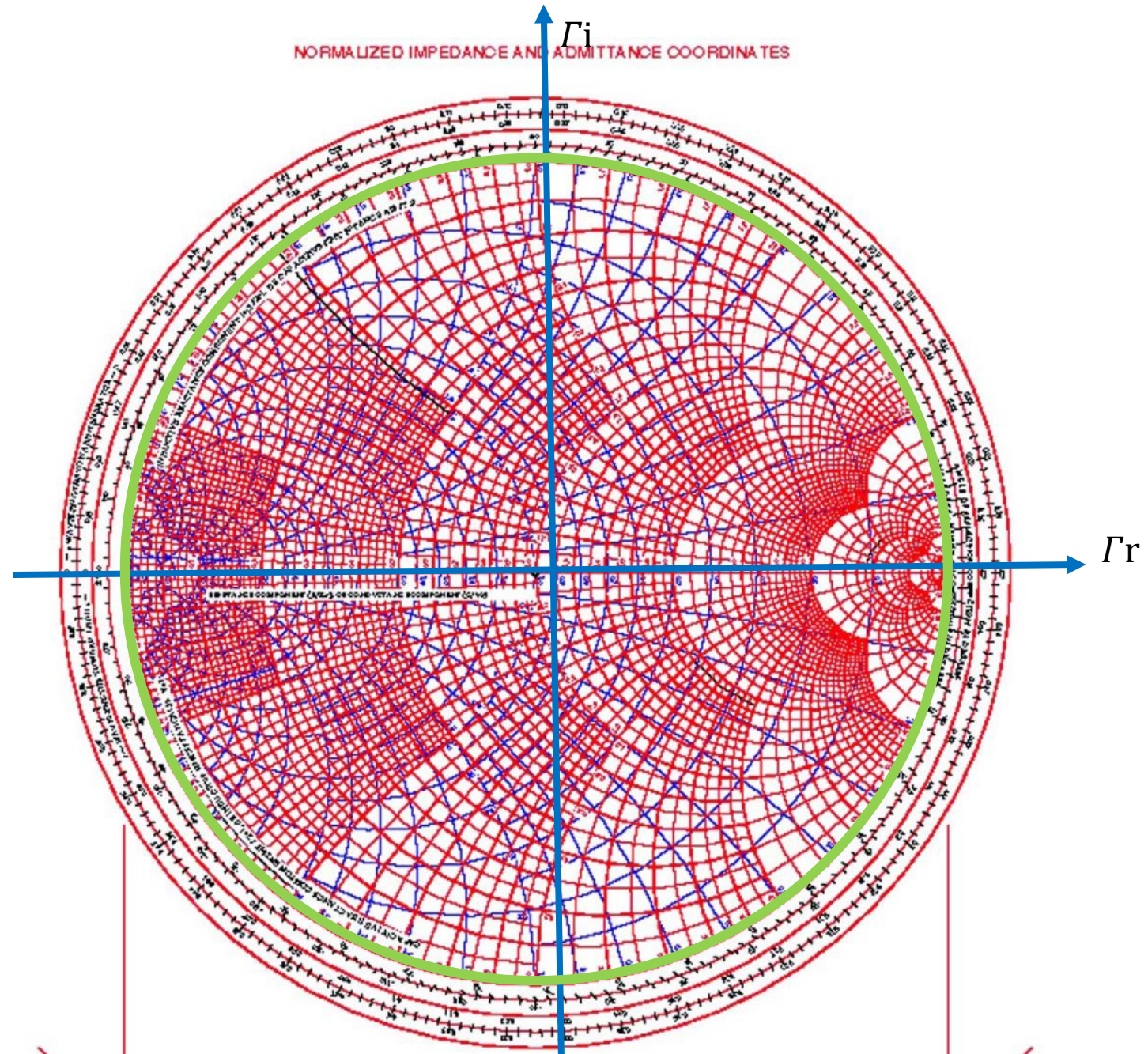
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## Impedance/Admittance smith chart

A chart of  $\Gamma$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_r + j \Gamma_i$$

Max reflection circle  
 $|\Gamma|=1$



# Impedance/Admittance smith chart

*You will learn*

- **Locate impedance** on smith chart read corresponding admittance and vice versa, move along TL read corresponding  $\Gamma_{in}$ ,  $Z_{in}$ , VSWR
- **Quarter wave transformation**
- **Adding elements** (series-shunt) to load impedance on Smith chart
- **Find input impedance to an arbitrary circuit** (may contain series, shunt, TL connections)

# Impedance ( $Z$ ) Chart

$$Z(-\ell) = Z_0 \left( \frac{1+\Gamma}{1-\Gamma} \right) \quad \Gamma = \Gamma(-\ell)$$

$$Z_n(-\ell) \equiv \frac{Z(-\ell)}{Z_0} = \left( \frac{1+\Gamma}{1-\Gamma} \right)$$

Define

$$Z_n = R_n + jX_n \quad ; \quad \Gamma = \Gamma_R + j\Gamma_I$$

Substitute into above expression for  $Z_n(-\ell)$ :

$$R_n + jX_n = \left( \frac{1 + (\Gamma_R + j\Gamma_I)}{1 - (\Gamma_R + j\Gamma_I)} \right)$$

Next, multiply both sides by the RHS denominator term and equate real and imaginary parts. Then solve the resulting equations for  $\Gamma_R$  and  $\Gamma_I$  in terms of  $R_n$  and  $X_n$ . This gives two equations.

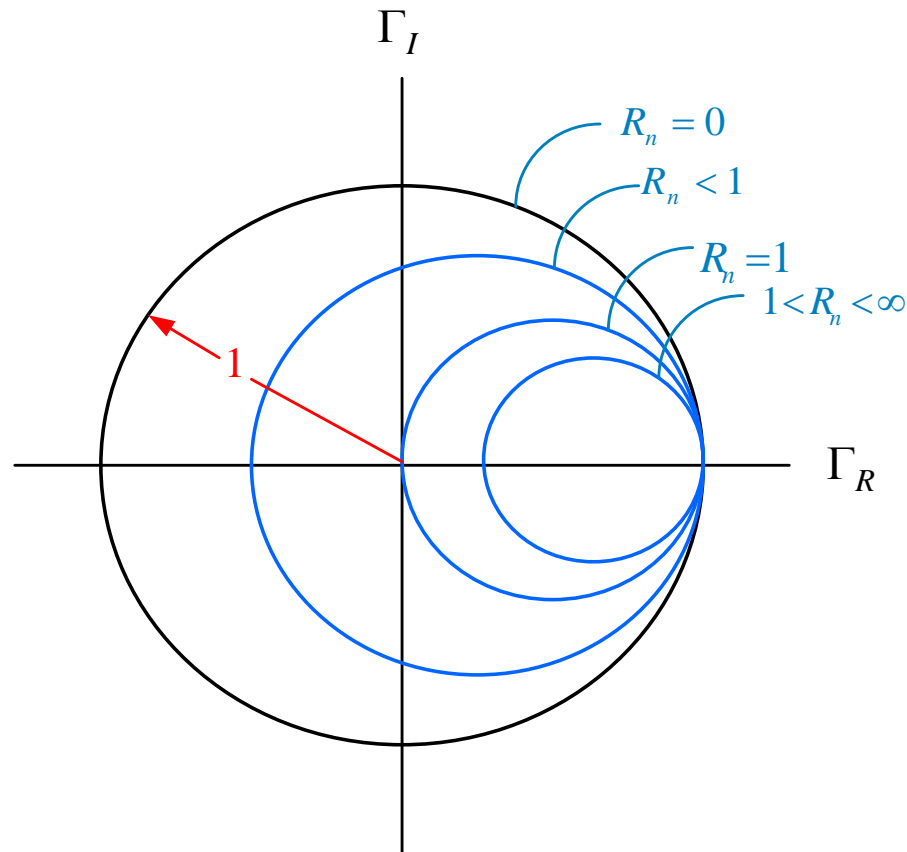
# Impedance (Z) Chart (cont.)

1) Equation #1:

$$\left(\Gamma_R - \frac{R_L}{1+R_L}\right)^2 + \Gamma_I^2 = \left(\frac{1}{1+R_L}\right)^2$$

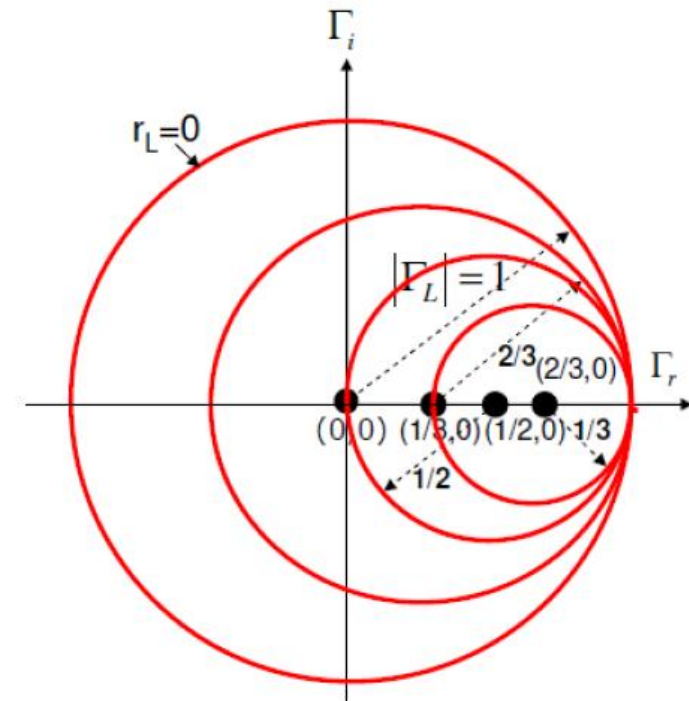
$$\text{center} = \left(\frac{R_L}{1+R_L}, 0\right)$$

$$\text{radius} = \frac{1}{1+R_L}$$



Transforming "r"

r	Radius	Center
0	1	(0,0)
1/2	2/3	(1/3,0)
1	1/2	(1/2,0)
2	1/3	(2/3,0)
∞	0	(1,0)

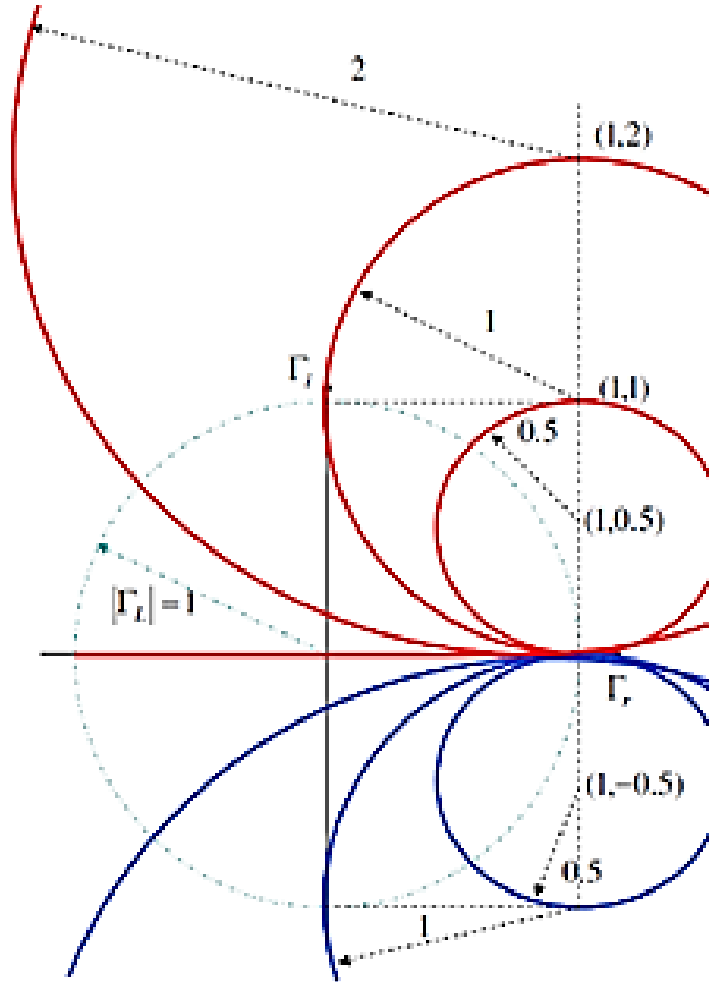


# Impedance (Z) Chart (cont.)

2) Equation #2:

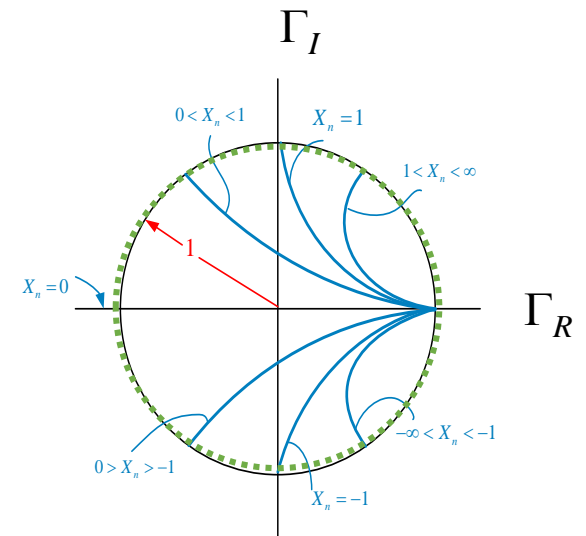
$$(\Gamma_R - 1)^2 + \left(\Gamma_I - \frac{1}{X_n}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{X_n}\right)^2$$

center =  $\left(1, \frac{1}{X_n}\right)$       radius =  $\frac{1}{|X_n|}$



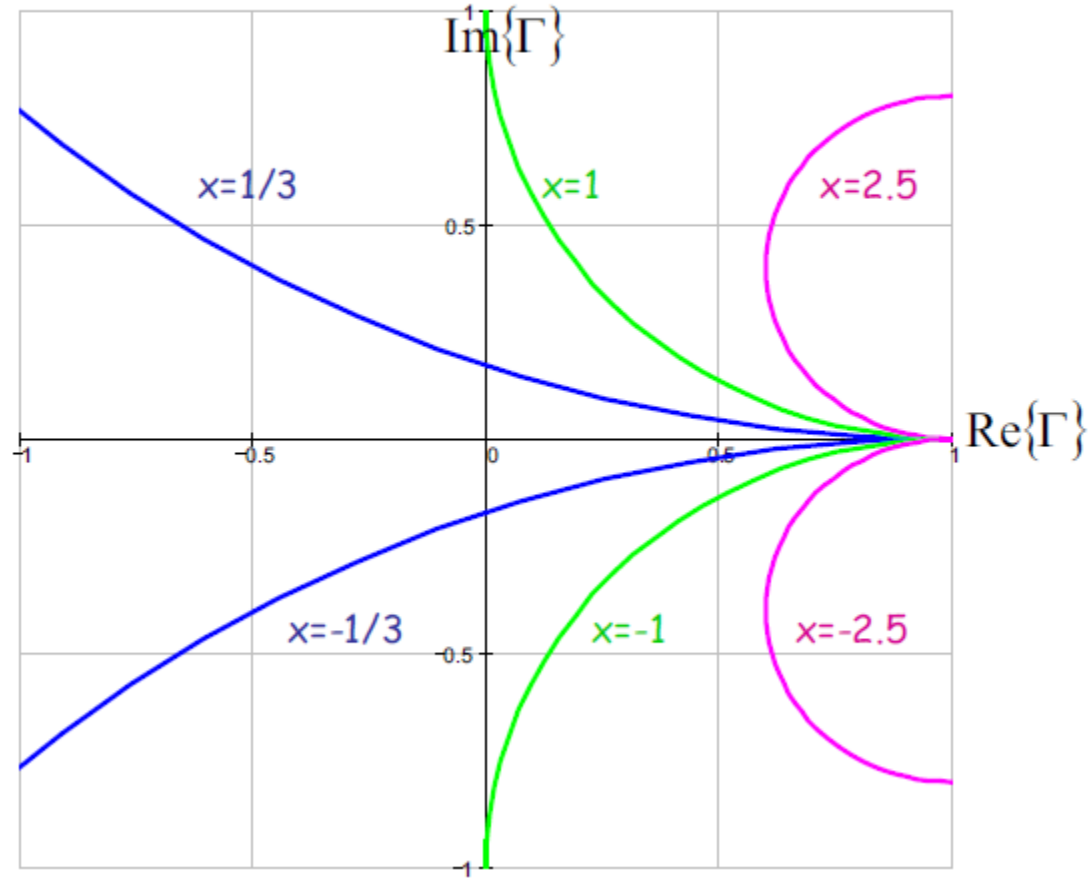
Transforming "x"

x	Radius	Center	x	Radius	Center
0	$\infty$	(1, $\infty$ )	0	$\infty$	(1, $-\infty$ )
0.5	2	(1, 2)	-0.5	2	(1, -2)
1	1	(1, 1)	-1	1	(1, -1)
2	0.5	(1, 0.5)	-2	0.5	(1, -0.5)
$\infty$	0	(1, 0)	$-\infty$	0	(1, 0)

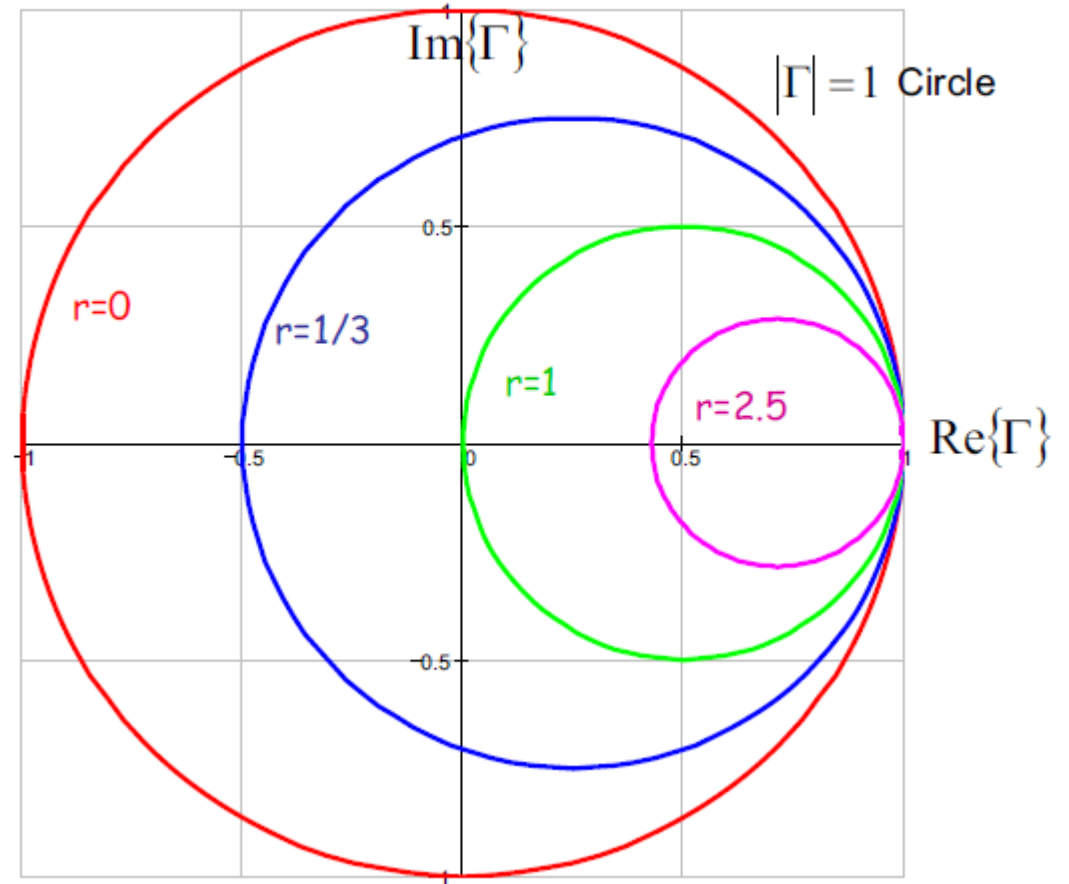


# Impedance Smith Chart

## Smith Chart – Imaginary Circles



## Smith Chart – Real Circles



# Impedance (Z) Chart (cont.)

## Important Points:

- ◆ Short Circuit  
 $\Gamma = -1, z = 0$
- ◆ Open Circuit  
 $\Gamma = 1, z \rightarrow \infty$
- ◆ Matched Load  
 $\Gamma = 0, z = 1$
- ◆ The circle  $|\Gamma| = 1$  describes a lossless element (C or L)

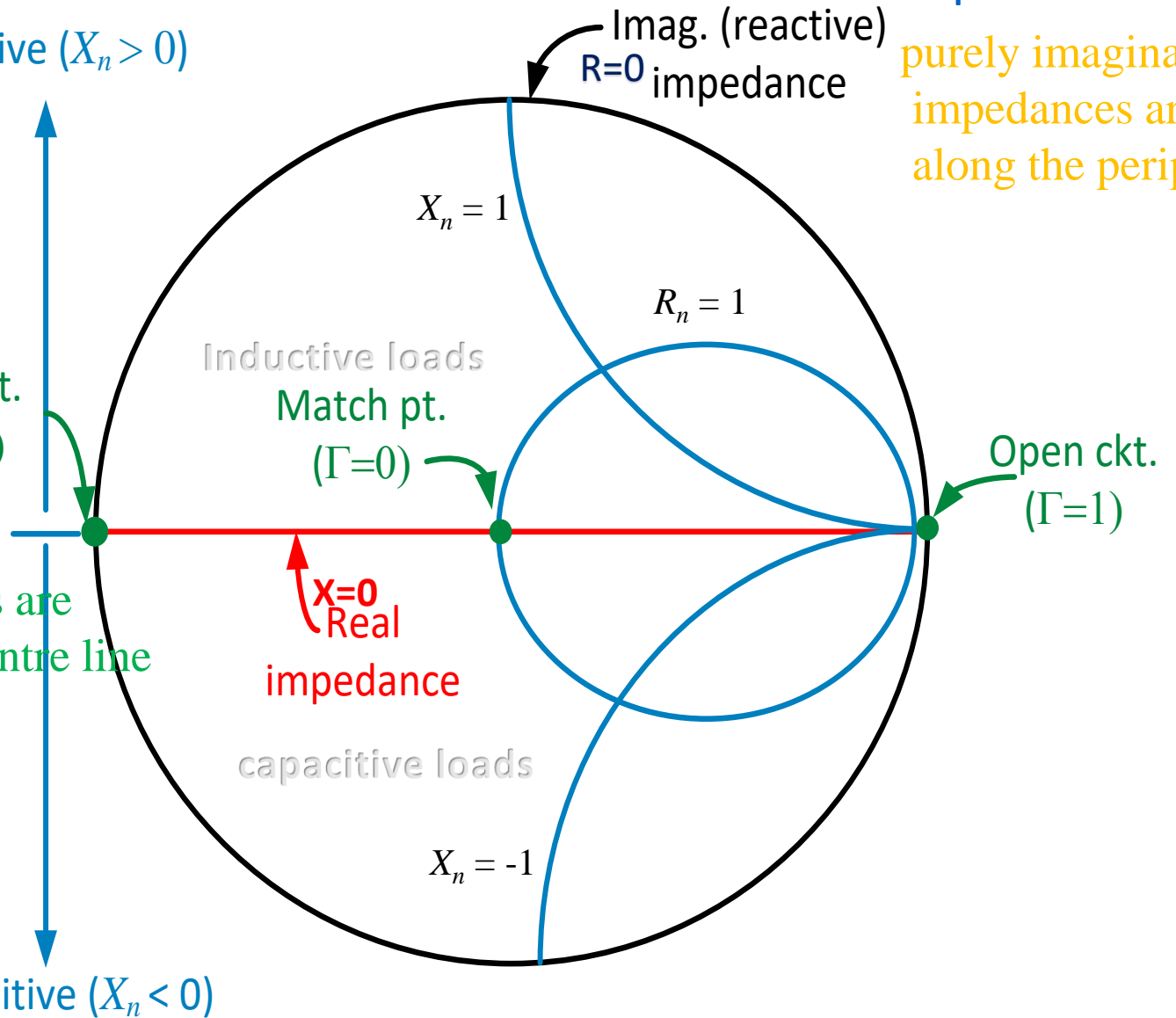
purely real impedances are along the horizontal centre line

Inductive ( $X_n > 0$ )

Short ckt.  
( $\Gamma = -1$ )

Inductive loads  
Match pt.  
( $\Gamma = 0$ )

Capacitive ( $X_n < 0$ )



Imag. (reactive)  
 $R=0$  impedance

$\Gamma$  plane  
purely imaginary impedances are along the periphery

Open ckt.  
( $\Gamma = 1$ )



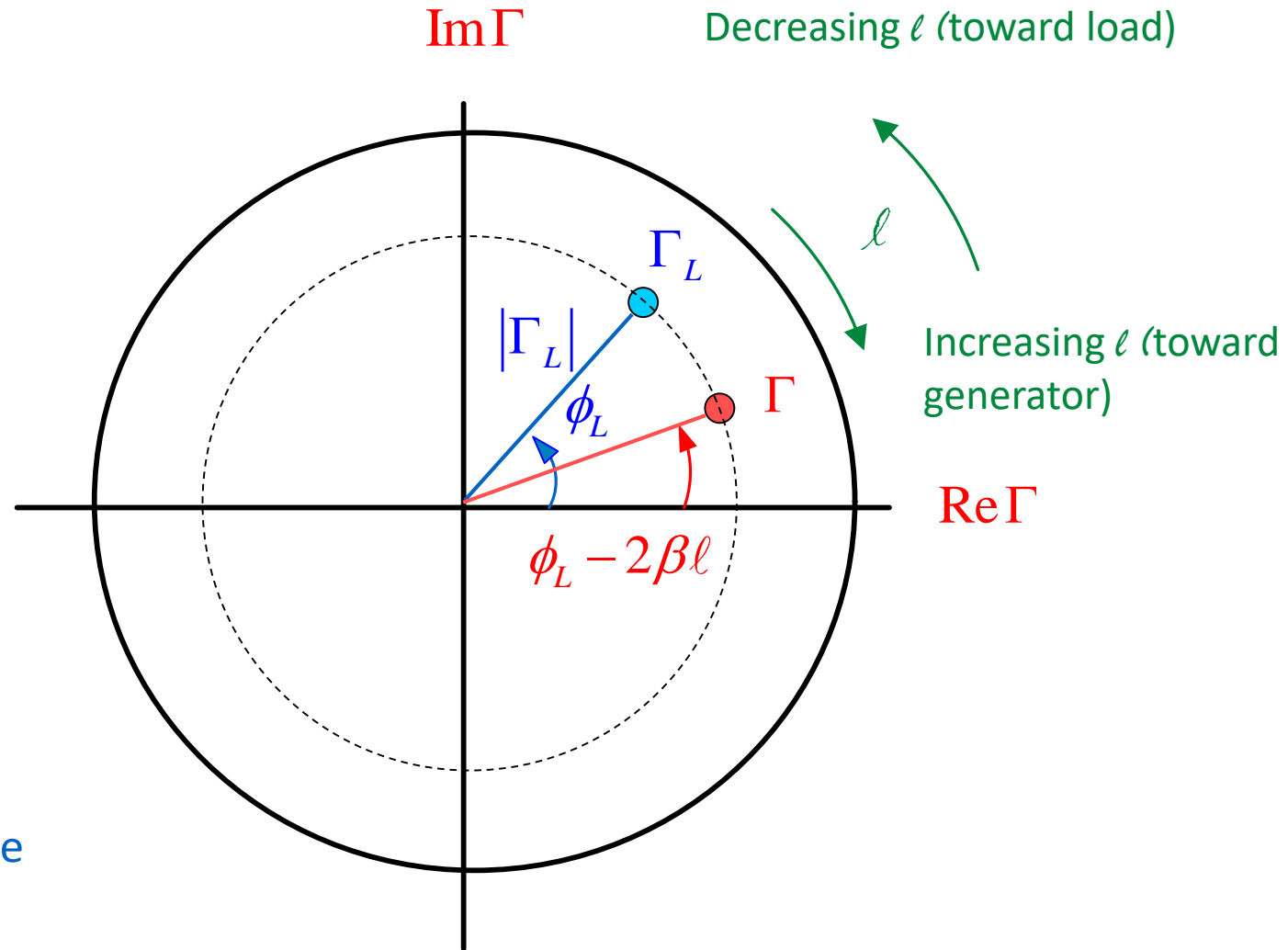


# Complex $\Gamma$ Plane

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma &= \Gamma(-\ell) \\ &= \Gamma_R + j\Gamma_I \\ &= \Gamma_L e^{j(-2\beta\ell)} \\ &= |\Gamma_L| e^{j(\phi_L - 2\beta\ell)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma(-\ell) = |\Gamma_L| e^{j(\phi_L - 2\beta\ell)}$$

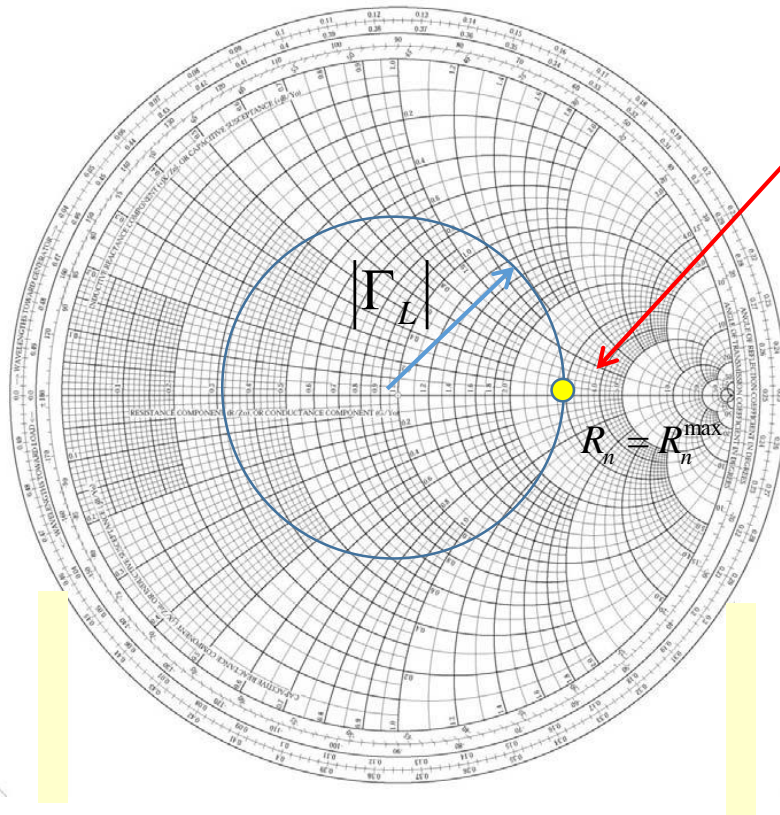
Lossless line



# Standing Wave Ratio

The SWR is given by the value of  $R_n$  on the positive real axis of the Smith chart.

Smith Chart  
(Z-Chart)



Proof:

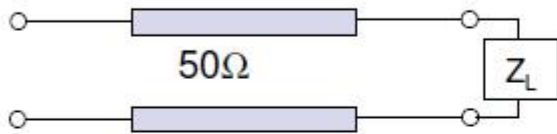
$$SWR = \frac{1 + |\Gamma_L|}{1 - |\Gamma_L|}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_n^{\max} = \frac{1 + |\Gamma_L|}{1 - |\Gamma_L|}$$

## Example 1

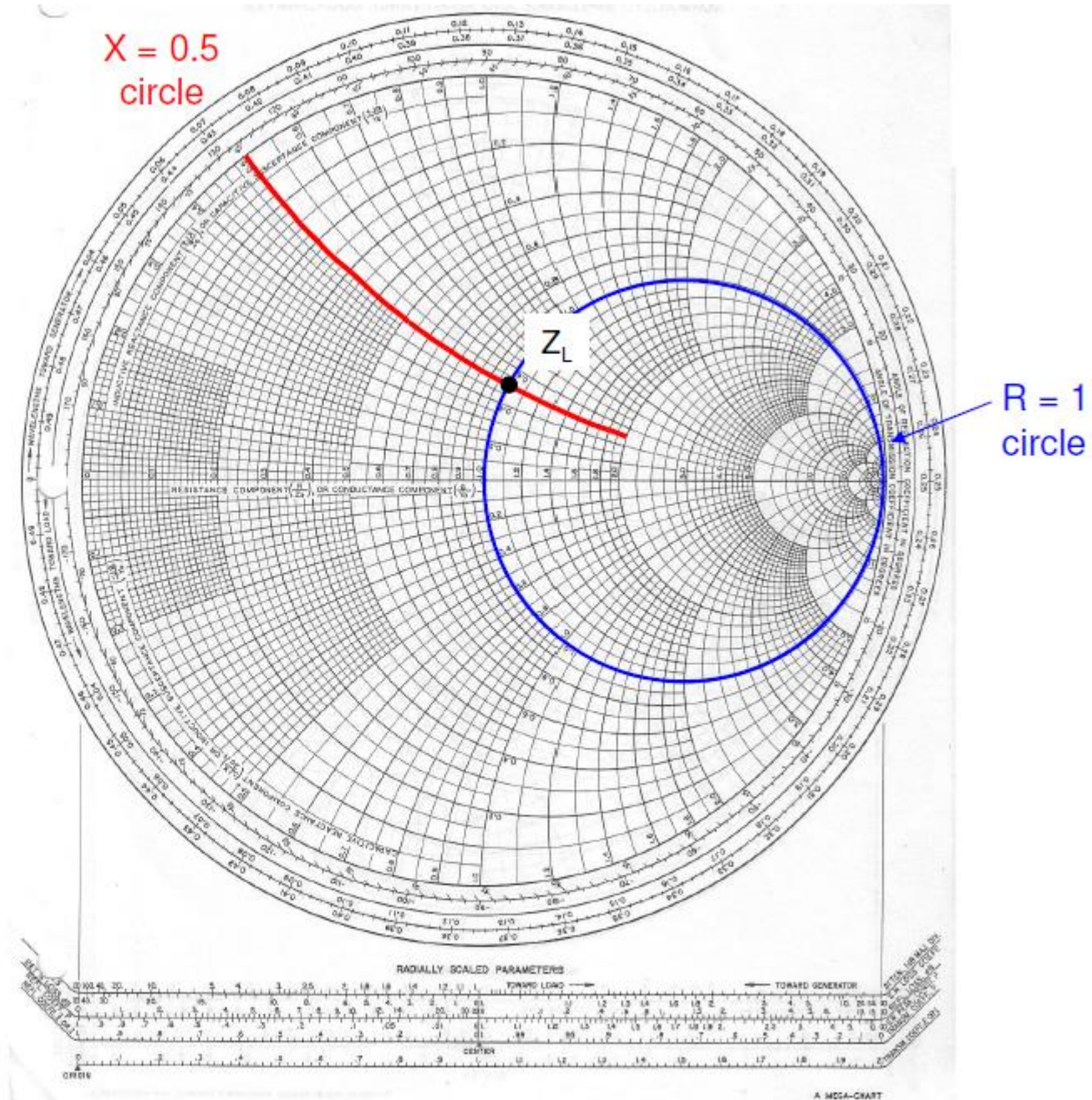
### Locate Z

e.g.  $Z_L = 50 + j25 \Omega$

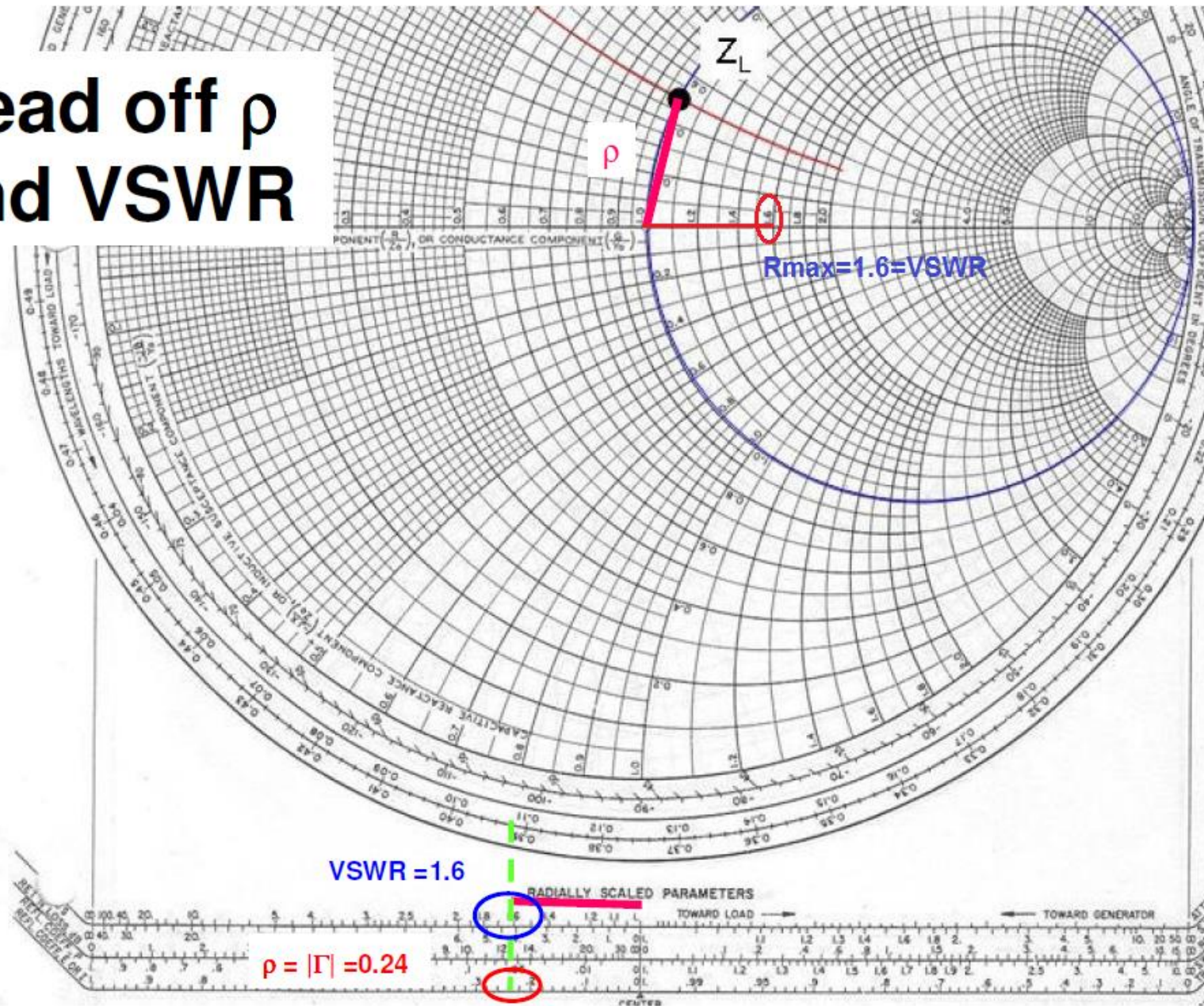


**ALWAYS  
NORMALIZE  
FIRST**

$$\bar{Z}_L = 1 + j0.5$$



# Read off $\rho$ and VSWR



# Phase of $\Gamma$

$$\Gamma = 0.24 (76^\circ)$$

