

Review of Numerical Methods for the Analysis of Arbitrarily-Shaped Microwave and Optical Dielectric Waveguides

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This paper presents a review of the numerical methods for the analysis of the homogeneous and inhomogeneous, isotropic and anisotropic, microwave and optical dielectric waveguides with arbitrarily-shaped cross sections. The characteristics of various methods are compared, and a set of qualitative criteria to guide the selection of an appropriate method for a given problem is proposed. The main approaches discussed are those of point matching, integral equations, finite difference, and finite element.

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