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Notes 7

Two-Layer Stripline Structure



Goal: Derive a transcendental equation for the wavenumber k_z of the TM_x modes of propagation.

Assumption: There is no variation of the fields in the y direction, and propagation is along the z direction.

Two-Layer Stripline Structure (cont.)



Transverse Resonance Equation (TRE):

$$\overleftarrow{Z_{in}} = -\overrightarrow{Z_{in}}$$

Two-Layer Stripline Structure (cont.)



$$\vec{Z}_{in} = jZ_{01} \tan\left(k_{x1}h_{1}\right) \qquad \vec{Z}_{in} = jZ_{02} \tan\left(k_{x2}h_{2}\right)$$

TRE:
$$Z_{01} \tan(k_{x1}h_1) = -Z_{02} \tan(k_{x2}h_2)$$

or $\frac{k_{x1}}{\omega\varepsilon_1} \tan(k_{x1}h_1) = -\frac{k_{x2}}{\omega\varepsilon_2} \tan(k_{x2}h_2)$

TEN (cont.)

Hence

$$\varepsilon_{r2}k_{x1}\tan\left(k_{x1}h_{1}\right) = -\varepsilon_{r1}k_{x2}\tan\left(k_{x2}h_{2}\right)$$

Assuming nonmagnetic materials,

$$k_{x1} = \left(k_0^2 \varepsilon_{r1} - k_z^2\right)^{1/2} \qquad k_{x2} = \left(k_0^2 \varepsilon_{r2} - k_z^2\right)^{1/2}$$

A similar analysis could be applied for the TE_x modes.

Parallel-Plate Waveguide

Special case: parallel-plate waveguide

$$h = h_1 + h_2$$

$$h = \mathcal{E}_r, \mu_r$$

$$k_{x1} = k_{x2} = k_x$$

Parallel-Plate Waveguide (cont.)

$$\varepsilon_r k_x \tan(k_x h_1) = -\varepsilon_r k_x \tan(k_x h_2)$$

or
$$\tan\left(k_x h_1\right) + \tan\left(k_x h_2\right) = 0$$

Helpful identity:

$$\tan(a+b) = \frac{\tan(a) + \tan(b)}{1 - \tan(a)\tan(b)}$$

We then have

$$\tan\left(k_{x}h_{1}+k_{x}h_{2}\right)\left[1-\tan\left(k_{x}h_{1}\right)\tan\left(k_{x}h_{2}\right)\right]=0$$

This will be satisfied if

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$$\tan\left(k_xh_1+k_xh_2\right)=0$$

Parallel-Plate Waveguide (cont.)

Hence we have

$$\tan\left(k_{x}h\right)=0$$

SO

$$k_x h = m\pi, \quad m = 0, 1, 2\dots$$

We have (from the separation equation)

$$k_z = \sqrt{k_0^2 \varepsilon_r - k_x^2}$$

Hence

Note: TM_x and TE_x modes have the same wavenumber, but only the TM_x mode can exist for m = 0. (the electric field is perpendicular to the metal walls).

$$k_z = \sqrt{k_0^2 \varepsilon_r - \left(\frac{m\pi}{h}\right)^2}$$

Waveguide With Slab





$$Z_{00}^{TM} = \frac{k_{x0}}{\omega \varepsilon_0}$$
$$Z_{01}^{TM} = \frac{k_{x1}}{\omega \varepsilon_0}$$

 $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{E}_1$

Wavenumbers:

$$k_{x0} = \left[k_0^2 - k_z^2 - \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$
$$k_{x1} = \left[k_0^2 \varepsilon_r - k_z^2 - \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

Note:

$$A_{x} = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) F(x) e^{-jk_{z}z}$$
$$F_{x} = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{b}\right) G(x) e^{-jk_{z}z}$$

Note: In the BCs, A_x "acts" like E_x while F_x "acts" like H_x .

First try reference plane at x = 0:





General formula:

$$Z_{in} = Z_0 \left[\frac{Z_L + jZ_0 \tan \beta l}{Z_0 + jZ_L \tan \beta l} \right]$$

Apply this twice:

$$Z_{in}^{(1)} = jZ_{00} \tan(k_{x0}L)$$
$$Z_{in}^{(2)} = Z_{01} \left[\frac{Z_{in}^{(1)} + jZ_{01} \tan(k_{x1}w)}{Z_{01} + jZ_{in}^{(1)} \tan(k_{x1}w)} \right]$$



Apply again:

$$\vec{Z} = Z_{00} \left[\frac{Z_{in}^{(2)} + jZ_{00} \tan(k_{x0}L)}{Z_{00} + jZ_{in}^{(2)} \tan(k_{x0}L)} \right]$$

A mess !

Now try a reference plane at the <u>center</u> of the structure (the origin is now re-defined here).



(This is the only finite number that will work.)

But (from symmetry):

$$\overleftarrow{Z} = \overrightarrow{Z}$$

Now use an <u>admittance</u> formulation



 $\stackrel{\leftarrow}{Y} = -\stackrel{\rightarrow}{Y}$

TRE:

(only finite number that will work)

But (from symmetry):

 $\stackrel{\leftarrow}{Y} = \stackrel{\rightarrow}{Y}$

Hence
$$\overrightarrow{Z} = \infty$$

Hence, there are two valid solutions:

$$\vec{Z} = \begin{cases} 0 \\ \infty \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{Z} = 0$$
 PEC wall
 $\vec{Z} = \infty$ PMC wall



PEC wall

PMC wall

From symmetry:

$$E_z(-x) = AE_z(x)$$





Note: even/odd is classification is based on the E_z field.



Example: TE_x Even Modes



TE_{*x*} Even Modes (cont.)

$$\frac{\omega\mu_0}{k_{x1}} - \frac{\omega\mu_0}{k_{x0}} \tan\left(k_{x0}L\right) \tan\left(k_{x1}\frac{w}{2}\right) = 0$$

or

$$k_{x0} - k_{x1} \tan(k_{x0}L) \tan\left(k_{x1}\frac{w}{2}\right) = 0$$
$$\mathsf{TE}_x \text{ even}$$

where
$$k_{x0} = \left[k_0^2 - k_z^2 - \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2\right]^{1/2} \quad k_{x1} = \left[k_0^2 \varepsilon_r - k_z^2 - \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2\right]^{1/2}$$

Hence, the transcendental equation is in the form

$$F(k_z) = 0$$

Four Possible Cases

(We have only done one of them: TE_x even.)



Cutoff Frequency (TE_x Even)

Set
$$k_z = 0$$
 (closed structure)

Then

$$k_{x0} = \left[k_0^2 - k_z^2 - \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad k_{x1} = \left[k_0^2 \varepsilon_r - k_z^2 - \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Hence, the transcendental equation is now in the form

$$F(k_0) = 0$$

where

$$k_0 = 2\pi f_c \sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}$$

 $f_c = \text{cutoff frequency}$

LSE/LSM Terminology



LSE: "Longitudinal Section Electric". This means the same thing as TE_x . The electric field vector of the mode has no *x* component, and hence it lies within the *yz* plane (This is called the "longitudinal plane," which means the plane parallel to the slab face.

LSM: "Longitudinal Section Magnetic". This means the same thing as TM_x . The magnetic field vector of the mode has no *x* component, and hence it lies within the *yz* plane (the "longitudinal plane).