

EE 483/583 Antennas for Wireless Communications

Quiz #3 (Spring 2017)

Name Key A

Instructions: Open book & notes. Place answers in indicated spaces and show all work for credit.

At 8.5 GHz, a vertically-polarized WR-90 X-band rectangular horn antenna has a gain of 14.4 dBi. The physical aperture of the horn is 7 cm by 16.2 cm. Find the maximum effective aperture (in cm^2) and aperture efficiency (in %) at this frequency. If a vertically-polarized EM plane wave with a power density of $500 \mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ is incident from the direction of maximum gain, how much power is available to a matched load? If the horn antenna is tipped 20° from vertical, how much power will be received?

Per (2-110), $A_{em} = \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} D_0$

$$\lambda = c/f = \frac{299,792,458}{8.5 \times 10^9} = 0.03527 \text{ m} = 3.52697 \text{ cm}$$

$$D_0 = 14.4 \text{ dBi} = 10^{14.4/10} = 27.542287$$

$$A_{em} = \frac{3.52697^2}{4\pi} (27.542287) = \underline{27.26426 \text{ cm}^2}$$

Per (2-100), the aperture efficiency is

$$E_{ap} = \frac{A_{em}}{A_p} = \frac{27.26426 \text{ cm}^2}{(7 \text{ cm})(16.2 \text{ cm})} = 0.2404 = \underline{24.0426\%}$$

Per (2-94), the available power can be found

$$A_e = \frac{P_T}{W_i} \Rightarrow P_{T,\max} = A_{em} W_i = (0.0027264 \text{ m}^2) (500 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W}/\text{m}^2) = \underline{1.363213 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W}}$$

Per (2-112), we can modify A_{em} to include PLF

$$P_{T,\max,20^\circ} = A_{em} (\text{PLF}) W_i = (0.0027264) (\cos^2 20^\circ) 500 \times 10^{-6} = \underline{1.203747 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W}}$$

max. eff. aperture = 27.2643 cm^2

aperture efficiency = 24.043 %

power available, vertical = 1.3632 μW

power available, 20° = 1.2037 μW