

2.62 At an operating frequency of 10 GHz, a $50\ \Omega$ lossless coaxial line with insulating material having a relative permittivity $\epsilon_r = 2.25$ is terminated in an antenna with an impedance $Z_L = 150\ \Omega$. Use the Smith chart to find Z_{in} . The line length is 30 cm.

Solution: To use the Smith chart the line length must be converted into wavelengths. Since $\beta = 2\pi/\lambda$ and $u_p = \omega/\beta$,

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} = \frac{2\pi u_p}{\omega} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r} f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8\ \text{m/s}}{\sqrt{2.25} \times (10 \times 10^9\ \text{Hz})} = 0.02\ \text{m}.$$

Hence, $l = \frac{0.30\ \text{m}}{0.02\ \text{m}} \lambda = 15\lambda$. Since this is an integral number of half wavelengths,

$$Z_{in} = Z_L = 150\ \Omega.$$
