

Solution to Exam in Antenna Theory

Time: 17 March 2009, at 8.00–13.00.

Location: Gimogatan 4, Sal 2

You may bring: Laboratory reports, pocket calculator, English dictionary, Råde-Westergren: "Beta", Nordling-Österman: "Physics Handbook", or comparable handbooks.

Six problems, maximum five points each, for a total maximum of 30 points.

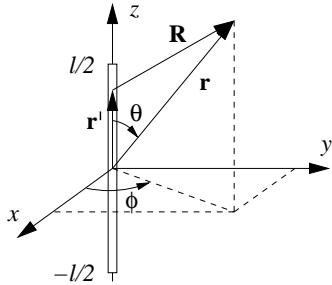
- Consider an infinitesimal electric dipole of length l placed symmetrically at the origin. Assume that the current in the dipole is constant and given by $\mathbf{I}_e(z') = \hat{z}I_0$. Find the electric and magnetic field components radiated by the dipole in all space.

Hint: The vector potential \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int \mathbf{I}_e(x', y', z') \frac{e^{-jkR}}{R} dl'$$

where R is the distance from any point on the source to the observation point.

Solution



Infinitesimal dipole:

$$\mathbf{I}_e = \hat{z}I_0 \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}' \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{r}' = (x', y', z') = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{for infinitesimal dipole}) \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r} \quad (\text{for phase and amplitude}) \quad (4)$$

The vector potential becomes

$$\mathbf{A} = \hat{z} \frac{\mu I_0 e^{-jkr}}{4\pi r} \int_{-l/2}^{l/2} dz' = \hat{z} \frac{\mu I_0 l}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \quad (5)$$

Change to spherical coordinates, $\hat{z} = \hat{r} \cos \theta - \hat{\theta} \sin \theta$

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{\mu I_0 l}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} (\hat{r} \cos \theta - \hat{\theta} \sin \theta) \quad (6)$$

The magnetic field

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H} &= \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\mu} \left\{ \hat{r} \cdot 0 + \hat{\theta} \cdot 0 + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\theta) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \right\} \\ &= \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{\mu r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(-\frac{\mu I_0 l}{4\pi} e^{-jkr} \sin \theta \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\mu I_0 l}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \cos \theta \right) \right] \\ &= \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{\mu r} \left[\frac{\mu I_0 l}{4\pi} e^{-jkr} jk \sin \theta + \frac{\mu I_0 l}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \sin \theta \right] \\ &= \hat{\phi} \frac{I_0 l}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \left[jk \sin \theta + jk \frac{\sin \theta}{jkr} \right] = \hat{\phi} j \frac{k I_0 l}{4\pi r} \sin \theta \left[1 + \frac{1}{jkr} \right] e^{-jkr} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The electric field

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{E} &= \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} & [\mathbf{H} = (0, 0, H_\phi)] \\
&= \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon} \left\{ \frac{\hat{r}}{r \sin \theta} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (H_\phi \sin \theta) \right] + \frac{\hat{\theta}}{r} \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r H_\phi) \right] \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon} j \frac{k I_0 l}{4\pi} \left\{ \frac{\hat{r}}{r \sin \theta} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{1}{r} \sin^2 \theta \left[1 + \frac{1}{jkr} \right] e^{-jkr} \right) \right] + \frac{\hat{\theta}}{r} \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\sin \theta \left[1 + \frac{1}{jkr} \right] e^{-jkr} \right) \right] \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{\omega\epsilon} \frac{k I_0 l}{4\pi} \left\{ \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2 \sin \theta} \left[1 + \frac{1}{jkr} \right] e^{-jkr} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin^2 \theta) - \frac{\hat{\theta}}{r} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\left[1 + \frac{1}{jkr} \right] e^{-jkr} \right) \right\} \\
&= \underbrace{\frac{k}{\omega\epsilon} \frac{I_0 l}{4\pi}}_{\eta} \left\{ \frac{\hat{r}}{r^2 \sin \theta} \left[1 + \frac{1}{jkr} \right] e^{-jkr} 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - \frac{\hat{\theta}}{r} \sin \theta \left[-jk - \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{jkr^2} \right] e^{-jkr} \right\} \\
&= \hat{r} \eta \frac{I_0 l}{2\pi r^2} \left[1 + \frac{1}{jkr} \right] e^{-jkr} + \hat{\theta} j\eta \frac{k I_0 l \sin \theta}{4\pi r} \left[1 + \frac{1}{jkr} - \frac{1}{(kr)^2} \right] e^{-jkr} \quad (8)
\end{aligned}$$

We have found the fields valid in all space from an infinitesimal dipole:

$$H_\phi = j \frac{k I_0 l}{4\pi r} \sin \theta \left[1 + \frac{1}{jkr} \right] e^{-jkr} \quad (9)$$

$$H_r = H_\theta = E_\phi = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$E_r = \eta \frac{I_0 l \cos \theta}{2\pi r^2} \left[1 + \frac{1}{jkr} \right] e^{-jkr} \quad (11)$$

$$E_\theta = j\eta \frac{k I_0 l \sin \theta}{4\pi r} \left[1 + \frac{1}{jkr} - \frac{1}{(kr)^2} \right] e^{-jkr} \quad (12)$$

2. The normalized far-zone field pattern of an antenna is given by

$$E = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\sin \theta \sin^2 \phi} & 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi, 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find the directivity using

- a) the exact expression;
- b) the most appropriate approximative formula.
- c) Explain why your chosen approximative formula gives the best value. When should the other approximative formula be preferred?

Solution

a) Normalised radiation intensity $U = \sin \theta \sin^2 \phi \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$

This is a directive radiation pattern.

$$D_0 = \frac{4\pi U_{\max}}{P_{\text{rad}}} \quad (1)$$

$$P_{\text{rad}} = \int U d\Omega = \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \sin^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta d\theta d\phi = \int_0^\pi \sin^2 \phi d\phi \int_0^\pi \sin^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \quad (2)$$

$$U_{\max} = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$D_0 = \frac{4\pi}{\pi^2/4} = \frac{16}{\pi} \approx 5.09 \quad (4)$$

- b) The pattern is not very directive. Therefore, Kraus' approximative method is more accurate than Tai-Pereira's method. We use Kraus' method:

$$D_0 = \frac{4\pi}{\Theta_{1r}\Theta_{2r}} \quad \Theta_{1r} = HPBW_\theta \quad \Theta_{2r} = HPBW_\phi \quad (5)$$

Find $HPBW_\theta$ by setting $\phi = \phi_{\max} = \pi/2$ and solving for half the max. radiation intensity:

$$\frac{U_{\max}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = \sin \theta \Rightarrow \theta_1 = 30^\circ \quad \theta_2 = 150^\circ$$

$$HPBW_\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1 = 120^\circ = \frac{2\pi}{3} \quad (\text{elevation plane})$$

Find $HPBW_\phi$ by setting $\theta = \theta_{\max} = \pi/2$ and solving for half the max. radiation intensity:

$$\frac{U_{\max}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = \sin^2 \phi \Rightarrow \phi_1 = 45^\circ \quad \phi_2 = 135^\circ$$

$$HPBW_\phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1 = 90^\circ = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (\text{azimuthal plane})$$

Kraus: $D_0 = \frac{4\pi}{(2\pi/3)(\pi/2)} = \frac{12}{\pi} \approx 3.82 \quad (\text{Tai-Pereira gives } D_0 = 3.24)$

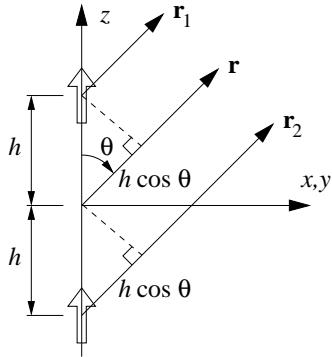
- c) Kraus is best for less directive patterns as the one in the problem, while Tai-Pereira is best for very directive patterns.

Comment: McDonald's and Pozar's formulae are for *omnidirectional* patterns and cannot be used.

3. A vertical infinitesimal linear electric dipole of length l is placed a distance h above an infinite perfectly conducting electric ground plane.

- Find the electric and magnetic fields radiated by the dipole in the presence of the ground plane.
- Determine the height h above the conducting plane at which the dipole must be elevated so that nulls are formed at angles $\theta = 0^\circ$ and $\theta = 60^\circ$ from the direction normal to the conducting plane.

Solution



$$a) \quad \mathbf{E}_1 = j\eta \frac{kI_0 l}{4\pi r_1} e^{-jkr_1} \sin \theta \hat{\theta} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_2 = j\eta \frac{kI_0 l}{4\pi r_2} e^{-jkr_2} \sin \theta \hat{\theta} \quad (2)$$

Far-field approximation:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r_1 \approx r - h \cos \theta \\ r_2 \approx r + h \cos \theta \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{for phases} \quad (3)$$

$$r_1 \approx r_2 \approx r \quad \text{for amplitudes} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2 = j\eta \frac{kI_0 l}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \sin \theta \left(e^{jkh \cos \theta} + e^{-jkh \cos \theta} \right) \hat{\theta} \\ &= j\eta \underbrace{\frac{kI_0 l}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \sin \theta}_{EF} \underbrace{\left[2 \cos(kh \cos \theta) \right]}_{AF} \hat{\theta}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\eta} \hat{r} \times \mathbf{E} = j \frac{kI_0 l}{4\pi r} e^{-jkr} \sin \theta \left[2 \cos(kh \cos \theta) \right] \hat{\phi}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2 \quad (6)$$

- b) Null at $\theta = 0^\circ$ from EF

$$\text{Null at } \theta = 60^\circ \text{ if } AF(\theta = 60^\circ) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\cos(kh \cos 60^\circ) = 0, \quad kh = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} h, \quad \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \quad (7)$$

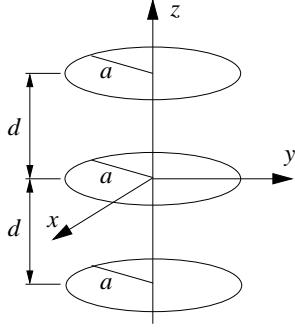
$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi h}{\lambda}\right) = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{\pi h}{\lambda} = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \dots \quad (9)$$

$$h = \frac{\lambda}{2} + 2n\lambda, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \dots \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Smallest height } h = \frac{\lambda}{2} \quad (11)$$

4. Three constant current circular loops of equal radii $a = 7\lambda/10$ and equal current amplitudes and phases are placed along the z axis with the planes of the loops in the xy plane, see figure below. The spacing between the loops is uniform and equal to $d = \lambda/2$. If the loops are assumed not to couple to each other, find the nulls of the far-field pattern radiated by the loops.



Solution

Total field $= EF \times AF$ and the nulls of the array are the nulls of the element factor and the nulls of the array factor.

Element Factor:

$$E_\phi = \eta \frac{k a I_0}{2r} e^{-jkr} J_1(k a \sin \theta) \sim J_1(k a \sin \theta) \quad (1)$$

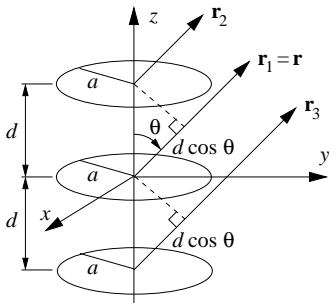
$J_1(x) = 0$ for $x_0 = 0, x_1 = 3.8317, x_2 = 7.0155, x_3 = 10.1743, \dots$

$$x_0 = 0 : \quad k a \sin \theta = \frac{7\pi}{5} \sin \theta = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sin \theta = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \theta_1 = 0^\circ \\ \theta_2 = 180^\circ \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

$$x_1 = 3.8317 : \quad \frac{7\pi}{5} \sin \theta = 3.8317 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sin \theta = 0.871 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \theta_3 = 60.6^\circ \\ \theta_4 = 119.4^\circ \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$x_2 = 7.0155 : \quad \frac{7\pi}{5} \sin \theta = 7.0155 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sin \theta = 1.60 > 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{no more nulls} \quad (4)$$

Array Factor:



Far-field approximation:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r_2 \approx r - d \cos \theta \\ r_3 \approx r + d \cos \theta \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{for phases} \quad (5)$$

$$r_2 \approx r_3 \approx r \quad \text{for amplitudes} \quad (6)$$

$$AF = 1 + e^{jkd \cos \theta} + e^{-jkd \cos \theta} = 1 + 2 \cos(kd \cos \theta) \quad (7)$$

$$AF = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \cos(kd \cos \theta) = -1/2 \quad (8)$$

$$kd \cos \theta = \pm \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi n, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \dots \quad kd = \pi \quad (9)$$

$$\cos \theta = \pm \frac{2}{3} + 2n, \quad n = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\theta_5 = 48.2^\circ, \quad \theta_6 = 131.8^\circ \quad (11)$$

Nulls at $\theta = 0^\circ, 48.2^\circ, 60.6^\circ, 119.4^\circ, 131.8^\circ, 180^\circ$

5. Design a linear array of isotropic elements placed along the z axis such that the nulls of the array factor occur at $\theta = 0^\circ, 60^\circ, 90^\circ, 120^\circ$, and 180° . Assume that the elements are spaced a distance $d = \lambda/2$ apart and that $\beta = 0$.

- Sketch and label the visible region on the unit circle.
- Find the smallest possible number of required elements and their excitation coefficients.
- Determine the length of the array.

Hint: The array factor of an N -element linear array is given by $AF = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n e^{j(n-1)\psi}$, where $\psi = kd \cos \theta + \beta$. Use the representation $z = e^{j\psi}$.

Solution

a) $AF = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n e^{j(n-1)\psi} = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n z^{n-1} = a_1 + a_2 z + \dots + a_N z^{N-1} = (z - z_1) \dots (z - z_{N-1})$

$$\psi = kd \cos \theta + \beta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \frac{\lambda}{2} \cos \theta = \pi \cos \theta$$

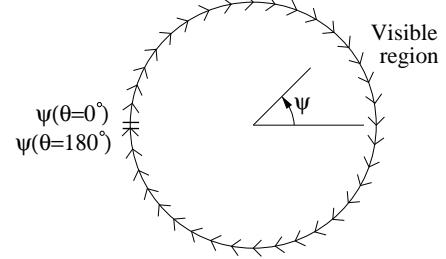
$$z = e^{j\psi} \Rightarrow |z| = 1 \Rightarrow \text{unit circle}$$

$$\theta = 0^\circ \Rightarrow \psi = \pi$$

$$\theta = 180^\circ \Rightarrow \psi = -\pi$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \psi = 0$$

$$\theta = 60^\circ \Rightarrow \psi = \pi/2$$



- b) Nulls:

$$\theta_1 = 0^\circ \Rightarrow \psi_1 = \pi \Rightarrow z_1 = e^{j\pi} = -1$$

$$\theta_2 = 60^\circ \Rightarrow \psi_2 = \pi/2 \Rightarrow z_2 = e^{j\pi/2} = j$$

$$\theta_3 = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \psi_3 = 0 \Rightarrow z_3 = e^{j0} = 1$$

$$\theta_4 = 120^\circ \Rightarrow \psi_4 = -\pi/2 \Rightarrow z_4 = e^{-j\pi/2} = -j$$

$$\theta_5 = 180^\circ \Rightarrow \psi_5 = -\pi \Rightarrow z_5 = e^{-j\pi} = -1 = z_1$$

Because $z_5 = z_1$ we omit z_5 for the smallest number of elements

$$AF = (z+1)(z-1)(z-j)(z+j) = (z^2 - 1)(z^2 + 1) = z^4 - 1$$

Identification of coefficients give only 2 required elements:

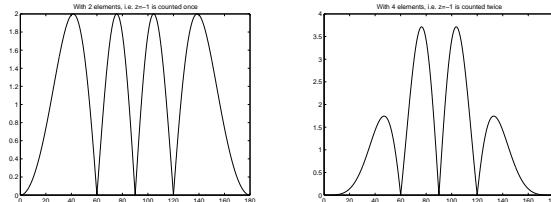
$$a_1 = -1$$

$$a_2 = a^3 = a^4 = 0$$

$$a_5 = 1$$

- c) The length of the array is the distance between elements #1 and #5, i.e., $4d = 2\lambda$

Comment: If we take into account z_5 , i.e. we count $z = -1$ twice, we obtain 4 elements. This would give the same number and location of the nulls, but a different radiation pattern, see the figures below. The first figure is for 2 elements and the second for 4 elements.



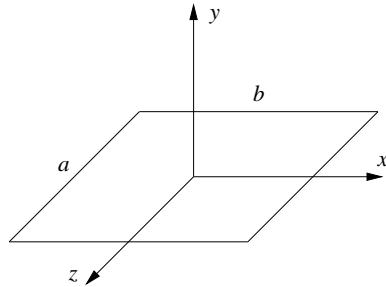
6. A rectangular aperture of dimensions a and b is placed at an infinite ground plane as shown in the figure below. The tangential field distribution over the aperture is given by

$$\mathbf{E}_a = \hat{x}E_0 \quad \begin{cases} -b/2 \leq x' \leq b/2 \\ -a/2 \leq z' \leq a/2 \end{cases}$$

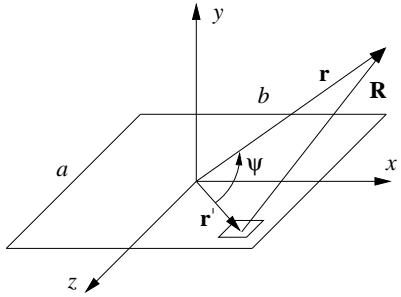
Find the spherical far-zone electric and magnetic field components radiated by the aperture. The spherical field components must be expressed with respect to the coordinate system specified in the figure.

Hint:

$$\int_{-c/2}^{c/2} e^{j\alpha x} dx = c \frac{\sin(\frac{\alpha}{2}c)}{\frac{\alpha}{2}c}$$



Solution



$$\mathbf{E}_a = \hat{x}E_0 \quad \begin{cases} -b/2 \leq x' \leq b/2 \\ -a/2 \leq z' \leq a/2 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Far-zone fields: } \begin{cases} \mathbf{E} = (0, E_\theta, E_\phi), E_r = 0 \\ \mathbf{H} = (0, H_\theta, H_\phi), H_r = 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

The equivalence principle gives the electric conductor equivalent (infinite electric ground plane), see the formula collection.

The equivalent current densities are

$$\mathbf{M}_s = \begin{cases} -2\hat{n} \times \mathbf{E}_a = -2\hat{y} \times \hat{x}E_0 = \hat{z}2E_0 & \text{over the aperture} \\ \mathbf{0} & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{J}_s = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{everywhere} \quad (4)$$

Theorem of cosine:

$$R^2 = r^2 + r'^2 - 2rr' \cos \psi \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R &= r \sqrt{1 - 2\frac{r'}{r} \cos \psi + \left(\frac{r'}{r}\right)^2} = \left[\left(\frac{r'}{r}\right)^2 \ll \frac{r'}{r}, \sqrt{1+x} \approx 1 + \frac{x}{2} \text{ when } x \ll 1 \right] \\ &\approx r \left(1 - \frac{r'}{r} \cos \psi\right) = r - r' \cos \psi \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

But $r' \cos \psi = \mathbf{r}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} = (x' \hat{x} + z' \hat{z}) \cdot (\hat{x} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \hat{y} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \hat{z} \cos \theta) = x' \sin \theta \cos \phi + z' \cos \theta$

Far-field approximation: $R \approx r - x' \sin \theta \cos \phi - z' \cos \theta \quad$ for phases
 $R \approx r \quad$ for amplitudes

$$\mathbf{F} \approx \frac{\epsilon}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} \mathbf{L} \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \int_{S'} \mathbf{M}_s e^{jk(x' \sin \theta \cos \phi + z' \cos \theta)} dx' dz' \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{M}_s = \hat{z} 2E_0 = 2E_0(\hat{r} \cos \theta - \hat{\theta} \sin \theta) \Rightarrow \mathbf{L} = (L_r, L_\theta, 0) \quad (9)$$

Radiated fields:

$$\mathbf{H} = -j\omega \mathbf{F} \quad \text{for } \theta \text{ and } \phi, H_r = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$[\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\eta} \hat{r} \times \mathbf{E} \Rightarrow \hat{r} \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{\eta} \hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times \mathbf{E}) = \frac{1}{\eta} [\underbrace{\hat{r}(\hat{r} \cdot \mathbf{E})}_0 - \underbrace{\mathbf{E}(\hat{r} \cdot \hat{r})}_1] = -\frac{1}{\eta} \mathbf{E}] \quad (11)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\eta \hat{r} \times \mathbf{H} = j\omega \eta (\hat{r} \times \mathbf{F}) \quad \text{for } \theta \text{ and } \phi, E_r = 0 \quad (12)$$

We do not need to calculate L_r . In addition, $L_\phi = 0$, so

$$L_\theta = -2E_0 \sin \theta \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} e^{jkx' \sin \theta \cos \phi} dx' \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} e^{jkz' \cos \theta} dz' \quad (13)$$

$$\text{Use the hint: } \int_{-c/2}^{c/2} e^{j\alpha x} dx = c \frac{\sin(\frac{\alpha}{2}c)}{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$$

$$L_\theta = -2E_0 \sin \theta b \frac{\sin(\frac{kb}{2} \sin \theta \cos \phi)}{\frac{kb}{2} \sin \theta \cos \phi} a \frac{\sin(\frac{ka}{2} \cos \theta)}{\frac{ka}{2} \cos \theta} = -2abE_0 \sin \theta \frac{\sin X}{X} \frac{\sin Z}{Z} \quad (14)$$

where

$$X = \frac{kb}{2} \sin \theta \cos \phi \quad \text{and} \quad Z = \frac{ka}{2} \cos \theta \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbf{F} \approx \frac{\epsilon}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-jkr}}{r} L_\theta \hat{\theta} = -\hat{\theta} \frac{ab\epsilon E_0}{2\pi r} e^{-jkr} \sin \theta \frac{\sin X}{X} \frac{\sin Z}{Z} \quad (16)$$

The fields:

$$\begin{aligned} H_\theta &\approx -j\omega F_\theta \approx j\omega \frac{ab\epsilon E_0}{2\pi r} e^{-jkr} \sin \theta \frac{\sin X}{X} \frac{\sin Z}{Z} = \left[\omega \epsilon = kc\epsilon = k \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{\epsilon\mu}} = \frac{k}{\eta} \right] \\ &= j \frac{abkE_0}{2\pi\eta r} e^{-jkr} \sin \theta \frac{\sin X}{X} \frac{\sin Z}{Z} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$H_\phi = -j\omega F_\phi = 0 \quad (18)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = j\omega \eta (\hat{r} \times \mathbf{F}) = -\eta \hat{r} \times \mathbf{H} \quad (19)$$

$$E_\theta = 0 \quad (20)$$

$$E_\phi = -j \frac{abkE_0}{2\pi r} e^{-jkr} \sin \theta \frac{\sin X}{X} \frac{\sin Z}{Z} \quad (21)$$