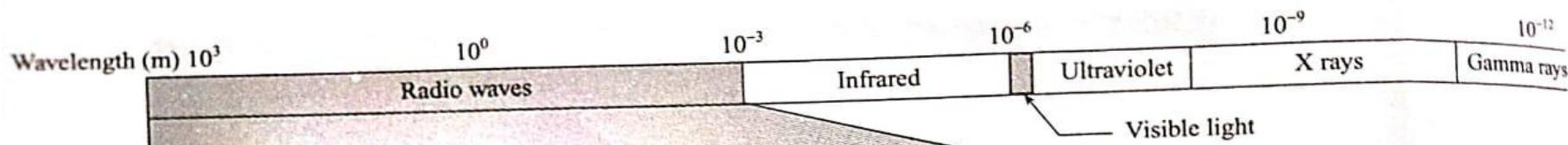


UHF,VHF AND MICROWAVE ANTENNAS-1

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- VHF, UHF AND Microwave Antennas - I: Arrays with Parasitic Elements, Yagi - Uda Arrays, Folded Dipoles & their characteristics, Helical Antennas - Helical geometry, Helix Modes, Practical Design Considerations for Monofilar Helical Antenna in Axial and Normal Modes. Horn Antennas - Types, Fermat's Principle, Optimum Horns, Design Considerations of Pyramidal Horns, Illustrative Problems.



Radio wave bands

| Band designation | VLF Very low frequency | LF Low frequency | MF Medium frequency | HF High frequency | VHF Very high frequency | UHF Ultra high frequency | SHF Super high frequency | EHF Extremely high frequency |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Applications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navigation Radio beacon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AM broadcast Direction finding Maritime communication Amateur radio | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shortwave broadcast Amateur radio Aircraft communication Radio astronomy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Television FM broadcast Air traffic control | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Television Satellite communication Radar Navigation Cellular telephone | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radar Microwave link Satellite communication Mobile communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radar Experimental studies | |
| Frequency: Wavelength: | 3 kHz–30 kHz 100 km to 10 km | 30 kHz–300 kHz 10 km to 1 km | 300 kHz–3 MHz 1 km to 100 m | 3 MHz–30 MHz 100 m to 10 m | 30 MHz–300 MHz 10 m to 1 m | 300 MHz–3 GHz 1 m to 10 cm | 3 GHz–30 GHz 10 cm to 1 cm | 30 GHz–300 GHz 1 cm to 1 mm |

Microwave bands

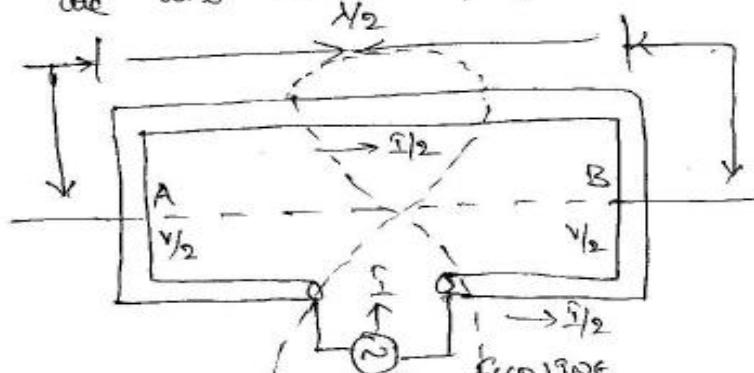
| Band designation | L | S | C | X | Ku | K | Ka | Millimeter wave |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | 1 GHz–2 GHz | 2 GHz–4 GHz | 4 GHz–8 GHz | 8 GHz–12.4 GHz | 12.4 GHz–18 GHz | 18 GHz–27 GHz | 27 GHz–40 GHz | 40 GHz–300 GHz |

Fig. 1.3 Radio wave spectrum along with the band designations and typical applications.

1) Folded Dipole Antenna :- (used at VHF & Yagi-Uta Antenna). (2)

Conventional half wave dipole is the folded dipole in which two half wave dipoles - one continuous and other split at the centre - have been folded and joined together in parallel at the ends.

The split dipole is fed at the centre by a transmission line with a voltage source hence the volts in both the dipoles are same and currents are also divided equally.



→ The radiation pattern of folded dipole is same as half wave dipole but differs from directivity & beam width.

- The η_{IP} impedance of folded dipole is very high.
- The radius (b) radii of two dipoles are same as the current flowing through the two half wave dipoles are same.
- The folded dipole has impedance transformer property means that η_{IP} can be changed by choosing different diameters for the half wave dipole.
- The η_{IP} impedance of folded dipole antenna is equal to the product of square of no. of conductors and radiation resistance of half wave dipole 73Ω .

(3)

For equation 9) p Impedance for 2-wire dipole is

$$Z_{in} = n^2 * R_{ad} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= (2)^2 \times 73\Omega$$

$$= 4 \times 73 \Omega$$

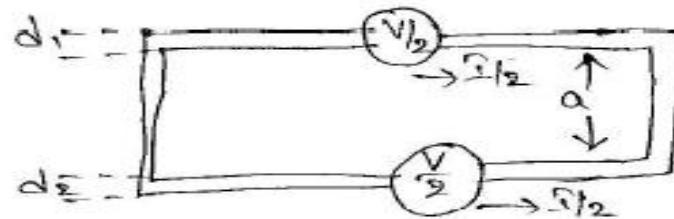
$$Z_{in} = 292 \Omega$$

(i) Equation for 9) p impedance of 2-wide folded dipole:

Let V be the applied volts to the two wide folded dipole
Since the diameter of 2-half wave dipoles are same so the
currents flowing through 2-dipoles are same and volts is divided
equally i.e $V/2$

$$I_1 = I_2$$

The diameters of 2-dipoles is same
by \pm parameters



by superposition

$$V = Z_{11} I_1 + Z_{12} I_2$$

∴ the volt is divided equally for 2-dipoles

$$\frac{V}{2} = \frac{Z_{11} I_1 + Z_{12} I_2}{2} \\ = I_1 \left\{ \frac{Z_{11} + Z_{12}}{2} \right\} \quad (\because Z_{11} = Z_{12})$$

spacing b/w the dipoles are same ↑

$$\frac{V}{2} = I_1 [Z_{11} + Z_{12}]$$

$$\frac{V}{2} = 2 I_1 Z_{11}$$

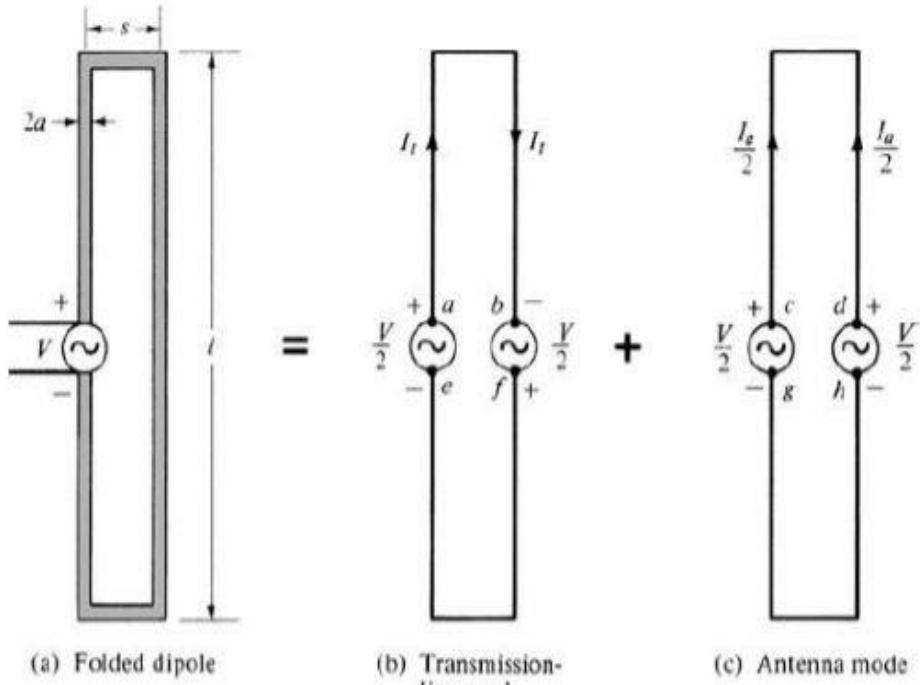
$$V = 4 I_1 Z_{11}$$

$$4 Z_{11} = \frac{V}{I_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V}{I_1} = 4 \times 73 \quad (\because Z_{11} = 73 \Omega)$$

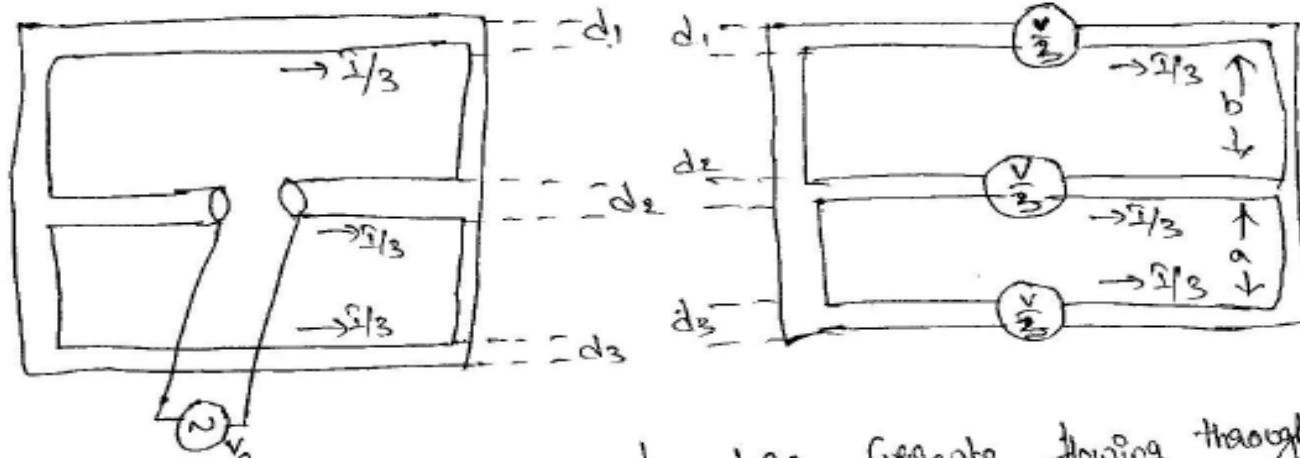
$$= 292 \Omega$$

Z_{11} = radiation resistance of
halfwave dipole.



(ii) Equation for topole (iii) 3-wire folded dipole :-

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Since 3-dipoles have same diameters currents flowing through them is same and volts are divided equally and assume spacing b/w the dipole is less (a, b).

$$Z_{11} = Z_{12} = Z_{13} \text{ (spacing)}$$

$$I_1 = I_2 = I_3 \text{ (diameter)}$$

from Z -parameters

$$V = Z_{11} \tilde{I}_1 + Z_{12} \tilde{I}_2 + Z_{13} \tilde{I}_3$$

$$\frac{V}{3} = Z_{11} \tilde{I}_1 + Z_{12} \tilde{I}_2 + Z_{13} \tilde{I}_3$$

$$\frac{V}{3} = Z_{11} \tilde{I}_1 + Z_{11} \tilde{I}_1 + Z_{11} \tilde{I}_1$$

$$\frac{V}{3} = 3Z_{11} \tilde{I}_1$$

$$V = 9Z_{11} \tilde{I}_1$$

$$\frac{V}{\tilde{I}_1} = 9Z_{11}$$

$$= 9 \times 73$$

$$\frac{V}{\tilde{I}_1} = 657 \Omega$$

In general the imp impedance of folded dipole is given by -

Two wire $\frac{V}{\tilde{I}} = 2Z_{11} \tilde{I}_1$

Three wire $\frac{V}{3} = 3Z_{11} \tilde{I}_1$

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n-wire

$$\frac{V}{n} = n Z_{\parallel} \Gamma_1$$

$$V = n^2 Z_{\parallel} \Gamma_1$$

$$Z_{in} = \frac{V}{I} = n^2 Z_{\parallel}$$

n = no of half wave dipole

Z_{\parallel} = radiation resistance of half wave dipole

We know that Z_{in} depends on spacing b/w the half wave dipoles so it is given by

$$Z_{in} = \left[1 + \frac{\log \frac{a}{\delta_1}}{\log \frac{a}{\delta_2}} \right] \cdot Z_{\parallel}$$

δ_1 → radius of first half wave dipole

δ_2 → radius of second half wave "

a → spacing Hw dipole depends of diameter it is given by

$$Z_{in} = \left[1 + \frac{\delta_2}{\delta_1} \right]^2 Z_{\parallel}$$

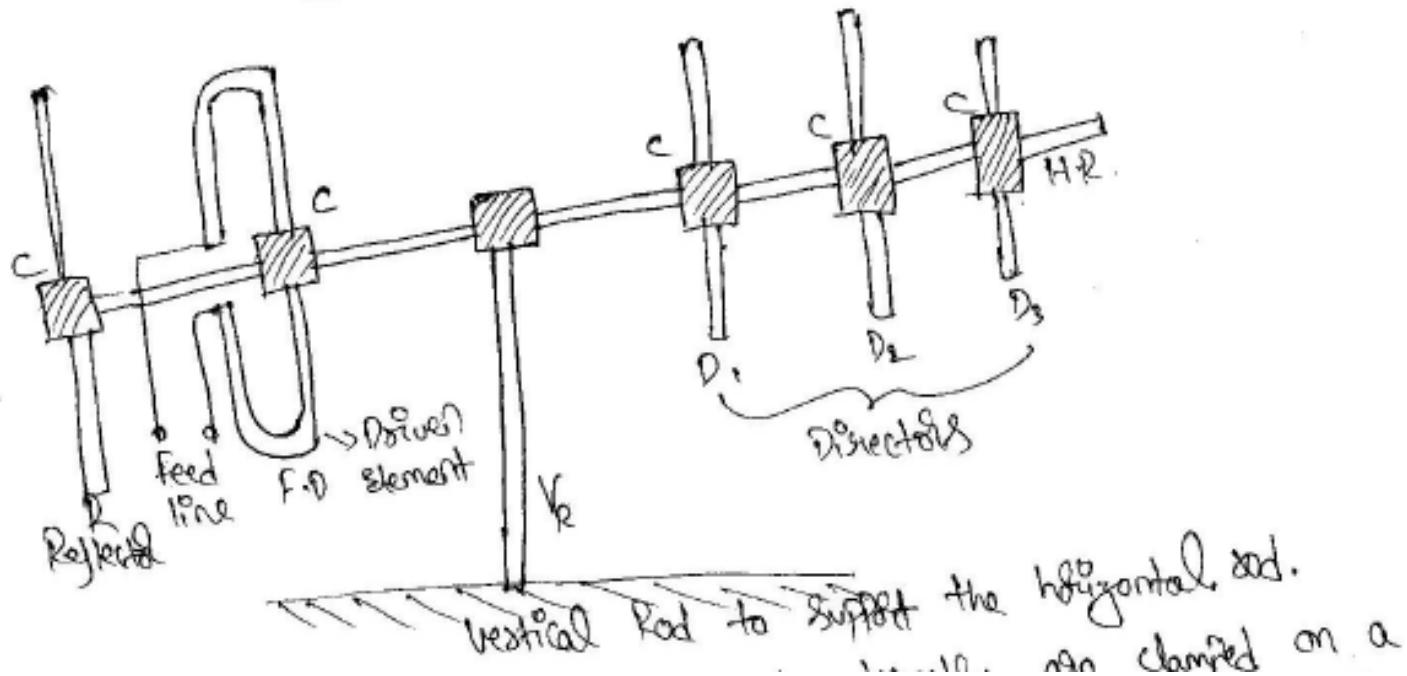
Advantages of folded dipole:-

- * It has high impedance
- * Act as a impedance transformer
- * Directivity is very high since 2-dipoles arranged in parallel.

Applications:-

- Used as a driven element in Yagi-Uda Antenna
- Used in wide band applications i.e TV, Applications.

Yagi-Uda Antenna



2) Yagi-Uda Antenna :-

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It is a high gain antenna used in television applications. This antenna is otherwise called as Yagi-Uda array. It contains

3- Elements

- (i) Driver Element
- (ii) Reflector
- (iii) Director

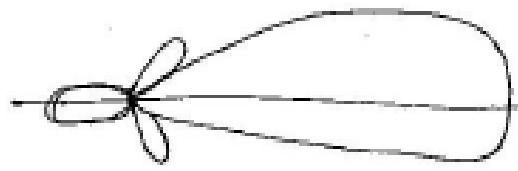
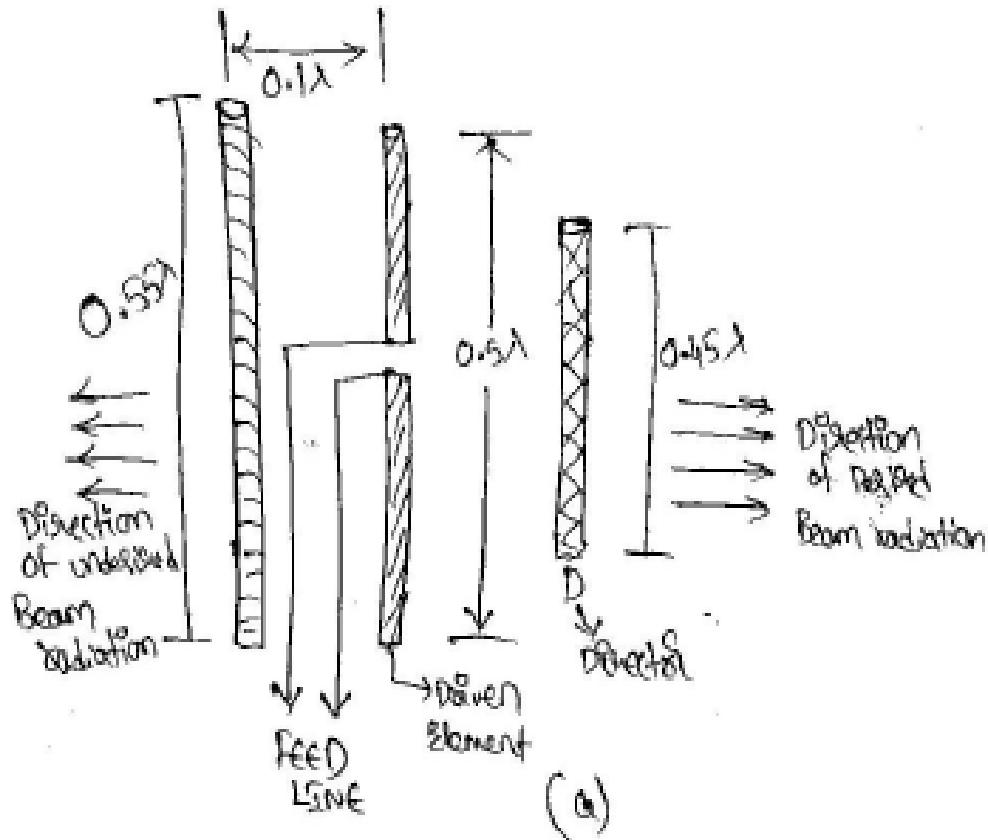
The Driver element is connected to the transmission line through which signal source connected and it is a resonant half wave dipole.

Reflector and director elements are parasitic elements because they are not connected to the source directly but they are connected to the driver element through the magnetic coupling.

The parasitic element in front of the driver element is called as the director. It directs the signal towards the desired directions.

The parasitic element behind & back to the driver element is called as Reflector. It reflects the signal from driver element to towards the desired directions.

towards the ∞



(B) Radiation Pattern

The length of the driven element is 0.5λ & director length is 5λ & driven element and also the reflector length is 5λ > driven element.

The spacing W_0 elements is 0.1λ .

Vertical rod to $\frac{5\lambda}{2}$ the parasitic elements reflector and directors are clamped on a metallic rod parallel to the driven element either to reflect or direct the radiated energy.

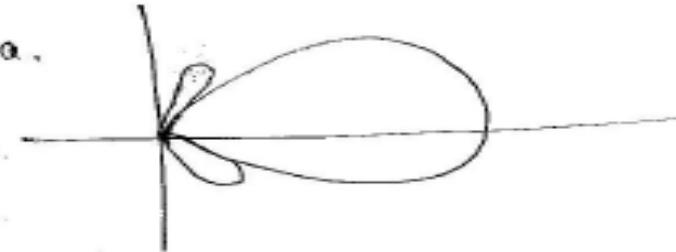
The parasitic elements of equal $\delta = \frac{\lambda}{2}$ will be inductive in nature (lagging phase).

The parasitic elements of equal $\delta = \frac{\lambda}{2}$ will be capacitive i.e leading in phase.

The additional gain will be achieved by increasing the no. of directors.

a) Radiation Pattern :-

It is a fixed frequency Antenna.



b) Delayed Polarization :-

(i) Reflector length $l_R = \frac{500}{f(\text{MHz})}$

(ii) Driver element length $l_{DR} = \frac{475}{f(\text{MHz})}$

(iii) Feed length $l_D = \frac{455}{f(\text{MHz})}$

- C) General Characteristics of Yagi-Uda Antenna :-
- This Antenna Contains three elements i.e., Driver Element, Director, and Reflector such an Antenna is called as Beam Antenna.
 - This Antenna is otherwise called as Uni-directional Antenna.
 - This Antenna is otherwise called as light weight and low Cost.
 - which moderate directivity & gain are high so the Antenna is called as Super gain (h) Super directive antenna.
 - Super gain (h) because the band width is about 3%.
 - It is a fixed freq. device for the reception of R.V. signals.
 - and it is sufficient for the reception of R.V. signals.
 - It provides a gain of 2dB and front to back ratio of 20dB.
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(d) Voltage and Current relations in Parasitic Antennas:-
one or more passive elements coupled magnetically to driven element is known as parasitic antenna. The presence of parasitic elements effect the directional pattern. The effect on the directional pattern depends upon the magnitude and phase of the induced current in parasitic elements i.e. on spacing of antenna and tuning of the parasitic antenna.

The relations b/w currents and voltages of Yagi-Uda's array is defined by the Z -parameters.

$$V_1 = Z_{11} I_1 + Z_{12} I_2 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$V_2 = Z_{21} I_1 + Z_{22} I_2 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \\ V_n = Z_{n1} I_1 + Z_{n2} I_2 + \dots + Z_{nn} I_n \rightarrow (n)$$

$V_1, V_2, V_n \dots \rightarrow$ Voltage applied to antenna no. 1, 2, 3 ... \rightarrow (9)

$I_1, I_2 \dots I_n \rightarrow$ Current flowing in antenna 1, 2, 3 ... n

$Z_{11}, Z_{22}, Z_{33} \dots Z_{nn} \rightarrow$ Self impedance of antenna no. 1, 2, 3 ... n

$Z_{12}, Z_{21}, Z_{32} \dots Z_{23} \rightarrow$ Mutual impedance b/w Antenna of subscripts

V_1 is driven volt ; V_2 is induced volt

$$V_2 = 0$$

now :

$$V_1 = I_1 Z_{11} + I_2 Z_{12}$$

$$0 = I_1 Z_{21} + I_2 Z_{22}$$

$$Z_{21} I_1 = - Z_{22} I_2$$

$$I_1 = \left(\frac{-Z_{22}}{Z_{21}} \right) I_2 \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow I_2 = \left(\frac{-Z_{21}}{Z_{22}} \right) I_1 \rightarrow (4)$$

Substitute eq ③ in eq ①

$$V_1 = Z_{11} \left(-\frac{Z_{22}}{Z_{21}} \right) I_2 + Z_{12} I_2$$

$$V_1 = I_2 \left(Z_{11} - \frac{Z_{11} \cdot Z_{21}}{Z_{21}} \right)$$

Independence of Parasitic Elements

$$\boxed{\frac{V_1}{I_2} = Z_{12} - \frac{Z_{11} Z_{22}}{Z_{21}}}$$

By Reciprocity theorem $Z_{12} = Z_{21}$

Substituting eq ④ in ①

$$V_1 = Z_{11} I_1 + Z_{12} \left[-\frac{Z_{21}}{Z_{22}} \right] I_1$$

$$V_1 = I_1 \left[Z_{11} - \frac{Z_{12} \cdot Z_{21}}{Z_{22}} \right]$$

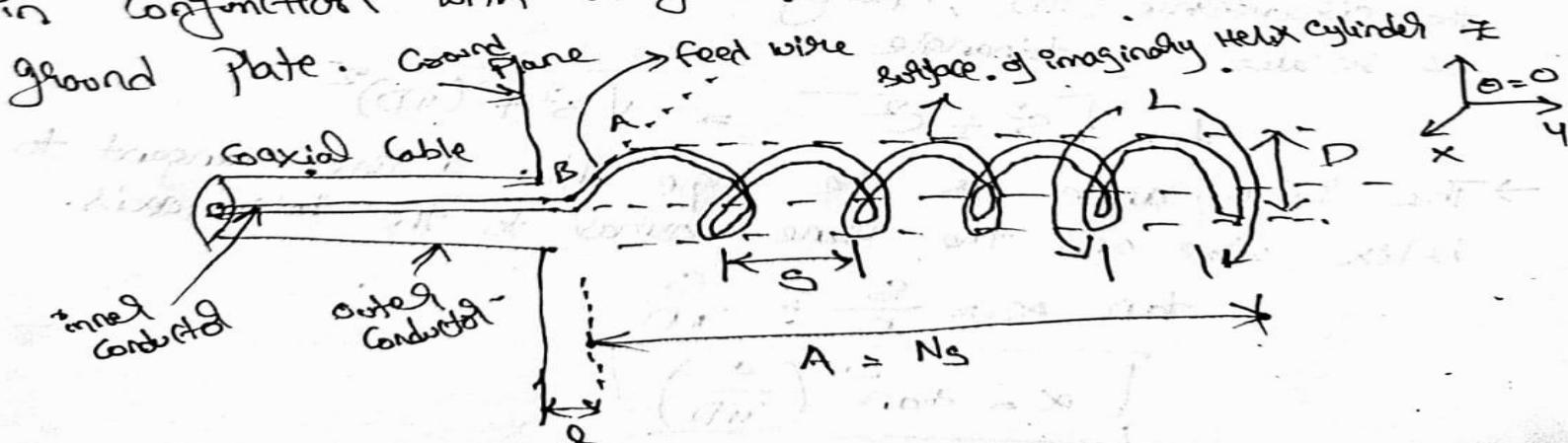
$$\boxed{\frac{V_1}{I_1} = Z_{11} - \frac{Z_{12} \cdot Z_{21}}{Z_{22}}}$$

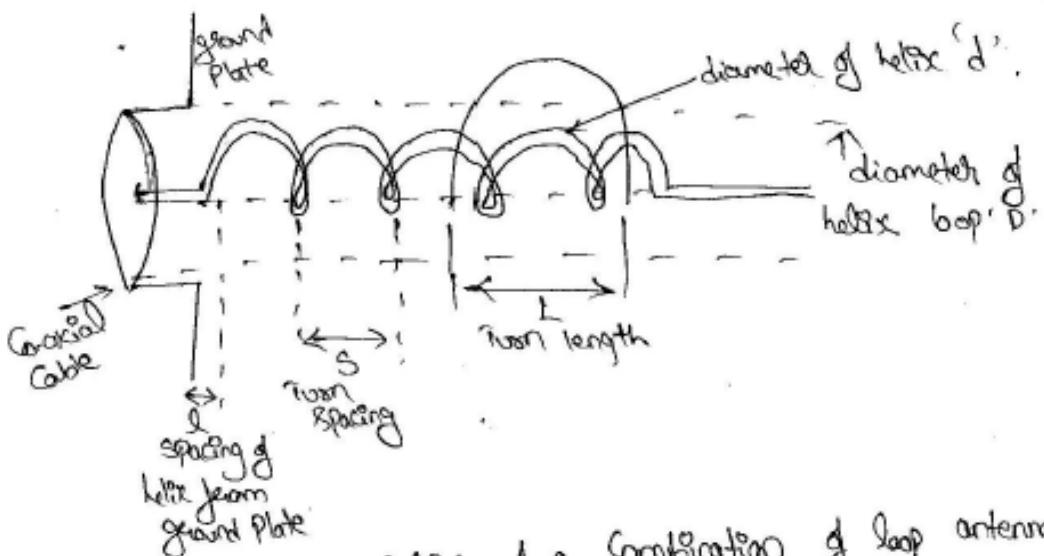
Helical Antenna



*> Helical Antenna :-

- Is another basic type of radiator and Refractor.
- Simplest antenna to provide circular Polarized waves (R) mostly so which are used in Extra terrestrial communication in which satellite relays etc., work on board band VHF & UHF antenna.
- Helical Antenna is board band VHF & UHF antenna provides circular polarization characteristics.
- Consists of Helix of thick Copper wire (or) tubing wound in shape of a screw thread and used as an antenna in conjunction with a flat metal plate called ground plate.

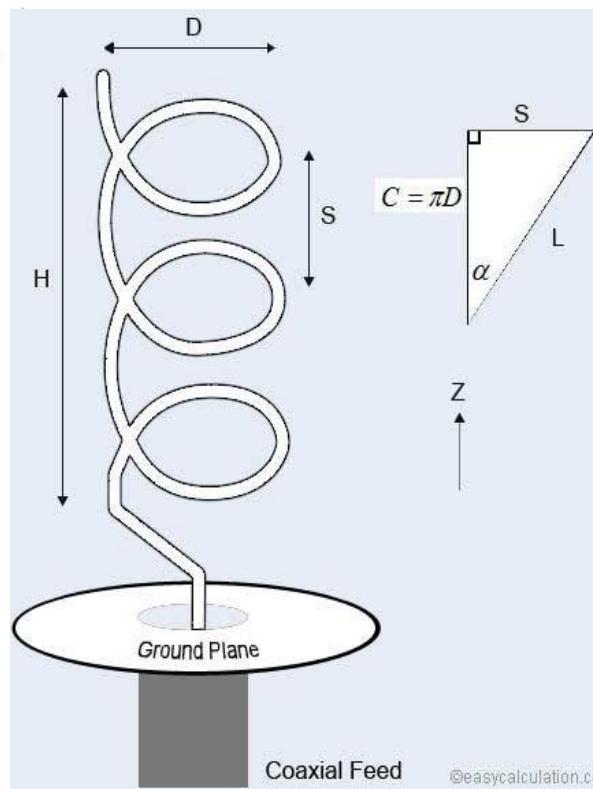


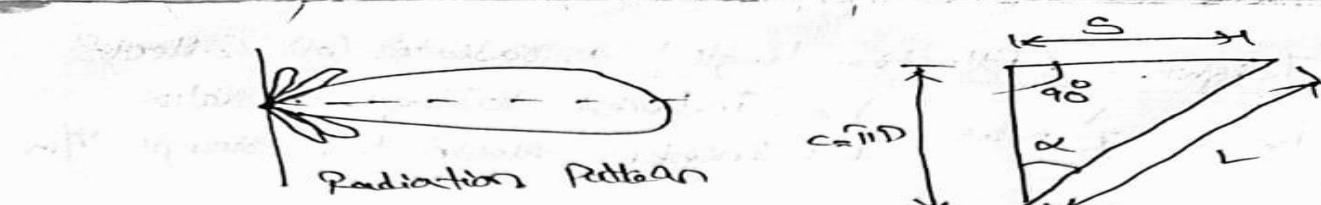


→ This antenna is a series of a combination of loop antennas and dipole antennas.

→ The radiation pattern of helical antenna depends on a diameter of the helices (d), the turn spacing (s) and also axial length ($A = N \cdot s$) and also the circumference of helices.

→ There is a relation between circumference $C = (\pi D)$ and turn spacing (s) and pitch angle (α).





$c = \text{circumference of helix } (\pi D)$

$$\alpha = \text{Pitch angle.} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{\pi D}\right)$$

$d = \text{dia of helix conductor}$

$A = \text{Axial length} = Ns$

$N = \text{no of turns}$

$s = \text{length of one turn}$

$l = \text{length of helix from ground plane}$

$l = \text{spacing of helix from ground plane}$

- for N turns of helix the total length of antenna is equal to Ns and circumference πD .
- If one turn of helix is unrolled on a plane surface, the circumference (πD) , spacing s ; turn length l and pitch angle α are related by triangle.

$$l = \sqrt{s^2 + c^2} = \sqrt{s^2 + (\pi D)^2}$$

- The pitch angle is the angle b/w a line tangent to helix wire and the plane normal to the helix axis.

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{s}{c} = \frac{s}{\pi D}$$

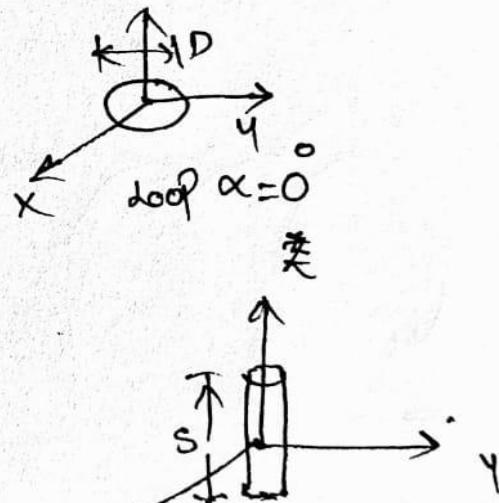
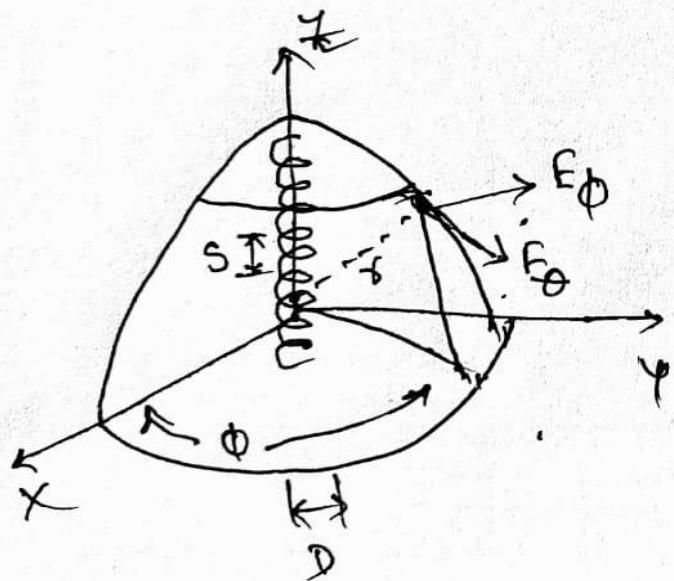
$$\boxed{\alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{s}{\pi D}\right)}$$

- Coaxial line is coincident with the helix axis and feed wire (btw A & B) lies in the plane through helix axis.
- After the point A the conductor lie in the surface of imaginarily helix cylinder the helix axial length (A) starts.
- The component of the feed wire length parallel to axis is 'l'. This is about a length equal to $\frac{s}{2}$.
- The antenna terminals are considered at the point B. And all the impedances are referred to this point. The variations of feed wire geometry affects the input impedance of the antenna.

* Helix Model:-

Transmission Mode:-

Transmission Mode:- EM waves propagate along an infinite helix as though the helix constitutes an infinite transmission line (or) waveguide.



\times short dipole $S = \text{last } x = 90^\circ$

8.4b Radiation (R) Mode

It describes the general form of the far field pattern of a finite helical antenna. Though there is a possibility of many R modes, but the following two modes have higher significance.

1. Normal or omni mode of radiation is denoted by R_0 in which the radiation beam is perpendicular to the helix axis.
2. Axial or beam mode of radiation is denoted by R_1 in which the radiation beam is parallel to the helix axis.

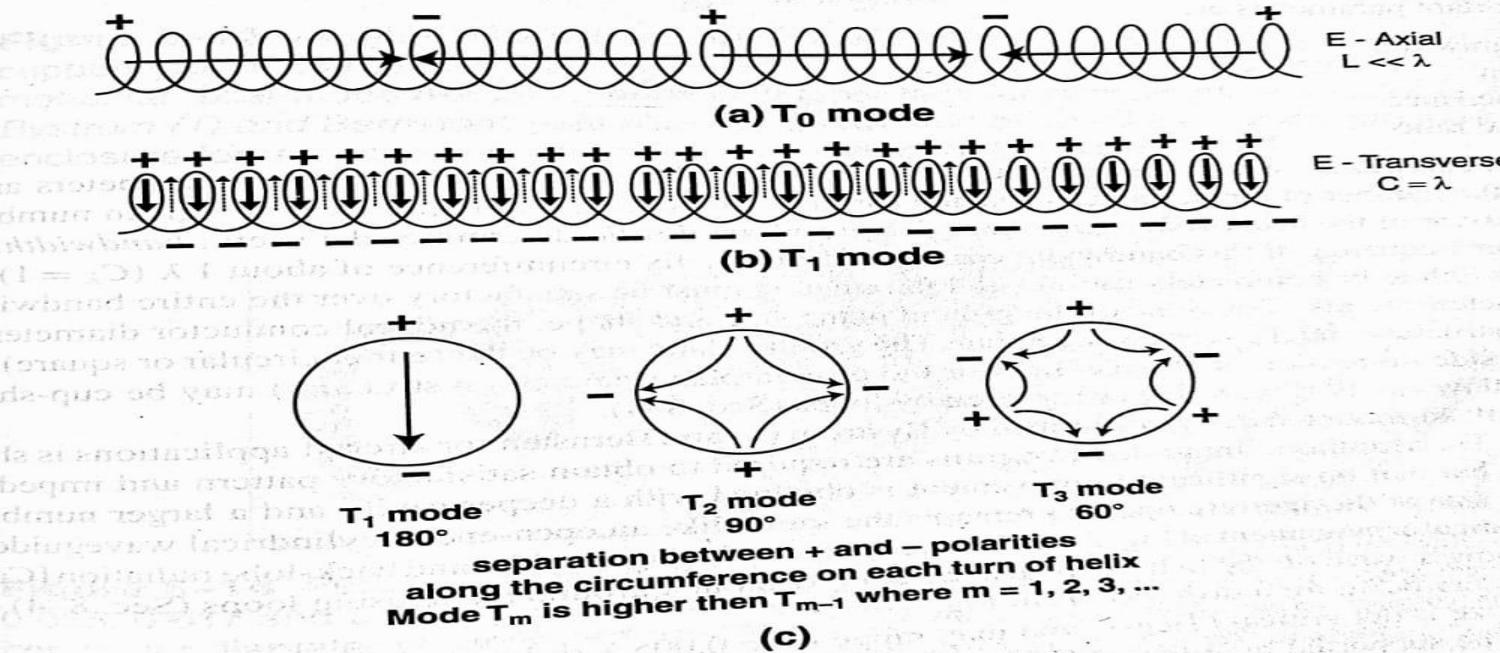


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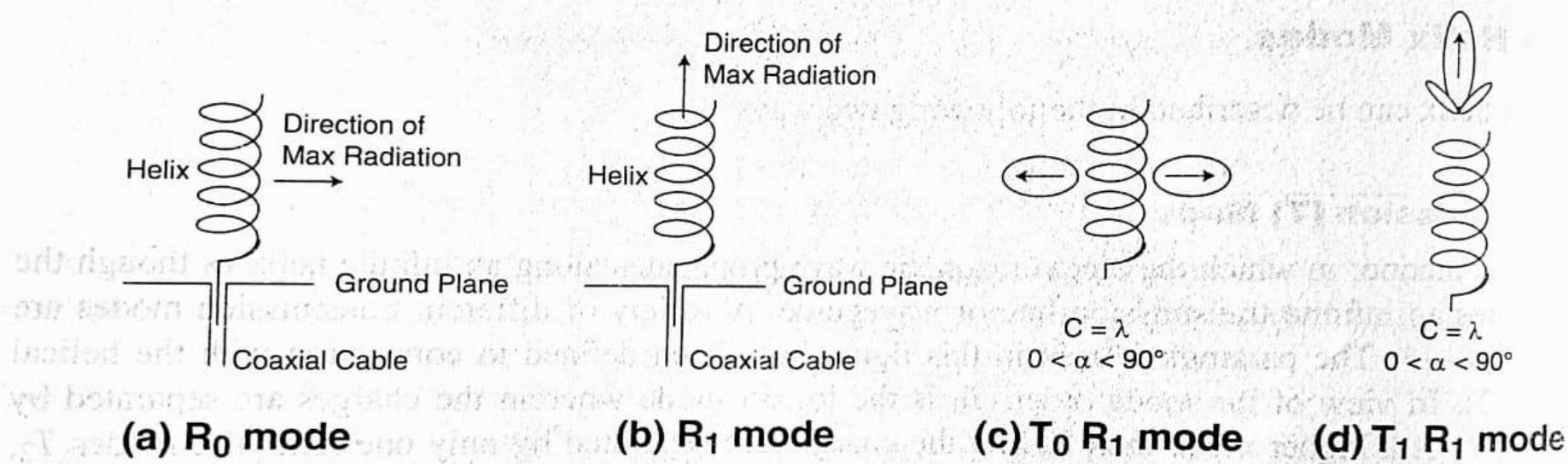


Figure 8-12

Both of these modes are shown in Fig. 8-12 (a and b). As illustrated in Fig. 8-12 (c and d) both transmission and radiation modes may also be specified.

(ii) Axial ratio :-

$$\text{Axial ratio} = \frac{E_\theta}{E_\phi}$$

$$(\text{Ax}) \text{ Axial ratio} = \frac{360\pi I \sin\theta}{\gamma} \cdot \frac{s/\lambda}{A/x^2}; E_\theta = \frac{360\pi I \sin\theta}{\gamma} \cdot s/\lambda$$

$$\therefore E_\phi = \frac{120\pi^2 I \sin\theta}{\gamma} \cdot A/x^2$$

Where I is retarded current; A is area of helix $= \frac{\pi d^2}{4}$
 γ is distance; s \rightarrow spacing (θ) length of the dipole

$$A_x = \frac{E_\theta}{E_\phi} = \frac{\frac{360\pi I \sin\theta}{\gamma} \cdot s/\lambda}{\frac{120\pi^2 I \sin\theta}{\gamma} \cdot A/x^2}$$

$$A_x = \frac{\frac{360\pi I \sin\theta}{\gamma}}{\frac{120\pi^2 I \sin\theta}{\gamma}} \cdot \frac{s/x}{A/x^2} \times \frac{\frac{\gamma}{120\pi^2 I \sin\theta}}{\frac{\gamma}{360\pi I \sin\theta}} \cdot \frac{\theta/x}{A/x^2}$$

$$A_x = \frac{S \sin \lambda}{2\pi A} \quad \text{(17)}$$

$$(A_x) = \frac{S \lambda}{2\pi A} = \frac{S \lambda}{2\pi \times \frac{\pi D^2}{\lambda^2}} = \frac{S \lambda^3}{2\pi^2 D^2}$$

$$(A_\delta) = \frac{2 S \lambda}{\pi^2 D^2} = \frac{2 S \lambda}{C^2} (\because C = \pi D)$$

From above A_x when $A_\delta = 0$, then linear horizontal polarization takes place.

→ when $A_x = \infty$ linear vertical polarization takes place.

→ when $A_x = 1$ then we get circular polarization.

$$A_\delta = \frac{2 S \lambda}{\pi^2 D^2}$$

$$\frac{2 S \lambda}{\pi^2 D^2} = 1 \Rightarrow 2 S \lambda = \frac{\pi^2 D^2}{\lambda}$$

$$\boxed{S = \frac{\pi^2 D^2}{2 \lambda} = \frac{C^2}{2 \lambda}}$$

$\alpha \wedge \gamma$

∴ Pitch angle :-

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{c} \right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{\pi D} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\pi^2 D^2}{2\lambda \cdot \pi D} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\pi D}{2\lambda} \right) \\ \boxed{\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{c}{2\lambda} \right)}.\end{aligned}$$

* Axial (S) Beam mode of radiation :-

- In axial mode of radiation the radiation field is maximum in the end fire direction i.e. along the helix axis and the polarization is circular (or) nearly circular.
- ↳ This mode occurs when the helix circumference (D) and spacing 's' are appreciable. of the order of one wavelength.
- The axial mode of radiation is produced in practice with great care, simply by varying helix circumference (S/λ) of order of one wavelength and spacing of $\lambda/4$.
- The pitch angle is varied from 12° to 18° and about 14° is optimum pitch angle.
- The whole Antenna gain and beam width depends upon the helix length (N_s)
- The terminal impedance is 100Ω resistive. Components.
- In general, in axial mode the terminal impedance of helical antenna lies between 100Ω to 200Ω R.m.s resistive within $\pm 20\%$. approximation.
- The terminal impedance is $R = \frac{140s}{\lambda}$ ohms

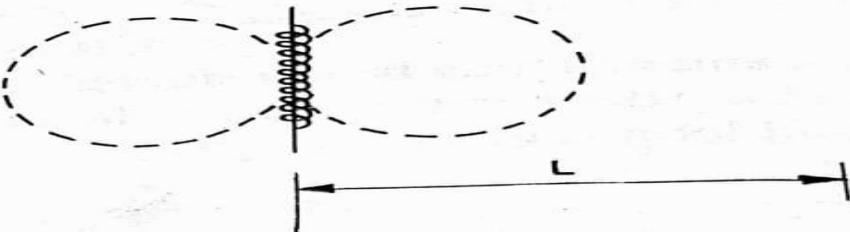
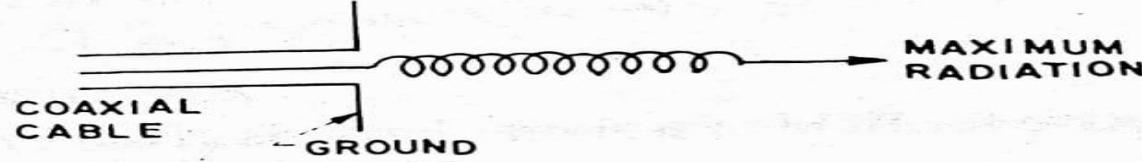


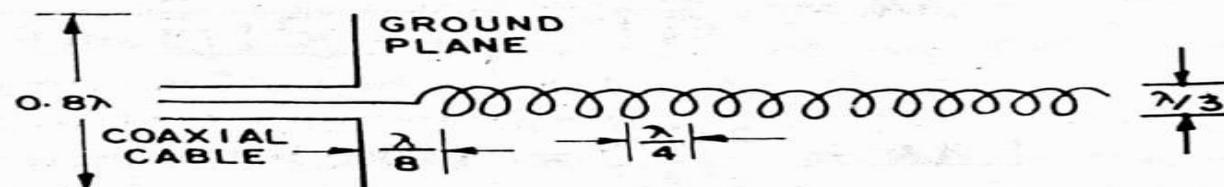
Fig. 9.26. Normal mode of radiation (Circular polarization).



(a) With coaxial cable.



(b) Two wire transmission line..



(c) Typical dimensions..

Fig. 9.27. Arrangement for generating axial mode.

The beam pattern has axial symmetry.
 i.e. In 3-dimensional spherical co-ordinate $\theta = 0^\circ$

(4)

The Beam width 4ω HPBW is

$$(\text{HPBW}) \theta_{(-3dB)} = \frac{52}{C} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^3}{NS}} \text{ degrees}$$

λ = free space wavelength

C = circumference

N = no of turns

S = Spacing

The Beam width b/w first nulls is

$$\text{BWFN} = \frac{115}{C} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^3}{NS}} \text{ degrees}$$

The max directive gain is given by (axial mode)

$$D = \frac{15 NS C^2}{\lambda^3}$$

∴ Axial ration

$$AR = 1 + \frac{1}{2N}$$

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③ Horn Antenna :-

- It is a flared wave guide to transmit the FM waves into free space. It is a micro waves antenna.
- A microwave is capable of radiating radiation into open space provided the same is excited at one end and opened at other end.
- In a wave guide a small amount of energy incident at θ_0 ends results a large amount of energy reflected back if it is open terminated to improper impedance matching. waveguide is terminated to overcome this drawback which is wired. so that with a proper of horn (θ_1) at end \Rightarrow which is wired. so that entire energy is transmitted towards the forward direction.

There are 2-types of horn Antennas

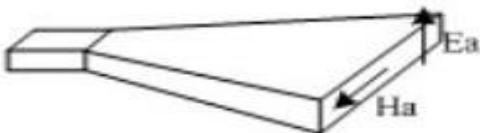
(i) Rectangular horn Antenna

(ii) Circular horn Antenna.

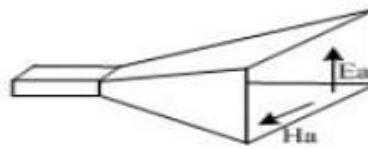
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Horn Antennas

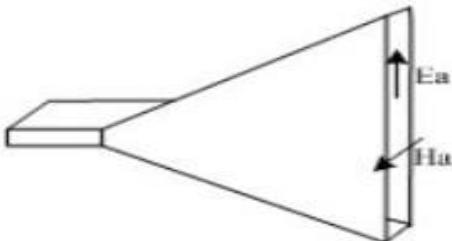
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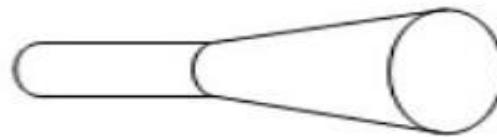
H-plane sectoral horn



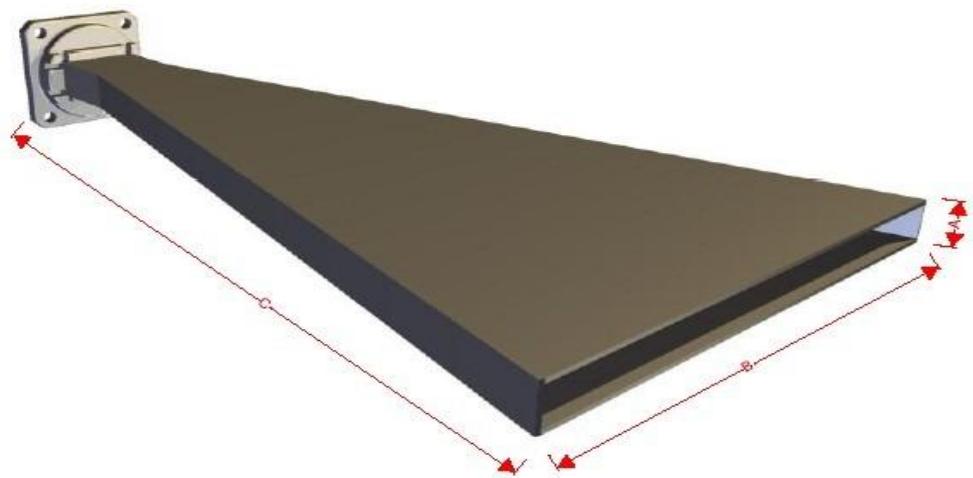
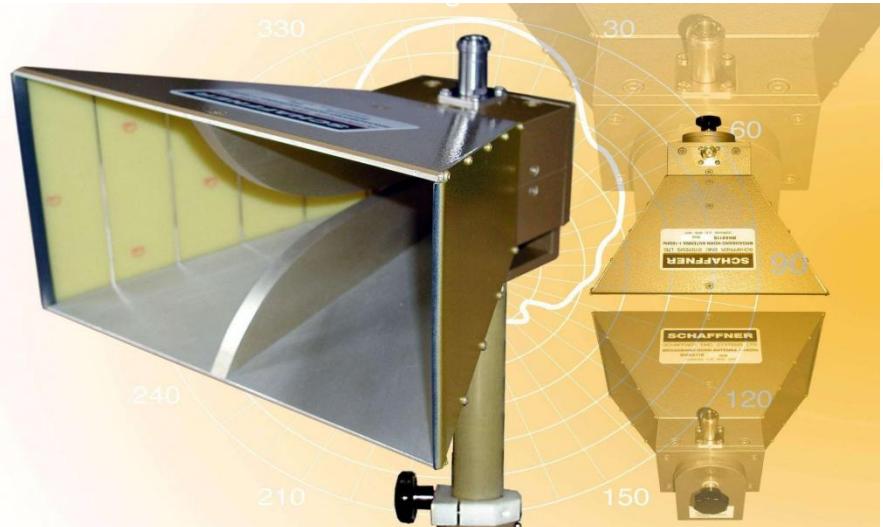
Pyramidal horn



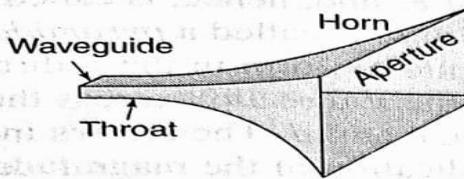
E-plane sectoral horn



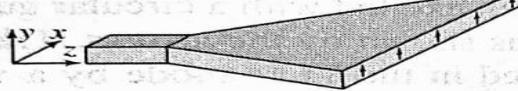
Conical Horn Antenna



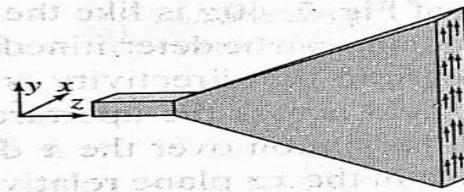
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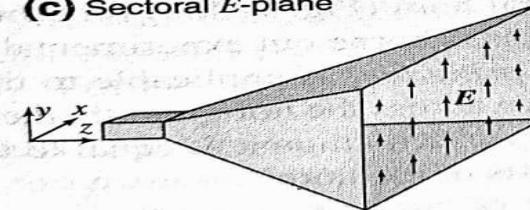
(a) Exponentially tapered pyramidal



(b) Sectoral H-plane

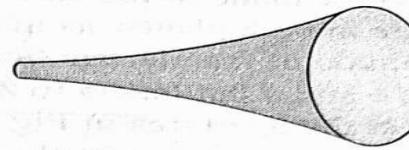


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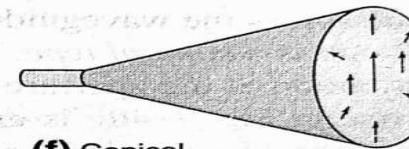


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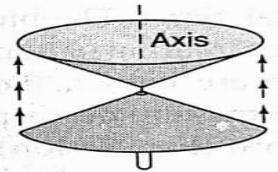
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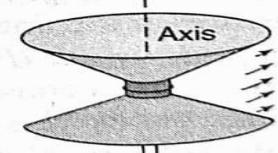
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(f) Conical

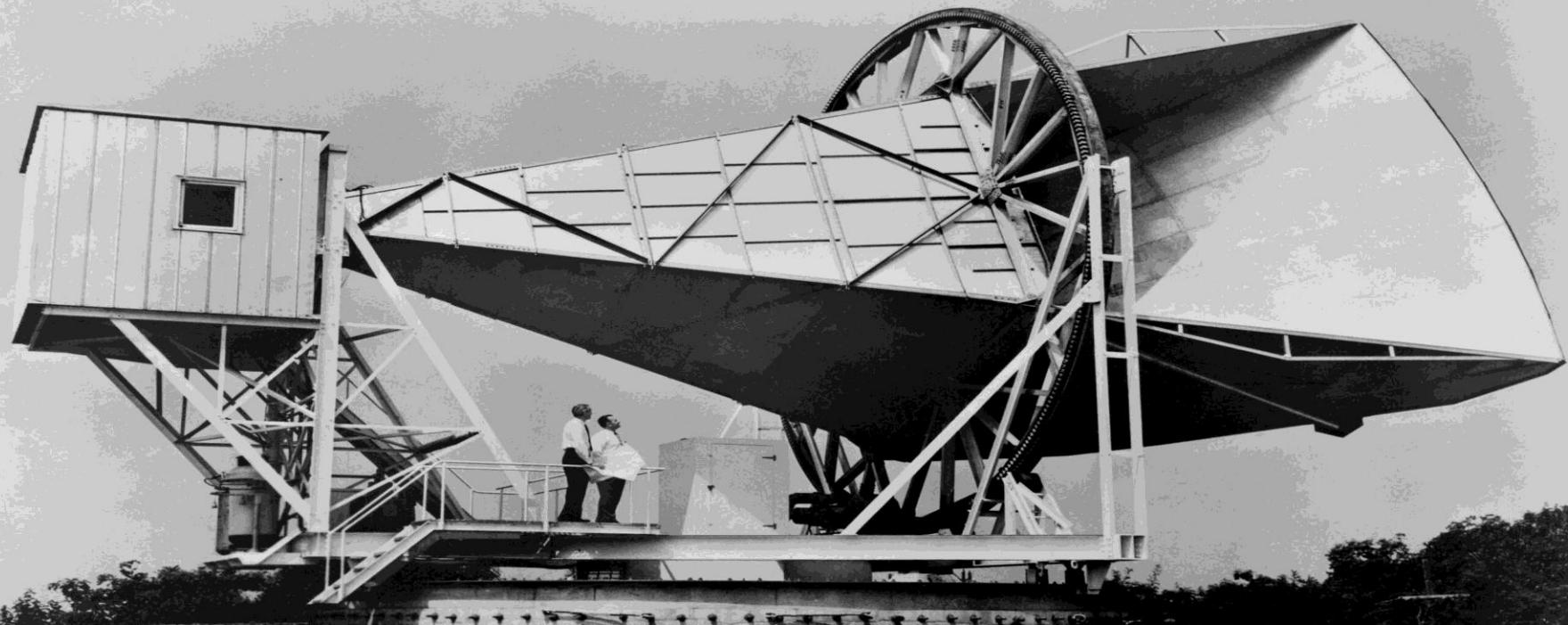


(g) TEM biconical



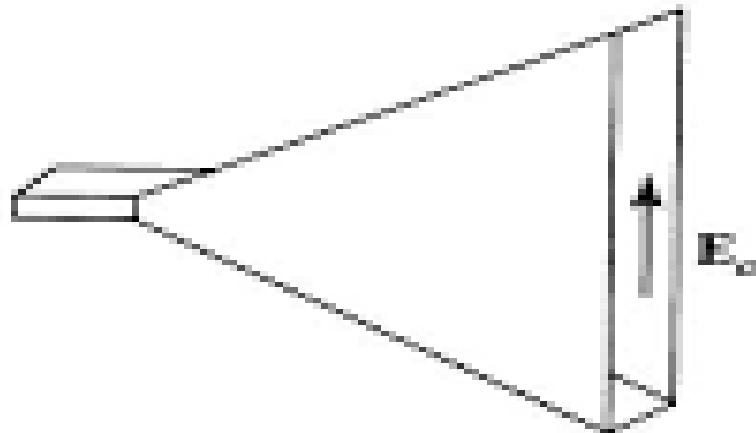
(h) TE_{01} biconical

► 7-40 Types of rectangular and circular horn antennas. Arrows indicate E-fields.

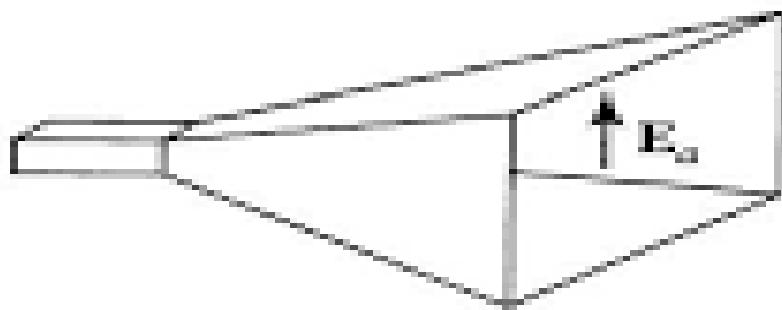




(a) H -plane sectoral horn.

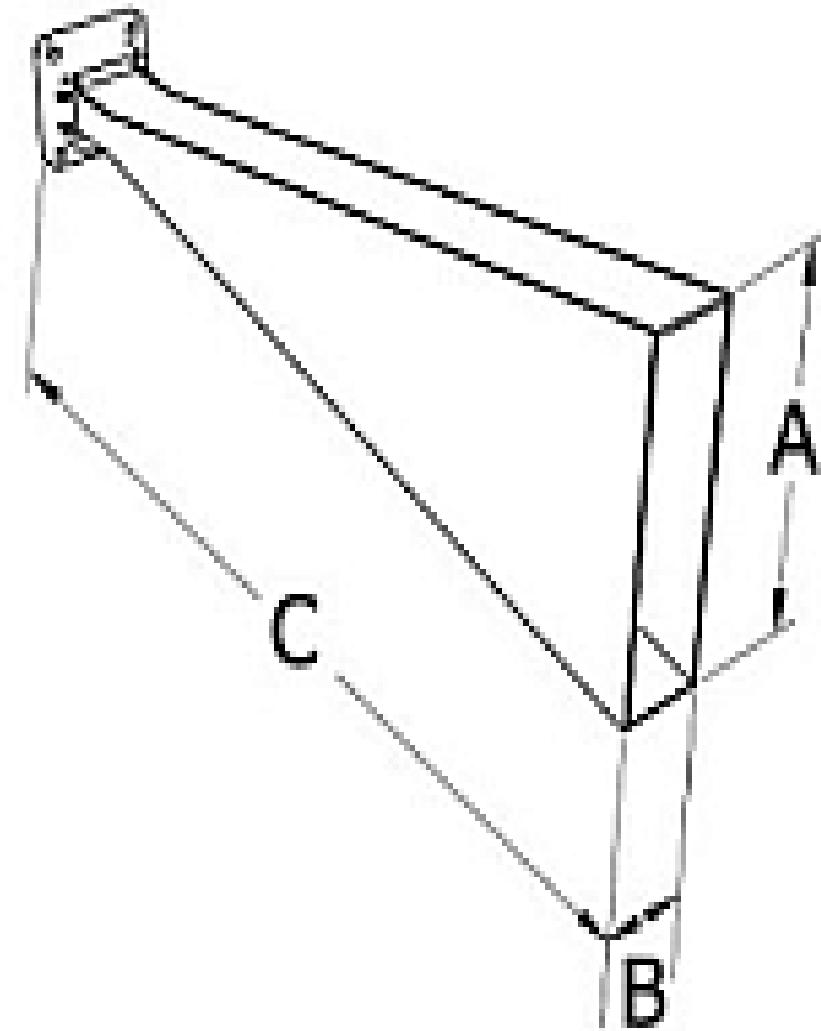
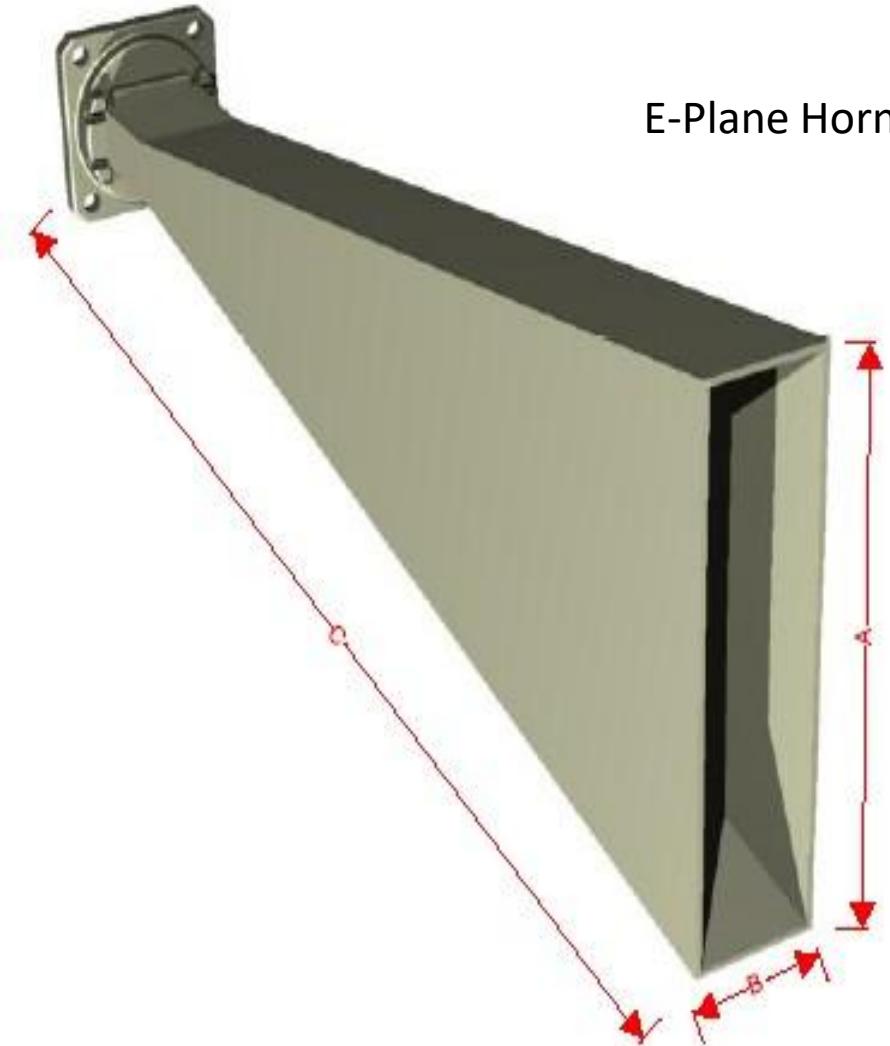


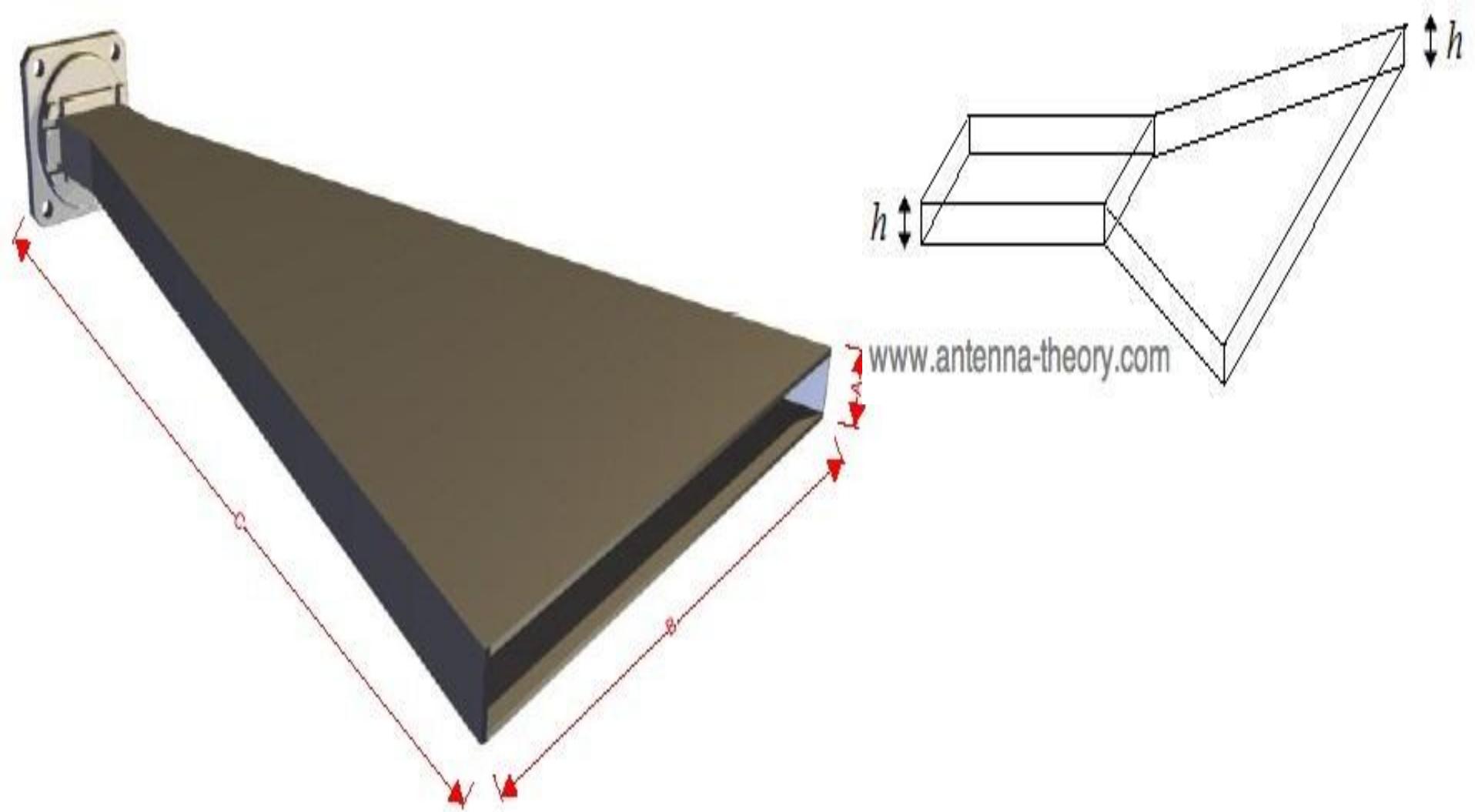
(b) E -plane sectoral horn.



(c) Pyramidal horn.

E-Plane Horn





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As compared with radiation through transmission line, the radiation through the waveguide is larger.

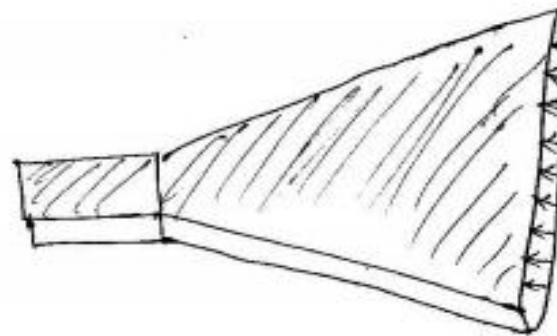
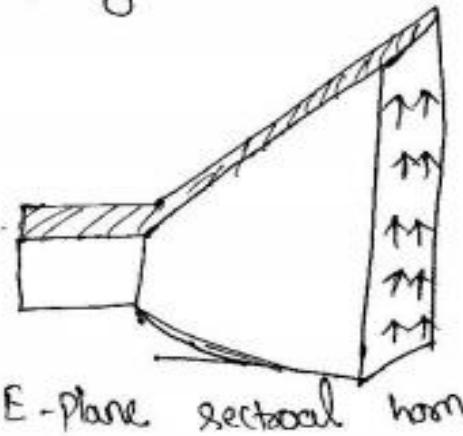
Depending upon the direction of flaring (widening), the rectangular horn, further classified as Sectoral horn and Pyramidal horn.

A sectoral horn is obtained if the flaring (tapering) is done in one direction.

further classified as

- (i) E-Plane sectoral horn
- (ii) H-Plane sectoral horn
- (iii) Pyramidal horn

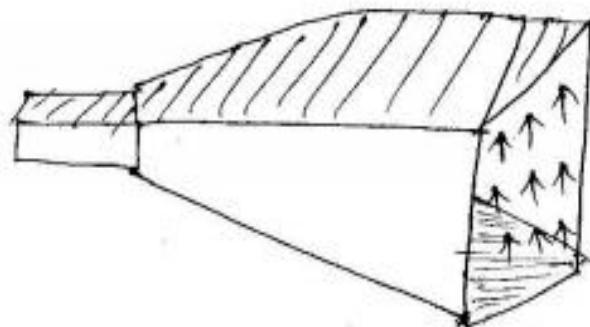
- * The E-plane sectoral horn is obtained when the flaring is done in the direction of electric field vectors.
- * The H-plane sectoral horn is obtained if the flaring is done in the direction of magnetic field vectors.
- * In both E & H-Plane sectoral horn the flaring is done along a single wall of the rectangular waveguide in one direction.



H-plane sectoral horn

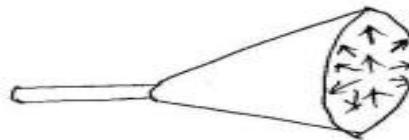
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→ Pyramidal horn:- The flaring is done along both the walls of the rectangular waveguide in the direction of both the electric and magnetic field vector the horn is obtained Pyramidal horn.

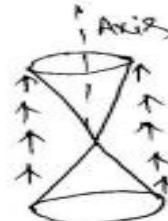


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Types of Circular Horn Antennas



(a) Conical horn



(b) Bi-conical horn

By providing proper impedance matching we can avoid the standing wave ratio and we get maximum directivity.

Design Equations:-

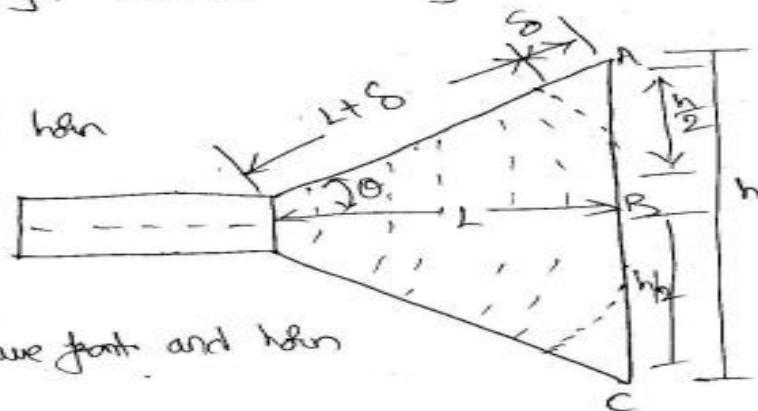
Consider a E-plane sectorial horn

where θ is flare angle

L - is axial length

h - is height of the mouth

S - is path difference b/w wave front and horn



$$\cos \theta = \frac{L}{L+s}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{h/2}{L} = \frac{h}{2L}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{L}{L+s}\right) \approx \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{h}{2L}\right)$$

from right angled triangle

$$(L+s)^2 = L^2 + \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2$$

$$L^2 + s^2 + 2sL = L^2 + \frac{h^2}{4}$$

Let s as small so s^2 is negligible

$$L^2 + 2sL = L^2 + \frac{h^2}{4}$$

$$2sL = \frac{h^2}{4} \Rightarrow$$

$$L = \frac{h^2}{8s}$$

$$h = \sqrt{8sL}$$

Half S-Voidus values for E-plane horn $S_E = 0.91$ (13)

For H-plane horn $S_H = 0.41$

For Conical horn $S_{Conical} \approx 0.31$

The approximate formulas for half peak beamwidth of optimum horn antenna is

$$\theta_E = \frac{57.1}{h} \text{ deg}$$

$$\theta_H = \frac{67.1}{w} \text{ deg}$$

Area = height \times width

$$\text{Directivity } D = \frac{7.5hw}{\lambda^2} = \frac{7.5A}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\text{Directive gain } G_d = \frac{4.5hw}{\lambda^2} = \frac{4.5A}{\lambda^2} \quad hw - \text{half width}$$

small yoke angle represents small aperture and also high directivity. For optimum operation yoke angle varies from $10-15^\circ$ and beam width of 66° .

Example 9.1. Calculate in db the directivity of 20 turn helix, having $\alpha = 12^\circ$, circumference equal to one wavelength.

Solution. The directivity of a helical antenna is given by eqn. 9.57 i.e.

$$D = \frac{15 NSC^2}{\lambda^3}; N = 20 \text{ turns}; C = \lambda; \alpha = 12^\circ$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{S}{C} \text{ or } S = C \tan \alpha$$

$$\lambda \tan 12^\circ = \lambda \times 0.2126$$

or

Putting these values in above eqn. we have

$$D = \frac{15 \times 20 \times 0.2126 \lambda \times \lambda^2}{\lambda^3} = 63.78$$

$$D \text{ db} = 10 \log D = 10 \log 63.78 = 10 \times 1.8046 = 18.046$$

$D \approx 18 \text{ db}$ Ans.

$$D \approx 18 \text{ db} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Example 9.2. Calculate the power gain of an optimum horn antenna approximately with a square aperture of 10λ on a side.

Solution. Formula to be used $D \approx \frac{4.5A}{\lambda^2} = \frac{4.5 \times 10\lambda \times 10\lambda}{\lambda^2}$
 $= 4.5 \times 100 = 450 \text{ Ans.}$

..... calculate angles θ_E and θ_H of a pyramidal horn

Example 9.6. A standard-gain horn antenna has power gain of 12.5. This is used to measure the gain of a large directional antenna by comparison method. The antenna under test is connected to the receiver and it becomes necessary to introduce an attenuator adjusted to attenuate 23 db, in order to have the same receiver output that was observed with the horn antenna connected. Find out the gain of the large antenna either in db or power ratios.

Solution. By eqns. 9.169 (b) and 9.170 (a)

$$P_{(db)} = 10 \log P$$

$$G = G_p \times P$$

and

$$G_{(db)} = G_p_{(db)} + P_{(db)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore G &= 12.5 \times 169.8 \\ &= 2494 \text{ Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} G_{(db)} &= G_p_{(db)} + P_{(db)} \\ &= 10.97 + 23 \\ &= 10.97 + 23 \\ &= 33.97 \text{ db} \end{aligned}$$

$$G_{(db)} \approx 34 \text{ db Ans.}$$

$$P_{(db)} = 23$$

$$G_p = 12.5$$

$$23 = 10 \log P$$

$$P = A \log \frac{23}{10} = 0.1698 \times 10^3$$

$$P = 169.8$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_p_{(db)} &= 10 \log G_p = 10 \times \log 12.5 \\ &= 10 \times 1.0969 = 10.969 \end{aligned}$$

$$G_p = 10.97$$

Example 9.19. While measuring gain of a horn antenna the gain oscillator was set for 9.00 GHz frequency and the attenuation inserted was found to be 9.8 db. Calculate the gain of the horn. The distance between the two horn was 35 cm.

(BHU, 1983)

Solution. Since

$$10 \log_{10} \frac{W_T}{W_r} = 9.8 \text{ db}$$

or

$$\frac{W_T}{W_r} = A' \log_{10} 0.98 = 0.9550 \times 10 = 9.55$$

or

$$\frac{W_r}{W_T} = \frac{1}{9.55} = 0.1047$$

Now

$$D' = \frac{4\pi r}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{W_r}{W_t}} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Given } r = 0.35 \text{ m}, \lambda = \frac{300}{9 \times 10^3} = \frac{3}{90} = \frac{1}{30} \\ = \frac{4\pi \times 0.35 \times 90}{3} \sqrt{0.1047} \end{array} \right.$$

$$= 12.56 \times 0.35 \times 30 \sqrt{0.1047} = 131.88 \times 0.3235 = 42.6631$$

or

$$D(\text{db}) = 10 \log_{10} 42.6631 = 10 \times 1.6300 = 16.300 \text{ db} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Example 9.20

Ans.

Example 9.20. A cylindrical antenna with a length to diameter ratio of 100 is resonant when the length is about 0.475λ . The terminal impedance is resistance and equal to about 67 ohms. Find out the dimensions and terminal impedance of the complementary slot antenna of 10 cms wavelength.

Solution. Given $\frac{L}{d} = 100$ or $L = 0.475 \lambda$

(Roorkee Univ. Applied EMT, 1972-73)

The terminal impedance of the cylindrical antenna is about $Z_d = 67$ ohms. Then terminal impedance of the complementary slot is

$$Z_s = \frac{35,476}{Z_d} = \frac{35476}{67} = 529.4925 + j0$$

$$Z_s \approx 530 + j0$$

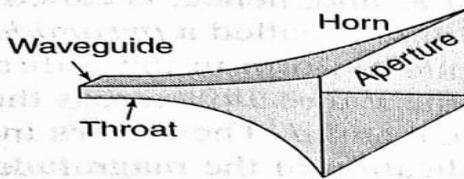
EXAMPLE 7-20.1 (a) Determine the length L , H -plane aperture and flare angles θ_E and θ_H (in the E and H planes, respectively) of a pyramidal horn as in Fig. 7-40d for which the E -plane aperture $a_E = 10\lambda$. The horn is fed by a rectangular waveguide with TE_{10} mode. Let $\delta = 0.2\lambda$ in the E plane and 0.375λ in the H plane. (b) What are the beamwidths? (c) What is the directivity?

■ Solution

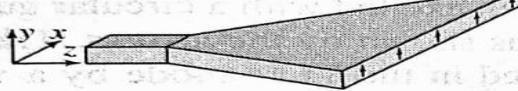
Taking $\delta = \lambda/5$ in the E plane, we have from (7-19-4) that the required horn length

$$L = \frac{a^2}{8\delta} = \frac{100\lambda}{8/5} = 62.5\lambda \quad (5)$$

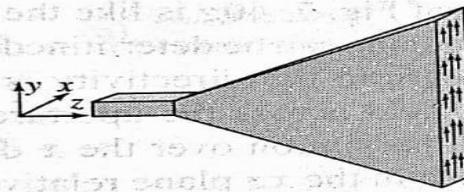
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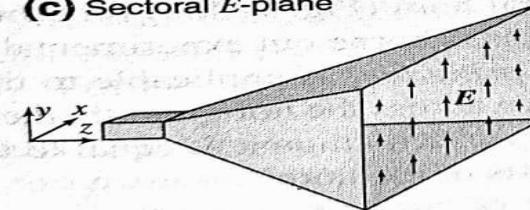
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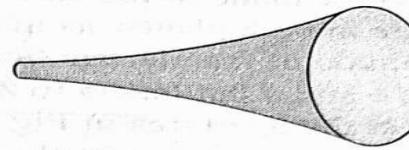


(c) Sectoral E-plane

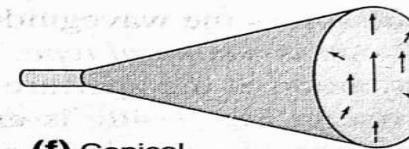


(d) Pyramidal

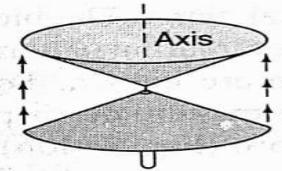
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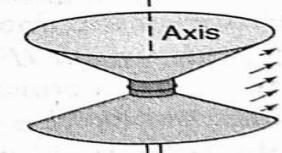
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7-40 Types of rectangular and circular horn antennas. Arrows indicate E-fields.

and from (7-19-5) that the flare angle in the *E* plane

$$\theta_E = 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{a}{2L} = 2 \tan^{-1} \frac{10}{125} = 9.1^\circ \quad (6)$$

Taking $\delta = 3\lambda/8$ in the *H* plane we have from (7-19-5) that the flare angle in the *H* plane

$$\theta_H = 2 \cos^{-1} \frac{L}{L + \delta} = 2 \cos^{-1} \frac{62.5}{62.5 + 0.375} = 12.52^\circ \quad (7)$$

and from (7-19-5) that the *H*-plane aperture

$$a_H = 2L \tan \frac{\theta_H}{2} = 2 \times 62.5\lambda \tan 6.26^\circ = 13.7\lambda \quad (8)$$

From Table 7-4,

$$\text{HPBW (E plane)} = \frac{56^\circ}{a_{E\lambda}} = \frac{56^\circ}{10} = 5.6^\circ \quad (9a)$$

$$\text{HPBW (H plane)} = \frac{67^\circ}{a_{H\lambda}} = \frac{67^\circ}{13.7} = 4.9^\circ \quad (9b)$$

From (3),

$$D \simeq 10 \log \left(\frac{7.5 A_p}{\lambda^2} \right) = 10 \log (7.5 \times 10 \times 13.7) = 30.1 \text{ dBi} \quad (10)$$

4. Design a three element yagi-uda antenna to operate at a frequency of 172 MHz.

Solution:

$$\text{Given } f = 172 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Length of driven element} &= \frac{475}{f(\text{MHz})} \text{ feet (or)} \\ &= \frac{475 \times 0.3 \text{ m}}{f(\text{MHz})} [1 \text{ foot} = 0.3 \text{ m}]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Length of reflector, } L_r &= \frac{500}{f(\text{MHz})} \text{ feet (or)} = \frac{500 \times 0.3 \text{ m}}{f(\text{MHz})} \\ &= \frac{500 \times 0.3}{172} \\ L_r &= 0.87 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Length of director, } L_d &= \frac{450}{f(\text{MHz})} \text{ feet (or)} \\ &= \frac{450 \times 0.3 \text{ m}}{172} \\ L_d &= 0.785 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

Spacing between the driven element and the reflector/director,

$$S = 0.1 \lambda$$

$$= 0.1 C/f = \frac{0.1 \times 3 \times 10^8}{172 \times 10^6}$$

$$\text{Element spacing, } S = 0.174 \text{ m}$$

5. For a 20 turn helical antenna operating at 3 GHz with circumference $C = 10\text{cm}$ and the spacing between the turns is 0.3λ . Calculate the directivity and HPBW.

Solution:

Given

$$S = 0.3 \lambda, \quad f = 3 \text{ GHz}, \quad C = 10\text{cm} \quad N = 20$$

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^9} = 0.1\text{m}$$

Directivity,

$$D = \frac{15NSC^2}{\lambda^3}$$

$$D = \frac{15 \times 20 \times 0.3 \lambda \times (10 \times 10^{-2})^2}{\lambda^3}$$

$$= \frac{15 \times 20 \times 0.3 \times (10 \times 10^{-2})^2}{(0.1)^2}$$

$$D = 90$$

Solution
Half power beam width, HPBW = $\frac{52}{C} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^3}{NS}}$ degree

$$\text{HPBW} = \frac{52}{10 \times 10^{-2}} \sqrt{\frac{(0.1)^3}{20 \times 3 \times 0.1}}$$

$$\text{HPBW} = 21.23$$

6. Calculate the directivity in db of 20 turn helix, having $\alpha = 12^\circ$, circumference equal to one wave length.

Solution:

Given

$$C = \lambda, \quad \alpha = 12^\circ, \quad N = 20$$

Directivity,

$$D = \frac{15NSC^2}{\lambda^3}$$

$$\tan \alpha = S/C$$

or

$$S = C \tan \alpha$$

$$S = \lambda (.2126)$$

$$D = \frac{15 \times 20 \times 0.2126 \lambda \times \lambda^2}{\lambda^3}$$

$$D = 63.78$$

$$D \text{ in db} = 10 \log_{10} D = 10 \log_{10} 63.78$$

$$D \approx 18 \text{ db}$$

7. A 16 turn helical antenna has a circumference of λ and turn spacing of $\lambda/4$. Determine half power beam width and axial ratio.

Solution:

Given

$$N = 16, C = \lambda, \quad \& \quad S = \lambda/4$$

$$\text{Half power beam width, HPBW} = \frac{52}{C} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^3}{NS}}$$

$$\text{HPBW} = \frac{52}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^3}{16 \frac{\lambda}{4}}}$$

$$= \frac{52}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^2}{4}} = \frac{52 \lambda}{2}$$

$$\text{HPBW} = 26^\circ$$

$$\text{Axial ratio, } AR = \frac{2N+1}{2N}$$

$$AR = \frac{2(16)+1}{2(16)}$$

$$= \frac{33}{32} = 1.03$$

$$\text{Axial ratio} = 1.03$$