

Clicker lecture 1 of Topic 2: Smith chart

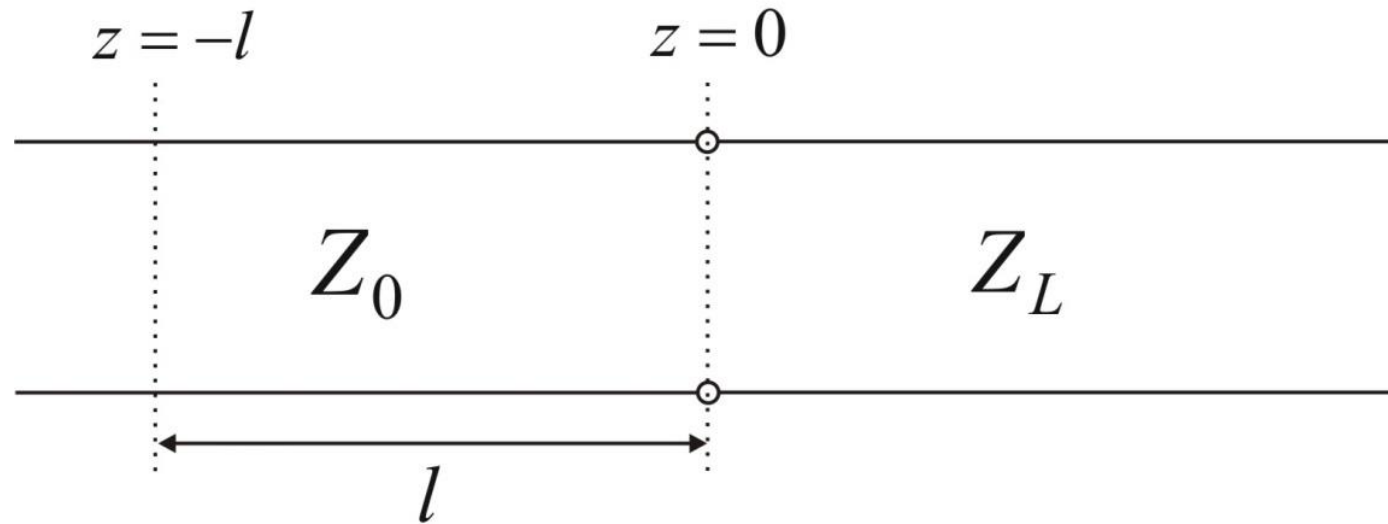
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Recapitulation of Topic 1



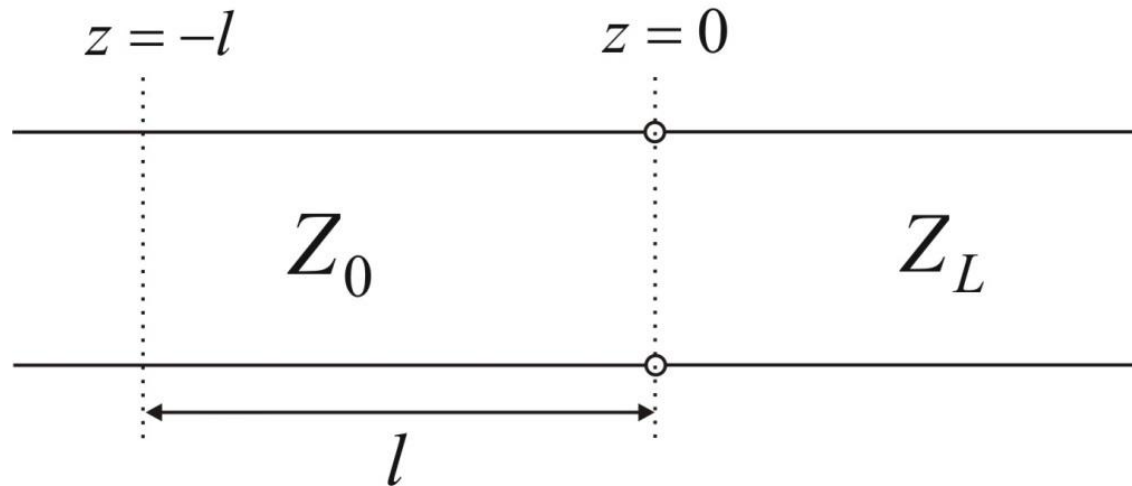
$$\rho_L(z = 0) = \frac{\text{reflected voltage at } z = 0}{\text{forward voltage at } z = 0} = \frac{V^-}{V^+} = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0}$$

$$\tau = 1 + \rho_L$$

Voltage along the line ($z < 0$):

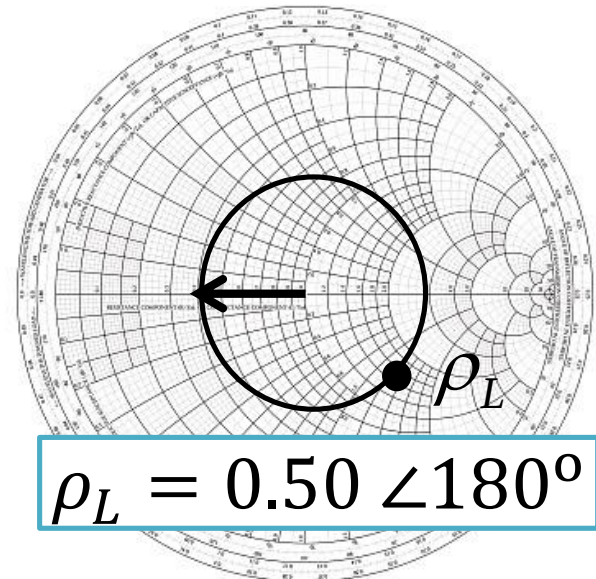
$$V(z) = V^+ e^{-j\beta \cdot z} + V^- e^{+j\beta \cdot z} = V^+ e^{-j\beta \cdot z} (1 + \rho_L \cdot e^{+j2\beta z})$$

Q1a: The signal propagates to the positive z direction. $Z_0 \neq Z_L$. How much (%) of the **power** is transmitted to the line whose impedance is Z_L



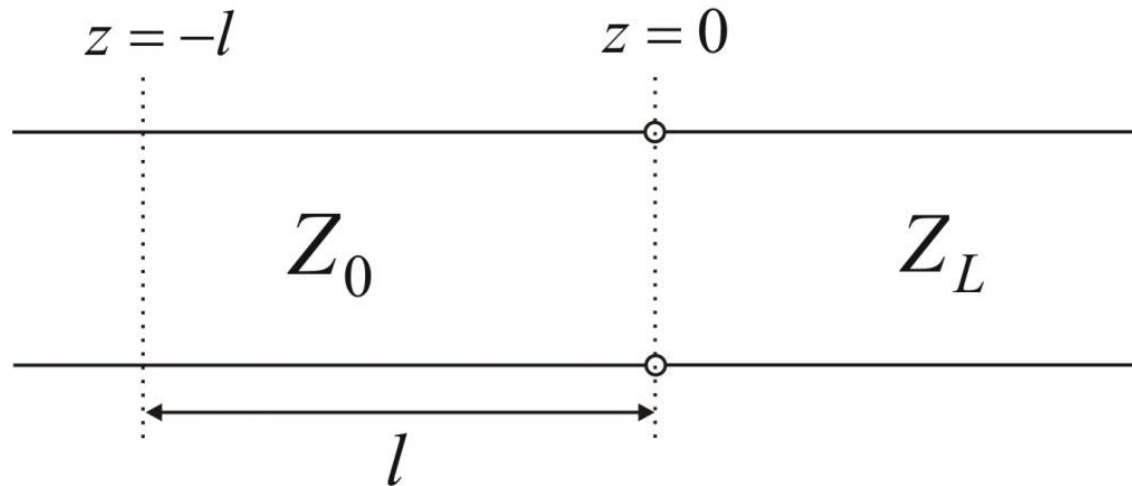
$$\rho_L = 0.50 \angle 180^\circ$$

1. 12.5 %
2. 25%
3. 50%
4. 75%
5. 100 %
6. I don't know



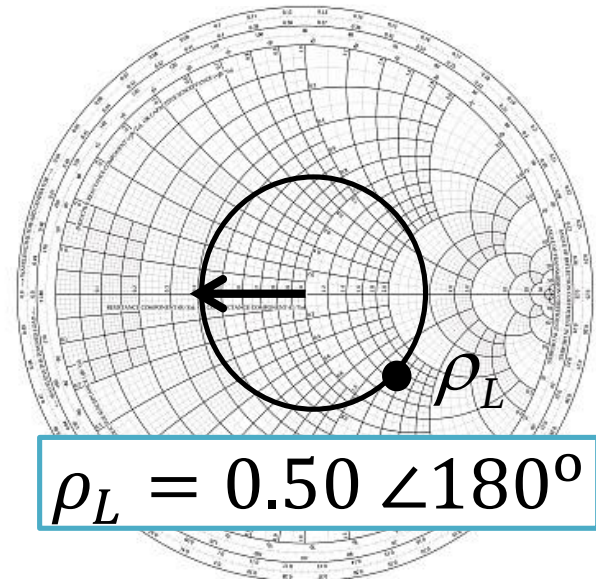
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Q1b: The signal propagates to the positive z direction. $Z_0 \neq Z_L$. How much (%) of the **power** is transmitted to the line whose impedance is Z_L



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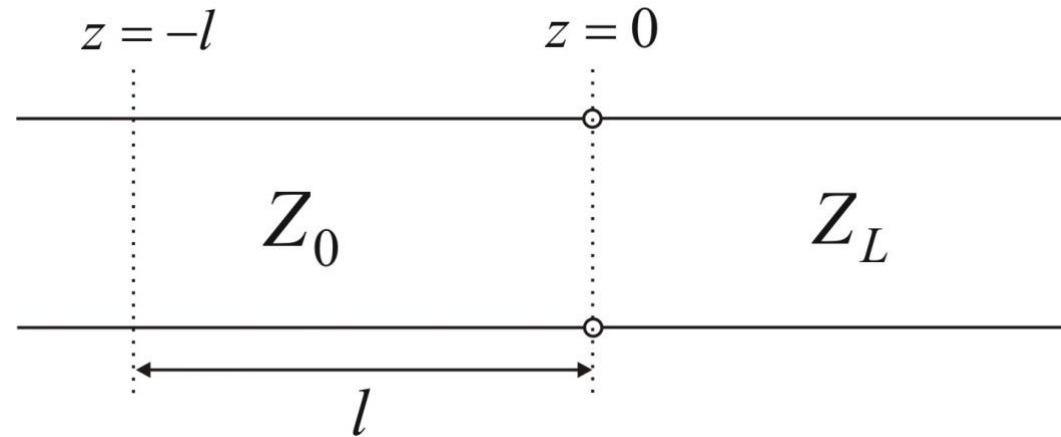
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$$\rho_L = 0.50 \angle 180^\circ$$

Q2a: ρ_L is the reflection coefficient at $z = 0$. Which (1-5) is the expression for ρ at the distance of l from $z = 0$?

1. $\rho(z = -l) = \rho_L \cdot e^{-j\beta l}$
2. $\rho(z = -l) = \rho_L \cdot e^{+j\beta l}$
3. $\rho(z = -l) = \rho_L \cdot e^{-j2\beta l}$
4. $\rho(z = -l) = \rho_L \cdot e^{j2\beta l}$
5. None of above
6. I don't know



Q2b: ρ_L is the reflection coefficient at $z = 0$. Which (1-5) is the expression for ρ at the distance of l from $z = 0$?

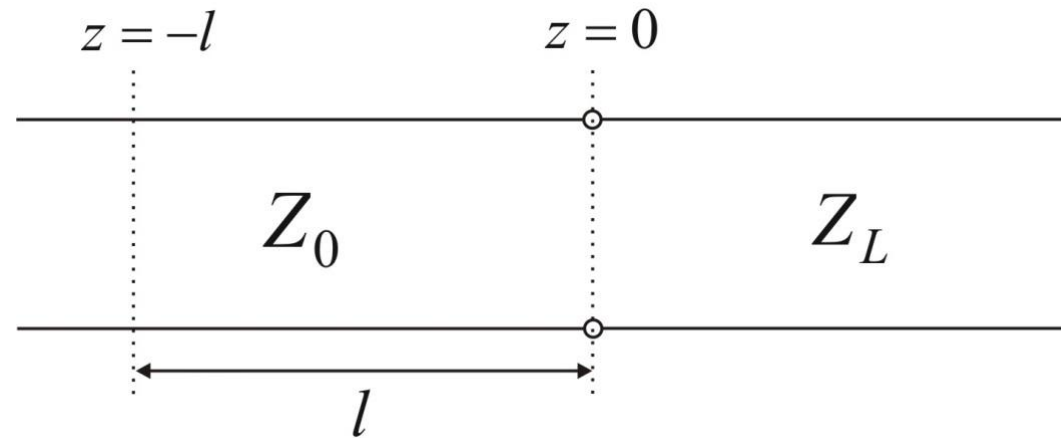
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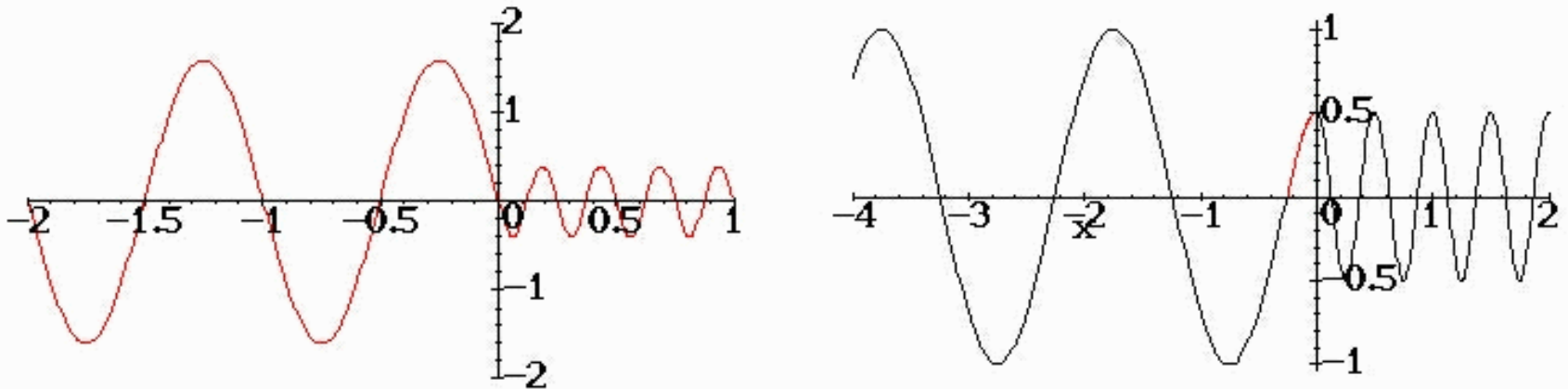
3. $\rho(z = -l) = \rho_L \cdot e^{-j2\beta l}$

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5. None of above



Topic 2: Smith chart & impedance matching



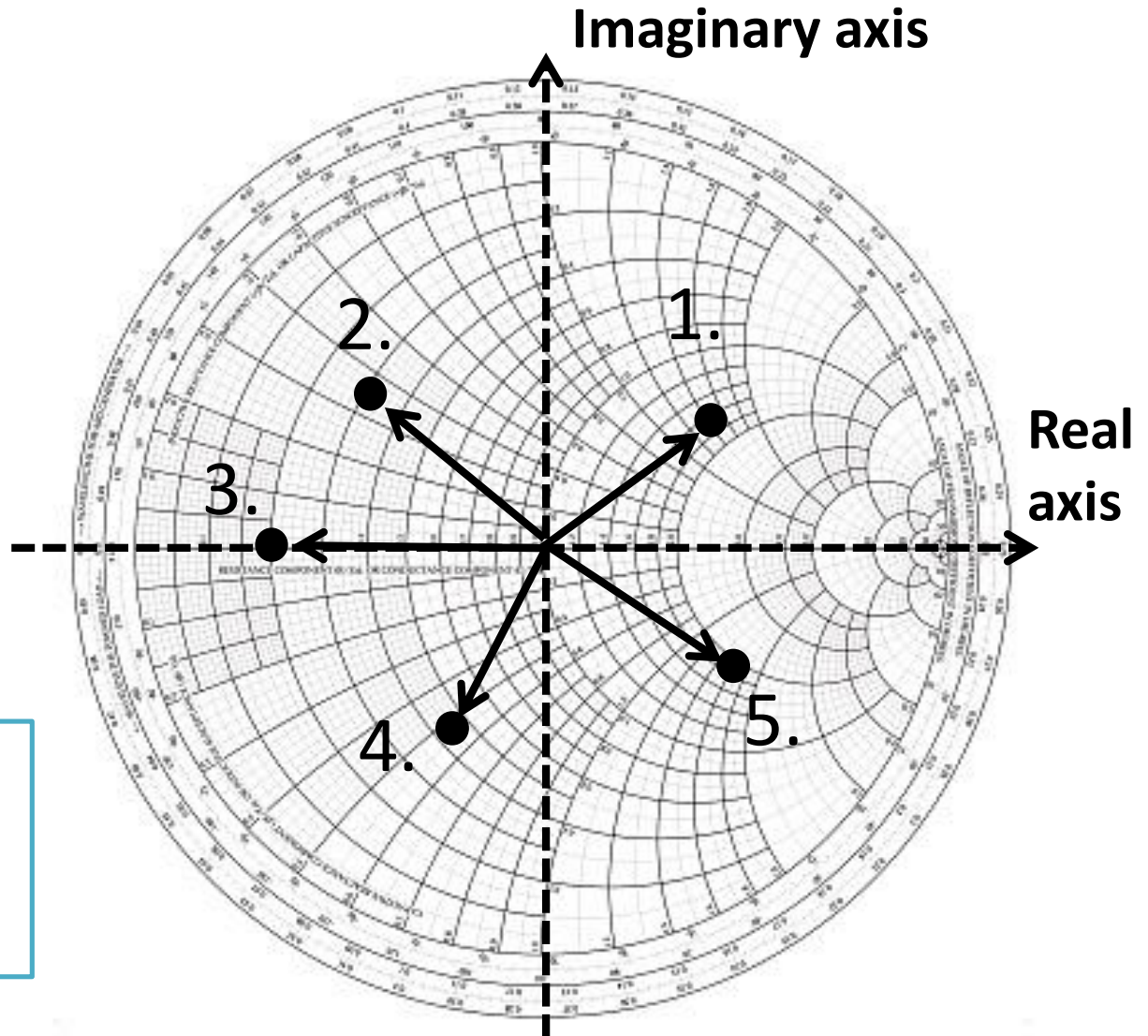
1. What can be observed in the figures?
2. Where do you see (partial) standing waves?
3. What for we need the impedance matching?
4. How the impedance matching is implemented through the matching network?
5. What for the Smith chart is needed?

Q3a: Which is the location of the voltage reflection coefficient ρ_L on the complex plane?

$$\rho_L = 0.5 \angle -30^\circ$$

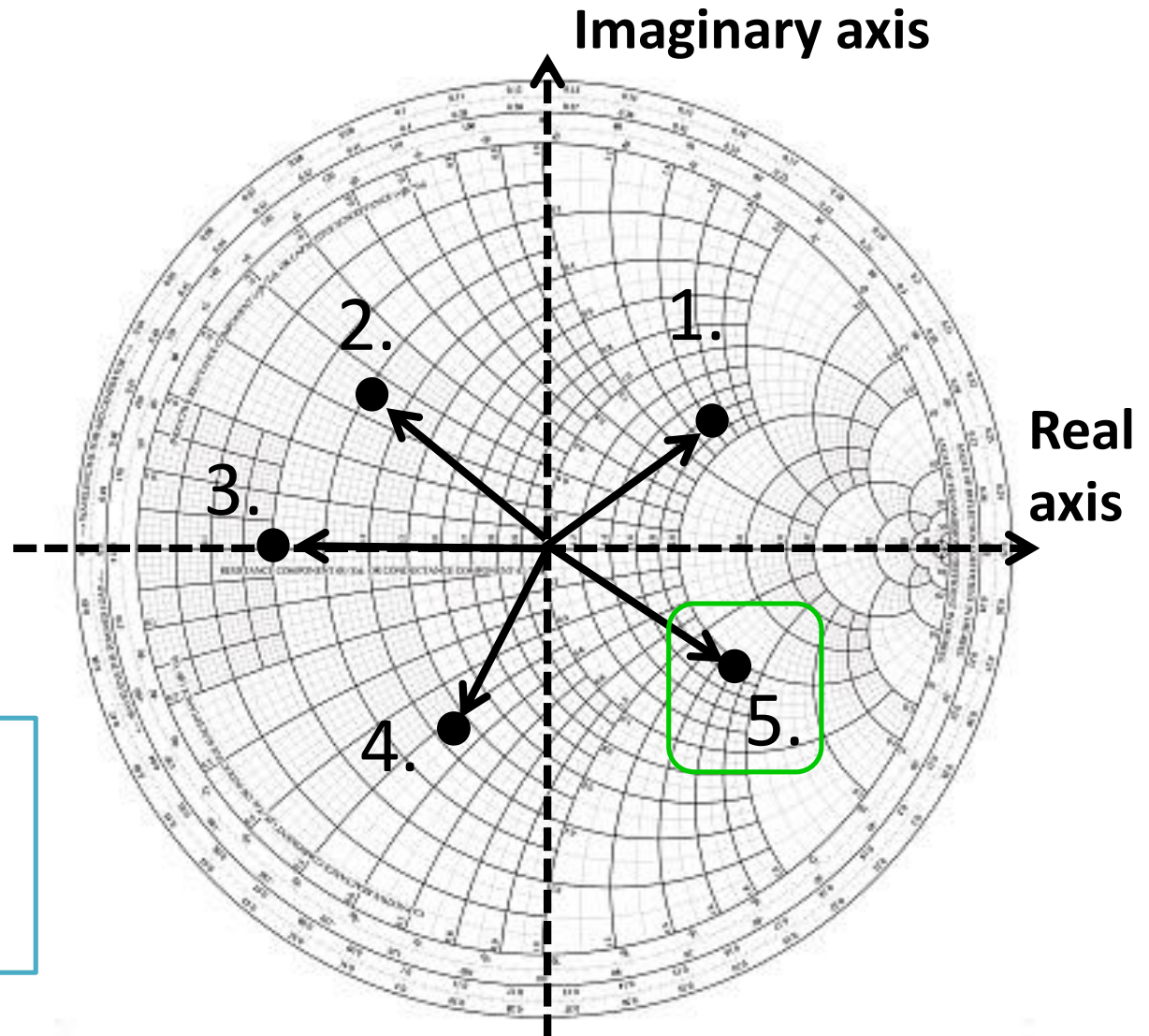
6. I don't know.

The Smith chart is a complex reflection coefficient plane.



Q3b: Which is the location of the voltage reflection coefficient ρ_L on the complex plane?

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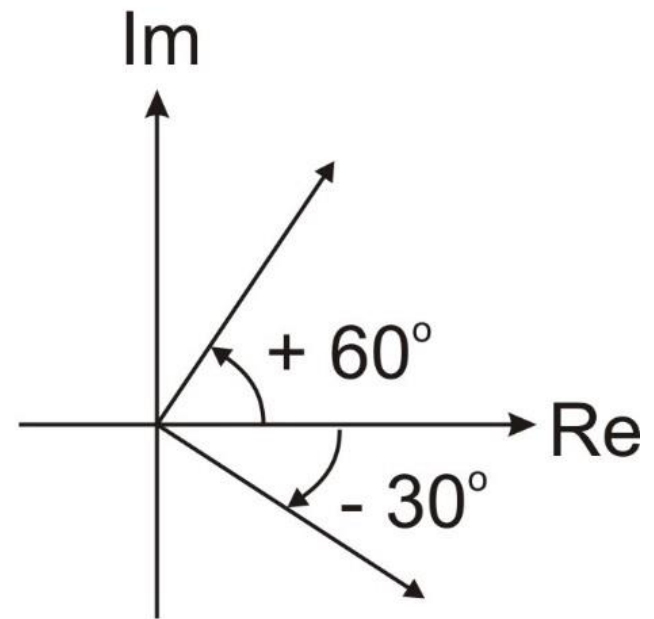
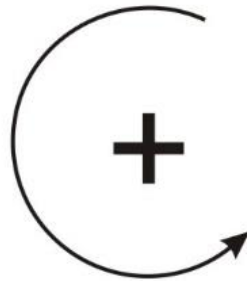
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Rotation direction on the complex plane and the Smith chart

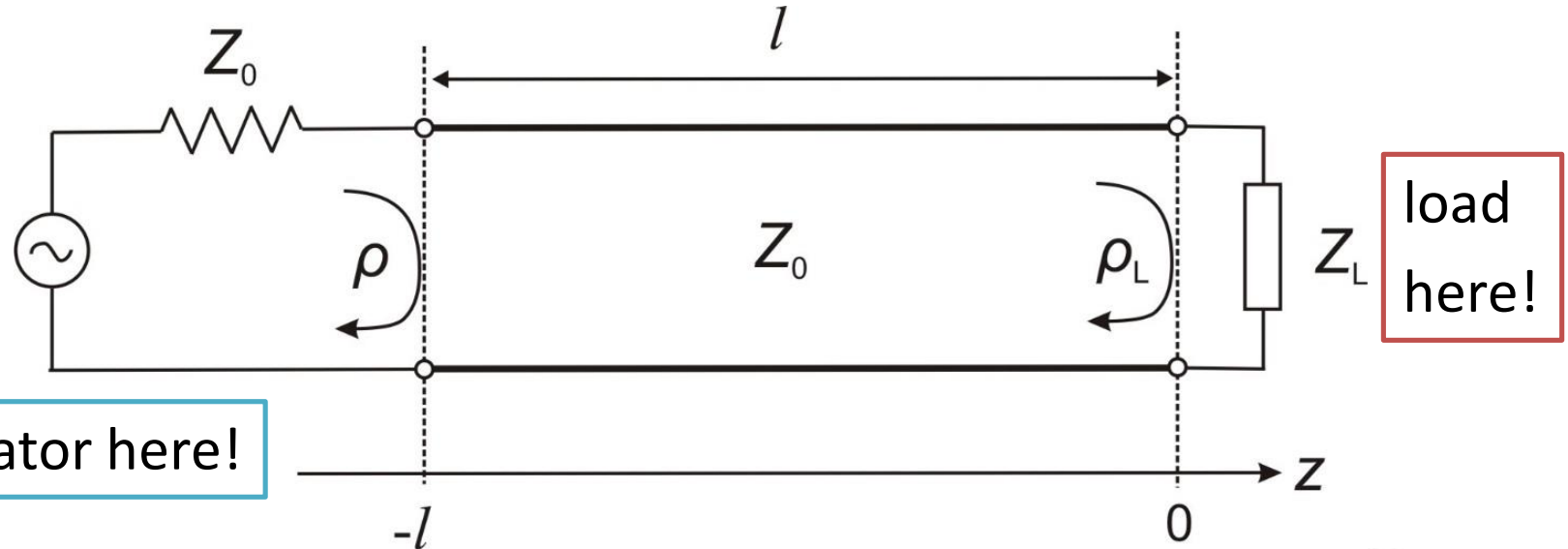
clockwise:
negative
angle



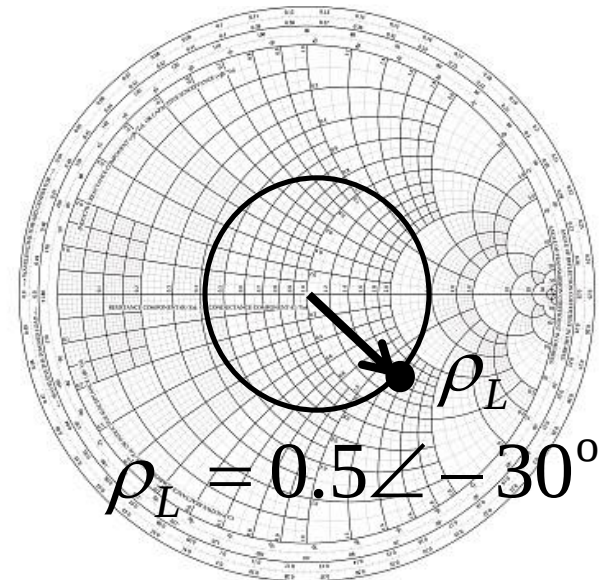
anticlockwise:
positive
direction



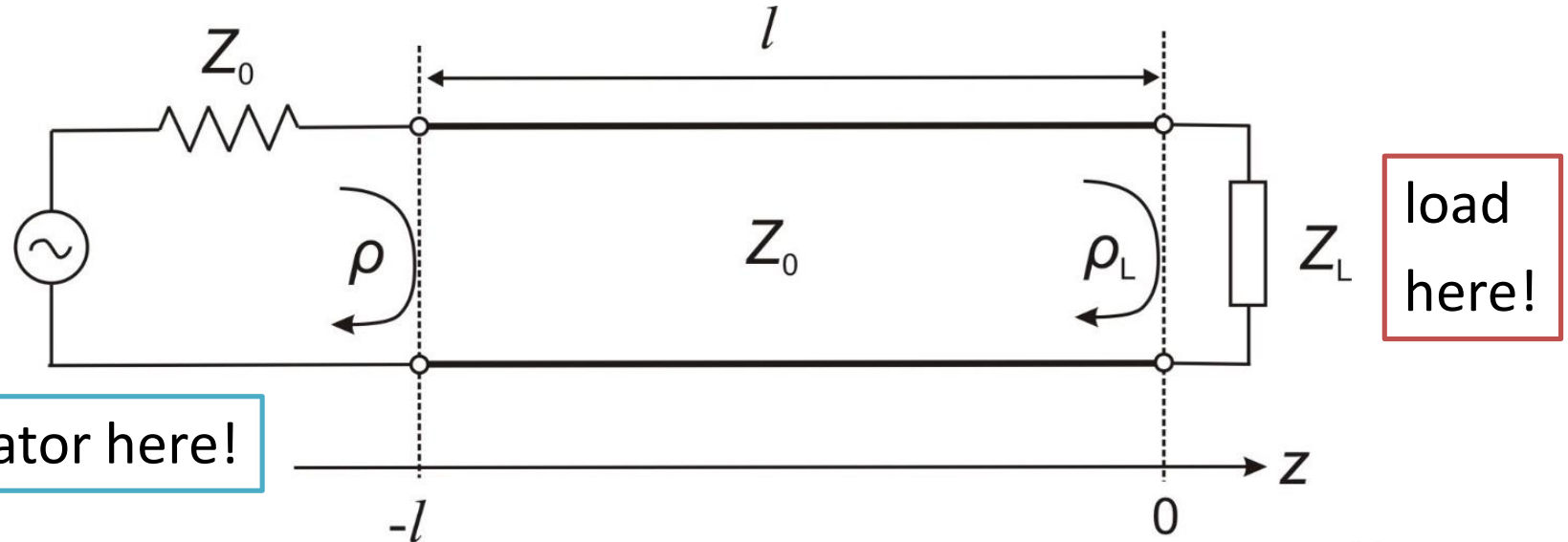
Q4a: The direction **from the load impedance towards the generator** is



1. always clockwise
2. always anticlockwise (i.e. counterclockwise)
3. either clockwise or anticlockwise; it depends on the location of the ρ_L on the Smith chart
4. direction of increasing reflection coefficient.
5. none of above
6. I don't know

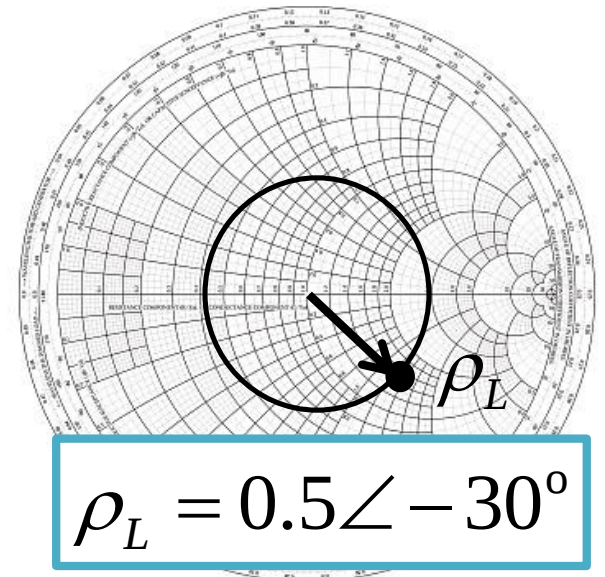


Q4b: The direction from the load impedance towards the generator is



generator here!

1. always clockwise
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3. either clockwise or anticlockwise; it depends on the location of the ρ_L on the Smith chart
4. direction of increasing reflection coefficient.
5. none of above



Normalized impedance

On the Smith chart the impedance is **always normalized** to the "reference impedance" Z_0 .

The reference impedance Z_0 is $50\ \Omega$ (unless otherwise mentioned)

Normalized impedance
("small" letter, unitless)

"Non-normalized"
impedance
(capital letter, unit Ω)

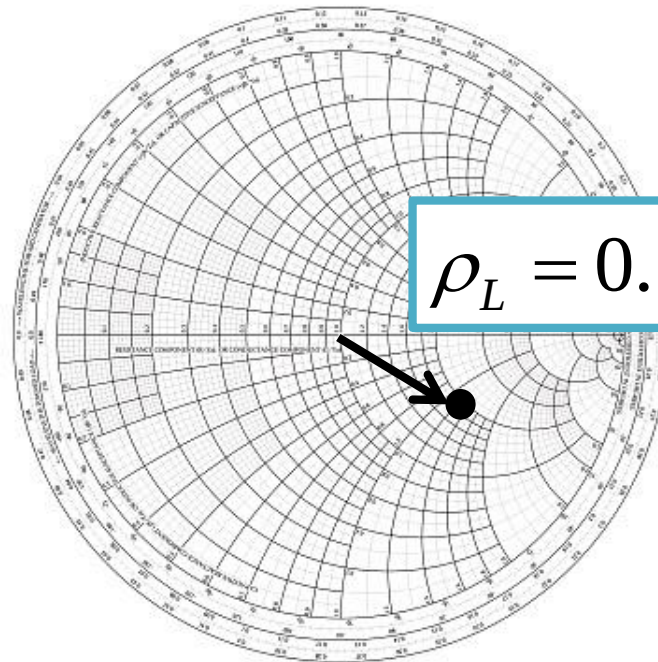
$$z_L = \frac{Z_L}{Z_0}$$

Reference impedance
(typically $50\ \Omega$)

Q5a: Read from the Smith chart, which is the **corresponding normalized impedance** z_L of ρ_L ?

$$\rho_L = 0.5 \angle -30^\circ = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0} \quad z_L = \frac{Z_L}{Z_0}, Z_0 = 50 \Omega$$

1. $z_L = 2.0 + j \cdot 1.3$
2. $z_L = 2.0 - j \cdot 1.3$
3. $z_L = 0.40 + j \cdot 2.0$
4. $z_L = 0.40 - j \cdot 2.0$
5. $z_L = 0.50 - j \cdot 30$
6. I don't know

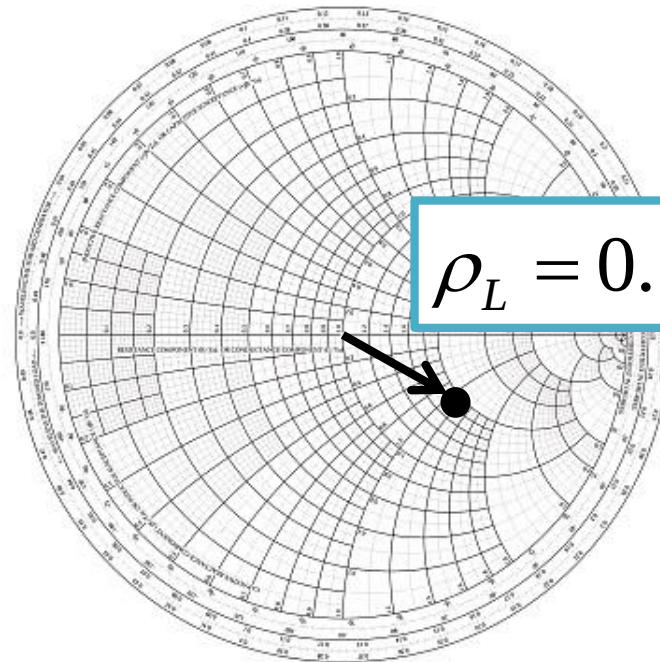


The Smith chart is also
normalized impedance scale

Q5b: Read from the Smith chart, which is the **corresponding normalized impedance** z_L of ρ_L ?

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2. $z_L = 2.0 - j \cdot 1.3$
3. $z_L = 0.40 + j \cdot 0.5$
4. $z_L = 0.50 - j \cdot 2.0$
5. $z_L = 0.50 - j \cdot 30$



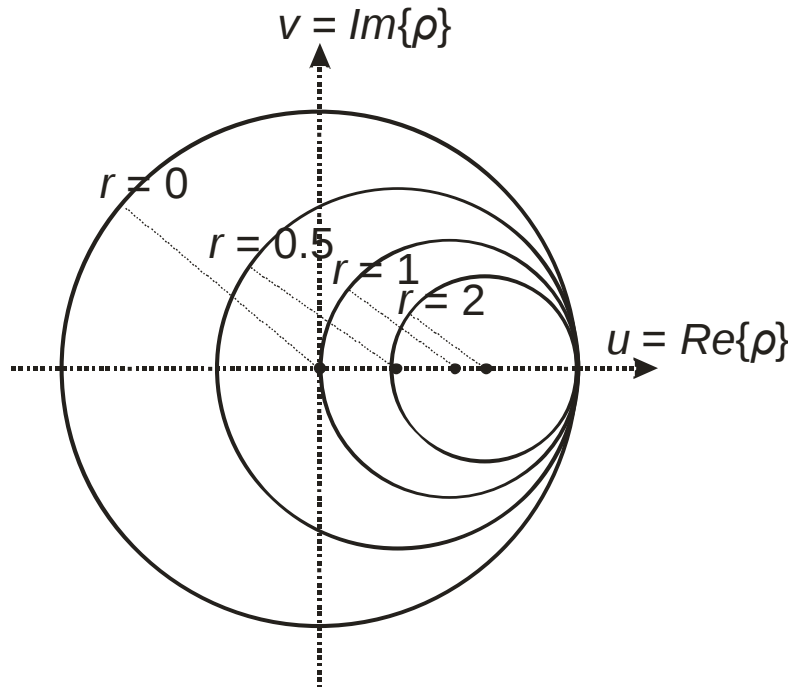
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The Smith chart is normalized impedance scale on the complex reflection coefficient plane

All mathematical derivation on one line:

$$\rho_L = u + jv = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0} = \frac{r + jx - 1}{r + jx + 1} \Leftrightarrow 1: \left(u - \frac{r}{r+1}\right)^2 + v^2 = \frac{1}{(r+1)^2} \text{ and } 2: (u-1)^2 + \left(v - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

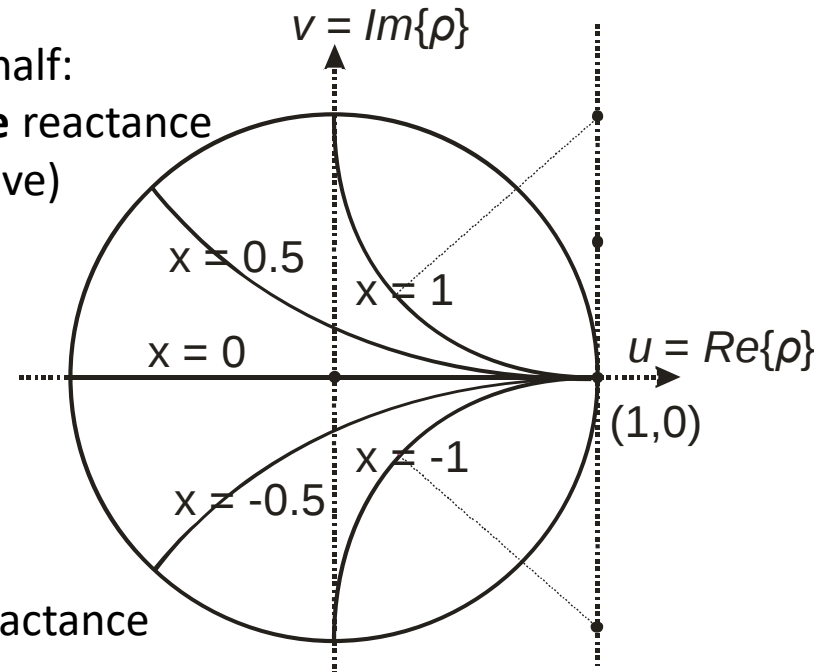
1: constant resistance (r) circles:



2: constant reactance (x) circles:

Upper half:
positive reactance
(inductive)

Lower half:
negative reactance
(capacitive)

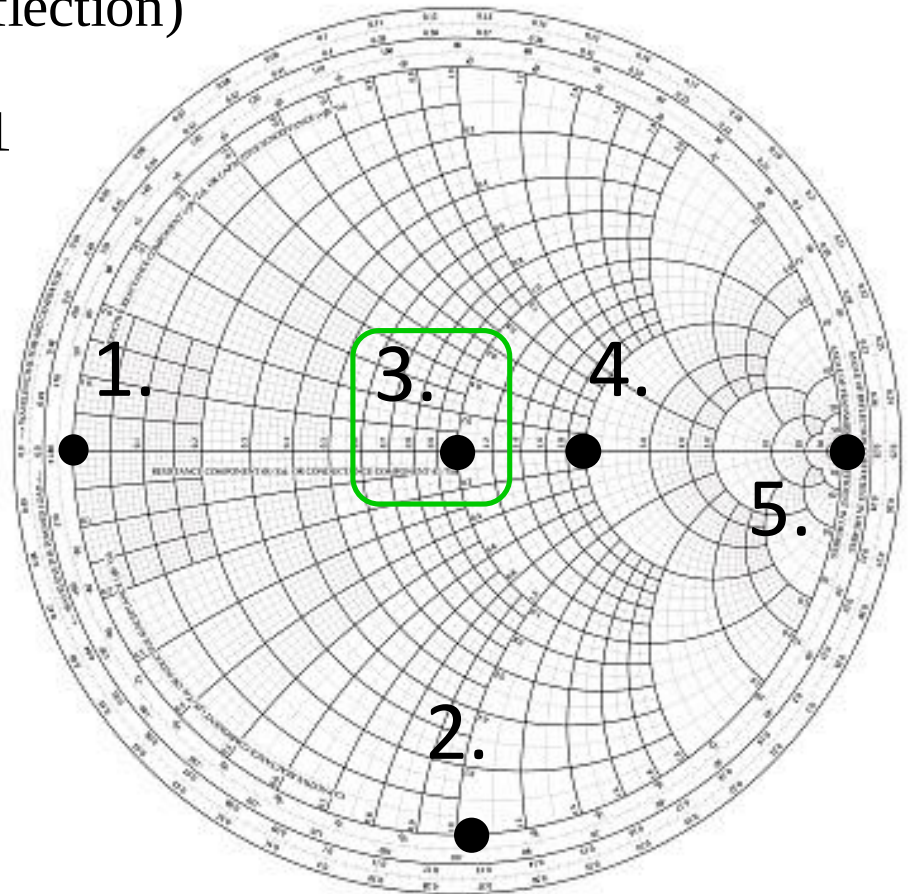


Q6: Which of the points (1-5) corresponds to the **matched** load impedance?

matched means : $\rho_L = 0$ (no voltage reflection)

$$\rho_L = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0} = 0 \Leftrightarrow Z_L = Z_0 \Leftrightarrow z_L = 1$$

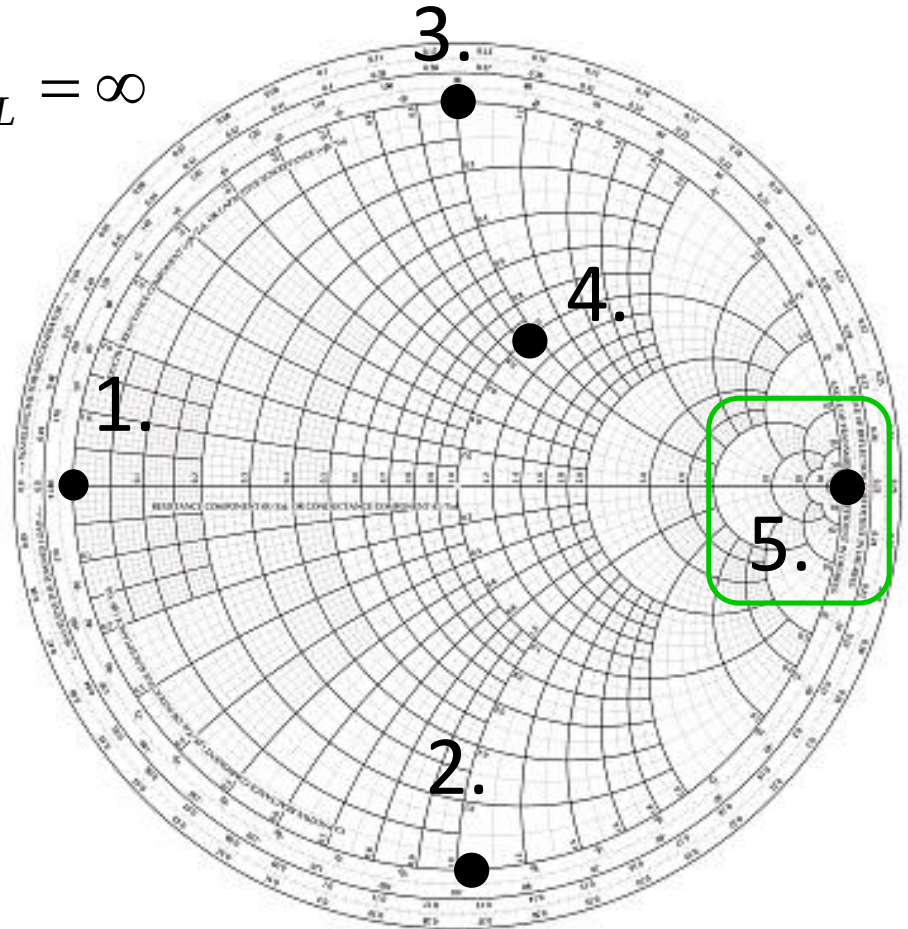
6. I don't know.



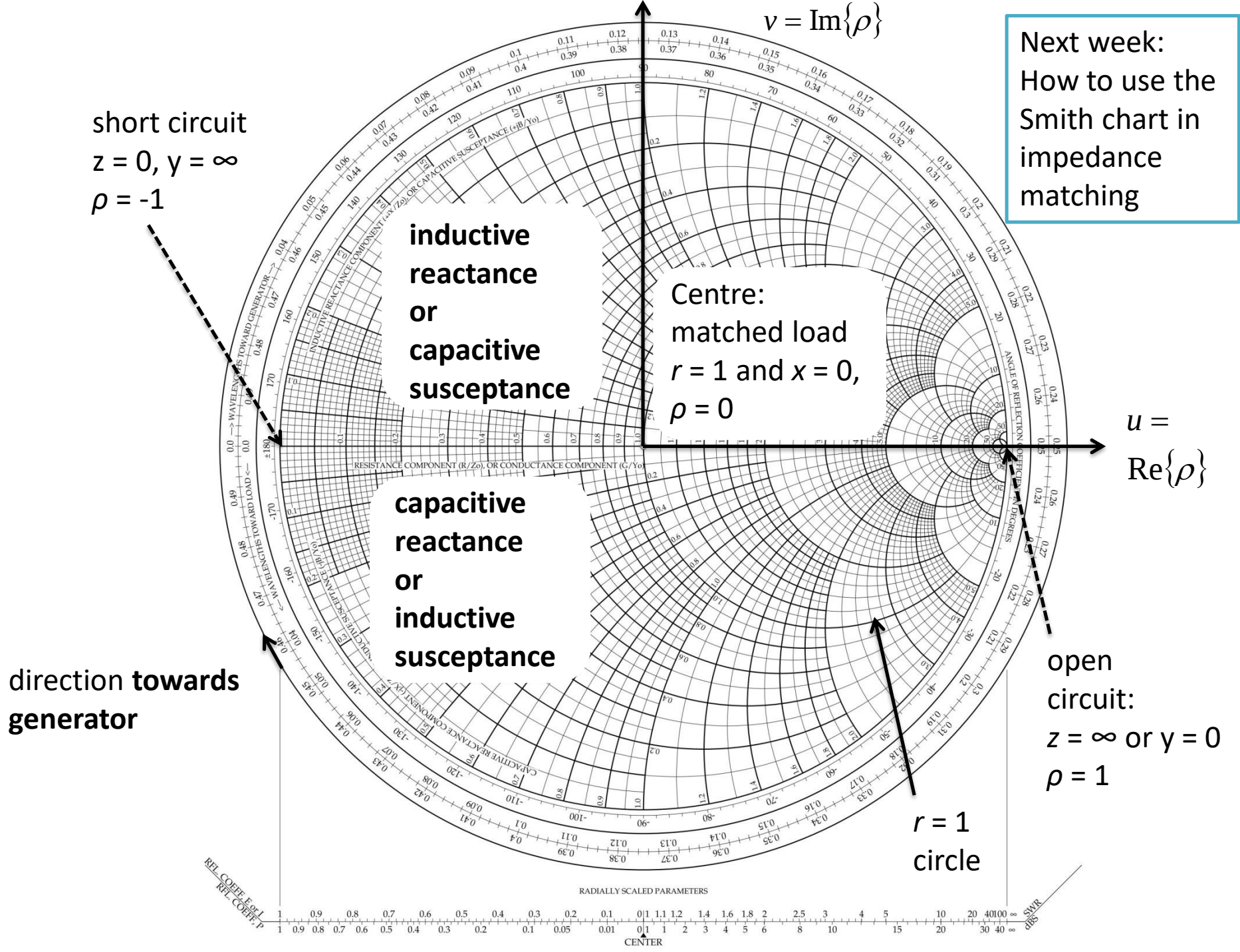
Q7: Which point (1-5) corresponds to "open circuit" impedance?

$$\rho_L = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0} \quad \text{open circuit : } Z_L = \infty$$

6. I don't know.

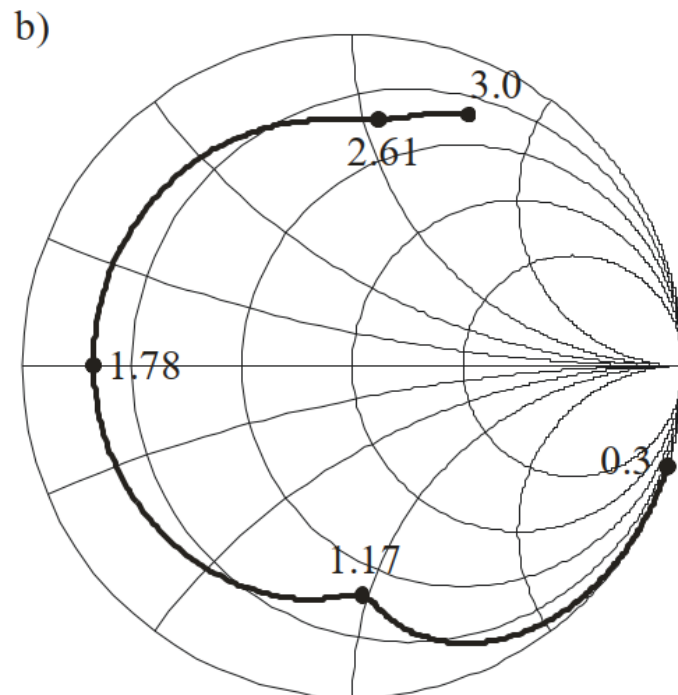


Next week:
How to use the
Smith chart in
impedance
matching



Topic 2: Smith chart & impedance matching

The Smith chart is **not** only for designing the matching circuits, but oftentimes it is actually used for interpretation of the impedance or reflection coefficient behaviour as a function of the frequency.



● frequency [GHz]

