

A typical Wilkinson power divider is made of quarter-wave transformers:

- The quarter-wave transmission lines have characteristic impedance  $Z = \sqrt{2}Z_0 \approx 70.7 \Omega$
- Resistor value:  $R = 2Z_0$

The transmission line length is a quarter wavelength ( $\lambda/4$ ) at the center frequency.

The wavelength in a substrate is given by:

$$\lambda_g = \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{eff}}}$$

where:  $\lambda_0 = \frac{c}{f_0}$

c is the wavelength in free space. ( $c = 3 \times 10^8$  m/s).

$\epsilon_{eff}$  is the effective dielectric constant of the substrate, which can be approximated by

$$\epsilon_{eff} = \frac{\epsilon_R + 1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_R - 1}{2} \left( 1 + 12 \left( \frac{h}{W} \right) \right)^{-0.5}$$

h is the substrate thickness and W is the width of the transmission line.

The physical length (L) of the transmission line is:  $L = \lambda/4$