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Seventh Semester

Electronics and Communication Engineering

EC 8701 – ANTENNAS AND MICROWAVE ENGINEERING

(Regulations 2017)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer ALL questions.

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

1. Write the expression which relates directivity and beam solid angle. Using the relation give the directivity of an isotropic antenna.
2. How radiation resistance affects antenna efficiency?
3. Enunciate Rumsey's principle on frequency independent antennas.
4. List out the applications of microstrip antenna.
5. What are antenna arrays and why are they used in practice?
6. Why the directivity of Binomial Array is less?
7. What is the purpose of slow wave structures used in TWT amplifiers?
8. Differentiate conventional PN Diodes from Schottky diodes.
9. Define transducer power gain, operating power gain and available power gain amplifiers.
10. Mention the need for frequency translation of signals.

PART B — (5 × 13 = 65 marks)

11. (a) (i) Describe the following antenna parameters.
(a) gain (b) bandwidth (c) input impedance
(d) effective aperture (7)
(ii) Explain the importance of impedance matching in antennas. (6)

Or

- (b) (i) Explain the concept of (a) radiation pattern (b) beam Efficiency
(c) antenna Temperature (7)
(ii) Show the condition under which the fields are classified as near field and far field and explain the same. (6)
12. (a) Discuss the construction and design of a yagi uda array. Show that the impedance of a folded dipole is 300 ohms.

Or

- (b) Discuss the principle of operation and the considerations which have to go into the design diameter of parabolic reflector antennas. Give the significance of focal length to diameter ratio and the methods of feeding parabolic reflectors.
13. (a) Derive an expression for 'n' isotropic point sources of equal amplitude and phase (n element broad side array) with directions of pattern maxima and minima, beam width of major lobes and half power beam width.

Or

- (b) (i) Explain the principle of pattern multiplication with examples. (6)
(ii) A linear broadside array consists of 4 equal isotropic in-phase point sources with $\lambda/3$ spacing. Identify the directivity and beam width. (7)
14. (a) With a suitable illustrations and scattering matrices, explain the operation of direction coupler and power divider.

Or

- (b) (i) With suitable illustrations, discuss the working principle of reflex klystron. (6)
(ii) With neat diagrams, explain the working principle of gunn diode. Also draw the equivalent circuit and V-I characteristics of Gunn diode. (7)

15. (a) Explain the basic characteristics of mixer. Compare and contrast single ended mixer and balanced mixer.

Or

- (b) (i) Interpret the steps involved to design a low noise amplifier (7)
(ii) Sketch the input and output stability circles of microwave amplifier and relate the condition for unconditional stability. (6)

PART C — (1 × 15 = 15 marks)

16. (a) A SiGe HBT device has the following scattering parameters at 2.0 GHz: $S_{11} = 0.880 \angle -115^\circ$, $S_{12} = 0.029 \angle 31^\circ$, $S_{21} = 9.40 \angle 110^\circ$, and $S_{22} = 0.328 \angle -67^\circ$. Determine the stability of the device, and plot the stability circles if the device is potentially unstable.

Or

- (b) Design an amplifier to have a gain of 10 dB at 6.0 GHz, using a transistor with the following scattering parameters ($Z_0 = 50$ ohms): $S_{11} = 0.61 \angle -170^\circ$, $S_{12} = 2.24 \angle 32^\circ$ and $S_{22} = 0.72 \angle -83^\circ$. Plot (and use) constant-gain circles for $G_s = 1$ dB and $G_L = 2$ dB. Use matching sections with open-circuited shunt stubs.



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PART – A

(10×2=20 Marks)

1. An antenna has a field pattern given by $E(\theta) = \cos^2 \theta$ for $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq \pi$. Find Half Power Beam Width (HPBW).
2. What is Link Budget ? Mention a simple Link Budget equation.
3. Calculate the beam width between first nulls of a 2.5 m paraboloid reflector used at 6 GHz.
4. What is aperture blockage ? Give one example.
5. State the principle of pattern multiplication.
6. What is reconfigurable antenna ?
7. Give two examples for reciprocal microwave passive device.
8. A Reflex Klystron is operated at 10 GHz with a dc beam voltage of 600 V for $1\frac{3}{4}$ mode, repeller space length of 1 mm and dc beam current of 12 mA. The beam coupling co-efficient is assumed to be 1. Calculate the repeller voltage.
9. VSWR circle has a radius of 0.667 and impedance is $0.25 - j0.5$. Calculate the reflection coefficient graphically.
10. Define maximum available gain and noise figure.

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PART – B

(5×13=65 Marks)

11. a) Obtain expression for the field and power radiated by an oscillating dipole and calculate the radiation resistance.

(OR)

- b) i) What is impedance matching ? Explain about the techniques used to solve the impedance matching problems. (8)

- ii) Using FRISS transmission formula find the maximum power received at a distance of 1 Km over a free space. A 100 MHz circuit consisting of a transmitting antenna of 30 dB gain and a receiving antenna with a 25 dB gain is used. The power input to the transmitting antenna is 150 W. (5)

12. a) i) Explain in detail about Loop antenna. Derive the expression for fields at Far region. (7)

- ii) Explain how a Loop antenna is utilized for determining the direction of an incoming radio signal. (6)

(OR)

- b) i) With neat necessary diagrams, explain parabolic reflector antenna and its different types of feeding system. (7)

- ii) Briefly explain about frequency independent planar Log spiral antenna. (6)

13. a) i) What is broad side array ? Deduce the expression for the Radiation pattern of a broadside array with n- vertical dipoles. (7)

- ii) Design a 4 element broadside array of $\lambda/2$ spacing between elements. (6)

(OR)

- b) i) What is non-uniform excitation amplitudes ? Draw the pattern of 10 elements binomial array with spacing's between the elements of $\lambda/2$. (7)

- ii) Write short notes about Active antenna. (6)

14. a) Write short notes on the following Microwave passive devices along with S parameters.

- i) Directional Couplers. (7)

- ii) Attenuator. (6)

(OR)

- b) i) With the help of two valley theory, explain how negative resistance is created in Gunn diodes. (7)

- ii) Describe the construction and operation of a basic magnetron. (6)



15. a) For a broadband amplifier, it is required to develop a PI-type matching network that transforms a load impedance of $Z_L = (50 - j 100) \Omega$ into an input impedance of $Z_{in} = (10 + j 20) \Omega$. The design should involve the lowest possible nodal quality factor. Find the component values, assuming that matching should be achieved at a frequency of 2 GHz.

(OR)

- b) i) Write the mathematical analysis of amplifier stability. (7)
 ii) Design a microwave amplifier for maximum transducer power gain. (6)

PART – C

(1×15=15 Marks)

16. a) i) Describe with neat sketch the construction details and principle of operation of Klystron amplifier and derive the expression for its optimum bunching distance L_{opt} . (12)
 ii) Use Smith chart to find the line impedance at a point one quarter wave length from a load of $(40 - j 20) \Omega$. (3)

(OR)

- b) i) A broad casting station (500 to 1000 KHz band) requires a pattern in the horizontal plane fulfilling the conditions as given below. The max. field intensity with as little variation as possible, is to be radiated in the 90° sector between NE and WE. No nulls in the pattern can occur in this sector. The nulls must be present in the due east and due SW directions in order to prevent interference with other stations in these directions. (9)
 ii) What is the need of smart antennas ? Briefly explain about Adaptive arrays. (6)