

6.5 Filter Design

Module:6 Microwave Passive circuits

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- T junction and resistive power divider, Wilkinson power divider, branch line coupler (equal & unequal), Rat Race Coupler, Filter design: Low pass filter (Butterworth and Chebyshev) - Richards transformation and stepped impedance methods.
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1. Introduction to filters

- **Filter** is a two-port network

used to control the frequency response at a certain point in an RF or microwave system

by providing transmission at frequencies within the passband of the filter

and

attenuation in the stopband of the filter.

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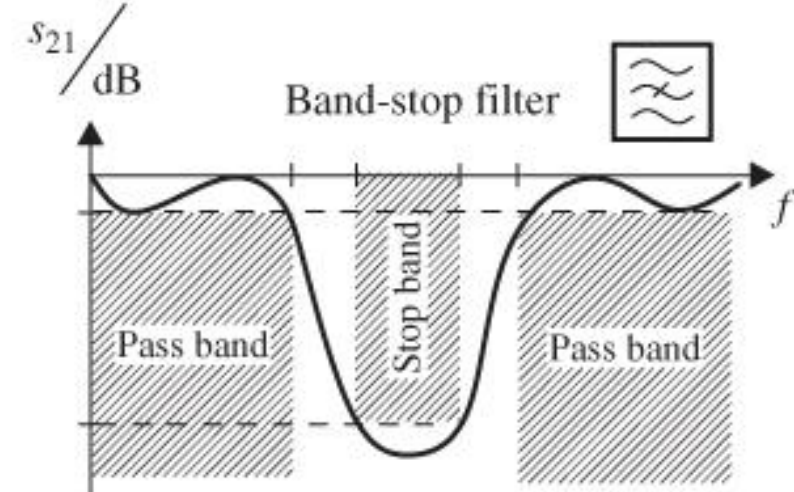
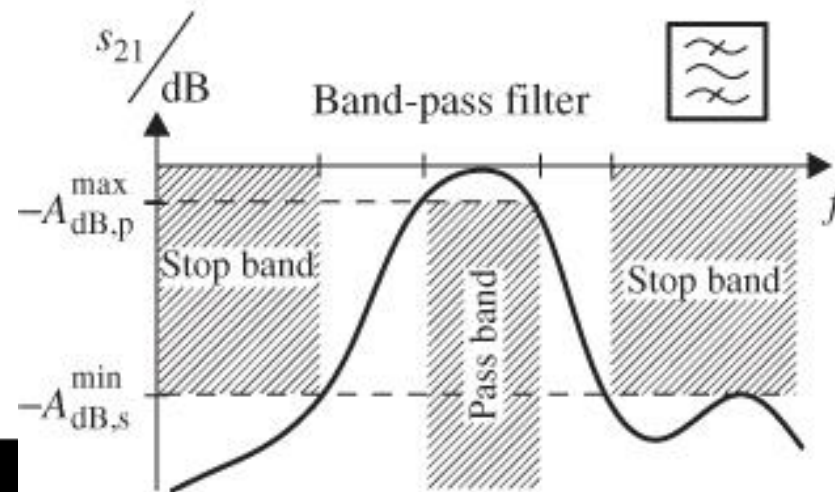
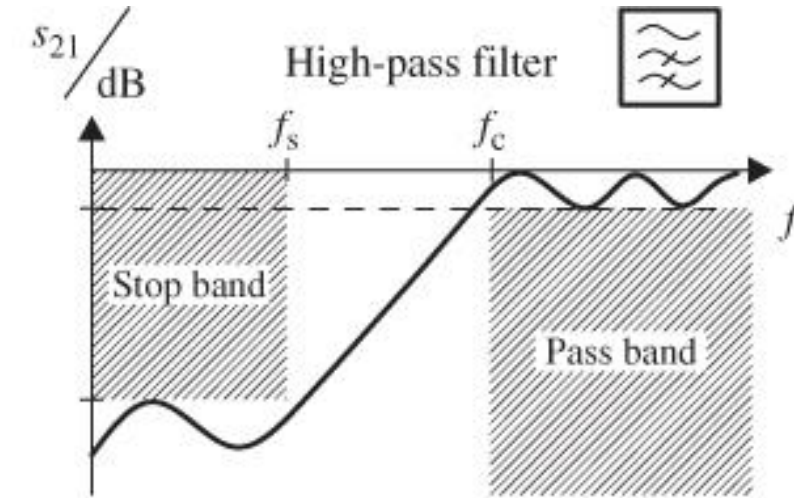
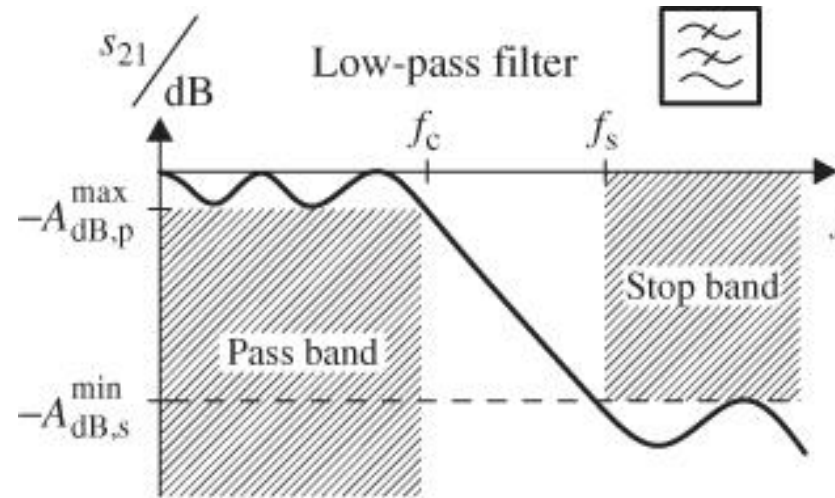
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The design is **simplified** by beginning with **low-pass filter prototypes that are normalized in terms of impedance and frequency**.

Transformations are then applied to **convert the prototype designs to the desired frequency range and impedance level**.

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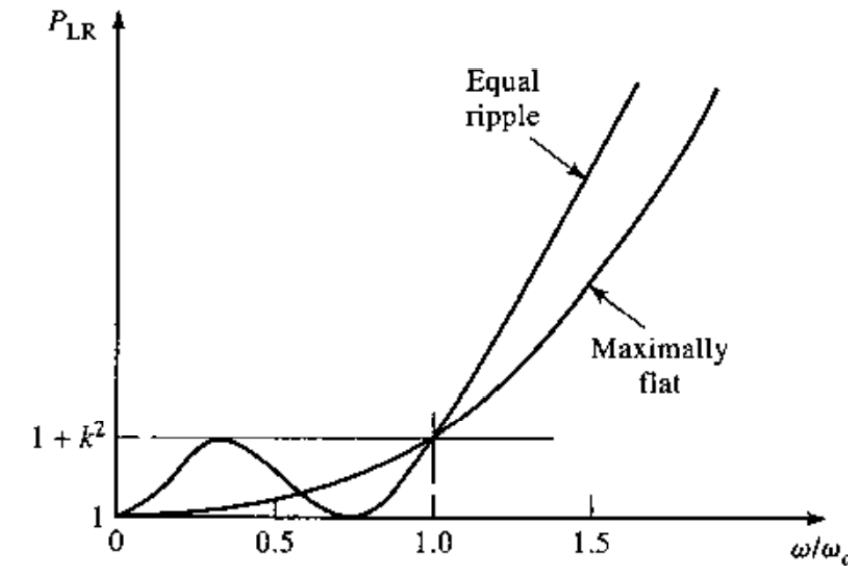
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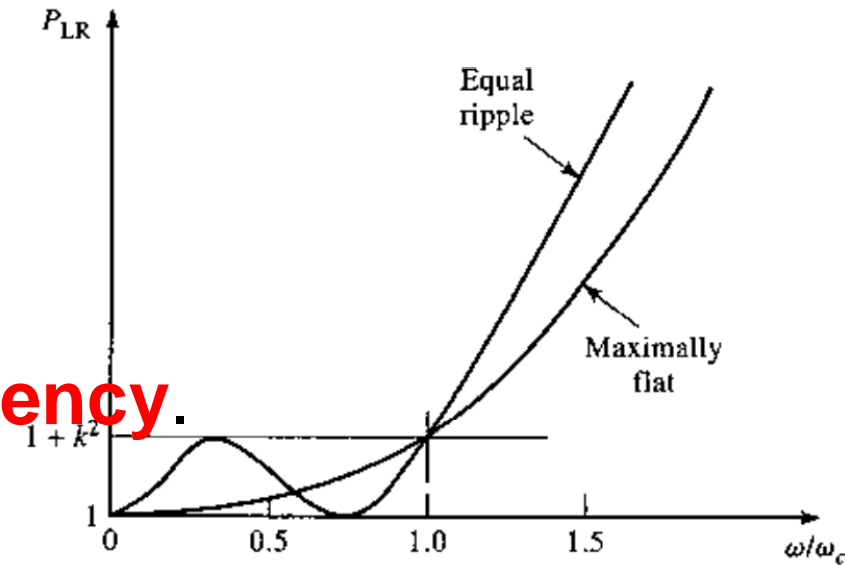
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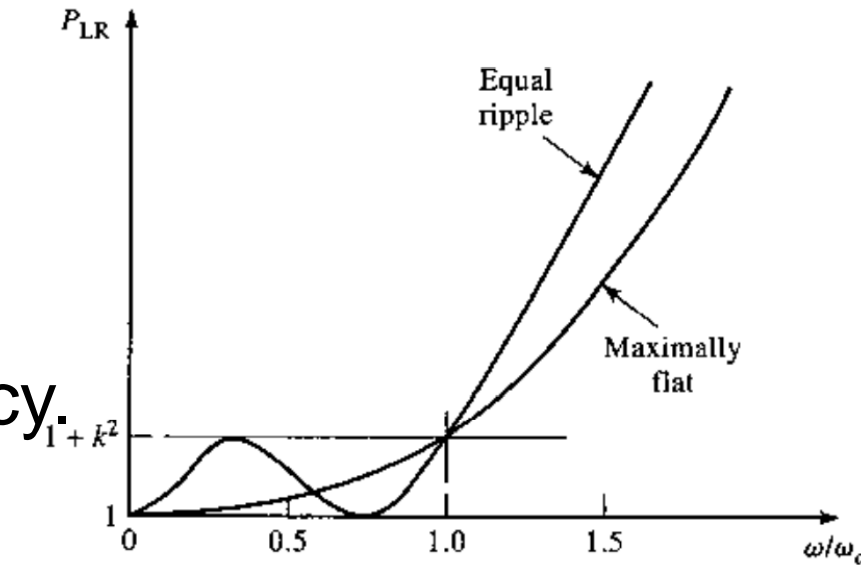
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- Like binomial response, for multisection quarter-wave matching transformer, the **first $(2N - 1)$ derivatives are zero at $\omega = 0$** .

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Chebyshev case's Insertion loss is $> \frac{2^{2N}}{4}$ times binomial case insertion loss

- This also increases at **$20N \text{ dB/decade}$**