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Notes 20

Power Dividers and Circulators



Power Dividers and Couplers

✤ A power divider is used to split a signal.

✤ A coupler is used to combine a signal.



$$P_1 = P_2 + P_3 \leftarrow Coupler \qquad P_2$$
(Combiner)
$$P_3$$

These are examples of a three-port network.

Three Port Networks

General 3-port network:

$$\begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

Three Port Networks (cont.)

If all three ports are <u>matched</u>, and the device is <u>reciprocal</u> and <u>lossless</u>, we have:

$$\begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & S_{12} & S_{13} \\ S_{12} & 0 & S_{23} \\ S_{13} & S_{23} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (The *S* matrix is unitary.)

(There are three distinct values.)

Such a device is not physically possible! (Please see the next slide.)

Conclusion: If we want a match at all ports, we have to have a lossy device.

Power Dividers and Couplers (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & S_{12} & S_{13} \\ S_{12} & 0 & S_{23} \\ S_{13} & S_{23} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Lossless, reciprocal, and matched at all ports is <u>not</u> physically possible.

Lossless \Rightarrow [S] is unitary

Hence:

 $|S_{12}|^{2} + |S_{13}|^{2} = 1$ $|S_{12}|^{2} + |S_{23}|^{2} = 1$ $|S_{13}|^{2} + |S_{23}|^{2} = 1$ $S_{13} S_{23}^{*} = 0$ $S_{12} S_{23}^{*} = 0$ $S_{12} S_{13}^{*} = 0$ At least 2 of S_{13}, S_{1} (If only one is zero (or none is $S_{12} S_{13}^{*} = 0$

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These cannot all be satisfied.

Only one of them can be nonzero.

At least 2 of S_{13} , S_{12} , S_{23} must be zero. (If only one is zero (or none is zero), we cannot satisfy all three.)

Power Dividers



Assuming port 1 matched:



We can design the splitter to control the powers going into the two output lines.



$$Z_{01} < Z_{02}, \quad Z_{01} < Z_{03}$$

(The two output lines combine in parallel.)

 $\Rightarrow S_{22} \neq 0, S_{33} \neq 0$ The first term in the numerators must be less than the second term.

 $=\frac{Z_{01} \| Z_{02} - Z_{03}}{Z_{01} \| Z_{02} + Z_{03}}$

 $=\frac{Z_{01} \| Z_{03} - Z_{02}}{Z_{01} \| Z_{02} + Z_{02}}$







$$V_2^- / V_1^+ = V_2 / V_1^+ = V_1 / V_1^+$$

Also $V_1 = V_1^+ (1 + S_{11}) \Longrightarrow V_1 / V_1^+ = (1 + S_{11})$

Hence

$$S_{21} = (1 + S_{11}) \sqrt{\frac{Z_{01}}{Z_{02}}} = S_{12}$$

Similarly:

$$S_{31} = (1 + S_{11}) \sqrt{\frac{Z_{01}}{Z_{03}}} = S_{13}$$

$$S_{32} = S_{23} = (1 + S_{22}) \sqrt{\frac{Z_{02}}{Z_{03}}}$$

If port 1 is matched:

$$Z_{01} = \frac{Z_{02}Z_{03}}{Z_{02} + Z_{03}}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{11} = 0 \; ; \; S_{22} = \frac{Z_{01} \| Z_{03} - Z_{02}}{Z_{01} \| Z_{03} + Z_{02}} \; ; \; S_{33} = \frac{Z_{01} \| Z_{02} - Z_{03}}{Z_{01} \| Z_{02} + Z_{03}}$$

$$S_{21} = S_{12} = (1 + S_{11}) \sqrt{\frac{Z_{01}}{Z_{02}}} = \sqrt{\frac{Z_{01}}{Z_{02}}} = \sqrt{\frac{Z_{03}}{Z_{02} + Z_{03}}}$$
$$S_{31} = S_{13} = (1 + S_{11}) \sqrt{\frac{Z_{01}}{Z_{03}}} = \sqrt{\frac{Z_{01}}{Z_{03}}} = \sqrt{\frac{Z_{02}}{Z_{02} + Z_{03}}} \qquad [S] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & S_{12} & S_{13} \\ S_{12} & S_{22} & S_{23} \\ S_{13} & S_{23} & S_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

From last slide: $S_{32} = S_{23} = (1 + S_{22}) \sqrt{\frac{Z_{02}}{Z_{03}}}$

Only $S_{11} = 0$

The output ports 2 and 3 are <u>not</u> isolated.



Example: Microstrip T-junction power divider



The matched power divider also works as a matched power combiner.

$$S_{11} = 0$$

$$S_{22} = S_{33} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$Z_{01} = 50 \ [\Omega]$$

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$$Z_{01} = Z_{01} \| Z_{03} = 50 \| 100 = 33.333 \ [\Omega]$$

$$Z_{03} = 100 \ [\Omega]$$

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$$S_{31} = S_{13} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$B_{3} = \frac{q_{1}S_{31} + a_{2}S_{32} + a_{3}S_{33}}{a_{3}(S_{33} + S_{32})}$$

$$= a_{3}\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= 0$$

$$Equal waves are incident from ports 2 and 3 (a_{2} = a_{3}).$$

$$There is no reflection if equal waves are incident on ports 2 and 3, and port 1 is matched.$$

Wilkinson Power Divider

 Z_0

Equal-split (3 dB) power divider

(The Wilkenson can also be designed to have an unequal split.)

- All ports matched ($S_{11} = S_{22} = S_{33} = 0$)
- Output ports are isolated ($S_{23} = S_{32} = 0$)

Note: No power is lost in going from port 1 to ports 2 and 3:

$$|S_{21}|^2 = |S_{31}|^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

 $\begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-j}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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V22

 Z_0

 Z_0

 $2Z_0$

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The derivation is in the appendix.

Obviously not unitary



All three ports are matched, and the output ports are isolated.



- When a wave is incident from port 1, half of the total incident power gets transmitted to each output port (no loss of power).
- When a wave is incident from port 2 or port 3, half of the power gets transmitted to port 1 and half gets absorbed by the resistor, but nothing gets through to the other output port (the two output ports are isolated from each other).

Example: Microstrip Wilkinson power divider



Figure 7.15 of Pozar

Photograph of a four-way corporate power divider network using three microstrip Wilkinson power dividers. Note the isolation chip resistors.

Courtesy of M.D. Abouzahra, MIT Lincoln Laboratory.





Figure 7.12 of Pozar

Frequency response of an equal-split Wilkinson power divider. Port 1 is the input port; ports 2 and 3 are the output ports.

Circulators

Now consider a 3-port network that is non-reciprocal, with all ports matched, and is lossless:

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & S_{12} & S_{13} \\ S_{21} & 0 & S_{23} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad S_{ij} \neq S_{ji}$$

(There are six distinct values.)

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Lossless} \implies \\ \text{(unitary)} \end{array}$

$$|S_{21}|^{2} + |S_{31}|^{2} = 1$$
$$|S_{12}|^{2} + |S_{32}|^{2} = 1$$
$$|S_{13}|^{2} + |S_{23}|^{2} = 1$$
$$S_{31} S_{32}^{*} = 0$$
$$S_{21} S_{23}^{*} = 0$$
$$S_{12} S_{13}^{*} = 0$$

"Circulator"

These equations will be satisfied if:

(1)
$$S_{12} = S_{23} = S_{31} = 0$$

 $|S_{21}| = |S_{32}| = |S_{13}| = 1$
(2) or
 $S_{21} = S_{32} = S_{13} = 0$
 $|S_{12}| = |S_{23}| = |S_{31}| = 1$

Circulators (cont.)

$$\begin{array}{c}
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& [S] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1\\ 1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
\end{array}$$

Note: We have assumed here that the phases of all the *S* parameters are zero.

$$\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ [S] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Clockwise (LH) circulator





A wave goes in one port and comes out from the adjacent port!

Counter-clockwise (RH) circulator

Circulators (cont.)

An example of a circulator:



Frequency: 0.698 – 0.96 GHz VSWR: <1.3 Isolation : >18 dB Power: 1000 W Insertion loss: <0.35 dB Length: 1.75 in Width: 2 in Height: 1.02 in Temperature range: -20 – 70 deg C Price: \$439.94

Circulators can be made using biased ferrite materials.

Circulators (cont.)

Application: Wireless system



The <u>same</u> antenna can be used for transmit and receive.
The transmit and receive frequencies can even be the same.

Note: A circulator used this way is often called a <u>duplexer</u>.



A duplexer:



Diplexer

A <u>diplexer</u>) is a type of filter that combines or splits two different frequencies (f_1 and f_2).



Triplexer: three frequencies Multiplexer: multiple frequencies

Diplexer (cont.)

An example of a diplexer:



Diplexer (cont.)

Note: A <u>diplexer</u> can be used to transmit and receive two different channels with the same antenna (as with a duplexer), if the frequencies are <u>separated</u> enough.





Isolator

An isolator is a two-port device that is nonreciprocal:

$$\begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ✤ A wave coming in on port 1 goes through to port 2.
- ✤ A wave coming in on port 2 gets absorbed (does not go to port 1).



Frequency: 0.8 - 1 GHz VSWR: 1.25 Isolation : 20 dB Power: 2 W Insertion loss: <0.4 dB Length: 1.25 in Width: 2 in Height: 0.75 in Temperature range: -20 – 60 deg C Price: \$279.82

Circulator as Isolator

A circulator can also be used to make an isolator:



- ✤ A signal from the input port goes to the output port.
- ✤ A signal from the output port does not get to the input port.

Circulator as Isolator (cont.)

A waveguide-based circulator with a matched load at port 3, acting as an isolator



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Circulator

Appendix

The analysis of the Wilkinson power divider is given here.

- Even/odd mode analysis is used to analyze the Wilkinson power divider.
- This requires two separate analyzes (even and odd).
- ✤ Each analysis involves only a <u>two-port</u> device instead of a three-port device.

 Even <u>and</u> odd analysis is used to analyze the structure when port 2 is excited.

 \Rightarrow To determine S_{22}, S_{32}

Only even analysis is needed to analyze the structure when port 1 is excited.

 \Rightarrow To determine S_{11}, S_{21}

The other five components of the *S* matrix can be found by using physical symmetry and reciprocity (the symmetry of the *S* matrix).



Split structure along plane of symmetry (POS)

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Even \Rightarrow voltage even about POS \Rightarrow place OC along POS
Odd \Rightarrow voltage odd about POS \Rightarrow place SC along POS
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How do you split a transmission line? (This is needed for the even case.)





Note: $2Z_0$ resistor

The $2Z_0$ resistor has been split into two Z_0 resistors in series.

Ports 2 and 3 are excited in phase.







Note: $V_3^e = V_2^e$





(quarter-wave transformer)

Also, by physical symmetry: $S_{33}^e = S_{22}^e = 0$

Also, in the even case: $S_{32}^e = S_{22}^e \implies S_{32}^e = 0$



Also, by physical symmetry: $S_{33}^o = S_{22}^o = 0$

Also, in the odd case: $S_{32}^o = -S_{22}^o \implies S_{32}^o = 0$

We now add the results from the even and odd cases together:

$$S_{22} = \frac{V_2^-}{V_2^+}\Big|_{a_1 = a_3 = 0} = \frac{V^{-e} + V^{-o}}{V^+ + V^+} = \frac{V^{-e} + V^{-o}}{2V^+} = \frac{1}{2} \left(S_{22}^e + S_{22}^o\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(0 + 0\right) = 0$$

$$\implies S_{33} = 0 \quad \text{(by symmetry)}$$

$$S_{32} = \frac{V_3^-}{V_2^+}\Big|_{a_1 = a_3 = 0} = \frac{V^{-e} - V^{-o}}{V^+ + V^+} = \frac{V^{-e} - V^{-o}}{2V^+} = \frac{1}{2} \left(S_{32}^e - S_{32}^o\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(0 - 0\right) = 0$$

$$\implies S_{23} = 0 \quad \text{(by reciprocity)}$$

In summary, for port 2 excitation, we have:

Note:

Since all ports have the same Z_0 , we ignore the normalizing factor $\sqrt{Z_0}$ in the *S* parameter definition.

$$S_{22} = 0$$

 $S_{33} = 0$
 $S_{32} = S_{23} = 0$

Port 1 Excitation "even" problem Overview



When port 1 is excited, the response, by symmetry, is <u>even</u>. (Hence, the total voltages are the same as the even voltages.)



 Z_0 microstrip line #1



$$S_{11} = \frac{V_1^-}{V_1^+}\Big|_{a_2 = a_3 = 0} = \frac{V_1^{-e}}{V_1^{+e}}\Big|_{a_2 = 0} = S_{11}^e = 0$$

Hence $S_{11} = 0$

Port 1 Excitation $\begin{array}{c} & V_1^{+e} \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\$ "even" problem Port 1 Analysis (cont.) $S_{21} = \frac{V_2^-}{V_1^+} \Big|_{0} = \frac{V_2^{-e}}{V_1^{+e}} \Big|_{0} = S_{21}^{e}$ $2Z_0$ $V_{2}^{-e} = V_{2}^{e}$ Along $\lambda_g/4$ wave transformer: $V_1^e = V_1^{+e} \left(1 + S_{11}^e \right) = V_1^{+e}$ $V_T^e(z) = V_0^+ e^{-j\beta z} \left(1 + \Gamma e^{+j2\beta z}\right)$ z = distance from port 2 $\Rightarrow S_{21}^{e} = \frac{V_{2}^{-e}}{V_{1}^{+e}} = \frac{V_{2}^{e}}{V_{1}^{e}} = -j\frac{(1+\Gamma)}{(1-\Gamma)} = -j\frac{2}{2\sqrt{2}}$ $\begin{cases} V_{2}^{e} = V_{T}^{e}(0) = V_{0}^{+}(1+\Gamma) \\ V_{1}^{e} = V_{T}^{e}(-\lambda_{g}/4) = V_{0}^{+}j(1-\Gamma) \end{cases}$ $\Rightarrow S_{21} = \frac{-j}{\sqrt{2}} = S_{12}$ $\Gamma = \frac{Z_0 - \sqrt{2}Z_0}{Z_0 + \sqrt{2}Z_0} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{2}}{1 + \sqrt{2}}$ (symmetry of S $1+\Gamma = \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{2}}$ $1-\Gamma = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{1+\sqrt{2}}$ matrix) 43

For the other two components:

By physical symmetry:
$$S_{31} = S_{21} = \frac{-j}{\sqrt{2}}$$

By reciprocity (symmetry of *S* matrix):
$$S_{13} = S_{31} = \frac{-j}{\sqrt{2}}$$

We then have the final *S* matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-j}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$