

A transformer of one-third wavelength in two sections - for a frequency and its first harmonic

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The quarter-wave transformer transforms in one frequency f_0 , but not its first harmonic $2f_0$. The transform in $2f_0$ is needed in a dual-band operation of GSM and PCS. This requirement can be fulfilled in a two line-sections of $1/6$ wavelengths each, adding to $1/3$ wavelengths for the total transformer length in the lower band centering at f_0 (fundamental), or $2/3$ wavelengths in the upper band centering at $2f_0$ (1st harmonic). The $1/3$ -wave transformer is analytically inexact but effectively exact for engineering applications. For example, for impedance transforms of $K = 4$, the inexactness gives a reflection of $|\Gamma| = 0.013$.

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