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Q1(a) The directivity of an antenna array can be ~~de~~ increased by adding more antenna element as a large number of elements?

- (A) Improve the radiation efficiency
- (B) Increase the effective area of the antenna.
- (C) Result in a better impedance matching.
- (d) allows more power to be transmitted by an antenna.

Ans) The Answer is (B) Increase the effective area of the antenna.

$$D = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda^2} A_e$$

$$D \uparrow \rightarrow A_e \uparrow$$

An antenna is an electrical device which converts electric power into radio waves and vice versa. It is usually used with a radio transmitter or radio receiver.



Q1 b) Radiation resistance of an antenna is  $90\Omega$  & loss resistance is  $30\Omega$ , calculate antenna radiation efficiency?

Solution:-

$$R_{rad} = 90\Omega$$

$$R_{loss} = 30\Omega$$

$$\eta = \frac{R_{rad}}{R_{rad} + R_{loss}}$$

$$= \frac{90}{90 + 30}$$

$$= \frac{90}{120} = \frac{3}{4} \text{ Ans}$$

Q2(a) An antenna has a loss resistance of  $40\Omega$  power gain of 60 & directivity 13. calculate the radiation resistance?

Solution

$$R_L = 40\Omega$$

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Power gain = 60

$$D = 13$$

$$\Rightarrow K = 40$$

$$= \frac{60}{13}$$

$$K = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_L}$$

$$\frac{60}{13} = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + 40}$$

$$60(R_1 + 40) = R_1(13)$$

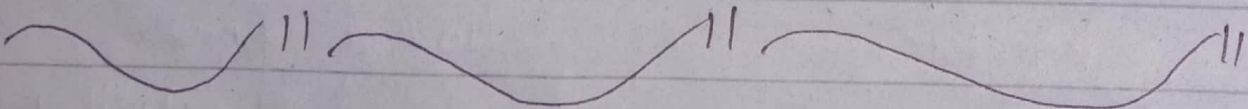
$$60R_1 + 2400 = 13R_1$$

$$2400 = 13R_1 - 60R_1$$

$$2400 = -47R_1$$

$$\frac{2400}{-47} = \frac{-47R_1}{-47}$$

$$R_1 = -59.06$$

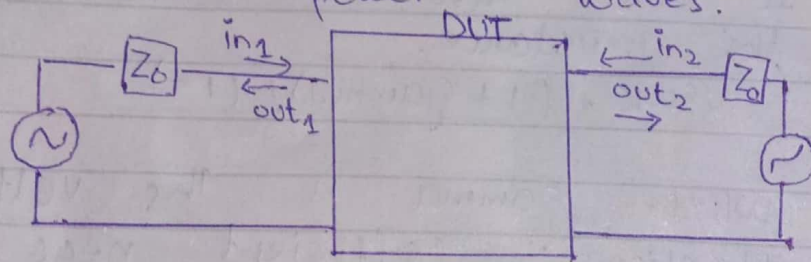




Q2b):- Explain scattering parameter & VSWR?

Ans:- Scattering Parameter :-

Scattering parameter describe the input output relation between ports in an electrical system. Specify at high frequency it becomes essential to describe a given network in terms of waves rather than voltage or current. Thus in S-parameter we use power waves.



The S parameter matrix can be used to determine reflection coefficients and transmission gains from both sides of a two port networks.

VSWR :-

VSWR (voltage standing wave ratio) is a measure of how efficiency radio frequency power is transmitted from a power amplifier through a transmission line, to an antenna).

In an ideal system 100% of the energy is transmitted.

Mathematically:-

V<sub>SWR</sub> is the voltage ratio of the signal on the transmission line  

$$V_{SWR} = |V(\max)| / |V(\min)|$$

Where  $V_{\max}$  is the maximum voltage of the signal along the line &  $V(\min)$  is the minimum voltage along the line.

It can also be derived from the impedance.

$$V_{SWR} = (1 + \gamma) / (1 - \gamma)$$

Where  $\gamma$  is the voltage reflection coefficient near the load derived from the load impedance ( $Z_L$ ) and the source impedance ( $Z_0$ )

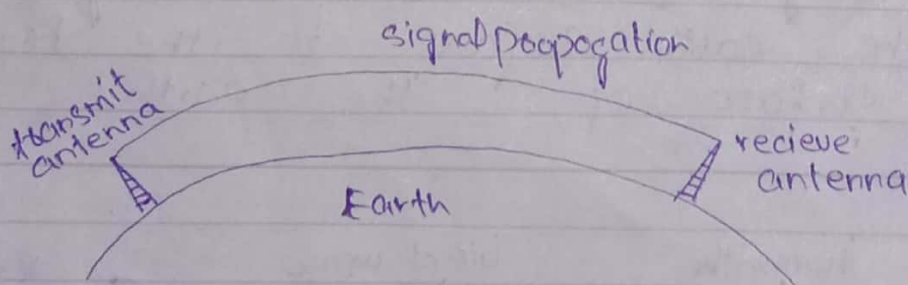
$$= (Z_L - Z_0) / (Z_L + Z_0)$$



Q3(a) Briefly explain Ground wave propagation & sky wave propagation & space wave propagation?

Ans:- Ground wave propagation :-

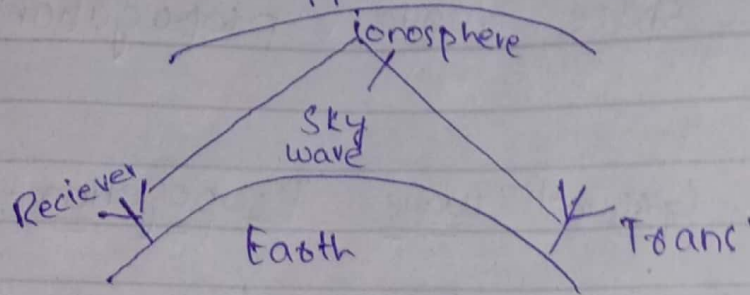
Ground wave propagation is a method of radio wave propagation that uses the area between the surface of the earth and the ionosphere for transmission. The ground wave can propagate a considerable distance over the earth surface particularly in the low frequency & medium frequency portion of the radio spectrum.



Sky wave propagation :-

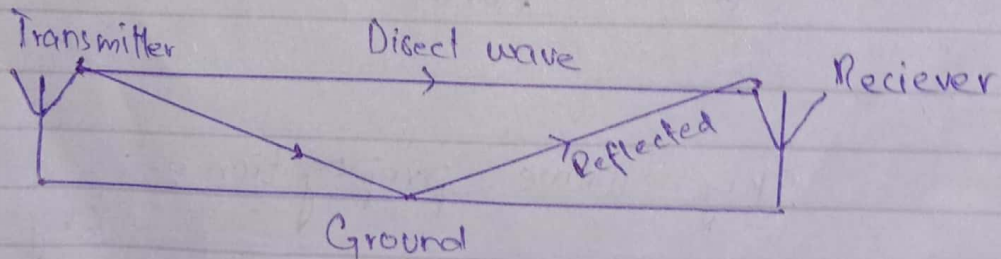
Sky wave propagation is also known as skip. It is a type of radio wave propagation. It is either the reflected or refracted back wave to the earth from

the ionosphere which is an electrically charged layer of the upper atmosphere.



Space wave propagation :-

Space wave propagation is defined for the radio waves that occur within the 20km of the atmosphere i.e. troposphere, comprising of a direct & reflected waves. These waves are also known as tropospheric propagation as they can travel directly from the earth surface to the troposphere surface of the earth.





Q3(b)

What is the effective aperture, Reciprocity & Friis?

Effective Aperture :-

Ans:- A useful parameter calculating the receive power of an antenna is the effective area or effective aperture. Assume that a plane wave with the same polarization as the receive antenna is incident upon the antenna.

Then the effective aperture parameter describes how much power is captured from a given plane wave. Let  $P$  be the power density of the plane wave (in  $W/m^2$ ). If  $P_t$  represent the power (in watts) at the antenna's terminals available to the antenna's receiver, then :-

$$P_t = PA_e$$

Hence the effective area represents how much power is captured from the plane wave and delivered by the antenna. This area factor is the losses intrinsic to the antenna.

A general relation for the effective aperture in terms of the peak antenna gain ( $G$ ) of any antenna is given by :-

$$A_e = \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} G$$

### Reciprocity

Reciprocity states that the receiver & transmit properties of an antenna are identical. Hence antenna do not have distinct transmit & receive radiation patterns. If you know the radiation pattern in the transmit mode than one you also know the pattern in the receiver mode.

### FNBW

First null beam width is the angular separation quoted away from the main beam, which is drawn b/w

The null points of radiation pattern, on its major lobe.

The angular span b/w the first pattern null adjacent to the main lobe is called FNBW.



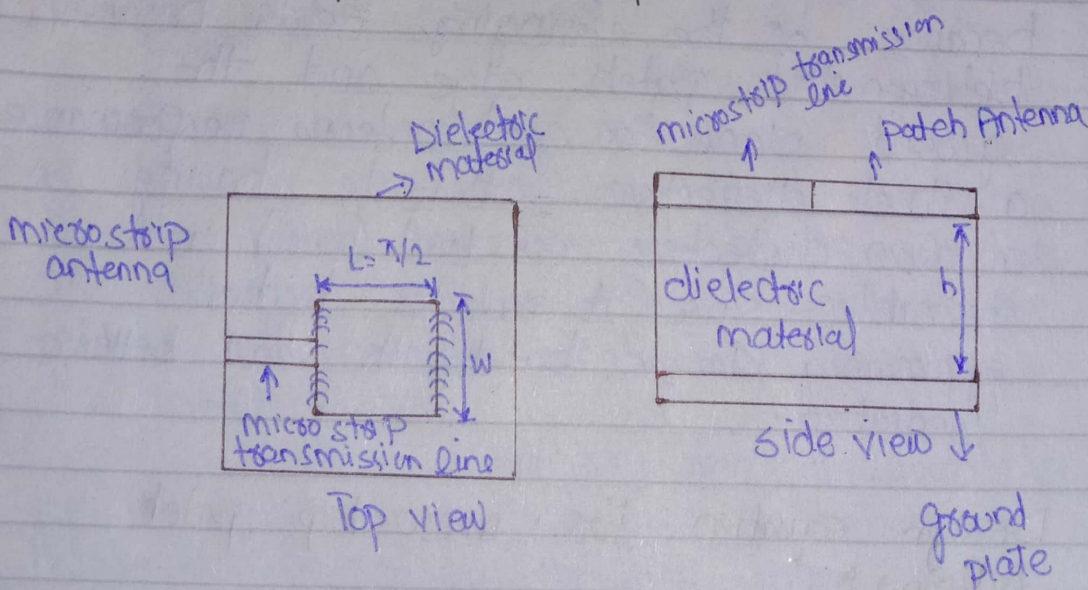
Q4) Explain the design and working principle of MPA (Microstrip patch antenna) and discuss four feeding method of MPA.

Answer:

Basics of microstrip patch antenna:

- 1) It is metallic patch placed on dielectric material and supported by ground plane.
- 2) It could be easily fabricated on printed circuit board.
- 3) It is most widely used antenna.
- 4) Installation is very easy due to low size weight and cost.

Structure of microstrip patch antenna:



Operating frequency  $\omega$

$$f_0 = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

Electric field of microstrip  $\omega$

$$E_{\theta} = \sin \left[ \frac{k_w \sin \theta \sin \phi}{2} \right] \cos \left( \frac{k_L \sin \theta \cos \phi}{2} \right) \cos \theta$$

$$E_{\phi} = \sin \left[ \frac{k_w \sin \theta \cos \phi}{2} \right] \cos \left( \frac{k_L \sin \theta \sin \phi}{2} \right) \cos \theta \sin \phi$$

Looking Principle  $\omega$

Microstrip antenna radiate primarily because of the fringing fields between the patch edge and the ground plane. For good antenna performance a thick dielectric substrate having a low dielectric constant ( $< 6$ ) is desirable since it provides higher efficiency, larger bandwidth and better radiation.

Design equation for microstrip patch antenna  $\omega$



$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} \quad f_0, h, \epsilon_0$$

$$|k| = \frac{c}{2f} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\epsilon_0 + 1}}$$

$$L = L_{eff} - 2\Delta L$$

$L_{eff}$  is effective length and it is given by

$$L_{eff} = \frac{c}{2f \sqrt{\epsilon_{eff}}}$$

### Feeding Methods:

A Feeding is used to excite to radiate by direct or indirect contact. There are many different methods of feeding and four most popular methods are microstrip line feed, coaxial probe, aperture coupling and proximity coupling.

#### 1) Microstrip Line Feeding:

Microstrip line feeding is one of the easiest methods to fabricate as it is a just conducting strip connecting to the patch and therefore can be considered as extension of patch. It is simple to model and easy to match by controlling the inset position.

However the disadvantage of this method is that as substrate thickness increases, surface wave and spurious feed radiation increases which

Limit the bandwidth.

## 2) Coaxial Feeding:

Coaxial Feeding method in which that the inner conductor of the coaxial is attached to the radiation patch of the antenna while the outer conductor is connected to the ground plane.

### Advantages:

- ↳ Easy of fabrication
- ↳ Easy to match
- ↳ Low spurious radiation.

### Disadvantages:

- ↳ Narrow bandwidth.
- ↳ Difficult to model specially for thick substrate.

## 3) Aperture Coupling:

Aperture coupling consist of two different substrate by a ground plane. on the bottom side of lower substrate there is a microstrip feed line whose energy is coupled to the patch through a slot on the ground plane separating two substrates. This arrangement allows independent optimization of the feed mechanism and the radiating element.



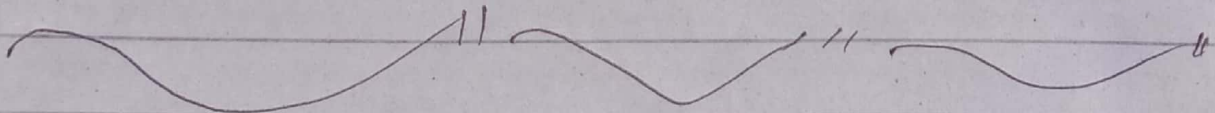
## Advantages :

↳ Allows independent optimization of feed mechanism element.

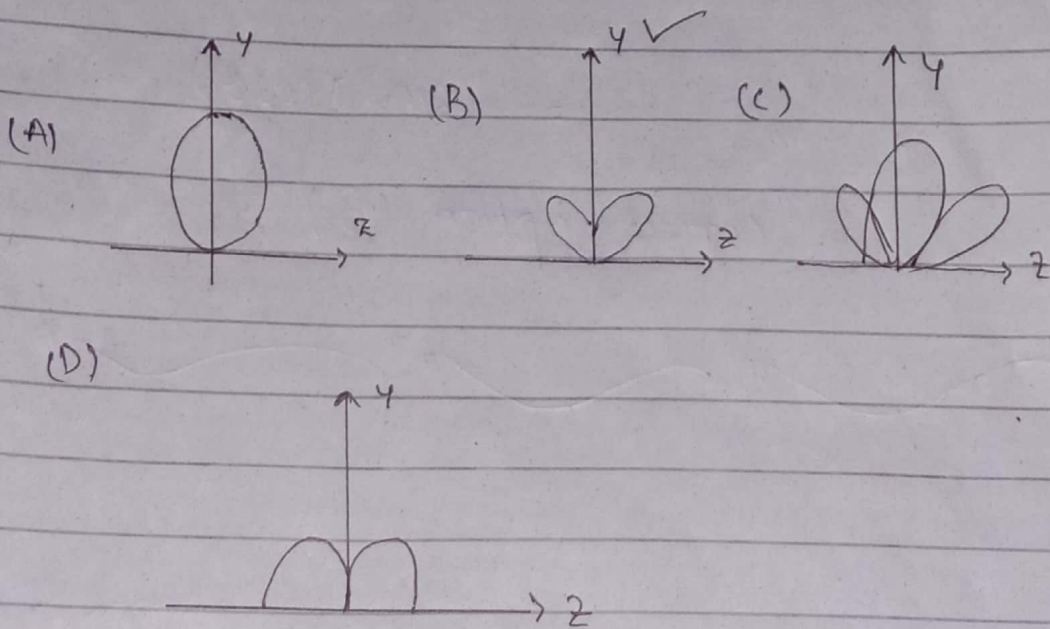
## 4) Proximity coupling :

Proximity coupling has the largest bandwidth, has a low spurious radiation. However fabrication is difficult.

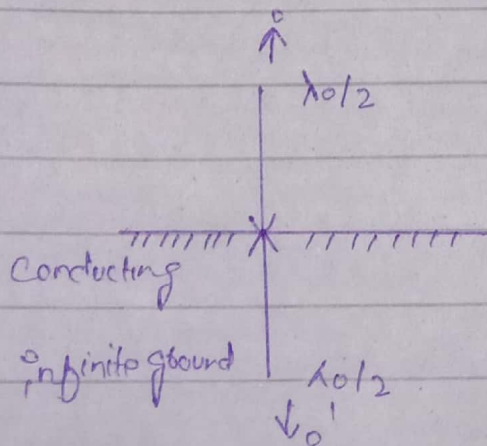
Length of feeding stub and width-to-length ratio of patch is used to control the match.



(Q) 5 :- A  $\frac{\lambda_0}{2}$  dipole is kept horizontally at height of  $\frac{\lambda_0}{2}$  above a perfectly conducting infinite ground plane. The radiation pattern in the plane of dipole ( $\vec{E}$  plane) looks approximately as



Solution :-





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Here  $d = \lambda$     $\alpha = \pi$    Thus  $\beta d = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$

$$\text{Array factor is } = \cos \left[ \frac{\beta d \cos \theta + \alpha}{2} \right]$$

$$= \cos \left[ \frac{2\pi \cos \theta + \pi}{2} \right]$$

$$= \sin(\pi \cos \theta)$$

Correct option (B)

