

4.25 Use the equations in the book or the computer program of this chapter. Find the radiation efficiency of resonant linear electric dipoles of length

(c) $l = \lambda/2$

Assume that each dipole is made out of copper [$\sigma = 5.7 \times 10^7$ S/m], has a radius of $10^{-4}\lambda$, and is operating at $f = 10$ MHz. Use the computer program **Dipole** of this chapter to find the radiation resistances.

- As part of your solution, compute radiation R_r and loss R_L resistances using equations from text and again using NEC-2. [Let $\Delta \sim 8a$. List NEC input file and relevant excerpts of output file.] Tabulate answers and discuss differences. You do not need to use program Dipole.

Using MathCad

$$f := 10 \cdot 10^6 \text{ Hz} \quad \omega := 2 \cdot \pi \cdot f \quad c := 299792458 \text{ m/s} \quad \mu_0 := 4 \cdot \pi \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$$

$$\sigma := 5.7 \cdot 10^7 \text{ S/m} \quad \epsilon_0 := \frac{1}{\mu_0 \cdot c^2} \quad \eta := \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \quad \epsilon_0 = 8.8542 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$$

For part c), $l = \lambda/2$ $l\lambda := 0.5$ $\text{rad}\lambda := 10^{-4}$ $\eta = 376.73031 \text{ } \Omega$

(4-67) & (4-70) $k l_2 := \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot l\lambda}{2}$ $k l_2 = 1.571$

$$R_r := \frac{\eta}{2 \cdot \pi} \cdot \int_0^\pi \frac{(\cos(k l_2 \cdot \cos(\theta)) - \cos(k l_2))^2}{\sin(\theta)} d\theta \quad \boxed{R_r = 73.07901} \text{ } \Omega$$

(2-90b) $R_{hf} := \frac{l\lambda}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \text{rad}\lambda} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\omega \cdot \mu_0}{2 \cdot \sigma}}$ $R_{hf} = 0.662266 \text{ } \Omega$

For $l = \lambda/2$, assume current distribution is sinusoidal. Then, per notes or example 2.13/problem 2.52:

$$R_L := \frac{R_{hf}}{2} \quad \boxed{R_L = 0.3311} \text{ } \Omega$$

(2-90) $\text{ecd} := \frac{R_r}{R_r + R_L} \cdot 100$ $\boxed{\text{ecd} = 99.5489} \text{ } \%$

NEC-2 input file

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CM EE 483/583 Problem 4.25c (4_25c.txt)
CM This file is used to determine the efficiency of a halfwave copper
CM dipole antenna (sigma = 5.7*10^7 S/m) driven at 10 MHz (lambda = 29.98 m).
CM radius = a = 0.0001(lambda) = 0.002998 m, length = l = 29.98/2 = 14.99 m
CM Used 313 segments (del/a= 16).  DRIVEN SEGMENT IS #157.
CE
GW 1 313 0.0 0.0 -7.495 0.0 0.0 7.495 0.002998
GE 0
EK 0          ! Use extended kernel in simulation
FR 0 1 0 0 10.0 0.0
EX 0 1 157 00 1.0 0.0
LD 5 0 0 0 5.7e7 ! Load all segments w/ conductivity
PT -1 ! Don't print currents
XQ 0
EN

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NEC-2 output file excerpt

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FREQUENCY= 1.0000E+01 MHZ
WAVELENGTH= 2.9980E+01 METERS
<snip>
          - - - STRUCTURE IMPEDANCE LOADING - - -
LOCATION RESISTANCE INDUCTANCE CAPACITANCE IMPEDANCE (OHMS) CONDUCTIVITY TYPE
ITAG FROM THRU OHMS HENRYS FARADS REAL IMAGINARY MHOS/METER
ALL 5.7000E+07 WIRE
<snip>
- - - ANTENNA INPUT PARAMETERS - - -
TAG SEG. VOLTAGE (VOLTS) CURRENT (AMPS) IMPEDANCE (OHMS) ADMITTANCE (S) POWER
NO. NO. REAL IMAG. REAL IMAG. REAL IMAG. REAL IMAG. (WATTS)
1 157 1.00 0.00 9.30726E-03 -5.34408E-03 8.08032E+01 4.63959E+01
9.30726E-03-5.34408E-03 4.65363E-03
- - - POWER BUDGET - - -
INPUT POWER = 4.65359E-03 WATTS
RADIATED POWER= 4.6330E-03 WATTS
STRUCTURE LOSS= 2.0590E-05 WATTS
EFFICIENCY = 99.56 PERCENT

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From NEC info, $\bar{I}_m = 9.30726 - j5.34408$ mA = $10.73239394 \angle -29.86375^\circ$ mA.

$$(2-76) \quad R_r = \frac{P_{\text{rad}}}{0.5 |\bar{I}_m|^2} = \frac{4.6330E-03}{0.5(0.01073239)^2} \Rightarrow \underline{R_r = 80.445 \Omega},$$

$$(2-77) \quad R_L = \frac{P_{\text{loss}}}{0.5 |\bar{I}_m|^2} = \frac{2.0590E-05}{0.5(0.01073239)^2} \Rightarrow \underline{R_L = 0.3575 \Omega}.$$

- The NEC radiation resistance R_r of 80.445Ω is larger than the 73.079Ω from theory. This because true resonance occurs at a length slightly less than 0.5λ (charge accumulation at antenna tips makes them act longer than physical length).
- The NEC loss resistance R_L of 0.3575Ω is very close to the 0.3311Ω from theory.
- The NEC efficiency of 99.56% is very close to the 99.5489% from theory.