

5.11 A single-turn resonant circular loop with a $\lambda/8\pi$ radius is made of copper wire with a wire radius of $10^{-4}\lambda/2\pi$ and conductivity of 5.7×10^7 S/m. For a frequency of 100 MHz, determine, assuming uniform current, the

- (a) radiation efficiency (assume the wire is straight);
 (b) maximum gain of the antenna (dimensionless and in dB).

- As part of (a), find the loss and radiation resistances.

a) For a small loop w/ constant current

$$(5-24) R_r = \eta \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) (ka)^4$$

$$R_r = 376.7303 \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \frac{\lambda}{8\pi}\right)^4 \Rightarrow \underline{R_r = 0.77053 \Omega}$$

$$\text{Per (5-25) (2-90b)} \quad R_{\text{ohmic}} = \frac{a}{b} \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu_0}{2\sigma}} = \frac{\frac{\lambda}{8\pi}}{10^{-4}\lambda/2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi(100 \times 10^6) 4\pi \times 10^{-7}}{2(5.7 \times 10^7)}}$$

$$\underline{R_{\text{ohmic}} = R_L = 6.57934 \Omega}$$

$$\text{Per (2-90)} \quad e_{cd} = \frac{R_r}{R_r + R_L} = \frac{0.7705}{6.579 + 0.7705}$$

$$\underline{e_{cd} = 0.104836 = 10.4836\%}$$

b) For a small loop w/ constant current, the directivity, per (5-31), is $D_0 = 3/2$

Per (2-49a), the gain is

$$G_0 = e_{cd} D_0 = (0.104836) \frac{3}{2} = 10 \log_{10} (0.15725)$$

$$\underline{G_0 = 0.15725 = -8.034 \text{ dB}}$$