



# Matrix Parameters in Touchstone

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# Agenda

- **Goals**
- **Touchstone V1.0, V1.1, V2.0, V2.1 differences**
- **Reference Impedances (resistances)**
- **n-Port matrices (S, Y, Z)**
  - Conversions and mathematics
- **2-port matrices (H, G)**
  - Conversions
- **Conclusion**



# Goals

- Show features for an upcoming Touchstone Version 2.1 document
- Show conversion mathematics for different per-port reference impedances (resistances) for TSCHK2.1 parser development
- Note, reference impedance will be designated as reference resistance since complex references are not supported



# Touchstone Version 2.1 Document

- Touchstone V1.0 and V1.1 formats in the Version 2.1 Document
  - No keywords, content based on strict formatting rules
  - V1.0 supports a single port reference resistance in the option line beginning with # ... R <r value> ...
  - V1.1 supports per-port reference resistances at the end of the option line with # ... R <r<sub>1</sub>> <r<sub>2</sub>>... <r<sub>n</sub>> syntax
  - S-parameter matrices are defined based on the option line resistance entries
  - All other matrices are NORMALIZED regardless of option line entries. For example, if  $R = 50.0 \Omega$ , then  $z_{1,1} = 1.0$  in V1.0 when the measured value is  $z_{1,1} = 50.0 \Omega$
  - Per-port reference resistances are already supported by several EDA tools (but they may have different formats)



# Touchstone Version 2.1 Document

- Touchstone V2.0 and V2.1 rules in the Version 2.1 Document
  - Keyword based and [Version] 2.0 or [Version] 2.1 is required
  - V2.0 and V2.1 have identical matrix data
  - S-parameter matrices remain unchanged from V1.0 or V1.1 and are based on the reference resistance entries
  - Y-, Z-, H-, G-parameter matrices are UN-NORMALIZED (sensitive to reference resistor values) – as if measured directly in ohms or siemens (mhos)
  - [Reference] keyword lists the reference resistors
    - Values can wrap (unlike in V1.1 where all values are on a single options line)



# TSCHK2.0 Conversion Syntax

## Between V1.0 and V2.0

### **tschk2 -canonical**

`tschk2 -canonical <options> FILE` Shortcut for `-canonical-v2`.

### **tschk2 -canonical -v2**

`tschk2 -canonical-v2 <options> FILE` Checks the file, sending error and warning information to `stderr`, and writes a valid file to `stdout` in Touchstone v2 format.

### **tschk2 -canonical -v1**

`tschk2 -canonical-v1 <options> FILE` Checks the file, sending error and warning information to `stderr`, and writes a valid file to `stdout` in Touchstone v1 format, if possible.

**A tschk2.1 parser should support the V1.1 and V2.1 conversions**



# Notation

- $Z$  (normalized),  $Z^U$  (un-normalized)
- $Y$  (normalized),  $Y^U$  (un-normalized)
- $H$  (normalized),  $H^U$  (un-normalized), 2-port only
- $G$  (normalized),  $G^U$  (un-normalized), 2-port only
  
- $R \langle r_1 \rangle \langle r_2 \rangle \dots \langle r_n \rangle$  per-port reference resistors
- $R \langle r \rangle$  for a single reference resistance



# General N-Port Z Matrix Conversion

- José Schutt-Ainé, ECE 546, Lecture 13, *Scattering Parameters*, Slides 28-29, Spring 2022, [http://emlab.illinois.edu/ece546/Lect\\_13.pdf](http://emlab.illinois.edu/ece546/Lect_13.pdf)
- Formulas are restated using the notation in this presentation
- $\mathbf{k} = \text{diagonal} [\sqrt{r_1}, \sqrt{r_2}, \dots, \sqrt{r_n}]$  are based on power wave per-port normalization between incident and reflected waves ( $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{a}$ )
- $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S})(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S})^{-1}$  (normalized to  $r = 1$ ;  $\mathbf{I} = \text{unit matrix}$ )
- $\mathbf{Z}^u = \mathbf{k} (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S})(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{S})^{-1} \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{k}$
- Multiplication by the diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{k}$  produces the terms  $z^u_{i,j} = z_{i,j} \sqrt{r_i r_j}$





# Illustrating $z^u_{i,j}$ Term Calculation

$$\begin{aligned}
 z^u_{i,j} &= \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_{1,1} & z_{1,j} & z_{1,n} \\ z_{i,1} & z_{i,j} & z_{i,n} \\ z_{n,1} & z_{n,j} & z_{n,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_j & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_n \end{bmatrix} = \\
 & \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_n \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} z_{1,1}k_1 & z_{1,j}k_j & z_{1,n}k_n \\ z_{i,1}k_1 & z_{i,j}k_j & z_{i,n}k_n \\ z_{n,1}k_1 & z_{n,j}k_j & z_{n,n}k_n \end{bmatrix} = \\
 & \begin{bmatrix} k_1z_{1,1}k_1 & k_1z_{1,j}k_j & k_1z_{1,n}k_n \\ k_iz_{i,1}k_1 & k_iz_{i,j}k_j & k_iz_{i,n}k_n \\ k_nz_{n,1}k_1 & k_nz_{n,j}k_j & k_nz_{n,n}k_n \end{bmatrix} = z_{i,j}\sqrt{r_i r_j}
 \end{aligned}$$

# N-Port Matrix Conversions

$$\underline{Z^U \leftarrow Z}$$

$$z^u_{i,j} = \sqrt{r_i r_j} z_{i,j}$$

$$\underline{Z \leftarrow Z^U}$$

$$z_{i,j} = z^u_{i,j} / \sqrt{r_i r_j}$$

$$\underline{Y^U \leftarrow Y}$$

$$y^u_{i,j} = y_{i,j} / \sqrt{r_i r_j}$$

$$\underline{Y \leftarrow Y^U}$$

$$y_{i,j} = \sqrt{r_i r_j} y^u_{i,j}$$

In V1.0 and V2.0,  $R \langle r \rangle$  is used if  $r_i = r_j$

V2.0 cannot be converted to V1.0 if  $r_i \neq r_j$



# 2-Port H-Parameter Conversions

## $H^u \leftarrow H$

$$\begin{bmatrix} h^u_{1,1} & h^u_{1,2} \\ h^u_{2,1} & h^u_{2,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1} r_1 & h_{1,2} \\ h_{2,1} & h_{2,2} / r_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## $H \leftarrow H^u$

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1} & h_{1,2} \\ h_{2,1} & h_{2,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h^u_{1,1} / r_1 & h^u_{1,2} \\ h^u_{2,1} & h^u_{2,2} r_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



# 2-Port G-Parameter Conversions

## $G^u \leftarrow G$

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_{1,1}^u & g_{1,2}^u \\ g_{2,1}^u & g_{2,2}^u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{1,1} / r_1 & g_{1,2} \\ g_{2,1} & g_{2,2} r_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## $G \leftarrow G^u$

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_{1,1} & g_{1,2} \\ g_{2,1} & g_{2,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{1,1}^u r_1 & g_{1,2}^u \\ g_{2,1}^u & g_{2,2}^u / r_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Conclusion

- Differences in Touchstone V1.0, V1.1, V2.0, V2.1 are shown
- New V1.1 option line syntax is shown
- Transformations between normalized and un-normalized matrix data are given for different per-port reference resistances
- TSCHK2.1 parser developer should add the per-port reference matrix transformation capability

