

1. From (10.90) (a.k.a, the Stratton-Chu integral, or the vector Kirchhoff integral)

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = \oint_S \left[i\omega (\mathbf{n}' \times \mathbf{B}) G + (\mathbf{n}' \times \mathbf{E}) \times \nabla' G + (\mathbf{n}' \cdot \mathbf{E}) \nabla' G \right] da' \quad G = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{e^{ikR}}{R} \quad (1)$$

we can use Kirchhoff approximation by integrating over the aperture and take the integrand to be the unperturbed incident wave

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}} = E_0 (\cos \alpha \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 - \sin \alpha \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3) e^{ik(z \cos \alpha + x \sin \alpha)} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{inc}} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{k}}_0 \times \mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}}}{c} = \frac{E_0}{c} (\sin \alpha \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 + \cos \alpha \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3) \times (\cos \alpha \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 - \sin \alpha \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3) e^{ik(z \cos \alpha + x \sin \alpha)} = \frac{E_0}{c} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 e^{ik(z \cos \alpha + x \sin \alpha)} \quad (3)$$

Also with the radiation-zone approximation

$$G = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{e^{ikR}}{R} \approx \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{x}'} \implies \nabla' G = -ikG \quad (4)$$

we see (1) turns into

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{ie^{ikr}}{4\pi r} E_0 \int_{\text{aperture}} [-k\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 + \cos \alpha (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2) + \sin \alpha \mathbf{k}] e^{ikx' \sin \alpha} e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{x}'} da' \quad (5)$$

We now follow the same argument in the paragraph below equation (10.91): since $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})$ is transverse to \mathbf{k} , the integral from the component parallel to \mathbf{k} in the first term must cancel that from the third term. Using the vector identity

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 = (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \hat{\mathbf{k}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1) \quad (6)$$

we turn (5) into

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{ie^{ikr}}{4\pi r} E_0 \int_{\text{aperture}} \left[\frac{\mathbf{k} \times (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1)}{k} + \cos \alpha (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2) \right] e^{ikx' \sin \alpha} e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{x}'} da' \quad (7)$$

Expanding \mathbf{k} as $\mathbf{k} = (\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3$, we have

$$\frac{\mathbf{k} \times (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1)}{k} = \frac{\mathbf{k} \times [-(\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2]}{k} = \cos \theta (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2) - \sin \theta \sin \phi (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3) \quad (8)$$

which gives the approximated diffracted field

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{ie^{ikr}}{2\pi r} E_0 \int_{\text{aperture}} \left[\left(\frac{\cos \theta + \cos \alpha}{2} \right) (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2) - \frac{\sin \theta \sin \phi}{2} (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3) \right] e^{ikx' \sin \alpha} e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{x}'} da' \quad (9)$$

as claimed.

2. From (9) and the procedure following (10.112), we have

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{ie^{ikr}}{r} a^2 E_0 \left[\left(\frac{\cos \theta + \cos \alpha}{2} \right) (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2) - \frac{\sin \theta \sin \phi}{2} (\mathbf{k} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3) \right] \frac{J_1(ka\xi)}{ka\xi} \quad (10)$$

giving the angular distribution of power

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = P_i \frac{(ka)^2}{4\pi} \frac{1}{\cos \alpha} \overbrace{\left[\left(\frac{\cos \theta + \cos \alpha}{2} \right) (\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2) - \frac{\sin \theta \sin \phi}{2} (\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3) \right]^2}^{\equiv f(\alpha, \theta, \phi)} \left| \frac{2J_1(ka\xi)}{ka\xi} \right|^2 \quad (11)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha, \theta, \phi) &= \left| \left(\frac{\cos \theta + \cos \alpha}{2} \right) (\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2) - \frac{\sin \theta \sin \phi}{2} (\hat{\mathbf{k}} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3) \right|^2 \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{\cos \theta + \cos \alpha}{2} \right) \cos \theta + \frac{\sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi}{2} \right]^2 + \\ &\quad \left[\left(\frac{\cos \theta + \cos \alpha}{2} \right) \sin \theta \cos \phi \right]^2 + \left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi}{2} \right)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Below are the plots of the angular distribution of power for the scalar approximation (10.119), Smythe-Kirchhoff approximation (10.114) and the approximation based on the Stratton-Chu equation (11). The incident angle is $\alpha = \pi/4$. The upper diagram is viewed from $y-$ direction, and the lower diagram (enlarged 3 times) is viewed from $x+$ direction. For the upper diagram ($\phi = 0, \pi$), the scalar approximation (10.119) and the distribution based on Stratton-Chu (11) are identical function of θ . For the lower diagram ($\phi = \pi/2, 3\pi/2$), they are very close to each other (but not identical).

