

## IMPEDANCE MATCHING USING SINGLE STUB TUNERS

The load impedance  $Z_L$  can be matched to the characteristic impedance of the transmission line  $Z_0$  using either a specified length of single short or open circuit stub placed a specified distance from the load. A short circuit single stub tuner is shown in the Figure 1.

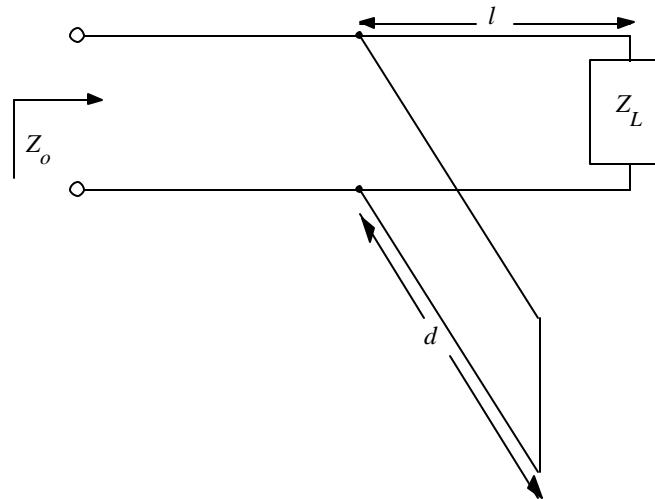


Figure 1. Short Circuit Single Stub Tuner

The Smith Chart is used to determine the lengths  $l$  and  $d$ . Figure 2(a) shows short circuit single stub matching design. The load impedance is normalized relative to  $Z_0$  such that  $Z_{Ln} = Z_L / Z_0$  and plotted on the chart. The Smith Chart is used to add impedances or admittances. Since the stub is parallel to the load,  $Z_{Ln}$  is converted to a normalized load admittance by reflecting the point through the normalized  $Z_0$  at the center of the chart about a constant SWR circle to the point  $P_1$ . The distance  $l$  between the load and the stub is determined by moving from  $P_1$  via a constant SWR circle to  $P_2$  clockwise toward the generator until the circle  $C_1$  intersects the unity conductance circle at  $P_2$ . The distance traveled from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$  via constant SWR circle  $C_1$  in fractions of  $\lambda$  is the length  $l$  from the load to the stub. At  $P_2$ , the real part of the load is matched to  $Z_0$ . To cancel out the reactive component at  $P_2$ , a constant conductance arc is drawn from  $P_2$  to the normalized  $Z_0$  at the center of the chart. Note that traveling this arc corresponds to a movement in reactance of  $-X_{P_2}$ . For a short circuit stub, the stub length  $d$  is determined by the clockwise distance toward the generator in  $\lambda$  from the right of the chart (indicating a short circuit conductance =  $\infty$ ) to  $-X_{P_2}$ .

A similar design is used for an open circuit stub shown in Figure 2(b), except that the stub length  $d$  is determined by the clockwise distance toward the generator in  $\lambda$  relative to left hand side of the chart corresponding to zero conductance.

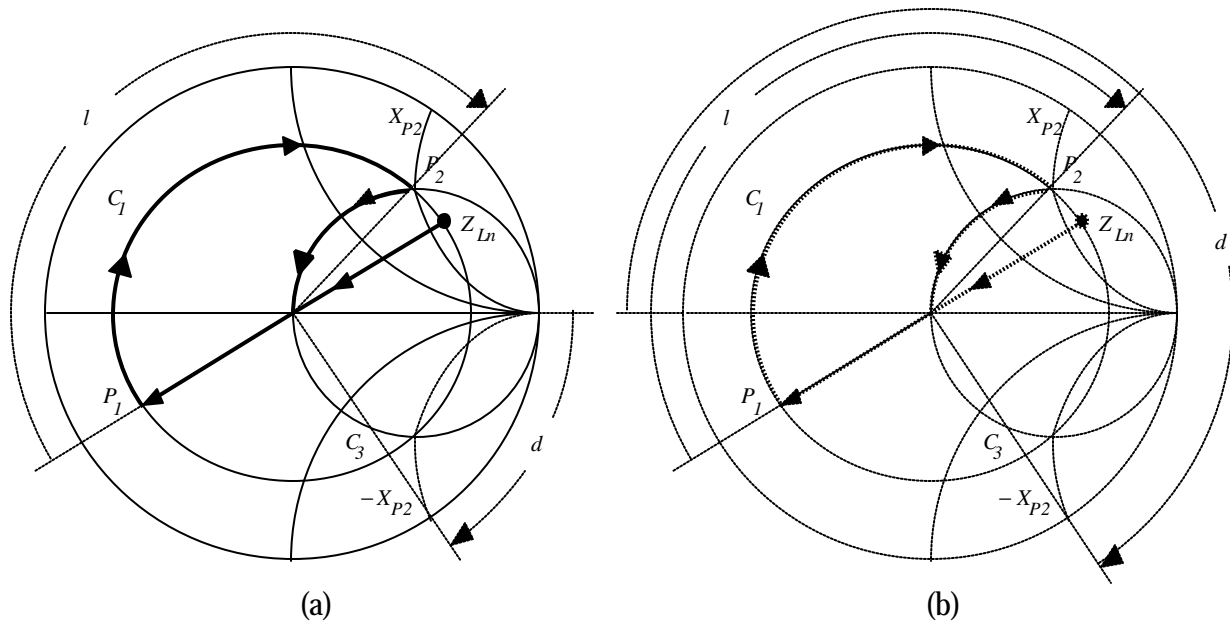


Figure 2. (a) Short and (b) Open Circuit Single Stub Tuner

Figure 3 shows an alternate length  $l$  that can be found for open circuit single stub tuner. In this case, the constant SWR arc of  $C_1$  is extended to the lower half of the chart to intersect with the constant conductance circle. The lengths  $l$  and  $d$  are found as before, with both lengths being longer than the example in Figure 2(a).

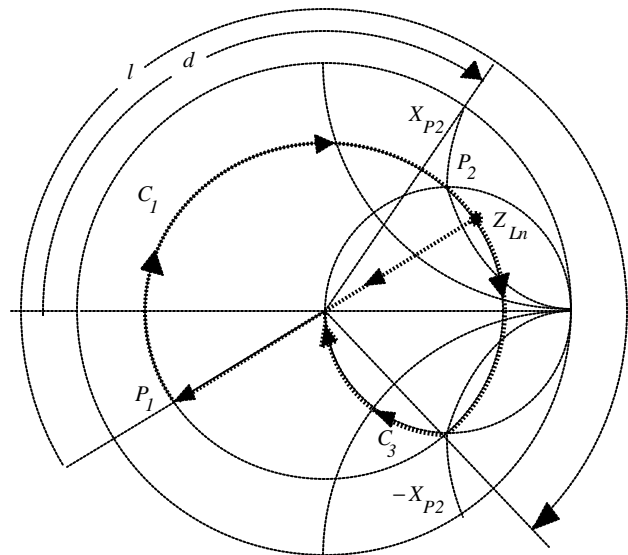


Figure 3. Alternate Open Circuit Single Stub Tuner