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An Efficient Finite Element Approach for the Analysis of Three-Dimensional Transmission Line Discontinuities Using an Asymptotic Boundary Condition

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In this paper, a novel technique is developed for efficient finite element solution of open region three-dimensional transmission line structures in the quasi-TEM regime. Starting with the general form of the solution to the three-dimensional Laplace's equation in spherical coordinates, a set of asymptotic boundary condition (ABC) operators is derived. The second-order ABC is then applied on a conformable outer boundary for the purpose of truncating the FEM mesh in an efficient manner. To illustrate its application, the method is used to compute the capacitance of a rectangular microstrip patch and the results are found to be in good agreement with data published elsewhere.

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