A transmission line with characteristic impedance 250 Ω is connected to a pure resistive load of 1000 Ω through a $\lambda/4$ line segment. Calculate the characteristic impedance of this segment to achieve perfect matching between the load and the transmission line.

Solution: input impedance of transmission line:

$$Z_{in}(l) = Z_0 \frac{Z_L + Z_0 \cdot tanh(\gamma l)}{Z_0 + Z_L \cdot tanh(\gamma l)}$$
$$Z_0 = 250 - characteristic impedance$$
$$Z_L = 1000 - load resistance$$
$$\gamma - propagation constant$$
$$l - length of transmission line$$

input impedance of lossless transmission line:

$$Z_{in}(l) = Z_0 \frac{Z_L + j \cdot Z_0 \cdot tan(\beta l)}{Z_0 + j \cdot Z_L \cdot tan(\beta l)}$$
$$\beta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} - wavenumber$$

for $\lambda/4$ line segment:

$$Z = \frac{Z_0^2}{Z_L} = \frac{250^2}{1000} = 62.5 \ \Omega$$

Answer: $Z = 62.5 \ \Omega$

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