

1. With Kirchhoff approximation, let's plug the incident wave

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}} = E_0 (\sin \beta \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 + \cos \beta \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2) e^{ikz} \quad (1)$$

into the integrand of (10.109)

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{ie^{ikr}}{2\pi r} \mathbf{k} \times \int_{\text{slit}} \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}') e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{x}'} da' \quad (2)$$

where

$$\mathbf{k} = \sin \theta \cos \phi \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 + \sin \theta \sin \phi \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 + \cos \theta \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3 \quad (\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E})_{z=0} = E_0 (\sin \beta \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 - \cos \beta \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1) \quad (3)$$

Thus (2) is turned into

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{ie^{ikr}}{2\pi r} E_0 [\sin \beta (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2) - \cos \beta (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1)] \underbrace{\int_{-a/2}^{a/2} e^{-ik \sin \theta \cos \phi x'} dx'}_{I_x} \underbrace{\int_{-b/2}^{b/2} e^{-ik \sin \theta \sin \phi y'} dy'}_{I_y} \quad (4)$$

The two integrals are elementary:

$$I_x = \frac{2}{k \sin \theta \cos \phi} \sin \left(\frac{ka \sin \theta \cos \phi}{2} \right) \quad I_y = \frac{2}{k \sin \theta \sin \phi} \sin \left(\frac{kb \sin \theta \sin \phi}{2} \right) \quad (5)$$

and the square bracket can also be evaluated explicitly

$$[\sin \beta (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2) - \cos \beta (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1)] = k [\sin \theta \sin (\beta + \phi) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3 - \cos \theta \sin \beta \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 - \cos \theta \cos \beta \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2] \quad (6)$$

This gives the diffracted field

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{ie^{ikr}}{2\pi r} E_0 [\sin \theta \sin (\beta + \phi) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3 - \cos \theta \sin \beta \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 - \cos \theta \cos \beta \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2] \times \frac{4}{k \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi} \sin \left(\frac{ka \sin \theta \cos \phi}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{kb \sin \theta \sin \phi}{2} \right) \quad (7)$$

and the angular distribution of power

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = P_i \cdot \frac{4}{\pi^2 k^2 ab} \left[\frac{\sin^2 \theta \sin^2 (\beta + \phi) + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin^4 \theta \sin^2 \phi \cos^2 \phi} \right] \left[\sin \left(\frac{ka \sin \theta \cos \phi}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{kb \sin \theta \sin \phi}{2} \right) \right]^2 \quad (8)$$

where

$$P_i = \frac{E_0^2}{2Z_0} ab \quad (9)$$

is the total power incident on the slit.

2. For scalar approximation, let's plug the scalar wave

$$\psi(\mathbf{x}) = E_0 e^{ikz} \quad (10)$$

into (10.108)

$$\psi(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{e^{ikr}}{4\pi r} \int_{\text{slit}} e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{x}'} [\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla' \psi(\mathbf{x}') + ik \cdot \mathbf{n} \psi(\mathbf{x}')] da' \quad (11)$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{e^{ikr}}{4\pi r} E_0 \int_{\text{slit}} e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{x}'} (ik + ik \cos \theta) da' \\ &= -\frac{ie^{ikr}}{4\pi r} E_0 (1 + \cos \theta) \frac{4}{k \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi} \sin \left(\frac{ka \sin \theta \cos \phi}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{kb \sin \theta \sin \phi}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

giving an angular distribution of power

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = P_i \cdot \frac{1}{\pi^2 k^2 ab} \left[\frac{(1 + \cos \theta)^2}{\sin^4 \theta \sin^2 \phi \cos^2 \phi} \right] \left[\sin \left(\frac{ka \sin \theta \cos \phi}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{kb \sin \theta \sin \phi}{2} \right) \right]^2 \quad (13)$$

The difference between vector approximation (8) and scalar approximation (13) lies in the replacement

$$\sin^2 \theta \sin^2 (\beta + \phi) + \cos^2 \theta \rightarrow (1 + \cos \theta)^2 \quad (14)$$

where the scalar approximation has no dependence on the polarization β .

3. At the limit $\phi \rightarrow 0$, (8) and (13) become

$$\left. \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right|_{\text{vector}} = P_i \cdot \frac{4}{\pi^2 k^2 ab} \left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \beta + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin^4 \theta} \right) \left[\sin \left(\frac{ka \sin \theta}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{kb \sin \theta}{2} \right]^2 \quad (15)$$

$$\left. \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right|_{\text{scalar}} = P_i \cdot \frac{1}{\pi^2 k^2 ab} \frac{(1 + \cos \theta)^2}{\sin^4 \theta} \left[\sin \left(\frac{ka \sin \theta}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{kb \sin \theta}{2} \right]^2 \quad (16)$$

It is easy to see that (15) and (16) also apply to the limit $\phi \rightarrow \pi$.

Below we plot the angular distribution of power for polarization $\beta = \pi/4$ and the observation point on the x - z plane (i.e., $\phi = 0, \pi$). The first plot is for $ka = kb = 4\pi$, the second plot is for $ka = kb = \pi$ and the last is for $ka = kb = \pi/4$. They have been scaled to fit the size of the page.



