Antenna efficiency

Take into account losses at the input terminals and within the structure of the antenna.

Conduction and dielectric losses.
Mismatch Reflections between the transmission line and the antenna.

 $e_t = e_{cd}e_r$

Where:

$$e_t = \frac{P_{rad}}{P_{input}}$$
 Total efficiency

 $e_{cd} = \frac{P_{rad}}{P_{accept}}$ Radiation efficiency(consider conduction and dielectric losses)

$$e_r = \frac{P_{accept}}{P_{input}} = 1 - |\Gamma|^2$$
 Reflection efficiency (consider Mismatch loss)





Efficiency is very close to: 100% (or 0 dB) for dish, horn antennas, or half-wavelength dipoles with no lossy materials around them, and 20%- 70% for Mobile antenna(microstrip) ,losses due to material surround antenna, and dielectric losses

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Radiation efficiency e_{cd}





(b) Equivalent model for a transmitting antenna.

RA represents dissipation (radiation + ohmic losses)

small antennas can have significant ohmic losses but other antennas usually have ohmic losses that are small compared to their radiation dissipation

$$e_{cd} = \frac{P_{rad}}{P_{accept}} = \frac{P_{rad}}{P_{rad} + P_o} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}R_r|I_A|^2}{\frac{1}{2}R_r|I_A|^2 + \frac{1}{2}R_o|I_A|^2} = \frac{R_r}{R_r + R_o} = \frac{R_r}{R_A}$$

where

 $P_{rad} =$ power radiated $P_o =$ power dissipated in ohmic losses on the antenna $P_{accept} = P + P_o =$ power accepted by the antenna

radiation efficiency must be as close to 100% as possible in high_power transmitting antennas for two reasons: the ohmic losses cost money in power consumption and the heat generated can possibly damage or destroy the antenna

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Example 1

A monopole antenna (h=0.787 m) used on cars for reception of AM and FM radio signals; assume monopole antenna has a good ground plane. The antenna is made of steel 1/8-in in diameter (a=0.15875 cm). For an operating frequency in the AM band of 1 MHz (λ =300 m) compute radiation efficiency of the antenna. .if this type of antenna (*short monopole*) has following relations for radiation resistance and loss resistance

$$R_r = 40\pi^2 \left(\frac{\Delta z}{\lambda}\right)^2 \Omega$$
 $R_o = \frac{\Delta z}{2\pi a} \frac{R_s}{3}$ Where $R_s = \sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu}{2\sigma}}$ $\sigma = 2*10^6$ S/m

Solution:

0

$$R_{r} = 40\pi^{2} \left(\frac{0.787}{300}\right)^{2} = 0.00271 \,\Omega$$

$$R_{s} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi \times 10^{6} \cdot 4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{2 \cdot 2 \times 10^{6}}} = 1.405 \times 10^{-3} \,\Omega$$

$$R_{o} = \frac{h}{2\pi a} \frac{R_{s}}{3} = \frac{0.787}{2\pi \cdot 1.5875 \times 10^{-3}} \frac{1.40 \times 10^{-3}}{3} = 0.0370 \,\Omega$$
radiation efficiency
$$e_{cd} = \frac{R_{r}}{R_{r} + R_{o}} = \frac{0.00271}{0.00271 + 0.0370} = 6.82\%$$

The low efficiency in this broadcast reception application is overcome by using a high-power transmitter operating into a tall, efficient antenna. Thus, the cost and complexity of the system are concentrated into the transmitting station, allowing for inexpensive and simple receiving antennas

<u>Gain</u>

- *Gain* of an antenna (in a given direction) is defined as "the ratio of the intensity, in a given direction, to the radiation intensity that would be obtained if the power accepted by the antenna were radiated isotropically.
- Gain does not account for losses arising from impedance mismatches

$$G(\theta,\phi) = e_{cd} D(\theta,\phi)$$

the maximum value of the gain

$$G_0 = G(\theta, \phi)|_{\max} = e_{cd} D(\theta, \phi)|_{\max} = e_{cd} D_0$$

Absolute Gain

Take into account losses arising from impedance mismatches

$$G_{\text{abs}} = e_r G(\theta, \phi) = (1 - |\Gamma|^2) G(\theta, \phi) = e_r e_{cd} D(\theta, \phi) = \mathsf{e}_t D(\theta, \phi).$$

• For the maximum values

$$G_{0abs} = \mathbf{e}_{t} D_{0}.$$

 $G_0(dB) = 10 \log_{10}[e_{cd} D_0 \text{ (dimensionless)}]$

Example 2

Example 2.10

A lossless resonant half-wavelength dipole antenna, with input impedance of 73 ohms, is connected to a transmission line whose characteristic impedance is 50 ohms. Assuming that the pattern of the antenna is given approximately by

 $U = B_0 \sin^3 \theta$

find the maximum absolute gain of this antenna.

$$U|_{\text{max}} = U_{\text{max}} = B_0$$

$$P_{\text{rad}} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} U(\theta, \phi) \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi = 2\pi B_0 \int_0^{\pi} \sin^4 \theta \, d\theta = B_0 \left(\frac{3\pi^2}{4}\right)$$

$$D_0 = 4\pi \frac{U_{\text{max}}}{P_{\text{rad}}} = \frac{16}{3\pi} = 1.697$$

Since the antenna was stated to be lossless, then the radiation efficiency $e_{cd} = 1$. Thus, the total maximum gain is equal to

$$G_0 = e_{cd} D_0 = 1(1.697) = 1.697$$

which is identical to the directivity because the antenna is lossless.

There is another loss factor which is not taken into account in the gain. That is the loss due to reflection or mismatch losses between the antenna (load) and the transmission line. This loss is accounted for by the reflection efficiency

$$e_{t} = (1 - |\Gamma|^{2}) = \left(1 - \left|\frac{73 - 50}{73 + 50}\right|^{2}\right) = 0.965$$
$$e_{t} = e_{r}e_{cd} = 0.965$$
$$G_{0abs} = e_{t}D_{0} = 0.965(1.697) = 1.6376$$

Bandwidth

defined as the range of frequencies where performance of antenna(antenna characteristic as input impedance ,pattern, polarization ,gain, radiation efficiency,...) conforms to specific standards (according to antenna application).

For narrowband antennas, the BW is expressed as a percentage of the frequency difference over the center frequency:

$$BW = \frac{f_{upper} - f_{lower}}{f_0} \cdot 100 \%.$$

Usually,
$$f_0 = (f_{upper} + f_{lower})/2$$

For broadband antennas

$${}^{\rm BW}=f_{
m upper}/f_{
m lower}$$

The Bandwidth for Several Common Antennas.(antenna-theory.com)

Antenna	Center frequency	Frequency range	Fractional BW fU-fL/fo	Ratio fU/fL	Percentage BW		
Narrow band antenna							
Patch	1000 MHz	985-1015 MHz	0.03	1.0305:1	3%		
Dipole	1000 MHz	960-1040 MHz	0.08	1.083:1	8%		
Broad band antenna							
Horn	1000 MHz	154-1848 MHz	1.694	12:1	169.4%		
Spiral	1000 MHz	95-1900 MHz	1.805	20:1	180.5%		

• Polarization of EM fields

The polarization of the EM field describes the orientation of its vectors at a given point and how it varies with time. In other words, it describes the way the direction and magnitude of the field vectors (usually **E**) change in time.

• three types of polarization exist for harmonic fields:

linear, circular and elliptical.





Examples of Polarization

- AM Radio (0.540-1.6 MHz): linearly polarized (vertical) (Note 1)
- FM Radio (88-108 MHz): linearly polarized (horizontal)
- TV (VHF, 54-216 MHz; UHF, 470-698 MHz: linearly polarized (horizontal) (some transmitters are CP)
- Cell phone antenna (about 2 GHz, depending on system): linearly polarized (direction arbitrary)
- DBS Satellite TV (11.7-12.5 GHz): transmits both LHCP and RHCP (frequency reuse) (Note 2)
- GPS (1.574 GHz): RHCP (Note 2)

Notes:

1) Low-frequency waves travel better along the earth when they are polarized vertically instead of horizontally.

2) Satellite transmission often uses CP because of rotation of waves in the ionosphere

waves bounce of the ground and other objects so do not maintain their original orientation anyway. so alignment of linearly polarized sending and receiving antennas is more difficult to achieve. These difficulties are somewhat circumvented by circular polarization of waves.



circular polarization has a number of benefits for areas such as satellite applications where it helps overcome the effects of propagation anomalies and ground reflections

$$\vec{E}(z,t) = E_{x0}\cos(\omega t + kZ + \varphi_x)\,\hat{a}_x + E_{y0}\cos(\omega t + kZ + \varphi_y)\,\hat{a}_y$$

Linear polarized

A. $E_{x0} \neq 0$, $E_{y0} = 0$ B. $E_{x0} = 0$, $E_{y0} \neq 0$ C. $E_{x0} \neq 0$, $E_{y0} \neq 0$

$$\varphi_y - \varphi_x = \pm n\pi$$
 $n = 0, 1, \dots$

Circular polarized:

$$E_{x0} = E_{y0}$$
$$\varphi_{y} - \varphi_{x} = \begin{cases} -\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi\right) \\ \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi \end{cases}$$

for CCW(LH)

Elliptical polarized:



When the ellipse is aligned with the Type equation here.principal axes , the major (minor) axis is equal to Exo(Eyo) or Eyo(Exo) and the axial ratio is equal to Exo/Eyo or Eyo/Exo.

n = 0.1.2...

If the direction of wave propagation is reversed (i.e., +z direction), the phases in (2-60) and (2-61) for CW and CCW rotation must be interchanged.

 A left-handed/anti-clockwise circularly polarized wave as defined from the point of view of the source. It would be considered righthanded/clockwise circularly polarized if defined from the point of view of the receiver



Examples for CP antennas









Example 3

$$\underline{E} = \left(2\hat{a}_x + j2\hat{a}_y\right)e^{jkz} = \left(2\hat{a}_x + 2\hat{a}_y e^{j\pi/2}\right)e^{+jkz}$$

Solution:

$$\vec{E}(z,t) = E_{x0}\cos(\omega t + kZ + \varphi_x)\,\hat{a}_x + E_{y0}\cos(\omega t + kZ + \varphi_y)\,\hat{a}_y$$

Since e^{jkz} Propagation in - \hat{a}_z I am looking to direction of propagation, $E_{\chi 0} = E_{y0}$ =2, $\phi_y - \phi_x$ =90



at Z = 0 $E_x = 2\cos(\omega t)$, $E_y = 2\cos(\omega t+90)$ =-sin(ω t), at (1) $\omega t = 0$ $E_x = 2$, $E_y = 0$

at (2)
$$\omega t$$
 =90 E_x =0 , E_y =-2

Example 4

•A wave traveling normally outward from the page (toward the reader) direction resultant of two elliptically polarized waves, one with components •of E given by:

 $\mathscr{C}_{y}^{\prime\prime} = 2\cos\omega t$

 $\mathscr{C}_x'' = 3\cos\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

$$\mathscr{C}_{y} = 3\cos\omega t$$

And the other with components given by:

$$\mathscr{C}'_x = 7\cos\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

(a) What is the axial ratio of the resultant wave?

(b) Does the resultant vector E rotate clockwise or counterclockwise?(from your view)

$$(\omega)^{E_{x}} = E_{x}' + E_{x}'' = 7\cos(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2}) + 3\cos(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2})$$
$$= -7\sin\omega t + 3\sin\omega t = -4\sin\omega t$$
$$= 4\cos(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2})$$

 $E_y = E'_y + E''_y = 3\cos\omega t + 2\cos\omega t = 5\cos\omega t$

$$\varphi_y - \varphi_x = -\frac{\pi}{2} \longrightarrow \text{Rotation in CCW}$$

AR =
$$\frac{5}{4} = 1.25$$

(b) At $\omega t = 0$, $\vec{E} = 5 \hat{u}y$ (1)
At $\omega t = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \vec{E} = -4 \hat{u}x \Rightarrow \text{Rotation in CCV}$





Polarization Loss Factor

$$PLF = |\hat{\rho}_w.\,\hat{\rho}_a|^2 = \left|cos\psi_p\right|^2$$
$$0 \le PLF \le 1$$

 $PLF(dB) = 10\log_{10}|\hat{\rho}_w.\hat{\rho}_a|^2$

Cross polarization:

Every antenna radiates in a desire polarization as it was designed to, but it has a leakage that radiates in the perpendicular polarization to the desired one. The ratio between undesired polarization to the desired polarization is the cross polarization.

Antennas are designed to have as low cross polarization as possible





Example 5

Example 2.11:

Find PLF

$$\underline{E}_{w}^{i} = \hat{a}_{x} E_{0}(x, y) e^{-jkz}$$
$$\underline{E}_{a} \simeq \left(\hat{a}_{x} + \hat{a}_{y}\right) E(r, \theta, \phi)$$

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Solution:

$$\underline{E}_{a} = (\hat{a}_{x} + \hat{a}_{y}) E(r, \theta, \phi) = \left(\frac{\hat{a}_{x} + \hat{a}_{y}}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \sqrt{2} E(r, \theta, \phi)$$

$$\hat{\rho}_{a} = \frac{\hat{a}_{x} + \hat{a}_{y}}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \hat{\rho}_{w} = \hat{a}_{x}$$

$$PLF = \left|\hat{\rho}_{w} \cdot \hat{\rho}_{a}\right|^{2} = \left|\hat{a}_{x} \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{a}_{x} + \hat{a}_{y}}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right|^{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$PLF = \frac{1}{2} = 10 \log_{10}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -3 \text{ dB}$$
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$$\frac{\text{CW-CW} (\text{Maximum})}{\text{Antenna transmit wave to +z direction}}$$

$$\text{CW: } \hat{\rho}_{a} = \left(\frac{\hat{a}_{\theta} - j\hat{a}_{\phi}}{\sqrt{2}}\right), \quad \text{CW: } \hat{\rho}_{w} = \left(\frac{\hat{a}_{\theta} + j\hat{a}_{\phi}}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$PLF = \left|\hat{\rho}_{a} \cdot \hat{\rho}_{w}\right|^{2} = \left|\left(\frac{\hat{a}_{\theta} - j\hat{a}_{\phi}}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\left(\frac{\hat{a}_{\theta} + j\hat{a}_{\phi}}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right|^{2}$$

$$PLF = \left|\frac{1+1}{2}\right|^{2} = 1 = 0 \text{ dB}$$

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Effective Area

the effective area simply represents how much power is captured from the plane wave and delivered by the antenna.

effective area is defined as "the ratio of the available power at the terminals of a receiving antenna to the power flux density of a plane wave incident on the antenna from that direction, the wave being polarization-matched to the antenna.



 P_r is power delivered to the load



General formula to compute (no losses): Some Antenna Structures, Directivity and Effective Area

	λ^2	λ^2	
A _e	$=\frac{1}{4\pi}D_0$	$=\overline{\Omega}$	

Antenna	Dimension	Directivity	Effective area(Ae) compared to physical area(Ap)
Half wave Dipole		D=1.6	$Ae=0.13^*\lambda^2$
Horn Antenna	\sum_{φ}	$D=10ab/\lambda^2$	Ae=0.8 Ap
parabolic Reflector	10	$D=7^*\pi r^2/\lambda^2$	Ae=0.6Ap

More General: Taking Into Account Losses







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Friis Transmission Equation

For transmitting antenna $D_t = \frac{U_t}{Prad/4\pi} = \frac{R^2 W_{tavg}}{Prad/4\pi}$





Figure 2.30 Two antennas separated by a distance *R*.

At the receiver end:

$$A_{er} = \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} G_r \cdot |\hat{\rho}_w \cdot \hat{\rho}_a|^2 = \frac{P_r}{W_{tavg}}$$

$$P_r = \frac{G_t \cdot P_{tinput}}{4\pi \cdot R^2} \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} G_r \cdot |\hat{\rho}_w \cdot \hat{\rho}_a|^2$$



Example 2.16

Example 7

Two *lossless X*-band (8.2–12.4 GHz) horn antennas are separated by a distance of 100λ . The reflection coefficients at the terminals of the transmitting and receiving antennas are 0.1 and 0.2, respectively. The maximum directivities of the transmitting and receiving antennas (over isotropic) are 16 dB and 20 dB, respectively. Assuming that the input power in the lossless transmission line connected to the transmitting antenna is 2W, and the antennas are aligned for maximum radiation between them and are polarization-matched, find the power delivered to the load of the receiver.

Solution: For this problem

 $e_{cdt} = e_{cdr} = 1$ because antennas are lossless.

 $|\hat{\rho}_t \cdot \hat{\rho}_r|^2 = 1$ because antennas are polarization-matched

 $D_t = D_{0t}$ because antennas are aligned for $D_r = D_{0r}$ maximum radiation between them $D_{0t} = 16 \text{ dB} \Rightarrow 39.81 \text{ (dimensionless)}$

 $D_{0r} = 20 \text{ dB} \Rightarrow 100 \text{ (dimensionless)}$

Using (2-118), we can write

$$P_r = [1 - (0.1)^2][1 - (0.2)^2][\lambda/4\pi (100\lambda)]^2 (39.81)(100)(2)$$

= 4.777 mW

Example 8

- **2.85.** Transmitting and receiving antennas operating at 1 GHz with gains (over isotropic) of 20 and 15 dB, respectively, are separated by a distance of 1 km. Find the maximum power delivered to the load when the input power is 150 W. Assume that the
 - (a) antennas are polarization-matched

$$\frac{P_{r}}{Pt} = |\hat{\ell}_{t} \cdot \hat{\ell}_{r}|^{2} (\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R})^{2} G_{ot} G_{or}$$

$$G_{ot} = 20 dB \Rightarrow G_{ot} (power ratio) = |0^{2} = |00$$

$$G_{or} = |5 dB \Rightarrow G_{or} (power ratio) = |0^{1.5} = 31.623$$

$$f = 1 GHz \Rightarrow \lambda = 0.3 \text{ meters}$$

$$R = |x|0^{3} \text{ meters}$$
For $|\hat{\ell}_{t} \cdot \hat{\ell}_{r}|^{2} = 1$

$$P_{r} = (\frac{0.3}{4\pi x \log^{3}})^{2} (100)(31.623)(150 \times 10^{-3}) = 270.344 \mu \text{ Watts}$$

2.72. For an X-band (8.2–12.4 GHz) rectangular horn, with aperture dimensions of 5.5 cm and 7.4 cm, find its maximum effective aperture (*in* cm^2) when its gain (over isotropic) is

(a) 14.8 dB at 8.2 GHz

Example 9

(b) 16.5 dB at 10.3 GHz (c) 18.0 dB at 12.4 GHz Aem = $\frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} e_t D_o = \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} G_o$ a. $G_0 = 14.8 \, dB \Rightarrow G_0 \, (power ratio) = 10^{1.48} = 30.2$ f = 8.2GHz ⇒ λ = 3.6585 cm Aem = $\frac{(3.6585)^2}{4\pi}(30.2) = 32.1677 \text{ Cm}^2$ The physical aperture is equal to Ap = 5.5(7.4) = 40.7 cm² b. Go = 16.5 dB => Go (power ratio) = 10^{1.65} = 44.668 f = 10.3 GHz => 1=2.9/2 cm Aem = $\frac{(2.9/2)^2}{\sqrt{11}}$ (44.668) = 30.142 (m²) C. Go = 18.0 dB \Rightarrow Go (power ratio) = 10^{1.8} = 63.096 f = 12.4 GHZ ⇒ N = 2.419 Cm $Aem = (2.419)^2 (63.096) = 29.389 \text{ cm}^2$

2.82. A lossless ($e_{cd} = 1$) antenna is operating at 100 MHz and its maximum effective aperture is 0.7162 m² at this frequency. The input impedance of this antenna is 75 ohms, and it is attached to a 50-ohm transmission line. Find the directivity (dimensionless) of this antenna if it is polarization-matched.

$$Aem = 0.7/62 m^{2} \qquad 1$$

$$Aem = \frac{\lambda^{2}}{4\pi} \cdot e_{cd} (1 - 1\Gamma|^{2}) |\hat{e}_{W} \cdot \hat{e}_{a}| \cdot D_{o} \qquad \text{Note that Max effective aperture consider losses}$$

$$D_{o} = \frac{Aem}{\frac{\lambda}{4\pi}^{2}(1 - 1\Gamma|^{2})} , \Gamma = \frac{75 - 50}{75 + 50} = 0.2 , \Lambda = \frac{3 \times 10^{8}}{100 \times 10^{6}} = 3m$$

$$D_{o} = \frac{0.7/62}{\frac{3^{2}}{4\pi}(1 - 102)^{2}}$$

$$D_{o} = 1.0417$$

Example 10