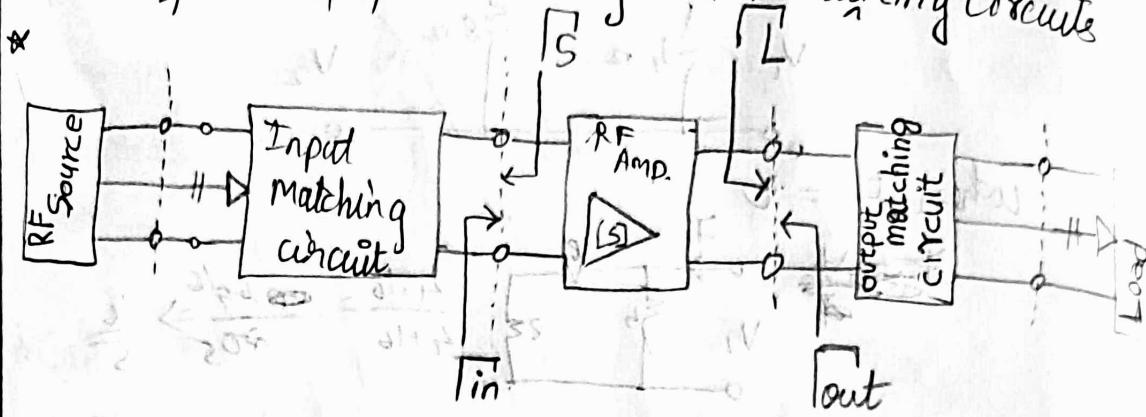


RF Transfer Amplifiers & Design and Matching Circuits



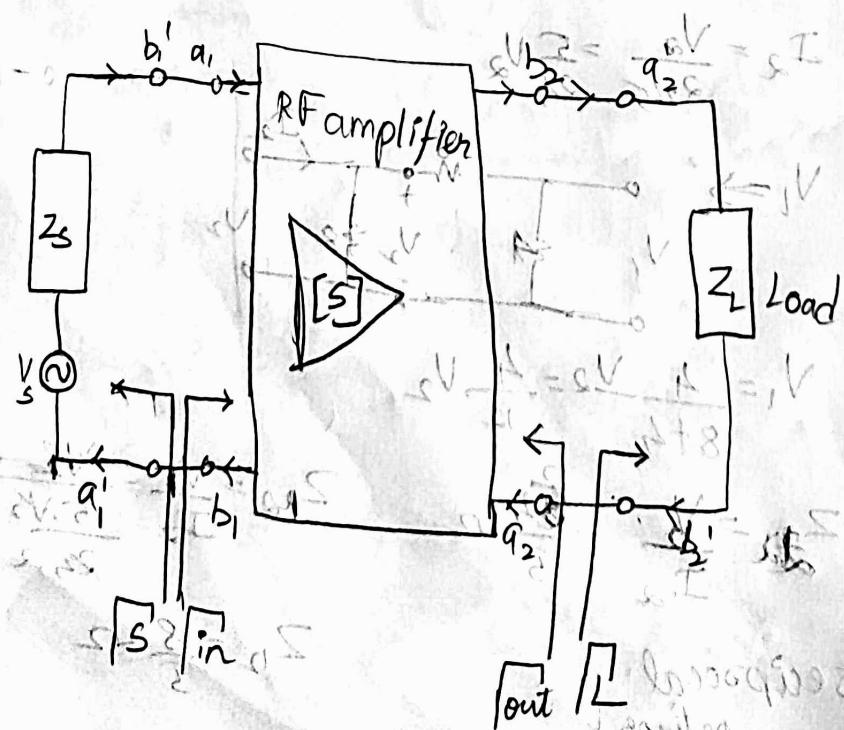
* Amplifiers can oscillate when terminated with certain ranges at source & load impedances.

* Matching networks can help stabilise the amplifier by keeping the source & load impedances in the appropriate range.

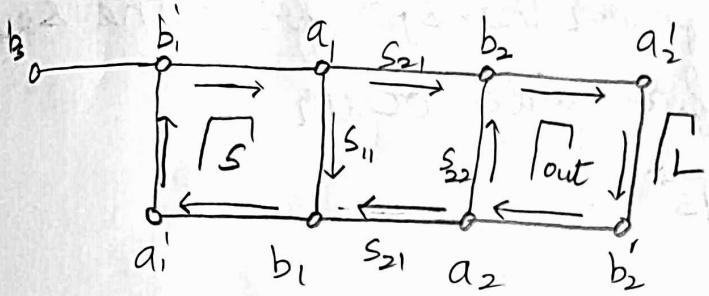
* In amplifier design process stability analysis is a first step.

* The gain & noise figure, output power, BW & bias conditions are the basic requirement needed to develop an amplifier circuit.

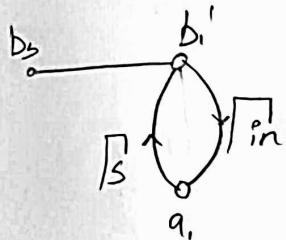
* Amplifier power relations:



Signal flow graph.



* Incident Power, $P_{inc} = \frac{1}{2} |B_i|^2$



using mason's rule [from control system]

$$\frac{b_i'}{B_s} = \frac{1}{1 - |S| |in|}$$

$$\text{So } P_{inc} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|B_s|^2}{|1 - |S||^2}$$

* Input Power, $P_{in} = P_{inc} [1 - |\Gamma_{in}|^2]$

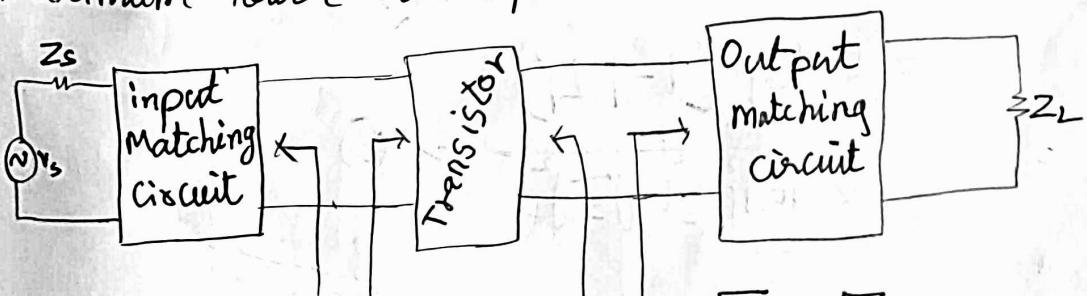
$$P_{in} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|B_s|^2 [1 - |\Gamma_{in}|^2]}{|1 - |S||^2}$$

* Power available at amplifier (P_A)

$$P_A = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|B_s|^2 (1 - |S'|^2)}{|1 - |S||^2}$$

i.e. $|S| = |\Gamma_{in}|$

26/03/23 Maximum power transfer theorem:-



$$Z_{in} = Z_s^*, \quad |S| |in| = |S|^* \quad |out| |L| = |L|$$

If the input impedance is matched with complex conjugate of source impedance,

or in terms of reflection coefficient, $(\Gamma_{in} = \frac{Z_o - Z_s}{Z_o + Z_s})$
 then the max^m power transfer from the source
 to the amplifier will occur

$$P_A = P_{in}| \Rightarrow |\Gamma_{in}| = \sqrt{s}^*$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{|bs|^2 (1 - |\Gamma_{in}|^2)}{|1 - |\Gamma_{in}| \sqrt{s}|^2}$$

$$\text{Step 2: } = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|bs|^2 (1 - |\Gamma_{in}|^2)}{(1 - |\Gamma_{in}|)^2}$$

$$P_A = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|bs|^2}{|1 - |\Gamma_{in}|^2|}$$

if $|\Gamma_{in}| = 0$ and $\sqrt{s} \neq 0$

then

$$P_A = \frac{1}{2} |bs|^2 \rightarrow ②$$

Transducer power gain:- $[G_T] = \frac{1}{|1 - |\Gamma_{in}|^2|}$

$G_T = \frac{\text{Power delivered to load}}{\text{Power available at Amplifier}}$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} |bs|^2 (1 - |\Gamma_{in}|^2)}{\frac{1}{2} |bs|^2 (1 - |\sqrt{s}|^2)} \rightarrow ③$$

$$G_T = \frac{(1 - |\Gamma_{in}|^2)}{(1 - |\sqrt{s}|^2)}$$

using Mason's rule in SFG,

$$\left| \frac{b_2}{b_3} \right| = \frac{\sum P_k \Delta_k}{\Delta}$$

$$= \frac{P_1 \Delta_1}{\Delta}$$

$$P_1 = S_{21}$$

$$\Delta_1 = 1$$

$$\Delta = 1 - [S_{11}\Gamma S + \Gamma L S_{22} + S_{21}\Gamma S_{12}\Gamma S] \\ + \Gamma S S_{11}\Gamma L S_{22}$$

$$= \frac{S_{21}}{1 - [S_{11}\Gamma S + \Gamma L S_{22} + S_{21}\Gamma S_{12}\Gamma S - \Gamma S S_{11}\Gamma L S_{22}]} \\ = \frac{S_{21}}{1 - [S_{11}\Gamma S + \Gamma L S_{22} + (S_{21}S_{12} - S_{11}S_{22})\Gamma L S]}$$

$$\left| \frac{b_2}{b_3} \right| = \frac{S_{21}}{(1 - S_{11}\Gamma S) - (\Gamma L S_{22}(1 - \Gamma S S_{11}) - S_{11}S_{22}\Gamma L S)}$$

Unilateral power gain :- $[G_{TU}]$

$$G_{TU} = \frac{|S_{21}|^2 (1 - |\Gamma L|^2) (1 - |\Gamma S|^2)}{|1 - \Gamma S S_{11}|^2 |1 - \Gamma L S_{22}|^2} \quad S_{12} = 0$$

Additional power relations:-

$$G_T = \frac{\text{Power available @ the network}}{\text{Power available @ source side}}$$

$$= \frac{P_N}{P_S \text{ or } P_A}$$

$$G_A = \frac{|S_{21}|^2 (1 - |\Gamma S|^2)}{(1 - |\Gamma_{out}|^2) |1 - S_{11}\Gamma S|^2}$$

Available power gain

Stability consideration :-

- * An amplifier circuit must be stable over the entire freq. range
- * The RF circuits tend to oscillate depending on the operating freq. and the termination.
- * for the circuit's oscillation is possible if either input or output port impedance has the negative real part which implies that $|Z_{in}| < 1$ or $|Z_{in}| > 1 \wedge |Z_{out}| < 1$ or $|Z_{out}| > 1$
- * $Z_{in} < Z_{out}$ depends on the source & load matching networks, the stability of amp. which depends on $|S| < 1$ as presented by matching networks.

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$$* |Z_{in}| < 1 \Rightarrow |S_{11}| < 1 \Rightarrow \text{stable circuit}$$

$$|Z_{in}| < 1 \Rightarrow |S_{11}| > 1 \Rightarrow \text{part of circuit is stable}$$

$$* |Z_{in}| < 1 \Rightarrow |Z_{out}| < 1 \Rightarrow |S| < 1 \Rightarrow \text{unconditionally stable}$$

* in certain freq. ranges the above condition leads to conditionally stable circuit.

Unconditionally

* The network is unconditionally stable if $|Z_{in}|, |Z_{out}|$ less than 1 for all passive source & Load impedances

* The network is conditionally stable if $|Z_{in}|, |Z_{out}| < 1$ for certain range of passive source & Load impedances

$$|\Gamma_{in}| = \left| S_{11} + \frac{S_{12} S_{21} \Gamma_L}{1 - S_{22} \Gamma_L} \right| < 1$$

$$|\Gamma_{out}| = \left| S_{22} + \frac{S_{12} S_{21} \Gamma_S}{1 - S_{11} \Gamma_S} \right| < 1$$

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

if $|\Gamma_{in}| = 1$

$$\text{then } |\Gamma_L - C_L| = R_L$$

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

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

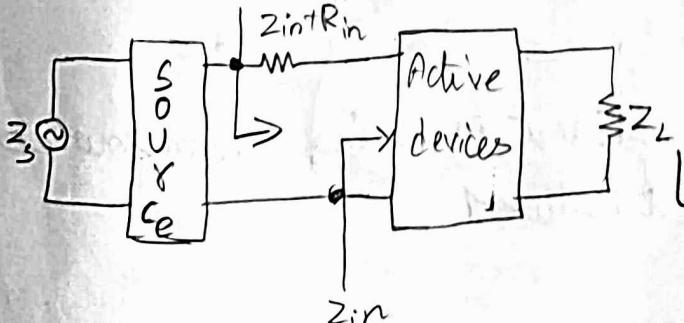
if $|\Gamma_{out}| = 1$

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

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

16/3/23 Stabilization methods:-

Use active devices to stabilize the circuit.
↓
Transistors



$$\begin{aligned} \text{instable } |\Gamma_{in}| &> 1 \\ |\Gamma_{out}| &> 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$|\Gamma_{in}| = \frac{|Z_{in} - Z_{out}|}{|Z_{in} + Z_{out}|} > 1$$

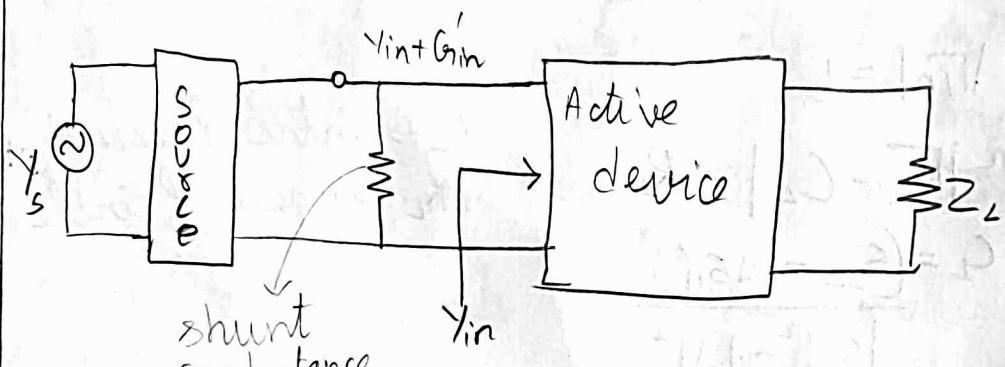
$$|\Gamma_{\text{out}}| = \left| \frac{Z_{\text{out}} + Z_0}{Z_{\text{out}} - Z_0} \right| > 1$$

Load side output impedance = Z_L

* Common collector \rightarrow high input impedance.

$$Z_{\text{in}} + R_{\text{in}} + Z_s > 0$$

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The stabilization of input port for series resistance



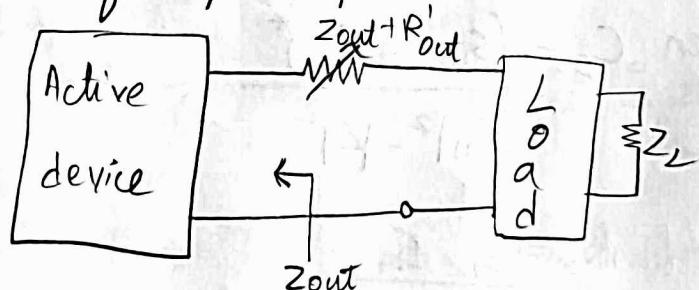
shunt conductance

$$Y_{\text{in}} + G_{\text{in}}' + Y_s > 0$$

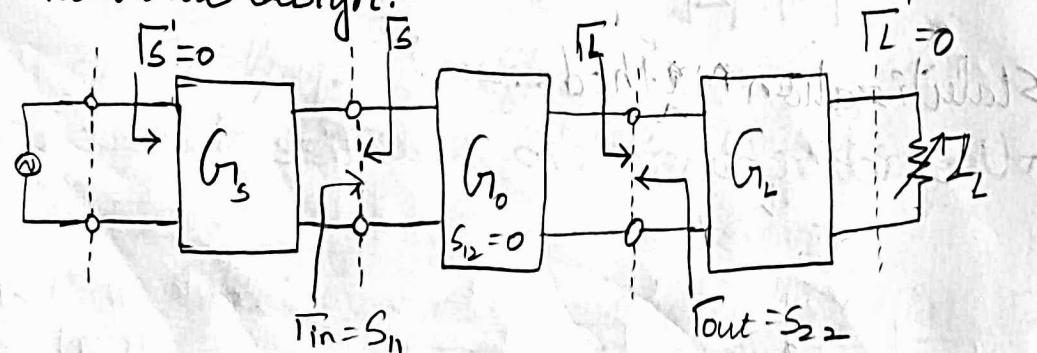
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stabilization of input port through shunt conductance

* Configuration of output port:-

$$Z_{\text{out}} + R_{\text{out}} + Z_L > 0$$



* Unilateral design:-



G_s = Gain of input port matching from source side

$G_o \Rightarrow$ output port network

$G_L \Rightarrow$ Load

$$G_{\text{unilateral}} = G_{1s} \times G_{2o} \times G_{2r} = G_{TJ}$$

$$G_{TJ} = \frac{\underbrace{1 - |\Gamma_s|^2}_{\text{input}}}{\underbrace{1 - S_{11}|\Gamma_s|^2}_{\text{forward}}} \times |S_{21}|^2 \times \frac{\underbrace{|\Gamma_r|^2}_{\text{output}}}{\underbrace{1 - |\Gamma_r|^2 S_{22}}_{\text{backward}}}$$

$$\text{input side } \Gamma_s = S_{11}$$

Noise figure:-

$$\frac{\text{SNR}_{\text{input port}}}{\text{SNR}_{\text{output port}}} = \frac{P_{\text{signal side, input}} \times P_{N, \text{out}}}{P_{\text{noise side}} \times P_{S, \text{out}}}$$

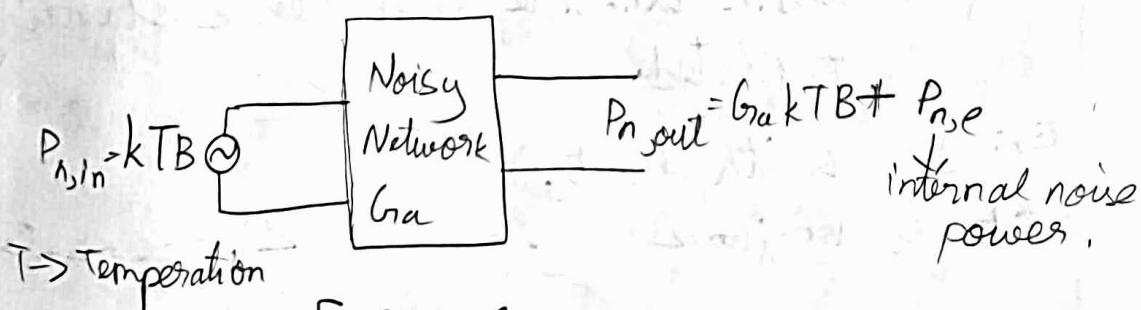
* It is defined as ratio of the input signal to noise ratio to the output side SNR.

$$NF = \frac{P_{S, \text{in}}}{P_{N, \text{in}}} / \frac{P_{S, \text{out}}}{P_{N, \text{out}}} = \frac{P_{N, \text{out}}}{P_{N, \text{in}} \times G_a}$$

$$* G_{\text{ain}} = \frac{P_{S, \text{out}}}{P_{S, \text{in}}} = G_a = \text{Amplifier power gain.}$$

* We need NF to weed out errors during tx.

* if we consider temperature



$$NF = G_a k B (T + T_e)$$

$$k T_B \cdot G_a$$

$$NF = \frac{T + T_e}{T} = 1 + \frac{T_e}{T}$$

internal noise
Temperature

$$T_e = T(NF - 1)$$

T in Kelvin

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Voltage Standing Wave Ratio :- [VSWR]:-

$$\star \text{VSWR} = \frac{V_{\max}}{V_{\min}} = \frac{1 - |\Gamma|}{1 + |\Gamma|} \quad \Gamma = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0}$$

* VSWR is used to find efficiency in radio frequencies.

Z_0 = Output impedance

* VSWR is used to find max^m power transferred in RL, RC, RLC circuits through impedance matching.

* VSWR is a measure of low freq. radio wave loss. It is a measure of low efficiency. Radio freq. power is transmitted from a power source through atm. line into a load.

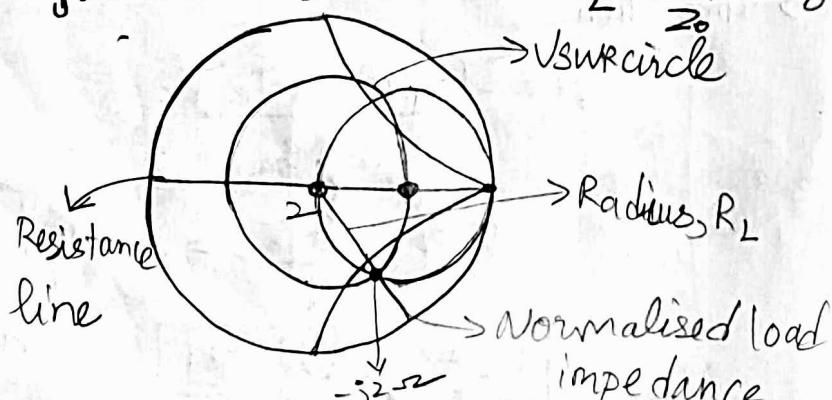
* $\text{VSWR} \in \{1, \infty\}$

* In the smith chart the clockwise movement represents the increase in impedance and it represents towards the generator.

* Due to impedance mismatch, standing wave is generated in tx. line and hence standing wave is reflected.

Ex:- In smith chart,

$$\text{let } Z_L = 100 - j100 \Omega \quad Z_0 = 50 \Omega \quad Z'_L = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_0} = 2 - j2 \Omega$$



BroadBand Amplifiers :-

* frequency \rightarrow VHF range to UHF range
 $\rightarrow 2 - 18 \text{ GHz}$

TV, wifi, satellite signals

* Used for data tx & Rx communication.

* They are amplifiers which will reproduce a wide range of signals without any significant loss throughout the pass band

* A typical Broadband amplifier is used as TV signal i.e. VHF to UHF. which means radio waves to transmit data in a wireless connection.

* For designing broad band amplifiers,

↳ Improve BW

↳ Achieve gain

↳ Complexity is reduced.

↳ Compensated matching networks

↳ Balance amplifiers of different types.

↳ Provides large output voltage

↳ Less SNR.

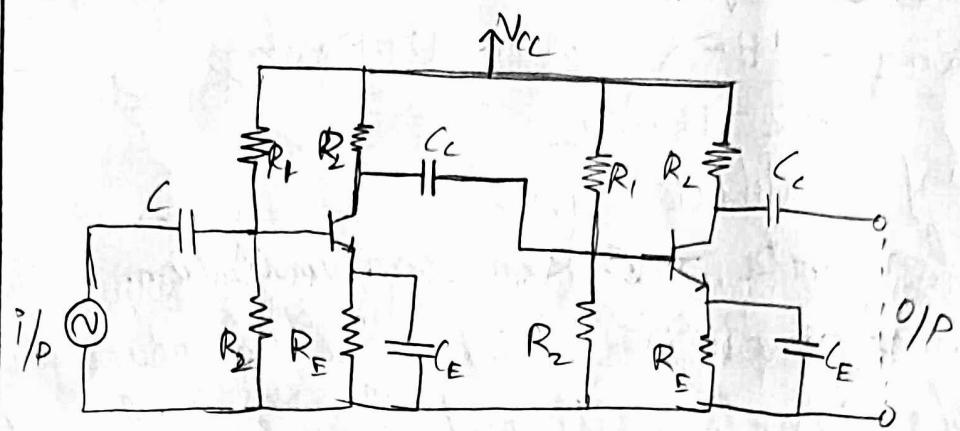
Multistage amplifiers :-

* Overall gain = Multiply gain of individual stages

* Used in audio fidelity application, impedance matching, voltage amplification

* RC coupled amplifier is considered for biasing & stabilisation of circuit network performance.

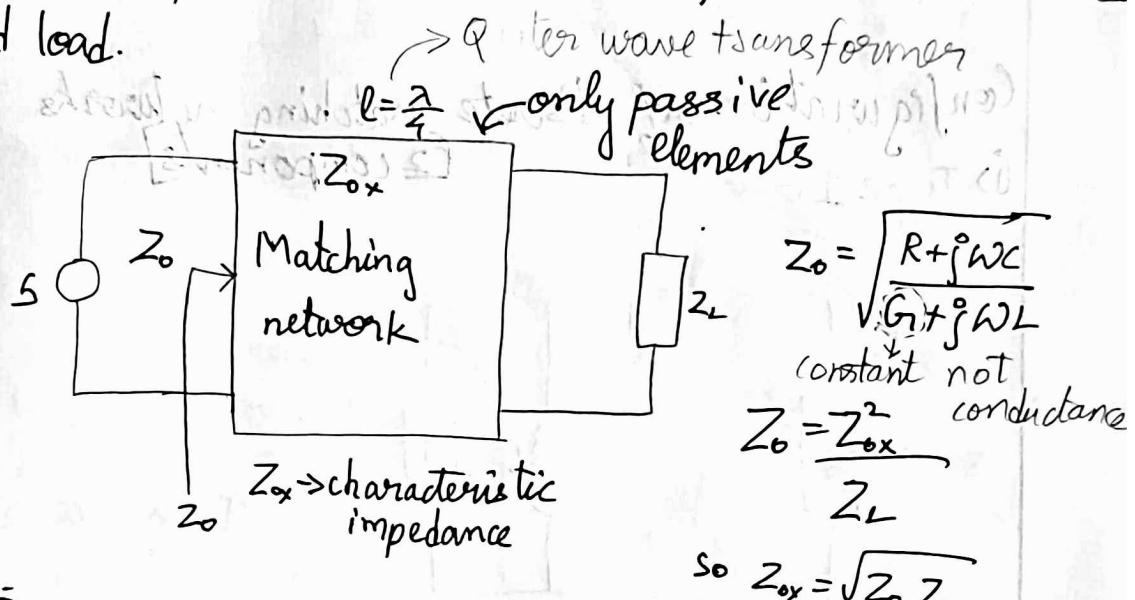
* Becomes compact by upgrading technology.



essentially open

Impedance Matching Networks :-

- * Maximum power should be transferred between source and load.



* To match the impedance of the load to that of the source, to achieve max^m power transfer

* This is accomplished by incorporating additional passive elements in the source side. This network is generally referred as matching network.

↳ If $Z_L = Z_0 \Rightarrow$ matching circuit impedance balanced circuit.

* The matching network, satisfy two main goal

↳ to meet system specs.

↳ to find the most inexpensive & reliable way to accomplish the first task

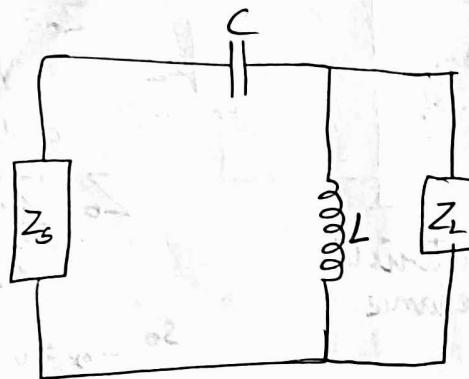
↳ To analyse & design the simplest possible matching networks, the so called 2 component network - RLC network, due to their element arrangement. These network use 2 reactive components to transform the load Z_L to the desired Z_0 .

With load source impedances, the component R, is alternatively connected in series shunt configuration.

Configurations of discrete matching networks.

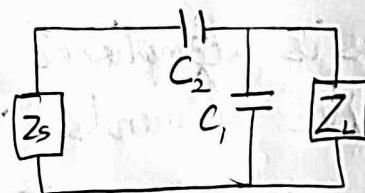
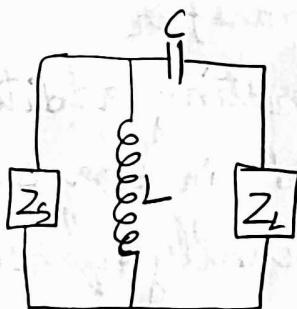
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[2 components]



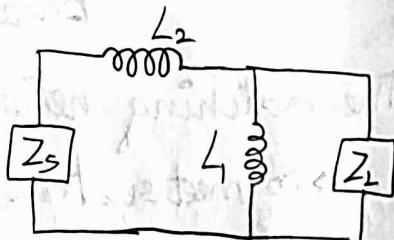
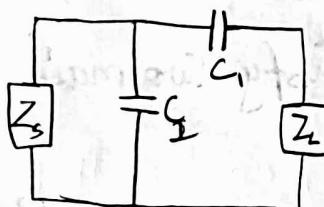
(ii) Type 2:-

(iii) Type 3:-



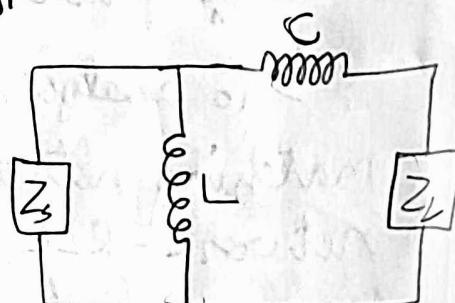
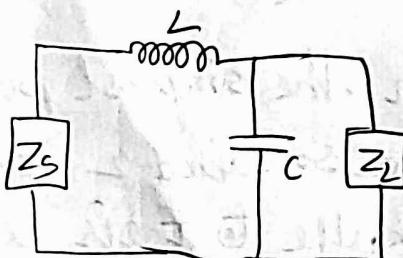
(iv) Type-4:-

(v) Type 5:-

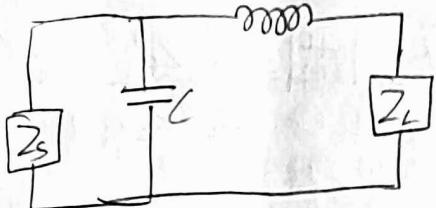


(vi) Type 6:-

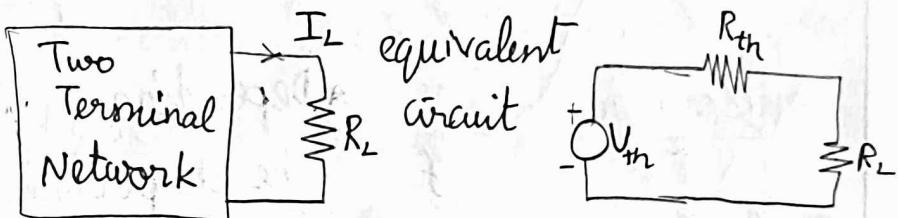
(vii) Type 7:-



(viii) Type 8:-



Maximum power Transfer Theorem:-



$$\text{Load current } I_L = \frac{V_{th}}{R_{th} + R_L}$$

$$\text{Load Power, } P_L = I_L^2 \cdot R_L$$

$$= \left[\frac{V_{th}}{R_{th} + R_L} \right]^2 \cdot R_L$$

for maximum power

$$\frac{dP_L}{dR_L} = 0$$

$$\frac{dP_L}{dR_L} = V_{th}^2 \left[\frac{\left(R_{th} + R_L \right)^2 - 2R_L \left[R_{th} + R_L \right]}{\left[R_{th} + R_L \right]^3} \right]$$

$$\left[R_{th} + R_L \right]^2 - 2R_L \left[R_{th} + R_L \right] = 0$$

$$\left[R_{th} + R_L \right] \left[\left(R_{th} + R_L \right) - 2R_L \right] = 0 \quad (i)$$

$$\left[R_{th} + R_L \right] \left[R_{th} - R_L \right] = 0$$

$R_{th} = R_L$ for maximum power transfer, so

$$P_L = \frac{V_{th}^2}{\left(2R_L \right)^2} \cdot R_L$$

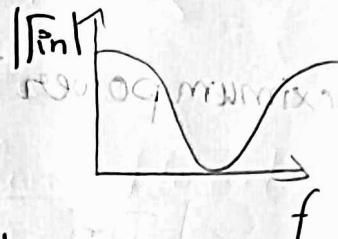
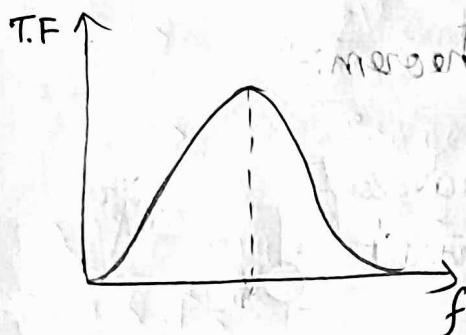
$$P_L = \frac{V_{th}^2}{4R_L}$$

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Frequency Response:-

* Input reflection coefficient, $|T_{in}| = \frac{Z_s - Z_L}{Z_s + Z_L}$

* Transfer func. = $\frac{V_{out}}{V_s}$



* Depending on frequency, the shape changes.

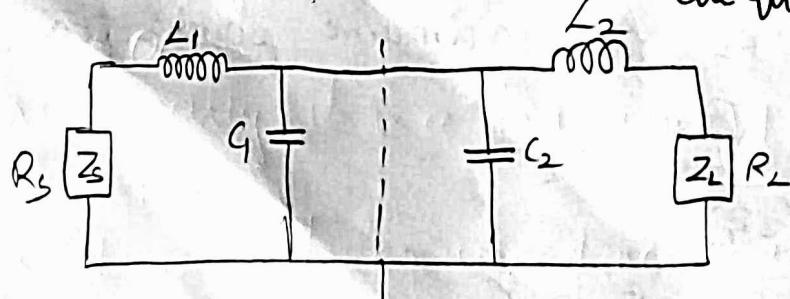
Quality factor (Q):-

* $Q_r = \frac{f_0}{B.W.}$ The Q for matching networks can be estimated without decoupling an equivalent circuit or even computing

T & π matching network:-

(i) T Matching networks:-

the frequency response of a network. This is accomplished by the nodal quality factor.



$$\star Z_s = R_s + j X_s$$

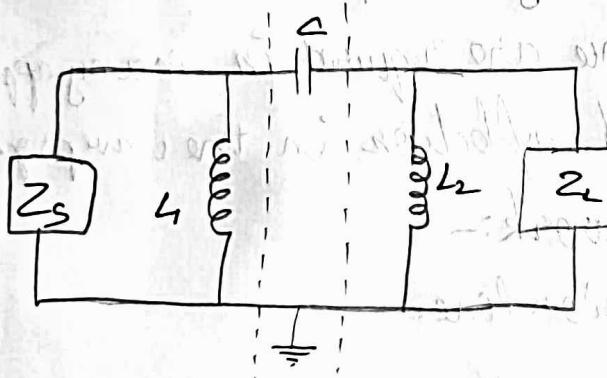
At each node, the matching network, the impedance can be equal expressed in terms of a equivalent series impedance.

* Using impedance transformation maxⁿ nodal Q.F, the relationship b/w loaded & nodal Q.F. is obtained as the above network.

* $Z_{\text{center}} > Z_s < Z_L$ gives us control over frequency response.

$$AQ_n = \frac{X_s}{R_s}$$

(ii) π Matching network:-



$Z_{\text{center}} \Rightarrow$ control balance in circuit

2/2 Microstrip line matching networks:-

* Reduce matching losses.

* Minimise signal reflection in load side

* To maximise power delivered to antenna

* It is a type of electrical transmission line which can be fabricated with any technology where as a conductor, semi-conductor or insulator is separated from ground plane by a dielectric layer known as substrate.

* Microstrip lines are used to convey micro wave freq. signals

- ↳ To ensure max^m power transfer
 - ↳ To avoid signal reflected waves
 - ↳ To remove matching losses
 - ↳ To maximise power delivered to antenna
- Reason to use micro strip

* Also microstrip lines provides max^m freq. response and Q.F.

* Matching networks involve discrete component however with 1 freq & corresponding λ .

* This design is using the parasitic elements

* The match impedance are required in many applications to avoid unwanted reflection in the wave propagation

2/3 Stub Matching network:-

* Piece of transmission line.

* Two types:-

- ↳ Single stub
- ↳ Double stub

(i) Single stub matching network :-

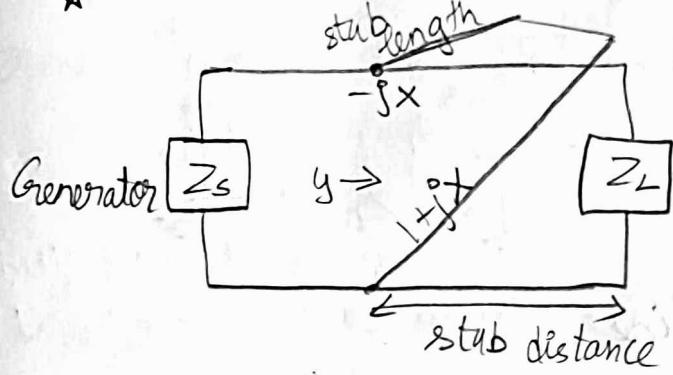
* In this logic to completely ~~eliminate~~ the lumped components or passive components

* Stub is a piece of tx. line which can be SC or LC

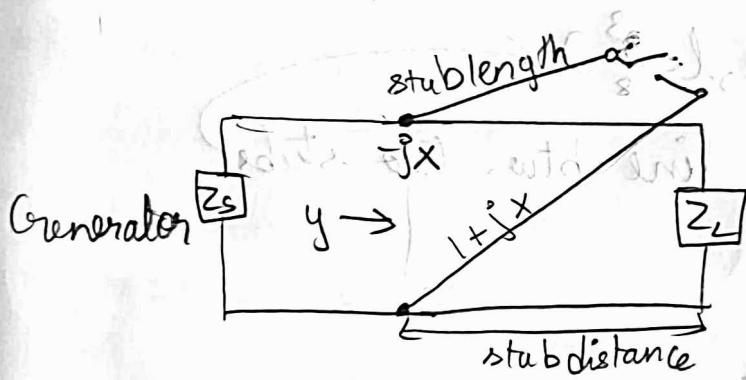
* Generally it is a tx. line. It has a pure reactance.

* LC is used for impedance matching

① Short Circuit Single stub:-



② Open Circuit singl stub



* Draw back \Rightarrow stub length is fixed \Rightarrow helps in frequency variation

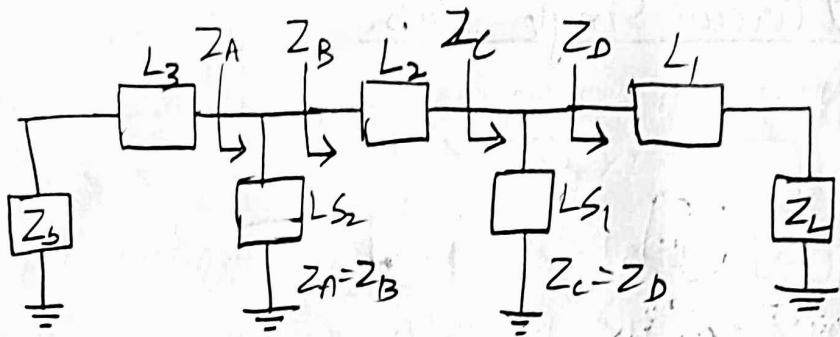
ii) Double stub Matching Network:-

* The main draw back of single stub is fixed length of tx. line b/w stub input & stub output (stub length).

* Variable tx. ^{line} length is required b/w input & output side.

* General topology of such a network that matches an arbitrary load impedance to a source impedance.

* It may create difficulties for variable tuners to overcome this, we use 3dB or 5dB or 10dB gain double stub matching network.



$L_3, L_2, L_1 \rightarrow$ txno. line

* In double stub matching network, $z_{sc} \ll z_{so}$
Stub are connected in π with a fixed length
txno. line & placed in b/w. input & output side

$$\text{stub length, } l = \frac{3}{8}\lambda$$

* Length of line b/w. two stubs

Termination

Termination is in parallel with load Z_L

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Double stub matching network

It provides a better impedance match compared to
delta, but need to be terminated with load Z_L

(efficiency)

• Required because it provides better efficiency &
stability, but it is also more complex to design.

• Not suitable for parallel terminated
because it provides no isolation &
impedance matching.

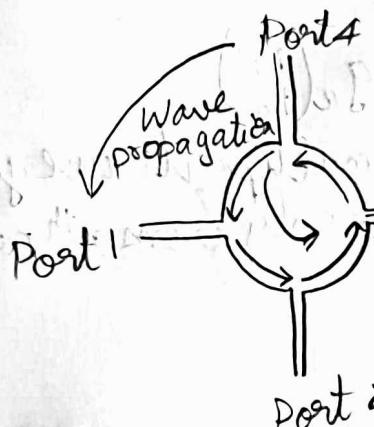
• Double stub matching network has more flexibility
than delta match in end termination

• Design is more difficult than delta matching

Unit - IV

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Terminations :-



Coupler or micro wave circulator

* Control magnetic fields.

* A microwave circulator is a multiport waveguide junction in which the wave can flow only from n^{th} port to $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ port in one junction

* The phase shift b/w port 1 to port 2 is 90°
port 2 to port 3 is 180°
port 3 to port 4 is 270°

if from port 1 to port 3

$$\text{wave 1} - \text{wave 3} = (2m+1)\pi \text{ rad/sec}$$

$$\text{wave 2} - \text{wave 4} = 2n\pi \text{ rad/sec}$$

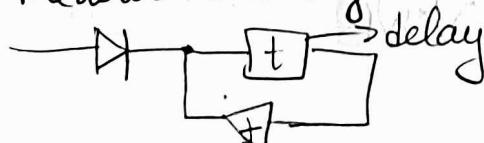
m, n is mode of propagation from transmission line which he is not willing to teach.

Phase Shifter :-

* It is a 2-port device whose basic func. is provide a change in phase (fixed or variable) of RF signal with insignificant attenuation.

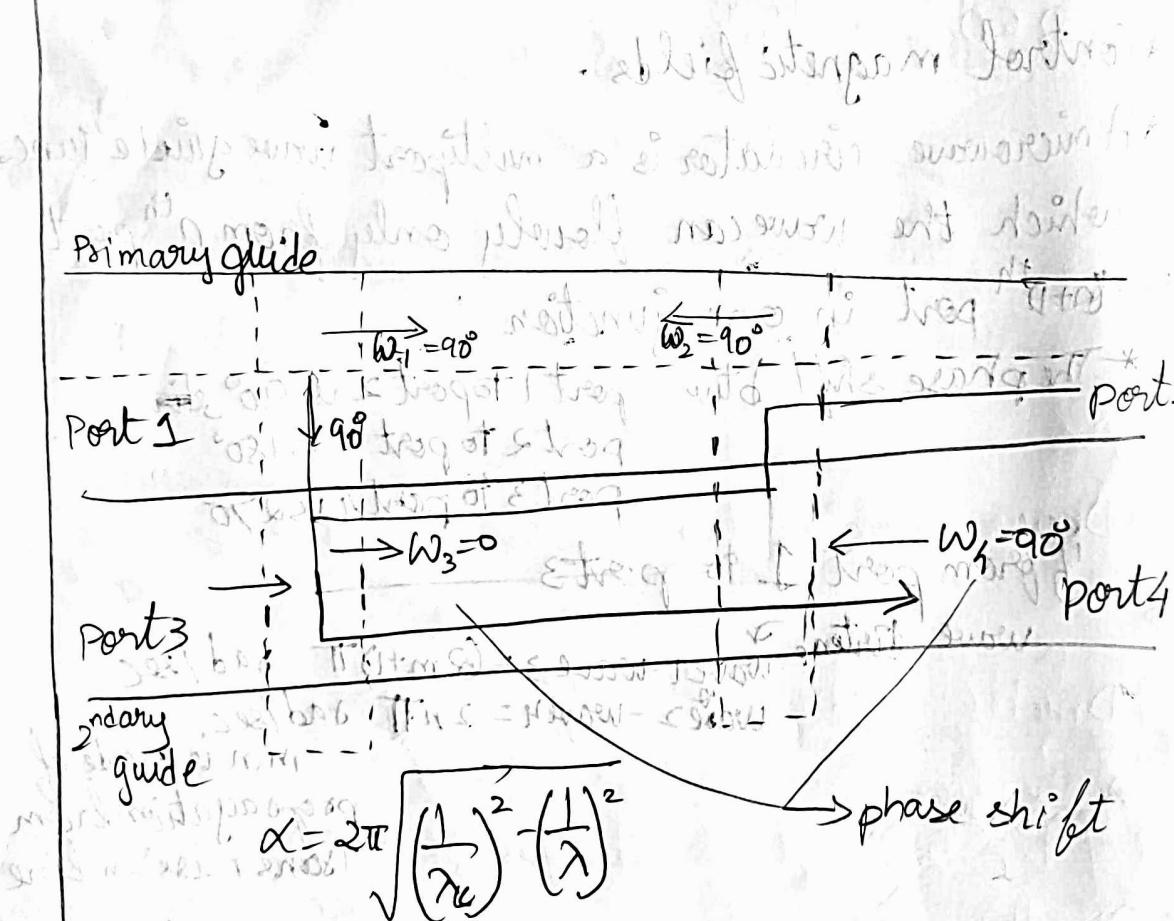
* Application:-

- ↳ Phased Array Antenna
- ↳ Electronically controlled phase shifter
- ↳ Test & measurement system.



Attenuators:-

- * It is a device, reduces power of signal.
- * ~~Nonreciprocal attenuators~~
- * Attenuation constant = $10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{P_o}{P_i} \right)$
- * A microwave circulator is a multiport waveguide junction in which wave can flow only from n^{th} port to $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ port.



* Types:-

↳ Fixed Attenuator.

↳ Variable Attenuator

↳ Step Attenuator

- Fixed power

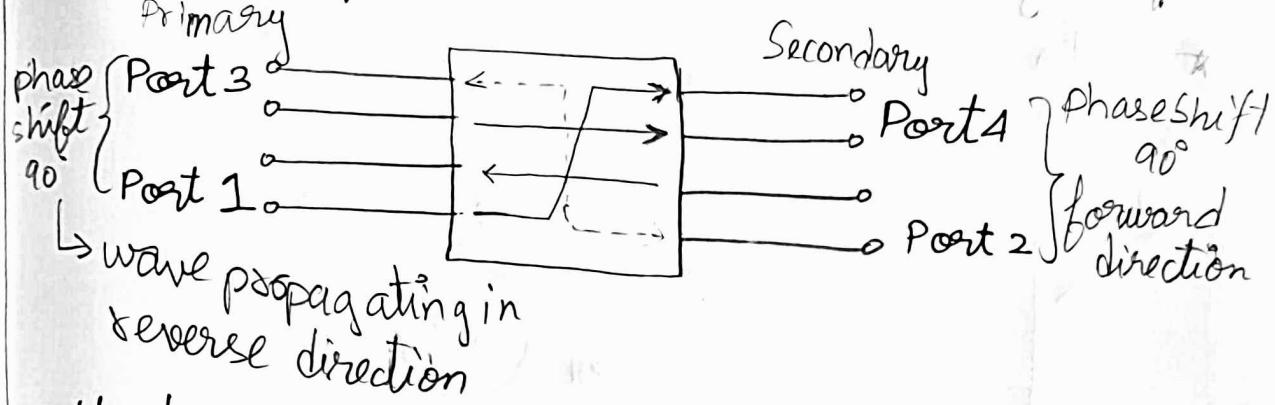
↳ Continuously variable attenuator

- Co axial line

- Minⁿ loss

- Maxⁿ VSWR

Q3 Directional Coupler:-



* Used in waveguide junctions.

$$\text{Coupling factor} = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{P_{in}}{P_0} \right)$$

$$\text{Directivity} = 10 \log_{10} \left[\frac{P_{\text{forward}}}{P_{\text{reverse}}} \right]$$

* A waveguide directional coupler is a 4 port waveguide junc. device that samples part of the EMW power to the main waveguide.

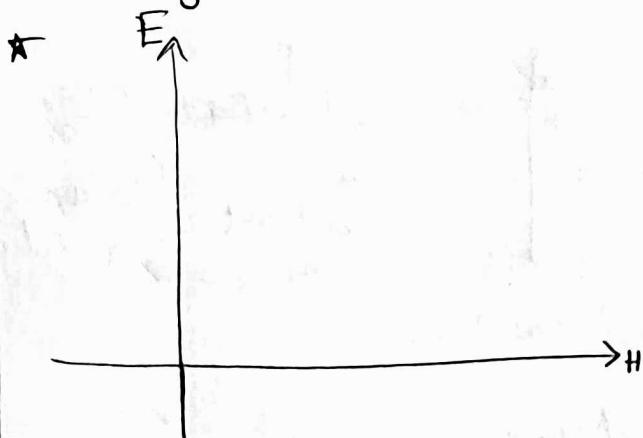
* It is a passive 4 port device. It consists of primary guide with ports 1 & 3 and secondary guide with port 2 & 4.

* Phase shift b/w port 1 & port 3 is 90° similar by for port 2 & port 4 phase shift between them is 90° .

* It is made up of two connected waveguides.

* The waveguides are coupled through holes b/w them. The directional coupler is said to be consisting of main arm and an auxiliary arm.

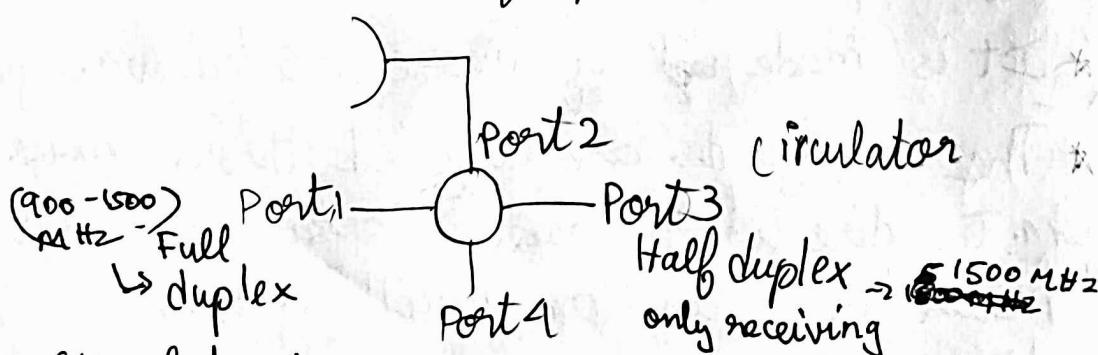
Hybrid junctions:-



- * On E & H plane, a junc. is formed by attaching two simple waveguides, one is parallel & other is series to a rectangular waveguide.
- * Waveguides are tx. & rx. lines which are arranged.
- * In hybrid junction, it is 4 port device, each port is terminated in its characteristic impedance.
- * The power entering primary ~~both~~ sides, is forward dir. & secondary side is reverse dir.

3/3 Circulator & Isolator:-

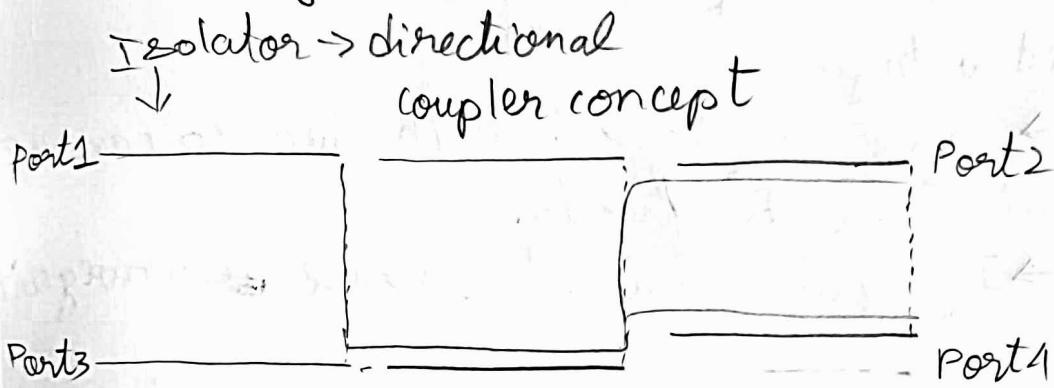
Wideband antenna frequency - 900-1600 MHz



* Circulator is used to change frequency in wide band with different freq. in tx. or rxn.

* Circulator \rightarrow no mismatching
 \rightarrow less power loss

- * By using circulator, with one antenna we can use it for two antennas tx. equivalence
- * Only magnetic field is transmitted.



* A circulator is a microwave passive multiport device in which the incident wave at port 1 is coupled to the port 2 only, incident wave at port 2 is coupled to port 3 only.

* The ideal circulator is a matched device ~~with~~
i.e. when all the ports are terminated in a matched load except one port, the input impedance of other ports is equal to characteristic impedance of the other line.

* Applications:- ATC,

* Advantages:-

↳ It can accommodate 2 different applications of frequencies using single antenna.

↳ Loss is ideally zero. Practical $\rightarrow 0.2 \text{ dB}$

* Isolator is a passive device which tx. the wave in both forward & reverse dirn.

* It means that the port 1 to port 2 $\rightarrow 90^\circ + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$ phase shift.

* Port 1 to Port 3 to Port 4 $\rightarrow 0^\circ + 90^\circ + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$

* Behave like p-n junction.

* Used for load balancing

* Advantages:-

↳ Signal can travel in both dirns so can use both \vec{E} & \vec{B} fields.

↳ If impedance mismatch, we use ~~waveguide~~ waveguide