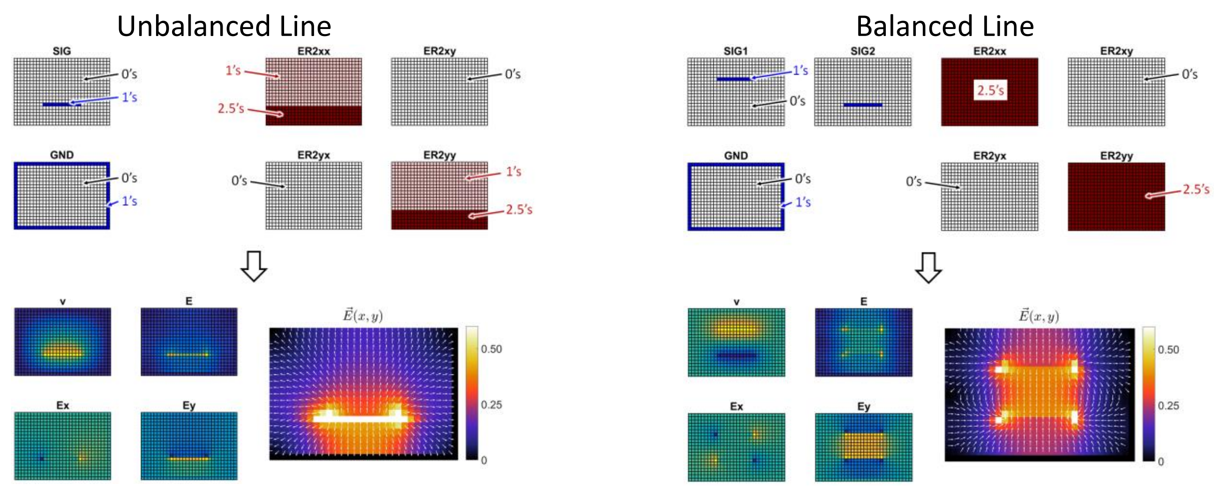
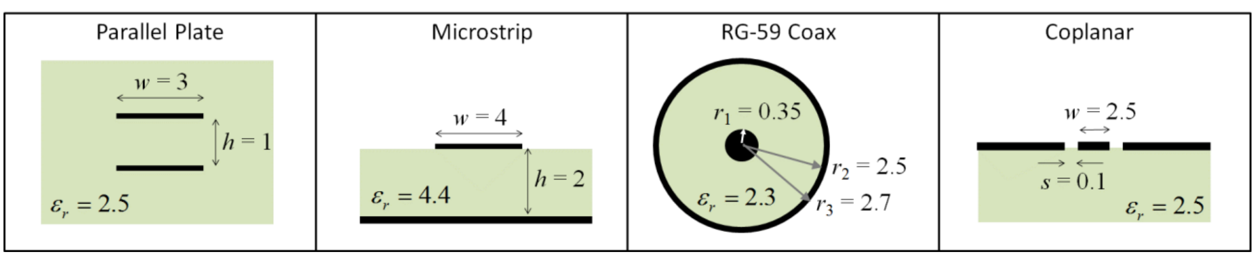
Problem #1: Generic Transmission Line Simulator

Write a generic MATLAB program to simulate an arbitrary transmission line embedded in a fully anisotropic medium. The program shall construct four arrays `ERxx`, `ERxy`, `ERyx`, and `ERyy` defining the elements of the permittivity tensor. In addition, the program shall construct three arrays `SIG1`, `SIG2`, and `GND` to describe balanced transmission lines and two arrays `SIG` and `GND` to describe unbalanced lines. The program should calculate the electric potential $V(x,y)$ (volts), electric field intensity $\vec{E}(x,y)$ (V/m), distributed capacitance C (F/m), distributed inductance L (H/m), characteristic impedance Z_c (ohms), and effective refractive index n_{eff}. The input and output functions for an ordinary microstrip (unbalanced transmission line) and an ordinary parallel plate (balanced transmission line) are shown below where $\varepsilon_r = 2.5$.



Problem #2: Benchmark Simulations

For each transmission line shown below, calculate the transmission line parameters (i.e. L, C, Z_0, and n_{eff}) and plot the electric potential $V(x,y)$ and electric field $\vec{E}(x,y)$. Use the `quiver()` command to superimpose the vector information onto the field magnitude as shown in the figures above.



<u>Notes</u>: The parallel plate and coplanar transmission lines incorporate ABS plastic which has a relative permittivity of 2.5. This is a material commonly used in 3D printing. The substrate of the microstrip transmission line is FR-4 which has a relative permittivity of 4.4. The RG-59 coax is the standard coaxial cable for television prior to HDMI. The dielectric is Teflon which has a relative permittivity of 2.3.

Problem #3: Spatially Variant Anisotropic Media

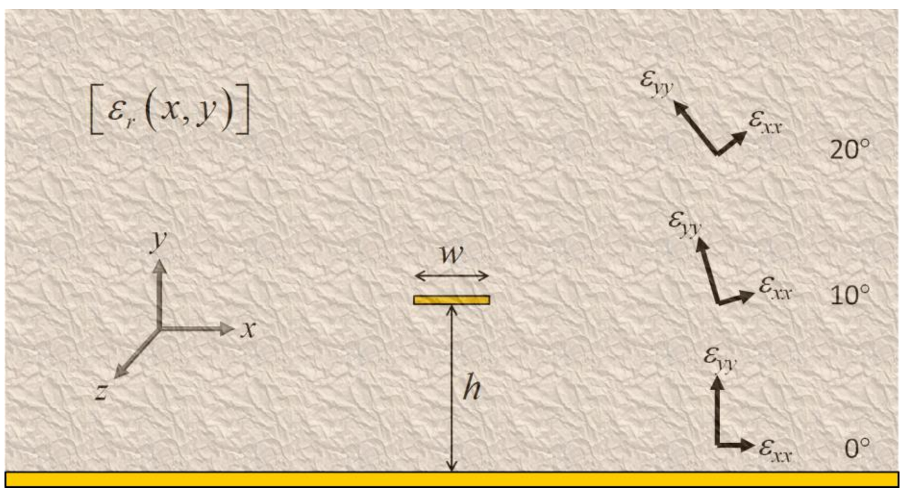
A microstrip transmission line with w = 4 and h = 3 is to be completely embedded within a spatially variant anisotropic medium (SVAM) with the following dielectric tensor. The material possesses negligible magnetic response so μ_r = 1.0.

$$\left[\varepsilon_r\right] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

The orientation of the tensor is rotated about the z-axis by ϕ=10° for every distance h above the substrate. This is done in a smooth and continuous manner so that the tensor rotation as a function of height above the substrate is

$$\phi(y) = \frac{y}{h}(10°).$$

If you do this correctly, ϕ=0° at the ground plane, ϕ=5° at h/2 above the ground plane, ϕ=10° at the signal conductor, and ϕ=20° at a distance 2h above the ground the plane. This is illustrated in the figure below.



Plot the nine tensor functions, conductors, scalar potential, and the electric field.

Provide the transmission line parameters L, C, Z_0, and n_{eff}.

Discuss your results and make meaningful conclusions.