

M.E. (ETCE) 1<sup>st</sup> YEAR EXAMINATION, 2024  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)

MICROSTRIP COMPONENTS AND CIRCUITS

Time: Three hours

Full Marks 100

No. of  
questions

Marks

Answer *Question no. 1* and any *four* from the rest.  
All questions except Q. 1 carry equal marks.  
Values of physical constants may be assumed, if necessary.

1. Choose the correct alternative in each case:
- a) Slotlines, as compared to microstrip lines are more suitable for mounting of
    - (i) Components in shunt
    - (ii) Both components in shunt and components in series
    - (iii) Components in series
    - (iv) None of these
  - b) For a planar transmission line fabricated on glass substrate compared to an identical line fabricated on silicon substrate, it will be
    - (i) More lossy
    - (ii) Less lossy
    - (iii) Similarly lossy
    - (iv) May be more lossy or less depending on other parameters
  - c) For a microstrip line operated at high frequencies, the signal velocity
    - (i) Decreases nonlinearly with frequency
    - (ii) Decreases linearly with frequency
    - (iii) Increases nonlinearly with frequency
    - (iv) Increases linearly with frequency
  - d) Pure TEM mode of propagation is supported by
    - (i) Slotlines
    - (ii) Finlines
    - (iii) Microstrip
    - (iv) Striplines
  - e) Compared to microstrip lines, inverted microstrips can operate over
    - (i) Lower frequency ranges
    - (ii) Higher frequency ranges
    - (iii) Similar frequency ranges
    - (iv) Higher temperature
  - f) Etched on the same substrate, an 100 ohm line will be
    - (i) Of same width as a 50 ohm line
    - (ii) Wider than a 50 ohm line
    - (iii) Narrower than a 50 ohm line
    - (iv) May be wider than a 50 ohm line or may be narrower
2. (a) What do you by primary and secondary constants of a line? 2X6  
=12
- (b) For a coaxial cable, draw the electric and magnetic field patterns over its cross section. 4
- (c) Prove that any value of reactance can be realized by either a short circuited or an open circuited stub. 6
- (d) Discuss, in the context of microstrip, which type of substrate should be more suitable for antenna application and which type should be more suited for circuit application, 4

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- (e) Design a quarter wave transformer to match a 50 ohm line to a 100 ohm load. 4
- 3.(a) Discuss qualitatively why the shape ratio ( $w/h$ ) is more important than line width ( $w$ ) for a planar line. 4
- (b) How can the maximum frequency of operation of such a line be determined? 6
- (c) Draw the standing wave patterns for both voltage and current along a 50 ohm line terminated by 225 ohms. 4
- (d) What are the values of reflection coefficient and VSWR along the line? 4
- (e) What is the input impedance of an infinite line? Justify the result logically. 4
- 4.(a) Describe how the finite difference technique can be used to determine the characteristic Impedance of a microstrip line. 12
- (b) Obtain the Fourier transform of
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- 10
5. (a) Consider three lossless lines (each operating at 900 MHz with phase velocity  $2.5 \times 10^8$  m/sec) as follow  
 Line 1:  $Z_0=70\Omega$ , length=43.5 cm terminated by  $j70\Omega$ ; Line 2:  $Z_0=90\Omega$ , length=21 cm terminated by  $40\Omega$ ; Line 3:  $Z_0=50\Omega$ , length=19.5 cm terminated by the shunt combination of Line1 and Line2.  
 Find input impedance of Line 3. 10
- (b) Also find the VSWR along all three lines. 6
- (c) How is the characteristic impedance of a line measured? 6
6. (a) With reference to a pair of coupled lines, explain the existence of odd and even modes. 6
- (b) Prove that  $Z_0=\sqrt{(Z_{0o}Z_{0e})}$  for it with the symbols having their usual meaning. 12
- (c) Why is such a device called Quadrature Coupler? 4
7. (a) Write short essay on variants of microstrip. 12
- (b) Describe any one full wave method of microstrip analysis. 10