

For the rectangular microstrip antenna of part 1), compute and graph the E-plane and H-plane **normalized** directivity patterns (both unitless and in dB) with the positive x -axis pointing toward top of page. For the radiation patterns in dB, use a 0 to -40 dB scale. Also, find the actual HPBW in the E- and H-planes. In a table, list the estimated HPBWs, actual HPBWs, and percent differences (%). How do they compare?

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-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Per (14-43), the total (far-field) electric field for the two radiating slots is-

$$E_{\phi}^t = j \frac{k_0 h W E_0 e^{-jk_0 r}}{\pi r} \left\{ \sin \theta \frac{\sin(X)}{X} \frac{\sin(Z)}{Z} \right\} \cos \left(\frac{k_0 L_{\text{eff}}}{2} \sin \theta \sin \phi \right)$$

where $X(\theta, \phi) = \frac{k_0 h}{2} \sin \theta \sin \phi$ (14-43a) and $Z(\theta) = \frac{k_0 W}{2} \cos \theta$ (14-43b).

Normalize by dividing out lead terms-

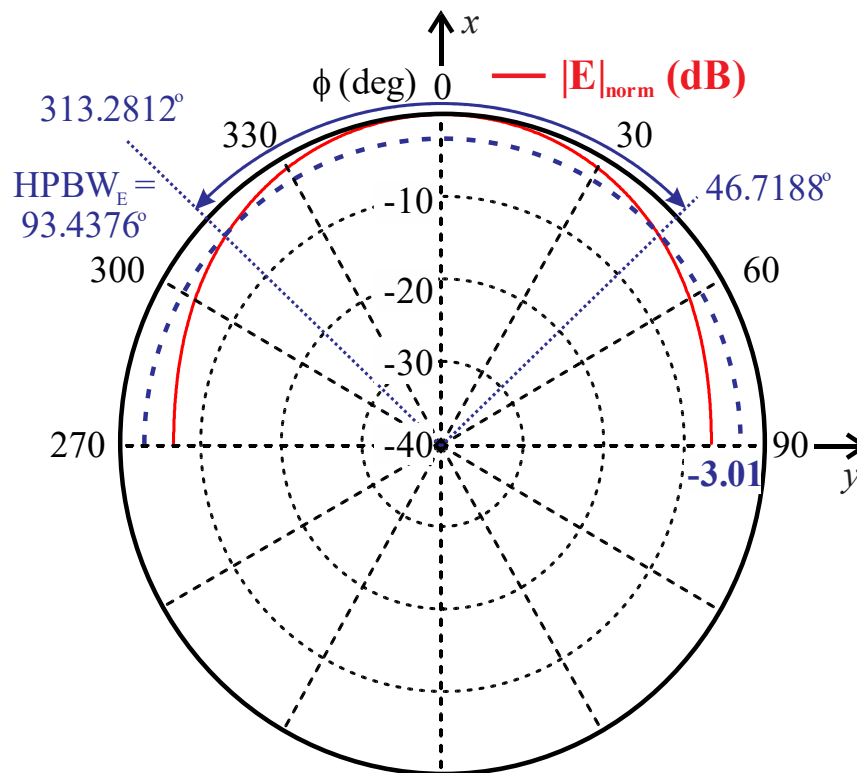
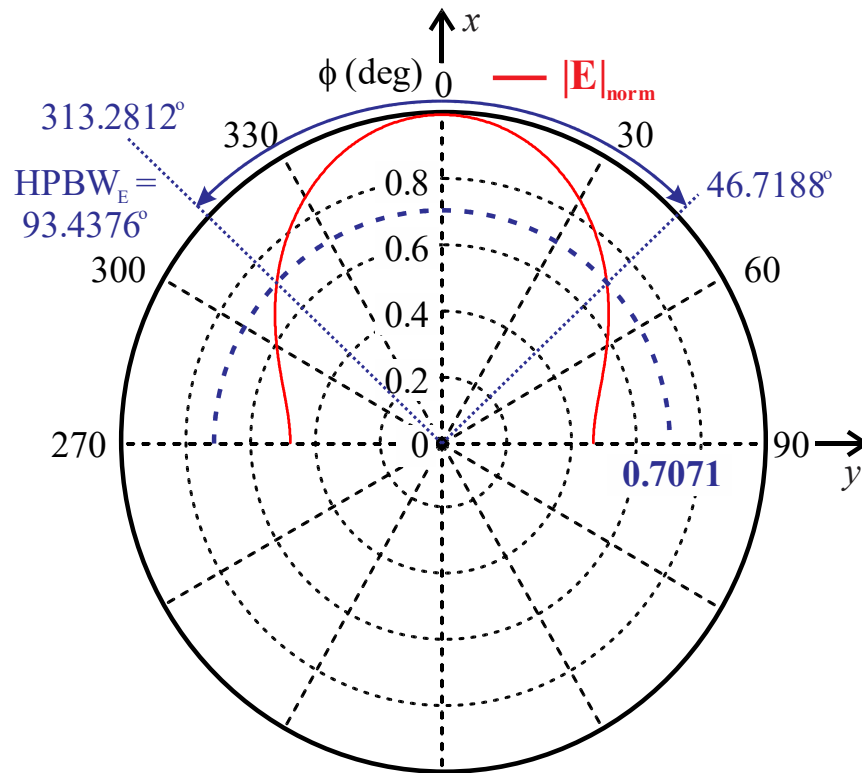
$$E_{\phi, n}^t = E_{\phi}^t / \left(j \frac{k_0 h W E_0 e^{-jk_0 r}}{\pi r} \right) = \sin \theta \frac{\sin(X)}{X} \frac{\sin(Z)}{Z} \cos \left(\frac{k_0 L_{\text{eff}}}{2} \sin \theta \sin \phi \right).$$

The E-plane is on the x - y plane where $\theta = 90^\circ$ and $0 \leq \phi \leq 90^\circ$ & $270^\circ \leq \phi < 360^\circ$. Note, to 'trick' MathCad, let $-90^\circ \leq \phi \leq 90^\circ$.

The H-plane is on the x - z plane where $\phi = 0$ and $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$.

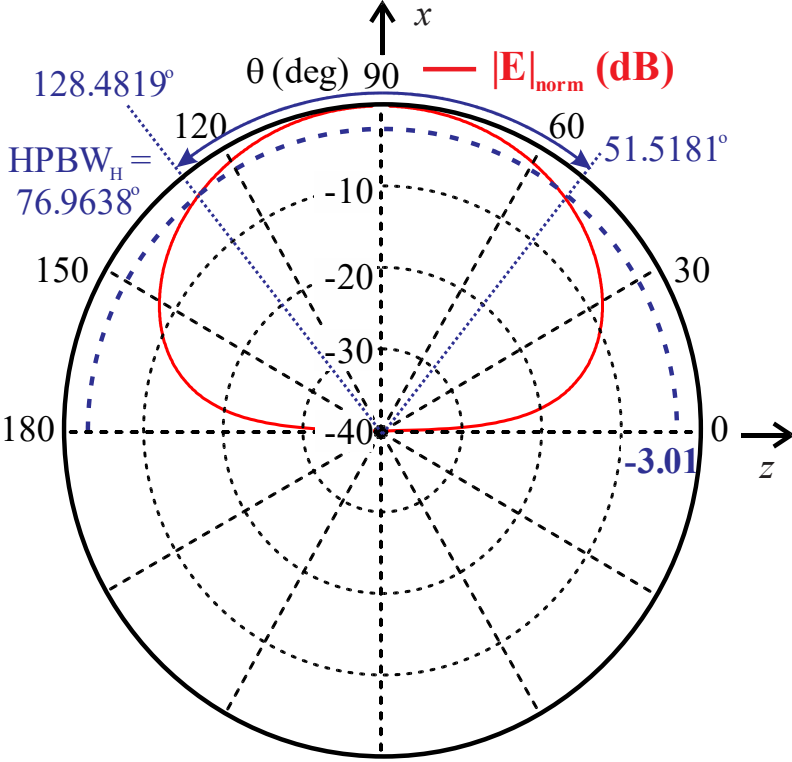
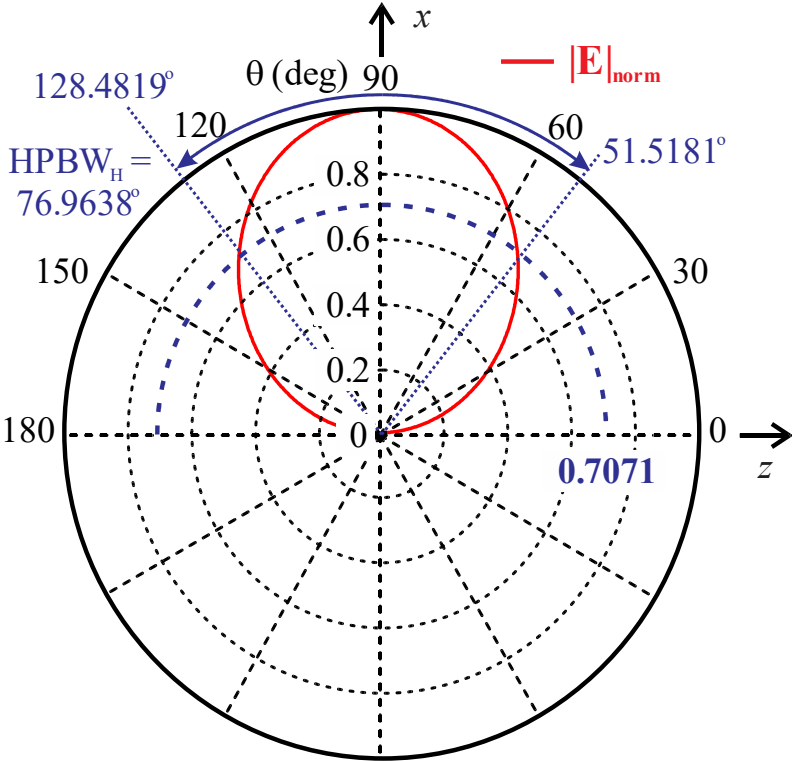
MathCad & CorelDraw were used to produce the following plots.

E-Plane Radiation Patterns (x - y plane where $\theta = 90^\circ$ and $0 \leq \phi \leq 90^\circ$ & $270^\circ \leq \phi < 360^\circ$)



The exact E-Plane half-power beamwidth **HPBW_E = 93.4376°** whereas the estimate from problem 2) was **HPBW_{E,est} = 90.3761°**. Pretty good agreement.

H-Plane Radiation Patterns ($x-z$ plane where $\phi = 0$ and $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$)



The exact H-Plane half-power beamwidth is HPBW_H = 76.9638° whereas the estimate from problem 2) was HPBW_{H,est} = 56.3626°. Not very good agreement.

MathCad excerpt**Estimated HPBWs for this microstrip patch antenna using (14-58) & (14-59)**

$$\Theta_E := 2 \cdot \operatorname{asin} \left[\sqrt{\frac{7.03 \cdot \lambda_0^2}{4 \cdot \pi^2 \cdot (3 \cdot L_{\text{eff}}^2 + h^2)}} \right] \quad \Theta_E \cdot \frac{180}{\pi} = 90.376 \quad \text{degrees}$$

$$\Theta_H := 2 \cdot \operatorname{asin} \left[\sqrt{\frac{1}{(2 + k_0 \cdot W)}} \right] \quad \Theta_H \cdot \frac{180}{\pi} = 56.363 \quad \text{degrees}$$

$$X(\theta, \phi) := \frac{k_0 \cdot h}{2} \cdot \sin(\theta) \cdot \cos(\phi) \quad Z(\theta, \phi) := \frac{k_0 \cdot W}{2} \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$$E(\theta, \phi) := \sin(\theta) \cdot \frac{\sin(X(\theta, \phi))}{X(\theta, \phi)} \cdot \frac{\sin(Z(\theta, \phi))}{Z(\theta, \phi)} \cdot \cos \left[\frac{k_0 \cdot L_{\text{eff}}}{2} \cdot (\sin(\theta) \cdot \sin(\phi)) \right]$$

$$n := 0..720 \quad \phi_n := (n - 360) \cdot \frac{\pi}{720} \quad \theta_n := n \cdot \frac{\pi}{720}$$

E-plane radiation pattern (x-y plane where $\theta = \pi/2 = 90$ deg, symmetric around $\phi=0$)

$$E_{\text{epln}_n} := E \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \phi_n \right) \quad E_{\text{epln_dB}_n} := 20 \cdot \log(E_{\text{epln}_n})$$

Find E-plane half power $|E|=0.707107$ points:

$$E \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 46.7188 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \right) = 0.707107 \quad E \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, -46.7188 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \right) = 0.707107$$

$$\text{HPBW}_{\text{epln}} := 2 \cdot 46.7188 \quad \boxed{\text{HPBW}_{\text{epln}} = 93.4376} \quad \text{deg}$$

Fair agreement with part 2) estimate of $\Theta_E = 90.3761$ degrees.

H-plane radiation pattern (y-z plane where $\phi = 0$ or π , symmetric around $\theta=90$ deg)

$$E_{\text{hpln}_n} := E(\theta_n, 0) \quad E_{\text{hpln_dB}_n} := \text{if}(E_{\text{hpln}_n} \leq 0.01, -40, 20 \cdot \log(E_{\text{hpln}_n}))$$

Find H-plane half power $|E|=0.707107$ points on either side of 90 deg:

$$E \left(128.4819 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180}, 0 \right) = 0.707107 \quad E \left(51.5181 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180}, 0 \right) = 0.707107$$

$$\text{HPBW}_{\text{hpln}} := 128.4819 - 51.5181 \quad \boxed{\text{HPBW}_{\text{hpln}} = 76.9638} \quad \text{deg}$$

Not very good agreement with part 2) estimate of $\Theta_H = 56.3626$ degrees.

$$E_{\text{half_pwr}_n} := 0.5 \cdot \sqrt{2}$$

$$E_{\text{half_dB}_n} := 20 \cdot \log(0.5 \cdot \sqrt{2})$$