

# Array Directivity

## 1 Broadside Array

For the case where  $d \ll \lambda$ , the normalized array factor is

$$(AF)_n \approx \frac{\sin\left(\frac{N}{2}kd \cos \theta\right)}{\frac{N}{2}kd \cos \theta} \quad (1)$$

and the corresponding radiation intensity for an array of isotropic elements is

$$U(\theta) = [(AF)_n]^2. \quad (2)$$

The average radiation intensity is

$$U_0 = \frac{P_{\text{rad}}}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{N}{2}kd \cos \theta\right)}{\frac{N}{2}kd \cos \theta} \right]^2 \sin \theta d\theta. \quad (3)$$

Employing the substitution

$$Z = \frac{N}{2}kd \cos \theta \quad (4a)$$

$$dZ = -\frac{N}{2}kd \sin \theta d\theta \quad (4b)$$

we can write

$$U_0 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{-2}{Nkd} \int_{\frac{Nkd}{2}}^{-\frac{Nkd}{2}} \left[ \frac{\sin Z}{Z} \right]^2 dZ \approx \frac{1}{Nkd} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sin Z}{Z} \right]^2 dZ \quad (5)$$

if  $Nkd$  is large (the array is long). In this case

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\sin Z}{Z} \right]^2 dZ = \pi \quad (6)$$

and

$$U_0 \approx \frac{\pi}{Nkd}, \quad (7)$$

$$D_0 = \frac{U_{\text{max}}}{U_0} = U_0^{-1} = \frac{Nkd}{\pi} = 2N \frac{d}{\lambda}. \quad (8)$$

## 2 Ordinary Endfire Array

Here we consider the case where  $\theta_0 = 0^\circ$  or  $\alpha = -kd$ . The AF can then be written

$$(AF)_n \approx \frac{\sin\left[\frac{N}{2}kd(\cos \theta - 1)\right]}{\frac{N}{2}kd(\cos \theta - 1)} \quad (9)$$

with corresponding average radiation intensity

$$U_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi \left[ \frac{\sin \left[ \frac{N}{2} kd(\cos \theta - 1) \right]}{\frac{N}{2} kd(\cos \theta - 1)} \right]^2 \sin \theta d\theta. \quad (10)$$

To evaluate this, we use a similar substitution as for the broadside case,

$$Z = \frac{N}{2} kd(\cos \theta - 1) \quad (11a)$$

$$dZ = -\frac{N}{2} kd \sin \theta d\theta \quad (11b)$$

so that

$$U_0 = -\frac{1}{Nkd} \int_0^{-Nkd} \left[ \frac{\sin Z}{Z} \right]^2 dZ \approx \frac{1}{Nkd} \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{\sin Z}{Z} \right]^2 dZ \quad (12)$$

if  $Nkd$  is large.  $U_0$  is now half the value as it was for the broadside case, so that

$$D_0 \approx 4N \frac{d}{\lambda}. \quad (13)$$

### 3 Hansen-Woodyard Endfire Array

The Hansen-Woodyard array was derived to have an average radiation intensity given by

$$U_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{q(k-p)}{\sin[q(k-p)]} \right\}^2 \int_0^\pi \left\{ \frac{\sin[q(k \cos \theta - p)]}{q(k \cos \theta - p)} \right\}^2 \sin \theta d\theta. \quad (14)$$

This quantity is minimized when  $q(k-p) = -1.46$ . Under this condition,

$$U_0 = \frac{0.871}{Nkd}, \quad (15)$$

and

$$D_0 = \frac{Nkd}{0.871} = \frac{1}{0.554} \left( \frac{2Nkd}{\pi} \right) = 1.805 \left[ 4N \left( \frac{d}{\lambda} \right) \right] \quad (16)$$

which is 1.8 times the directivity of an ordinary endfire array.