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EEE 532 – MICROWAVE CIRCUIT DESIGN

Time : 2 hours

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATE:

Please ensure that this examination paper contains **SIX (6)** printed pages including Appendices (8 pages) and **SIX (6)** questions before answering.

This question paper has two sections, **Section A** and **Section B**.

Answer **TWO (2)** question in **Section A** and **TWO (2)** question in **Section B**.

Answer **FOUR (4)** question.

Use two answer booklets which is provided where the answer for questions in **Section A** are in one answer booklets and for **Section B** in another answer booklet.

Distribution of marks for each question is given accordingly.

All questions must be answered in English.

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Section A: Answer TWO (2) question

- A1. (a) Design a matching section using L-network to match a load of $Z_L = 60 - j30$ ohm to a 50 ohm line using lumped components at frequency of 1 GHz. Give all the possible solutions.

(10 marks)

- (b) Design a three section binomial transformer to match a 150 ohm load to a 50 ohm line.

(15 marks)

- A2. Design a 10dB broadband 3 sections maximally flat coupled line coupler using a substrate of $\epsilon_r = 10$ and thickness of 1 mm with center frequency of 3 GHz. The input of all ports are to be 50 ohm. Calculate all the parameters of the microstrip using the graph in Appendix I. Given that the voltage at port 3 in terms of port 1 is:

$$V_3 = 2jV_1 \sin \theta e^{-jN\theta} \left[C_1 \cos(N-1)\theta + C_2 \cos(N-3)\theta + \dots + \frac{1}{2} C_M \right]$$

where $N = \text{number of section}$, $M = (N+1)/2$, $C_o = \left. \frac{V_3}{V_1} \right|_{\theta = \pi/2}$

Assume that the coupler is symmetrical such that $C_1 = C_N$, $C_2 = C_{N-1}$ etc.

(25 marks)

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A3. The GaAs FET has the following S-parameters at 4 GHz (referred to 50 ohm line) as follows

S ₁₁		S ₂₁		S ₁₂		S ₂₂	
Mag	Ang (degree)	Mag	Ang	Mag	Ang	Mag	Ang
0.72	-116	2.60	76	0.03	51	0.73	-54

- (a) Check the stability of the transistor. (5 marks)
- (b) Determine the unilateral figure of merit. (5 marks)
- (c) Design an amplifier for maximum gain at 4 GHz using stub matching section. Leave the answer in wavelength. (15 marks)

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Section B : Answer TWO (2) question

- B4. A microwave receiver operating at a frequency range of 3 GHz to 5 GHz. The system must reject the signal outside the operating range to avoid interferences from unwanted transmission. Design a 3-pole coupled-line microstrip filter for the system having a specification as the following:

Microwave Laminate: Duroid 5880

Substrate Thickness: 0.7878 mm

Copper Thickness: 35 μm

Dielectric Constant: 2.5

Equal-Ripple LPF Prototype: 0.5 dB

(25 Marks)

- B5. (a) Referring to Figure 2, explain the operation of the negative resistance oscillator mathematically.

(10 Marks)

- (b) The phase noise is the Figure of Merit of an oscillator, explain what is the phase noise in the oscillator.

(5 Marks)

- (c) Explain what is the dielectric resonator.

(5 Marks)

- (d) Briefly describe the feedback type oscillator topology and explain what are the important criterions in the design of a feedback oscillator.

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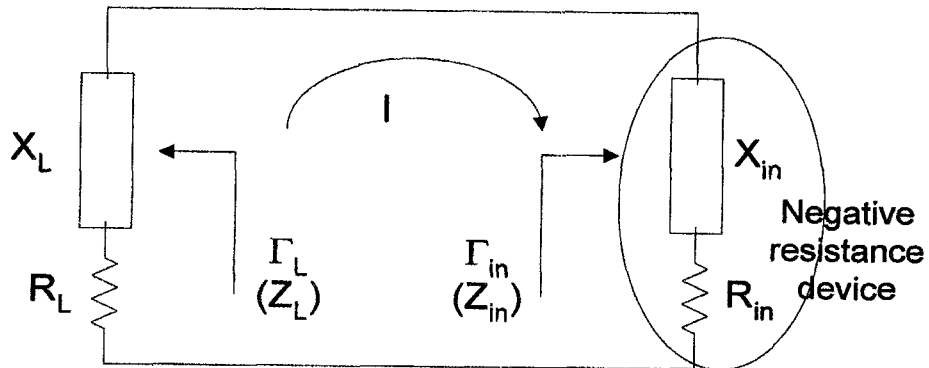


Figure 2

- B6. (a) The down-converter installed on the parabolic antenna having the following frequency parameters. Determine the receiving frequency.

$$V_{LO}(t) = \cos 2\pi 11 \times 10^9 t \quad V_{IF}(t) = \cos 2\pi 1 \times 10^9 t$$

(5 Marks)

- (b) Design a single balanced diode mixer using a microstrip coupler operating at 5 GHz. The microwave laminate is FR4 having the thickness of 1.5 mm and the dielectric constant of 2.5.

(15 Marks)

- (c) A mixer for a superheterodyne receiver has an RF input power of -20 dBm. An output power on the intermediate frequency (IF) port is -40 dBm. Determine the conversion loss of the mixer.

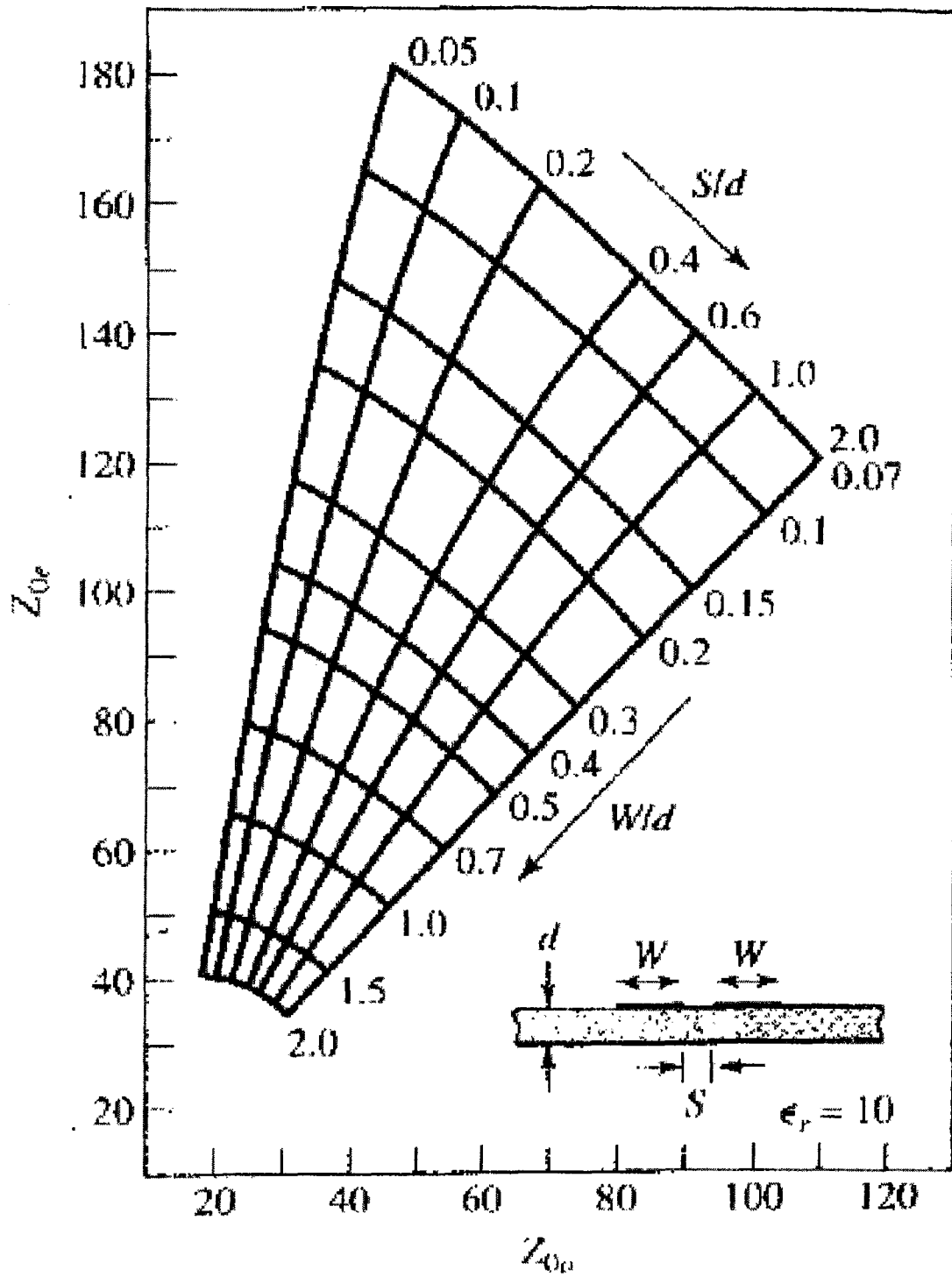
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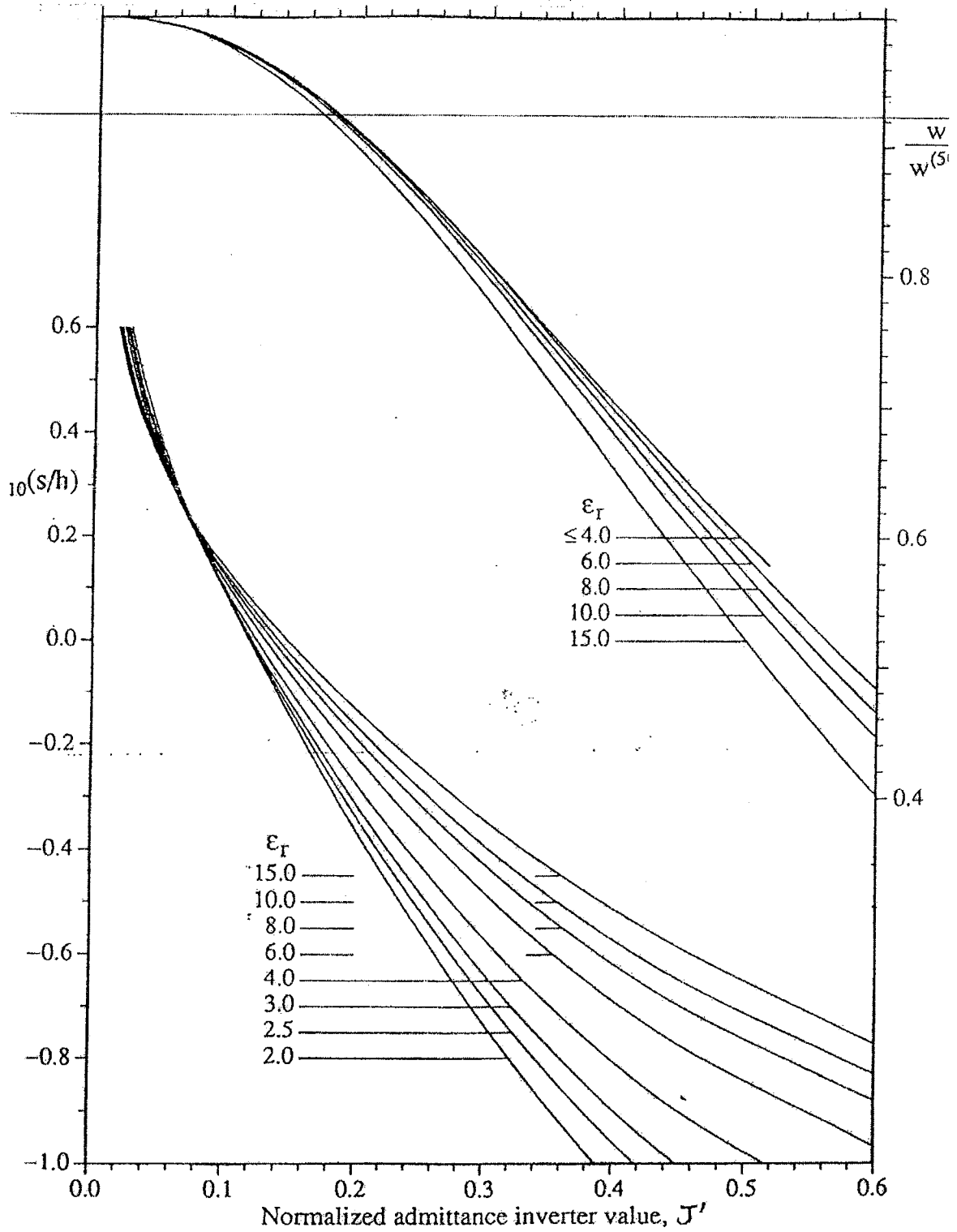
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N	g ₁	g ₂	g ₃	g ₄	g ₅	g ₆	g ₇	g ₈	g ₉	g ₁₀	g ₁₁
1	0.6986	1.000									
2	1.4029	0.7071	1.9841								
3	1.5963	1.0967	1.5963	1.000							
4	1.6703	1.1926	2.3661	0.8419	1.9841						
5	1.7058	1.2296	2.5408	1.2296	1.7058	1.000					
6	1.7254	1.2479	2.6064	1.3137	2.4758	0.8696	1.9841				
7	1.7372	1.2583	2.6381	1.3444	2.6381	1.2583	1.7372	1.000			
8	1.7451	1.2647	2.6564	1.3590	2.6964	1.3389	2.5093	0.8796	1.9841		
9	1.7504	1.2690	2.6678	1.3673	2.7239	1.3673	2.6679	1.2690	1.000		
10	1.7543	1.2721	2.6754	1.3725	2.7392	1.3806	2.7231	1.3485	2.5239	0.8842	1.9841

Table 2 : Element values for Equal-Ripple Low-Pass Filter Prototypes 0.5 dB ripple.

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Important Formulas:

Network parameters

S-parameter

$$S_{11} = \left. \frac{V_{r1}}{V_{i1}} \right|_{V_{r2}=0} \quad S_{12} = \left. \frac{V_{i2}}{V_{i2}} \right|_{V_{r2}=0} \quad S_{21} = \left. \frac{V_{i1}}{V_{r1}} \right|_{V_{r1}=0} \quad S_{22} = \left. \frac{V_{r2}}{V_{i2}} \right|_{V_{r1}=0}$$

ABCD parameter

$$A = \left. \frac{V_1}{V_2} \right|_{I_2=0} \quad B = \left. \frac{V_1}{-I_2} \right|_{V_2=0} \quad C = \left. \frac{I_1}{V_2} \right|_{I_2=0} \quad D = \left. \frac{I_1}{-I_2} \right|_{V_2=0}$$

Conversion

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{Z_o A + B + Z_o^2 C + Z_o D} \begin{bmatrix} Z_o A + B - Z_o^2 C - Z_o D & 2Z_o(AD - BC) \\ 2Z_o & -Z_o A + B - Z_o^2 C + Z_o D \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2S_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} (1 + S_{11})(1 - S_{22}) + S_{12}S_{21} & Z_o((1 + S_{11})(1 + S_{22}) - S_{12}S_{21}) \\ \frac{1}{Z_o}((1 - S_{11})(1 - S_{22}) - S_{12}S_{21}) & (1 - S_{11})(1 + S_{22}) + S_{12}S_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

Butterworth lowpass filter

$$g_k = 2 \sin(2k - 1) \frac{\pi}{2n} \quad \text{where } k=1, \dots, n$$

$$g_0 = g_{n+1} = 1$$

$$n = \frac{\log_{10}(10^{A/10} - 1)}{2 \log_{10}(\omega/\omega_c)}$$

$$C_k = \frac{g_k}{Z_o \omega_c}$$

$$L_k = \frac{Z_o g_k}{\omega_c}$$

Available Power gain:

$$G_A = \left(\frac{|S_{21}|^2 (1 - |\Gamma_S|^2)}{|1 - S_{11}\Gamma_S|^2 (1 - |\Gamma_{out}|^2)} \right)$$

Transducer Power Gain:

$$G_T = \frac{|S_{21}|^2 (1 - |\Gamma_S|^2) (1 - |\Gamma_L|^2)}{|1 - \Gamma_S \Gamma_{in}|^2 |1 - S_{22}\Gamma_L|^2}$$

Bilateral

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

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

$$\Gamma_S = \frac{B_1 \pm \sqrt{B_1^2 - 4|C_1|^2}}{2C_1} \quad B_1 = 1 + |S_{11}|^2 - |S_{22}|^2 - |\Delta|^2 \quad C_1 = S_{11} - \Delta S_{22}^*$$

$$\Gamma_L = \frac{B_2 \pm \sqrt{B_2^2 - 4|C_2|^2}}{2C_2} \quad B_2 = 1 + |S_{22}|^2 - |S_{11}|^2 - |\Delta|^2 \quad C_2 = S_{22} - \Delta S_{11}^*$$

$$\Gamma_{in} = \Gamma_S^* = S_{11} + \frac{S_{12}S_{21}\Gamma_L}{1 - S_{22}\Gamma_L} \quad \Gamma_{out} = \Gamma_L^* = S_{22} + \frac{S_{12}S_{21}\Gamma_S}{1 - S_{11}\Gamma_S}$$

$$C_L = \frac{(S_{22} - \Delta S_{11}^*)^*}{|S_{22}|^2 - |\Delta|^2} \quad R_L = \left| \frac{S_{12}S_{21}}{|S_{22}|^2 - |\Delta|^2} \right|$$

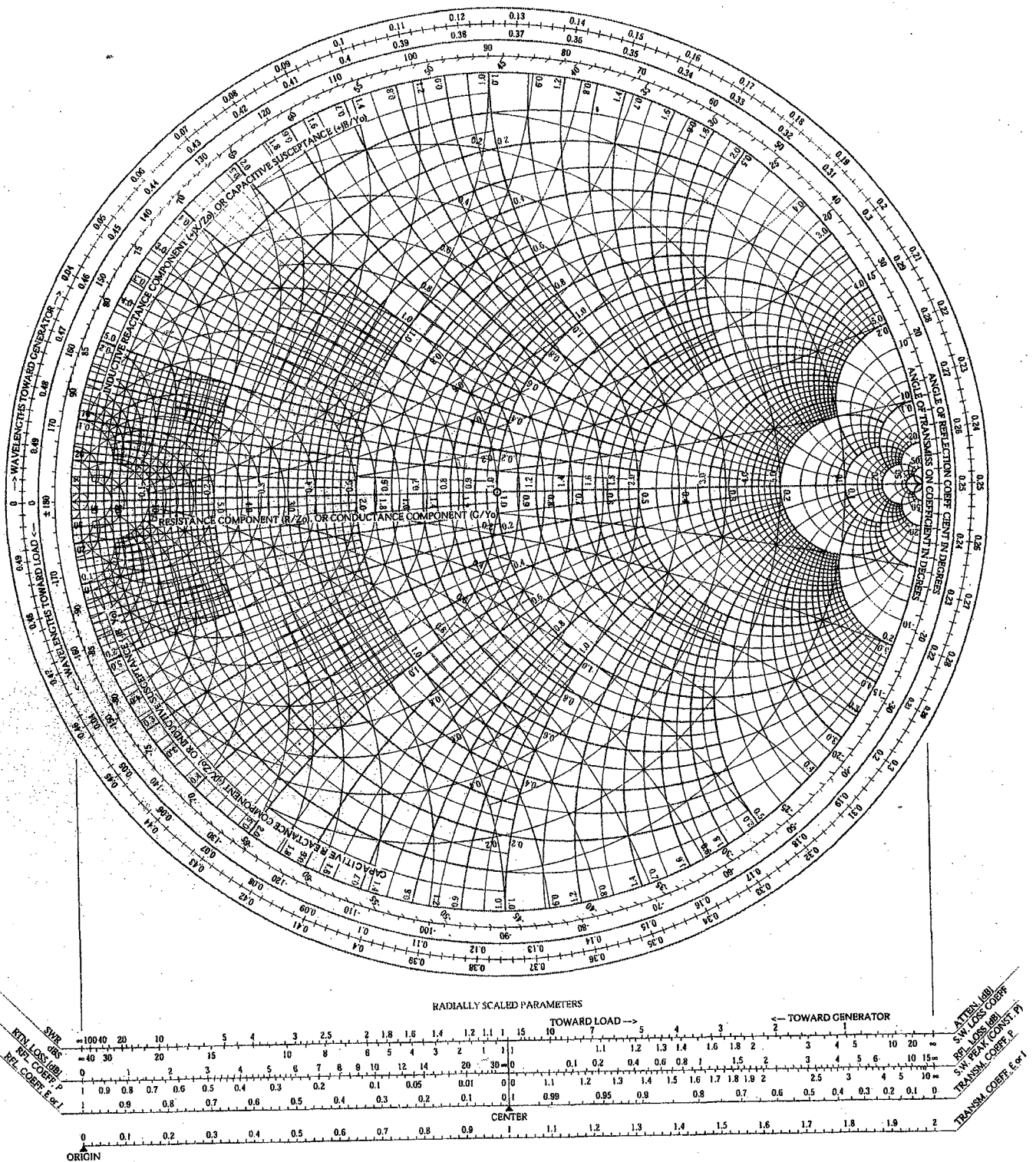
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$$G_{T \max} = \frac{1}{1 - |\Gamma_S|^2} |S_{21}|^2 \frac{1 - |\Gamma_L|^2}{|1 - S_{22}\Gamma_L|^2}$$

APPENDIX

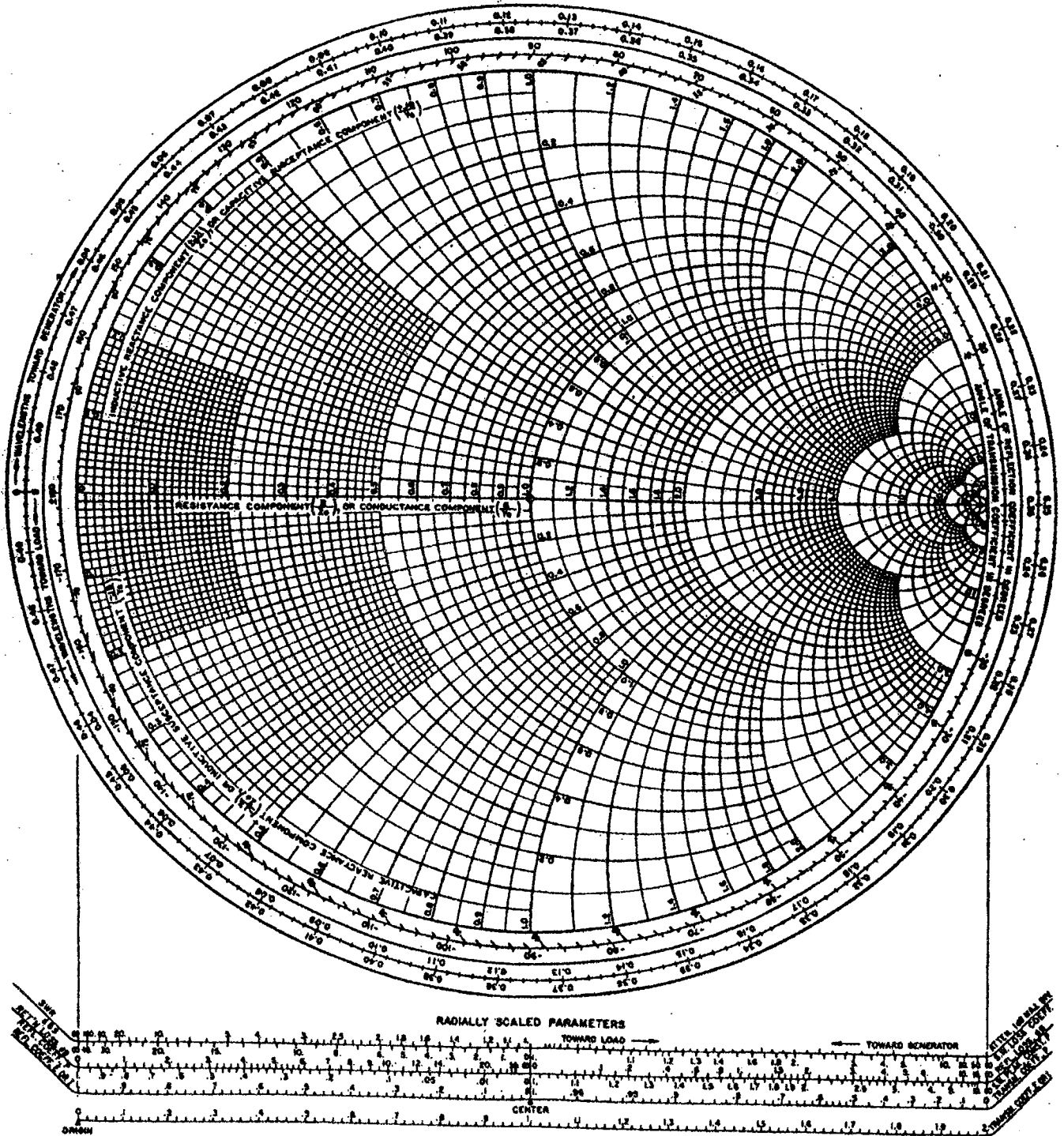
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