

Comparison and Evaluation of Boundary Conditions for the Absorption of Guided Waves in an FDTD Simulation

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Several absorbing boundary conditions suitable for terminating the finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) simulation of microstrip structures are compared via numerical experiments. Both a super-absorbing boundary and a modified form of Litva's dispersive boundary condition are found to produce significantly lower reflection than the traditional first-order Mur boundary. The sensitivity of these boundary conditions to the choice of the input parameters, particularly the effective dielectric constant ϵ_{eff} , is investigated, and optimal choices of these parameters are given.

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