

180° RF Hybrid

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The 180° hybrid functions as a splitter/combiner for both 0° and 180° signals. You may [download](#) an analysis program that performs all the calculations described in this article. The 180° hybrid is usually represented as in figure 1 with the angles labeled along the sides. A signal into port 1 appears in-phase, 3 dB attenuated, at port 2 and port 4. No signal appears at port 3 therefore port 3 is said to be isolated relative to port 1.

A signal into port 2 appears in-phase at both ports 1 and 3, and isolated at port 4. Similarly, a signal into port 3 appears in-phase at port 2 and 180° out-of-phase at port 4.

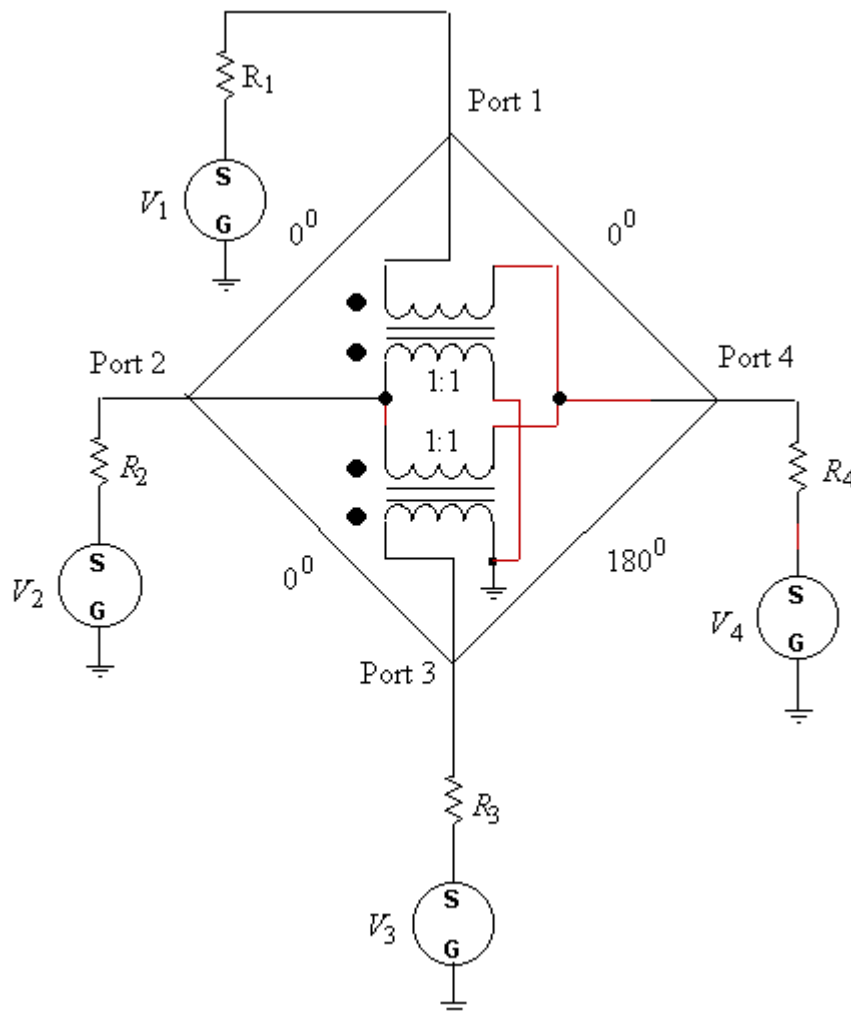


Figure 1. 180° hybrid

The 180° hybrid can be analyzed using the following steps.

1. If the current through R_1 is defined as I_1 , then the voltage on the top of R_1 is $V_1 - I_1 R_1$.
2. The current through the secondary of T_1 has to be the same as the primary current, I_1 .
3. The current through R_4 is defined as I_2 .

4. The voltage on the top of R_4 can be written in terms of I_2 and is $V_4 - R_4 I_2$.

5. The voltage across the secondary of T_1 is the same as the difference in voltage

across the primary. The voltage is $V_1 - I_1 R_1 - V_4 + R_4 I_2$.

6. The current through the secondary of T_2 has to be $I_1 + I_2$.

7. The voltage on the top of R_3 can be written as the difference in voltage across the

secondary of T_2 and is $V_1 - I_1 R_1 - V_4 + R_4 I_2 - V_4 + R_4 I_2$.

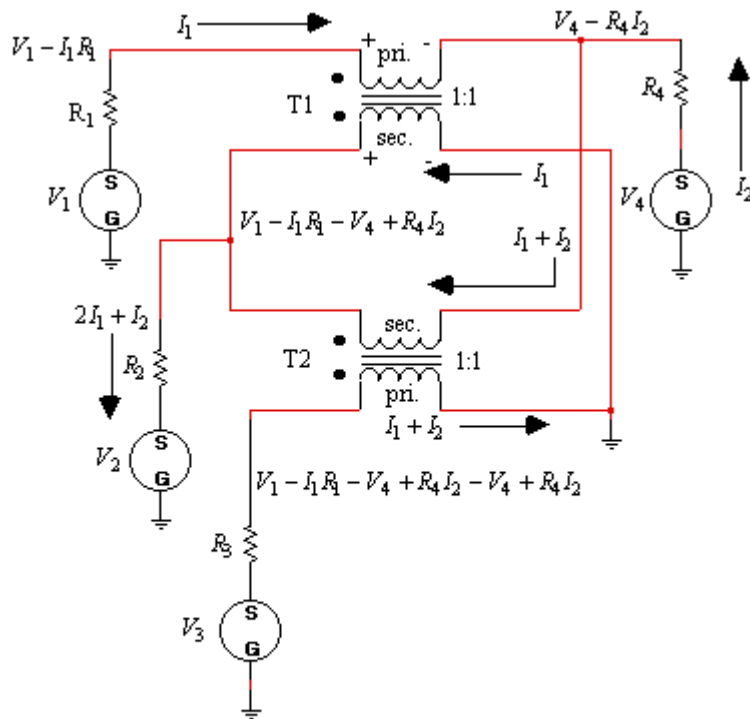


Figure 2. 180° hybrid analysis

From figure 2, the current through R_2 (which is $2I_1 + I_2$) can also be written in terms of the difference in the voltage across R_2 , or

$$2I_1 + I_2 = \frac{V_1 - I_1 R_1 - V_4 - R_4 I_2 - V_2}{R_2} \quad (1)$$

Also the current through R_3 (which is $I_1 + I_2$) can be written in terms of the difference in voltage across R_3 , divided by R_3 , or

$$I_1 + I_2 = \frac{V_3 - V_1 + I_1 R_1 + V_4 - R_4 I_2 + V_4 - R_4 I_2}{R_3} \quad (2)$$

Rearranging equations (1) and (2) for solution of I_1 and I_2 yields

$$I_1(R_1 + 2R_2) + I_2(R_2 - R_4) = V_1 - V_4 - V_2 \quad (3)$$

and

$$I_1(R_3 - R_4) + I_2(R_3 + 2R_4) = V_3 - V_1 + 2V_4 \quad (4)$$

For analysis, only one of the voltages V_1 , V_2 , V_3 , or V_4 , will be non-zero at any given time. To calculate the impedance into port 1, let $V_1 = 1$ and $V_2 = V_3 = V_4 = 0$. The port 1 input impedance becomes

$$Z_1 = \frac{V_1 - I_1 R_1}{I_1} \quad (5)$$

The other input impedances are

$$Z_2 = \frac{V_1 - I_1 R_1 - V_4 - R_4 I_2}{-(2I_1 + I_2)} \quad (6)$$

$$Z_3 = \frac{V_1 - I_1 R_1 - V_4 + R_4 I_2 - V_4 + R_4 I_2}{I_1 + I_2} \quad (7)$$

and

$$Z_4 = \frac{V_4 - I_2 R_4}{I_2} \quad (8)$$

If R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 are set to 75 ohms, then $Z_1 = Z_3 = 150$ ohms and $Z_2 = Z_4 = 37.5$ ohms.

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