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Course Code	BECE305L	Faculty Name	Prof. Usha Kiran Kommuri
Course Title	Antenna and Microwave Engineering	Slot	A1+TA1
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		Max. Marks	100
Time	3 hours		

Instructions To Candidates

- Write only your registration number in the designated box on the question paper. Writing anything elsewhere on the question paper will be considered a violation.
- Use Smith Chart where ever applicable.

Course Outcomes

- CO1: Examine the radiation mechanism of electromagnetic fields and identify the various antenna parameters.
CO2: Apply the design criteria to Linear, HF, UHF, microwave antenna and arrays.
CO3: Comprehend the performance of different microwave sources and ferrite devices.
CO4: Design and analyze the passive components at microwave frequencies.
CO5: Design and analyze the various passive circuits at microwave frequencies.
CO6: Infer the importance of high frequency transistors to design microwave amplifiers.

Section - I

Answer all Questions (5 × 5 Marks)

- Two spacecrafts are separated by 3000 km. Each has an antenna with directivity, $D = 200$ operating at 2 GHz. If craft A's receiver requires 20 dB over 1 pW, what transmitter power is required on craft B to achieve this signal level? [5] (CO1/K3)
- Describe how a phased array antenna is used in radar and 5G communication systems. Mention the advantages over conventional antennas. [5] (CO2/K2)
- Discuss the design considerations of the frequency independent spiral antennas. [5] (CO2/K2)
- Explain the major applications of microwave devices circulator and directional coupler in the communication, industry and medicine. Discuss the advantages of using a microwave over conventional frequency range for this applications. [5] (CO4/K2)
- Compare Wilkinson and T-junction power divider based on isolation, matching, insertion loss and bandwidth. If an application needs a high isolation requirement, which one would you suggest and why? [5] (CO5/K2)

Section - II

Answer all Questions (6 × 10 Marks)

- If the normalized radiation intensity of an antenna is symmetric in ϕ direction, and it is represented by:

$$U = \begin{cases} 1 & 0^\circ \leq \theta < 30^\circ \\ 0.5 & 30^\circ \leq \theta < 60^\circ \\ 0.1 & 60^\circ \leq \theta < 90^\circ \\ 0 & 90^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ \end{cases}$$

- Find out the directivity of the antenna in dB. [7 Marks]
- Determine the maximum effective area (in m^2) of the antenna if the frequency of operation is 12 GHz. [3 Marks]

07. Determine the length and spacing for the 7 element Yagi-Uda antenna operating at 800MHz. Sketch the Yagi Uda antenna [10] (CO1/K4)
- Spacing between the elements [4 marks]
 - Lengths of the elements [4 marks]
 - Yagi Uda antenna Sketch [2 marks]
08. A uniform array of 3 elements is designed so that its maximum is directed toward broadside. The spacing between the elements is $\lambda/2$. Determine [10] (CO2/K3)
- all the angles (in degrees) where the nulls will occur. [3 marks]
 - all the angles (in degrees) where all the maxima will occur. [3 Marks]
 - the half-power beamwidth (in degrees). [2 Marks]
 - directivity (dimensionless and in dB). [2 Marks]
09. With the help of a neat diagram, explain the working principle of a two-cavity klystron amplifier. Elaborate on the process of velocity modulation in the input cavity and how this leads to bunch formation of electrons in the drift region. [10] (CO3/K2)
10. For the given transistor, the scattering parameters are as follows. [10] (CO6/K4)
- $$S_{11} = 0.385 \angle -55^\circ \quad S_{12} = 0.385 \angle 90^\circ$$
- $$S_{21} = 2.7 \angle -78^\circ \quad S_{22} = 0.89 \angle -26.5^\circ$$
- Check if the case is stable or potentially unstable, with proper justification and draw the stability circles using smith chart.
11. Design a stepped-impedance low-pass filter having a maximally flat response and a cutoff frequency of 3.0 GHz. It is desired to have more than 20 dB insertion loss at 5.0 GHz. The filter impedance is 50Ω ; the highest practical line impedance is 150Ω , and the lowest impedance is 30Ω . Use the values given in Table 1 and Figure 1.

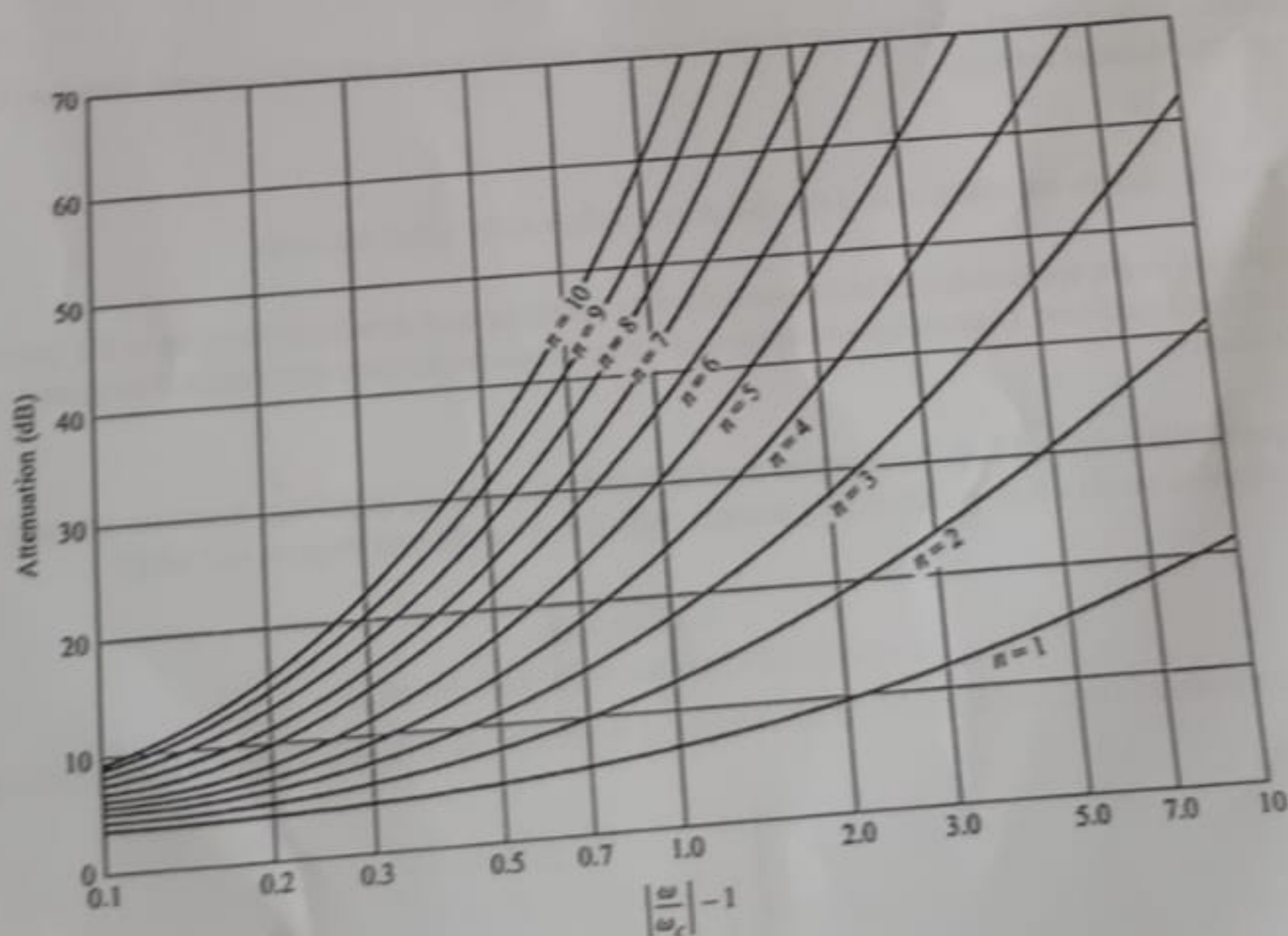


Figure 1

Table 1

TABLE Element Values for Maximally Flat Low-Pass Filter Prototypes ($g_0 = 1$, $\omega_c = 1$, $N = 1$ to 10)

N	E_1	E_2	E_3	E_4	E_5	E_6	E_7	E_8	E_9	E_{10}	E_{11}
1	2.0000	1.0000									
2	1.4142	1.4142	1.0000								
3	1.0000	2.0000	1.0000	1.0000							
4	0.7654	1.8478	1.8478	0.7654	1.0000						
5	0.6180	1.6180	2.0000	1.6180	0.6180	1.0000					
6	0.5176	1.4142	1.9318	1.9318	1.4142	0.5176	1.0000				
7	0.4450	1.2470	1.8019	2.0000	1.8019	1.2470	0.4450	1.0000			
8	0.3902	1.1111	1.6629	1.9615	1.9615	1.6629	1.1111	0.3902	1.0000		
9	0.3473	1.0000	1.5321	1.8794	2.0000	1.8794	1.5321	1.0000	0.3473	1.0000	
10	0.3129	0.9080	1.4142	1.7820	1.9754	1.9754	1.7820	1.4142	0.9080	0.3129	1.0000

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[10] (CO5/K4)

Section - III

Answer all Questions (1 × 15 Marks)

12. a) A directional coupler has the following S-parameters. Calculate the coupling coefficient, insertion loss, isolation and directivity in dB. [8 marks]

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.92 \angle 0^\circ & 0.32 \angle -90^\circ & 0.03 \angle 180^\circ \\ 0.92 \angle 0^\circ & 0 & 0.03 \angle 170^\circ & 0.32 \angle -90^\circ \\ 0.32 \angle -90^\circ & 0.03 \angle 170^\circ & 0 & 0.92 \angle 0^\circ \\ 0.03 \angle 180^\circ & 0.32 \angle -90^\circ & 0.92 \angle 0^\circ & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- b) i) What modification is expected to convert circulator into isolator? [2 marks]
 ii) Is an isolator a matched, reciprocal, and lossless device? Justify your answer using its S-parameters and mention a practical application. [5 marks]

Some formula:

$$C_L = \frac{(S_{22} - \Delta S_{11}^*)^*}{|S_{22}|^2 - |\Delta|^2}$$

$$R_L = \left| \frac{S_{12}S_{21}}{|S_{22}|^2 - |\Delta|^2} \right|$$

$$C_S = \frac{(S_{11} - \Delta S_{22}^*)^*}{|S_{11}|^2 - |\Delta|^2}$$

$$R_S = \left| \frac{S_{12}S_{21}}{|S_{11}|^2 - |\Delta|^2} \right|$$

$$K = \frac{1 - |S_{11}|^2 - |S_{22}|^2 + |\Delta|^2}{2|S_{12}S_{21}|}$$

$$|\Delta| = |S_{11}S_{22} - S_{12}S_{21}| < 1$$

[15] (CO4/K4)