

For the rectangular microstrip antenna of part 1), compute the maximum directivity (unitless and dBi) using **both** numerical methods discussed in class. Compare the results and discuss any differences. Also, compute the *estimated* half-power beamwidths (HPBW) in the E- and H-planes.

Design a rectangular microstrip antenna to operate at a frequency of 2 GHz on a Montoya Corporation substrate with a relative permittivity of 2.2 and dielectric thickness of 0.064" = 64 mils, 0.5 oz. copper cladding (17 μm), and $\tan(\delta) = 0.003$. The antenna is to be matched to a 50 Ω microstrip transmission line on this substrate using an inset feed. Discuss and justify design choices. Accurately sketch a top view of the final design (all dimensions in mm). **EE 583 only**- Include a fully-labeled Smith chart showing the normalized admittances $y_1 = y_2$ and y_{2t} (i.e., y_2 translated across length $L + \Delta L$ of microstrip antenna) and discuss results.

Summary of necessary dimensions & parameters from design-

$$h = 0.064 \text{ in}(25.4 \text{ mm/in}) = \underline{1.6256 \text{ mm}}, \quad f_r = 2 \text{ GHz}$$

$$\text{Free space wavelength } \lambda_0 = \underline{149.8962 \text{ mm}} \text{ and wave number } \underline{k_0 = 41.9169 \text{ rad/m.}}$$

$$\text{Patch width } \Rightarrow \underline{W = 59.2517 \text{ mm}}$$

$$\text{effective length of patch } \Rightarrow \underline{L_{\text{eff}} = 51.4695 \text{ mm}}$$

$$\text{Patch length } \Rightarrow \underline{L = 49.7537 \text{ mm}}$$

$$\text{Slot conductance } \Rightarrow \underline{G_1 = 1.5735 \text{ mS.}}$$

$$\text{mutual conductance between the slots } \Rightarrow \underline{G_{12} = 0.4651 \text{ mS}}$$

Find directivity (All calculations done using full precision of MathCad)

Both methods assume $k_0 h \ll 1$. Here, $k_0 h = 41.9169(0.0016256) = 0.06814 \ll 1$ (OK).

Method 1

Find parameter I_2 (14-55a) by numerical integration-

$$I_2 = \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin\left(\frac{k_0 W}{2} \cos \theta\right)}{\cos \theta} \right]^2 \sin^3 \theta \cos^2 \left(\frac{k_0 L_{\text{eff}}}{2} \sin \theta \sin \phi \right) d\theta d\phi$$

$$= \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin\left(\frac{41.917(0.05925)}{2} \cos \theta\right)}{\cos \theta} \right]^2 \sin^3 \theta \cos^2 \left(\frac{41.917(0.05147)}{2} \sin \theta \sin \phi \right) d\theta d\phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{I_2 = 3.682473.}$$

The maximum directivity $D_{\max,1}$ (14-55) from method 1 is

$$D_{\max,1}^{\text{tot}} = \left(\frac{2\pi W}{\lambda_0} \right)^2 \frac{\pi}{I_2} = \left(\frac{2\pi \cdot 0.05925}{0.149896} \right)^2 \frac{\pi}{3.6825} \Rightarrow \underline{D_{\max,1} = 5.2625 = 7.2119 \text{ dBi}}$$

Method 2

Find parameter I_1 (14-53a) by numerical integration-

$$I_1 = \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin\left(\frac{k_0 W}{2} \cos\theta\right)}{\cos\theta} \right]^2 \sin^3\theta d\theta = \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin\left(\frac{41.917(0.05925)}{2} \cos\theta\right)}{\cos\theta} \right]^2 \sin^3\theta d\theta \Rightarrow \underline{I_1 = 1.862313.}$$

The maximum directivity of a single rectangular slot (14-53) is

$$D_{\max} = D_0 = \left(\frac{2\pi W}{\lambda_0} \right)^2 \frac{1}{I_1} = \left(\frac{2\pi \cdot 0.05925}{0.149896} \right)^2 \frac{1}{1.862313} \Rightarrow \underline{D_0 = 3.31228.}$$

The maximum directivity $D_{\max,2}$ (14-56) from method 2 is

$$D_{\max,2}^{\text{tot}} = D_0 \left(\frac{2}{1 + G_{12}/G_1} \right) = 3.3123 \left(\frac{2}{1 + 0.46513/1.5735} \right) \Rightarrow \underline{D_{\max,2} = 5.1131 = 7.0869 \text{ dBi}}$$

Methods 1 & 2 agree to within 0.125 dB!

Find estimated half-power beamwidths (HPBW) in E- & H-planes (14-58) & (14-59)

$$\Theta_E \approx 2 \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{7.03 \lambda_0^2}{4\pi^2 (3L_{\text{eff}}^2 + h^2)}} = 2 \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{7.03(0.148962)^2}{4\pi^2 (3(0.0514695)^2 + (0.0016256)^2)}} \Rightarrow \underline{\text{HPBW}_E = \Theta_E = 90.3761^\circ.}$$

and

$$\Theta_H \approx 2 \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2 + k_0 W}} = 2 \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2 + 41.9169(0.059252)}} \Rightarrow \underline{\text{HPBW}_H = \Theta_H = 56.3626^\circ.}$$