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INTRODUCTION

This document gives the introductions of differential-mode impedance and common-mode impedance, as well as odd-mode impedance and even-mode impedance. These four types of impedance are used in the design and measurements of differential devices. This document also specifies the test methods of time domain impedance for twinax cables used in high-performance information technology systems and data interface interconnection systems.

Although frequency domain analysis has powerful functions, time domain analysis is still an effective tool, especially in the short-reach and high frequency data transmission applications, for example fault localization, identifying impedance variations in connectors, PCBs, and transmission lines, selectively eliminating redundant responses (e.g. gate function in VNA-based time domain analysis), etc.

Time domain analysis includes time domain transmission and time domain reflection. This document concerns the latter. Impedance measurement is the most typical application of time domain reflectometry. This measurement technology is based on the transmission line theory, which works similarly to the principle of radar. When the signal travels along the transmission line or DUT, there are no reflections if the transmission line is homogeneous and continuous, but if impedance varies, a part of or all incident signal is reflected back, while the rest keeps travelling forward.

Time domain analysis can be achieved either by traditional time domain reflectometer or modern vector analyzer equipped with IFFT function.

When measuring the reflection signals, reflection coefficient ρ at a given point along a transmission line or device under test depends on the deviation between the impedance of this point and its nominal impedance; the position of reflection (i.e. the distance to the source) can be determined according to the travelling delay of the reflected signal and propagation velocity in the transmission line or DUT. A traditional time domain reflectometer (TDR) instrument displays this information directly.

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62783 gives the definitions of different types of impedance in time domain and specifies the test method of these kinds of impedance. It is applicable for determining the values of time domain impedance of twinax cables and twinax cable assemblies.

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