ABSTRACT

Power divider or combiner is a passive microwave components that are used to divide or combine the power, because the input ports and output ports match. In other words, the power divider serves as a reciprocal passive device, which can also be used as a power combiner. In dividing power, an input signal is divided by a power divider or combainer into two or more signals with less power.

In this final project, will be designed and realized a four output balanced power divider in the frequency range 100-500 MHz. Power divider or power divider is expected to have the same large power output at each output. In this power divider realized by Wilkinson method with a lumped element, where the lumped element method uses passive components such as inductors and capacitors, which then serves as a matching. This power divider can be applied to the GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar), who worked at a frequency of 100-500 MHz. The insertion loss to be achieved by <1 dB, isolation between the output port to be achieved \geq 20 dB and the VSWR to be achieved \leq 1.5. To determine the performance of the power divider which has been realized, in this final project has also carried out measurements and testing of a power divider with predetermined specifications.

The measurement results with the material Epoxy/FR-4 power divider for insertion loss ranged from 0.0001-0.9966 dB, a maximum VSWR ≤ 1.3 , and found that the isolation between the output port ranges from 42-59 dB. From the measurement results of power divider that has been done, it can be concluded that this power divider has complied with the initial specifications have been determined previously.

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