



Assuming 2.5mm^2 and 1.5mm^2 T & E

Measuring across AB

$$\text{Path 1} = \text{ACB} = r1/2 + r2/2$$

$$\text{Path 2} = \text{ADB} = r1/2 + r2/2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Parallel paths } 1/R &= 1/\text{Path1} + 1/\text{Path 2} \\ &= 1/(r1/2 + r2/2) + 1/(r1/2 + r2/2) \\ &\text{simplifies to } R = (r1 + r2)/4 \end{aligned}$$

This formula only works when the Line and Neutral have the same CSA (as will be the case with T&E).

An example for a 40m ring - if $r1 = 0.296\ \Omega$ and $r_n = 0.296\ \Omega$ then parallel paths - $1/R = 1/r1 + 1/r_n$ gives $0.148\ \Omega$ and so does $(r1 + r2)/4$.

Turning to the CPC loop (again 40m) - if $r1 = 0.296\ \Omega$ we would expect $r2$ to be $0.494\ \Omega$ (1.67 higher in T&E)

Parallel paths gives $1/R = 1/0.296 + 1/0.494$, simplifies to $R = 0.185\ \Omega$ but $(r1 + r2)/4$ gives $0.198\ \Omega$ and in the real world this would be an acceptable discrepancy.