

Multiport Vector Network Analyzer Calibration: A General Formulation

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An overall calibration theory for Multiport Network Analyzers (MNA) is presented. A general algorithm is developed to exploit the redundancy inherent in MNA self-calibration. Linear dependency conditions given by using one-port or two-port standards to calibrate a MNA are analyzed, by deriving novel criteria for multiport self-calibration. It is theoretically and experimentally demonstrated that an n -port test set can be calibrated by using only one two-port standard and one load. The excellent accuracy reached by means of this new theory opens new alternatives to a metrological qualification of MNA for n -port device testing.

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