

Microwave Engineering and Antenna – Tutorial 2

Question 1

A uniform plane wave is propagating in direction of the positive z -axis. Find the polarization (linear, circular, or elliptical), sense of rotation (CW or CCW), axial ratio (AR), and tilt angle τ (in degrees) for

a) $E_x = E_y$ and $\Delta\phi = 0$

b) $E_x \neq E_y$ and $\Delta\phi = 0$

c) $E_x = E_y$ and $\Delta\phi = \pi/2$

d) $E_x = E_y$ and $\Delta\phi = -\pi/2$

Question 2

A linearly polarized wave traveling in the negative z -direction has a tilt angle τ of 45 degrees. It is incident upon an antenna whose polarization characteristics are given by

$$\bar{\rho}_a = \frac{4\bar{a}_x + j\bar{a}_y}{\sqrt{17}}$$

Find the polarization loss factor (PLF) dimensionless and in dB.

Question 3

The normalized E field pattern of a fan antenna, independent of frequency, varies as follows:

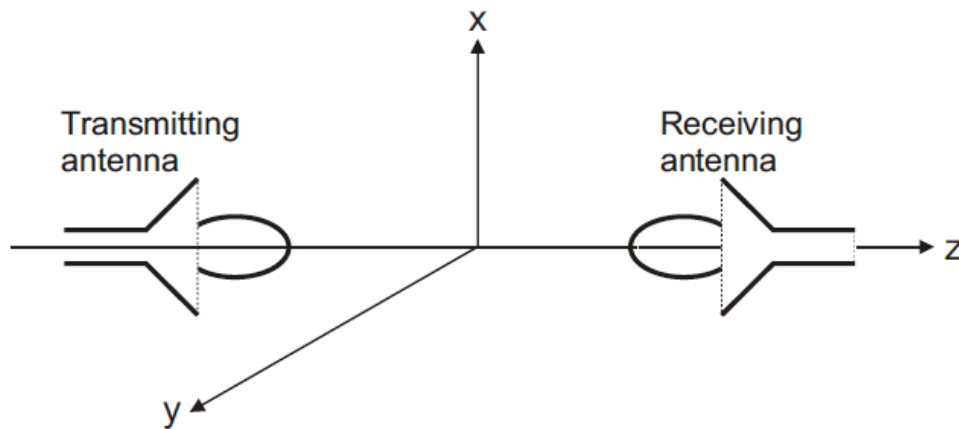
$$\frac{E}{E_0} = \begin{cases} 1 & 0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 45^\circ \\ 0 & 45^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ \\ \frac{1}{2} & 90^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ \end{cases}$$

- What is the directivity of this antenna?
- What is the radiation resistance of the antenna at 200 m from it if the field is equal to 10 V/m (rms) from $\theta = 0^\circ$ at the distance and the terminal current is 5 A (rms) ?

Question 4

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A right-hand circularly polarized horn antenna is used as a transmitter in a radio link. The antenna is fed by a $50\ \Omega$ line, and radiates (at output) 5 W of power at 2 GHz . The gain of the antenna is 30 dBi , its radiation resistance $47\ \Omega$ and loss resistance $5\ \Omega$. The receiving antenna is 95% efficient and has an impedance mismatch at its terminals, which leads to a VSWR of 1.7. The receiving antenna is CW elliptically polarized with tilt angle of 0° and axial ratio (AR) of 2. The distance between the two antennas is 3500 km , and the receiving antenna is required to deliver 0.5 pW to the receiver.



- Calculate the total efficiency of the transmitting antenna
- Calculate the power density incident on the receiving antenna
- Find the polarisation loss factor
- Determine the maximum effective aperture of the receiving antenna