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Lecture 12

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Circular Loops of Constant Current

- Now, we want to consider the radiation from a loop antenna with $C \cong \lambda$ but we still assume that the current is a uniform one.
- Note that this is inherently a false assumption.
- Even though this is a false assumption, the results will be helpful in our real calculations.

$$R = \sqrt{r^2 + a^2 - 2ar \sin \theta \cos \varphi'} \approx \sqrt{r^2 - 2ar \sin \theta \cos \varphi'} \quad \text{for } r \gg a$$

- Using binomial expansion

Phase

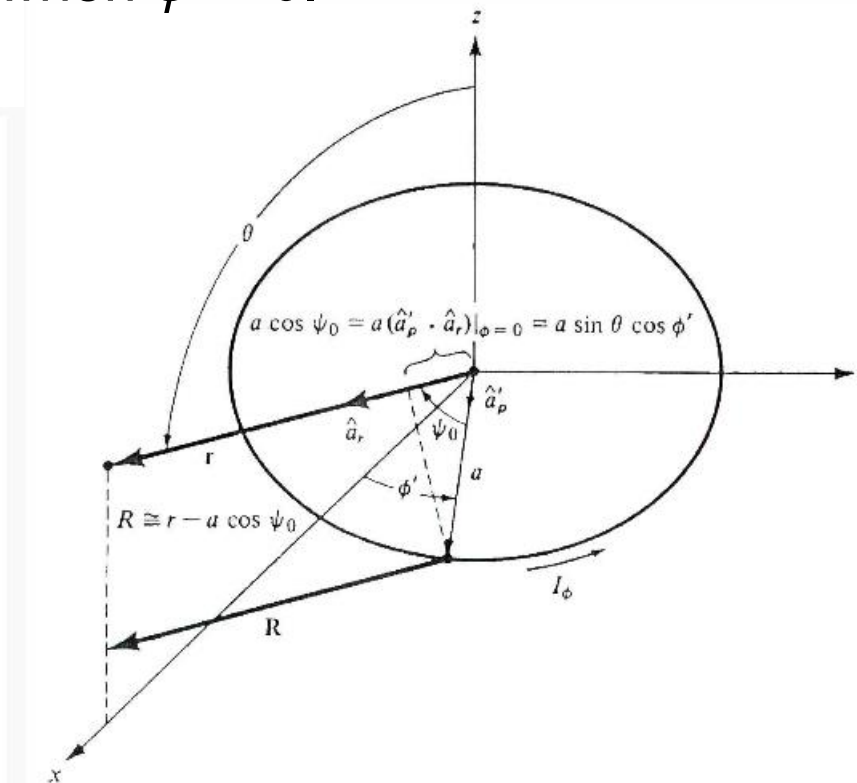
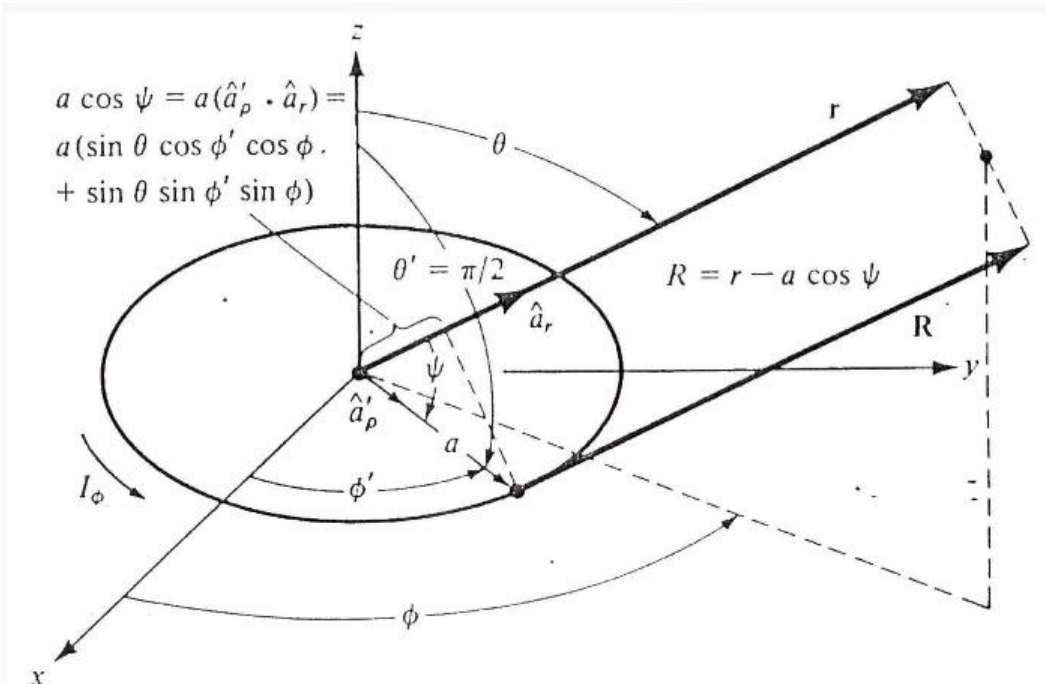
$$R \approx r \sqrt{1 - 2 \frac{a}{r} \sin \theta \cos \varphi'} \approx r - a \sin \theta \cos \varphi' = r - a \cos \psi_o$$

Amplitude

$$R \approx r$$

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- Note that angle ψ is the angle between r and r' .
- ψ_0 is the angle between r and r' when $\phi = 0$.



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$$A_{\varphi} = \frac{a\mu I_0}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos \varphi' \frac{e^{-jk\sqrt{r^2+a^2-2ar\sin\theta\cos\varphi'}}}{\sqrt{r^2+a^2-2ar\sin\theta\cos\varphi'}} d\varphi'$$

$$A_{\varphi} \approx \frac{a\mu I_0 e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos \varphi' e^{jka\sin\theta\cos\varphi'} d\varphi'$$

$$A_{\varphi} \approx \frac{a\mu I_0 e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \left[\int_0^{\pi} \cos \varphi' e^{jka\sin\theta\cos\varphi'} d\varphi' + \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \cos \varphi' e^{+jka\sin\theta\cos\varphi'} d\varphi' \right]$$

$$\varphi' = \varphi'' + \pi$$

$$A_{\varphi} \approx \frac{a\mu I_0 e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \left[\int_0^{\pi} \cos \varphi' e^{jka\sin\theta\cos\varphi'} d\varphi' - \int_0^{\pi} \cos \varphi'' e^{-jka\sin\theta\cos\varphi''} d\varphi'' \right]$$

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We know $\pi j^n J_n(z) = \int_0^\pi \cos(n\varphi) e^{jz \cos \varphi} d\varphi$

$J_n(z)$ is the Bessel function of the first kind of order n

$$A_\varphi \approx \frac{a\mu I_0 e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \{ \pi j J_1(ka \sin \theta) - \pi j J_1(-ka \sin \theta) \}$$

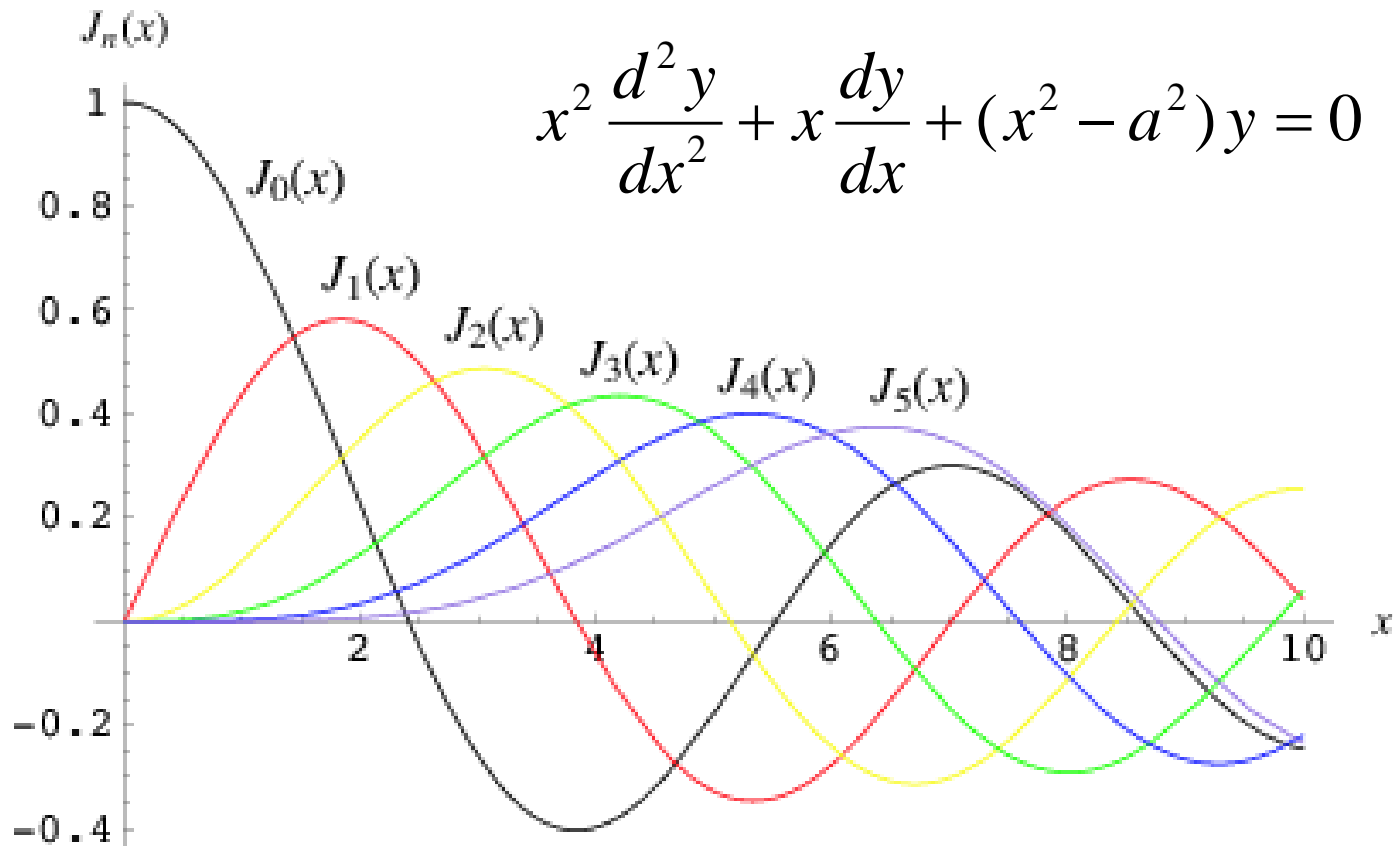
$$J_n(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m (z/2)^{n+2m}}{m!(n+m)!}$$

$$J_n(-z) = (-1)^n J_n(z) \quad \longrightarrow \quad A_\varphi \approx j \frac{a\mu I_0 e^{-jkr}}{2r} J_1(ka \sin \theta)$$

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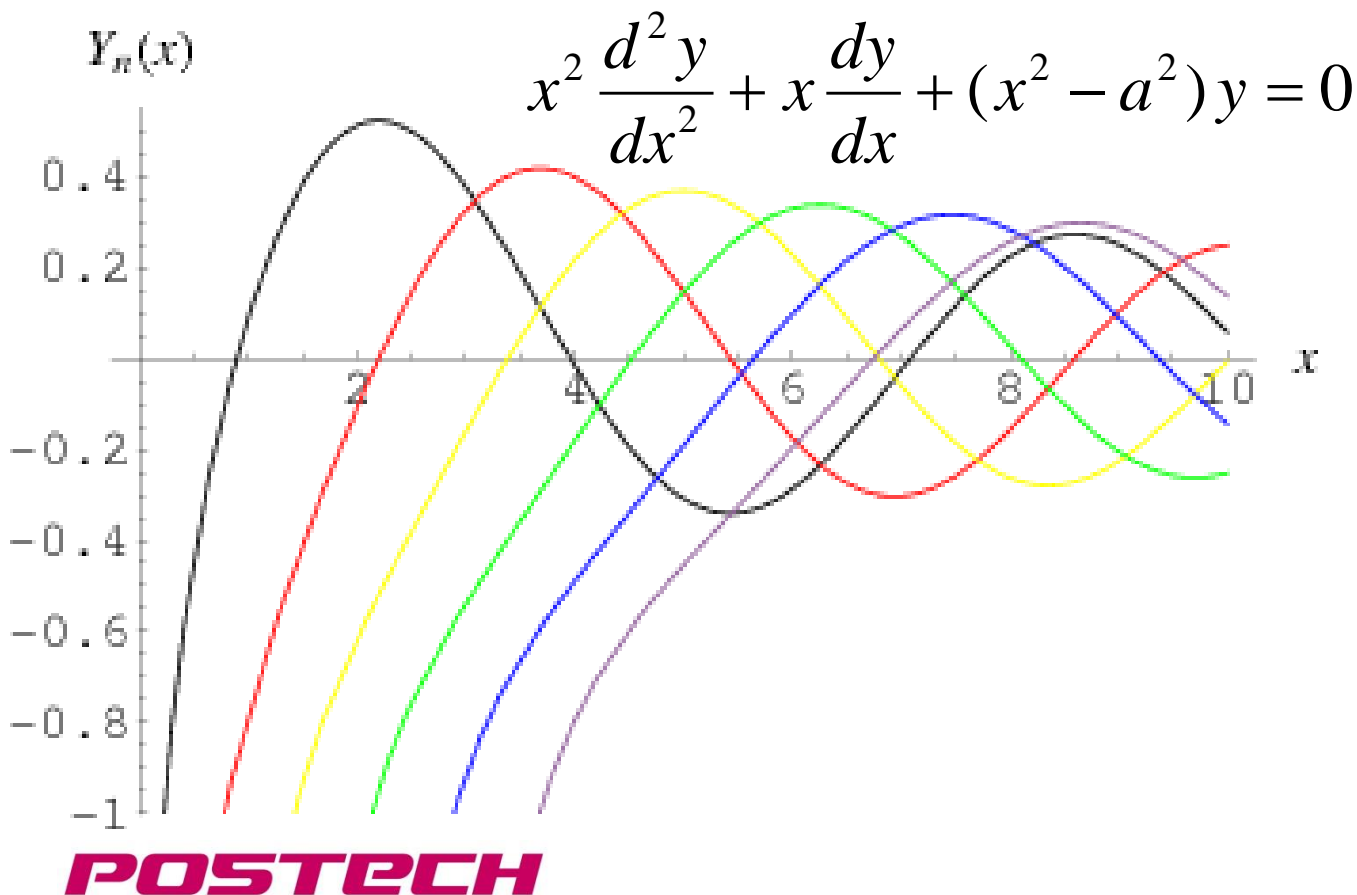
- Note that the Bessel functions of the first kind $J_a(x)$ are solutions to the following differential equation:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2 - a^2) y = 0$$



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- This equation has another solution called the Bessel function of the second kind or the Neumann function $Y_a(x)$:



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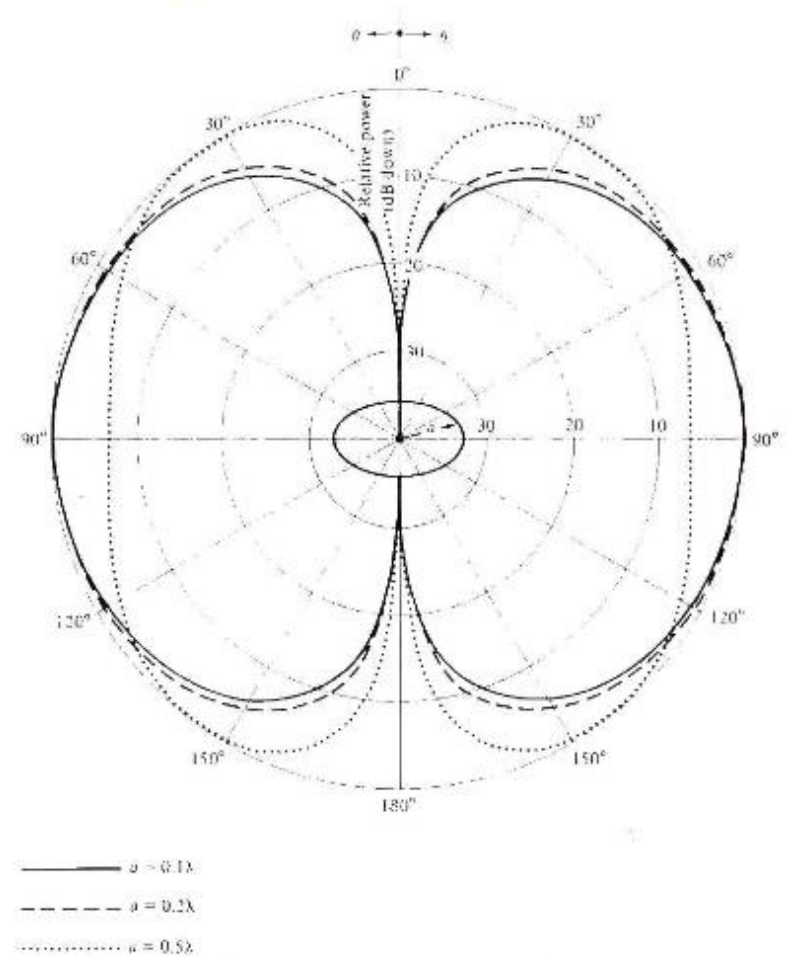
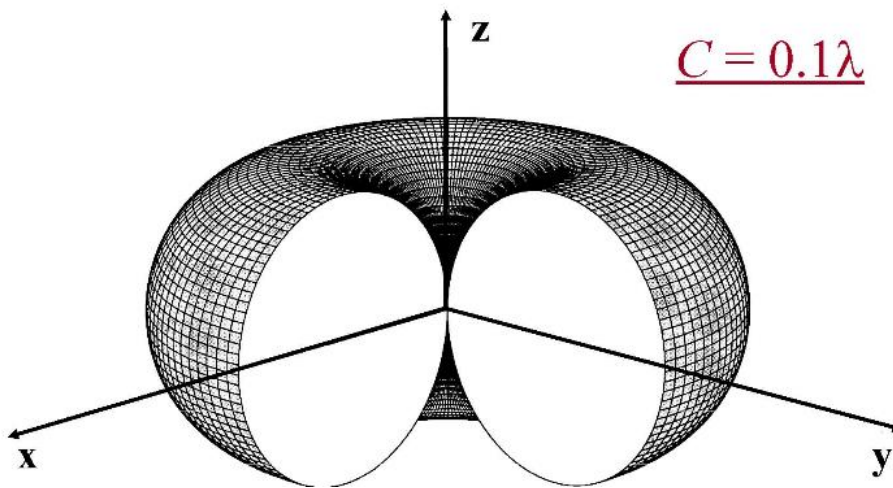
$$E_r \approx E_\theta = 0$$

$$E_\phi \approx \frac{ak\eta I_0 e^{-jkr}}{2r} J_1(ka \sin \theta)$$

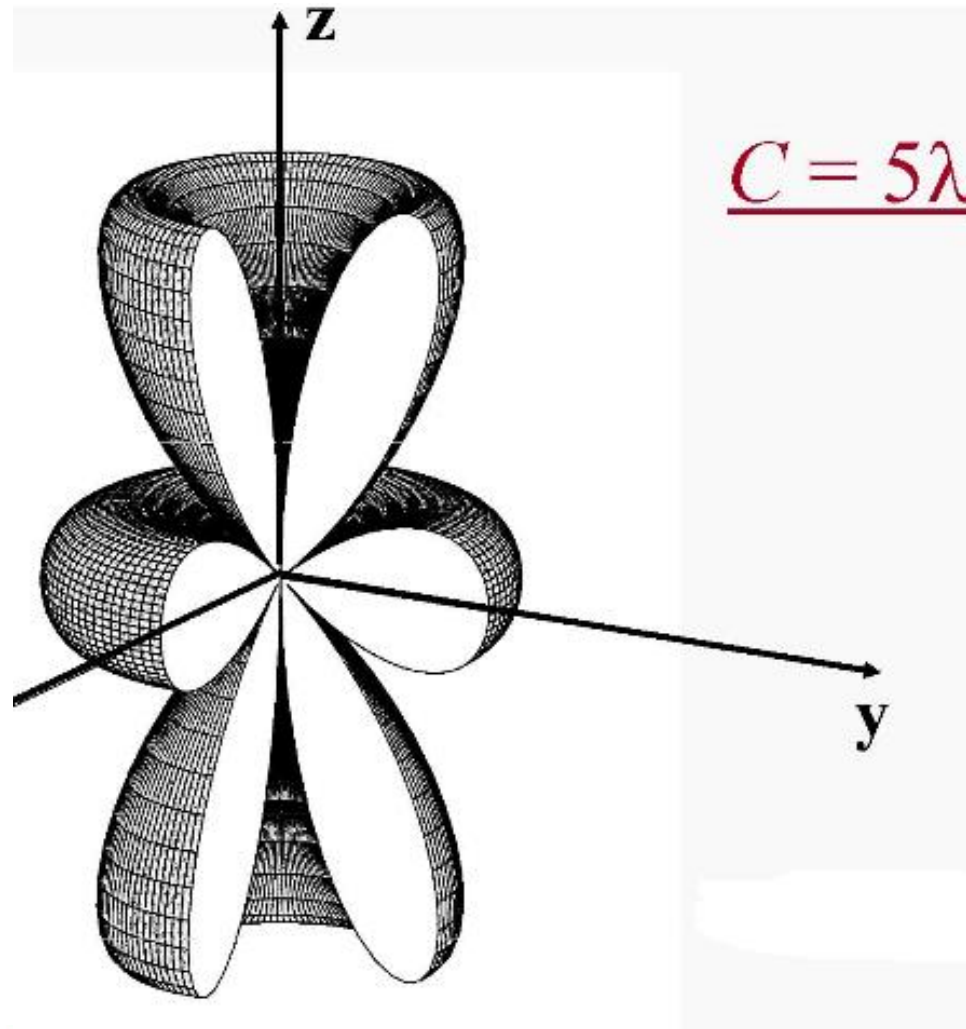
$$H_r \approx H_\phi = 0$$

$$H_\theta = -E_\phi / \eta = -\frac{akI_0 e^{-jkr}}{2r} J_1(ka \sin \theta)$$

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$$P_{rad} = \oint\oint_S \vec{W}_{av} \cdot d\vec{s} = \pi(a\omega\mu)^2 |I_0|^2 / 4\eta \int_0^\pi J_1^2(ka \sin \theta) \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$1/2 \int_0^\pi J_1^2(ka \sin \theta) \sin \theta d\theta = Q_{11}^{(1)}(ka) = \frac{1}{ka} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} J_{2m+3}(2ka)$$

Large Loop Approximation ($a \geq \lambda/2$)

$$\int_0^{\pi} J_1^2(ka \sin \theta) \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{1}{ka} \int_0^{2ka} J_2(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{ka}$$

$$P_{rad} \approx \pi(a\omega\mu)^2 |I_0|^2 / (4\eta ka)$$

$$U|_{\max} = \frac{(a\omega\mu)^2 |I_0|^2}{8\eta} J_1(ka \sin \theta) \Big|_{ka \sin \theta = 1.84} = \frac{(a\omega\mu)^2 |I_0|^2}{8\eta} (0.582)^2$$

$$R_{rad} = \frac{2P_{rad}}{|I_0|^2} = 60\pi^2 \left(\frac{C}{\lambda} \right)^2$$

$$D_0 = 0.677 \left(\frac{C}{\lambda} \right)$$

Intermediate Loop Approximation ($\lambda/6\pi \leq a < \lambda/2$)

$$R_{rad} = \frac{2P_{rad}}{|I_0|^2} = \eta\pi(ka)^2 Q_{11}^{(1)}(ka)$$

$$D_0 = \frac{4\pi U_{max}}{P_{rad}} = \frac{F_m(ka)}{Q_{11}^{(1)}(ka)}$$

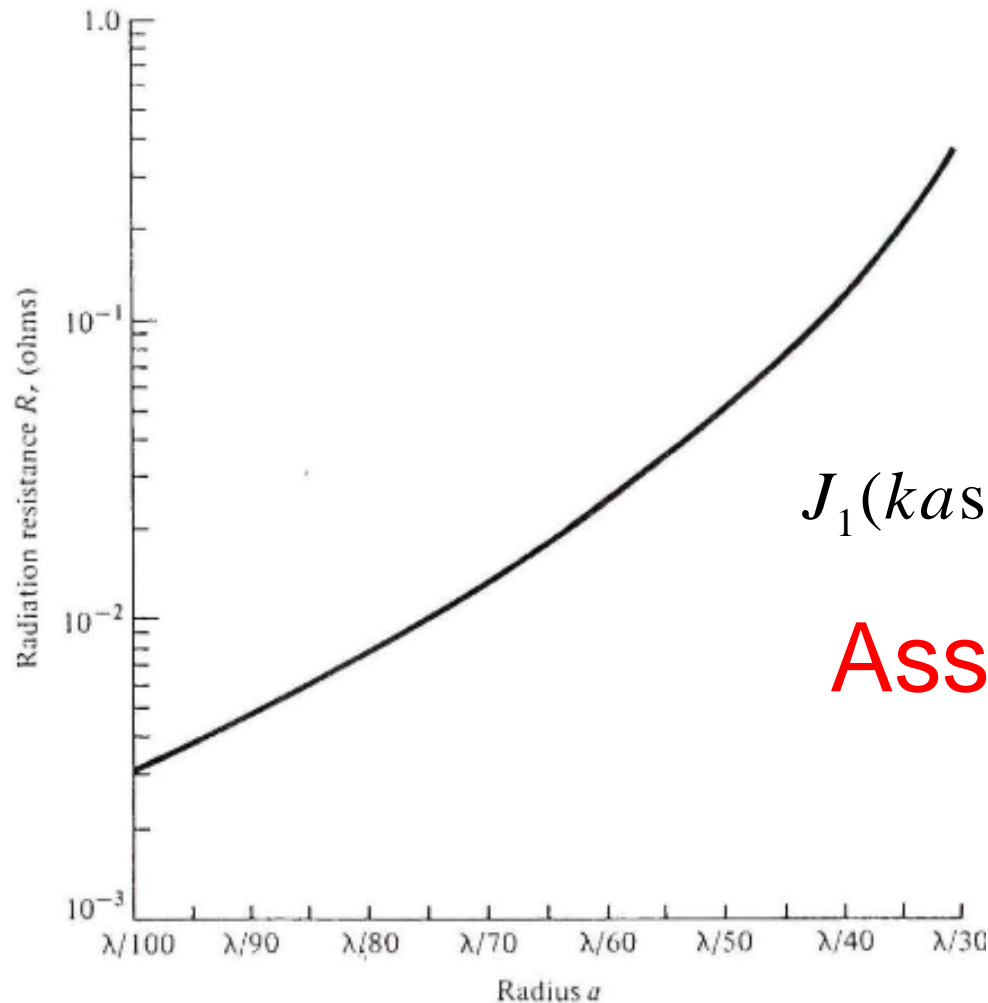
$$F_m(ka) = J_1^2(ka \sin \theta) \Big|_{\max} = \begin{cases} J_1^2(1.84) = 0.339 & ka > 1.84 \\ J_1^2(ka) & ka < 1.84 \end{cases}$$

Small Loop Approximation ($a < \lambda/6\pi$)

$$J_1(k a \sin \theta) \approx \frac{k a \sin \theta}{2}$$

With this approximation, the expressions will be those we obtained for the electrically small loop.

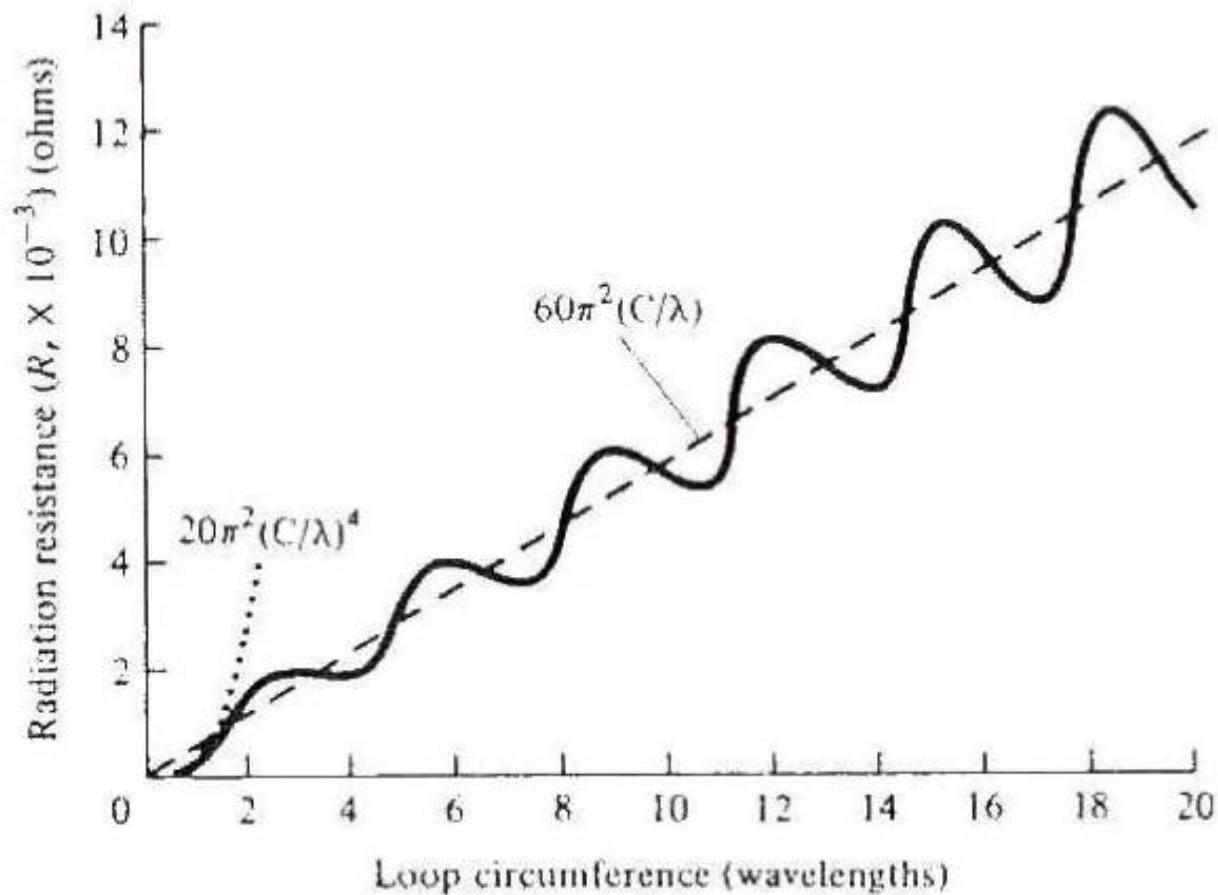
Radiation Resistance for a Constant Current Loop Antenna



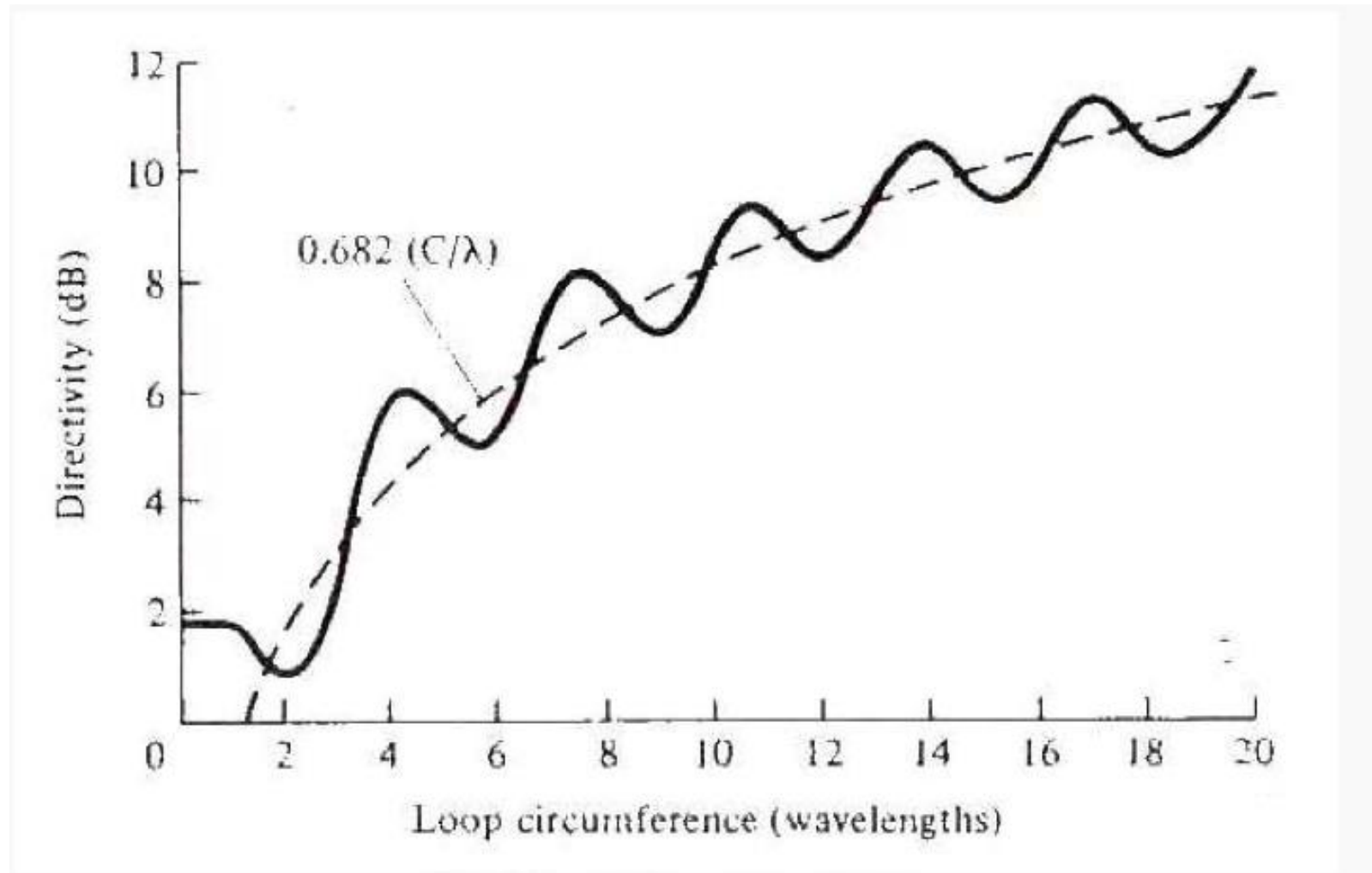
$$J_1(k a \sin \theta) \approx \frac{k a \sin \theta}{2}$$

Assumption

Radiation Resistance of a Circular Loop with Constant Current



Directivity of a Circular Loop with Constant Current



Circular Loop with Non Uniform Current Distribution

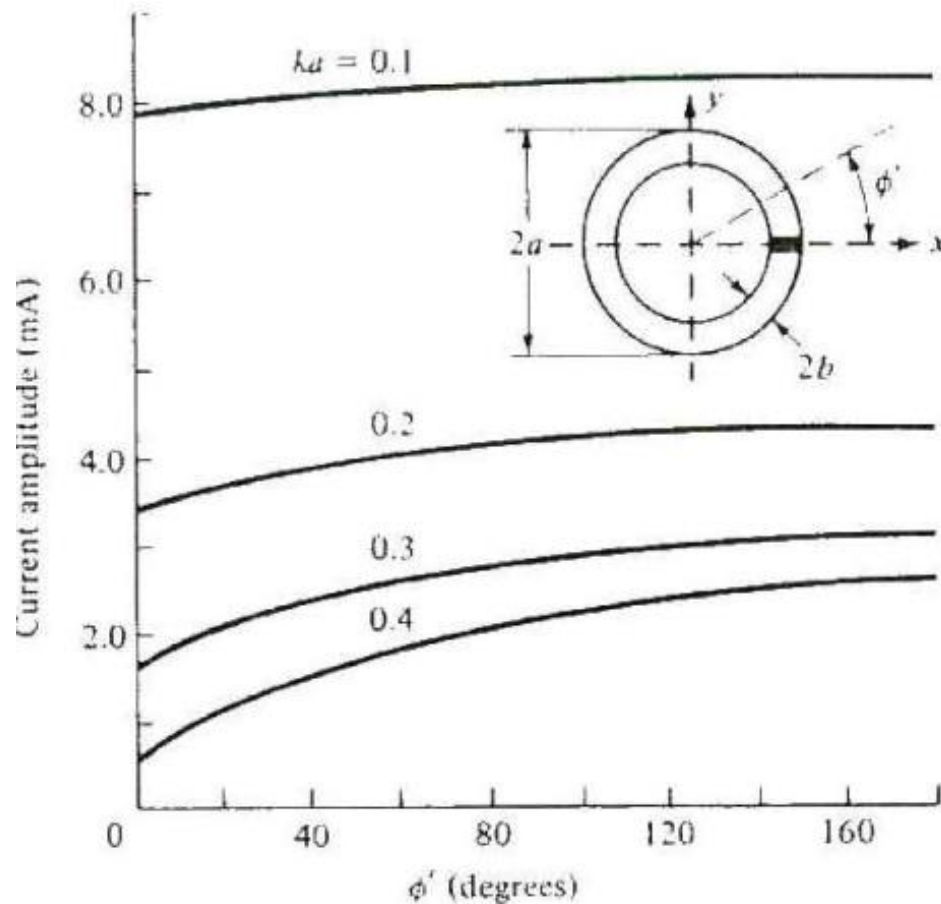
- As the dimensions of the loop increase the current variations along the circumference of the loop must be taken into account.
- Generally, a common assumption for the current distribution is a sinusoidal variation.
- This assumption is good. However, it is not valid close to the feed point.
- A better approximation is representing the current distribution by a Fourier Series.

Circular Loop with Non Uniform Current Distribution

$$I(\phi') = I_0 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^M I_n \cos(n\phi')$$

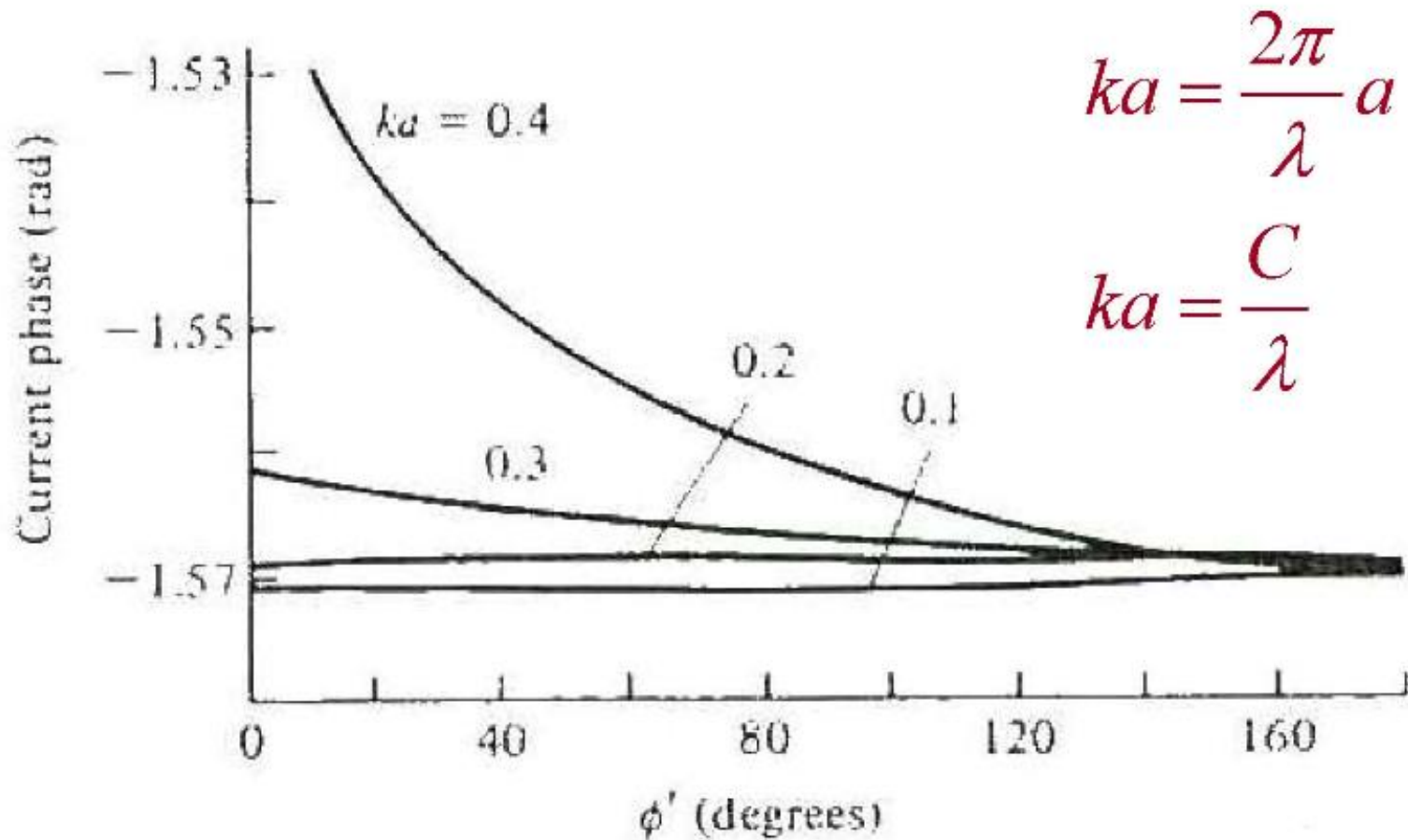
- ϕ' is measured from the feed point of the loop along the circumference.
- Using this approximation, the problem can be solved analytically.
- This, however, is cumbersome and we do not attempt it here.

Magnitude of the Current Distribution as a Function of Location along the Loop



$$ka = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} a$$
$$ka = \frac{C}{\lambda}$$

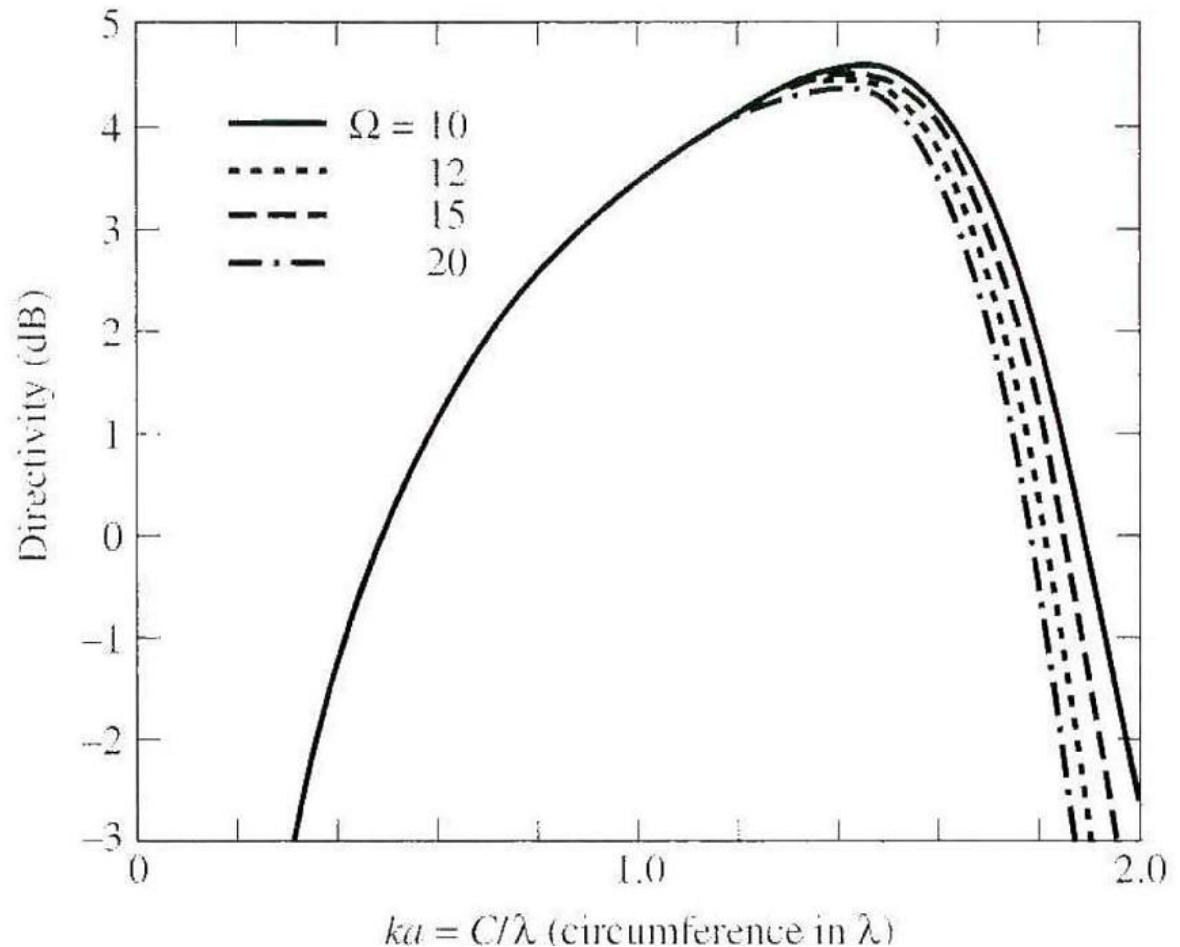
Phase of the Current Distribution as a Function of Location along the Loop



Directivity of the Loop for $\theta=0^\circ$

$$\Omega = 2 \ln \left(\frac{2\pi a}{b} \right)$$

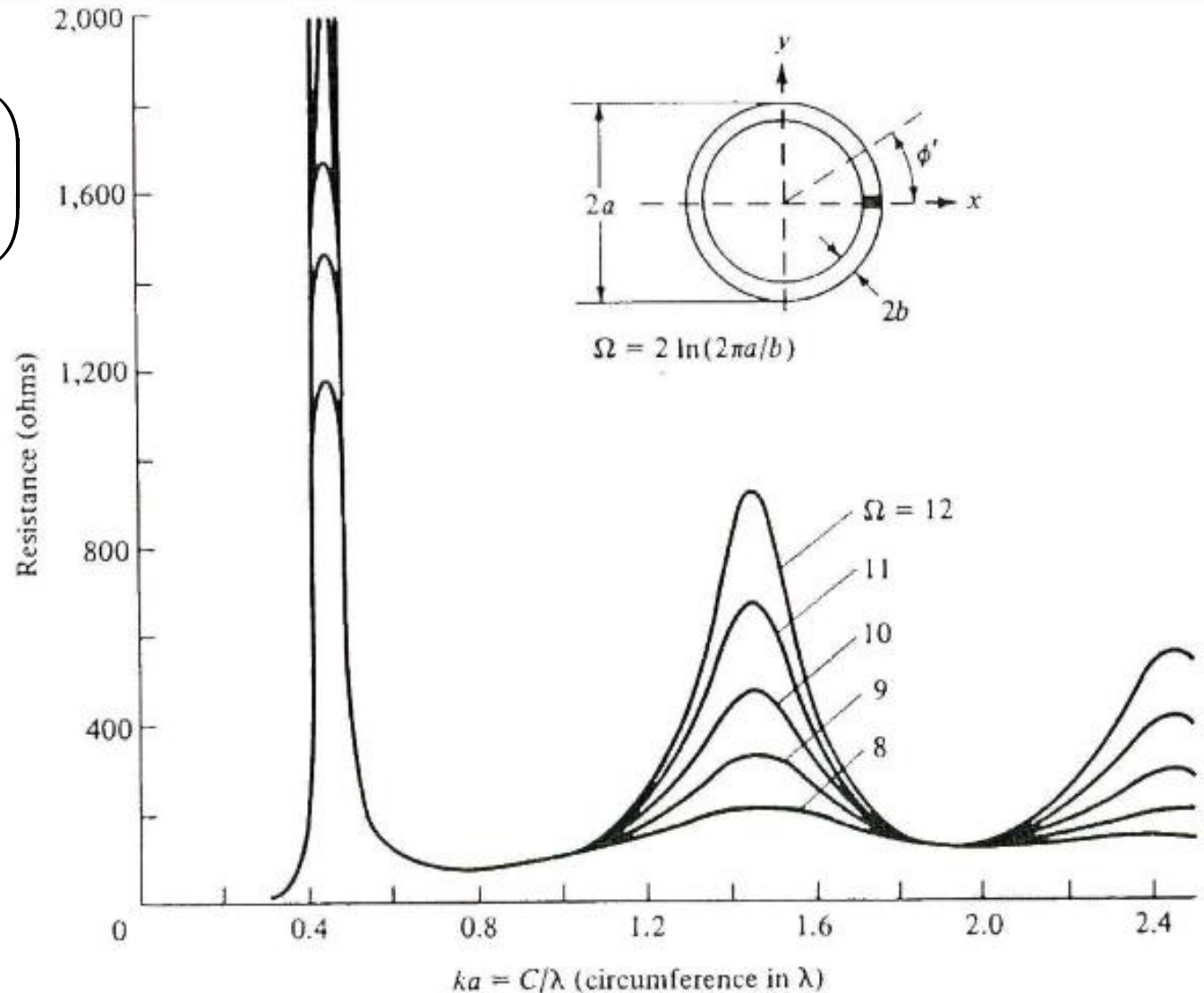
- $2a$: diameter of the loop.
- $2b$: diameter of the wire of the loop.



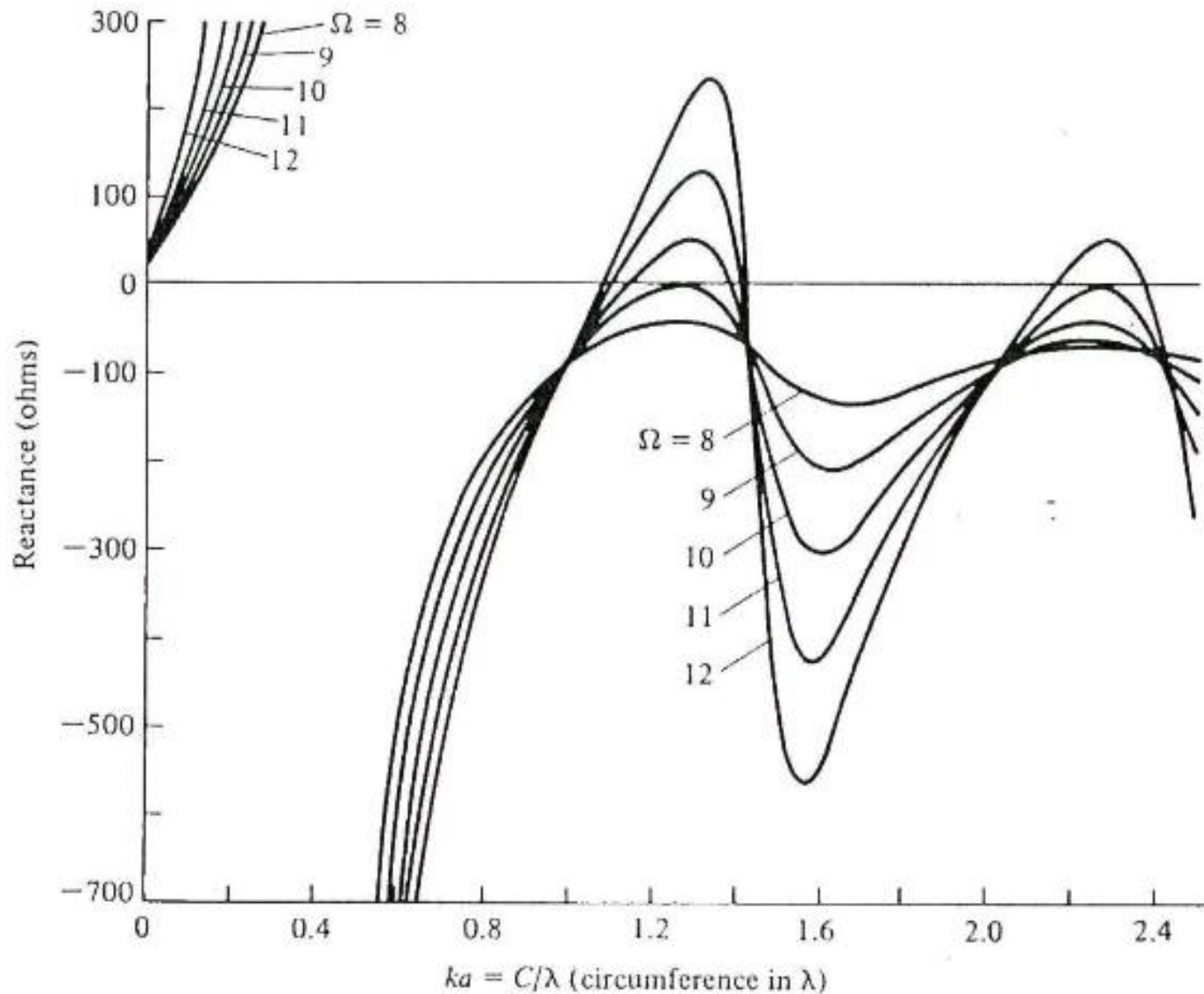
Input Impedance of a Circular Loop

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Input Impedance of a Circular Loop



Ferrite Loops

- Ferrite materials can be placed in the loop to increase the magnetic flux density of the loop.
- This will increase radiation resistance and hence the efficiency of the antenna.

$$\frac{R_f}{R_r} = \left(\frac{\mu_{ce}}{\mu_0} \right)^2$$

- R_f =radiation resistance of ferrite loop.
- R_r =radiation resistance of air core loop.
- μ_{ce} =effective permeability of the ferrite core.
- μ_0 = free space permeability.

Ferrite Loops

- For a single turn small ferrite loop:

$$R_f = 20\pi^2 \left(\frac{C}{\lambda}\right)^4 \left(\frac{\mu_{ce}}{\mu_0}\right)^2 = 20\pi^2 \left(\frac{C}{\lambda}\right)^4 \mu_{cer}^2$$

$$R_f = 20\pi^2 \left(\frac{C}{\lambda}\right)^4 \left(\frac{\mu_{ce}}{\mu_0}\right)^2 N^2 = 20\pi^2 \left(\frac{C}{\lambda}\right)^4 \mu_{cer}^2 N^2$$

- Relative effective permeability of the ferrite core is related to the relative intrinsic permeability of the unbounded ferrite material:

Ferrite Loops

- D is the demagnetization factor which is a function of the shape of the core.

