

Start with a four port matrix

$$\text{General 4 port } S \text{ matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & S_{24} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & S_{34} \\ S_{41} & S_{42} & S_{43} & S_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying symmetry $S_{ij} = S_{ji}$

$$\text{General Symmetric 4 port } S \text{ matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14} \\ S_{12} & S_{22} & S_{23} & S_{24} \\ S_{13} & S_{23} & S_{33} & S_{34} \\ S_{14} & S_{24} & S_{34} & S_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying double symmetry $S_{11} = S_{22} = S_{33} = S_{44}$ and $S_{14} = S_{23}$, $S_{13} = S_{24}$, $S_{12} = S_{34}$ yields:

$$\text{Double Symmetric 4 port } S \text{ matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14} \\ S_{12} & S_{11} & S_{14} & S_{13} \\ S_{13} & S_{14} & S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{14} & S_{13} & S_{12} & S_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

$[S] = [S]^T$ (The transpose of a symmetric S-matrix changes nothing compared to the original matrix.)

The S-matrix is unitary for lossless networks due to conservation of power laws, hence:

$[S]^T [S] = I = [S]^* [S]$ or in its expanded form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11}^* & S_{12}^* & S_{13}^* & S_{14}^* \\ S_{12}^* & S_{11}^* & S_{14}^* & S_{13}^* \\ S_{13}^* & S_{14}^* & S_{11}^* & S_{12}^* \\ S_{14}^* & S_{13}^* & S_{12}^* & S_{11}^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14} \\ S_{12} & S_{11} & S_{14} & S_{13} \\ S_{13} & S_{14} & S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{14} & S_{13} & S_{12} & S_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now do the element-by-element matrix multiplication using our doubly symmetric 4 port S-parameter matrix and set the results equal to the I matrix to produce – 16 equations in four complex unknowns.

The first four equations are the first column of the multiplied matrices and are created by multiplying

row 1 by column 1

row 2 by column 1

row 3 by column 1

row 4 by column 1

which produces:

$$S_{11}^* S_{11} + S_{12}^* S_{12} + S_{13}^* S_{13} + S_{14}^* S_{14} = 1$$

$$S_{12}^* S_{11} + S_{11}^* S_{12} + S_{14}^* S_{13} + S_{13}^* S_{14} = 0$$

$$S_{13}^* S_{11} + S_{14}^* S_{12} + S_{11}^* S_{13} + S_{12}^* S_{14} = 0$$

$$S_{14}^* S_{11} + S_{13}^* S_{12} + S_{12}^* S_{13} + S_{11}^* S_{14} = 0$$

repeating this for the remaining columns yields 3 equation sets that are redundant duplicates of the above set

$$S_{11}^* S_{12} + S_{12}^* S_{11} + S_{13}^* S_{14} + S_{14}^* S_{13} = 0$$

$$S_{12}^* S_{12} + S_{11}^* S_{11} + S_{14}^* S_{14} + S_{13}^* S_{13} = 1$$

$$S_{13}^* S_{12} + S_{14}^* S_{11} + S_{11}^* S_{14} + S_{12}^* S_{13} = 0$$

$$S_{14}^* S_{12} + S_{13}^* S_{11} + S_{12}^* S_{14} + S_{11}^* S_{13} = 0$$

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Next we simplify our first set of equations:

$$S_{11}^* S_{11} = |S_{11}|^2, \quad S_{12}^* S_{12} = |S_{12}|^2, \quad S_{13}^* S_{13} = |S_{13}|^2, \quad S_{14}^* S_{14} = |S_{14}|^2$$

$$S_{12}^* S_{11} + S_{11}^* S_{12} = S_{11} S_{12}^* + (S_{11} S_{12}^*)^* = 2 * \text{Real}(S_{11} S_{12}^*), \quad \bullet \bullet \bullet$$

Continuing the simplification, the four equations become:

$$|S_{11}|^2 + |S_{12}|^2 + |S_{13}|^2 + |S_{14}|^2 = 1$$

$$\text{Real}(S_{11} S_{12}^*) + \text{Real}(S_{13} S_{14}^*) = 0$$

$$\text{Real}(S_{11} S_{13}^*) + \text{Real}(S_{12} S_{14}^*) = 0$$

$$\text{Real}(S_{11} S_{14}^*) + \text{Real}(S_{12} S_{13}^*) = 0$$

And we have the final version of the constraints on any lossless, doubly symmetric network S matrix

$$|S_{11}|^2 + |S_{12}|^2 + |S_{13}|^2 + |S_{14}|^2 = 1$$

$$|S_{11}| |S_{12}| \cos(\theta_{11} - \theta_{12}) + |S_{13}| |S_{14}| \cos(\theta_{13} - \theta_{14}) = 0$$

$$|S_{11}| |S_{13}| \cos(\theta_{11} - \theta_{13}) + |S_{12}| |S_{14}| \cos(\theta_{12} - \theta_{14}) = 0$$

$$|S_{11}| |S_{14}| \cos(\theta_{11} - \theta_{14}) + |S_{12}| |S_{13}| \cos(\theta_{12} - \theta_{13}) = 0$$