Antennas

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Radiation

- Moving charges create electric and magnetic fields.
- Potential vector $A(r') = \int \mu J(r')G(r',r)dV'$
- Green's function: $G(r',r) = \frac{e^{-\beta|r'-r|}}{4\pi|r'-r|}$
- Distance from source to origin: r'
- Distance from origin to observation point: r

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Approach:

$$- J \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow H \rightarrow E \rightarrow S$$

$$- J \rightarrow A \qquad A(r') = \int \mu J(r')G(r',r)dV'$$

$$- A \rightarrow B \qquad B = \nabla xA$$

$$- B \rightarrow H \qquad B = \mu H$$

$$- H \rightarrow E \qquad E = \frac{i}{\omega \epsilon}(\nabla xH)$$

$$- E \rightarrow S \qquad S = E \times H$$

• Current distribution $J(r) = Idl \cos(\omega t) \delta(r)$

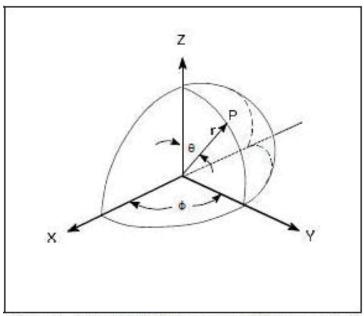


Figure 1 - Spherical Radiation to point "P" from an ideal point source.

 A dipole is an idealized radiator with infinitesimal height.

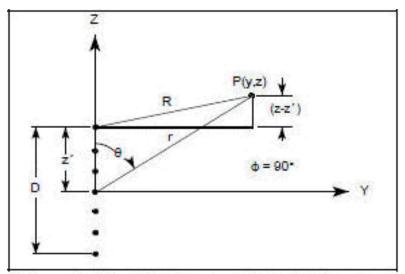


Figure 2 - Near Field Geometry of point "P" for a nonideal radiator with dimension D.

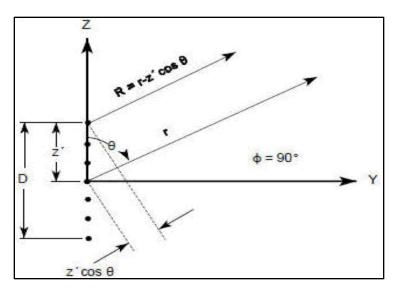
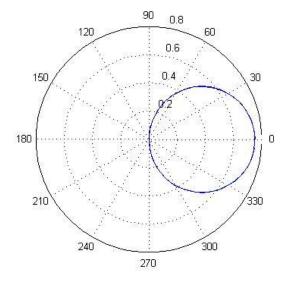


Figure 3 - Far Field Parallel Ray Approximation for Calculations

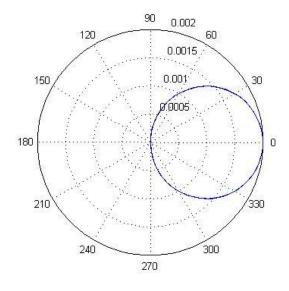
The Near Field is within one wavelength of the radiator and contains all the components of the fields, regardless of the order of (1/r). For the far field, the components of an order higher than (1/r) are negligible. The equations herein represent the far field expressions.

Electric Field

Magnetic Field



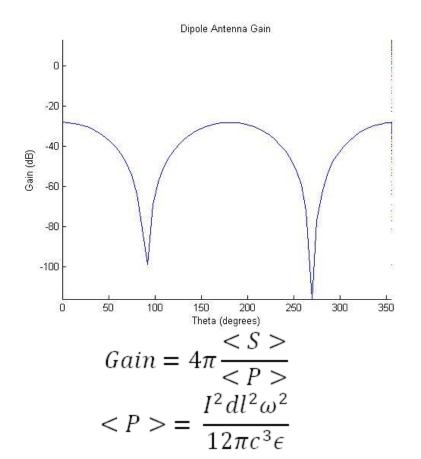
$$E_{\theta} = \frac{Idl \sin \theta}{4\pi\epsilon} \left[\frac{-\omega \sin \omega t'}{rv^2} \right]$$

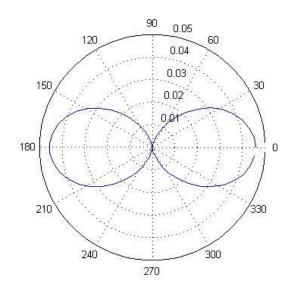


$$H_{\varphi} = \frac{Idl \sin \theta}{4\pi} \left[\frac{-\omega \sin \omega t'}{rv} \right]$$

Gain of a Dipole Antenna

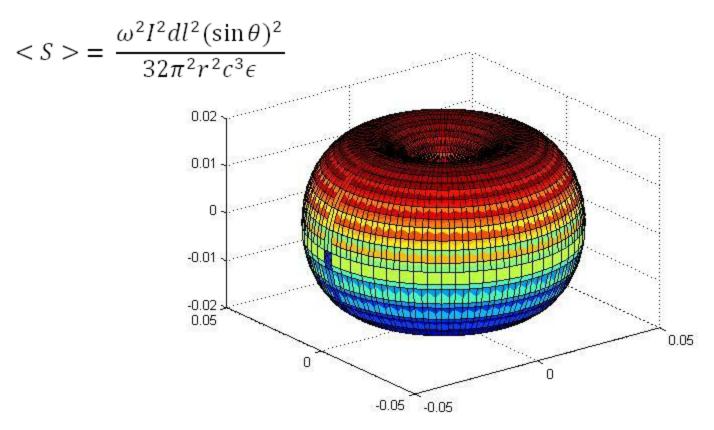
2D Radiation Pattern of Dipole





$$< S > = \frac{\omega^2 I^2 dl^2 (\sin \theta)^2}{32\pi^2 r^2 c^3 \epsilon}$$

Radiation Pattern of a Dipole Antenna

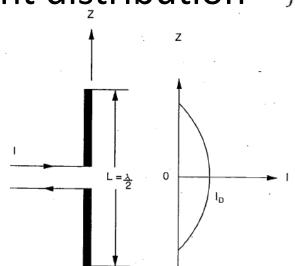


The dipole antenna radiates consistently in the azimuth, but as elevation increases, the intensity drops off considerably until directly above or below the dipole there is zero field strength.

Half Wave Antenna

• A half-wave antenna has a length half of one wavelength of the operating frequency. The same approach is used to solve a half-wave as a dipole antenna.

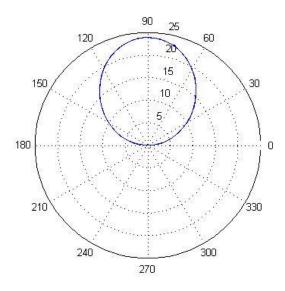
• Current distribution $J(r) = \begin{cases} I_m \sin\left(\beta \left[\frac{\lambda}{4} - z\right]\right) if \ z > 0 \\ I_m \sin\left(\beta \left[\frac{\lambda}{4} + z\right]\right) if \ z < 0 \end{cases}$



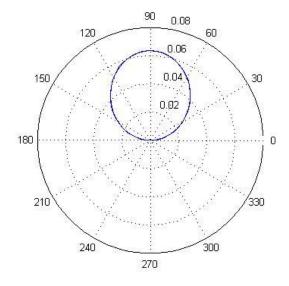
Half Wave Antenna

Electric Field

Magnetic Field



$$E_\theta = \eta H_\varphi$$

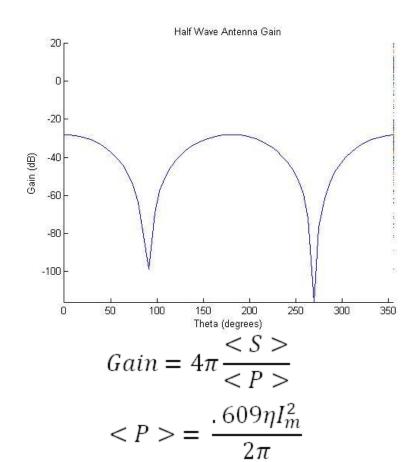


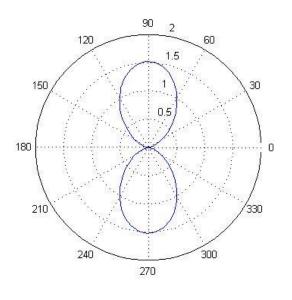
$$H_{\varphi} = \frac{jI_m e^{j\beta r} \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\cos\theta)}{2\pi r} \frac{\sin\theta}{\sin\theta}$$

Half Wave Antenna

Gain of a Half Wave Antenna

2D Radiation Pattern of a Half Wave





$$< S > \ = \ E_{\theta} H_{\varphi} = \frac{\eta I_m^2}{8\pi^2 r^2} \frac{(\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\cos\theta))^2}{(\sin\theta)^2}$$

Radiation Pattern of a Half Wave Antenna

$$\langle S \rangle = E_{\theta} H_{\varphi} = \frac{\eta I_{m}^{2}}{8\pi^{2} r^{2}} \frac{(\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}\cos\theta))^{2}}{(\sin\theta)^{2}}$$

The intensity of the half wave antenna is weaker at zero elevation in comparison to the dipole antenna. This can be seen in the phase change (sine instead of cosine) of the electric and magnetic fields in the previous slide.

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