

Optimal shape design of microwave device using FDTD and design sensitivity analysis

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In this paper, a novel optimal shape design method is proposed using the finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) method and the design sensitivity analysis to obtain broad-band characteristics of microwave devices. In shape design problem, the nodes that describe the shape of geometry to be optimized are taken as design variables. The design sensitivity is evaluated using the adjoint variable equation that is obtained from a terminal-value problem. The adjoint equation can be solved by the FDTD technique with the backward time scheme. With this method, a Ka-band unilateral fin line is tested to show validity.

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